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## Paintball War

Hundreds of paintball enthusiasts—young and old, novice and pro—gathered at Lake Frederick Oct. 15-16 to experience a large-scale battle between the U.S. and German forces at the Fall Combat Classic. Over the years, the West Point Paintball Team's biannual paintball game has not only become a formidable fundraiser but a significant community outreach event, garnering a tremendous following each fall and spring. You won't see more about the Fall Classic in this week's Pointer View (sorry for the tease), but a special centerspread has been added to our online newspaper, in PDF format, available at [www.pointerview.com](http://www.pointerview.com). The story is also available at [www.army.mil](http://www.army.mil). To see more photos from this event, visit our Flickr page at [www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point](http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point).

MIKE STRASSER/PV

## Highland Falls, West Point meet on leasing federal land

Story and Photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

A meeting held Oct. 19 at the Highland Falls Library concerning a Request for Expression of Interest brought out the local community to learn about uses that would be considered by the Army and West Point as commercially viable property for possible development.

Approximately 239 acres of Army/West Point land at two

designated sites were discussed during the meeting.

The land is located three miles from Thayer Gate with the surrounding areas used as training ground by West Point for the Corps of Cadets. The Morgan Farm Equestrian Center, Cragston Landfill and the James I. O'Neill High School are adjacent to the land.

"Fifteen years ago the Village of Highland Falls approached West Point about the possibility of conveying the land to the village," Matthew Talaber, Directorate of Public

Works director, said. "Ultimately, the Army decided against the conveyance and decided that, instead of selling the land, they would consider leasing it. Several years later, the Army began the Enhanced Use Lease Project administered by the Corps of Engineers.

"The EUL is a long-term lease, usually 50 years with the option to extend, in exchange for services in kind, which would directly benefit West Point," he added.

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In April 2009, an industry forum was held with developers who wanted to build senior housing. This was the sole proposed land use, and developers were asked to submit detailed development proposals. Unfortunately, no proposals were received.

"We surmised that no proposals were received due to the economy," Talaber explained. "Real estate was deemed as an unattractive investment at the time and developers thought the request for proposals was too restrictive by limiting development to only senior housing."

"Although the economy is not much better today, West Point and the Village of Highland Falls decided to once again try and spark interest in the possible development at the designated sites," he added.

Today, the idea is to showcase the property and not to place restrictions on the type of land uses that may be considered commercially viable.

Detailed development proposals are not needed. Instead, responses to the Request for Expression of Interest need only to identify potential land uses and provide an explanation why such uses would be commercially viable.

The Army and West Point will analyze each of the responses that are received and determine whether to pursue a competitive selection for one or more of the suggested land uses.

The tract of land involves parcel A, a total of 191 acres, and Parcel B, a total of 48 acres, which are both located on the western side of Route 9W between Fort Montgomery and the Village of Highland Falls.

"Both parcels are in close proximity to state highways with a view of the scenic Hudson Valley," Talaber said. "Currently, there are no structures on either parcel. Similar property has been developed in the surrounding area in recent years."

Responses to the RFEI must be submitted by Wednesday and cannot exceed five pages. The responses must include an introduction about the responders and a description on why they are responding. Responses should include a description of the specific land uses, a brief discussion on a viability assessment pertaining to the proposed use of land and how that will likely support the project goals.

The responders also need to provide a description of their type of business and any other information they would like to provide which demonstrates their experience and capability to develop the parcel successfully.

There were a few questions from participants at the meeting. One question Thayer Hotel's Rick Minicozzi asked was for more information about the potential costs before



**Doug McWilliams, Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District, talked to participants at the Highland Falls Library Oct. 19 about the potential of leasing land attached to West Point to the Village of Highland Falls.**

expressing interest.

"Any developer needs more information on cost to develop an interest," Minicozzi said. "Otherwise, it's a lot like throwing a dart in a dark room."

Jim Titolo of Trigen Builders Group in Highland Falls expressed interest in the proposal.

"I'm supportive of developing the parcels," he said. "I thought the meeting was informative."

Titolo said he is familiar with the property as he has toured the land and is aware of the topography.

For more information, visit <http://eul.army.mil/Westpoint/>.

## An apology from Vanderbilt University to USMA

**To all of the men and women who attend and work at the United States Military Academy, their families, all graduates of USMA and their fans:**

We at Vanderbilt University would like to publicly offer our sincere apology for the events that occurred at the conclusion of our recent football game.

While our football team performed Vanderbilt's alma mater with our fans and band, the Black Knights, their band and cheerleaders, as well as their fans, stood at attention and honored us as would a worthy foe.

However, after we were finished and the Black Knights began to perform their alma mater, our football team left the field and our stadium loud speakers blasted music that had the result of drowning out the performing of your alma mater.

While there was no intention to be disrespectful, this was wrong and was a huge mistake on our part.

There is no excuse for this oversight; we were just wrong

and we are truly sorry.

Make no mistake, the people at Vanderbilt University, our alumni and fans respect all that you do and have done for this nation.

We are honored by what you stand for and we understand that this was not the way you should have been treated.

On behalf of Vanderbilt University, please accept our apology for this mistake and oversight of your important protocol.

You deserved better and we have learned from our mistake. We request your forgiveness.

*Respectfully,  
Vanderbilt University*

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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# Conference provides enlightening look into ethics

Story and photos by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

More than 200 students and cadets, representing nearly 95 universities and military academies, attended the 2011 National Conference on Ethics in America at Eisenhower Hall Oct. 16-19. This was the 26th iteration of the conference held at West Point, presented by the Class of 1970 and hosted by the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic.

Each year, the West Point outreach program brings in industry leaders and experts to engage students on a myriad of topics designed to invoke critical thinking about the practice of ethics. Small group discussions followed each presentation, led by a group of mentors from various professions and institutions to serve as small-group facilitators. Several mentors were from the Class of 1970 and from the English and Philosophy Department at West Point.

Twenty-eight faculty delegates also gathered with the goal of discussing best practices regarding character development and honor-related issues (such as cheating and plagiarism). The results will be published for the first time in NCEA history by the SCPME.

“The goal is for us to publish those best practices and make them available to other institutions, so they can learn and possibly utilize those practices,” Lt. Col. Michael Turner, SCPME deputy director, said. “One of our other goals is for the students themselves to take back what they’ve learned to their colleges and universities.”

Class of 2012 Cadet Anastasia Cale was excited to hear what delegates thought about the Corps’ “rockbound highland home.”

“I was with one of my fellow friends on the Honor Staff, and he asked a delegate what their favorite part of West Point was,” Cale said. “He responded that he wished he could be here because everyone was so driven and always seemed to be on a mission.”

Cale is the vice chair for public affairs on the Brigade Honor Staff and served as the command sergeant major for the conference. With Class of 2012 Cadet Daniel Shaffer serving as cadet-in-charge of the conference, members of the Corps of Cadets’ Honor and Brigade staffs were involved since the initial planning of this year’s conference.

“I am just unbelievably proud of my staff,” Cale said. “People always say that anything is easy when you appreciate



The first plenary speaker at the 2011 National Conference on Ethics in America was Richard S. Levick, president and CEO of Levick Strategic Communications, who presented the topic “Doing the right thing at the most difficult of times.”



Small group sessions allowed college students and cadets to speak in depth with mentors on a myriad of topics related to ethics. More than 200 students and cadets, representing nearly 95 universities and military academies attended the 2011 National Conference on Ethics in America at Eisenhower Hall Oct. 16-19.

and love the people you work with and for. And I do. Being CSM for this conference was an unbeatable experience and I am proud to think that my (our) hard work helped make a fellow peer consider the importance of ethics in their lives.”

Cadets were responsible for linking each delegate with their cadet-host while handling every logistical detail of the delegation. They also escorted each plenary speaker and provided the introductions before each presentation.

On the final day of the conference, a distinguished panel of 15 senior leaders took center stage at Eisenhower Hall. Retired Gen. Fred Franks set the tone of the conversation to follow by talking about trust and how, in any environment, leaders must establish it to succeed. Afterward, panel members—including retired Brig. Gen. Leo Brooks—joined the small group sessions so delegates could further learn from the experts.

“They did a great job talking about the ethical decisions they’ve had to make in their fields and what influenced their decisions,” Turner said. “I think it all came full circle that it’s the values you have as an individual that really sway your decisions. I think the three days gave attendees a lot of time to reflect on their own values.”

The conference concluded with a banquet and Arthur Blank, chairman and owner of the Atlanta Falcons, was guest speaker. Shaffer couldn’t help but watch the audience’s reactions during a unique Q&A format hosted by CNBC reporter Brian Sullivan. Shaffer said the Home Depot co-founder provided great illustration to the topic of ethics through his personal stories that kept the delegates enraptured.

Katherine Walker, a University of Connecticut sophomore, appreciated the diversity of the event, and the chance to meet students from all over the country—both in public and private institutions.

“We’re talking about controversial issues important to us today, and it’s really great to hear from all different perspectives,” she said.

Walker also enjoyed embedding with the Corps of Cadets for a few days.

“I didn’t know that much about cadet life, and each one of us gets to live with a cadet. I had no idea about the

wake-up calls and the food they eat. It’s really great to get that different perspective on life, and really understand what going to West Point is about.”

Caitlin Cloum is an Army ROTC cadet at Vanderbilt University who enjoyed building relationships with her fellow future lieutenants for a few days. However, she also discussed meeting with civilian students and understanding their background.

“It’s been very important to meet with civilian students from all over America and understand what ethics means to them in all different sectors of society whether it be military or civilian in a time when America really needs ethics,” she said.

Cadet Colin Lewis, from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School, enjoyed speaking about ethics with peers on a collegiate level during the small-group forums. These discussions followed each plenary speaker, which allowed attendees a chance to dialogue with a mentor moderating the conversations.

“The opportunity to attend this conference was a great way to grow our understanding of ethics in this day and age and how it functions in society and how we can better ourselves through it,” Lewis said.

This was the first year where the delegation reached maximum capacity early on and several colleges were declined. Unfortunate as it is to deny students entry, it’s telling of the success of this conference.

“That comes from providing excellent hospitality, the best plenary speakers who spur discussion and critical thinking, and from providing a good outreach program which allows students to experience West Point,” Turner said. “We are reaching our vision of being that premiere ethical conference in America.”

As rewarding an opportunity to be the lead cadet at this conference was for Shaffer, it was somewhat remorseful having never participated as a delegate.

“This conference was life-changing for me even though I didn’t even get to participate in it,” Shaffer said. “But I’m a firm believer in this ethics conference after seeing what the delegates learned throughout the week.”

# Cultural inclusion, diversity explored at annual conference

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The 12th annual Diversity Leadership Conference gathered more than 150 senior leaders Oct. 19-21 from all services of the Department of Defense, to include representatives of the Air Force Academy and members of the Army Diversity Office, along with industry professionals.

The conference emphasizes the inherent value of harnessing the holistic power of diversity in five key areas: culture, talent management, respect, workforce development and outreach. Each track aligns with the five goals outlined in the Army Diversity Roadmap, Lt. Col. Kay Emerson, West Point diversity officer, said. The purpose is to obtain best practices in diversity and inclusion that the academy should incorporate at West Point, or further explore for incorporation or recommend to the Army for consideration into training, policy or practice.

Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., U.S. Military Academy superintendent, set the tone of the conference during the morning address to the attendees. He asked that everyone make the most of their time by ensuring the conference proceedings at the academy were inextricably linked to Army's diversity efforts. More than just an academic exercise, he challenged the group to create a meaningful action plan at the end of the three-day conference.

"It was important to us ... to make sure that what we were going to do today not only reflects the vision of the U.S. Army but really is done to a very high standard," Huntoon said. "When we say words like 'diversity' and 'inclusion' they come off the tongue rather quickly in our culture. It's easy to say those words, but I think if we want to do something substantial here, we've got to do it really to the highest possible standard."

The panelists and facilitators invited provided a global perspective to a broad range of topics to include religious reform and the challenges of a post-repeal military. Speakers, like filmmaker Abigail Disney and Louis Caldera, West Point graduate and vice president of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, lent their expertise on progressive thinking and

challenging conventional wisdom. The Class of 2013 was selected to attend Disney's presentation, Emerson said, as they are looking into the future at their Army careers and could more readily put into practice the lessons she shared.

During the conference luncheon, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Diversity and Leadership Larry Stubblefield affirmed the Army's commitment to diversity. Selected to the position in August 2010, Stubblefield is responsible for developing and implementing a strategy that sets a clear and concise direction that will better position the Army to recruit, develop and retain the most talented in the nation (<http://eeoa.army.pentagon.mil/web/index.cfm>).

"Our Army consists of men and women of different backgrounds, cultures, ideals and beliefs who need to know and understand they're valued members at every level," he said. "They need to know that, where appropriate, we will find ways to leverage their special backgrounds and skills to create a better Army."

Stubblefield also presented the documentary "For Love of Liberty," a film about African Americans and their service to the country. Produced in cooperation with the U.S. Army, the film conveys the untold story of black patriots throughout the nation's history who helped win and protect freedoms, even when they were denied those freedoms.

"I also want to assure you that today's Army provides the platform for not only African Americans but all Americans to express their love of liberty," Stubblefield said.

Six Cadet Affinity Clubs volunteered support during the conference, to include the Native American Heritage Club, the Gospel Choir and the Asian and Pacific Heritage Club. Representatives from several clubs were recognized during the luncheon by retired Brig. Gen. Andre Sayles and Archie Elam, from the West Point Association of Graduates Diversity Leadership Council. A ceremonial check for \$10,000 was presented to the Cadet Affinity Clubs of West Point on behalf of the conference planning committee and corporate donations. The funds will allow clubs to take trips to cultural immersion zones around the country and internationally.

The theme of this year's conference was "Cultivating



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Leadership and Inclusion for Service to the Nation." The WPAOG hosted the first diversity conference in 1996, which was recognized as the Minority Outreach Conference. The name change occurred in 2005 with a focus toward addressing the importance and challenges of organizational diversity, as it relates to inclusionary policies and practices. In 2009, the conference highlight was the unveiling of the Army's Diversity Policy with retired Brig. Gen. Belinda Pinckney, former Army Diversity Office chief, presenting the memorandum.

In previous years, the WPAOG provided much of the coordinating efforts. This year's event was a joint effort, with the bulk of the coordinating effort provided by the West Point Staff.

## West Point students rewarded for 'Making the Grade'

By Army & Air Force Exchange Service Public Affairs

In a recent editorial, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Robert L. Gordon III wrote "a high-quality education is consistently ranked as one of the top priorities for military families with school-aged children."

Understanding the value families at West Point place on education, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service offers a unique rewards program that continues to receive high marks from students and parents alike.

Now in its 11th year, "You Made the Grade" recognizes students who achieve a "B" average or better with a benefits-filled booklet. Exclusive offers include a free Burger King kids meal, Subway 6-inch combo, video rental and \$2 off any new release DVD at the PowerZone, to name a few.

Students who make the grade can also register for a drawing to win a savings bond worth up to \$5,000 by filling out and mailing an included entry form.

"It is important to recognize West Point's school superior students," the Exchange's General Manager Jonathan Bright said. "To be able to maintain academic excellence despite adversities such as moving regularly or having a parent deployed shows the resolve of these students as well as the quality of their teachers."

To receive a "You Made the Grade" booklet, students simply present a valid military ID card and proof of an overall "B" or better average at the West Point Exchange.

Students may receive one coupon package for every qualifying report card, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar year.

West Point's families can contact the Exchange at 446-5446 for more information about "You Made the Grade."

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service has the dual mission of providing authorized patrons with articles of merchandise and services and generating non-appropriated fund earnings as a supplemental source of funding for military Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs.

# Pickens discusses energy issues at BS&L forum

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

T. Boone Pickens visited West Point Oct. 21 to speak with cadets about his energy policy and the Pickens Plan.

The Pickens Plan involves developing natural resources in the U.S. to build a bridge to the future by developing wind power and using natural gas in transportation to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

The event was hosted by the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Distinguished Leader Series. This is the second time Pickens has spoken to cadets with his last visit that came in September 2008 when he was a guest speaker at a Hall of Fame dinner.

“Energy is increasingly becoming a major issue,” Col. Thomas Kolditz, professor and department head in the BS&L Department, said. “Energy issues cuts across the corps.”

Pickens has definite ideas on how to reduce the U.S. dependence on OPEC.

“We have plenty of resources,” Pickens said. “All we have to do is get the leadership to make the difference.”

Pickens said the first thing necessary to reduce our dependence on OPEC is to have an energy plan, something that Pickens said hasn’t happened in 40 years.

“The world uses 90 million gallons of oil a day and the U.S. uses 21 percent,” Pickens said. “That’s 25 percent of the world’s oil demand used by 4 percent of the population and the U.S. alone imports 65 percent of our oil. That is just not sustainable. We need a plan and if we don’t have a plan, our plan will be OPEC.”

Pickens said developing wind power is a viable alternative to provide electrical energy as is drilling for natural gas using the newly developed technology of horizontal drilling—or fracking.

“Fracking can drill 5,000 feet,” Pickens said. “We can create a tremendous amount of gas with fracking, and it is safe. There have been many studies out that have shown it’s a safe way to drill.”

At the completion of his speech, Pickens took questions from the cadets. One cadet asked about what he thought of nuclear energy.

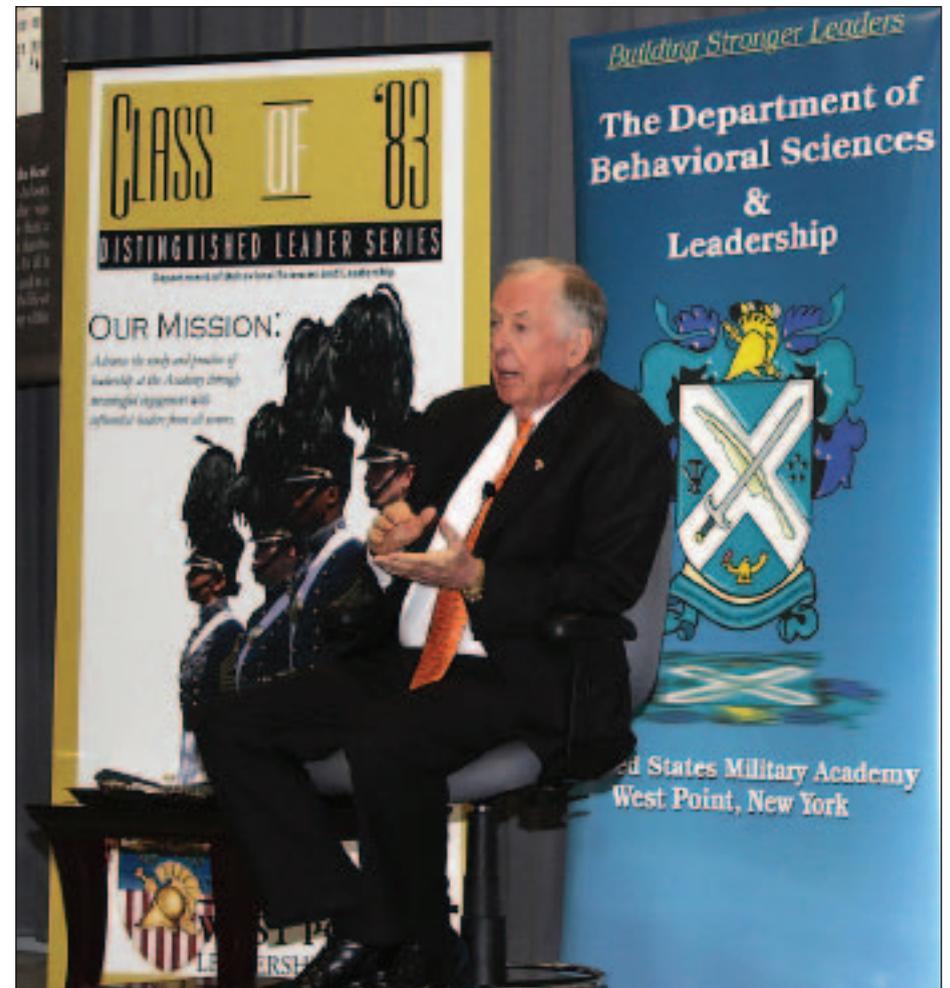
“I don’t have any problems with nuclear energy,” he said. “I know after the Japan nuclear disaster that there will be studies done and I know what it will say on the last page—there will be the recommendation of not building a nuclear reactor near the ocean or on a fault line.”

Another cadet asked if more environmental regulations would come into play.

“Regulations are fine,” Pickens said. “I think some issues, like fracking, should be up to the states to decide on how they want to develop energy resources. Regulations are the reason drilling in the Gulf of Mexico is slow. There were 159 request for permits and only 22 issued.”

The shale deposits from Texas to Louisiana to Appalachia and the Great Lakes contain enough natural gas to sustain our energy needs for many decades to come, Pickens said.

“To me, it’s a problem importing oil from our enemies, it’s a security issue,” Pickens said. “Money from the sale of oil can go to countries that are not friendly to the U.S. We must develop an energy plan.”



T. Boone Pickens was invited by the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Department to speak with cadets at Thayer Hall Oct. 21. Pickens talked about energy problems in this country and our dependence on OPEC oil.

## SHARP Response Team

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# 'Fight to be First' challenges cadets of 1st Regiment

By Class of 2012 Cadet Joseph Amoroso  
1st Regiment Commander

The First Regiment of the U.S. Corps of Cadets completed their annual Regimental Training Day Oct. 22. The day began with the Class of 2012 completing their record Army Physical Fitness Test while the underclassmen were back at the barracks preparing their rooms and common areas for an upcoming brigade-wide inspection.

After outstanding APFT performances by the first class cadets and barracks clean up, the regiment regrouped and began their physical competition, called "The Fight to Be First Challenge."

Eight motivated teams from each company ran throughout post to tackle the physical and mental challenges developed by each of the nine companies. The activities included flipping tires, lifting logs, putting out notional fires and trying to navigate a human wheel-barrow through a fake minefield—blindfolded.

The weather was outstanding for a challenging, yet rewarding event. After the competition, the regiment congregated in Legion Square for a cook-off in which all nine companies submitted different foods that put normal barbecues to shame.

During the cook-off, tactical officers and instructors provided some last-minute branching advice to firsties and other cadets took a shot at dunking their chain of command in the dunk tank.



(Above) Company E-1's Class of 2013 Cadet Kaitlyn Love guides her partner through D-1's simulated minefield during the Regimental Training Day for 1st Regiment Oct. 22. (Right) Class of 2014 Cadet Andrew Pribble pulls his squadmate up the Ranger Wall as Company D-1 cadets attack the Axemen's site during the physical competition, "The Fight to Be First Challenge."

COURTESY PHOTOS

It was a day that truly exemplified how the cadets of the First Regiment truly are "First and Proud."



# Google team supports West Point community

By Leonard Gomberg  
West Point SFAC Education Counselor

Google's Creative Lab brought 90 members of its team to West Point Oct. 12 to participate in activities in support of Soldiers, families, the academy and community. Nearly all the "Googlers" wore a Vet Net T-shirt to visually show their support for veterans and their involvement in a community of Google employees that is dedicated to such support.

The team provided one-on-one resumé advice for transitioning Soldiers and family members, trained cadets and faculty of the Behavioral Sciences & Leadership Department on Google products, and performed a variety of community service projects on the garrison side.

The resumé activity took place at the Army Community Service Center, where 26 participants also heard from Google employees, including one who had successfully transitioned there from the military.

Carrie Lauren is the Creative Lab employee who established the Google Veterans Network and coordinated the West Point visit for Google.

Lauren is dedicated to providing outreach to active duty military members and veterans and has set up a pilot program that will provide servicemembers in five military hospitals training in how to use products to stay in touch with loved ones while they are in recovery.

West Point garrison commander Col. Michael Tarsa thanked the Google team for providing its valuable service to the military at a luncheon at the Thayer Hotel following the mentoring activity.



## All aboard 'Bob's Bus'

Baylen Washburn, 4, checks out "Bob's Bus" at the West Point Elementary School. Children dedicated the bus to George "Bob" Monroe who died last July at the age of 81. Mr. Bob, as he was known to the special education children he drove for more than 20 years, was very special in the hearts of the students and their parents. Parents spoke about how he would go out of his way to have new community members feel comfortable with him driving the children and would brighten anyone's day with a smile or a kind word. Mr. Bob was also a supervisor and councilman in the Town of the Highlands.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# AIChE Club members win national honors

Submitted by the West Point American Institute of Chemical Engineers Club

West Point American Institute of Chemical Engineers Club cadets participated in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) National Student Conference Oct. 14-17.

Class of 2012 Cadets Cody Koffman, Ethan Heckmann and Branko Kovacevic competed in the national poster competition with submissions on polymer composites for blast mitigation, microbial fuel cells and electrochemical explosive detection in salt water research, respectively.

Koffman (and fellow contributors), won first place for the materials division and Kovacevic won third place for catalysis during the AIChE National Undergraduate Student Poster competition Oct. 17.

Koffman's work was sponsored by the Army Research Lab, Institute for Biotechnologies and UC Santa Barbara. Heckmann's work was sponsored by the Army Research Lab. Kovacevic's research was sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ERDC-EL and Columbia University in conjunction with USMA.

During the conference, the national chapter of AIChE also recognized Class of 2013 Cadet Floren Herrera as the West Point Chemical Engineering Club Donald F. Othmer Sophomore Academic Excellence Award Winner for the 2011 academic year.

In West Point's fourth year of having a nationally registered club, the AIChE cadets continue to establish themselves—for the second year in a row—by receiving national recognition in the undergraduate student research poster competition.

The student conference was an excellent program focused on academic achievement, engineering competition, chemical engineering career progression, and education on how to run and manage an active and fun student AIChE chapter.

Cadet leaders had the opportunity to talk with other student chapter members, learn from the various seminar speakers and interact with professional chemical engineers throughout the conference.

The cadets in the club have committed to planning, developing and building a ChemE Car for the ChemE Car competition in April 2012. This trip helped the West Point ChemE team learn more about the competition and the Army team gained valuable information toward the first ever West Point ChemE Car—the "Knight Rider."

## West Point Model UN places third at Yale Conference

Submitted by the West Point Model United Nation

The West Point Model United Nations Team placed third in their first competition of the season at the Yale University Model United Nations Conference Oct. 13-16.

The West Point Model United Nations Team traveled to Yale University this past weekend to compete in the Security Council Simulation.

The conference developed each cadet's understanding of international relations and diplomacy; enhanced each cadet's public speaking, debating and diplomacy skills; and promoted a greater civil-military relationship with several hundred students from universities around the world.

The West Point team placed third overall with 10 individual awards including:

**Best Delegate (1st Place):** Class of 2012 Cadet Micah Ables representing Gen. David Petraeus in the National Security Council; Class of 2012 Cadet Lauren Pasque representing Dmitry Timofeyevich Yazov in the Fall of the Soviet Union; Class of

2013 Cadet Will Dickson as Aeneas in Peloponnesian War: Sparta.

**Outstanding Delegate (2nd Place):** Class of 2012 Cadet Elizabeth Constantino and Class of 2015 Cadet Megan McNulty representing the United Kingdom in the UNSC; Class of 2013 Cadet Ross Boston representing Louis Michel Pierrot in the Caiman Revolution of 1803; Class of 2014 Cadet Brandon Moore representing Julian Assange in Wikileaks; and Class of 2013 Cadet Tommy Daniel representing Gideon Yu in the Facebook Executive Board.

**Honorable Mention (3rd Place):** Class of 2012 Cadet Brett Schuck as the National Democratic Party Leader in the Egyptian Revolution Committee; Class of 2013 Cadet Benjamin Ketchum representing Don Pedro I in the Napoleonic Revolution of 1822; and Class of 2014 Cadet Warren Geary as Huang Shaoxiong in Chinese Civil War: Nationalists.

The following cadets also participated and were integral to the team's success: Class of 2014 Cadets Matthew Moellering, Patrick Brown and Allan Newman, and Class of 2015 Cadets Ashley Goskowicz and Sean Kealey.

## FMWR Blurbs

### Halloween Family Fun Night

A fun-filled Halloween Family Fun Night will be presented by the Army Family Team Building program from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday at ACS Bldg. 622.

Join our AFTB staff for a Trick or Treat parade, Halloween crafts, Monster Cookie Station, games and prizes.

To register for the event, call 938-5654.

### CYSS Halloween Costume Party

West Point Child, Youth and School age Services is hosting a Halloween Costume Party from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Youth Center.

There will be food, games, activities and dancing, with prizes for the best costumes.

Open to all CYSS-registered youth in grades 6-12.

For more information, call 938-3727.

### CDC Parent's Night Out

The Stony Child Development Center is holding a Parent's Night Out Nov. 4.

Drop off your child at Stony CDC at 6 p.m. and go out and enjoy yourself. Pick up is at 11 p.m.

All children must be between 6 weeks to 10 years old and registered with CYSS to participate.

Reservations must be in by Friday.

For more information, call 938-3921.

### FMWR community swim program October hours of operation

The community swim program's hours of operation in October 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 during the home football game Saturday.

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

### 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 from Nov. 3-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 from Nov. 2-30 at no cost.

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

### Make a Difference Day

West Point's inaugural Make a Difference Day is scheduled Nov. 4.

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](mailto:christina.overstreet@usma.edu).

### Strong Spouses and Young Heroes Deployment Support Groups

New deployment support groups for spouses and children will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 by the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Program in Bldg. 622.

The Strong Spouses Journaling through Deployment group discovers how to record thoughts, special events and milestones while sharing your feelings about your deployment experience with others.

The Young Heroes Learning about Deployment group helps children gain support and have fun while learning about life in Iraq and Afghanistan through deployment-related activities.

For more information and to register, call 938-5654.

### 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.

### 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.

### MST Center Open on early dismissal days

The West Point Middle School/Teen Center (MST Center) will open at 11 a.m. on scheduled early dismissal days at the West Point Middle School for those 6-8 grade students registered with CYSS.

A small fee is applicable.

For more information, call 938-8525/3727.

### Part Day Preschool openings

The Lee Child Development Center currently has openings for its part-day Preschool five-day afternoon program from 1-4 p.m. This program is for children 3 years and older.

For more information, 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](http://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.

## NEW INFO

### 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 Nov. 4.

Nomination forms can be found at [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com) under the ACS drop down menu.

For more information, contact Christina Overstreet at [christina.overstreet@usma.edu](mailto:christina.overstreet@usma.edu) or 938-3655.

### Arts & Crafts Holiday Classes

Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah ceramic painting classes for adults will be held Thursdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 and 17.

Stained glass classes for flat snowflake or a 3D Holiday tree tea light 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 Saturdays on Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17. Class schedules are subject to change.

Check out [westpointmwr.com/art](http://westpointmwr.com/art) for the most current schedule.

For more information, call 938-4812.

### Miscellaneous information

Round Pond closes Nov. 6, 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.

### Bingo at the West Point Bowling Center

Bingo is now at the West Point Bowling Center.

For more information, call 938-2140.

# What's Happening

## 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.

## Book Signing

The Daughters of the U.S. Army Gift Shop will have "Old Grad" Capt. Preston Pysh here to sign copies of his highly acclaimed book, "The Diary of a West Point Cadet."

The signing will be held in the foyer of the West Point Museum from 9-11 a.m. Saturday and from noon-2 p.m. Sunday.

## 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](mailto:mary.coffey@am.dodea.edu) if you would like to attend.

## 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](http://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](http://www.westpointband.com).

## 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](mailto: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

### USAG West Point Employee Town Hall meeting

The West Point garrison commander, Col. Mike Tarsa, will host a garrison-wide town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Eisenhower Theatre to discuss expected challenges over the next fiscal year.

Tarsa will open the meeting with an introduction to the issues confronting the Installation Management Command, the projected impact on West Point and the services currently available to support our workforce during this time of change.

Don Hale, President of the American Federation of Government Employees, will join Tarsa on stage to take questions from the audience.

All are welcome, and garrison employees filling appropriated fund positions are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Highland Falls School District hosts bestselling author

Barbara Coloroso, author of "The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander" will be at the Highland Falls Intermediate School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The event is open to the public and is free for members of the Highland Falls, Garrison and West Point communities.

She will share her expertise with student, teachers, parents and members of the local community. Reservations are required.

To make reservations, go to [www.hffmcsd.org](http://www.hffmcsd.org).

## 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. Nov. 3 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 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 (updated)

The West Point Range Control will host a Personally Owned Firearms Range from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

The previously scheduled POF range for Nov. 5 has been cancelled.

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 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](mailto:david.brzywczy@usma.edu).

## 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](mailto:Karen.wood@usma.edu).

# Keller Corner

## Unwanted prescription drugs turn-in

From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, the Army Substance Abuse Program and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

Bring medications for disposal to The Exchange at 1204 Stony Lonesome Access.

For more information, call 446-5446. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

## 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. Nov. 3. 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. Nov. 7 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](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 Nov. 8.

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.

## CADET HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual Cadet Halloween Parade at West Point will make its way through Stony Lonesome, Bartlett Loop and Lee Housing areas from 3:30-5:50 p.m. Monday. The Rabble Rousers, Black Jack, the Spirit Band and cadets from each regiment will distribute candy to children in the housing areas from fire trucks and Humvees.

# FMWR to cut back hours at Fitness Center, library

Submitted by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

West Point Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs are seeing funding reductions in

Fiscal Year 2012.

As a result of Army budget cuts, FMWR received a reduction in available funding to support the FMWR recreation programs at West Point.

The reduction is affecting all aspects of the recreation programs and overhead support required.

After a careful review of program usage and options, FMWR will be reducing hours of operation at the following facilities effective Nov. 6.

- The Post Library, located in Bldg. 622 at the south end of the installation, will now be closed Sundays in addition to Saturdays.

Operation hours for the Post Library will be from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The academic library, Jefferson Hall, in Central Area remains available to adult community members.

- The FMWR Fitness Center, located in Bldg. 683, will now be closed Sundays. Operating hours are from 5:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, Class of '62 Room, remains open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday for CAC and military card users.

- FMWR will no longer place rental boats on area lakes, with the exception of Round Pond and Lake Frederick.

FMWR continues to review recreation programs used and funding strategies as it deals with this first round of Army budget cuts.

Indications are that further cuts could be forthcoming.

FMWR will be conducting a recreation program survey in November and December.

The survey will be available to the West Point community and will help in determining community priorities on leisure and mission essential community recreation programs.

Recreation programs affected by these cuts are post

## NOW SHOWING

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

**Friday—Warrior, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Apollo 18, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—The Help, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

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

## Command Channel 8/23

**Oct. 27-Nov. 3**

(Broadcast times)

**Army Newswatch**

**Today, Friday and Monday through Nov. 3**

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

**The Point**

**Today, Friday and Monday through Nov. 3**

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

## LifeWorks at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Best Decorated Halloween House:** Decorate your home and yard for Halloween and possibly win a prize. Nominate your house or another's by email to Jodi Gellman. Judging will take place at registered homes starting at 5 p.m. today.

Winners will be selected and prizes awarded Friday.

For more information, call Jodi Gellman, LifeWorks coordinator, at 446-6407 or email her at [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com).

- **Halloween Trick or Treat:** Trick or treating on post takes place from 5-8 p.m. Monday.

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, DVECS

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.

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See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Easy

libraries, fitness centers, intramural sports, leisure travel services, outdoor recreation, swim programs, skiing, arts and crafts, auto shop and the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

# Army faces Fordham, looks to get back on winning track

By Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights (2-5) play their final game at Michie Stadium this season when they welcome the Fordham Rams (1-6) for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff Saturday.

The game will be televised by CBS Sports Network with Gary Thorne doing the play-by-play and Randy Cross 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 or Sirius Satellite Radio (Channel 136).

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 (14-18, .438)  
12th Season Overall (74-59, .556)  
Record vs. Fordham: 0-0
- Fordham head coach Tom Masella  
Alma Mater: Wagner, 1981  
6th season at Fordham (27-36, .429)  
10th season Overall (44-62, .415)  
Record vs. Army: 0-0

## Black Knights Recap

- Army is 2-1 in its first three home games of 2011, including wins in its last two appearances. The Black Knights have road games left at Air Force and Temple, along with neutral site games versus Rutgers (at Yankee Stadium; Bronx, N.Y.) and Navy (FedEx Field; Landover, Md.). Army has yet to win away from West Point this season.
- Junior quarterback Trent Steelman suffered a leg injury in the first half of the loss at Vanderbilt Oct. 22 and did not return. The Bowling Green, Ky., native has started an academy-record 32 straight games



**Freshman defensive lineman Jacob Drozd celebrates his first sack against Tulane Oct. 1. He started his first game last weekend.** TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

under center, but he has been ruled out for Saturday's game. Steelman is Army's second-leading rusher with 576 yards and owns a team-high 11 rushing touchdowns.

- Sophomore running back Raymond Maples had his three-game streak with at least 100 rushing yards snapped against Vanderbilt. Maples is the Black Knights' leading rusher with 600 yards and is second on the team with four rushing touchdowns.

- Freshman quarterback Angel Santiago made his collegiate debut at Vanderbilt. Santiago guided the Black Knights on a scoring drive, capping the touchdown march with a one-yard plunge, his first career touchdown. Classmate Larry Dixon, Army's backup fullback, had the best game of his young career with a team-high 92 yards.

His 57-yard run was not only his career long, but also Army's longest play from scrimmage this season.

- Defensively, Army shuffled its lineup, adding two freshmen to the list of first-time starters this season. Plebe linebacker Geoffrey Bacon made a career-high and team-best 13 tackles and scored Army's first defensive touchdown this season with a 70-yard interception return. Freshman defensive lineman Jacob Drozd made his first career start, posting two tackles versus the Commodores.

Army has had 22 players make their first career starts this season, including seven plebes.

## Scouting the Rams

- Fordham head coach Tom Masella is in his sixth season as the head coach at Fordham. Masella guided the Rams to the Patriot League championship in 2007. Before arriving in the Bronx, Masella was the head coach at Central Connecticut State for two

seasons, winning back-to-back NEC titles in 2004 and 2005. He also served as the head coach at Boston University in 1996 and 1997.

- The Rams are coming off a 45-24 road loss to Lafayette. Fordham gained a season-high 565 yards of offense in the loss. Junior quarterback Ryan Higgins completed 32 of his 52 throws for 413 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Senior running back Darryl Whiting rushed for a season-high 128 yards on 20 carries.

- Offensively, the Rams average 15.9 points and 317.7 yards per game. The Rams do the majority of their damage through the air, averaging 231.1 yards per contest compared with 86.6 yards per game on the ground. Higgins has completed 54.5 percent of his throws (73-134) for 973 yards, five touchdowns and five interceptions in four games.

Whiting has accounted for 467 of the teams' 606 rushing yards and has one of the Rams' three rushing scores. Blake Wayne and Carlton Koonce lead the team with 25 and 23 receptions, respectively. Koonce leads the team with four receiving touchdowns.

- Defensively, Fordham is giving up 31.7 points and 468.3 yards per game. Michael Martin leads the team with 64 tackles, including 37 solo stops. Jake Rodriques has a team-best five tackles for loss, while Nick Womack owns 3 1/2 quarterback sacks and is tied for the team lead with two interceptions.

## Lasting Impression

- Saturday's game is the first time the two teams will play since a 35-0 Army win at West Point Nov. 5, 1949. Both previous games have been contested at West Point.

- The first game between Army and Fordham took place Oct. 24, 1891. It was the Black Knights' second game in its history and its first opponent other than Navy, which Army played in its first game Nov. 29, 1890. The 10-6 win was the first victory in Army history.

# Volleyball remains tied for first after Lehigh win

By Tracy Nelson  
Army Athletic Communications

Junior outside hitter Ariana Mankus' 15 kills led a group of three Army players to reach double-figure kills in a 3-1 win over visiting Lehigh Oct. 22 at Gillis Field House.

The Black Knights' win improved the team to 8-1 in Patriot League play (17-6 overall) and kept them in a tie with American for first place in the Patriot League standings.

The first two sets were decided by a combined five points with each team taking one frame. From there, Army took control and won the third and fourth sets by 25-16 and 25-14 scores, respectively. The victory completed Army's sweep over Lehigh (14-8,

6-3 Patriot League) during the regular season.

Along with Mankus' 15 kills, sophomore middle blocker Megan Wilton and junior right side hitter Francine Vasquez totaled 14 and 11 kills, respectively. Wilton hit for a match-high .522 percentage with just two errors in 23 attempts. Freshman setter Mary Vaccaro amassed 47 assists and 16 digs and was the only Army player to finish with a double-double.

Senior co-captain Rachel Willis led the Black Knights with six total blocks, while sophomore libero D.J. Phee added a team-high 21 digs to anchor an Army defense that held Lehigh to a .167 hitting percentage.

The Mountain Hawks jumped out to a 6-2 lead early in the first set, but the Black

Knights found their rhythm midway through the action. With the score tied at 23-23 on a kill from Army sophomore Margaux Jarka, the Black Knights scored the final two points via a Willis/Vasquez double block and a Vasquez kill.

The Black Knights led 12-9 in the second set, but Lehigh had another outcome in mind. Despite Army continuing to hold a lead late in the action, the Mountain Hawks broke a 22-22 tie with a Courtney McCutchan kill and held Army scoreless the rest of the way.

Army came out of the break on a mission and it showed in the final two sets of the match. The Black Knights held a narrow 13-12 lead midway through, but proceeded to out-score Lehigh by a 12-4 margin the rest of the

way en route to a 25-16 victory.

The fourth set played by a similar script with Army holding court from the start. The Black Knights led 10-4 at a Lehigh timeout in the early going and continued to lead by at least eight points the rest of the way.

Lehigh's Paige Kruse led all players with 16 kills to go with nine digs and three blocks.

Defending champion American swept Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 22 leaving the Eagles in a tie with Army at 8-1 in the league standings.

The Black Knights remain at home for a single match this weekend, hosting Holy Cross at 1 p.m. Sunday. Fans are encouraged to take part in Halloween festivities by dressing in a costume for the match.

# Sustaita threw four, ran four TDs to lead Sprint

By Pam Flenke  
Army Athletic Communications

Army sprint football defeated first-time foe Post, 57-43, Oct. 21 in dramatic fashion at Shea Stadium. Junior quarterback Javier Sustaita led the Black Knights on back-to-back scoring drives in the final four minutes to capture the come-from-behind victory.

Army (4-1, 4-0 CSFL) fell behind early as the Eagles (2-3, 2-3 CSFL) scored on the game's opening drive and returned a blocked punt on the Black Knights' ensuing possession to jump ahead 13-0. Army then found the end zone for the first time on the first of four Sustaita rushing touchdowns when he ran in from 29 yards.

Post scored with 24 seconds remaining in the first quarter, as quarterback Dwyane Carter connected with Daniel Awwad for an 18-yard score. The Eagles extended their lead to 25-7 by scoring on their first possession of the second quarter.

The Black Knights rebounded in convincing fashion, finding the end zone in three of their next four drives. Sustaita and sophomore wide receiver Tom Jeffers accounted for all three touchdowns, with Jeffers catching 46- and 24-yard touchdowns passes on back-to-back possessions before Sustaita punched in his second score of the game with a one-yard run.

Despite the slow start, Army entered halftime with a 28-25 lead.

The high-scoring first half did not initially carry over to the second, as both teams were held without a point until the 3:43 mark in the third quarter when Jeffers registered his third touchdown. It ended up being the only score of the quarter to put Army ahead 35-25.

The scoring fest would return at the 8:16 mark of the fourth quarter as Post used a 13-play, 77-yard drive capped by another Carter-Awwad score to cut the Black Knights' lead to 35-31. Junior Lucas Hornick blocked the extra point attempt, the second time Army blocked the extra point kick after junior Erik Houston stopped the Eagles' fourth try.

Army needed only three plays to respond as Jeffers shook the coverage for a 73-yard score and along with Scruggs' extra point, regained the Black Knights' double-digit lead at 42-31 with 7:27 remaining.

Post rebounded on its next drive, led by a barrage of passes from Carter who capped the five-play, 69-yard drive with a 39-yard touchdown pass to Rashaun Reid. The Eagles'

two-point conversion fell short, holding Army's lead at 42-37 with 5:56 left in regulation.

Starting from their own 33-yard line, the Black Knights suffered a crucial setback as Sustaita lost a fumble on the drive's first play. Post used four plays to get into the end zone to take the lead, but failed on the two-point conversion. With four minutes on the clock, Post was back out in front 43-42.

The Black Knights regained the lead by scoring on their next possession as Sustaita rushed for his third touchdown of the game. Sustaita hit junior Cody Nyp for the two-point conversion, stretching Army's lead to 50-43 with 2:13 remaining.

With the Eagles pinned at their own 16-yard line following the kickoff, junior defensive back Mariot Turi made one of the most decisive plays of the game, intercepting Carter's pass at midfield, putting the ball back in Army's hands with 1:23 left on the clock.

The Black Knights ran the ball on the next three plays, including a five-yard touchdown by Sustaita. Scruggs connected on the extra point, pushing Army's lead to 57-43 with 51 seconds left.

The Eagles fought their way back into Army territory before junior defensive end Noah Currie halted the drive by sacking Carter for a six-yard loss, stalling the Eagles who were without a timeout.

Sustaita finished the game 25-of-39 for 353 yards passing and four touchdowns, while also running for four rushing scores and a game-high 76 yards rushing. The Troy, Texas native connected with Jeffers for all four passing scores and 220 yards.

Currie and senior Mike Meier each tallied game highs of 10 tackles apiece, while Currie registered two sacks. Senior co-captain JP Cooper totaled nine tackles and two interceptions, while also forcing a fumble.

"I was proud of our offense," Army head coach Lt. Col. Mark West said. "Nobody panicked. Javie (Sustaita) is pretty calm and collected, and we took advantage of what the defense gave us.

"Tom (Jeffers) is probably the smallest receiver on the team, but has the biggest heart. He runs tough routes and isn't afraid to go inside. He's got great speed which he showed on several occasions tonight," he added. "Post was extremely athletic and we were able to turn it around and make it a close game after being down at the start. It was much closer than we wanted it to be, making it come down to the last minute.



Junior quarterback Javier Sustaita threw four touchdown passes and added four more on the ground to lead Army to a 57-43 win over Post Oct. 21.

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A lot of credit to them—they're a very talented group, but we were lucky enough to pull it out."

## Women's soccer romps over American, holds onto third place

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Army's 3-0 romp over American Sunday at Reeves Field in Washington, D.C., clinched a berth to the Patriot League Women's Soccer Tournament for the preseason favorite Black Knights.

The win enabled Army (10-3-4 overall) to retain its hold onto third place in the conference standings with 11 points behind a 3-1-2 league mark.

Colgate took over first place in the league standings following its 2-1 edging of Lehigh, and leader Lafayette dropped into second place after bowing to Bucknell, 2-1, in overtime.

The fourth and final spot to the tournament

will be determined this weekend between Navy and the Bison.

The Black Knights, tying their second highest output of the season, scored just 1:37 into the game on sophomore midfielder Ruthie Rosenberger's third goal of the season this year. Sophomore midfielder Joey Molacek sent the ball to Rosenberger, who was in the box, after finding the ball at her feet following a rejection on her attempt to finish. The assist was Molacek's second of the season.

Army took that 1-0 lead into the halftime break as the Black Knights and Eagles traded shots with eight and seven each, respectively.

Second-half goals by sophomore forward Kim An and senior forward Dee Clegg clinched Army's second win in the series,

along with snapping the Eagles' nine-game series unbeaten string as the Black Knights posted their first win against them since 2002.

An's goal was her second over the weekend after tallying in Army's 3-2 heartbreak loss to Navy Oct. 21.

The league's preseason offensive player of the year scored her ninth goal of the season at the 70:43 mark.

An settled a pass from sophomore defenseman Jaelyn Kalik and booted it into the net from 15 yards for her 18th career goal, which is one shy of breaking into the Black Knights' top-10 all-time list. The helper was defender Kalik's first collegiate point.

Clegg closed out the scoring with an unassisted tally in the 83rd minute for her second goal of the season.

The shutout was Army's and senior goalkeeper Monica Lee's 12th of the season.

Lee moved into a tie for 10th place on the conference chart with her 19th career blanking and also moved into a three-way tie for second place on Army's all-time list.

"I am very proud of my team for the way (it) responded today," Army coach Stefanie Golan said. "Friday against Navy was a hard loss and to respond with today's 3-0 win is just huge. A lot of teams would have hanged their heads, but our team responded the way that we needed to.

"This is my fifth year at Army (first two assistant, last three as head coach) and we had never beaten American," she added.

Army closes out its regular season hosting Lafayette Sunday on Senior Day.



(Photo 1) West Point Team members and referees in the action during the Battle of Hurtgen Forest. A referee in the foreground had been splattered with paint while opposing a German general. Disoriented by a smoke grenade, a German (Robert) was a hasty retreat. See more photos at [flickr.com/photos/...](http://flickr.com/photos/...) to see more.

## Fans called it the “greatest game ever” It is known at West Point as...

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Conflict and fellowship ... it's a contradiction in terms yet sums up nicely what the Army Paintball's Combat Classic is all about.

The conflict played out at Lake Frederick on Oct. 15-16 was the Battle of Hurtgen Forest—a historic fight between U.S. and German forces during World War II. The fellowship derived from hundreds of paintball enthusiasts—young and old, novice and pro—skirmishing by day then reveling in their battles at night.

The Combat Classic has become more than just a fundraiser for the Army Paintball Team, and it's more than just a game. Sure, the money raised from the biannual event funds both the tournament team and the Mil-Sim (military scenario) team for gear, travel and competition costs. However, over the years it has become much more—evolving into this unique gathering of paintball aficionados from all over the country to experience the game, West Point style.

For many of the 375 registered players this fall, the draw of the Classic was about playing on West Point grounds in an event planned and organized by fellow paintballers, who also happen to be U.S. Military Academy cadets.

“For a lot of folks coming here, this may be the closest experience they have with the military,” Class of 2013 Cadet Bryan Robbins said.

The cool factor in that is undeniable and apparent from feedback posted on the team's Facebook page. Comments like “Epic” and “Greatest Game Ever” aptly described the general sentiment heard throughout the campground that weekend, where breaks in battle allowed attendees to chat with cadets and mingle throughout a strip—complete with vendors and war re-enactors—similar to a mini-Black Knights Alley during Army Football home games.

“It's become more than just a weekend paintball game,” Class of 2012 Cadet John Carroll, the Classic cadet-in-charge, said. “It's the whole experience, really, that draws people back every fall and spring. They can play paintball anywhere, but they enjoy spending time with cadets and appreciate what we do.”

As players roam the woods, cadets provide a touch of realism to the game with artillery simulators and smoke grenades, the same effects used during their own military training. For the more adventurous players, there is plenty of action to be found on the steep hill that has long been dubbed “Mr. M.”

# THE COMBAT CLASSIC

“For most players, it's a love-hate relationship with Mr. M,” Class of 2012 Cadet Matthew Howard, the executive officer of the Combat Classic, said. “There's a healthy respect for it ... that's why they call it mister.”

The Combat Classic actually ends on that hill, with both sides battling for control in an all-out fight to claim victory.

“The hill is what everyone talks about all day, and it's the perfect way to end the Combat Classic,” Robbins said. “Players love the final battle because it gives them a chance to buy more paint and just cover the hill with it.”

Chris DuBois, the Tournament Team coach, can't recall the inaugural Combat Classic, but said sometime in the late 1980s there was a regular invitational tournament that probably evolved into the current scenario-based classic of today.

Like many activities at West Point, the cadets plan, organize and execute the entire operation. Everything from securing vendors and contractors, working with the Directorate of Cadet Activities and requesting cadet support (the cadet radio station once again provided the music and battlefield soundtrack at the Classic), facilitating food and shelter for attendees are all assigned duties for team members. Tasks range from the simple—filling water buffaloes—to the complex, like arranging parking for an event that eats up a good portion of property with cars and vans, trailers and tents.

A storm prior to the Classic also posed a logistical dilemma when fallen trees required cadets to turn lumberjack for path clearing duties. It might have seemed like extra duty, but Howard enjoyed the problem-solving aspect of the job.

“I learn a lot every year from the Classic,” he said. “More than anything else, I've learned the value of preventive maintenance, checks and services on everything—things I never would have thought of checking.”

Robbins said working on such a large-scale event has become a lesson in adapting to unknowns and being able to think quickly and make informed decisions. A lot of this has been already taught to cadets in their military leadership (PL300) course. The Classic allows them to put theories into practice.

“I've learned to multi-task better because you really learn quick how priorities can change out here,” Robbins said. “Safety is always the first priority but, after that, things change all the time. It teaches you about using a little manpower to make a big difference.”

Carroll has been a member of the Mil-Sim team since his plebe year at West Point. Now with seven Classics under his belt, he appreciates the event as a rare opportunity for both the Tournament Team and Mil-Sim team to join forces. Their schedules keep them apart for most of the year, except the occasional meeting and when the opportunity arises where they can attend the other team's event.

“Spending a whole weekend together is a pretty unique experience because the guys get to mingle with the other half, and get to know those guys a lot better,” Carroll said. “Leadership-wise, this is also a good developmental process. Putting together an event of this magnitude is pretty tough to do and requires a lot of work. We learn a lot of lessons from this process that can carry on to our Army careers.”

The team's social media presence factors largely into the success of the Classic. Posting on Facebook and on the PB Nation website allows cadets to communicate with their fans—in response, fans provide feedback, photos and links to videos highlighting the event. To date, the team has 1,795 Facebook followers. Before last fall's Classic, they just broke 1,000 followers and tacked on additional 200-plus before the spring game. Although less than a quarter of the number following Army Football, it's more than the combined total following Men's and Women's Lacrosse, the Boxing Team and the Spirit Band.

“Social media is our largest recruiting tool for fans coming to these games,” Robbins said. “Facebook has been huge for us, because people can post questions, concerns or requests right on our page, and our administrators can answer pretty quickly.”

As much as the 60 “behind-the-scenes” cadets would have enjoyed sending a few paint rounds downrange with the competitors, the closest they got to the action was in the capacity of refereeing the game.

Except for Class of 2012 Cadet Tyler Hash, a three-year member on the team. The lucky one, they called him, because he was selected to serve as the executive officer for the German general. It was a fun role, he said, being the tactical leader on the field and getting troops where they needed to be.

“I'm having a blast out there,” Hash said. “A lot of it is about coordinating the teams, making sure they're working together and know what's going on. This is the dream job, and, yes, I'm the lucky one.”

West Point Paintball members served as the field, regulating throughout the areas. (Photo 2) escorts a tank playing field after attacked by an squad. (Photo 3) l by the smoke member of the (ed) team makes great. Visit [www.photos/west\\_point/Classic\\_photos](http://www.photos/west_point/Classic_photos).



Leading the German (Red) Army during the Fall Combat Classic as the general was Andre "Wolf" Critchlow. Critchlow plays about 30 games like this one each year, but this was his first time at West Point and well worth the eight-hour drive, he said.

## THE GENERAL

Striking a menacing pose in front of one his tanks, the German (Red) Army general paused for a moment before leading his troops back into battle to speak with the *Pointer View*.

"Being named the general for this team was an outstanding honor," Andre "Wolf" Critchlow said. "It's a little bit of stress combined with a lot excitement."

The general said it was important for the players to keep objectives in mind while striving to succeed in their missions. But at the same time, "have a lot of fun," he commanded his troops.

"That's part of my job," Critchlow said. "This isn't actual combat, but it is a sport and

we're supposed to be having fun."

Critchlow, having played the game for about 17 years, said coming to West Point has been the pinnacle of his paintball experience. It's his first time here, too, and well worth the eight-hour drive, he said.

"I told Chris [DuBois, the West Point Paintball coach] I would make this game my priority even if it's my last one of the season," Critchlow said. "I was supposed to fly out to England but I said, no, I'd rather do this. I'm glad I made it."

The passionate paintball player reviewed the Fall Combat Classic in a video available at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=et1egFHhOWQ&feature=share](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=et1egFHhOWQ&feature=share).



WEST POINT PAINTBALL TEAM FACEBOOK SCREEN GRAB

The *Pointer View* wanted to see if someone could help us with the headline to this story. Thanks to Class of 2013 Cadet Bryan Robbins for posting this query on their Facebook page. The responses poured in, and certainly set the tone when designing these pages. Learn more about the West Point Paintball Team by becoming a fan on Facebook; or visit the team's website at [www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/SURV/index.htm](http://www.usma.edu/uscc/dca/clubs/SURV/index.htm). More West Point Paintball information is available on the PB Nation website at [www.pbnation.com/showthread.php?t=3645418](http://www.pbnation.com/showthread.php?t=3645418).

## — BY THE NUMBERS —

**495** cases of paint sold at the Combat Classic which amounts to...

**990,000** paintballs expended during battle which equals approximately...

**5,846.24** gallons of paint which, relatively speaking, could paint...

**866** average-sized homes

(Our thanks to Cadet John Carroll for doing the math)