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One "Doomsday" propagandist predicted the end of the world for May 21, which turned out to be wrong, but it was the end of the Class of 2011's 47-month journey at West Point. Class of 2011 cadets tossed their hats in the air (above) after First Captain Marc Beaudoin gave the command "class dismissed" at Michie Stadium. The U.S. Military Academy Class of 2011 graduated 1,031, including 16 combat veterans, who became second lieutenants after the commissioning oath from Brig. Gen. William Rapp, the Commandant of Cadets.

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Celebrating "The End"

(Right) Second Lt. Justin Sappington (center), former Army gymnast, celebrates and shares a laugh with fellow graduates about his "Old Grad" T-shirt. See pages 3, 8 and 9 for story and photos from Graduation Week.

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Transition Compensation Program: a fresh start for domestic abuse victims

Commentary by Maj. Karen Sheppard
Staff Judge Advocate

While October is officially Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, the Department of Defense is committed to assisting the victims of such abuse. There are various programs for these individuals to enable them to remove themselves from an abusive environment, especially if their military sponsor is the abuser and is punished for this abuse.

The military remains committed to holding abusers appropriately accountable for their behavior and to ensure that victims of domestic abuse are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy and care.

The focus of this article is the compensation and benefits that eligible victims of domestic abuse may receive, independent of their military sponsor, when that military member has been court-martialed or administratively separated from the military as a result of a dependent-abuse offense, to include sexual assault, or under other specific cases.

Domestic abuse often goes unreported in society at large. In the military, many victims are afraid to report incidents of domestic abuse involving a military Family member for fear that such a report will have negative repercussions on the offender's career and could affect the Family's benefits. This fear can paralyze a victim into suffering in silence.

There are several policies in place that are meant to encourage victims to come forward and report abuse. For example, restricted reporting allows a victim to obtain necessary medical services without requiring them to name an offender or initiate an investigation.

Another tool the military has to assist victims is a congressionally authorized program called the Transitional Compensation Program. This program offers benefits and entitlements to victims of a dependent-abuse offense for 36 months. During this benefit period, beneficiaries are provided temporary

financial compensation and are eligible to receive medical care, including behavioral health services as TRICARE beneficiaries.

Recipients will also have commissary and exchange privileges during this period. Dental care services may be provided in dental facilities on a space available basis. Eligible beneficiaries will be provided with ID cards under their own social security number that allows them to access such benefits. Under a separate program, a spouse or former spouse may also receive a portion of disposable retirement pay if the member is convicted of a dependent-abuse offense after becoming eligible for retirement, and loses the eligibility to receive retired pay as a result of misconduct.

Benefit entitlement starts the date the administrative separation is initiated or the court-martial sentence is adjudicated. Payments are for 36 months. The payments are determined by the Dependency and Indemnity Compensation rate for Families. The current monthly DIC rate is \$1,154 for a spouse and \$286 for each dependent child.

The Family Advocacy Program Manager, Victim Witness Liaison and Installation Victim Advocate will assist eligible Family members in completing the DD Form 2698, Application for TC. Approved cases are forwarded to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service so that TC payments can be initiated. The Family member will receive a government identification card, and all approved recipients are updated in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System. Payments may take up to six weeks from the time the case is approved.

If you have suffered from domestic abuse or sexual assault at the hands of a military sponsor, you have rights and options to help get you out of a bad situation.

For additional information, call Shelley Ariosto, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 938-3369 or go to www.mymilitarysource.com.



Twilight Tattoo

The U.S. Army Drill Team performed with the Twilight Tattoo at Eisenhower Hall May 18 during Graduation Week ceremonies. The Twilight Tattoo showcased Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Regiment to include the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and a soloist from the U.S. Army Chorus from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington.

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“For Freedom We Fight” Class graduates

West Point commissions more than 1,000 officers during Class of 2011 ceremony May 21

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Class of 2011 was one of the largest graduating classes with 1,031 cadets receiving their diplomas and commissions as second lieutenants May 21 at Michie Stadium. The Class of 2011, whose motto is “For Freedom We Fight,” included 39 members earning recognition as honor graduates, which reflect overall excellence in cadet performance in academics, military and physical ability. Sixty-eight cadets are sons or daughters of a West Point graduate, including 2nd Lt. Stewart Huntoon who received his diploma—and a hug—from his father, Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent.

The guest speaker for the West Point graduation, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen, spoke to the cadets with a mix of seriousness, humor and anecdotes of his life at the U.S. Naval Academy.

“Today, you become a commissioned officer in the ranks of the most respected military on the planet, the vast majority of you heading into the Army—the very center of gravity for our force,” Mullen, a U.S. Naval Academy 1968 graduate, said. “It’s an Army tempered by 10 years of combat, an expeditionary force that has literally rewritten just about every rule and every scrap of doctrine it follows to adapt to the reality it now faces.

“It’s an Army—and not a much bigger Army than it was on Sept. 11—that’s now organized around brigade combat teams instead of divisions, that deploys more modular and more flexible capabilities than ever before, that can kill the enemy swiftly and silently one day and then help build a school or dig a well the next.”

According to tradition, the class that graduated 50 years before the current graduating class of any year presents the graduating cadets with their second lieutenant bars.

The Class of 1961 was on hand to present the Class of 2011 members with their bars.

Another tradition is for a family member, friend or other significant person in a cadet’s life, to pin the bars on the newly commissioned second lieutenant.

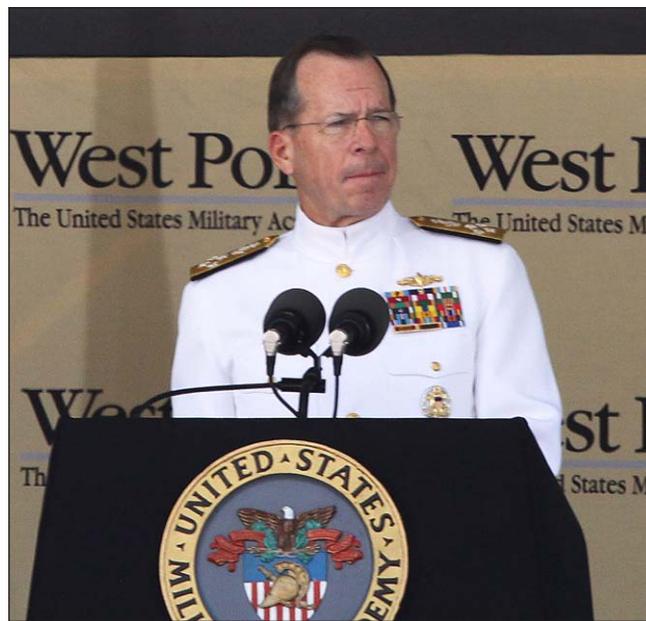
The ceremonies take place at a favorite spot at West Point, such as Trophy Point, after the graduation ceremony when the new officers have changed into their officer uniforms.

The diverse class of 2011 included 10 foreign cadets, 171 women, 51 African-Americans, 86 Asian/Pacific Islanders, 100 Hispanics, 11 Native Americans and 16 combat veterans.

One combat veteran, 2nd Lt. John Schmidt, was a specialist in the Army before entering West Point and is now headed for Ordnance School in Fort Lee, Va.

“I always wanted a military career,” Schmidt said. “I was in maintenance and decided to join the Ordnance branch because it’s basically the same thing.”

Ordnance officers are responsible for the maintenance of a wide range of weapons, vehicles and equipment and ensuring they are in working order at



Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addresses the Class of 2011 during the graduation ceremony May 21 at Michie Stadium.

all times.

“I think the best memories I have (of West Point) are the friends I’ve made here,” he said. “They kept me going. They were very supportive. They were there during good days and bad.”

Schmidt said his Reception Day experience didn’t faze him as much as it seemed to faze those younger and with less experience.

“I came to R-Day straight from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School and spent some time in my room amused at the scared (and confused) looks of the new cadets,” he said. “Just watching some of the faces of the new cadets was often comical. I often wondered if the cadre shouldn’t take a step back.”

One of the recurring themes running through the newly commissioned graduates was the friendships they formed at West Point and how important those friendships are and will be throughout their careers.

“I don’t think (graduating) has really hit me yet,” 2nd Lt. Amy Belaus from Griffin, Ga., said. “They tell me it will later when I’m in the stands. I have 17 people here as my base support.”

Belaus said the different people she has met at West Point and the friends she has were an important part of her experience at West Point.

“I know I’ll have these friends forever and know that I can count on them.”

Belaus said graduate school might be in her future. “I’d like to follow my undergraduate studies in strategic studies,” the former JROTC member said.

Ty Stephens and Jermaine Wright were already friends—since junior high—and hail from Sulphur Springs, Texas. They arrived together at West Point. Stephens had one year of college and Wright went through USMAPS.

“It’s my life goal, going into the military,” Stephens said. “I actually signed up for 11 years. I’ll always remember West Point, it’s like a small community and



The graduating Class of 2011 marches onto the field May 21 at Michie Stadium for the graduation ceremony. More than 1,000 cadets graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The class included 10 foreign cadets who will return to their countries for service. Additionally, one cadet was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and another into the Marine Corps.

you’re close to all of your friends.”

Stephens is headed to Fort Riley, Kan., but more education may be a possibility.

“I would like to go to grad school,” he said. “I enjoy International Relations and maybe I can come back to West Point and teach.”

Wright wasn’t so sure about a career in the military, but Stephens talked him into West Point.

“Stephens got me interested into coming to West Point and I did have a cousin who graduated in 2001,” Wright, the future Signal Corps officer who will be stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., said. “It’s been an amazing experience.”

West Point Soldiers test warrior skills in competition

Spc. Paige Plumlee, West Point Military Police Company, competes this week at IMCOM Best Warrior Competition

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point is not just a military academy; it is also an Army installation and home to more than 1,400 military personnel who are professors, instructors, medical personnel, Soldiers and military police. All take their jobs seriously while seeking ways to improve and challenge themselves.

Two such Soldiers, who recently endured a grueling and exhaustive competition, are Directorate of Emergency Services military police members Spc. Paige Plumlee and Sgt. Kyle Place. They recently competed in the weeklong Warrior Challenge for the Installation Management Command Atlantic Region Soldier of the Year and NCO of the Year, respectively, at Fort Bragg, N.C.

To qualify for entry into the regional competition, they first had to earn the titles of NCO and Soldier of the Year at the West Point competition in late April.

At the home of the 82nd Airborne Division and Special Operations Command, the two West Point competitors participated in four days of physical fitness, military boards in front of seven command sergeants major, written tests and essays and weapons qualifications that tested their prowess as Soldiers under an unforgiving North Carolina sun.

“North Carolina was hot and the days were long,” Place said. “We would start at 6 a.m. and end at 10:30 or 11 p.m. We just were not acclimated to the heat.”

Plumlee was recognized May 6 as the Atlantic Region Soldier of the Year and Place was named NCO runner up and received an Army Achievement Medal. As the Regional Soldier of the Year, Plumlee received the Army Commendation Medal, a gold ring, a \$1,000 savings bond, a \$500 gift card from AAFES, a \$250 mall gift certificate, a 42-inch flat screen television and an iPod Touch.

Plumlee traveled to San Antonio, to compete in the inaugural IMCOM Best Warrior Competition Monday.

“The event began with a layout of all required equipment followed by an ice breaker,” MP Company 1st Sgt. Ramon Cruz, who traveled with the two to Fort Bragg, said. “The following day they began with weapons qualification, where four competitors were lost in that event alone. They completed the next day with a six-mile road march and warrior tasks and drills.”

Plumlee said she does well on tests and essays, but the essay the competitors had to write was a bit of a surprise.

“The competition was just after Osama Bin Laden was killed, so the essay was on that,” she said. “I knew the boards went well, but I was having a bad week. I felt it was the worst I’d ever performed (at the Atlantic

Region competition).”

Place, on the other hand, thought just the opposite.

“I was destroying people—a lot of different people,” he said. “There were Soldiers from artillery and chaplain assistants. I don’t know how I lost. We didn’t get to know our test and essay scores, so I must have lost points there.”

Place said he has a long history of family members who served in the military.

“My father was in the Army, my grandfather was a Navy SEAL and my little brother received an Army Achievement Medal,” he said.

Place has been in the Army for four years and plans to enter the Special Forces.

“All the paperwork is in the works,” he said.

Plumlee, on the other hand, has no real military experience in her family history.

“I came from a liberal, hippy family,” she said. “I was in art school, but really couldn’t afford it, so I quit and joined the Army and it was the right decision. I just didn’t know I would be good at it. I was never into physical fitness.”

Plumlee has been in the Army for three years and is interested in going to Airborne School. She also wants to train for the all-volunteer Female Engagement Teams, a new Army effort that began with the Marines, to train women to talk to Afghan women. This is something males are prohibited from doing.

“I’m interested in any training the Army has to offer,” she said. “I’m an adrenaline junkie.”

Plumlee said the support coming from their unit was extraordinary.

“The company was 100 percent behind us and NCOs would take time out of their day to help me on boards or weapons. They helped me (stay focused).”

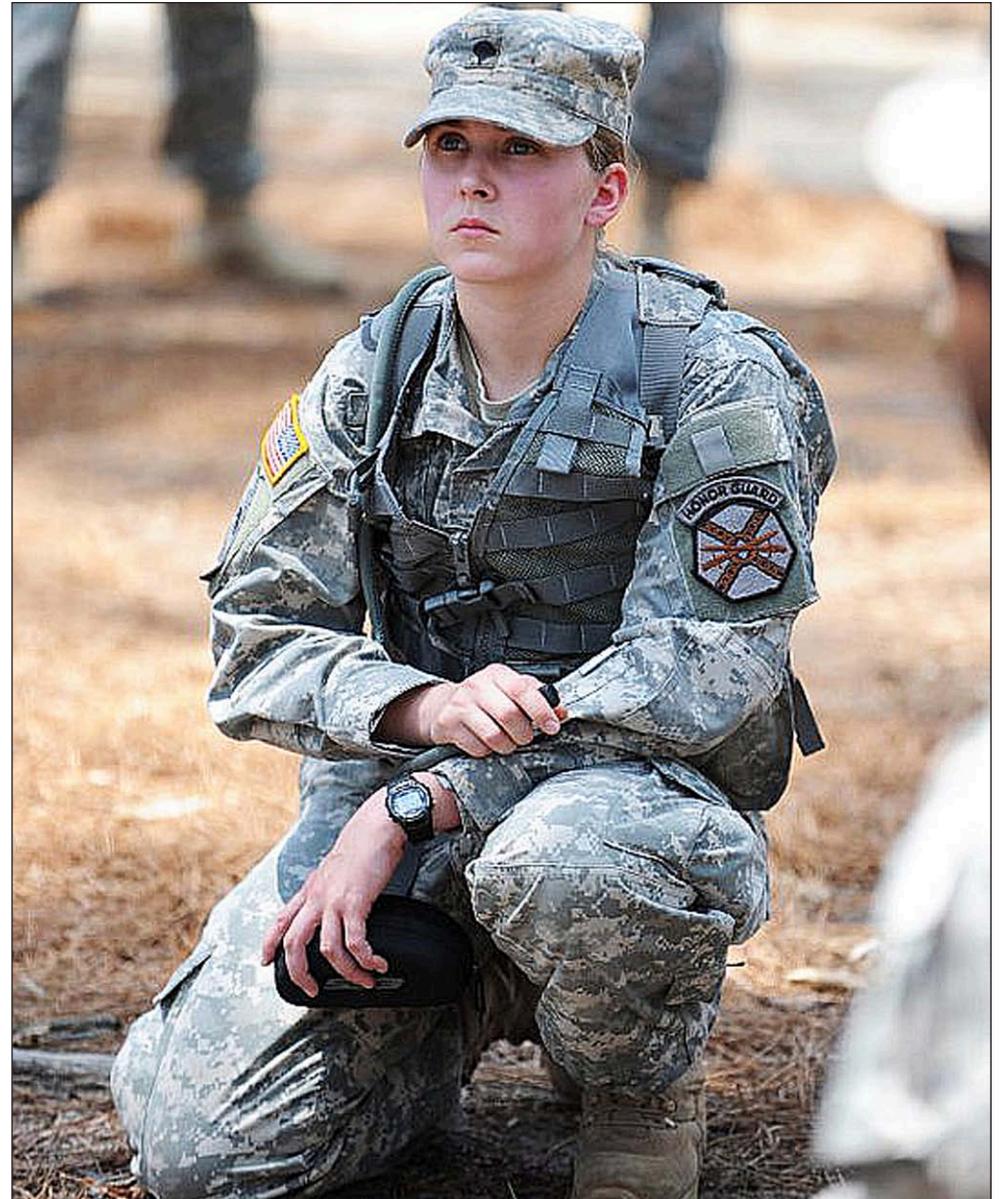
The competition is something both Place and Plumlee would recommend to all Soldiers.

“It gets your name out there,” Place said. “And you can get actual promotion points.”

“I would recommend it to other enlisted Soldiers,” Plumlee added. “It was a lot of fun. Any awards you receive help with promotions too.”

Following Best Warrior

The IMCOM Best Warrior Competition ends Friday with the winners being named NCO and Soldier of the Year for the command-level event. Follow the event at www.imcom.army.mil/hq/about/top_warriors/. Winners will compete at the Army Best Warrior Competition later this year at Fort Lee, Va.



Spc. Paige Plumlee, a military policeman assigned to U.S. Army Garrison-West Point and the IMCOM Northeast and Southeast Regions’ Best Warrior Soldier of the Year, takes a knee during a land navigation exercise at Fort Bragg, N.C.

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Cadets from 2nd Regiment's newly-activated Company I unfurl the guidon for the first time during a ceremony May 20. TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

Corps of Cadets activate Co. I



(Left) Third Regiment conducts an activation ceremony for Company I, simultaneously with the other three regiments within the Corps of Cadets. The expansion to 36 companies increases cadet to TAC Team interaction by making a 10 percent decrease in cadets in each company.

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Building a new stairway to heaven

Though not your typical ribbon cutting, Class of 2011 members (from left to right) 2nd Lts. Marc Orozco, Philip Neumann (cutting), Luke Rennbaum and James Vidal cut rebar prior to the opening of the new stairs behind the Cadet Chapel May 19. The cadets built the stairs as their independent civil engineering project with the help of the Directorate of Public Works and Blakely Concrete, who donated prefab stairs to the project.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Do bound for Harvard after West Point

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Newly-commissioned 2nd Lt. Woo Song Do has left the Class of 2011 to join the Class of 2015 at Harvard Medical School.

After completing his 47-month journey through West Point, Do, a Medical Corps officer, looks forward to a career in military medicine after continuing his education at Harvard.

“I always envisioned schooling as my duty and obligation,” Do said. “I think the greatest impact I can have is by going through school now, getting my degree and building up that base of legitimacy and competency so that very soon I can go on and make peoples’ lives better. I think the Army is hard-pressed in finding doctors to fill the ranks, so I’d like to get there as soon as possible.”

Do’s West Point story began in typical academy fashion at Beast—West Point’s version of basic training which transforms civilians into cadets. In the summer of 2007, Cadet Woo Song Do was just another shaved head among the more than a thousand entering the new Class of 2011. He had just enjoyed a successful senior year at Mariner High School in Everett, Wash. A wrestling team captain who qualified twice for state championships, a student body president with a perfect GPA and homecoming king, Do was ready to shed those titles for that of “new cadet.”

“I think it was important to strip away all those titles from the outside and just shape our identities here as West Pointers,” Do said. “I liked getting to know my classmates during Beast Barracks, not because they were student body presidents or valedictorians, but because they were my Beast roommates. SAT scores didn’t matter anymore; but how we looked

after each other in the day-to-day tasks was all that mattered. I thought this reduction to the very essentials of being successful was very fruitful and rewarding.”

After a rigorous summer of basic soldiering skills and physical conditioning, new cadets move from the field to the classroom where they learn to balance the demands of academia. They are also introduced to the spectrum of cadet activities on what is known as Club Night, where cadets recruit and select new members for their clubs and teams. Among the general chaos attributed to this scene, Do honed in on the Model UN Team.

“I would say the Model UN Team was the defining experience for me at West Point,” Do said. “If you think about opportunities to travel—not just domestically within the U.S. but abroad as well—and talk to colleagues from the Netherlands, Venezuela, parts of Africa and Asia, not just to debate them, but build relationships with them. It was a pretty remarkable experience. Not only that, but it helped shape the way I view the world. It gave me a large amount of respect for international norms and international collaboration as a whole.”

He originally chose to attend West Point for the leadership opportunities it provided, and Do certainly capitalized on that.

“The idea that West Point shapes and molds leaders not just to lead in America’s Army, but lead America in general—I think that’s absolutely necessary,” Do said. “So I thought that aspect of building myself into a better leader was something that really appealed to me.”

During his time at the academy, he coached intramural wrestling, was president of Gamma Sigma Epsilon (West Point’s National Chemistry Honor Society) and vice



As a West Point cadet, Do and fellow members of the National Chemistry Honor Society spent a lot of time in schools across the state to show students how science could be interesting.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

president for the American Chemical Society Club, as well as president of the Model UN Team. Do also contributed on a research project to develop RNA-based therapeutics for wounded veterans facing issues associated with amputation.

Do chose to major in both Life Science and Psychology. All cadets must take a mandatory introductory psychology course, but Do was drawn to the subject.

“I really, really enjoyed the subject matter, the department and the instructors in it,” Do said. “And so I decided to major in psychology as well because I had a little space in my schedule. And I’m really glad I did, because those were the classes I looked forward to going to every single day.”

One of his instructors, Dr. Lisa Korenman, would become his academic advisor.

“His accomplishments in my introductory psychology class earned him the Colonel Beach Award, given to the top performing cadet in the course,” Korenman said. “To date, no other cadet has achieved as high a grade (a 104 average) in the course, verification of his unique talent in academics.”

Rather than looking at community service as an obligation, Do saw it as a privilege. He traveled often with teams of cadets to judge science fairs and provide scientific demonstrations at schools across the state.

“You have to understand the day-to-day academics can become very much of a grind,” Do said. “And so, these are outlets to do something I find very meaningful, rewarding and substantiating. I felt invigorated to be

able to impart knowledge to children who may not have had a very positive view of science coming in, but by providing these demonstrations to them, they learn to love it. Then their excitement for it further fuels our own excitement. So I can hardly say it was those kids who gained the most out of it. I’d say a lot of us who judged, taught and coached gained just as much, if not more.”

Prior to graduation, Do received the Richard M. Mason Memorial Award at a ceremony May 17 at Keller Army Community Hospital. The Mason Award is awarded annually to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average who is entering medical school.

“I find Woo’s graduation both celebratory but bittersweet as well,” Korenman said. “I will miss having him around. His energy, passion, dedication and intellect I am quite sure will never be seen again. I take comfort in knowing that he is going on to pursue his dream of becoming a doctor and the world will be all the better for it.”

West Point is not an easy journey, Do said, and it’s the bonds forged among classmates which makes the path manageable.

“I’m going to remember most of all the friends I made and the people who helped me along the way,” Do said. “The relationships I built here as a cadet—that support system—was absolutely crucial to my success, and I owe it to them.”

Visit www.pointerview.com for an extended version of this story and additional Q&A features with other grads.



Second Lt. Woo Song Do receives his diploma from Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, during the Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony May 21.

ERIC BARTELT/PV



(Above and below) After nearly a week of rain, the clouds parted and sun shined down on the Plain for the Class of 2011 Graduation Parade on May 20. As tradition, after the march onto the Plain the graduating class broke from the Corps of Cadets and rendered honors to the rising class of firsties who will assume new leadership duties for the Corps. Rain forced cancellation of the Alumni Review and Superintendent's Awards Review earlier in the week, but as the bleachers filled with family, friends and guests, the sounds of the U.S. Military Academy Band echoed across the parade field to let everyone know the Class of 2011 would be sent off in style. As each company performed a pass in review, the names of the new cadet commanders were announced so that even as the graduating class prepares to leave West Point, the rising classes are ready to assume new responsibilities and duties.



The newly-commissioned second lieutenants of the Class of 2011 bow their heads for the benediction.



It was a scene of jubilation at Michie Stadium at the conclusion of the Class of 2011 Graduation Ceremony on Saturday. Thousands poured onto the field to congratulate the newly-commissioned officers.

Class of 2011



First lady Michelle Obama addressed the Class of 2011 and their guests during the Graduation Banquet.



Col. Grant Jacoby administers the oath of office to 2nd Lt. Peter Edward Hudelson, a newly-commissioned Infantry officer, at the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department. His family was invited to pin the rank on his shoulder boards and beret.

- ▶ This year, 39 members of the class earned recognition as Honor Graduates. This award reflects overall excellence in cadet performance—academic, military, and physical.
- ▶ There are 55 Superintendent's Award for Excellence recipients (cadets who are in the top five percent of the class based on the Cadet Award Score, a year performance score in each of the academic, military and physical programs). There are 159 Superintendent's Award for Achievement recipients (the following 15 percent of the class based on CAS) and 150 Gold Star recipients (cadets who achieved an Academic Grade Point Average of 3.67 or higher).
- ▶ 10 percent of the honor graduates are women, 14 percent of women are Gold Star recipients, 16 percent have earned the Superintendent's Award for Excellence and 13 percent are Superintendent's Award for Achievement recipients.
- ▶ This is West Point's 213th graduating class and the 32nd class to graduate women. (There were no classes that graduated in 1810 or 1816 and there were two graduating classes each in 1861, 1917, 1918, 1922, and 1943.)
- ▶ This year's graduating class has 477 (44 percent) graduates that have committed to additional service obligations and thereby gained significant control over key aspects of their careers.

Plebes no more: Ceremony recognizes Class of 2014 cadets as rising yearlings



The 4th Class Recognition Ceremony on May 20 allowed the upperclass cadets an opportunity to shake hands with the Class of 2014 and wish them luck as rising yearlings.

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The week was deservedly focused on the Class of 2011 and the more than 1,000 newly-commissioned second lieutenants. Yet, amidst all the Graduation Week activity was a short but memorable ceremony for the Class of 2014.

Following morning formation May 20, the Class of 2014 formed a line in each company and upperclass cadets approached them with their hands extended, introducing themselves by their first names—a rarity between the first and fourth class cadets. Handshakes and words of congratulations and encouragement were exchanged briefly before moving on to the day's other events.

The next day, before the senior cadets became officers, the other three classes held promotion ceremonies as they advanced to higher levels of responsibility and duty in the Corps of Cadets.

No longer plebes, the proper designation for these Class of 2014 cadets is now "rising yearlings," as they prepare to engage in Cadet Field Training this summer.

After completing the training at Camp Buckner, they will officially become yearlings, with the rank of corporal.

Some spent part of their weekend working at the graduation ceremony or filling out a cheering section in the upper decks to get a glimpse at what the end of the 47-month West Point journey

looks like.

Class of 2014 Cadet Christopher Farao, Co. G-4, said the academic year is so hectic there isn't much time to reflect that far ahead.

"This kind of just wakes you up and tells you that you've made it one step closer," Farao said. "It also reminds you why you came here."

For Class of 2014 Cadets Anthony Stephens and Jay Tully from Co. E-4, seeing fellow members of the Army Football Team graduate was worth spending the day on usher duty.

"After seeing them getting through practices just like us and now seeing them become commissioned officers, it's a big step for them," Tully said.

After surviving his first year at West Point, Farao said what was most rewarding was realizing how cadets can manage stress and an overwhelming workload.

"It was a little rough," Farao said. "Challenging, but worth it."

Stephens attended the U.S. Army Military Academy Preparatory School before arriving to West Point, so he felt a little more prepared for his plebe year.

Now he's ready to take on a larger leadership role and develop some skills at CFT.

"I'd like to sharpen some of my skills from the military training we'll be receiving," Stephens said. "It'll be a little more specialized than what we got last year (at Cadet Basic Training). At Beast they tell you exactly what to do all the time. I feel like this summer we'll be able to make real decisions during the training."

Ressler honored with three branch awards

Submitted by the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department

At an annual awards ceremony to honor departing staff and faculty, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department Head Col. Eugene Ressler typically presents the awards, but this year was different. At the end of the award ceremony May 12, Ressler was surprised with the Military Intelligence Corps Association's Thomas Knowlton Award, the Signal Corps Regimental Association's Order of Mercury and the Army Engineer Association's de Fleury Medal.

Branch awards are rarely given to Soldiers outside their basic branch, but Ressler, an Engineer officer and academy professor, made such significant contributions to the intelligence and communications disciplines, in addition to the Army engineering community, that he was afforded this rare honor.

Col. Kevin Huggins, in presenting the Knowlton Award, likened

Ressler's cyber security initiatives to Wayne Gretzky, who famously "skated to where the puck is going to be."

"Due to Col. Ressler's initiatives, the Army has the cyber warriors it needs, because for more than 10 years West Point has been producing them," Huggins said.

The Order of Mercury was awarded by Col. Bryan Goda for Ressler's mentorship and development of more than 120 company and field grade Signal Regiment officers over the past decade and for his contributions to Signal Corps transformation efforts.

The de Fleury medal was presented by Col. Thomas Cook on behalf of the Army Engineer Association for Ressler's more than 20 years of service as an engineer, his work as EECS head and his engineering outreach efforts including the West Point Bridge Design Contest.

The awards were a collaborative effort among numerous West Point faculty and staff members to recognize Ressler for his longstanding and selfless service.



Col. Eugene Ressler

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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.

West Point Golf Course Spring events

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

The scramble is limited to the first 30 teams.

- 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.

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

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 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 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.

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.

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

FMWR Memorial Day closures

The FMWR Fitness Center, Sports Office, Post Library and Leisure Travel Services are all closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

The Arts & Crafts Shop and the West Point Auto Shop are closed Tuesday in observance of Memorial Day.

Wee Ones Play Group

New summer hours for the Wee Ones Play Group are 10:15-11:30 a.m. June 6-Aug. 29. Wee Ones is open to parents with children 4 years old and younger.

The play group is held at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

Delafield Pond and Round Pond open for the season

The Delafield Pond and Round Pond swim areas will open June 10 for the summer season.

Swim punch cards can be purchased at the FMWR Fitness Center, Delafield Pond and Round Pond starting June 10.

For hours of operation, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-5158/8623.

Family Spaghetti Night

Enjoy an all you can eat spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. June 16 at the West Point Club.

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

Children 5 years old and younger eat free.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Flag Day 5K

The Flag Day 5K race kicks off at 8:15 a.m. June 18. Pre-register at the FMWR Fitness Center the week before or the day of the race at the start line.

This race will start and end at the Commissary. Awards will be given for the most patriotic attire for adult and child.

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

For more information, call 938-6490.

Father's Day Brunch

A Father's Day Brunch takes place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19 in the Pierce Dining Room at the West Point Club.

This will be a summer brunch with a barbecue flair.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Post Library Summer Reading Program

A Midsummer Knight's Read will be held June 20 through July 29 at the Post Library.

The reading program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-13.

Registration runs June 6-17.

For more information, call 938-2974.

What's Happening

Memorial Day speakers needed

The Speakers Bureau currently needs four speakers for local Memorial Day presentations Monday.

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.

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, shaving razors and cream are welcome.

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

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 twc8454465920@earthlink.net.

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.

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 or VBS Registrar, Cathy Kilner, at cathy.kilner@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.

IETD Training Program

The Information Education and Technology Division is offering a free computer classes program that include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, "What's on my Computer" and a typing skills lab from Wednesday through July 29 in Room 414, fourth floor, Jefferson Hall.

Courses are open to cadets and computer users from any USMA activity.

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

Lowe's and PepsiCo to honor Armed Forces with Summer Salute program and military discount

Hendrick Motorsports and PepsiCo drivers Jimmie Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. will run special promotions, including Summer Salute paint schemes, through a campaign thanking Soldiers who put their lives on the line for America.

To recognize the U.S. Armed Forces, Lowe's will provide a military discount on Memorial Day weekend. All active, reserve, retired and honorably discharged U.S. military personnel, VA benefits recipients and their immediate Family members will receive a 10 percent discount on certain in-store U.S. purchases made during the Memorial Day holiday.

The discount is available May 26-30.

For more information about Lowe's Summer Salute campaign, visit www.lowesracing.com.

Most Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart car wash fundraiser event

The Teen Fellowship of Most Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart Church will be holding a car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday in the parking lot of Sacred Heart Church.

The teens will also be selling hot dogs and cold drinks.

All proceeds will support this summer's pilgrimage to Spain.

West Point Schools Back-to-School supply kits

The West Point Schools Back-to-School supply kits will save time, making back-to-school less hectic and more enjoyable for both students and parents. No more jumping

from store to store searching for that one last thing on the list.

The program offers a service to the students and their parents. All supplies are purchased through AAFES Exchange—which means many marked down prices and no sales tax added.

Order forms can be picked up from the schools' administration offices or downloaded from the websites.

Return order forms and payment to WP Schools before Wednesday.

Celebrate RiverFest

The 14th annual Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest at Donahue Park in Cornwall-on-Hudson is noon-6 p.m. June 4.

Included in the RiverFest festivities is the annual coloring contest. Entry forms have been distributed to all the elementary schools in Cornwall and can be downloaded from the website at www.river-fest.com.

The deadline for submission is today. Drop off is at the Cornwall-on-Hudson Village Hall. Entries will be judged by members of the RiverFest committee and all entries will be displayed at RiverFest. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate.

Raffle tickets for the Wilderness System's Pungo 120 kayak are available at the Cornwall Yarn Shop on Main Street in Cornwall and at Storm King Adventures Tours on Hudson Street in Cornwall-on-Hudson.

Stewart State Forest 12th annual bike tour

The Stewart State Park and Reserve Coalition sponsored biking event will be held from 9-10 a.m. June 5 at Stewart State Forest, Weed Road, off Route 207 west of Stewart Airport.

A mountain or a hybrid bike, helmet and registration form will be needed to participate.

The trails are marked for all skill levels and it's a chance to enjoy the fields and forests of this 7,000 acre off-road experience, a lunch with local foods and beverages, mini-nature tours and a complimentary tune-up for your bike.

For more information or to register, log on to www.stewartstateforestbiketour.com.

For more information, call Sandra Kissam at 564-3018.

Garrison Awards ceremony

The West Point community is invited to attend the Garrison Awards ceremony at 3:30 p.m. June 23 at Crest Hall in Eisenhower Hall.



The winner of the 2011 West Point FMWR Poker Tournament held May 7 at the West Point Club was John Dovork (seated), Department of English and Philosophy, who won the top prize of a \$500 gift card and a spot in the worldwide FMWR Poker Tournament. His opponents at the final table were Bryan Goda (second place), John Shannon (third place), Richard Caudell (fourth), Bret Reichert (fifth), Joseph Snel (sixth), Matthew Drummond (seventh), Alex Petty (eighth), Jason Stallings (ninth) and Sam Yoo (10th). From left are Reichert, Caudell, Shannon and Goda with Dovork.

COURTESY PHOTO

FMWR Poker Champion

BBC Foundation awards scholarships to residents

Submitted by Balfour Beatty Communities

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation recently announced that three students from West Point were awarded scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year.

Those students are Patricia Suchan, Lorelyn Kilby and Marshall Robert.

“We are extremely proud of Patricia, Lorelyn and Marshall,” Randy Tucker, community manager for Balfour Beatty Communities, said. “And so pleased that three residents from our community were chosen and that we played a small part in helping them reach their educational goal.”

Suchan, Kilby and Robert were among 23 students awarded scholarships from all those who applied from the 43 installations that Balfour Beatty Communities serves.

The Foundation noted that it was their exceptional

credentials and well written essay which led the Foundation’s Board to select them as deserving recipients for the upcoming academic year.

One of the goals of the Foundation is to provide financial support to the children of military Families who reside in one of BBC’s communities in the form of scholarships that promote the pursuit of education on an annual basis.

The other goals of this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization include the establishment of places for communal gathering and reflection on the unselfish contributions military members make for Americans and the nation and assistance for returning servicemembers requiring specially-adapted homes or services.

More information about Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation and the requirements to apply, including deadlines, can be found at www.bbcommunitiesfoundation.org.

Keller Corner

KACH clinic closures

Keller Army Community Hospital will be closed Monday for Memorial Day and Wednesday for a mass casualty exercise.

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

School and Sports Physicals

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

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.

Main lobby and reception desk area renovation

Keller Army Community Hospital will undergo a main lobby and reception desk renovation project beginning June 3. This project is expected to continue until Oct. 31.

The construction will take place after clinic hours and not interfere with patient traffic and activity. There will be visible signs posted in the area. Please excuse this inconvenience while we better the hospital for your future care.

Childbirth preparation

A new four-week series for childbirth preparation takes place from 6-8 p.m. every Tuesday in June at the KACH 2nd Floor Classroom. Classes are now held each month.

Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

NOW SHOWING

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

Saturday—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.

Command Channel 8/23

May 26-June 2

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through June 2

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

Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Father-Look-Alike contest:** Are you and your son or daughter mirror images? Do you have the same strong chin, the same blue eyes or wavy hair?

To enter the Father-Look-Alike contest, drop off entries at 132 Bartlett Loop or email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by June 16. All pictures will be displayed and entered into a contest. Prizes will be awarded.

SHARP

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.

Support or More Information

- DoD SafeHelpline: 877-995-5247;
- www.safehelpline.org.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2 Difficulty: Medium

Boltus, Anthony honored with AAA Award

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

All-America lacrosse star Jeremy Boltus and standout women's basketball player Erin Anthony were honored with Army's highest athletic honors May 20 when they were presented with the Army Athletic Association Award at the Awards Convocation at Eisenhower Hall.

The prestigious Army Athletic Association Trophy is awarded annually to the male and female cadets who display the "most valuable service to intercollegiate athletics during a career as a cadet."

Boltus, a three-time all-league selection and 2011 Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year, was the male winner, while Anthony, a four-time league all-star and two-time first team Academic All-American, was presented with the female award.

This year marks the 107th anniversary of the award that was first presented to football player Horatio Hackett in 1904.

Boltus is the fifth lacrosse player to win the award and first since George Slabowski in 1984. Anthony is the 10th women's basketball player and first since Katie Macfarlane in 2004.

A Systems Engineering major from Baldwinsville, N.Y., Boltus is well-documented as one of the best attackmen in Army's storied 94-year history. Recently named one of five national finalists for the Tewaaron Trophy Award, presented to the top college lacrosse player, Boltus finished his career ranked second on Army's career points (214) and assists (124) lists. He is one of four players to reach 200 points, three players to reach 100 assists and two players to be named a Tewaaron Trophy Award finalist.



Second Lt. Jeremy Boltus, who was named the male Army Athletic Association Trophy winner, receives a coin from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen May 21 at Michie Stadium.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

During his four years, Boltus totaled 11 hat tricks and was part of the only class in Army history to beat Navy four times.

Boltus registered at least three points in all but one game, led the nation in assists (3.07 per game) and tied the academy's single-season assist record (45). His 69 points on the year tied for second on Army's single-season ledger, while 4.67 points per game currently rank third nationally.

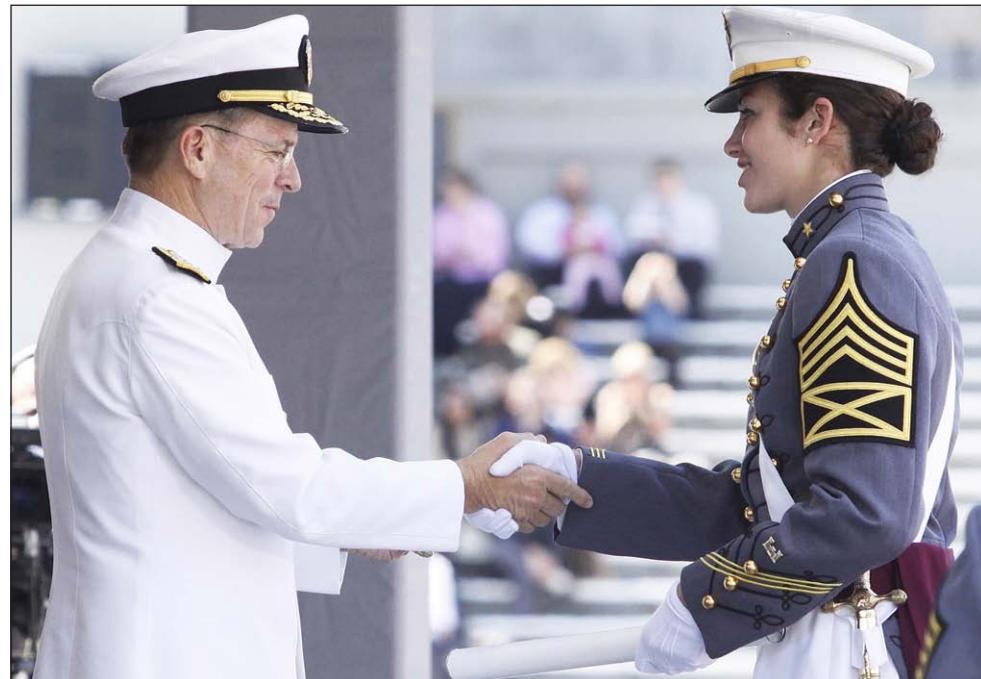
Following a junior season during which he led Army in scoring, lifted the Black Knights to their first Patriot League title since 2005 and assisted on the double-overtime game winner against No. 2 Syracuse in the 2010 NCAA Tournament, Boltus garnered honorable mention All-America honors by Inside Lacrosse.

One of three Army players drafted to play for Major League Lacrosse, Boltus made his professional debut last week and started for the Hamilton Nationals. Boltus is set to enter the Field Artillery branch of the U.S. Army.

Similar to Boltus, Anthony will go down as one of the most decorated women's basketball players in recent memory. An impact player both on and off the court over all four seasons at West Point, Anthony is a two-time first team Academic All-American, three-time Patriot League Scholar-Athlete of the Year, four-time All-Patriot League performer and was one of 10 national Lowe's Senior CLASS Award finalists.

Anthony was the only player in the league to average a double-double during both her junior and senior seasons. During her stay at West Point, she led Army in rebounding during all four years and scoring twice. She led the Patriot League in rebounding three times and scoring twice.

A native of Allentown, Pa., Anthony



Second Lt. Erin Anthony, who was named the female Army Athletic Association Trophy winner, receives her diploma from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen May 21 at Michie Stadium.

led the conference in scoring (14.4 ppg), rebounding (10.9 rpg) and blocked shots (3.0 bpg) as a senior.

Anthony broke Army's career blocked shots record (222) in her final season. The previous career mark, held by Army Hall of Famer Pam Pearson, had stood since 1984-85. Anthony finished her career ranked second on Army's all-time rebounding list (1,036) and fourth in scoring (1,429).

She is one of just two players in women's basketball history to eclipse the 1,000-point and 1,000-rebound markers, joining Macfarlane, who remains the career leader in scoring and rebounding.

A Civil Engineering major and two-year team captain, Anthony will go down as one of the most well-rounded players to ever don a Black Knight uniform. Her performance inside the classroom shined and resulted in a 21st final ranking in a graduating class of 1,031 cadets and a final grade-point

average of 3.82.

Anthony was a Rhodes Scholarship and National Science Foundation Fellowship finalist and recently won the Society of American Military Engineers David M. Fraser Award for Engineering Excellence and Leadership during the U.S. Military Academy Engineer's Dinner in late March.



Champion's embrace

Second Lt. Domanick Sylve, the four-time 110-meter hurdles Patriot League champion, hugs 2nd Regiment Executive Officer Maj. Jana Fajardo after receiving his diploma May 21 at Michie Stadium. Sylve is going to compete at the NCAA Regionals today through Saturday in Bloomington, Ind.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Baseball comes up short on NCAA dreams



Senior left fielder/pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld tried his hardest to help Army clinch a spot into the NCAA Tournament. Koenigsfeld went 3-for-5 with a single and two doubles and also pitched 1 2/3 innings of scoreless relief in a 5-3 loss to Navy Tuesday in Game 3 of the Patriot League final best-of-three series. Army lost the first game 4-3, won the second game 6-3 and then came up short in Game 3.

ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Jeff Bland went 2-for-4 and scored a run during Navy's three-run sixth inning as the Midshipmen overcame an early 3-0 deficit to defeat Army, 5-3, in the third and deciding game of the Patriot League Championship Series Tuesday at Max Bishop Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Top-seeded Navy (33-23-1) wins its first Patriot League title since 2002 and advances to the NCAA Regionals. Second-seeded Army, meanwhile, sees its 2011 campaign come to an end with a 22-26 record.

"I thought it was a well-played ballgame," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "I didn't think we came up with the key hits when we needed them, and that prevented us from extending our early lead. We didn't play as well defensively as we're capable of and that hurt us today as well. I don't take anything away from Navy, though. They played hard, remained patient and came away with some runs late in the game.

"I'm proud of our club. I thought we battled hard today," Sottolano added. "Obviously, we came up a little bit shy of where we wanted to be, but I don't have any regrets about how we went about our business."

Senior left fielder/pitcher Ben Koenigsfeld went 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles to pace Army at the plate. Junior catcher J.T. Watkins and freshman designated hitter Brent Peterson each collected two hits apiece for the Black Knights, who outhit the Midshipmen 11-7 in the contest.

Army took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second inning as the Black Knights scored a pair of runs on three hits. With one out, senior third baseman Steve May singled sharply up the middle to give Army its first base runner. May then advanced to second base on Watkins' ground out and scored on Peterson's RBI single to center field. Peterson, who moved to second base on the play, scored on

junior right fielder Cody Murtle's RBI double, which was laced down the left field line.

Army extended its lead to 3-0 in the top of the third inning as Koenigsfeld and senior shortstop Clint Moore hit back-to-back doubles to deep center field.

Navy began its comeback in the bottom of the third inning as the Midshipmen loaded the bases with no outs and scored a run on Alex Azor's double play groundball. Army starter freshman Nick Dignacco struck out Dave Milanes looking to end the threat and strand a runner on third base.

Navy rallied to take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning as the Midshipmen scored three runs on two hits and one Army error.

Navy tacked on an insurance run in the bottom of the seventh as Dylan Wheeler was hit by a pitch and scored all the way from first base when Azor lofted a double down the right field line.

Dignacco gave up just one unearned run on four hits in 4 1/3 innings of work. He struck out three and only allowed one walk. Freshman pitcher Gunnar Carroll (3-2) was saddled with the loss after yielding four runs (three earned) on three hits in two innings. Koenigsfeld tossed 1 2/3 innings of perfect relief.

Preston Gainey (2-0) earned the victory for Navy after pitching three innings of scoreless relief. Rinehart, who pitched the Midshipmen out of trouble in the final two frames, picked up his sixth save of the season. The Navy closer allowed just one hit and struck out three.

It marked the final game for David Darnell, Henshaw, Koenigsfeld, May, Moore and Shaun Wixted, who are now second lieutenants and will begin their Army careers immediately. The heralded group helped Army pile up an astounding 111 wins, three Patriot League regular-season titles and one conference tournament championship during the past four years.

Army Golf finishes 13th at NCAA Tucson Regional

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Freshman Anthony Kim shot a one-under-par 70, junior Ethan Johnson fired a one-over-par 72 and junior William Park finished in the top-35 as the Army golf team concluded play May 21 at the NCAA Tucson Regional at Omni Tucson National in Tucson, Ariz.

Despite challenging pin locations on the final day of the 54-hole tournament, Kim was under-par and Johnson was right there as the tournament concluded under sunny skies.

Army finished in 13th place in the 14-team regional with a 54-hole total of 882 after shooting a 290 for the second consecutive day

on the par-71, 7,199-yard layout.

"We are very pleased," first-year Army head coach Brian Watts said. "We played some solid golf. I saw us play some difficult holes very well and it was a solid day of golf. The breaks in the greens here are subtle and we missed more putts than the guys would have liked, but we are pleased."

San Diego State won the 14-team regional with an 833 and will advance to the NCAA Division I Championships at Karsten Creek in Stillwater, Okla., Sunday through June 5. Texas A&M was second (840) followed by California (843).

Arizona and Pepperdine claimed the final two spots in the NCAA Championships

with 844 team scores, one stroke in front of Washington.

Matt Hansen of UC Davis won the individual championship with a 204 followed by Alex Moore of Oregon State who was two strokes back.

Park was the highest placing Black Knight, finishing tied for 34th after a 73 put him at a four-over-par 216 for the championship. Kim placed tied for 55th after shooting the lone Army round under par and a 221 for the weekend.

Senior Matt Krembel shot a 75 and finished tied for 67th with sophomore Matt Philie at 225. Johnson was tied for 71st with a 231.

Army ends its season after winning its 10th Patriot League Championship and making its 24th NCAA appearance.

"This is part of the building process," Watts said. "We preached early in the season that our goal was to make it to the NAAs. We didn't have a great year, but we were able to win the Patriot League and make it to NAAs—so we are very proud of the guys.

"In order to get better, you need to compete in events like this and elevate your game," he added. "Hopefully now when the guys have a little time in the summer, they will elevate their games and work on the things we have been preaching and come ready to play in the fall."