

Honoring 2011 distinguished graduates

Compiled by Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

The West Point Association of Graduates plans to honor five distinguished graduates at 11 a.m. Tuesday during the alumni exercise and review ceremony on the Plain.

The distinguished graduate honor was first awarded in 1992. Awardees are nominated by presidents of West Point societies and U.S. Military Academy classes and are chosen by an AOG committee.

The committee selected astronaut Col. Bill McArthur Jr., retired Maj. Gen. Carl McNair Jr., retired and former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dennis Reimer, retired Gen. William Richardson and Dr. Lewis Sorley as this year's distinguished graduates.

Col. Bill McArthur Jr., Class of 1973: McArthur has served his nation and alma mater with extraordinary and unique distinction. He has been a central figure in not only American exploration of space, but also international programs focused on operating in and understanding the fourth operational dimension.

Commissioned as an Armor officer, McArthur attended flight training at the U.S. Army Aviation School, finishing as the distinguished graduate of his class. He subsequently served as an aero scout team leader and brigade aviation section commander with the 2nd Infantry Division on the demilitarized zone in the Republic of Korea. In 1978, he was assigned to the 24th Combat Aviation Battalion in Savannah, Ga. There he served as platoon leader, operations officer and aviation company commander for 18 months.

McArthur then obtained a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, prior to an assignment to the Department of Mechanical Engineering at West Point in 1983.

In 1987, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and was designated as an experimental test pilot, beginning a formative assignment as a space shuttle vehicle integration test engineer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Johnson Space Center. While there, he was an engineering liaison for the space shuttle launch and landing operations at the Kennedy Space Center and played a key role in the test



Celebrating Asian-Pacific heritage

Members of the Cadet Kendo Club (above), led by Class of 2012 Cadet June Kimm, provide Kendo demonstrations at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month May 6 at Trophy Point. The festival is held every year in honor of Asian-Pacific American heritage and its significant contributions, such as Chinese immigrants building American railroads. The festival provided food samplings, cultural dances and a martial arts demonstration. The Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month story and photos are on page 12.

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of orbiter flight control systems following the Challenger accident.

In 1990, NASA selected then-Lt. Col. McArthur for entry into the astronaut program.

McArthur flew three space shuttle missions over the next 10 years. The first, aboard Columbia in 1993, was a 14-day mission in which McArthur and crew performed intricate medical experiments related to human and animal physiology on Earth and in space.

In 1995, he was aboard NASA's second space shuttle mission to rendezvous and dock with the Russian space station Mir. During the eight-day flight, McArthur and the crew successfully attached a permanent docking module to Mir, conducted multiple payload experiments with the Russians and transferred supplies between Atlantis and

Mir. This flight marked the beginning of McArthur's involvement in international space cooperation and the development of close relationships with international astronauts.

During his third shuttle flight, a 13-day mission aboard Discovery in 2000, he made two long and intricate space walks, critical steps in the early phases of construction of the International Space Station.

In 2006, McArthur became NASA's manager of safety and mission assurance for the space shuttle program, NASA's primary expert to solve problems during shuttle launch and flight operations. A veteran of four space flights consisting of 224 days in space and 24 hours in four space walks, he was selected in 2008 to lead the Space Shuttle Orbiter Project, responsible for preflight processing of the reusable space ships and their flight

operations.

Maj. Gen. Carl McNair Jr., Class of 1955: Throughout his distinguished military and civilian business career, McNair has demonstrated the qualities of selfless service and dedication to his country, community and West Point. Along the way, he helped shape the future of Army Aviation and mentored an entire generation of Army aviators.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Infantry in 1955, McNair attended flight training and airborne school before serving his initial troop duty with the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Following the Basic Infantry Officer Course and Ranger School, he was assigned as an aviation advisor to the Second Field Army of the Republic of China in MAAG Taiwan. After obtaining a Master of Science
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New fiscal reality, same commitment to Families

Commentary by Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
IMCOM Commander



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A fundamentally different fiscal reality. We will be hearing some variation of that phrase from Army leaders for a long time to come. The Army's budget is smaller than it has been in previous years, and it will get smaller still.

However, a different fiscal reality does not change the reality of what we owe to Soldiers and Families for their service and sacrifice. The Army's commitment to Soldiers and Families remains as strong as ever.

For the last 18 months, the Installation Management Command has been taking a hard look at the programs and services we provide to Soldiers and Families, with an eye not only to costs but also to effectiveness. As the inevitable belt-tightening comes, we are not trying to do more with less. We are working to make sure we can do the important things better.

One of our most important efforts has been to fully establish Survivor Outreach Services, to provide Survivors with longer-term, expanded support and care after casualty assistance ends.

SOS staffs have made tremendous progress in a short time, receiving more than 24,000 cases from Casualty and Mortuary Affairs, and they continue to enhance services as more survivors provide feedback.

This past year, SOS initiated a Survivor vehicle decal program to ease installation access, established a Facebook page and held the inaugural SOS summit to address challenges Survivors face.

Other efforts include:

- Transforming how Army Community Service delivers services, by cross-training more generalists to handle multiple programs and moving service locations out into

communities;

- Adding 44 more Systems Navigators to Exceptional Family Member Programs at 26 installations, to assist Families with special needs members in accessing educational, medical, housing and personnel services on and off post;

- Hiring more than 240 additional Army Substance Abuse Program counselors for installations worldwide;

- Launching the Confidential Alcohol Treatment and Education Pilot, a program which allows Soldiers to seek help for addiction without mandatory command involvement;

- Launching a pilot program in which Military Student Transition Consultants join School Liaison Officers in working with school districts, garrisons and Families to help students succeed at their new schools;

- Revising the Total Army Sponsorship Program that helps prepare Soldiers, Families and civilians for their new duty station;

- Reinvigorating the Army Family Action Plan process, with an analysis and review process that has reduced the backlog of active AFAP issues from 86 in February 2010 to 51 in February 2011.

This is a snapshot of what we have been doing to enhance support for Soldiers and Families. It does not begin to convey the full scope of the programs and services installation management professionals provide every day, including housing, public works, emergency services, environmental programs, recreation, child care, single Soldier programs and Family programs.

When we look at some big indicators, we see evidence that the Army is meeting the needs of Soldiers and Families.

The Army is exceeding its recruitment and retention goals and, on the most recent Survey of Army Families, the majority of spouses said they are satisfied with the Army

as a way of life.

This is significant after 10 years of ongoing conflict—it speaks to the dedication of Soldiers and their Families and the Army's commitment to providing a quality of life commensurate with their service.

In the new fiscal reality, it will be more of a challenge for the Installation Management Command to provide the level of support we want to for our Soldiers and Families, but we will. We are finding better and smarter ways to provide services and programs by asking ourselves the same questions Families ask

when they look at their own budgets: do we really need it? Is it worth the cost? What are we willing to do without?

To answer these questions, we need to keep hearing from Soldiers and Family members—through ICE and local AFAP summits, for example—about the specifics of what is working, what needs to be improved, and what is missing.

The commitment to supporting Soldiers and Families remains as strong as ever, but more than ever, we have to make sure we are on target in meeting their needs.

FMWR contest promotes healthy lifestyle, resiliency

By William Bradner
FMWR Public Affairs

Fifty-nine garrisons worldwide, including West Point, will participate in the "Strong B.A.N.D.S." promotion in support of National Sports and Fitness Month in May.

B.A.N.D.S. stands for Balanced lifestyle, Actively motivated, Nutritional health, Determined to excel, Strength and conditioning. The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation promotion is designed to energize and inspire community members to live a healthy lifestyle.

"Resiliency is about more than just emotional, Family, social or spiritual fitness," Amy Leon, the FMWR marketing specialist overseeing the promotion, said. "It all starts with a healthy body. We want to inspire our Soldiers and Families to make nutrition and physical fitness a priority."

Participating garrisons will host a minimum of three fitness- or health-related events throughout the month. Participants

will be given silicone wristbands that symbolize the community's commitment to a healthier lifestyle.

Soldiers involved in the Army's World Class Athlete Program and All-Army athletes will wear the Strong B.A.N.D.S. when they compete to generate awareness and show support for the program.

FMWR customers—regardless of whether or not their garrison is participating—have a chance to win fitness- and health-related prizes through the online "Strong B.A.N.D.S. Every Day in May Prize Giveaway."

A fitness or health question will be posted on the All Army Sports Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheAllArmySports) each day in May. Those who answer the question correctly have a chance to win money prizes.

"The real goal is to get people to commit to a healthy lifestyle, and get out and exercise," Leon explained. "But with the online contest, if we can get folks to start thinking about health and fitness, we're headed in the right direction."

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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6	8	7	1	3	4	2	5	9

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degree in Aerospace Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1963, he served as a Battle Group and Brigade S3, followed by company command with the 1st Cavalry Division along the DMZ in Korea, then returned to the Pentagon for service with the Air Mobility Division in the Office of the Chief of Research and Development.

In 1967, he headed for Vietnam where he logged more than 1,600 hours of flying time in combat as commander of the 121st Assault Helicopter Company, S3 of the 164th Combat Aviation Group and, later, as commander of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion.

Promoted to brigadier general in 1978, he was assigned duties as the Deputy Director of Requirements and Army Aviation Officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters, Department of the Army. In 1979, he returned to Fort Rucker, Ala., as Deputy Commanding General and later, Commanding General of the Army Aviation Center.

As the first Chief of Army Aviation, McNair was instrumental in the development of and leading what was then a fledgling branch and paving the way for Army Aviation's stellar performance in Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the Balkans and the current fights in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

McNair's long and distinguished military career culminated in assignment to the Training and Doctrine Command where he first served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Combat Developments and later as Chief of Staff.

In 2004, he was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame.

Gen. Dennis Reimer, Class of 1962: Throughout his 41 years in the uniform of the U.S. Army, Reimer has consistently reflected the values of West Point's motto: *Duty, Honor, Country*.

Reimer's operational experience included command at every level from battery to Army. He served two tours in Vietnam, first as an advisor and later with an artillery battalion in the 9th Division. During those tours, he received the Legion of Merit, a Bronze Star with "V" device and a Purple Heart, among other awards.

A student at both Command and General Staff College and the War College, he also taught at Fort Still and served as the Deputy Assistant Commandant. After promotion to brigadier general, he became Commanding General of III Corps Artillery.

In 1988, Reimer took command of the 4th Infantry Division after serving as the operations officer for the U.S. Combined Forces Command in Korea.

His knowledge of Army operations led to his promotion to lieutenant general and assignment as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations on the Army Staff in 1990. During Operation Desert Shield, he led the planning for the Army's support of that operation.

His promotion to general in 1991 was accomplished by assignment as the Army's Vice Chief of Staff, where he took on the management of the Army's internal affairs and the drawdown of its structure and facilities.

In 1993, he took command of U.S. Army Forces Command prior to being selected as the 33rd Army Chief of Staff in 1995.

During his tenure as Chief of Staff of the Army, the Army professionally and effectively deployed and executed peacekeeping operations in the Balkans, preventing further bloodshed and genocide.

After retiring from active service, Reimer further distinguished himself by returning to his native Oklahoma to become the first Director of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism in Oklahoma City. In this position, he delivered remarkable insight and programs for communities nationwide and for their emergency responders.

Gen. William Richardson, Class of 1951: For 60 years, Richardson has served the nation with distinction and brought extraordinary credit to West Point.

Commissioned in the Infantry, Richardson's military journey began with a troop assignment in the 24th Infantry Division in Japan, followed by combat duty as a platoon leader and battalion staff officer in the 7th Infantry Division in Korea. He returned to Korea in 1965, serving as the G3 Plans Officer, Eighth U.S. Army.

While stateside in 1966, Richardson activated the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division and deployed with his unit to Vietnam, later becoming the G3 for the Division.

He returned to combat in Vietnam in 1971, serving first as Commander of the 198th Infantry Brigade of the Americal Division, and then as the Division Chief of Staff. His brigade was recognized for its effectiveness in the Batangan Peninsula, and he was awarded the Purple Heart for a wound he sustained while evacuating his own wounded Soldiers.

From 1974-77, he was the Commander of the 193rd Infantry Brigade in the Panama Canal Zone and the Commander of U.S. Army South. In 1979, he took command of the Combined Arms Center and served as Commandant of the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. While in this assignment, Richardson restructured the college to meet the demands of a modernized Army, establishing the Center for Army Leadership, developing the AirLand Battle Doctrine, reorganizing the Army's heavy divisions in the Army 86 Studies and proposing to the Department of the Army the School for Advanced Military Studies.

The pinnacle of his military career was his assignment in February 1983 as the Commanding General of the Army's Training and Doctrine Command where his focus was

to prepare the Army for war by ensuring that Army schools and training centers were dedicated to demanding, realistic training. He restructured the TRADOC school model, instituting small group instruction in all the branch schools and the Command and General Staff College.

He founded the Joint Readiness Training Center, now located at Fort Polk, La., and he formed an Installations of Excellence Program for TRADOC.

Dr. Lewis Sorley, Class of 1956: Sorley served as an Armor officer during the Cold War, standing guard along the Iron Curtain in Germany, serving as second in command of a tank battalion in combat in Vietnam and later commanding a tank battalion back in Germany. In the academic realm, he served on the faculties of the U.S. Military Academy and the Army War College.

He also performed yeoman service at the highest levels in the Offices of the Army Chief of Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

Upon retiring from active duty in 1976, he embarked upon an equally illustrious career with the Central Intelligence Agency, serving in a succession of responsible positions and revitalizing the National Intelligence

Emergency Support Office. After a dozen years as president of a corporation he founded, he launched a career as a writer of military history and also served as Executive Director of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools.

His most enduring contributions, though, have been as a military historian and biographer, especially about the Vietnam War, and as an ethical and moral touchstone for a generation of military leaders.

As an author and historian, Sorley had his most lasting influence on the Army and the nation.

His "A Better War: The Unexamined Victories and Final Tragedy of America's Last Years in Vietnam," and the later "Vietnam Chronicles: The Abrams Tapes, 1968-1972" have, over the years, brought about an altered and much improved understanding of the Vietnam War and the performance of U.S. armed forces in that conflict.

As a man of integrity, who gives of himself generously to tell the West Point story, Sorley authored "Honor Bright: History and Origins of the West Point Honor Code and System" for the academy's Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

DPW NOTES

West Point issues water quality report

Submitted by the Directorate of Public Works

The purpose of the water quality report is to ensure West Point consumers know what is in the drinking water. It is also intended to raise awareness about the sources of its drinking water and the importance of preventive measures such as source protection.

West Point's potable water supply is tested on a daily basis and continually meets all state and federal health standards without violation. The report describes the water sources, treatment methods, recent system improvements and discloses any detected contaminants discovered during routine testing.

The full report is available in hard copy at the following locations—DPW, Environmental Management Division, in Bldg. 667 and Balfour Beatty Communities Management Office at 132 Bartlett Loop.

It is also available online at www.usma.edu/dhpw. To access the report from that location, click on 'Announcements.'

For more information on the report, call the USMA Environmental Management Division at 938-8000.

Sobriety Checkpoint



The Directorate of Emergency Services at West Point is conducting sobriety checkpoints Friday and Saturday. So be aware, drive safe and drink responsibly.

Starbucks, Intuit execs share lessons learned

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

In its heyday, Starbucks controlled the coffee shop market like a juggernaut—rising from every street corner and permeating malls, college campuses and highway rest stops. It became part of the everyday vernacular to order a “venti” instead of a large and, not from just any server behind the counter, but from a barista, no less. The Starbucks experience became an international phenomenon and its president and CEO Howard Schultz led the coffee revolution.

In 2000, Schultz took an eight-year leave as CEO, but when the economy went south and stock prices plummeted nearly 50 percent, Schultz returned to his leadership role.

Now celebrating its 40th anniversary, the coffee house chain is enjoying new growth. During a Black and Gold Leadership Forum May 6, Schultz shared some lessons learned with a group of cadets on their final day of class this semester.

Schultz admitted his leadership approach is unorthodox at times, like when he temporarily shut down businesses across the country for customer service training or when he conducted a business meeting in New Orleans at a cost of \$32.5 million to reach out to his store managers.

“We had the idea to create a meeting ... not a convention, not a rally, not a celebration, but a meeting to create alignment, understanding and, most importantly, a renewed level of understanding,” Schultz said. “When I stood up to the board and other people who had great concern about spending that kind of money at this time, the question I asked them was, ‘Tell me what better investment I could make than the investment in our people? There was no answer other than it was the right thing to do.’”

Having been the entrepreneur who built a dynasty from the ground up to the business leader weathering corporate crisis in a financial windfall, Schultz has learned from both success and failure.

“A leader has to be absolutely decisive,” Schultz said. “A leader has to provide a vision of hope and aspiration.”

Cadets also heard from Bill Campbell, Intuit, Inc. chairman. During Campbell’s tenure, Intuit solidified its position as the clear leader in tax, personal finance and small business accounting software, like Turbo Tax. During that time, the company invented a new class of web-based finance businesses delivered through **Quicken.com**, Intuit’s website.

Campbell was also head football coach for six years at Columbia University before entering the tech industry. He described two

types of business leadership sure to have meaning to the future Army officers.

“There’s the one I call ‘peacetime leadership’ where the wind’s at your back and you can grow something that customers want, and that it’s sustainable; and then there’s times you have to be a wartime general where the company struggles and you lead through difficult times,” Campbell said.

Having spent the day at West Point and learning about cadet life, Campbell was impressed and proud of what he saw.

“The small things that Howard and I do in leading our companies and making difficult decisions that have a lot to do with our employees and shareholders pale in comparison to what you have to face,” Campbell told the cadets. “It’s humbling talking to you about leadership.”



Bill Campbell, Intuit, Inc. chairman of the board (left), joins Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz in a round of applause for the cadets at the Black and Gold Leadership Forum. Campbell said it was a humbling experience talking with cadets on leadership at West Point.



Howard Schultz, Starbucks president and CEO, shared lessons learned at the May 6 Black and Gold Leadership Forum, hosted by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

Cadets express the West Point experience in words

Story and photos by
Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

As the Class of 2011 looks forward to becoming commissioned officers next week, a few cadets took the time to become introspective and take part in the 5th annual General of the Armies John J. Pershing Reflective Essay competition and write about their four-year experience at West Point.

Thirty-two awards were presented at the May 6 luncheon at the West Point Club—one gold medallion, three silver medallions and 28 bronze medallions.

Retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, first captain of the Class of 1944, started the writer's award with Anne Cabaniss, widow of Cushman's friend and classmate Jelks H. Cabaniss Jr. Cushman and Cabaniss started the Pershing Writing Awards through the Association of Graduates in 2007.

"I always thought it was a good idea to have first class cadets write about their experiences here," Cushman said. "Mrs. Cabaniss and I proposed the Pershing Writing Awards believing that writing an essay would provide useful introspection by the cadets as they reflected on their time at West Point—a kind of meditation in print."

Writing the essay is part of the MX400 Officership Capstone curriculum and every cadet from the Class of 2011 has a chance at a gold, silver or bronze medallion.

The essays were judged by narrowing the top essays from a company and regiment-level, with winners from each earning a bronze or silver medallion.



The four regimental winners competed for the brigade-level gold Pershing Medallion.

Class of 2011 Cadet Arturo Rodriguez, Co. D-3 and recipient of the silver medallion, remembered what greatly impressed him during the past four years.

"I was in Africa—in a remote part of Senegal," Rodriguez said. "We were in a training exercise with French Marines. There were no fences and we wanted to pick some fruit and asked some children to help us.

"At first the children said no because it would be stealing. That really impressed me. The honor code always applies," he added.

The recipient of the gold Pershing Medallion was Class of 2011 Cadet Brian McBee, Co. G-1, who concluded his essay with:

"West Point means many different things to many people. Reflecting on my time spent at the academy, I am left with the conclusion that life is full of adversity, but by remaining focused and true to yourself, any challenge can be overcome. I have learned that you must remain true to your higher standard and values, even if they are not popular; you must continually strive to develop yourself and your subordinates; you must never give up on your dreams. After all, whether you win or lose, the greatest glory in life is to find yourself standing at the end of a great challenge knowing that you have given your all in pursuit of your dreams. Only then might you understand the immense satisfaction which comes only after facing great hardship head-on, knowing that you are a warrior



Retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman and Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent, congratulate Class of 2011 Cadet Brian McBee, the 2011 gold medallion recipient of the John J. Pershing Reflective Essay competition. at heart and that you never quit."



Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent, looks at an article on West Point printed in Life Magazine, November 1941, with retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, Class of 1944, at the John J. Pershing Reflective Essay Award ceremony May 6 at the West Point Club.

Commandant and Dean's staffs partner to produce future Soldier systems

By Col. John Graham
Chief Scientist

How does West Point tackle the Army's hardest problems? By getting smart leaders with diverse perspectives to intensely focus and work together on defining the issues.

During the week of May 2, a team of cadets, tactical officers and faculty members from both the Commandant and Dean's areas traveled to Indian Wells, Calif., to lead a workshop sponsored by California State University, San Bernardino.

The workshop, titled "The Future of Information Sharing with and among Soldiers and First Responders: A Focus on Solutions" brought together combat-experienced Soldiers, researchers from academia and the military, Department of Defense project managers, and representatives from the Department of Homeland Security, law enforcement and the firefighting community.

"This was an intense workshop. In addition to providing a presentation, each of West Point's attendees became

discussion leaders as we explored information sharing challenges with Soldiers and first responders," Department of Military Instruction's Maj. Thomas Donatelle said.

The workshop focused on how to blend technologies with organizational purpose. Too often, technologies are brought in to assist the front line leader, but that leader was not part of the developmental process.

In addition to the West Point team, representatives from the active Army from Fort Benning, Ga.; a group from the Kansas National Guard; and representatives from the Asymmetric Warfare Group at Fort Meade, Md., also provided insight to the assemblage.

Why California State University? Universities around the nation often set a theme for their research efforts.

"We are in the third year of this West Point-Cal State relationship. The goal of this joint effort is to develop technologies and policies that provide Soldiers with what they need in the battle space to come home alive." Dr. Clifford Young, Cal State professor of Public Administration, said.

Maj. Jeremy Ussery, a TAC, found himself in a mentoring role outside the formal workshop hours.

"I met 11 graduating California State students with advanced degrees focused on Army issues. I offered them my advice as well as my contact information as they move forward in their research careers," Ussery said. "If half of this intellectual capital continues working on these issues, it is a huge win for my Army and my future platoon leaders."

The collaboration is funded by the Army Research Laboratory. In addition to resourcing the workshop, their funding has supported a number of cadet research trips; a new relationship between Cal State, West Point and the French Military Academy at St. Cyr; a number of West Point faculty projects and even a part-time assistant to make all of the travel arrangements.

The joint academy effort proved to be very valuable to the entire process.

"I am glad that we had both USCC and Dean participation on this project. We brought more value together," Capt. Charles Levine, Department of Mathematical Sciences, said. "I am spending this summer as a platoon mentor at Camp Buckner where I know we will bring lessons on information sharing to the cadet training."



Capt. Charles Levine, Department of Mathematical Sciences, makes a point about the differences between combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

COURTESY PHOTO

New Strykers roll out this summer

By Kris Osborn
ASA(ALT)

WASHINGTON—By this summer, Soldiers in Afghanistan will be riding in new Stryker armored combat vehicles that have an improved hull design to protect them from improvised explosive devices and roadside mines.

In the coming weeks, they will begin to see 150 new Stryker's with a double-V hull, or DVH, design that deflects blasts away from the vehicle and those inside.

The Stryker DVH, with enhanced armor, wider tires and blast-attenuating seats, went from conception to production in less than one year.

The double-V hull design on the new vehicle is a proven technology similar to that found on mine-resistant, ambush-protected, or MRAP vehicles currently being used in Afghanistan.

Engineers at General Dynamics Land Systems conceived the double-V-hull design and tested it at Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz., Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and the Army's National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Calif.

"We wanted to take advantage of the V shape and get the center of the vehicle farther away from the ground to aid survivability," Mike Cannon, senior vice president of General Dynamics Land Systems, said.

Vehicles went through live-fire, developmental and operational testing that concentrated on force protection, safety, performance, reliability and durability.

There are 140 Stryker DVHs already in the Army supply chain and plans are to field a total of 450 vehicles.

Follow 'The Point' online on YouTube



"The Point" is an online show based on the lives of the cadets of the U.S. Military Academy.

Anchor Sgt. Alexandria Corneiro takes viewers on an in-depth look inside West Point. The show is televised Thursdays, Fridays and Mondays on the Command Channel 8/23 (see updated times in the *Pointer View*). Shows can also be viewed online at www.youtube.com/user/TheWestPointChannel, and subscribers can download episodes directly onto their computer or portable electronic device.

STITCH team garners multiple awards

Earned second place among 12 teams at the IEEE Rochester Institute of Technology Student Design Contest May 7

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Soldiers sometimes operate in remote locations where maps are either outdated, or lack adequate resolution. Mission success could weigh heavily on whether a unit relies on low-quality resources or wait indefinitely for higher-quality imagery.

A team of West Point cadets worked on this problem and developed a senior capstone design project which garnered three awards in recent weeks. Class of 2011 Cadets Mike Weigand, Anthony Rodriguez, John Rollinson and James Raub built STITCH, or “Supplying Tactical Imagery to Command Headquarters,” a low-cost, lightweight, fully autonomous unmanned aerial system. The UAV can collect and stitch together terrain photos to create a current, high-resolution geo-rectified photo-mosaic map over a range of several miles.

The team, with advisors Col. Grant Jacoby and Dr. Chris Okasaki, earned second place at the 11th annual Rochester Institute of Technology Student Design Contest May 7. Judging at this event was based on presentation, project demonstration, teamwork, quality of technical content and innovation.

“The significance of STITCH is that it addresses a longtime need of ground troops in a simple, inexpensive and readily implementable fashion,” Jacoby, director of the computer science program, said. “What I’m most proud of, though, is their motivated attitude; right now they feel that they can conquer any technical challenge, so odds are they will probably continue to contribute in this capacity to the Army.”

At the 8th annual Soldier Design Competition sponsored by the MIT Institute for Soldier Nanotechnologies, the STITCH team received the “Most Innovative” award from Gore Creative Technologies Worldwide.

The interdisciplinary team also earned “Best Project” from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science during West Point’s Projects Day April 28.

The awards recognize the team’s accomplishment, but



The STITCH team is, from left, Class of 2011 Cadets Anthony Rodriguez, John Rollinson, Michael Weigand and James Raub.

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Rodriguez said there were many other capstone teams working just as hard throughout the year.

“We just happened to have been pulled into a spotlight,” Rodriguez said. “Yes, it’s awesome, because we put forth the hard work, but we weren’t the only team working this hard.”

The project is the culmination of a year’s work but as the cadets are mere days away from their commissioning as second lieutenants, Rodriguez likened it more as the representation of everything he learned as a computer science major.

“It’s nice to have this happen now as everything is coming to an end for us at the academy,” Rodriguez said. “It’s sort of like trying to find some lasting thing that you can leave behind.”

Each member chose to work on this particular project rather than being assigned to a team, and Rodriguez said that factored into a great team dynamic.

“We weren’t given a project to do. We created it from scratch. Each of us wanted to be here, wanted to work and wanted to see it through to the end,” Rodriguez said.

Sometimes that end seemed unattainable. The design concept lists a number of impressive attributes: autonomous, low-cost, accurate, long-range, light-weight ... so it became a question of whether they could make it all work. Even late into the project development, they found themselves fighting an uncooperative autopilot defect.

“At one point, the camera wouldn’t take pictures when plugged into the USB cable, but you could get data off it when it wasn’t plugged in,” Rollinson said. “So we kind of had to put together our own and spoof it into thinking it was or was not connected to the USB. It was also very difficult getting the autopilot to interface correctly with all the other software components. It was a lot to take on ... but we always kept trying, kept moving forward.”

Like most projects, the UAV was developed inside a lab and mostly hidden from public view.

But testing required a much bigger space, so it was not uncommon to see the cadets flying their project around the parade field.

During the traditional SOSH Run, where cadets take dramatic license in delivering their final course paper before deadline, Raub was testing the UAV nearby the run route.

Some spectators were left wondering if he was going to send a course paper by air. It was not unusual for the team to field questions throughout the year during such test flights. These impromptu chats provided practice articulating the presentations they would soon be delivering at the MIT and RIT design competitions and on Projects Day.

“Throughout the semester as we were doing random tests, we had quite a few civilians touring West Point come up and ask us questions,” Raub said. “But during the hardcore testing, we would go out to Lake Frederick where we weren’t bothered at all.”

Weigand had prior success with UAVs a year earlier, earning recognition for his own independent study project. Working with a team this year was even more rewarding.

“It was a lot more enjoyable,” Weigand said. “What we accomplished is so much greater in a team effort than what we could have done individually.”

Weigand said the strides he made last year in developing an autonomous UAV model are inches compared to the miles achieved working in a group.

“I attest it (our success) all to my teammates. Their work ethic and the qualities each of them brought to the team allowed us to accomplish so much more,” he said.

Jacoby said this was a good example of what interdisciplinary teams from the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department can do.

“Teams comprised of different disciplines learn not only how to interface between their complementary differences but also to better appreciate the nature of the other discipline and, moreover, the purpose of their own,” Jacoby said. “Capstone projects are all about critical thinking and preparing our majors to apply their skills and knowledge to solve relevant problems.”



Class of 2011 Cadet James Raub sends the UAV on its way as the team conducts a test on the Plain.



Meaghan Schupbach (right) has her dad, Maj. Edward Schupbach, MEDDAC, bait her hook while son Maximilian observes the action at the annual West Point Fishing Derby May 7 at Round Pond. (Below, left) Rytker Goligoski walks his fish carefully to the weigh station. Children were awarded prizes such as bikes and fishing tackle boxes for the biggest fish.

Families gather for fishing derby

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The day couldn't have been more perfect with warm and sunny weather for the annual West Point Fishing Derby May 7 at Round Pond. Roughly 70 community members—including 90-year-old George Peterson, who shared his vast history of West Point—dusted off their fishing gear and dropped by Round Pond for a morning of fishing. Peterson, the self-proclaimed “Mr. West Point,” is the oldest member of the West Point Bass Club.

“This is a beautiful day for this,” Pat Wimmer, Bass Club president, said. “We give the kids a briefing on safety. We used to hold safety clinics, but we found that the little children tend to get bored, so we just give them a quick safety briefing.”

The fishing derby is hosted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and the West Point Bass Club. Members volunteered their time to weigh fish, operate the barbeque and encourage anglers. Meaghan Schupbach said she enjoys fishing and has been to this event twice.

“It’s nice,” she said. “I like catching fish, but I don’t like touching them. I’ll bait my fish unless it’s too skinny, then Dad does it.”

Fish caught may be of any weight, but if they are less than six inches in length, they must go back into Round Pond. Bass caught must go back because bass season doesn’t open until June. Most anglers were catching blue gills, trout and sunfish.

Prizes were awarded for the biggest fish caught within age groups and for cleaning the area after the event and included bikes, fishing tackle and poles provided by sponsors U.S. Family Health Plan and the Daughters of the United States Army.

Award recipients for the 12-16 age group were Liana Keene, first place for a fish weighing 1.1 pound, and Michael Jones, who received both second and third place awards. In the 9-11 age group, Jake Fernbacher earned first place with a 1.1 pound fish, Kenny Scott placed second and Maximus McGrath received third place. For ages 5-8, the first place winner was Gabriel Jones for a fish weighing 1.4 pound. Katelyn Eubanks received second place and Cole Enslin earned the third place award. Ryan Delong and Rachel Abbott received prizes for the most weight in waste collected after the event.





MP honored for service

Capt. Elizabeth Zerwick, Military Police Company commander (left), and 1st Lt. Amanda Bent, MP Honor Guard platoon leader, placed a rose at the Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial in Goshen May 6 to honor Spc. Derek M. Schultz, an MP killed in the line of duty on July 20, 1987, at West Point. Schultz is one of 24 law enforcement professionals listed on the memorial that honors those police officers killed in the line of duty who lived or were killed in Orange County.

The memorial was dedicated by the Fraternal Order of Police, Jason Conklin Memorial Lodge in Monroe, Sept. 13, 2004, at the County Building in Goshen. COURTESY PHOTOS



Eric Ohlson, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carl Ohlson, earned the rank of Eagle Scout May 7 at a Troop 23 ceremony.

Ohlson earns rank of Eagle Scout

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Carl Ohlson
Center for Enhanced Performance Director

As the clouds parted and the sun highlighted West Point's beauty May 7, Troop 23 awarded the rank of Eagle Scout to 16-year-old Eric Ohlson, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carl Ohlson.

In a unique approach that symbolizes the brotherhood of scouting, Troop 23 welcomed two other Boy Scout troops that participated in this Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Scouts and leaders from Eric's first scout unit, Troop 32 (State College, Pa.), joined leaders from his father's hometown troop where he earned Eagle Scout, Troop 174 (Yorktown Heights, N.Y.) and West Point's own Troop 23 in recognizing Eric's accomplishments.

Following an inspiring invocation and Scoutmaster Dave Rasmussen's explanation of the challenges and opportunities facing scouts on their trail to Eagle Scout, Troop Secretary Elaine McConnell (USMA Library) introduced Eric to an assembled

audience that included family, friends and members of the community. She spoke of Eric's hard work, persistence, and leadership skills that are all essential to becoming one of the select few to attain the rank of Eagle. Ann Wolfgang and Chris Payne, scout leaders from State College, then recounted some favorite stories of Eric's time with them. Later in the ceremony, Eric's first Scoutmaster, Dave Wolfgang, joined Rasmussen in presenting citations and certificates from community leaders.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Eric shared highlights from his Cub Scout days in the Netherlands and his Boy Scout adventures in State College and West Point. He also talked about the teamwork that has been an integral part of his scouting experience and the special nature of the West Point community.

Eric thanked several special people in his life who offered support and guidance along the way. After recognizing the scouts who helped on his Eagle project, he highlighted individuals such as Nadine Sapiente at

the West Point Elementary School (site of Eric's project) and several leaders in Troop 32 and Troop 23. Eric noted that he owes a great deal of his success to the mentoring he received from Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen (USMA Band) who "helped me every step of the way, and truly was a great Eagle Advisor."

Eric's project improved the West Point Elementary School's ability to conduct outdoor science and nature classes.

Alumni and Graduation Week Schedules and Events

May 15-21

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
SUNDAY		
Noon - 6 p.m.	Alumni Class Registrations	Class Hotels
3 - 4 p.m.	Alumni Band Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
6 p.m.	Alumni Social Activities	Various Locations
7 p.m.	Black Knight Awards Ceremony	Robinson Auditorium
MONDAY		
8 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent Speaks to Alumni	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
4 - 4:30 p.m.	Alumni Organ Recital	Cadet Chapel
TUESDAY		
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Alumni Headquarters Open	Herbert Hall
10:05 a.m.	Assembly for Alumni Exercises	Thayer Walk
10:20 a.m.	Alumni March to Thayer Statue	Diagonal Walk
10:35 a.m.	Alumni Exercises	Thayer Statue
11 a.m.	Alumni Review & Distinguished Graduate Award Presentation	The Plain
12:15 p.m.	Alumni Luncheon	Cadet Mess
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Commandant's Award Ceremony	Crest Hall, Eisenhower Hall
7:30 p.m.	Cadet Glee Club Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
WEDNESDAY		
8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Assoc. of Graduates Open	Herbert Hall
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 1st Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 2nd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
5:15 p.m.	Twilight Tattoo - 3rd Infantry Regiment - The Old Guard	Trophy Point
7-8 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert	Arnold Aud., Mahan Hall
8 - 9 p.m.	Combined Choirs Concert	Cadet Chapel

THURSDAY		
10:50 - 11 a.m.	Cadet Drill Team Performance	The Plain
11 a.m.	Superintendent's Awards Review	The Plain
	<i>Inclement weather site</i>	<i>Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall</i>
Noon- 4 p.m.	Academic Awards Ceremonies	Various locations
1 - 2:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 3rd Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
3 - 4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception 4th Regiment	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
7 p.m.	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Cadet Chapel
	Jewish Baccalaureate Service	Jewish Chapel
	Eastern Orthodox Service	St. Martin's Chapel
FRIDAY		
10:30 a.m.	Graduation Parade	The Plain
2 p.m.	Awards Convocation	Eisenhower Hall Theatre
4:30 p.m.	Pre-Banquet Reception	Eisenhower Hall
6:45 p.m.	Graduation Banquet guests seated	Washington Hall
7 p.m.	Graduation Banquet begins	Washington Hall
SATURDAY		
6:30 a.m.	Shuttle buses begin running to Stadium	Parking lots
7 a.m.	Gates open to public	Michie Stadium
9:35 a.m.	Entrance of the Class of 2011	Michie Stadium
10 a.m.	Graduation Exercises	Michie Stadium

GRAD WEEK SHUTTLE SERVICE

Special graduation week shuttle service provides transportation between lettered lots and all major West Point areas. This service will augment the daily shuttles and run Wed. and Thurs., 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. and May 20, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. **Minutes After the Hour**

H Lot [Commissary/PX]	0	30
North Dock	5	35
Eisenhower Hall Tunnel	7	37
West Point Club	10	40
Mahan Hall Tunnel	12	42
Thayer/Mills intersection	13	43
Buffalo Soldier Field	15	45
Visitors Center/ Pershing Center	19	49
Thayer Hotel (exit ramp)	22	52
Herbert Hall	24	54
Holleder Center	25	55
A Lot [pick up and drop off inside the lot]	26	56

Note: Additional stops will be added Thursday evening to support the Baccalaureate Chapel Services.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION — A special shuttle will run between A Lot and the Superintendent's Garden Reception, Wed. and Thurs., noon - 6 p.m.

CONSTITUTION ISLAND — A special shuttle between the Superintendent's Review Box and South Dock will run Wed. and Thur. noon-6 p.m. for boat service to Constitution Island and return.

GRADUATION PARADE — A special shuttle will provide direct service May 20, starting at 8:30 a.m., between A-Lot and The Plain.

GRADUATION DAY — Special shuttles will provide direct service between all parking areas and the stadium and between all parking areas and the Central Post bar pinning ceremonies from 6:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

GRAD WEEK PARKING

EVENT	GENERAL	HANDICAPPED
TUESDAY		
Alumni events		Clinton Lot
WEDNESDAY		
Reception 1st & 2nd Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin CPDC
THURSDAY		
Supt's Award Review	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Reception 3rd & 4th Reg.	A-C Lots	Arvin CPDC
BACCALAUREATE	A-C Lots	Chapel Lot
FRIDAY		
Graduation Parade	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
Awards Convocation	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall
Graduation Banquet	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot
SATURDAY		
Graduation	A-F Lots/BSF	H Lot

REGULAR SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULES

Monday through Friday

NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last-4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Pershing Center/Spellman	15	45
Thayer Hotel [exit ramp]	17	47
Mills/Thayer Road	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Road	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg. 667A	23	53
Bldg. 681	24	54
K Lot	26	56
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Child Development Center	45	15

SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., Last-4:45 p.m.

Pickup Area Min. After Hour

Child Development Center	15	45
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	01
K Lot	34	04
Bldg. 681	35	05
Bldg. 667A	36	06
Thayer Statue	37	07
Library Corner	38	08
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Thayer/Cullum Road	40	10
Buffalo Soldier Field	41	11
Bldg. 622/626	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman	45	15

NOTE: BUS DRIVERS WILL STOP TO PICK-UP & DISCHARGE RIDERS AT OTHER SAFE LOCATIONS WHEN SIGNALLED.

■ Park in designated lots (A-F, Buffalo Soldier Field) only. Visitors are encouraged to use shuttle buses as parking in the Central Post Area is very limited.

■ Cadets are limited to three guests in the Cadet Mess for the graduation banquet.

■ The graduation exercise will be conducted in Michie Stadium except in **severe** weather.

The **severe** weather site is Eisenhower Hall. Seating is limited. Tickets required.

Severe weather locations for **non-ticketed** attendees are Bartlett, Eisenhower Hall (ballroom and cadet restaurant), Mahan and Thayer Halls.

■ Reserved seating for the May 21 graduation ceremony is available by ticket only through members of the Class of 2011.

Tickets for general public seating can be obtained at Michie Stadium, from 7-10 a.m. May 21 at Gates 6, 6A & 7 or from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wed.-Fri. at the Army Ticket Office in the Holleder Center. Tickets are free.

■ The West Point Ferry to Garrison, N.Y., will run continuously from South Dock from 6:30 a.m.-7 p.m. May 21.

Graduation Family and Friends Tour

West Point Tours is offering tours for cadet guests ONLY Tues.-Thurs. One-hour tours are at 12:45, 1:30, 2, 3:15 and 4:30 p.m. A two-hour tour, which includes the cemetery, is at 2:45 p.m. For departure and price information, call the Visitors Center at (845) 938-2638.

PLACES OF INTEREST

Visitors Center and Gift Shop
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Sat. (May 21), 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

West Point Museum & Gift Shop
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Fri.-Sun. (May 22), 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

AOG Gift Shop
Mon.-Thurs., 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fri. (May 20), 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. (May 21), 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fort Putnam
Mon.-Sun. (May 22), 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Constitution Island:
Wed.-Thur., 1 - 5:30 p.m.

SECURITY ISSUES:

West Point is operating under a **heightened security posture**.

All visitors must enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate only and should expect minor delays.

Visitors should use the shuttle buses from the lettered lots (A-F) throughout the week. Everyone over age 16 must have a **valid photo ID in their possession at all times**.

All vehicles may be searched.

GRADUATION DAY:

Everyone must pass through metal detectors.

The following items are not allowed: large bags, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas and all beverage containers (glass or plastic).

Arrive early to avoid delays at the gates.

NOTE: In case of inclement weather, call 845-938-7000 for any event status.



(Left) A member of the New York Chinese Culture Center performs the ribbon dance as the Monkey King at the festival at Trophy Point May 6 to honor Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and the contributions of Asian Americans. (Above) The Cadet Judo Team, led by Class of 2011 Cadet Nicholas Hochertz, performs at the celebration.

Asian-Pacific culture celebrated at Trophy Point

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Bright colors and exotic food appeared at Trophy Point May 6 for the 10th annual Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month celebration with food samplings from China, Korea, Philippines and Japan. Participants enjoyed performances of a variety of cultural dances and martial arts demonstrations.

Cadets entertained the audience with a hula, performed by the cadet hula club; a tinikling dance, which is dancing between moving bamboo sticks; the Haka War Dance; a kendo demonstration; and the three-time national champion West Point Judo Team showing some of its moves.

"We began planning this event only about two months before," Sgt. 1st Class Dwayne Key, equal opportunity advisor, said. "We included the Asian-Pacific cadet clubs who have helped with this for the last 10 years. This event always has a lot of cadet involvement."

Key said the event is catered locally with food coming from different restaurants in the local area and New Jersey.

The Asian-Pacific American Club is the primary

ingredient in putting this event together with the help of sponsors, the Equal Opportunity Office and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

Asian-Pacific Islanders make up 4 percent of the active and reserve force of the Army and 2 percent of the National Guard.

The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

The 100th Infantry Battalion and U.S. Army Reserve, which was activated for deployment to Iraq for the first time in 2004, received its first activation since the Vietnam War. The 100th Infantry Battalion is an all-Japanese battalion consisting of former

members of the Hawaii National Guard. They were deployed again from 2008-09 with an exceptional tour of service, according to www.army.mil/standto.

A feature on Asian-Pacific Americans in the U.S. Army is available at: www.army.mil/asianpacificsoldiers/?ref=home-spot1-title.

(Right) Cadets perform the Haka War Dance at the Asian-Pacific American Heritage celebration May 6 at Trophy Point. The annual festival honors Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and the achievements by these Americans with cultural demonstrations, dance and food.



FMWR Blurbs

CYSS Parents Night Out

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

Drop off your children at the Stony Child Development Center from 6-11 p.m. and go enjoy some time for yourself.

For more information, call 938-3921.

West Point 5K/10K

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

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

For more information, call 938-6497.

Cake Pop classes

There is a new rage in desserts—sweets on a stick.

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

There is a Family member cake pops class from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Arts & Crafts Shop.

Bring the children to make your Family out of cake pops. Children can create one pop to resemble a Family member.

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

Texas Hold'em

Play Big and Win big with the 2011 Texas Hold'em Tournament at the West Point Club's Pierce Dining Room.

Finals play is Saturday. Doors open at 1 p.m., registration closes at 1:30 p.m. and games begin at 2 p.m.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Army 10-Miler registration

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

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

Complete information at www.armytenmiler.com.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign continues through Sunday.

With one week left in the campaign, contributions are at \$65,000 to reach the goal of \$85,000.

The AER Campaign helps cadets, Soldiers, retirees and Families. The campaign was established by the Army for the Army.

For more information, call 938-5839.

Intramural Summer Softball League

The FMWR Sports Office will conduct the Intramural Summer Softball League, which is open to all USMA personnel 18 years of age and older.

Play will start June 1 and continue through

Aug. 15, with games at 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the FMWR Sports Complex at H Lot.

Departments or units desiring to enter a team, call Jim McGuinness at 938-3066.

Deadline for team entries is Monday.

Twilight Tattoo

From 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trophy Point, there will be a Twilight Tattoo.

The tattoo is an hourlong sunset military pageant that features Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), troop and ceremonial units.

This performance is free and open to members of the entire West Point community and all parents, Family members and friends of the Class of 2011.

Bring your own chairs and blankets for seating.

Cake decorating class

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

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

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

To register, call 938-4812.

Father's Day Gift Pottery Class

Get ready for Father's Day with a pottery class at West Point Arts & Crafts from 10 a.m.-noon June 11.

Make a Father's Day mug, plate or bowl.

For more information, call 938-4812.

EDGE! Spring Programs

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

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

- "The Wacky World of Science"—Children in grades 1-5 will make colorful flowers from crystals, work with the five senses, floating, sinking and writing with invisible ink.

Classes take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through May 25.

- Gymnastics—Learn basic gymnastics (floor/tumbling and balance beam skills).

Classes are offered to children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-5 p.m. Mondays through May 23.

- Make a Stained Glass Moravian Star—Youth in grades 6-12 will make a 12-pointed Moravian Star made from clear or stained glass that sparkles in the sunlight.

Art classes are held free at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road) Wednesday

and May 25 from 3-4:30 p.m.

- Gift Projects for Kids—Children in grades 1-5 will make a jewelry/treasure box for Mom, paint a wooden tray for Dad, paint their own ceramic beads and design a ceramic bracelet or necklace.

Classes are held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays through May 27.

There is a nominal fee for EDGE! classes.

Enroll at Lee Area CDC or call 938-4458.

CYSS Hired! workshops

The Child, Youth and School Services Hired! workshop will run from 3:30-5:30 p.m. June 2.

The workshop is free for teens in grades 6-12 at Youth Services Bldg. 500.

Teens need to be registered at Parent Central to be eligible for the Hired! Program.

For more information, call Marion DeClemente at 938-8889.

Hired! workshops are a prerequisite to the Hired! program.

2011 Army Arts and Crafts contest

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

Submit your best fine art work in any of 11 available categories.

Contest details are available at the West Point Craft Shop, Bldg. 648 or by calling 938-4812.

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.

NEW INFO

Margarita Glass Pottery Class

Bring a friend or your special someone to Margarita Pottery Night at West Point Arts & Crafts from 5:30-8 p.m. tonight and June 9.

Free appetizers and alcohol-free margaritas will be served.

Childcare at Lee CDC is available between 6-8 p.m. tonight.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Ideas and Strategies for Parents of Pre-teens and Teenagers

From 6-8 p.m. tonight at the Lee CDC, parents of pre-teens and teenagers are welcomed to come to a class that covers areas of communication with your pre-teen and teen, what to expect and when to be concerned.

Call Kim Tague at 938-3921 to register.

Morgan Farm Summer Kenneling Services

Morgan Farm has all your summer

kenneling needs covered.

Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for Graduation Week, Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July and all other summer dates.

So sit back and relax while we take care of everything.

For more information, call 938-3926.

West Point Auto Shop

The West Point Auto Shop offers a wide range of services for your vehicle to include New York State Vehicle Inspection, transmission flushes, headlight restoration, air conditioning service, oil changes and much more.

Stop by the Auto Shop and meet the staff to find out what they can do for you.

Call 938-2074 to schedule your appointment today.

Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. May 19 at the West Point Club.

Enjoy fine Italian dining in the club's Pierce Dining Room.

Children 5 and younger eat free.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Community Recreational Swim Program's new time schedule

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosts a community recreational swim program at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's Crandall Pool.

The swim program will have a new time schedule for the period of Monday through June 3. The new time will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

This change is due to scheduled cadet programs that will start at 1 p.m. during this period. If you have any questions, call Jim Liney at 938-3066.

West Point Golf Course Spring events

- Free lesson days will be held between 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Saturday and May 21. To sign up for these 15-minute lessons, call 938-2435.

- Callaway Demo Day is from 2-6 p.m. Wednesday. Callaway representatives will be at the driving range to demonstrate and let you try out all the latest Callaway golf equipment for free.

- All Level Ladies' Clinic is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. May 24 and May 27. Whether you are a seasoned golfer or a beginner, this is the clinic for you, John (the Golf Pro) is able to teach to each individual's skill level.

- Spring four-person scramble with an 8 a.m. shotgun starts May 28.

Costs include cart, prizes and lunch afterward, plus your applicable green fees.

Sign up your team by calling or stopping by the pro shop. There are many great prizes.

The scramble is limited to the first 30 teams.

For more information on the above clinics and events, call 938-2435.

What's Happening

Motorcycle Basic Rider Course schedule

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

Bikes and helmets are available for use.

The only class remaining is for military staff and faculty Friday-Tuesday.

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

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

Volkssport Club

The Volkssport Club of West Point is sponsoring a two-walk weekend with registration from 8-11 a.m. Saturday at Buffalo Soldier Field and walkers must be finished by 2 p.m.

The walk is part of the annual West Point 5K/10K Run at the U.S. Military Academy.

Participants may begin walking after the runners have left the start point. Trails of 6 km and 11 km are offered. The trail includes Kosciuszko's Garden, Target Hill Field and Flirtation Walk. Trail rating is #2+ due to hills and stairs—walking sticks may be helpful.

A 10 km event will be held in Beacon with registration from 9 a.m.-noon Sunday at the Beacon-Newburgh Ferry Dock by the Beacon Metro North Train Station.

Walkers must be finished by 3 p.m.

The walk is rated 2+ and qualifies for AVA Special programs: Artistic Heritage, Firehouses, Historic Churches, Law Enforcement, Hooray for Hollywood, Museum, America's Trails and Waterfalls.

For more information, call Mike Green at 845-781-6801 or [AVA.org/clubs/West Point](http://AVA.org/clubs/WestPoint).

National Purple Heart Hall of Honor workshop

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

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

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

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

To reserve time, call 561-1765.

Hudson Valley Orienteering

There will be orienteering instruction and competition beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Fahnestock State Park, near Cold Spring.

The event center is the TOEC Lodge. Food will be on sale. The center is offering various outdoor activities. The Hudson Valley Orienteering Club is offering beginner instruction and there will be a course for beginners, advanced beginners and a Score O on the small TOEC map.

For more information, check the Hudson Valley Orienteering website at www.hvo.us.orienteering.org.

For directions, call the HVO info line at 973-625-0499.

Army Education Center

John Jay College's Master of Public Administration Program at West Point is now accepting new students for the summer session. Applications are due Tuesday.

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

Contract Childcare Providers needed

The West Point Post Chapel needs childcare providers. These are paid contract positions and applicants must pass a background check and receive training to be certified.

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

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are sought for Club Beyond. Join the parent support team. There are many ways to help the ministry flourish.

For more information, call Stephanie Zuck at 706-987-3907 or email stef.zuck@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

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

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

West Point Schools Back-to-School supply kits

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

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

The intent is to have supply kits available for purchase for the 2011-12 school year.

This program equips students with the supplies their teachers have requested for each student to bring to school.

This program will save time by making back-to-school less hectic and more enjoyable for both students and parents.

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

IETD Training Program

The Information Education and Technology Division is offering a computer classes program that include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, "What's on my Computer" and typing skills lab from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday through Aug. 5 in Room 414, fourth floor, Jefferson Hall.

The typing skills lab is open to USMA cadets, staff or faculty.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu.

NEW INFO

Commissary case lot sale

The annual commissary case lot sale is scheduled from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. today through Saturday.

HHC Change of Responsibility

The West Point community is invited to attend the

Headquarters and Headquarters Company Change of Responsibility at 10 a.m. Friday at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.

The departing first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Anthony Bayse, will pass the company guidon to the incoming first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key.

Immediately following the ceremony, Bayse will be recognized for his 22 years of service at a retirement ceremony.

West Point commissary bakery/deli spring food tasting

The commissary bakery/deli will be hosting its annual spring food tasting from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.

There will be more than 15 vendors providing samples, coupons and giveaways.

Black Knights youth football and cheerleading

Sign-up for Black Knights youth football and cheerleading.

The age groups are:

- Mighty Mites—ages 5-7;
- Division 1—ages 8-9;
- Division 2—ages 10-11;
- Division 3—ages 12-14.

The Junior Black Knights play as part of the Orange County Youth Football League. There are no tryouts and no cuts, everybody plays.

There are dedicated coaches who not only teach the game, but instill the attributes of teamwork, sportsmanship, passion, loyalty and hard work to reach team goals—and the children have fun, too.

Registration is from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday at the West Point Youth Services and from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Highland Falls Firehouse, or visit www.jrblackknights.com for more information.

Call Ben Liotta for football questions at 558-5406. For cheerleading questions, call Linda Green at 446-5615.

West Point Museum Exhibit

The West Point Museum is hosting "Touched with Fire," the Civil War sesquicentennial exhibition and will open the first of a continuing series of special exhibitions on the American Civil War at 10:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Monday at the Foyer gallery located within the main entrance to the museum.

This conflict reshaped the American nation and set it upon a course that, as Abraham Lincoln stated, would ultimately lead to "a new birth of freedom" for all its people.

All the artifacts on display are from the extensive collections of the West Point Museum.

For more information, contact David Reel at 938-3671.

Military Munitions Response Program Open House

An open house sponsored by the U.S. Army Garrison-West Point and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District will be held from 4-7 p.m. May 25 at the Class of '49 Lodge (Bldg. 771).

Representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information about what to expect during the investigation stages at West Point.

Information will include where evacuation centers (should this be necessary) will be located, how the community will be notified and specifics on when during the June-September time period various housing areas will be affected.

For more information about this project, call Jeff Sanborn, Directorate of Public Works, at 938-5041.

Additional information can be found at www.usma.edu/

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Grad Week parking and force protection information

Submitted by the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

In an effort to limit traffic delays during Graduation Week, the following information is provided to assist both residents and visitors while driving on the installation. This includes activities not related to force protection measures, which are provided to alert residents and the workforce to events that could potentially restrict traffic on the installation.

Please allow more travel time, particularly entering through installation gates and when driving in and around the installation.

Because of various parking restrictions imposed throughout the week, West Point personnel planning TDY trips during Graduation Week should not leave their vehicles parked in Clinton, Doubleday and other Central Area lots.

Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only on Tuesday, May 19, May 20 and May 21 from 10 p.m. the night before until the end of the review each day.

Tuesday

For the Alumni Wreath Laying Ceremony and Alumni Review, the following restrictions apply:

- Parking for the work force is allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day; however, in support of the review, 35 parking spaces will be reserved for handicapped parking;
- Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review;
- Traffic control points will be established on Cullum, Washington, Ruger and Parke roads from 10 a.m. until the end of the review;
- At approximately 10:10 a.m. traffic will be stopped from entering the Thayer Statue area until the end of the wreath laying ceremony;

• Washington and Cullum roads will re-open for normal traffic at the end of the ceremony.

Wednesday

Wednesday's Retreat will sound at 5 p.m. in support of the Twilight Tattoo taking place at the Trophy Point Amphitheatre.

West Point personnel not attending the ceremony are urged to use alternate routes away from Trophy Point on the installation from 5-7 p.m.

May 19

Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Mills Road near Michie Stadium from 5:45 a.m. until about 6:15 a.m.

There will be no parking on the entire east side of Michie Stadium from 10 p.m. Wednesday night until about 10:30 a.m. Thursday.

In support of the Superintendent's Awards Review, the following restrictions will apply:

- Parking for the workforce will be allowed in the Central Post Area to include Clinton Lot throughout the day; however, 35 parking slots in Clinton Parking Lot will be designated for handicapped parking only;
- Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review.

May 20

In support of the Graduation Parade, the following restrictions apply:

- The Eisenhower Hall tunnel area and loading dock will be reserved parking in support of the Awards Convocation and Reception the entire day;
- Parking for the workforce is allowed in the Central Post Area.

However, Clinton Lot and the tennis court parking area will be designated for handicapped parking only and Doubleday Lot will be reserved parking for special pass holders only until the end of the review;

• At the end of the parade, Clinton and Doubleday lots will be re-opened and available for general parking until 4:30 p.m., when the lots are again reserved for guest and handicap parking for the graduation banquet;

• The workforce is encouraged to park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and use the post shuttle.

May 21

In support of the Graduation Exercise, the following restrictions apply:

- Doubleday Parking Lot is reserved for special pass holders until after the Graduation Ceremony;
 - There will be no parking in the Eisenhower Hall tunnel due to bus movement;
 - Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the intersection with Washington Road (in the vicinity of the Catholic Chapel) to the intersection with Schofield Place (entrance to Lusk housing area) from 7:40 a.m. until about 8:20 a.m.;
 - Thereafter, Stony Lonesome Road will only be open from the intersection with Washington Road to the intersection with Schofield Place until the completion of the graduation exercise;
 - All roads around Michie Stadium will be blocked to traffic from 6 a.m. until the completion of the Graduation Exercise at around 11:45 a.m.;
 - Delafield Road will be open to move from the Central Post Area to the Exchange/ Commissary area;
 - Because of the heavy traffic expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer Gates, anyone residing off the installation who possess a DOD decal and CAC card or military ID card planning to attend the ceremony is authorized and encouraged to use Washington Gate;
 - Park in the Old PX Lot (K Lot) and ride the shuttle bus to the Michie Stadium area.
- Families and visitors can enter Michie Stadium through security checkpoints established at Gates 6, 6A, and 7;

Remember, if you see something, say something.

For more information, call Joe Senger at 938-8859.

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Mother/Daughter team to perform at the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration

A mother/daughter team of Claudia Kobayashi, on piano, and Akiko Kobayashi, on violin, will perform at 4 p.m. May 22 at the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring.

For more information, call Barbara DeSilva at 424-3825.

Memorial Day speakers needed

The Speakers Bureau currently needs four speakers for local Memorial Day

presentations May 30.

A Department of the Army prepared speech is available upon request.

Locations are:

- Highland Falls at 10 a.m. at Memorial Park;
- Thornwood American Legion Post #1574 at 10 a.m. in Thornwood, N.Y.;
- Middletown-Walkkill Veterans Council at 9:30 a.m. at Walkkill Memorial Park;
- Fishkill Rural Cemetery at noon in Fishkill.

If you can help by making one of these presentations, call Dave Brzywczy at 938-3279 or email David.Brzywczy@usma.edu.

• All persons entering the stadium will pass through metal detectors at the above annotated gates.

Large bags, coolers, backpacks, unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium.

Safety and security are a paramount concern during Graduation Week activities.

Everyone's help in the detection and reporting of criminal activities helps ensure that this year's graduation is a success.

Anyone observing suspicious behavior or activity is urged to promptly report it to the West Point Military Police at 938-3333.

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: Hard



Black and Gold volunteers

Army Community Service celebrated the Black and Gold Volunteer Award and Volunteer of the Month ceremony May 3 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell (far left) and Garrison Commander Col. Michael Tarsa (far right) stand with honorees (from left to right) Joyce Morse, Andy Reed, George Gray, Meredith Kilby, Beth Flowers and Patricia Bastianelli. The Volunteer of the Month is Kilby for her volunteer work with the Daughters of the U.S. Army.

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Keller Corner

TRICARE Young Adult

Uninsured adult children can now purchase TRICARE Standard/Extra for \$186 per month. For coverage back to May 1, the application and initial three-month premium payment must be received by Health Net before May 31.

Applications can be mailed to HNFS at P.O. Box 870612, Surfside Beach, SC 29587-9762 or dropped off at the TRICARE Service Center at 273 Main Street in Highland Falls.

Coverage retroactive to Jan. 1 can also be purchased. Additional information and TYA applications are available at www.tricare.mil/tya or by calling Health Net Federal Services at 800-555-2605 or Keller's health benefits advisors at 845-938-4838.

Once the purchase of TYA is documented in DEERS, follow regular procedures for obtaining a new uniformed services ID card.

School and Sports Physicals

The Primary Care Department will offer additional school and sports physicals starting June 1.

Beat the summer rush—get your child's school and sports physical now.

If you are moving this summer, it is recommended that you schedule the physical at your next duty station, as the criteria for the new school district may be different.

The physical exam must be within one calendar year to be acceptable. If the physical expires prior to the beginning of another sport, a new exam is required. This is also the time to

review your child's immunizations and to prepare additional documentation for the administration of medications during school hours or emergency instructions for children with known allergies.

Obtain the necessary forms from the appropriate school nurse and bring them to your child's appointment.

Call 938-7992 or 800-522-2907 to request an appointment for a school or sports physical and save the summer for vacation fun.

KACH clinic closures

Keller Army Community Hospital will be closed May 30 for Memorial Day and June 1 for a MASCAL Exercise.

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed. The emergency room will remain open.



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

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Battle: Los Angeles, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Hop, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Limitless, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

May 20—Hop, PG, 7:30 p.m.

May 21—Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, PG, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

May 12-19

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through May 19
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Home Beautification event:** Now that spring is here and the weather is getting warmer, it's time for our annual home beautification event today. Stop by 695 Buckner between 2-5 p.m. to pick up your free bag of mulch and set of flowers, today only.

- **National Chocolate Chip Day:** Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop to sit, chat and have freshly made David's Double Chocolate Chip Cookies Tuesday. Cookies will be served with coffee or tea.

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

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

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

SHARP

The members of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program are Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, Shelley Ariosto (Garrison), Dan Toohey (Victim Advocate), Maj. Missy Rosol (USCC), Lt. Col. Kim Kawamoto (ODIA) and Bernadette Orland (Dean). Community members can email Emerson at Kay.Emerson@usma.edu for advice or to offer any recommendations on the program here. Cadets also can call the sexual assault support helpline at 845-591-7215. West Point Soldiers and civilians needing assistance can call 938-3369.



Senior Domonick Sylve won his fourth straight 110-meter hurdles title by crossing the line in 13.74 seconds. Not only did he become the only track athlete in Patriot League history to win the 110-meter hurdles four times, but his time of 13.74 seconds was the fastest time in PL Track and Field Championship history. As a whole, the Army men finished second behind Bucknell at the championships.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Army places second at PLs, Sylve achieves record

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

For the second straight year, Army Men's Track and Field finished in second place at the Patriot League Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 6-7 at Lafayette University in Easton, Pa. The Black Knights totaled 157 points at the meet, finishing behind Bucknell, who finished with 186.

Navy finished in third place with 132.5 points, followed by Lehigh (91), Lafayette (49) and American (36.5). Colgate placed seventh with 16 points, while Holy Cross tallied 14 points for eighth place.

Army won two events on the day, taking first in the 110-meter hurdles and the triple jump.

Senior Domonick Sylve won his fourth straight 110-meter hurdles title in dominant fashion—crossing the line in 13.74 seconds. Sylve was the only competitor to finish under 14 seconds, with the closest finisher crossing the line in 14.32.

The senior's time ranks seventh in the NCAA East Region and 20th among all NCAA competitors. It was the fastest 110-meter hurdles time in Patriot League Championship history and the best by a Black Knight this season.

With the title, Sylve becomes the only 110-meter hurdles runner to win four Patriot League Championship titles in conference history. Only one other men's competitor in league history has won four titles in the same event—American's Sean Duffy in the 1,500 meters from 2002-05.

Junior Tom Wagner won his first outdoor triple jump title by hitting a personal-best distance of 15.32 meters. The jump ranked fourth all-time at the academy. Wagner also placed fourth (four points) in the high jump, eclipsing the bar at 2.04 meters.

Both events proved to be full of depth for the Black Knights as Army took three of the top-six marks in each. In the 110-meter hurdles, sophomore Kyler Martin finished third for six points in a personal-best time of 14.58 seconds, while classmate Tom Ryan placed sixth in 14.97 for one point.

In the triple jump, junior Fred Beebe recorded his second personal-best mark of the weekend by recording a third-place distance of 14.85 meters, passing IC4A-qualifying standards. Senior Alfred McDaniel placed fourth (14.17 meters) for four points.

Sylve and McDaniel competed in the 100-meter dash, both finishing in point-earning places. McDaniel placed second for eight points, crossing the line in a 2011 team-best 10.69 seconds. Sylve finished fifth in 10.87 seconds for two points.

McDaniel also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash, crossing the line in a personal-best 21.64 seconds. The time ranks ninth all-time at the academy and is the best by a Black Knight since Dan Braud's 21.25 in 2006.

Sylve and McDaniel teamed with senior Chris Michels and junior Michael Hutchins in the 4x100-meter relay, placing third (six points) in 41.05 seconds. The time ranked tied for third all-time at West Point, matching Army's finish at the 2000 Patriot League Championship.

Army placed third in the 4x400 relay as well, as Michels teamed with sophomores Jordan Cayton and Alex Cheng and junior Taylor Kensy to finish in 3:19.05.

The hurdles proved to be a deep event for the Black Knights as three cadet-athletes earned points in the 400-meter relay. Kensy led Army's contingent with a second-place finish, crossing the line in a personal-best 53.43. Cheng followed in fourth place (four points) in 54.20, while Martin placed sixth (one point) in 55.49.

Army had multiple-point winners in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, shot put and discus as well.

In the steeplechase, junior Barrett LeHardy led Army with a time of 9:22.39, earning third place for six points. Sophomore Dan Jester followed in fifth place (two points) with a time of 9:25.19.

Sophomore Scott Geary and junior Grady Davis led Army in the throws. Geary placed second in the shot put (16.38 meters) and fifth in the discus (45.78 meters), while Davis finished fifth in the shot put (15.28 meters) and third in the discus (48.58 meters). Geary's mark in the shot put is the best by a Black Knight this season and ranks tied for seventh all-time at the academy.

Senior David Linder had a career-best day in the decathlon, placing fourth with a point total of 6,466. Linder won two events on the afternoon—the shot put (12.00 meters) and discus (34.88 meters).

"We had a great team performance," Army head coach Troy Engle said. "We had a couple bad breaks in terms of guys qualifying for Saturday's finals, but there were some highlights. The strength of our hurdlers, both short and long, was outstanding. If you look back a few years ago, we didn't have anyone earn points in the pole vault, now we have the league champion (Justin Harris).

"After the first day, we thought we were on a roll and were ahead of where we've been in a while, but we struggled early on the second day," he added. "Bucknell had a better balance across the board and across events. They were the better team."

The Black Knights return to competition Saturday and Sunday at the IC4A Championships, hosted by Princeton University.

Boltus tallies six assists, Army loses to No. 3 Johns Hopkins

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

On a night when No. 19 Army honored 14 members of the Class of 2011, senior attackman Jeremy Boltus tallied a career-high six assists and senior midfielder Rob McCallion recorded his 100th career point in a 15-10 loss to No. 3 Johns Hopkins under the Michie Stadium lights May 6. Senior attackman Kyle Wharton led all players with five goals for the visiting Blue Jays.

The final regular-season game for both teams, Johns Hopkins (12-2) cruised to a 9-3 halftime advantage and went on to hold off a second-half Army rally (9-6) to win its seventh-straight game. The Black Knights outscored the Blue Jays 7-6 over the final 30 minutes.

"Johns Hopkins played a great game and were exceptional from the opening whistle," sixth-year head coach Joe Alberici said. "They dominated possession, but giving up nine goals in the first half wasn't part of the plan. It was just a matter of too many possessions for a very talented offensive team. Credit goes to them.

"There were things that we could certainly do better," Alberici continued. "We played a lot of defense, there's no question about that."

McCallion's hat trick marked his first of the season as he became just the fourth middle in Army's 94-year history to record 100 career points.

Four of Boltus' six assists came in the final 8:01 of the game. The co-captain and second all-time scoring leader in Army history with 214 points assisted on McCallion's 100th point on the final goal of the game with 17 seconds remaining.

"When you judge this senior class on its body of work and what they accomplished on and off the field, I've never been more proud of a group of men," Alberici said. "They have represented this institution and the Army lacrosse family exceptionally well. They never let us quit and this game was just a microcosm of the season, playing right to the end."

Sophomore attackman Garrett Thul extended his goal-scoring streak to 24 games and recorded his team-high ninth hat trick of the season with three goals. Senior attackman Corey Reiser, juniors Conor Hayes and John



Senior attackman Jeremy Boltus tallied a career-high six assists in Army's 15-10 loss to Johns Hopkins University May 6 at Michie Stadium. Boltus' six assists added to his career point total of 214, which ranks him second all-time on the Black Knights scoring list. Also adding to a career night was senior midfielder Rob McCallion who recorded his 100th career point.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PAO

Adair, along with sophomore Andrew Boyd, each scored single goals.

Senior goalkeeper Tom Palesky, the 2011 Patriot League Goalkeeper of the Year, played all 60 minutes and totaled eight saves.

Johns Hopkins outshot Army by a 38-27 margin and scored four man-up goals. Army was 3-of-5 on extra-man chances in a game that included 12 penalties. Anchored by senior

Matt Dolente, the Blue Jays won 22-of-28 faceoffs, which aided largely in a 42-22 ground ball advantage.

Army's Class of 2011 went 6-0 in the Patriot League last spring, won the tournament title and made Army's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2005 and upset second-seeded Syracuse in double-overtime at the Carrier Dome.

Army Golf headed to Arizona Regional

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

The Army Golf Team will head west for the NCAA Regional Tournament.

The Black Knights have been placed in the Arizona Regional at the Omni Tucson Resort in Tucson, Ariz., the NCAA announced Monday.

Army is one of 14 teams in the region and will begin competition May 19.

Joining Army in the regional are Texas A&M, San Diego State, Texas Tech, California, Liberty, Washington, Pepperdine, Oregon State, Purdue, UC Davis, Arizona, Texas-Arlington and Loyola Maryland.

"We are excited to represent West Point and the Patriot League," head coach Brian Watts said. "We are certainly excited to be going to Arizona. We would have been thrilled with any regional but look forward to Arizona and a great experience for our cadet-athletes."

The Black Knights earned the NCAA spot by winning the Patriot League Championship for the 10th time in school history.

This marks Army's 24th NCAA appearance. Six 54-hole regional tournaments will be held May 19-21. Three of the regionals have 13 teams while the remaining three have 14 squads competing.

The low five teams from each regional

will advance to the finals.

"We have played well the past few weeks and we hope to continue that in the NCAA Regionals," said Watts. "Our guys have had to be mentally tough as of late. From winning the Patriot League after holding the 18-hole lead to finishing classes for the semester, taking final exams and graduation, a lot of demands are being made of their time and I am proud of the way they are handling themselves."



Utah
prevails

Army Rugby 8-man Marshall Moten tries to make a pass during the University of Utah's 32-26 win over the Army May 8 at the Anderson Rugby Complex. Utah came back from five points down in the second half to defeat Army in the quarterfinals of the college rugby playoffs.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/PAO

Sports calendar

May 12-15
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SATURDAY — BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE (GAMES 1 & 2), PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT SEMIFINAL, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, NOON.

SUNDAY — BASEBALL VS. LAFAYETTE (GAME 3, IF NECESSARY), PLT SEMIFINAL, DOUBLEDAY FIELD, 1 P.M.

Q & A

Spotlighting ... Alexis AuBuchon

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

It's been an up and down season for the Army Softball Team, but winning three of four games against Bucknell April 30-May 1 helped the team earn a spot as the fourth and final seed in the upcoming Patriot League Tournament.

This year's squad finished the regular season 27-23 overall and 9-11 in conference after taking the No. 1 PL seed last year with a 15-5 conference regular season. However, there have been many changes, including five freshmen regulars in the lineup.

One of the veteran constants in the lineup is junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon, who earned first-team All-Patriot League honors last year.

She came into this season having led Army in batting average and hits her first two seasons, although this season has been more of a struggle (.289 batting average, currently 78 points lower than last year).

AuBuchon sat down with the *Pointer View* to talk about overcoming her struggles, taking on a leadership role and the chances of the Black Knights surprising everyone at the PL Tournament.

PV: As the team heads into the Patriot League Tournament, reflect back on the regular season. What are your thoughts about the team's overall play this year?

AA: "I think we've done really well. We've had some rough games, but we've bounced back. I think overall we've started to play really well together. We've become comfortable with each other. I think we're pretty confident and ready to go after Colgate (the number one seed)."

PV: How important was taking three out of four games against Bucknell two weekends ago and being able to go into the tournament with some positives?

AA: "It was really important that we took both (games) on Saturday because we knew what we had to do in order to get to the tournament and we did it immediately. It showed how much we wanted to get there and we were not willing to let other teams affect us and how we play."

"(On Sunday) some people said what are we playing for. But we said 'we're going to play as hard as we can' and I think winning that last game (despite the fact it didn't matter) going into the tournament was really good for us."

PV: Individually, you've led the team in batting average and hits the past two seasons, but you've taken a dip this year ... has this season been a struggle for you?

AA: "Yes, I think so, although I'm not quite sure why that is. I don't know if I've been mentally a little bit elsewhere this season. My batting, obviously, hasn't been where it has the past two years and I've made



Junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon, with the help of the team's many underclassmen, got Army into the Patriot League Tournament as the fourth seed.

Junior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon is batting .289 this year, fifth on the team, after leading Army in batting average the past two seasons.



a few silly errors at first that I don't think are characteristic of me. But, I've been trying to stay focused and play each game by itself (without thinking ahead). While I haven't been doing as good as the past few years, I've tried to stay consistent and not have huge slumps this year."

PV: There are four teammates ahead of you in batting average this year, three of them freshmen (all underclassmen) ... how has the youth of this team progressed throughout the season?

AA: "As freshmen, you come in and gun for the upperclassmen, I know I did because I wanted to come in as a plebe and blow everybody out of the water. A lot of them have come in with that mentality and it's worked for them, especially (shortstop) April Ortenzo—she works hard and is one of our most consistent batters. Then, (pitcher) Haley Pypes works great on the pitching mound, too, and as the season has gone on, Haley has become more consistent and really earned her spot in the lineup."

PV: Did you find there to be less pressure to perform as a plebe and maybe, for you, things were a little smoother?

AA: "There is a saying on the team that you come out and play well your first few years, then it drops off a little. I don't know if it's true or not and maybe it will be for me, but I hope not. It seems like it's easy as a freshman to come off of travel ball ... you are in a comfort zone (playing) and probably at a high peak performance. That's what I did and I think that's what some of these plebes have done, too."

PV: There aren't any seniors who are starting regularly, so in terms of your progression, is the next step for you to take a leadership role?

AA: "It's something I would certainly like. I think being at West Point, we all have learned some leadership skills and I feel very comfortable with the team. It's something

I'm working for, but it's something that will continue happening no matter what."

PV: Last season, Army finished as the No. 1 seed but lost in the PLs. For those who were with the team last year, how much motivation is it to come out and finish better than last year in the tournament?

AA: "It's interesting the position we're in because my plebe year we didn't make it to the tournament, then we kind of surprised everyone and seeded first last year. Hopefully, we can come out and surprise everyone again being the fourth seeded team and win the tournament."

PV: Having lost a couple of seniors and having many freshmen in the lineup, even though they are performing well, do you think you went from first to fourth seed because of the experience lost?

AA: "That may be a factor, but like many things in the world there's not always just one reason. Several teams, such as Colgate, have come out strong and Holy Cross has surprised everyone this year. There are always multiple factors and those teams have to be given credit for how well they've done."

PV: What's the most memorable moment in your Army career so far?

AA: "It was when I hit a walk-off grand slam with two outs in the bottom of the ninth against Marist (in 2010). As a personal accomplishment, I was pretty excited about that because it's not something I expected or tried to do. I hit one grand slam prior to that (before West Point), but it wasn't a walk-off or in extra innings."

PV: How is that feeling of walking around the bases knowing you've just won it for your team?

AA: "I think it was a really big relief more than satisfaction or pride in my accomplishment because it was 10 p.m. and in the second game of a doubleheader, and everyone was like 'we want to go home.' But, it was exciting to end it that way."

PV: You open the PL Tournament against Colgate, who swept the team earlier this season ... it'll be more than five weeks since you've played them, so from your perspective, what has the team done since then that says the outcome will be different?

AA: "We haven't been swept by any other team, and we said at the time, 'hey, we're not going to allow this to happen again and we're better than that,' ... winning three out of four against Bucknell was a great way to finish the regular season and we hope to continue that into the Patriot League Tournament. I think allowing no one else to sweep us was a big thing. (Colgate is) the number one team in the tournament, so we're going to be going for them. I honestly think we should have beaten them."

PV: Do you think the team will be in a perfect position to surprise them?

AA: "I think that anything is possible in the game of softball. All of our freshmen have grown as softball players throughout the season, but (Colgate's) players have, too. It'll come down to who's prepared more and who's ready to win when we step on the field."