

## Despite rain, grads spirits soar during ceremony

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

*(Editor's note: With the rainfall dampening Graduation Week festivities early on, the Alumni Wreath Ceremony and Alumni Review were cancelled Tuesday morning. The Pointer View used this opportunity to sit down with this year's distinguished graduates before the Alumni Luncheon as well as the oldest living West Point graduate in attendance.)*

Anticipating the grandeur of the entire Corps of Cadets taking formation on the Plain, West Point alumni were a little disappointed Tuesday to learn of the Wreath Laying Ceremony and Alumni Review cancellations due to weather.

"The review is such a great spectacle with all the cadets participating out there in front of the great American public, and especially with all the alumni groups here," Gen. William Richardson, Class of 1951, said. "When we were here for our 55th reunion some years ago, it also rained and that was disappointing for all of us."

Despite the weather, Richardson was proud to attend this year's Distinguished Graduate luncheon as a recipient.

The former commander of the Combined Arms Center and the Training and Doctrine Command said the award honors graduates for their contributions to the Army and West Point.

"West Point is a place I cherish very much," Richardson said. "I have three areas in my background that best signify my love; the first is West Point, the second is the Infantry School—I spent a lot of time down there, and third, the Command and General Staff College, where I was commandant. I've maintained connections with all three since I've retired."

Being back at West Point naturally brings back memories of tough times as a plebe, Richardson said, but also of the many mentors he learned from.

"In my estimation, they were the heroes of World War II. They were field grade officers, mostly lieutenant colonels and colonels who were my heroes," Richardson said. "I wanted to be associated with these people, and there was no question their stature was enormous. That caused me to want a lifetime of service in the Army."

Maj. Gen. Carl McNair Jr., Class of 1955, felt overwhelmed just from being nominated as a Distinguished Graduate by his peers.



(From left to right) Dr. Lewis Sorley, retired Gen. Dennis Reimer, retired Maj. Gen. Carl McNair Jr., retired Gen. William Richardson and Col. Bill McArthur Jr., stand together after receiving their Distinguished Graduate Awards Tuesday at the Cadet Mess Hall.

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Receiving the call that he was a 2011 recipient rendered him speechless.

"I feel humbled just to be placed in the same group of distinguished alumni that have been selected in the past," McNair said.

Likewise, Col. Bill McArthur Jr., Class of 1973, said just being considered for a nominating pool of graduates is an honor.

"I think that was one of the most singular honors that has ever come my way," McArthur said. "Because it gives you a sort of view of what has been a very large part of your life, as seen through someone else who probably has very high standards. That in itself probably means the most to me."

McArthur had a different reflection on the weather call that day.

"For me personally, I think we all can reminisce to our days as cadets and know the Corps is thrilled right now to not have to stand out in the rain today," McArthur said. "I do have my entire family here today and my young grandchildren; probably my three-year-old grandson in particular will be

disappointed about not seeing the Alumni Review. But that just means I need to bring him back again to see a parade."

Dr. Lewis Sorley, Class of 1956 graduate, is the only Distinguished Grad this year who can claim having been born and raised at West Point.

"I was born in the Admissions Office, which was a hospital in those days," Sorley said. "Obviously I came back as a cadet, but also spent another three years as an English instructor and then later spent most of a year in the archives doing research when I was asked to write a book about the history of the honor code and honor system."

Receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award is especially meaningful because of his family history at West Point.

"My father was a graduate in the Class of 1924 and my grandfather is a Class of 1891 graduate," he said. "I'd like to think they're looking down somewhere and seeing this because they'd really be happy about it."

Retired Gen. Dennis Reimer, from the

Class of 1962, commanded the 4th Infantry Division in 1988, served as deputy chief of staff for operations on the Army Staff in 1990 and led the planning for the Army's support of Operation Desert Shield.

Prior to his retirement, he served as the Chief of Staff of the Army.

"First of all, receiving the Distinguished Graduate Award is a great honor, but it's also an unexpected one," Reimer said. "I know so many people deserving of this honor, and to be selected for it is a humbling experience. It is also very meaningful to me because West Point has been very meaningful in my life."

An Oklahoma native, Reimer remembers entering the academy in 1958 and being overwhelmed by the experience.

"Looking at the scenery today even as it's raining, I consider this the most beautiful place I've ever seen in my life," Reimer said. "But more importantly, I come from a family with no military experience. So West Point had to educate me and train me, and they had

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# A Special Olympics thank you

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

I feel that this is the most important letter I have ever written. Important because in it I must convey a gratitude that mere words could never express.

My son, David, who is autistic, participated in the Special Olympics at West Point on April 30.

We were fortunate enough to have been "found" by Class of 2011 Cadet Jeremiah Estrella Zingapan from Co. C-1.

It is a name that I will always hold dear to my heart. Having an autistic child is a blessing to us. Unfortunately, people are always uncomfortable around these children.

I wanted to tell you and the entire world if I could, how wonderful Jeremiah was with David. It was as if they were brothers. He spent the entire day with him even though we gave him several chances to "take a break."

He refused every time. He even shared his lunch with David. Jerry was the epitome of West Point.

He presented himself with quiet strength, dignity, honor, respect and a genuineness that made an impression on me that I will never forget.

It was his selflessness that will remain with us.

I do not want him and his wonderful heart to go unsung. I want it to be known that he made a difference and an everlasting impression in the life of someone—us.

We will always pray for him and the other cadets and hope that he has a long, fulfilling and purposeful life filled with duty, honor and courage.

I feel so blessed to have met him. I feel that West Point is fortunate indeed to count him as one of its alumni.

With my sincerest gratitude,  
Maribel Cuevas



## Key takes responsibility

Capt. Matthew Pride (left) passes the unit guidon for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison-West Point, to 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key (right) during a Change of Responsibility ceremony May 13 at Crest Hall. The passing of the guidon signifies Key assuming responsibility as the first sergeant from 1st Sgt. Anthony Bayse.

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to do a lot of both because I didn't know what I was getting into. I will always be thankful for what they did for me both in an academic environment and in a professional military environment."

More importantly, he said, West Point connected him with people who had the same values and accepted "Duty, Honor, Country" as more than a motto but as an irreplaceable bond.

"It brought us together in a way that nothing else could," Reimer said. "Throughout my time in the military, those classmates and those experiences have been very valuable to me and in everything I've done."

In May of 1962, Reimer was at the Thayer Award presentation when Gen. Douglas MacArthur addressed the Corps of Cadets. If Reimer were to offer advice to the graduating Class of 2011, it would be to read that speech—which is known as the "Duty, Honor, Country" speech—in its entirety.

"It's tremendously important, and I'd pay particular attention to the part that talks about 'Yours is the profession of arms, the will to win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory, that if you lose, the nation will be destroyed.'" Reimer said. "That is the profession they will enter. And when you stop and think about those words from MacArthur, you realize how important it is to what they will be doing."

Retired Col. Paul Skowronek has the distinction of being the oldest grad present this week for alumni activities. But the Class of 1941 graduate said he doesn't feel that old.

"I haven't noticed much of a change these last few years," Skowronek said. "I feel very good, and really, I feel optimistic about coming back to the next reunion."

He particularly enjoys congregating with his fellow classmates.

"Though there aren't very many of us left ... but the 10 who were able to make it this year, there's a joy in seeing them again," Skowronek said. "I'm sorry that the parade was rained out. That's always a special event. But this is something I'll remember, and God willing, I'll be back for the next one."

His memories of being a West Point cadet reflect on the rigorous schedule of activities—both academic and extracurricular.

"I enjoyed skiing with the Ski Club, and I was president of the club," he said. "We even started to build the ski tow and the ski hill during my time here as a cadet. But as a cadet you stay so busy there's not much time to register anything



**Retired Col. Paul Skowronek was the oldest graduate at the age of 95 in attendance Tuesday at the alumni ceremony.**

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else. But I enjoyed it."

Skowronek said West Point helped prepare him as a Cavalry officer, particularly during his training in languages.

He was a graduate of the U.S. Army Language School and the U.S. Army Russian Institute, and served as an intelligence officer in the Pentagon and later as deputy director of the British-U.S. Arms Control Project in the U.K.

"I went on to specialize in the Russian language program, and I think my proficiency was based a lot on study habits I developed at West Point," Skowronek said. "After I retired I went on to Oxford and took their Slavonic studies, and received my doctorate at the University of Colorado. I don't think I would have been as interested in continuing my studies had it not been for the terrific foundation I got as a cadet."

And his advice to the next class of graduating cadets?

"Volunteer for everything, and be enthusiastic and excited

about collecting experiences," Skowronek said.

He remembers visiting classmates in Italy and climbing aboard a B-47 aircraft to Sicily where he made his first parachute jump.

"That inspired me to become a skydiver later on," Skowronek said. "For our 50th, 55th and 60th reunions, I skydived onto the Plain. There's always something exciting to do in the military, and I never missed a thing. I think it prepared me for a very interesting retirement."



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler spoke with West Point noncommissioned officers May 9 at the Haig Room.

## SMA makes first visit to West Point

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The Army's senior enlisted advisor made his first visit to West Point May 9 to speak with noncommissioned officers and learn about the training programs and products developed at the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler met with senior noncommissioned officers—most from the Department of Military Instruction and the Brigade Tactical Department—and asked them their opinions on a variety of Army issues like diversity and “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell.”

“We say that we’re a diverse Army and we have a diversity policy; we also have a sexual harassment and assault reduction program that says we’re not going to tolerate this,” Chandler said. “So what are we actually doing about it? As an NCO, we’re going to get the job done, we’re going to talk about these things but then it comes to a point when we need to start moving out. From my perspective it’s time to start moving out.”

If NCOs are tasked with promoting diversity, Chandler wants to know what they’re doing rather than what they’re saying.

“That may cause some folks to be uncomfortable, but that’s OK,” Chandler said.

One topic which sparked the most conversation was about Army uniforms.

“You know, Soldiers want to be proud of what they wear,” Chandler said. “They want to look like a Soldier, and they want to be comfortable in what they’re wearing.”

An article recently published in the *Army Times* generated plenty of debate about whether the black beret

should remain standard issue and if buttons are better than Velcro to maintain noise discipline in the field. That discussion continued soon after on Chandler’s Facebook page where he hopes more Soldiers will provide feedback.

“I absolutely expected the immediate response we got about uniforms; it’s an issue that Soldiers, as long as I’ve been in the Army, have always wanted to talk about,” Chandler said. “Soldiers have a voice and I want to hear those voices and bring it back to the senior leaders of the Army.”

After receiving a briefing at the CASE office on the Profession of Arms campaign, Chandler said this was an opportunity he hopes every Soldier takes advantage of throughout this ongoing dialogue.

“We’ve been under a tremendous pace, almost a frenetic pace over the last 10 years,” Chandler said. “As the time we’ve had between the time deployed and the time we’re home expands, it’s a time for us to sit back and reflect on what it is that’s happened over the past 10 years, and really what the term professional means and what it means to be a member of a profession to a Soldier. So I’m excited about it. I think it’s a great opportunity for us to take advantage of it, and I’m sure we will.”

The former commandant for the Sergeants Major Academy, Chandler has spent his first couple months as SMA making the rounds at installations, but said it’s taken him nearly 30 years to get West Point.

“But I’m very glad that I’ve finally gotten here,” Chandler said. “This is a fantastic place. It was a pleasure to meet those senior leaders of the class about to graduate; it’s a huge reinforcement of my belief that the Army is going to be OK. We are OK and we’re going to get better.”

## Graduating cadets learn military history at Gettysburg

By Class of 2011 Cadet Rachel Goshi  
Special to the Pointer View

On May 2, 20 cadets from the Class of 2011 traveled to Gettysburg, Pa., for the MX400 Battle Command Staff Ride coordinated by the staff of the William E. Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic.

West Point has been conducting regular staff rides to Gettysburg since 1902.

During the long bus ride, the movie “Gettysburg” was reviewed to provide historical context for the staff ride’s battle sites. Traveling on the bus were Col. Ron Clark, director of SCPME; Lt. Col. Michael Turner, MX400 course director; retired Lt. Col. Frank Licameli, MX400 assistant course director; and Sgt. 1st Class Tim Morgan, USCC equal opportunity advisor. Each would play a mentoring role through the staff ride.

Upon arrival at the Eisenhower Hotel and Convention Center, the group met their primary staff ride guide, retired Brig. Gen. Jack Mountcastle, former Army chief of military history, and another mentor, Lt. Col. Ronny Johnson, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) executive officer.

The staff ride leader was retired Gen. Frederick M. Franks Jr., commander of VIII Corps during Desert Storm, former commander of Training and Doctrine Command and current USMA Class of 1966 chair in the Professional Military Ethic. Franks led a discussion of the relevance of battle command from the Civil War in 1863 all the way through our current counter-insurgency operations against Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida.

The first day started with an open forum, during which

everyone discussed expectations for the trip and insights they hoped to take away. From the logistics necessary to supply an Army, morale and welfare of the troops, to the influence of politicians affecting military operations, cadets were curious about many aspects of waging war.

Several expectations resonated with recurring themes: personal initiative, physical courage, understanding terrain, motivating Soldiers and leadership. All were eager to examine how leaders planned, acted and reacted to changes on the battlefield, and how those actions influenced the battle.

As the former Army Chief of Military History, Mountcastle led cadets through every portion of the staff ride with basic summaries of the actions on that terrain. His expert knowledge, coupled with primary source excerpts from diaries, reports and letters brought the battlefield to life.

“Brig. Gen. Mountcastle was an amazing resource,” Class of 2011 Cadet Eric Whitley said. “His knowledge of individual commanders and their units was unbelievable.”

Franks and all the other mentors from the Simon Center shared their insights to battle command, using their personal stories from Iraq and Afghanistan to reflect situations similar to those faced by the leaders of the Union and Confederacy at Gettysburg.

“On these hills and in these fields are the enduring truths of battle command,” Franks said. “Our mission is to help you discover them and to connect them to yourself as an officer and battle commander in this war.”

Walking the ground and hearing first-hand accounts of actions taken on strategic places on the battlefield gave cadets an inspiring sense of awe and appreciation for the hardships endured by the Soldiers and leadership required

to motivate battle-weary troops. They learned about Brig. Gen. John Buford, a cavalryman whose understanding of terrain and ability to visualize and take decisive action set the parameters that shaped the impending battle. Lt. John Calef was an artilleryman just one year after graduating from West Point, who demonstrated extreme tactical proficiency and personal courage as he engaged Confederate batteries while outnumbered. Cadets stood on the same ground where Col. Joshua Chamberlain defended Little Round Top and led his men in a bayonet assault down the hill. Finally, the group walked up the last 100 yards of Pickett’s Charge and contemplated what it would take to motivate Soldiers to make that final assault against withering odds.

The facets of battle command echoed at every stop, from Little Round Top to the High Water Mark, reminding the cadets of lessons studied in books and heard at lectures, but never felt until walking the sacred grounds of Gettysburg.

“I now have a better understanding of what struggles this country faced during that time period, and even greater appreciation for the men who chose to fight and die for their convictions,” Class of 2011 Cadet Joshua Miller said.

“The trip was a great opportunity to learn about the leaders of our nation’s past, and see the location of the most recent wars fought on our home soil,” Class of 2011 Cadet Matthew Dieterich added.

Class of 2011 Cadet Ehren Gruber reflected on the Gettysburg experience and said, “I thought walking the grounds of Gettysburg was both an educational and inspirational experience. We learned how leadership lessons are timeless and can apply to modern military leaders and how brotherhood bonded the troops of both armies.”



The West Point Museum hosts an ongoing brown bag lunch lecture every quarter. Bring a lunch and learn some history.

## Museum hosts ongoing lunch lecture series

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The West Point Museum, the oldest and largest military museum in the U.S., is presenting a lecture series four times per year or one lecture per quarter, according to David Reel, West Point Museum director.

“Each topic will be different, but related to history and the museum’s collection of historic artifacts,” Reel said. “The talks are open to the public at no charge. We are hoping to get people into the museum and pique interest in the Army, West Point and the U.S. Corps of Cadets.”

The lecture series began May 13 with noted author and historian Robert A. Selig, Ph.D., who presented a lecture titled, “The Politics of Arming American, or: Why are there no Vallière 4-pound Cannon in France?”

The program was accompanied by a display of related artifacts selected from the museum collection. If time allows, participants can tour the museum’s six main exhibit galleries or visit the Daughters of the United States Army gift shop.

The West Point Museum is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The Museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day. Admission is free.

For details, contact the museum at [museum@usma.edu](mailto:museum@usma.edu).



## Graduates honor Schwarzkopf

Robert L. Dean Jr. (Class of 1953) stands (far left) with the children of retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf after the bust unveiling Monday in Eisenhower Hall. Dean is the sculptor of the bust. The general, who was known famously as “Stormin’ Norman” during his stint as commander of coalition forces during the Gulf War, is a West Point Class of 1956 graduate. The event was the first of many alumni activities during Graduation Week at the U.S. Military Academy. Later that day, hundreds gathered for the Distinguished Graduate Dinner and the Alumni Luncheon on Tuesday where the distinguished graduates received plaques and medals.

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# West Point youth awarded for Earth Day posters



(Left) Earth Day Poster winners from West Point Elementary School received awards May 12 from the garrison command sergeant major. Pictured in the back row, from left, are Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell, Jodi Gellman, Balfour Beatty Communities, and Tony Brown, West Point director of Family and Welfare, Morale and Recreation. First row: Kindergarteners Parker Smith, Jonah Shields, Madison Fry, Samuel Fuhriman, Chloe Thompson and 2nd grader Lauren Rabb. Second row: 1st graders Cole Bilotta and Taylor Thompson, 2nd grader Abi Pendergraft and 3rd grader Jayne Alcock. (Right) Sixth-graders at the West Point Middle School Bryson Washburn and Grace Phillips won second and first place, respectively, in the Earth Day Poster Contest. First place winners received a \$15 PX gift card. Posters can be seen at [www.flickr.com/photos/westpointmwr](http://www.flickr.com/photos/westpointmwr).

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# To the edge of space and back

## West Point Balloon Satellite mission a success

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The pursuit of success and the thrill of a chase was enough to get a group of exam-weary cadets to conduct a second launch of the West Point Balloon Satellite May 13.

With most of the Corps of Cadets completing finals or enjoying leave prior to Graduation Week, six cadets and two officers invested their own time to explore the edge of space on the final day of the spring semester.

Comprised of cadets from the Astronomy Club and Amateur Radio club, a convoy traveled to Sam's Point Preserve about an hour outside West Point and established a launch site at an elevation of 2,200 feet overlooking Minnewaska State Park. The location was predetermined by a mathematical model of current wind patterns to estimate a landing in the vicinity of West Point and away from water or mountainous terrain. On first look at the rocky platform and magnificent vista, there was no argument to the "awesome" factor of choosing Sam's Point for a launch site.

The team included Class of 2013 Cadets Brett Darden, Justin Vonsik, Robert Glover, Phillip Weigand, Class of 2011 Cadet Anthony Gonzalez and Class of 2014 Cadet Mike Gotschall; with Maj. Stephen Hamilton and Maj. Diana Loucks as officers-in-charge.

The cadets kept the balloon covered as they filled it with helium to prevent heavy wind gusts from taking it too early. The payload, which included two cameras (one for video and another for still photography) was examined and tested to ensure it would remain operational after liftoff. The telemetry package was also tested so that the balloon's voyage could be tracked in real time through the Automatic Packet Reporting System. The package transmitted

signals to an ad hoc network of ham radio operators that run a nationwide communications utility as a community service.

"It's literally a hodgepodge of ham radio operators and clubs who set up their computers on the network and that's what we rely on to receive the transmission," Hamilton, an Electrical Engineering and Computer Science assistant professor, said.

Once the payload was secured to a parachute attached to the balloon, the team—with a family of hikers observing the action—launched the balloon and raced to the vehicles to begin the pursuit. Movement was easily traced by radio and smart phones through the APRS tracking device, providing accurate speed, altitude and location. Excitement built as the team followed a course that sometimes seemed destined to touch down in a lake or airport, just to keep things interesting.

A previous launch in late March was not without its share of setbacks, which started in the early morning with the team fighting brutally cold temperatures. The radio antenna wasn't strong enough to keep a constant eye on the satellite, and one mathematical error found them searching a wider radius than anticipated during the recovery phase. The satellite search took them to a private estate which required a security escort to collect their payload.

Fortunately, this second high-altitude launch found the team well-rehearsed and ready for any eventuality. Considering the incalculable number of things that could've gone wrong, they tracked the satellite throughout its journey and quickly recovered the undamaged payload at a business complex in Newburgh, about 15 miles from West Point. The instruments were still cold from their journey to space, but within minutes, the team was marveling at the hundreds of stratospheric images and video taken more than 85,000 feet high.

"This launch went smoother, and we had a more manageable



One look around the magnificent vista at Sam's Point Preserve and the team instantly knew this was the perfect site to launch the balloon satellite. The location was predetermined using a mathematical model, so this was their first visit to the site. Mike Strasser/PV

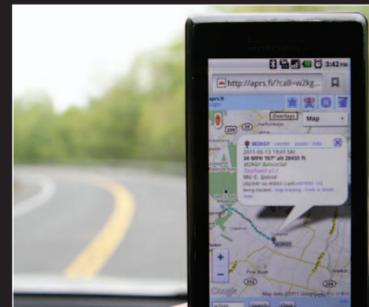
# The chase is on, all systems go



The satellite captured images of the launch site as the team began its journey to track the landing.



Following the satellite was easy with the APRS tracking system which traced the course by radio or online.



A smart phone tracks the course of the satellite as the convoy chases after it.



An image from upward of 85,000 feet.



This is the course from start to finish as recorded on the APRS.



This is a 3-D rendition of the satellite path as taken by Google Earth.



Satellite makes its descent into Newburgh, parachuting into an empty parking lot of a business complex.



The team recovers the satellite and discovers more than 500 still photos captured, plus video from the payload.

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(Left) The cadets have the balloon filled with helium and await the final inspection of the payload (below) before it is attached to the parachute and balloon. The launch at Sam's Point Preserve was a success and led to a sometimes frantic search for the payload. It traveled a southeast course and crossed over a lake, cemetery and airport, which could have complicated recovery efforts if it had landed in those areas. Fortunately for the team, the payload was recovered, without damage, in a parking lot in Newburgh.

PHOTOS BY MIKE STRASSER/PV



balloon and an improved payload," Vonsik, a physics major, said.

"The main factor that contributed to that was the fact that everyone knew what they were supposed to do and what to expect," Darden added. "Though we lost some time because of the technical difficulties we had, everything else was done quickly and efficiently."

Darden, an Arts, Philosophy and Literature major, had no idea what a balloon satellite was before joining the Astronomy Club. In fact, he joined for the pizza served every Monday.

"But seeing that balloon go up that first time was amazing," Darden said. "We spent hours working on that satellite."

Loucks, an instructor in the Physics and Nuclear Engineering Department, described it as a win-win for cadets and research development at West Point.

"The greatest benefit in my eyes is space education," Loucks said. "The balloon satellite program allows cadets from all majors to participate and learn about the many nuances of space technology and applications within the Army. The engineering process also occurs in the background and the cadets get instant feedback on their accomplishments. Secondary to this, we now have an inexpensive launch platform that ensures 5-10 minutes of space flight time for any payload that goes up. The Space and Missile Defense Command Research and Analysis

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Watch the voyage with video and photos at:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/westpoint\\_pao/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/westpoint_pao/)

Center was started to further the outreach of space education and research at the academy and this is complementary to its goals."

Loucks attributed much of the success to the cadets' ability to capitalize on lessons learned from the previous launch. This included allotting time for included rehearsals and pre-combat inspections, exploring new radio capabilities, creating a separate recovery and launch team, examining thermal control on the payloads and ensuring all components were engaged before launch. Loucks also credits the Edge of Space Science organization for crucial support.

"I was first introduced to 'balloon-satting' during my time in Colorado; my graduate research was sponsored by Colorado Space Grant Consortium headed up by Christopher Koehler at the University of Colorado at Boulder," she said. "They conduct balloon-sat operations year round through the help of EOSS, a non-profit organization. I must say that without the assistance of one of their technicians, Mike Manes, we never would have gotten this off the ground."

The balloon satellite made its debut during the 2010 Projects Day when the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science demonstrated its capabilities in the West Point Club ballroom.

"We had a tethered balloon with a live camera facing down," Hamilton said. "It was an interesting

experiment that got us prepped and excited on how to manage a balloon, which is kind of an art form on its own."

Since then, two successful launches and recoveries have invigorated the team to further its exploration of space. However, they'll be minus a core group of senior cadets and their two officers, who'll be changing duty stations this summer. The absence of the seniors during this launch was regrettable, Hamilton noted, but realistically, it's the remaining team that will be responsible for future launches after graduation Saturday. As a parting homage, the payload included a pair of lieutenant bars wedged inside the foam interior of the satellite.

"Almost everything we need to know to launch and recover the balloon has been learned by cadets," Darden said. "The only problem I foresee is that no one will know the APRS system quite like Maj. Hamilton. I do know that Cadet Weigand is very passionate about this project and with him around, these balloon launches will continue."

The team also has the support of the U.S. Air Force Academy Aeronautics Department and the Space Club, which has been tracking the progress on the West Point Balloon Satellite Facebook page. Collaboration between the two academies was made earlier this year after the establishment of a ground station here to communicate with the Air Force Falcon III Satellite in space, involving cadets from the West Point Small Satellite Research Group and the Amateur Radio Club.



## Casing the Colors

Col. Tyge Rugenstein, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School commandant (left), cases the colors during the final graduation ceremony at Fort Monmouth, N.J., May 13. USMAPS will make the transition to the grounds of West Point with the Class of 2012 arriving July 18. PHOTO BY MIKE BERRY/FORT MONROE PAO

## FMWR Blurbs

### 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) is now open. Installations can register teams and secure pre-paid entries during both sessions.

Complete information at [www.armytenmiler.com](http://www.armytenmiler.com).

### Family Spaghetti Night

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

### West Point Golf Course Spring events

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

- All Level Ladies' Clinic is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday 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.

- Free putting clinic with John. Two sessions available from 10-11 a.m. and noon-1 p.m. June 4. This is the last piece to the puzzle for the free mini-clinics. Learn how to read greens, judge speed and distance.

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.

### EDGE! Spring Programs

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

The class is offered to children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday.

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

- Claymation Technology—Clay tech is a fun, hands-on introduction to animation. A class is available for children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday.

- "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.

The class take place from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

- 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.

A free art class is held at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road) from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

- 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.

### 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.

### 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. June 9.

Free appetizers and alcohol-free margaritas will be served.

For more information, 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.

### 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](http://westpointmwr.com) and click on the Army Community Service tab for Army Volunteer Corps or call 938-3655.

### Morgan Farm 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.

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.

Call 938-2074 to schedule your appointment today.

## NEW INFO

### Cake decorating class cancelled

The introductory cake decorating class scheduled from 5:30-8 p.m. tonight at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop has been cancelled.

There is no new class date scheduled at this time.

For more information, call 938-4812.

### AER Campaign extended

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign continues through Sunday.

The goal is to reach \$85,000 and the total is currently at \$70,000.

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

To contribute, call 938-5839.

### West Point Youth Services summer events

Check out the West Point Youth Services website and see what is going on this summer for West Point teens.

Opportunities available include:

- Field trips;
- Various workshops;
- Volunteer work;
- Paid internships;

Hang out at the newly renovated Youth Center. Check out Youth Services on the web at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com).

# What's Happening

## 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. Sunday at the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring.

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

## Military Munitions Response Program Open House

A Military Munitions Response Program 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. Wednesday 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/dhpw/emd/RI/index.asp](http://www.usma.edu/dhpw/emd/RI/index.asp).

## 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](mailto:David.Brzywczy@usma.edu).

## 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](mailto:stef.zuck@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.

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](mailto:Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu).

## 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. daily 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.

## NEW INFO

### Baccalaureate Service for Class of 2011

The Jewish Baccalaureate Service, celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2011, will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, immediately before the annual Alumni Wall Dedication Ceremony, which starts at 6:45 p.m.

For more information or to RSVP, call the Jewish Chapel staff at 938-2710 or Rabbi Shmuel Felzenberg at 910-273-0767.

### Walk and Roll to end homelessness

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System for Montrose and Castle Point campuses will host a 2K Walk and Roll from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 2.

The event is free to the public and donations will be accepted at the event. New and unused socks, male underwear, travel size toiletries, saving razors and cream are welcome.

For more information, call Nancy Winter or Dawn Schaal at 914-737-4400, ext. 2255 or 2325.

### PWOC Summer Bible Study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having a Summer Bible Study called "Prodigal God," from 7-8:30 p.m. June 9-July 21 at the Post Chapel basement. Child care will not be provided for this summer study.

### PWOC Summer Playground Group

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is having a Summer Playground Group that will be meeting weekly.

The Summer Playground Group meets from 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning June 8 at the Five Star playground. The other playground dates and locations are:

- June 15—Stony II playground;
- June 29—Grey Ghost playground;
- July 6—Biddle Loop playground;
- July 13—New Brick playground;
- July 20—Lee Road playground;
- July 27—West Point Elementary School playground;
- Aug. 3—Biddle Loop playground.

For more information, call 446-5920 or email [twe8454465920@earthlink.net](mailto:twe8454465920@earthlink.net).

## Vacation Bible School

Registration is open for this year's Vacation Bible School. Registration forms for students and volunteers are available at two locations—The Post Chapel Annex across the street from the post chapel and the Most Holy Trinity Chapel in the religious education office downstairs.

The last day to register is June 13. Mark your calendar for 9 a.m.-noon June 20-24 as the community unites for the annual event for children, preschool children through 5th grade.

Children must be four years old by Sept. 1. Volunteers are needed for leading small groups, crafts, teaching and games.

Call VBS Director Melissa Prosperie at 337-298-1470 or email at [mprosperie@hvc.rr.com](mailto:mprosperie@hvc.rr.com) or VBS Registrar, Cathy Kilner, at [cathy.kilner@usma.edu](mailto:cathy.kilner@usma.edu).

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Easy



## Fun day for 5K/10K



The annual West Point 5K/10K race, sponsored by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, took place May 14 as many participants ran the course that ended by Bldg. 626. The race also included a fun run for children. The D.A.R.E. Lion gives Luke Bennett (left) a high-five for coming in first at the annual fun run race for children that ran along with adults. Find race results at <http://results.active.com/pages/page.jsp?eventlinkageID=35552>.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## Keller Corner

### 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 mass casualty exercise.

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

### Referral assistance

If you need assistance with a referral, contact the referral center at 938-5373.

## NOW SHOWING

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

**Friday—Hop, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Diary of a Wimpy Kid:**

**Rodrick Rules, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**May 28—Limitless, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**June 3—Hanna, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**June 4—Arthur, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

[WWW.AAFES.COM](http://WWW.AAFES.COM).

## Command Channel 8/23

### May 19-26

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through May 26

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

Graduation dinner (Live)

Friday, 6 p.m.

Graduation ceremony (Live)

Saturday, 10 a.m.

## Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

### • "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 Friday at 132 Bartlett Loop or email it to [jgellman@bcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bcgrp.com).

## SHARP

### SHARP Response Team

#### 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

- Shelley Ariosto, Garrison: 914- 382-8041;
- Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC: 845- 401-3476;
- Lt. Col. Linda Emerson, Diversity Officer: 845-590-1249.

#### 24/7 Victim Advocacy

- Dan Toohey, Installation: 914-382-8180;
- Lt. Col. Ed Supplee, Center for Personal Development: 845-591-7215;
- On-call Behavioral Health: 845-938-4004;
- Duty Chaplain: 845-401-8171.

#### Support or More Information

- DoD SafeHelpline: 877-995-5247;
- [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org).



## Lee scores five tries, Army wins title

For the first time since 2003, a women's rugby team other than Penn State or Stanford won the national collegiate title. Army Women's Rugby won its first title by defeating Penn State 33-29 May 14 in Palo Alto, Calif., at Stanford University. Junior fullback Jessica Sexauer and sophomore flanker Anne Lee (above) led the way for Army. Penn State jumped out to a 12-0 lead, but Sexauer and Lee took over from that point. Sexauer set up Lee on her first three tries that put Army in the lead, 19-12. After Penn State tied the match, Lee scored on two breakaways to finish with five tries total, all of Army's scores. Lee also made conversions on four of the five tries. Army reached the final by beating Brigham Young University 29-20 May 13. Lee and Sexauer both had two tries in the BYU match, while junior 8-man Kayla Orvik scored the other try.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV



Senior Domonick Sylve won the 110-meter hurdles for the second straight year at the IC4A Championships Sunday. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

## Sylve wins second straight IC4A title

By Pamela Flenke  
Army Athletic Communications

In the final meet before the NCAA Championship season, Army Track and Field traveled to the ECAC and IC4A Championships May 13-15 at Princeton University.

The weekend was highlighted by senior Domonick Sylve winning his second straight 110-meter hurdles title and third IC4A belt overall.

The Army men finished seventh of 52 teams with 35 points. Duke won the IC4A team title by totaling 74.5 points.

The Black Knight women placed 40th of 53 teams, earning 6.33 points. Duke won the ECAC team title with 73.75 points.

Sylve qualified for the finals after finishing third of 33 in the preliminaries, crossing the line in 14.05 seconds. The senior topped the finals field of seven by finishing in 13.77 seconds for his third IC4A crown.

The Long Beach, Calif., native won the 2010 110-hurdles championship as well as the 2010 indoor 55-meter hurdles title.

Army's record-holder in the event is bound for the NCAA Regional Championships after recording the seventh-fastest time in the 110 hurdles in the East Region at last weekend's Patriot League Championships.

Seniors Kaci Clark and Alfred McDaniel boasted second-place finishes with marks that rank in the Army record book.

Clark placed second of 16 in

the pole vault with an outdoor academy-record height of 3.76 meters. The second-place finish earned the team captain 6.33 points.

Clark recorded the previous top mark (3.75 meters) at 2011's season-opening meet in Carolina, Puerto Rico.

The Fayetteville, Ga., native finishes her time in the Black and Gold owning Army's top heights in both the indoor and outdoor pole vault.

Competing in the 100-meter dash, McDaniel qualified for the finals by placing third of 37 in 10.62 seconds.

The preliminary time ranks fifth all-time at the academy and is the fastest time by a Black Knight since Ron Davis recorded a 10.56 in 1987. McDaniel went on to finish second in the finals, crossing the line in 10.68.

McDaniel also competed in the long jump, placing fifth of 33 competitors with a distance of 7.11 meters.

Junior Tom Wagner and senior Alexis Torre-Santiago boasted third-place finishes in the high jump and 800-meter run, respectively. Wagner recorded a personal-best height of 2.10 meters, ranking tied for fourth all-time at the academy.

Torre-Santiago qualified for the 800-meter finals after finishing fourth of 26 in the preliminaries, crossing the line in 1:51.08.

In the finals, the senior recorded a personal-best time of 1:49.76, ranking ninth all-time at the academy.

# Baseball sweeps Lafayette, reaches PL final

By Christian Anderson  
Army Athletic Communications

Seniors shortstop Clint Moore and center fielder David Darnell each hit a key home run and Army received excellent starting pitching as the Black Knights swept a doubleheader from Lafayette May 14 at Doubleday Field to win the best-of-three Patriot League Tournament semifinal series and clinch a spot in the 2011 Patriot League Championship Series.

Moore's two-run home run highlighted Army's four-run first inning that helped lift the Black Knights to a 4-2 victory in the opener. Darnell's three-run blast in the sixth inning of the nightcap broke a 1-1 tie and sparked Army's 7-3 triumph.

The series sweep moves the Black Knights (21-24) into the Patriot League Championship Series for the second time in the last three seasons and eighth time overall. It will be Army's sixth appearance in the PLCS since 2000.

Army will face Navy in the Patriot League Championship Series Monday and Tuesday in Annapolis, Md.

"I'm very proud of the way we performed today against a very talented Lafayette team," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "I thought our preparation over the last couple of weeks was very strong, and it showed today. We received quality pitching in both games, our defense made plays and we swung the bats very well. It was probably one of the best doubleheaders that we've put together all season."



Senior center fielder David Darnell had the big knock in Game 2 with a sixth inning three-run homer.



Senior shortstop Clint Moore throws the ball to first baseman Joey Henshaw (#31) to complete a double play. Moore provided a big lift at the plate as well by hitting a two-run home run in the first inning of Game 1 during Army's best-of-three Patriot League Tournament semifinal series sweep of Lafayette May 14.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Juniors catcher J.T. Watkins and right fielder Cody Murtle both went 5-for-9 during the doubleheader to help pace the Black Knights' attack at the plate.

Army outhit Lafayette 27-13 during the two-game sweep.

Junior second baseman Zach Price went 4-for-4 in the opening game as Army pounded out 13 hits in the contest. Senior third baseman Steve May and Watkins each collected two hits apiece in the opener.

Murtle led the charge in the nightcap, going 4-for-5 with an RBI and a run scored. Watkins and Darnell both recorded three hits each, while senior left fielder Ben Koenigsfeld posted a pair of base knocks.

Price doubled to lead off the first inning of the opener, moved to third base on Koenigsfeld's sacrifice bunt and scored on Moore's two-run homer that cleared the fence down the left field line.

Senior first baseman Joey Henshaw and May followed with consecutive singles, and Henshaw scored from second on

Watkins' base hit through the left side of the infield. May, who moved to third on Watkins' hit, scored on freshman designated hitter Brent Peterson's RBI groundout.

Army starter Logan Lee (4-8) made the early run support stand up as the junior lefty allowed just one run on four hits over eight innings of work.

Lafayette (18-30) trimmed the Black Knights' lead to 4-1 in the top of the fourth inning as A.J. Miller walked, advanced to second base on Matt Fenster's single and scored on Bobby Fagnoli's base hit.

Lee faced just two over the minimum over the next four innings as he settled down and got some help from his defense. Army turned double plays behind him in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to keep Lafayette off the scoreboard.

Koenigsfeld allowed one unearned run to score in the ninth inning, but the reliever struck out the final two batters with the tying runs on base to earn his seventh save of the season.

Zach Fritz (3-5) was tagged with the loss in the first game after allowing four runs on 13 hits over eight innings. He struck out three and did not walk a batter during his complete game effort.

Army, the designated road team in the second game, took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning in the nightcap. May was hit by a pitch leading off the inning, advanced to third base on Watkins' base hit and scampered home when Peterson bounced into a double play.

Lafayette knotted the score at 1-1 in the

bottom of the second when Miller walked and scored on Fagnoli's RBI double into the left-center field gap.

The score remained tied until the sixth inning when the Black Knights moved in front 4-1 on Darnell's second home run of the season.

Watkins singled leading off the inning and Murtle hit a one-out single to put two men aboard for Darnell, who smashed a towering three-run shot over the fence in left field. The blast, which gave Army a three-run cushion, chased Lafayette starter Ethan Perro (3-4) from the contest.

Lafayette pushed across single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to pull to within 4-3.

Army tacked on a key insurance run in the top of the eighth inning as Peterson singled, moved all the way to third base on a failed pickoff attempt and scored on Murtle's base hit through a drawn-in infield.

The Black Knights added two more runs in the ninth to account for the final margin. Moore walked, stole second and scored on Henshaw's RBI single. Henshaw was then sacrificed to second base and scored on Watkins' RBI single.

Pitcher Gunnar Carroll worked around a two-out single in the ninth to nail down his second save of the season. The freshman righty struck out three and allowed just one base hit in 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief.

Army starter sophomore Chris Rowley (4-4) yielded just three runs on five hits in 6 1/3 innings to pick up the win. He struck out seven and only allowed two walks during his outing.