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“Win”ter Wonderland

Army junior linebacker Nate Combs returned a Fordham fumble 52 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter Oct. 29 at Michie Stadium. Despite the record-setting autumn nor'easter snowstorm, Army rushed for 514 yards, piled up 27 first downs and shut out the Rams for a 55-0 victory for its third home win of the season. Sophomore running back Raymond Maples ran for a career-high 159 yards on just 10 carries to pace the Army offense, while freshman running back Larry Dixon picked up 85 yards and a score on 10 rushes. See page 2 for a story on the West Point community pulling together to help people who were stranded at West Point after the football game.

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Community lends helping hand during unprecedented October snowstorm

West Point Public Affairs Office Reports

A record-setting autumn nor'easter hit West Point and the surrounding area with a vengeance Oct. 29 and Sunday. The storm dumped anywhere from six to 12 inches of snow throughout the area while leaving 87,000 residents without power in Sullivan, Ulster and Orange counties by Sunday.

Through the distress of the unusual weather event, a cooperative effort by West Point agencies provided shelter for more than 100 people stranded by the weekend snowstorm.

Dealing with a myriad of problems caused by the storm before and during the Army/Fordham football game, the post Emergency Operations Center turned its focus to a power outage at Stony Lonesome I Housing. Plans were made to open a warming center at the Holleder Center.

"Throughout the game, we carefully monitored the ability of our spectators to depart the installation. Continuous plowing and sanding guaranteed freedom of movement on post, but there were no guarantees for Routes 9W and 293," Garrison Commander Col. Mike Tarsa said. "Many left West Point only to become stranded on 293. At about 7 p.m., I was confronted with a continued power outage at Stony (Housing) and deteriorating road conditions when I gave the order to establish a warming center at the Holleder Center."

The warming center was open by 8:15 p.m. Oct. 29. Amy Rodick, Christina Overstreet and Monica Orecchio of Army Community Service worked along with Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics personnel to run the shelter, while U.S. Corps of Cadets operations officer Lt. Col. John Nawoichyk and USCC Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett involved cadets in providing cots and bedding for those stranded by the storm.

The situation became more serious about 9 p.m. with word from the Orange County Emergency Operations Center that roads in all directions around West Point, including Routes 17, 32, 218, 6 and 9W, were closed or subject to closure.

A traffic snarl had been created on Route 293, where drivers could not go forward or back. Orange County requested West Point support in plowing the road, bringing the people stuck there back to the academy and sheltering them.

Tarsa made the decision and Directorate of Public Works snow control officer Bob Fredrick led two plows and a road grader out Stony Lonesome Gate, up 9W to 293, plowing all the way. They reached the stranded motorists beginning around Camp Natural Bridge, turned around and began to plow their way back to West Point. The Directorate of Emergency Services fire and police units stood ready to help.



A total of 108 stranded travelers, including 40 Boy Scouts, spent the night at the Holleder Center Oct. 29 into Sunday. This group slept on the Christl Arena floor while others bunked in the ticket and concourse areas.

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A total of 108 people, including 40 Boy Scouts, spent the night of Oct. 29 at the Holleder Center. The group ate MRE's and fresh fruit provided by the Cadet Mess Hall, wore dry socks that were provided by the Directorate of Logistics, drank water donated by the Cadet Restaurants and rested on cots provided by both DOL and USCC.

"At 1:30 a.m. Sunday, I briefed (Superintendent) Lt. Gen. (David) Huntoon that we had 108 people (stranded travelers mostly) bedded down at the Holleder Center," Tarsa said. "It was a team effort with some tremendous assistance from USCC and ODIA.

"With their help, the Army ticket areas were furnished with cots, blankets, sheets and pillows for anyone who couldn't make their way back home," he added. "My ACS folks, Amy Rodick, Monica Orecchio and Christina Overstreet then treated our guests like family, and their care was nothing short of remarkable. It was a great feeling to be able to help."

The lights came back at Stony I Housing at around 10:15 p.m., but members of the EOC and other involved departments stayed up all night and through Sunday morning until the warming center was empty of occupants at 10 a.m.

Nationwide test of EAS

**By Dr. Christopher G. Hennen
Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and
Security Emergency Plans Specialist**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

West Point will participate in this test by exercising its Emergency Public Information System.

The EAS is a national alert and warning system that enables the President of the United States to address the American public during emergencies.

State and local emergency authorities and the National Weather Service also use parts of the system to

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RUNNING TO REMEMBER: Team Long Gray Line supports TAPS

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

In his second year as Team Long Gray Line coordinator, Class of 2012 Cadet Taylor Mosera ran just under a three-hour, 30-minute finish at the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon Oct. 30.

But time had little to do with the race for this team of cadets and officers. They were running to remember.

Remembering fallen servicemembers and supporting their families is the mission of the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors.

TAPS was founded in 1994 as a national non-profit organization to provide comfort and care to families of fallen servicemembers. Team Long Gray Line formed last year in support of the TAPS Run and Remember Team at the Marine Corps Marathon, their largest fundraising venue.

In 2010, Class of 2012 Cadet Douglass Waggoman challenged Mosera to enter his first marathon. Mosera didn't want to run the 26.2 miles just for fun; he needed a cause. That's when he found out about TAPS, and the appeal of running in support of a fallen servicemember's family was a big factor. Waggoman, the team co-captain and executive officer, might have given Mosera the support to cross the finish line that year, but the inspiration came from the photo of Capt. Doug DiCenzo and his son he wore on the back of his singlet.

"He was a 1999 graduate of West Point and I had emailed his wife and had a few telephone conversations with her," Mosera said. "He had participated in all sorts of endurance events himself, and I wanted to find out from her what it might mean to them for a current West Point cadet to run in his memory."

It was extremely inspirational, he said, but also educational to have learned about this charitable organization.

"As a future Army officer, I'm going to be put in charge of a group of Soldiers who probably have been on multiple deployments already," Mosera said. "How will I provide them with the support and assistance they may need? TAPS is a window into that kind of information I may need."

This year, Mosera ran for another fallen West Point graduate, Capt. David Boris (Class of 1999), again pinning a photograph of the Soldier on his back. Running a marathon



Class of 2014 Cadet Alex Brammer is the operations officer for Team Long Gray Line. He also ranked fifth in individual fundraising for TAPS at the 2011 Marine Corps Marathon. Visit Team Long Gray Line at www.taps.org to learn more about their efforts.

is a significant physical and mental challenge, Mosera said, and as a cadet sponsoring a member of the Long Gray Line, it becomes a personal challenge not to falter.

"Having that photo on your back and runners right behind you seeing that photo and knowing who you're running for—there's no way you're going to stop and walk," Mosera said. "I remember when I was running and could feel that photo on my back. It reminds you that you're running for a reason and that mattered more than my calves hurting or the shin splints."

Ultimately, the pain of running a marathon is nothing compared to the sacrifices made by servicemembers in support of the nation, Mosera said. That's what kept him breaking through those mental walls while running the marathon.

"Being a part of the Run and Remember Team, you remember those sacrifices and it keeps you going," Mosera said. "And inevitably the next question becomes 'What more can I do?'"

The first Run and Remember Team comprised of two individuals running in the 2000 Marine Corps Marathon. Today, the team boasts more than 400 runners; the largest support team being Team Long Gray Line, which grew from 15 runners last year to its current crop of more than 75 participants.

Mosera said it wasn't difficult to assemble a team of runners at West Point, and their efforts raised just over \$67,000 for the cause, exceeding their initial goal of \$50,000. That total could still rise as the donation deadline continues another six weeks.

Team Long Gray Line is currently ranked first in team donations, and Class of 2014 Cadet Alex Brammer, the team's operations officer, is the fifth ranked individual fundraiser.

On his TAPS profile page, Brammer stated: "As a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, I have seen first-hand the devastation that military families go through in the event of a tragedy, and programs like TAPS go a long way in helping to support these families."

So far, the 2011 Run and Remember Team has raised more than \$266,355 from participating in the 36th Marine Corps Marathon.

TAPS is also listed under the Combined Federal Campaign, which runs through Dec. 15.

To learn more about Team Long Gray Line, become a Facebook fan at www.facebook.com/pages/Team-Long-Gray-Line/195954573762997?sk=wall, or visit their TAPS page at www.taps.org.



West Point may have been recovering from Oct. 29's snowstorm, but Class of 2012 Cadets Taylor Mosera and Zachary Uebele enjoyed pleasant weather in Washington, D.C. Sunday as members of Team Long Gray Line at the 36th Marine Corps Marathon.

PHOTOS BY MAJ. CHEVELLE MALONE

About the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Since 1994, TAPS has established itself as the front line resource to the families and loved ones of our military men and women.

TAPS provides comfort and care through comprehensive services and programs including peer based emotional support, case work assistance, crisis intervention and grief and trauma resources.

- \$0.90 of every dollar donated is given directly to the families of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

- TAPS provides these services at no charge to survivors from all branches of the military, including Reserves and National Guard.

- TAPS' programs and services are available not only for immediate family, but also for extended family and friends.

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issue more-localized emergency alerts.

During these federal, state and local activations of the EAS, West Point will test the activation of the giant voice public address loudspeaker system, computer-based Desktop Alert and Dialogic systems, the Command Channel and its 938-7000 hotline mass notification systems.

In advance of these planned West Point activities, Desktop Alert clients are asked to verify and, if necessary, update their

accounts. If you need assistance with activating your Desktop Alert system, please contact your organization's IMO or administrative personnel.

The purpose of these installation-wide activities will assist installation leadership to determine the readiness of the system and its effectiveness to notify all West Point community members of potential dangers and appropriate protective actions.

'The Electric Company' showcases military children at West Point

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

"The Electric Company," an offshoot of the popular Sesame Street television program, filmed a music video June 29 at West Point School Age Services Office. The video is scheduled to run on its new website launching Saturday. "The Electric Company" originally ran from 1971 to 1985, and was reinvigorated and relaunched in 2009.

School age children at West Point were excited to watch how a television program is produced and interacted with stars Chris Sullivan and Priscilla Diaz. The children rehearsed and learned dance numbers from the show's choreographer Brian Thomas for about two hours before "going live" for filming.

"I'm excited about being on television," Marissa DeLeon, one of the children involved in the program, said.

"The Electric Company" contacted the Pentagon regarding developing media to acknowledge and highlight the sacrifices and strengths of military children.

West Point Child, Youth and School Services program offices were chosen as the preferred site for this project.

"A conference call was made by the Child and Youth Services office with Sesame Street

to discuss this project," Donald Hulst, former chief of the Child, Youth and School Services Division of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said. "It quickly became evident to us that Sesame Street personnel were excited about this project and they were committed to portray military children as the "Heroes" they are and we endorsed the project.

"The music video and the "Day in the Life" segments filmed military children presented in a positive manner to help build self-esteem," Hulst added. "This also helps increase awareness of non-military children nationally—the courage and strength of their peers in military families. West Point Child and Youth Services are also very encouraged about subsequent partnership opportunities currently in discussion with Sesame Street to further support our children."

Before coming to West Point to film community children, "The Electric Company" had already filmed military children abroad and segments of the company were in Asia at the time of the West Point filming.

"Videos from other installations will be incorporated into the show," Kara Bronikowski of School Age Services said. "The SAS office was a perfect place to film our children, as there was a summer camp going on for civilian and military children."

Sullivan, one of the stars of the episode, said the company does live shows throughout the country and abroad with civilian and military children.

"The show structure has a story line, commercial breaks and has little skits," he said. "I do a lot of things in the skits and play different characters."

Before the video is revealed Saturday on new website, follow "The Electric Company" on Twitter and Facebook to find teasers of the upcoming video.

To follow updates visit www.facebook.com/#!/SesameStreetForMilitaryFamilies.



On June 29, a music video on "The Electric Company" featuring military children was filmed at West Point. The video is scheduled to air Saturday.

West Point Band, Glee Club serenade Lady Liberty

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Lady Liberty came to America 125 years ago and millions followed in search of the freedom she came to represent. The West Point Band and Cadet Glee Club helped celebrate the anniversary of the Statue of Liberty dedication Oct. 28, joining hundreds of invited guests in the festivities.

Lt. Col. Jim Keene, the band commander, had never been to Liberty Island before and seeing the Statue of Liberty up close was nothing short of awe-inspiring. He said it was an honor to be invited to produce the music that set the tone and scope for the day's ceremony.

"With just a few carefully selected American and French marches we achieved our objective: to put not only the impressive engineering feat responsible for Lady Liberty's existence, but more importantly, the deeper meaning of what she stands for," Keene said. "Once the Cadet Glee Club sang 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic,' and the 21-member contingent from the West Point Band finished 'My Country 'Tis of Thee' and the great French anthem 'Les Marseillaise,' I knew we had accomplished what we came to do."

West Point Class of 2012 Cadet Kelley Duke described it as a one-of-a-kind experience.

"Performing 'God Bless America' in uniform with the West Point Band in the shadow of such an iconic American symbol was really special," she said.

The Glee Club departed the academy early enough to enjoy the city sites prior to their performance. Though Duke was able to visit the Statue of Liberty her freshman year, it was a new experience for many of her fellow cadets.

"We arrived at Battery Park earlier than we had anticipated and since there are few places for buses to idle in the city, we ended up driving around for about 45 minutes and got to watch the sun rise over the city," Duke said. "We also had a lot of fun taking the ferry over to Liberty Island itself; many people had never been to the Statue of Liberty before, so getting to go on such a nice day was a treat."

Duke, a four-year member of the Glee Club, has enjoyed performing alongside her younger sister Adrienne, who joined the Class of 2015 in June.

"I have loved going to rehearsals together as well as performing side-by-side," Duke said about her younger sister. "We look a lot alike so people always want to know if we're twins, and if so, how one could be a firstie while one is a plebe."

Among the day's highlights, 125 recent immigrants from 46 countries swore the oath of American citizenship. Following the performances by the West Point Band and Cadet Glee Club, actress Sigourney Weaver recited the poem, "The New Colossus" written by Emma Lazarus. Later, webcams perched on the statue's torch captured the countdown as its lights switched on and the celebration capped off with a fireworks display. Although the Statue of Liberty is currently closed to visitors during a yearlong improvement project, Liberty Island will remain open.

"It is a hardened person who does not feel something deep and stirring when seeing the Statue," Keene said. "I would



The West Point Band and the Cadet Glee Club joined forces Oct. 28 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty dedication on Liberty Island.

recommend that every American should make a point to visit her. In my case, visiting her has improved my outlook on the country's future. She never tires of holding the lamp of freedom and neither will I."

The Glee Club is preparing for their next big performance during the halftime show at the Army-Rutgers football game at Yankee Stadium Nov. 12. They will perform with the Rutgers Glee Club. The West Point Band invites the community to a Veterans Day concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Last year, they performed for an audience of more than 2,000 and expect the same, if not more, this time.

"We have produced an event that is exactly what the West Point Band can do beyond any other band in the Land: provide first hand history through music that traces its ancestry straight down the line from colonial times," Keene said. "The concert will educate, train and inspire; three tenets used by the superintendent to describe the mission of the United States

Military Academy related to the training of cadets."

Keene said there is no greater purpose than to honor those who have served by telling their story through song.

"My favorite part of any Veterans Day performance is the playing of the service songs of each of the five services," Keene said. "Seeing those who stand during their service songs is always something I find to be inspirational. I have seen men rise from the confines of their wheelchairs to stand during their respective service song. I always remember what a WWII veteran asked me, 'Do you know why I come to these concerts? I come to feel and to remember. I come to laugh and cry and cheer, and to travel back in time and remember the best of me and how we are all united down deep. We forget, so we need to come to your concerts.'"

Photos from this event are available on the PAO Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/sets/72157628019135988/.

Cadets, faculty dazzle elementary students with science

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

During the annual West Point Elementary School Book Fair, cadets and faculty from the Chemistry and Life Sciences Department, members of the Chemistry Honor Society, Gamma Sigma Epsilon, and the American Chemical Society entertained children with demonstrations of science Oct. 26.

“It’s a nice break teaching instead of being taught,” Class of 2012 Cadet Matthew McDuffie said. “It’s fun to show children what we do all the time.”

McDuffie showed the children how to create an elephant’s toothpaste and show how chemicals combine to change the nature of the original substance. By adding hydrogen peroxide to potassium iodide and liquid dishwashing soap, it changes the chemical composition into foam that seems to grow out of a large glass beaker. It also demonstrates an exothermic reaction because the glass beaker, as the foam rises, becomes hot.

Other cadets made animal balloons, and then froze them in liquid nitrogen. Some children were OK with that, but others were not too happy the cadets ruined their balloon animals.

In another experiment, Class of 2012 Cadet Avinash Chaurasia, a future pediatrician, showed how fire could grow by adding small particles, like kindling, to help start fires rather than igniting a log.

“If we can get children to remember what they saw here, they may want to go into the science field,” Chaurasia said.

Children also learned about polymers, substances made up of many molecules, by making their own gak. Mixing simple mixtures such as Elmer’s Glue and Borax soap allowed children to see the substance change into a kind of goopy mix, like putty or slime.

The fire demonstration was the main attraction, according to many participants. Pablo Sanches had a different idea.

“When he froze the balloons in that stuff, I thought that was neat,” Sanches said. “I like the fire, but the frozen balloons were the best. I like science.”



(Above, right) West Point cadets and faculty dazzled students with foam and flames to demonstrate the more eye-appealing lessons of science at the West Point Elementary School Oct. 26.



Conflict resolution discussed at Negotiation Project luncheon

By Cadets Andrew Oswald ('14) and Luke Hutchison ('12)
West Point Negotiation Project

Rend Sumaidaie, the CEO of Cambridge Matrix, spoke to 90 cadets about conflict resolution during a recent lunch event hosted by the West Point Negotiation Project. Sumaidaie is a dual Iraqi-British citizen and an entrepreneur.

Sumaidaie captivated the packed room as she shared her conflict resolution experience from the Danish "Cartoon Crisis" of 2005-06 that erupted after derogatory cartoons of the prophet Muhammad were published. Two extremist groups, one a militant Islamist group and the other, a Neo-Nazi group in support of free speech, had planned counter-protests in hopes of inciting a full scale riot.

Sumaidaie said she began by studying the relationships within the groups and gathered background information on the key leaders. She then sought to uncover the underlying interests of both parties, and then met with leaders from both groups. Finally, she was able to find common ground and convince each group to look at the situation from the



Rend Sumaidaie

other group's viewpoint.

In the end, these two very polarized groups discovered that their underlying interests were not in conflict—they both wanted the ability to freely speak their beliefs and spread their message.

She used this common interest to show them that both groups' long-term interests would be better served by demonstrating peacefully and by avoiding confrontation.

"As future leaders of an Army currently in combat, it's almost inevitable we'll come across a situation in which we will have to be a mediator between conflicting parties," Class of 2014 Cadet Derek West said. "Miss Rend Sumaidaie provided an excellent anecdote on dealing with conflict resolution that could be related to any situation."

The WPNP was formed in 2009 to enhance the ability of U.S. Army small unit leaders to conduct effective negotiations in the complex and challenging situations they face in war and peace.

To learn more about WPNP, visit www.wpnp.org.



The Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir performed at the Arlington National Cemetery monument dedication Oct. 24.

Chapel events honor America's warriors

Story and photo by Susan Schwartz
Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir officer-in-charge

The Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir performed Oct. 24 at the dedication of the newest monument in Arlington National Cemetery. The monument memorializes the Jewish chaplains who have died in combat.

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Cadets from Company I-2 toured the new World Trade Center construction site Oct. 14, hosted by Class of 1978 graduate, retired Maj. Michael Castelli. PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2014 CADET THEODORE FONG

WTC construction site visit inspires cadets

By Class of 2014 Cadet Austine Scales

On Oct. 14, 22 cadets departed from Company I-2 to the new World Trade Center construction site in New York City along with Class of 2012 Cadet Szymon Marcinow, cadet-in-charge, I-2 tactical officer Maj. Michael Rodick and Lt. Col. Silas Martinez, the regimental TAC officer for 2nd Regiment.

All were welcomed by retired Maj. Michael Castelli, a Class of 1978 graduate and civilian employee serving as the WTC site manager for the major insurance carrier for the project.

According to Castelli, the construction site is currently the largest in the United States with approximately 3,500 workers. The project is incorporating practices and techniques rarely done before in the U.S. Cadets found this unfamiliar insight incredible to hear and incorporated the information into their engineering background.

Some of the engineering marvels were apparent. The cadets were taken to the 75th floor of Tower One, which is still unfinished. From there, they enjoyed the breathtaking view of New York City and noted the weather was markedly different from that on the ground. From this vantage point they could pick out other new features of the city, including the two memorial pools and the beginnings of the other three towers.

Castelli told the cadets that each year on the anniversary of 9/11, available sunlight will reflect on the two memorial pools at the moment the towers were hit. At ground level, the group toured the inside of the museum and viewed 9/11 artifacts—including the “survivor staircase” under which people took refuge during the attack on the towers.

Although the new World Trade Center is an engineering marvel and something to be admired, one cannot visit without remembering and honoring what happened 10 years ago.

The cadets left the construction site impressed and moved. Those with interests in engineering learned more about that field and saw great examples of fine engineering. All of the cadets were left with the memory of 9/11 fresh in their minds and the knowledge that there are people who remember it every day and are working to rise up from the sorrow and build a symbol of hope for the world to see.

The premiere of Towers One and Four is scheduled in the 2013-14 time frame. The museum is scheduled to open Sept. 9, 2012, and the transportation hub underneath the towers is expected to be complete in 2015.

Skeet & Trap Team beats Navy at clay target championships

By West Point Skeet & Trap Team

The West Point Skeet & Trap Team returned from another successful performance at the Eastern Regional Clay Target Championships in Manassas, Va., Oct. 15-16. Twenty-four teams representing 13 colleges and

universities competed in the third annual event hosted by George Mason University.

The cadets took several team honors during the shoot, including first and third place finishes in 16-yard American trap shooting, as well as a third place team finish in American skeet shooting. Perhaps more importantly, the West Point team defeated Navy by wide margins in all events.

West Point shooters took several individual awards as well, some of which were decided by tense but exciting shoot-offs against competitors like Navy, Yale and George Mason.

Class of 2012 Cadets Alex Stein and Tim Schmidt took second and third place, respectively, in the individual trap shooting competition which helped boost the overall team score.



The West Point Skeet & Trap Team returned from the 3rd annual Eastern Regional Clay Target Championships Oct. 15-16 with several team honors, and defeated Navy by wide margins in all events.

COURTESY PHOTO

placing second in overall targets broken during the tournament.

Darsey attributed his impressive score to his recent and ongoing work with West Point's Center for Enhanced Performance.

“Clay target shooting is a game of focus and consistency,” he said. “I have been working with the center to help me establish a shot routine that allows me to perform optimally for each shot. I think it really paid off in the tie-breaking shoot-offs that I needed to win for the team.”

The team was cheered on by several family members in attendance, as well as by U.S. Army Skeet Team captain Maj. Charlie Novotny, who spoke to the team about competitive shooting opportunities in the Army after commissioning.

DID YOU KNOW?: The Cadet Skeet & Trap was organized in 1938 under the leadership of Capt. Charles B. King, Class of 1928. King was killed in action at Normandy in June 1944. An inspiring mentor, King coached the team to the first of several National Intercollegiate Championships by 1941.

—Information published on the DCA Skeet & Trap Club webpage

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Speakers at the event included two U.S. congressmen and the Air Force chief of chaplains. The cadets also sang at the dinner honoring all of the people who helped make the monument a reality and family members of the Jewish Chaplains being remembered.

The cadets of the Jewish Chapel also hosted the 12th annual Jewish Warrior Weekend Oct. 28-30. Students from Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine academies, as well as civilian schools such as Brooklyn College and Temple, visited West Point to experience Jewish life with the cadets.

Activities included Jewish Sabbath services on Friday night and Saturday morning. Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, U.S. Army Forces Command deputy commanding general and chief of staff, spoke on leadership and spirituality and a Torah discussion was led by Rear Admiral Harold Robinson, director of the Jewish Welfare Board (endorsing board for all Jewish chaplains in the military).

Attendees also experienced the frosty Army/Fordham football game, took shelter inside the barracks and spent plenty of time in fellowship as participants got to know each other better.



Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, U.S. Army Forces Command's deputy commanding general and chief of staff, spoke on leadership and spirituality at the 12th annual Jewish Warrior Weekend.

PHOTO BY HOWARD BREITBART

FMWR Blurbs

Hired! Program workshops

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working and meet the Hired! Program requirements can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

Hired! workshops are offered for free at the Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m. ACS will be offering workshops today and Dec. 1.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

Arts & Crafts Holiday Classes

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah ceramic painting classes for adults will be held Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. today and 17.

Stained glass classes for flat snowflake or a 3-D Holiday tree tealight holder will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

A pottery class to create your gift will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 15.

Holiday ornament ceramic painting for children will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Class schedules are subject to change.

Check out westpointmwr.com/art for the most current schedule.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Make a Difference Day

West Point's inaugural Make a Difference Day is Friday.

Inspired by National Make a Difference Day, FMWR encourages community members to volunteer their time and work together to positively impact our community.

To sign up for a project or to discuss project ideas for your group or organization, contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

ACS Black and Gold Volunteer Awards

The West Point Army Volunteer Corps coordinator is accepting nominations for the Fiscal Year 2012 1st Quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Awards.

The Black and Gold Volunteer Award is an installation-level award to recognize volunteers who go above and beyond in their service.

The award ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 1 and nominations are due Friday.

Nomination forms can be found at westpointmwr.com under the ACS drop down menu.

For more information, contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu or 938-3655.

Miscellaneous information

Round Pond closes Sunday, so get your winter propane tank filled up before then.

The Round Pond office will be open for New York State and West Point fishing and hunting licenses until Nov. 17.

All West Point permits and hunting sign outs will be at the West Point Ski Office during normal hunt control hours starting Nov. 19.

For details, call 938-2503.

Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

ACS' Employment Readiness Program is hosting a free "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career" class from 9-11:30 a.m. Nov. 17 at the West Point Education Center.

The class is intended for officers and senior enlisted who plan on leaving the service within the next five years.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Art EDGE! Holiday Gifts

Art EDGE! for Kids "Make Holiday Gifts" for grades 1-5 will be held at 3:30-4:30 p.m. Thursdays through Dec. 1 for a nominal cost.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central at Lee CDC or call 938-4458.

Art EDGE! for Teens "Make Holiday Ornaments and a Gift" for grades 6-12 will be held at 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 30 at no cost.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central, the Youth Center or call 938-4458.

Life EDGE! R.E.A.D.

The EDGE! program has partnered with Reading Education Assistance Dogs for children in grades 1-3 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 30 at the FMWR Training Center (Bldg. 695, Buckner Loop) for a nominal fee.

A CYSS membership is required.

To enroll, go to Parent Central at Lee CDC or call 938-4458/0939.

West Point Club now serving dinner three nights a week

The West Point Club is now serving dinner from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday in the Pierce Dining Room.

Bring the whole family to experience the new menu created by Chef Dan.

For more information, visit the club's website at westpointmwr.com/club and check out the new dinner menu.

Fall Story Hour

The West Point Post Library will hold its fall story hour sessions at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 6.

The sessions are open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

The library is located at 622 Swift Road. Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-2974.

Bingo at the West Point Bowling Center

Bingo is now at the West Point Bowling Center.

For more information, call 938-2140.

NEW INFO

FMWR community swim program November hours of operation

The community swim program's hours of operation in November are:

- Monday through Saturday—noon-1:30 p.m. at Crandall Pool;
- Monday and Wednesday—6:30-8:30 p.m. at Crandall Pool;
- Closed: Saturday for a home swimming and diving swim meet, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day and Nov. 23-26 for the holiday.

Check the information tape at 938-2985 for any changes to the schedule.

Opening Day Hunting Lottery

The hunting lottery's opening day is at 6 p.m. tonight at the West Point Ski Slope. Patrons must bring military/Department of Defense ID card, a valid New York State hunting license and a West Point Hunting permit. Permits will be sold at the lottery.

For more information, call 938-2503.

SAS night

Come join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for School Age Services night from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday.

The theme is Thanksgiving Fest, so come ready to have some fun.

This event is open to students in grades 1-5 for a nominal fee per child.

To make a reservation, call 938-0941.

Military Family Appreciation Brunch

The West Point Club will have a special brunch in honor of military families from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 13.

Come and enjoy the club's omelet station, carving station and delicious desserts, all for a great price.

Family members of deployed servicemembers will receive a special discount.

Chef's Own Action Pasta Bar

Join the West Point Club in the Pierce Dining Room from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 15 for the Chef's Own Action Pasta Bar.

Meet the club's chef and experience fine Italian cuisine while he prepares your selection.

It's an all-you-can-eat buffet at a great price for adults and children.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Turkey Trot 5K

The FMWR Fitness Center presents the Turkey Trot 5K Nov. 19.

Registration opens at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8 a.m. The start and finish of the race will be at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Pre-registration begins at the Fitness Center one week prior to race day. Race day registration will be at the start line.

Cadets can run for free. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome.

For more information, call 938-6490 or visit westpointmwr.com.

Thanksgiving Day Brunch

Join the West Point Club for its traditional Thanksgiving Day Brunch Nov. 24. There are two seatings to choose from—10 a.m.-noon in the Pierce Dining Room or 1-3 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Family members of deployed servicemembers receive a special discount. Children 5 and younger eat free.

To make a reservation, call 938-5120.

Thanksgiving Kennel Boarding

Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for pet boarding for the Thanksgiving holiday.

To make a reservation, call 938-3926.

What's Happening

An evening of ballet

The West Point Department of Foreign Languages will host a free evening of ballet entitled, "Danses d'Automne," at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

This performance will feature the Lumiere Ballet company under the direction of Mme. Svetlana Caton-Noblein. International soloist Venti Petrov and dancers from the Lumiere Ballet group, who will perform scenes from the classic repertoire.

For invitations to this formal, black tie affair, call Dr. Rajaa Chouairi at 938-8796.

Personally Owned Firearms Range

The West Point Range Control will host a Personally Owned Firearms Range from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday.

The POF Range is located on Route 293 across from the Round Pond entrance.

Military personnel, family members, retirees and DoD civilian employees are authorized to participate. Authorized users must show proper identification.

Personnel attending this range must bring their own targets, hearing and eye protection.

For more information, call Alec Lazore at 938-3007.

Veterans Day assembly at the West Point Middle School

The annual Veterans Day assembly at the West Point Middle School is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. Nov. 10. The West Point community is invited to attend.

There will be a special dedication to the Buffalo Soldiers. Students will entertain our veterans with dancing, band selections and choral music.

Local veterans are invited to a reception prior to the assembly at noon in the West Point Middle School Library.

Call the school at 938-2923 or email Mary Coffey at mary.coffey@am.dodea.edu if you would like to attend.

Veterans Day speakers needed

The West Point Public Affairs Office has a number of requests for speakers for Veterans Day Nov. 11.

The Department of the Army speech is available.

If you are available, call Dave Brzywczy at 938-3614 or email him at david.brzywczy@usma.edu.

West Point Band presents a Salute to Veterans

The West Point Band will host a celebration of America's citizen-soldiers throughout history in a Salute to Veterans at

7:30 p.m. Nov. 11 in Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

All musical elements of the West Point Band will come together as the Concert Band, Jazz Knights and the Hellcats perform historical music from times of conflict.

Free tickets can be downloaded at westpointband.com or picked up at the following locations: West Point Visitors Center, West Point Museum, Eisenhower Hall Box Office, Hotel Thayer, FMWR and Egner Hall (Bldg. 685).

Free ticket locations outside of West Point include WHUD (Beacon), Mix 97.7 (Poughkeepsie) and the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor (New Windsor).

For tickets by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: West Point Band, Attn: Veterans Day Tickets, 685 Hardee Place, West Point, N.Y., 10996

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com.

Combined Federal Campaign is underway

The West Point/Orange/Rockland/Sullivan 2011-12 Combined Federal Campaign runs through Nov. 11.

This year's theme is "50 Years of Caring."

For further information, contact your agency keyworker or Joanne Nocton at 938-2331.

Federal Employee Health Benefits

The Federal Employee Health Benefits open season runs from Nov. 14-Dec. 12.

During the open season period, any eligible employee who is not currently registered may enroll.

Also, any eligible enrollee may change from one plan or option to another.

All new enrollments or changes made during the open season will take effect Jan. 1, 2012.

There will be an open season benefits fair at the Riverside Café in Eisenhower Hall from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 16.

Representatives from the Federal Employee Health Benefits (health, dental and vision), Occupational Health for flu shots, American Federation of Government Employees and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be on hand.

For further assistance or any questions on benefits, call Karen Wood at 938-2253 or email her at Karen.wood@usma.edu.

Bowling league needs a male bowler

The West Point Monday Night Mixed Bowling League needs a male bowler to complete one of its teams.

If you are interested in having a fun night of bowling, contact Paul Merritt, league secretary, at 938-6239.

Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is offering free computer courses.

The courses include Microsoft Office 2007 software such as Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and SharePoint 2010.

Other courses offered are Computer Hardware and Software Orientation and a Keyboard Typing Skills Lab.

Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room 414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27, 2012.

Courses are open to cadets, USMAPS cadet candidates 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.

For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

NEW INFO

World War II veterans tribute dinner

World War II veterans are invited to the Hotel Thayer at 6 p.m. Friday for a tribute dinner.

HonoringAmericanTroops.com is sponsoring this event to provide a place to convene, a time to honor and a time to reflect.

The event is open to veterans, active duty, retired and civilians.

Tickets are available to World War II veterans at no cost.

For tickets and additional information, call Steve Nicoli at 845-728-9659 or email at honoringtroops@aol.com.

Geography lecture

Biniam Iyob, Ph.D., Professor of Geography, from the University of New Hampshire, will present a lecture to cadets enrolled in EV375 (Geography of Africa), titled "Transboundary Rivers in Africa."

The lecture is scheduled for 11-11:55 a.m. Friday in Washington Hall, Room 6302.

For more information, call Maj. Thomas Hanlon at 938-4622.

The West Point community is invited to attend.

Best Ranger Competition meeting

There is a mandatory meeting at noon Nov. 8 in the G3 conference room for all Soldiers who want to compete for a slot at the 2012 Best Ranger Competition.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Bouchard, G3 Operations NCO, at 938-7577.

Veterans Day ceremony

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System will host a Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 at the Montrose Campus of the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System Veterans Hospital in Bldg. 15, Room 16.

Guest speaker is Vito Pinto, director of the Westchester Veteran Service Agency.

National Native American Month Observance

The Native American Forum, the installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will host this year's National Native American Month Observance at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

This year's theme is "Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities."

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan at 938-8456.

Turn back the clock

Remember to turn back your clocks at 2 a.m. Sunday as Daylight Savings Time ends.

Keller Corner

Flu vaccine information line

KACH Department of Primary Care has a scheduled beneficiary flu drive for all eligible beneficiaries and retirees. The drive is scheduled from 3-7 p.m. today.

The flu drive will be conducted in the Primary Care/Family Practice Clinic at KACH. No appointments are necessary.

Laser vision correction surgery for active duty

The KACH Refractive Surgery Clinic is now offering laser vision correction surgery to eligible active duty servicemembers on a year-round basis.

Attendance at a refractive surgery seminar is mandatory prior to making a preoperative appointment. The next seminar is 7:30-8:30 p.m. Monday in Thayer Hall, Room 144.

For detailed information on getting started, visit the clinic's website at http://kach.amedd.army.mil/index/clinics/CRESP_Home.html or call 938-2207.

Bariatric Surgery Support Group

Have you had or are you considering bariatric surgery? If so, join the Bariatric Support Group at Keller Army Community Hospital. Meetings are held once per month. The next meeting is scheduled for noon Tuesday.

Join us as we discuss ways to enjoy holiday eating in a

healthier way.

For more information, contact the Nutrition Care Division at 938-6661.

Childbirth preparation

Childbirth preparation classes are a four-week series and held each month in KACH's 2nd floor classroom.

The next series is from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6 and 13. Call OBU at 938-3210 to register.

Smoking Cessation Program

Want to kick the smoking habit? Let Keller Army Community Hospital help you. Classes are held from noon-1 p.m. every first and third Friday of the month at KACH's fourth floor classroom.

You will be required to only attend one class to be enrolled in the program. This class will help you to quit using tobacco products.

If you have any questions, call KACH Army Public Health Nursing at 938-2676.

KACH outpatient clinics closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Nov. 11 for Veterans Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Inline skating team helps community

Story and photo by Army Inline Hockey Public Affairs

Each week, every member of the Army Inline Hockey Team spends countless hours in the weight room, surpassed only by the Powerlifting and Strength Training teams, to ensure they are in peak physical condition and can win any physical battle they encounter on the sport court.

Last week, however, the Roller Rangers traded in their hockey sticks and weights for work gloves and put their strength to work.

They assisted a local senior couple by removing fallen trees that had severely damaged their property in Highland Falls.

Donald and Shirley Wood, along with their grandson Cameron Clark, lost a shed and the use of their garden when lightning struck a tree in their backyard.

The lightning caused one branch to fall and destroy the shed and another to hang precariously over the top of the Woods' garden.

After hearing this story, the team jumped at the idea to get out into the community and do some heavy lifting.

After they were done, the large tree was a pile of logs awaiting removal.

The Woods' could again use their garden, and young Cameron was again allowed to run around in the backyard.

"We're just happy to help out," the team's captain,



Donald and Shirley Wood, with grandson Cameron Clark, are surrounded by the Army Inline Hockey Team, after the team had cut and moved a large tree that had fallen on their property.

senior Matt Riopelle, said after he and the rest of the team had tirelessly moved the 80-foot tall, 30-inch diameter tree, piece-by-piece, to the edge of the road.

The cadets will change their attitude from "service" to "battle" as they don the Army sweaters again this weekend to face off against the Temple University Owls, the Hofstra University Pride, the Neumann University Knights and the University of Connecticut Huskies in an inline hockey tournament.

NOW SHOWING

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

Friday—Dolphin Tale, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Abduction, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Contagion, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.AAFES.COM.

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Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Nov. 10

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Nov. 10

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

LifeWorks at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Thanksgiving Food Basket Drawing:** How do your leftovers stack up? Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop to enter your favorite Thanksgiving Day leftover recipe by Nov. 17 for a chance to win a Thanksgiving centerpiece. The winner will be announced Nov. 18.

- **Home Depot Kids Workshop:** This event brings children ages 3-12 to 132 Bartlett Loop from 3-4:30 p.m. Nov. 10. BBC will supply everything for your children to make a wonderful project. Space is limited, call Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or email her at jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

- **Color a Turkey:** Color a turkey to be entered into our coloring contest raffle. Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop to pick up the Turkey Coloring Page. Submit your entry no later than Nov. 28. Winners will be chosen by age category.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Medium

Army begins quest for CIC Trophy at Air Force Saturday

By Army Athletic Communications

Army (3-5) begins its quest for the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy—the annual series between Army, Navy and Air Force—at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Air Force (4-4).

The game will be televised nationally by CBS with Spero Dedes doing the play-by-play and Steve Beuerlein providing the color analysis.

Listen to the game on the radio on the Army Sports Network.

Hear all the action on WABC 770-AM New York, WALL 1340-AM Middletown, WEOK 1390-AM Poughkeepsie, Sirius Satellite Radio (Channel 117) or XM Satellite Radio (Channel 203).

Rich DeMarco will provide the play-by-play action while Dean Darling provides the color commentary.

Coaching Match Up

- Army head coach Rich Ellerson
Alma Mater: Hawai'i, 1977
3rd season at Army (15-18, .455)
12th season overall (75-59, .560)
Record vs. Air Force: 0-2
- Air Force head coach Troy Calhoun
Alma Mater: Air Force, 1989
5th season at Air Force (38-22, .633)
5th season overall (38-22, .633)
Record vs. Air Force: 4-0

Black Knights Recap

• Army is coming off its first shutout of the season, a 55-0 victory versus Fordham at Michie Stadium Oct. 29. It was the Black Knights' largest shutout win since a 56-0



Senior quarterback Max Jenkins made his first career start versus Fordham Oct. 29 and accounted for three touchdowns, two rushing and one passing.

conquest of Lafayette Oct. 20, 1990.

Army ran for a season-high 514 yards despite blizzard conditions at West Point. It was the Black Knights' largest rushing output since a 545-yard game versus Lafayette Sept. 13, 1997.

• Sophomore running back Raymond Maples rushed for a career-high 159 yards on only 10 carries in the win versus Fordham. It was Maples' fourth 100-yard rushing game in the last five outings.

Maples took over the team lead with 759

rushing yards. He leads the team with a 7.3 yards-per-carry average on 104 attempts. His 94.9 yards per game ranks 33rd in the nation.

• Senior quarterback Max Jenkins made his first career start against Fordham, replacing junior Trent Steelman who had his academy quarterback record 32-game starting streak stopped because of a lower leg injury.

Jenkins accounted for three touchdowns, rushing for two scores and throwing another. Steelman's status for Saturday's game at Air Force remains questionable.

Steelman has rushed for 576 yards and 11 touchdowns in seven games this season.

• In addition to shutting out Fordham, the Black Knights allowed the Rams only 86 yards of offense. Army has scored

defensive touchdowns in each of the last two games, including a 70-yard interception return by rookie linebacker Geoffrey Bacon at Vanderbilt and a 52-yard fumble return by junior linebacker Nate Combs against Fordham.

Scouting the Falcons

• Just like Army, Air Force is coming off a shutout victory. The Falcons scored a 42-0 win at New Mexico Oct. 29. Air Force rushed for 335 yards and six touchdowns in the victory.

Mike DeWitt led the offense with four scores on 15 carries. Backup quarterback Connor Dietz rushed six times for 87 yards and a touchdown. The Air Force defense allowed only 223 yards of total offense. Brady Amack posted nine tackles.

• Offensively, the Falcons are averaging 35.4 points and 475.9 yards of total offense per game. Air Force boasts the third-best rushing offense in the nation at 326.9 yards per contest.

Asher Clark leads the team with 654 yards (81.8/game). He is averaging 7.3 yards per carry and has scored four touchdowns. Starting quarterback Tim Jefferson has completed 60.8 percent of his throws (76-125) for 1,007 yards, eight scores and six interceptions.

• Defensively, Air Force allows 31.25 points and 406.75 yards per game. Linebacker Brady Amack leads the team with 80 tackles. Alex Means has five tackles for loss and three sacks.

Lasting Impression

• The Black Knights have not won the CIC Trophy since 1996.

The Falcons scored a win over Navy in October, and can clinch their second straight trophy with a victory over Army.

Volleyball heads to PL tournament

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Army Volleyball is headed to the Patriot League Tournament for the 13th year in a row. Junior outside hitter Ariana Mankus hit for a .400 hitting percentage and led all players with 16 kills as the Black Knights swept Holy Cross, 3-0, and clinched one of four spots in the 2011 Patriot League Tournament Sunday at Gillis Field House.

The Black Knights cruised to a 25-14, 25-16, 25-18 victory, and hit .356 as a team to extend their win streak to seven games.

Army and American, currently tied for first place in the Patriot League standings, are the only two teams to clinch a conference tournament berth, set for Nov. 19-20 at the site of the highest seed.

"To clinch a Patriot League Tournament berth is huge," head coach Alma Kovaci said.

"Our goal every year is to win the Patriot League title and you can't do that without playing in the tournament.

"It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of every player and staff member associated with this program," she added. "We wanted to give ourselves a chance to play on in the postseason and today's performance guaranteed that."

Army improved to 19-6 overall and 9-1 in Patriot League play. Holy Cross dropped to 7-20 and 3-7 in conference action.

The Black Knights hit the road Friday and Saturday for a pivotal Patriot League weekend as they visit service academy rival Navy at 7 p.m. Friday and American at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Live webcasts will be available for both matches.

Visit the volleyball schedule page of www.goARMYsports.com for more details and links.

Q & A

Spotlighting... Benjamin Johnson

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

The Army Sprint Football team heads into its last Collegiate Sprint Football League game of the season at 7 p.m. Friday at Shea Stadium versus Navy undefeated in league play searching for the outright league title. Army (5-1 overall, 5-0 league) shared the title a year ago with Pennsylvania, but has a chance to earn it outright by defeating Navy, who beat Army earlier this season, 38-20, in a non-league matchup.

As the season's progressed, Army has been an offensive juggernaut in the last five games by scoring 53.8 points per game, including a season-high 58 points in a 58-44 win over Penn Oct. 28.

What has stood out is the play of quarterback Javier Sustaita and wide receivers junior Thomas Jeffers, junior Cody Nyp, junior John Herina and Benjamin Johnson.

Sustaita has thrown 27 touchdowns this year with his top four targets catching at least 20 passes each and totaling 26 touchdown receptions.

Johnson, a senior who went to James O'Neill High School in Highland Falls for three years before coming to West Point, may be considered the fourth receiver option, but he has produced like a number one wideout by catching 20 passes for 310 yards and four touchdowns this season, including three touchdowns against Penn last weekend.

Johnson, whose father Maj. Anthony Johnson is an academy professor in the Math Department, spoke with the *Pointer View* about the offense's success, playing Navy and how he's progressed over the years at receiver despite not playing much at the position prior to West Point.

PV: *Heading into the Navy game, talk about the confidence you guys have on offense as the team has averaged nearly 54 points a game during the last five games?*

BJ: "We spread the ball around. We play fast and try to get the defense on its heels. It doesn't really help our defense in giving them a lot of time to recover because they're on the field longer than we are, but they just try to hold (our opponents) down to a good number of points and we'll just outscore the other team. That's been our MO this year and it's been working out."

PV: *Talk about your role within the receiving corps and how you've meshed with Thomas Jeffers and Cody Nyp?*

BJ: "Cody and Tom are really good receivers and, just like John Herina on the inside, we all know our roles and know that if we're not getting the ball (at a particular moment), we have to run our routes hard so

Javier can get it to whomever is open. If we just play and get open, we can go from there and we'll break off big plays."

PV: *How have your coaches helped you progress as a wide receiver?*

BJ: "They've really focused on me catching the ball. When I first came here, I was catching the ball with my body and just doing things that weren't really fundamentally sound because I really didn't play football at a big school. At O'Neill, they didn't have individual coaches for everybody so the wide receivers did things on their own. When I came here, they showed me exactly how to run routes, how to be aggressive, how to block and they taught all the fundamentals. They were my first real coaches and they helped me become a better wide receiver."

PV: *Javier Sustaita has had the hot hand this season by throwing 27 touchdown passes and also added seven TD runs ... talk about his performance and what he's meant to making the offense potent?*

BJ: "He's got a good arm. He reads the field well. He's not afraid to throw it to anybody. He's got confidence in all of us and we have confidence he'll get us the ball. It makes for a good relationship among all of us. It's a good group and we've come together and are playing really well this year. This is definitely the best offense I've been a part of."

PV: *You were recently named CSFL Special Teams player of the week from the Cornell game Oct. 14. Thoughts about receiving that award?*

BJ: "(Offensive coordinator Mike) Popovich said that he wanted to get me more touches and get me more involved because I was only playing receiver and I wasn't doing any special teams. So he asked (head) coach (Mark) West if I could return (kickoffs) because he knew I was fast. I said I'll do it and they put me back there. I like running with the ball and I just made a play, and it was a good feeling to actually get the team into the game with something other than receiving."

PV: *Thoughts about having a big hand in that game against Cornell, who was responsible for Army's only loss last season?*

BJ: "It was a great win because we didn't play well against them last year and knew we should have beaten them. We had everything going to beat them, but we had seven turnovers ... so to go there and play well in the rain and execute the offense the way it's supposed to run, it was great. We got into a groove and then having that spark of a kickoff return was a great motivation for the entire game for me."

PV: *What has been your best individual moment/game in your sprint career on the field?*



Senior wide receiver Benjamin Johnson has put up solid numbers this season for the Army Sprint Football team with 20 receptions for 310 yards and four touchdowns. He scored three of his four touchdowns against Pennsylvania Oct. 28 in Army's 58-44 win.

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BJ: "The Mansfield game two years ago I had four touchdowns, three receiving and one rushing. That was by far my best game because I didn't play well at the beginning and then I got going in the second quarter, so to be able to not play well and then, all of a sudden, get into a groove—it was great. It was good to know that sometimes it takes a little to get there, but you can get there."

PV: *On defeating Navy 32-30 last season, describe how special it was for this team to win that game, especially after the tough 7-6 loss to them in 2009?*

BJ: "It felt really good to win. I was thinking about that (7-6 loss) game all offseason just because I had a chance to score that game and I dropped a pass after I hit the ground. The whole time going into the next season, I was thinking if I get that opportunity again I would make the play."

"We went down to Navy and we needed that win to try to get a part of that (CSFL) championship. It felt really good when we stopped them on a two-point conversion and we got the interception to end the game. There were a lot of key moments in that game where

my heart felt like it was going to explode or I felt like I was going to cry because it was so intense. It was a really good feeling to pull it out in the end."

PV: *Did you get a chance to redeem yourself from the year before and make a great play?*

BJ: "Javier got knocked out in the second quarter of that game, and Tim (Meier) came in at quarterback. There was a play (Meier) ran off the edge, so I made a crucial block and he scooted around beside me to score the touchdown to put us up by two touchdowns at that point. It was an up and down game, it was one of those games that got your heart racing."

PV: *What would it mean to you to finish your sprint career earning a win against Navy and a possible CSFL outright title?*

BJ: "It'll be great. It would show that if you work hard at something, you'll eventually get there. I don't plan on losing again, so I just want to go out of here with a win. Going out with a loss, like we did my sophomore year, it wasn't a fun offseason and I thought about that all the time, so I want to go out with a win."