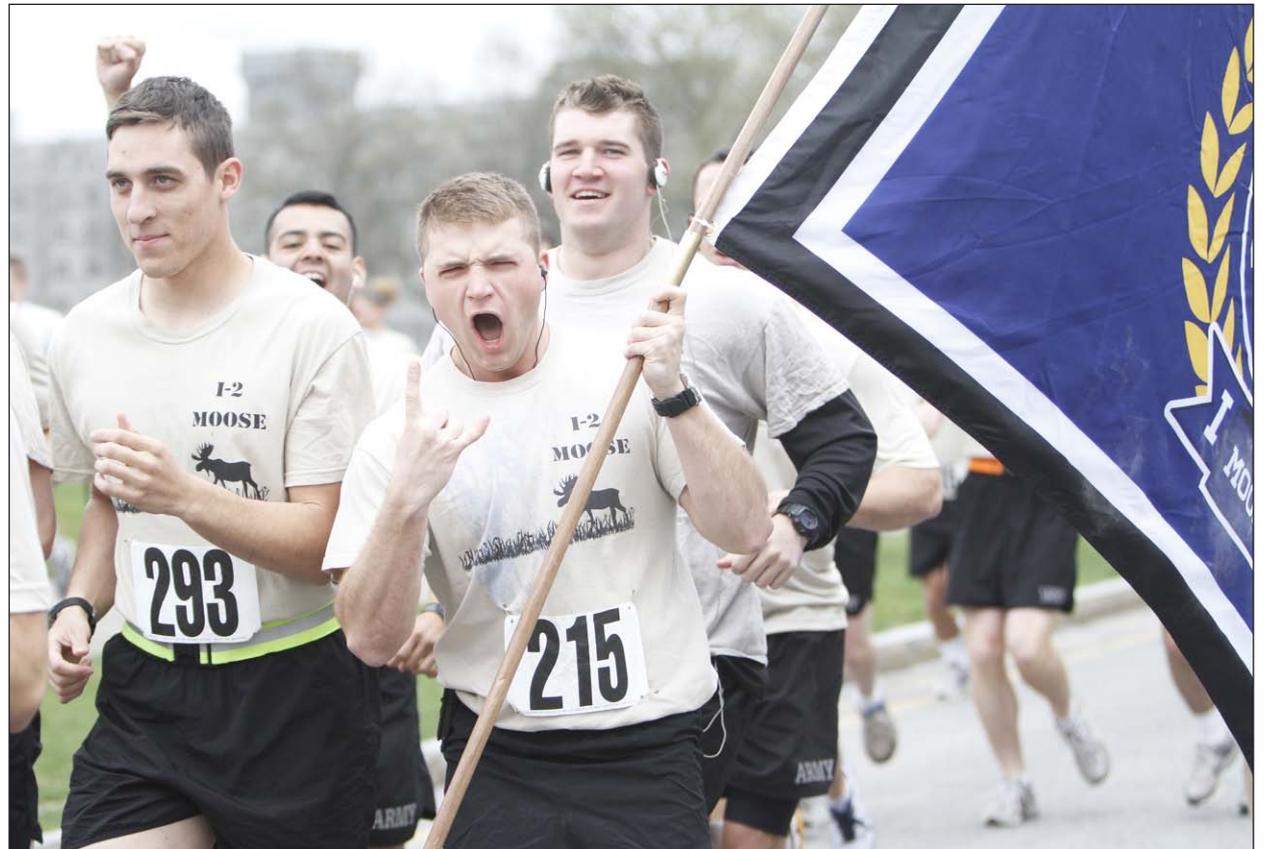




Never Forgotten

Approximately 450 runners gathered by the steps of Washington Hall for the 2nd annual West Point Half Marathon Sunday. The commemorative T-shirts with the words "Remember the Fallen—Be Thou at Peace" said it all, as the Class of 2012 paid tribute to fallen West Point graduates. Posters memorializing these Soldiers were displayed throughout the 13.1-mile route. "As first class cadets, it is important for us to organize and participate in events that honor fallen graduates and Soldiers because it helps us to realize the magnitude of the responsibility we are about to take on as soon-to-be second lieutenants," Class of 2012 Cadet Haley Johnson, cadet-in-charge of the half marathon, said. "It reminds us of the profound sacrifice that members of our profession have already made and the contribution that we hope to make to our units by ensuring our Soldiers receive the best training and leadership possible." Additional photos and videos are available at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

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Nasir named Truman Scholar

Staff Reports

Class of 2013 Cadet Hamid Nasir, a comparative politics and Arabic double major, was selected as a 2012 Truman Scholar.

Former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, President of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, announced March 30 the names of 54 exceptional college juniors from 48 U.S. colleges and universities who have been selected as 2012 Truman Scholars.

Nasir served as the chief of staff for the Student Conference on United States Affairs, an annual four-day public and foreign policy conference. Nasir speaks Urdu, Hindi and Punjabi and aspires to be a South Asian Foreign Area Officer in the U.S. Army.

The 54 new Truman Scholars were selected from 587 candidates nominated by 292 colleges and universities. They were chosen by 16 independent selection panels on the basis of their academic and leadership accomplishments and their likelihood of becoming public service leaders.

Selection panels included distinguished leaders, university presidents, elected officials, federal judges, prominent public servants and past Truman Scholarship winners. A listing of the new scholars can be found at the Truman Foundation's website, www.truman.gov.

Each new Truman Scholar receives up to \$30,000 for graduate study. Scholars also receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, leadership training, career and graduate school counseling and special internship opportunities within the federal government.

"It is an absolute honor to be named a Truman Scholar. I look forward to becoming part of the Truman Community, a community committed to the notion of public service and selflessness," Nasir said.

The Truman Scholarship Foundation was established by Congress in 1975. There have been 2,670 Truman Scholars elected since the first awards were made in 1977.

West Point cadets have earned 29 Truman Scholarships since first competing in 1992.



Class of 2013 Cadet Hamid Nasir was named a Truman Scholar March 30 by the Truman Foundation. He is the 29th cadet to earn the scholarship since 1992.

COURTESY PHOTO

Knowing your limit: Alcohol makes it personal

By Wayne Johnson
Army Substance Abuse Program

When I was a young Marine, somewhere between Valley Forge and Desert Storm, I served under a great first sergeant who specialized in getting rookies like me out of war zones alive and in one piece.

There wasn't a man in the unit we trusted or valued more than our 1st Shirt. In fact, the only rap I ever heard against him was that "he couldn't hold his liquor." This seemed an odd criticism to me when I first heard it because the 1st Shirt didn't drink every day and he seemed more in control of himself than just about anybody else I had ever known.

But then I saw what they meant.

Shirt went on a five-day bender and we had to tie him to his bunk and take turns watching him before he sobered up. Many months later, near the end of my tour of duty, after I'd earned enough respect to merit a one-on-one conversation; he confided in me that he knew the booze would kill him sooner or later. I asked him how he could get so out of control and he answered with a wry smile, "I just haven't figured out my limit yet."

Figuring out your limit when it comes to alcohol is no small matter. Incidents of Soldiers committing serious crimes, injuring themselves or harming others while intoxicated not only scars the lives of those Soldiers and their families but also brings discredit to their units and everyone who wears the uniform.

The first thing to know when you're considering your limit is that there are really two critical measurements. The first is your blood alcohol content. It is the measure that determines your limit in the eyes of the law. BAC is frequently expressed as a percentage by mass so that a 0.20 means two grams of alcohol per 1,000 grams of blood.

A Soldier is defined as impaired for duty when this measure exceeds 0.05. A driver in the United States is considered driving under the influence with a BAC at or above 0.08. A single drink, meaning twelve ounces of beer, 4 ounces of non-fortified table wine or one to one and a half ounces of liquor, will increase a person's BAC by between 0.02 and 0.04.

Whether you are at the high end or the low end of those numbers will depend on variables such as body weight, gender and body fat percentage. Since alcohol is absorbed fairly quickly, the increase will usually be accomplished in 5 to 15 minutes. The BAC will drop between 0.015 and 0.025 for every hour that passes without additional drinking.

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The second critical measurement is not so numerical. It is individual alcohol tolerance. We've all known people who get red-faced and woozy after one drink and also people who consider ten rounds of tequila just a good beginning.

Tolerance is affected by many factors such as genetics, individual drinking history, fatigue, stress and the use of other drugs. Since most of us are not born with ample supplies of the enzymes that effectively metabolize alcohol, we start off life being fairly intolerant of alcohol. However, with dedicated repetitions, most people can significantly increase their tolerance. While practice won't make perfect when it comes to drinking, it can add considerably to the volume of alcohol required to get a person to that toxic condition normally referred to as drunk.

Most people show measurable signs of impairment such as slowed reflex times, decrease in visual ability and diminished problem-solving skills at 0.05. We begin to exhibit the classic symptoms of intoxication when our BAC is in the range of 0.10 to 0.20. Most of us know the drill. The brain and the body seem to part company. The clinicians call it psychomotor retardation. All alcoholic beverages contain a mind and mood altering drug, all are central nervous system depressants and all act as anesthetics to a person's conscience. As the amount of alcohol sloshing around in your brain goes up, so does the level of impairment.

Soldiers with a normal tolerance for alcohol will pass through the described stages of impairment and intoxication pretty much on track with the BAC levels cited above. However, Soldiers with above average tolerance for alcohol, including almost all heavy drinkers and those who inherited a high tolerance genetically, will not experience impairment or intoxication until their BAC measurement is higher, sometimes much higher.

Counselors in the Army Substance Abuse Program encounter Soldiers who have been able to pass a field sobriety test or operate a motor vehicle with BACs above 0.20 or

even above 0.30. That's a level that would leave most of us incoherent, passed out or at the very least saying our prayers over the old porcelain bowl. For these individuals, a BAC of 0.10 isn't even close to their personal definition of drunk.

But legal limits on blood alcohol content are not written for people with exceptionally high tolerance anymore than speed limits are written for professional race car drivers or the voting age is established for child prodigies with IQs over 130.

So what's a Soldier who enjoys drinking supposed to do? Give up the booze and switch to ginger ale, grenadine syrup and orange juice garnished with a maraschino cherry and a slice of lemon? Walk around with a shoulder harnessed breathalyzer? Move to Margaritaville?

Hopefully, none of the above. What a Soldier should do is know the laws and the policies established in his or her command and have a basic understanding of the realities regarding absorption, metabolism and tolerance as described above. The Soldier should understand that recreational intoxication is a bad idea even if you don't have to be tied to your bunk.

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Cone discusses mentorship, challenges of leadership

TRADOC commanding general spoke with cadets at Class of '83 Distinguished Leader Series



Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, was the guest speaker March 30 at the Distinguished Leader Series.

**Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor**

Gen. Robert W. Cone, commanding general of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, was the guest speaker March 30 at the Distinguished Leader Series, hosted by the West Point Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

The message he presented to about 50 cadets and faculty focused on mentorship and its significance to Army leaders. Cone, a graduate of the Class of 1979, said that as a second lieutenant stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, intellectual curiosity drove him to seek out those influential leaders.

“Back then, before email, I would write letters to people and ask them questions,” Cone said of his time in the 2nd Armored Division. “As a result of this, I had networks of people who would help me as a young officer.”

One of his proudest accomplishments as an Army officer came from leading a cavalry squadron—1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Cone said 13 lieutenants from that unit are now battalion commanders, five captains became brigade commanders and two majors are now general officers.

“It’s about mentoring and finding a mentor,” Cone said. “Invest in those relationships. Mentorship is a reciprocal social exchange relationship. Don’t think someone will assign you a mentor. It will never work.”

Teaching is not a career-ender either, Cone said, though many leaders don’t want to spend the time away from troops. Cone returned to West Point in 1987 to teach sociology and leadership as both instructor and assistant professor

in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership. The years here, he said, helped prepare him for future assignments in the Army.

“The kinds of things you do in graduate schools and the kinds of opportunities you have as faculty here make a huge difference in the future,” he said. “I’ve found that after teaching at this department . . . it’s all about teaching. Anything that we do in the Army is really a matter of making sure your subordinates have the fundamental skills necessary to accomplish the task.”

He also spoke of the challenges cadets will face after graduation as they enter the Army as newly-commissioned second lieutenants.

As the top leader developer for the U.S. Army, Cone told cadets they must always strive to do better, because as future Army leaders they will be making life-and-death decisions that will affect more than just themselves.

“For 33 years, I’ve taken it as a fact that leadership is a privilege, not a right,” he said. “Leading America’s sons and daughters is the greatest privilege you will ever have. The day you put on your uniform and think you deserve the rank that you have is the day you need to get out of the Army. Believe me, that’s how I get up every day.”

During his visit to West Point, Cone was presented the BS&L Distinguished Former Faculty Award and observed a negotiation exercise at Trophy Point involving more than 100 cadets and invited guests attending the 3rd annual West Point Negotiation Conference.

(Editor’s Note: A longer version of this story is available on Army.mil at http://www.army.mil/article/76975/Cone_discusses_mentorship_with_West_Point_cadets/)

Firsties confer with task force commander, junior leaders

**Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer**

Roughly 400 cadets from the Class of 2012 talked with Maj. Gen. Daniel Allyn (USMA Class of 1981) and seven of his junior leaders from the Command Joint Task Force who are deployed to Afghanistan. A video conference was set up for their MX400 capstone course March 27 at Robinson Auditorium.

“The MX400 is the capstone experience for all First Class Cadets,” Lt. Col. Michael Turner, course director, Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, said. “It embraces all the elements of the West Point Leader Development System and it seeks, in an interdisciplinary way, to draw the various strands of the cadet experience and education together to focus on what it means to be an officer in this era of persistent conflict.”

“This course, which is a graduation requirement for all cadets,” he added, “represents the academy leadership’s continuing effort to prepare cadets for the challenges and uncertainties of the 21st century operating environment.”

The purpose of the video conference was to receive firsthand knowledge and ideas from the Soldiers who have experience in combat situations.

Allyn began by showing a map of the area where they are located in Afghanistan and the operations they are involved with in developing Afghanistan’s own security forces.

“We have several operations here through combined action to increase the stability and security of the nation,”



Class of 2012 cadets enrolled in the MX400 course spoke with West Point graduates deployed in Afghanistan via video conference.

Allyn said. “One of the operations is to quell dissident and insurgent activities. We are also accelerating Afghan security. About 50 percent of Afghanistan is under control of their security forces (Afghanistan National Security Forces.) Our focus is the complete development of the Afghan security forces so they will be self-reliant and not dependent on coalition forces for assistance.”

The forum was opened up to cadets for questions to the Soldiers. Though Class of 2012 Cadet Adam Scott took the course last semester, he received permission to attend and pose a question to his sister, Capt. Kerney Perlik, USMA Class of 2007, who is serving as a platoon leader, regarding how important is it for Soldiers to keep in touch with family.

“I think it’s very important to keep in touch with families to remind ourselves why we are here,” Perlik said. “I think it is also important for leaders to keep in touch with their Soldier’s families, to ask about how their parents, sisters or brothers are doing.”

Perlik said that sometimes there is no Internet where you are and letters take a long time to get through, but it is important to stay in touch to what is going on at home.

Some advice that came through to cadets when asked how do they, as cadets and future officers, prepare for a combat zone was “to read as much as you can, be in good shape and enjoy your friendships at West Point for the last semester.”

“Right now you are firsties,” Perlik said. “Your NCO and platoon sergeant will criticize you. Learn how to take criticism and learn from it.”

Another cadet wanted to know what an Armor lieutenant would do in Afghanistan since there are no tanks.

“What a lieutenant will do is lead,” Allyn said. “Whatever mission you are given, you will lead. You may have handpicked your branch, but the Army may need you elsewhere. Get to know the terrain you are in, where the enemy is and where they are likely to strike. One of the great things about tank drivers is they know defense.”

Negotiation skills strengthened at annual conference

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The third iteration of the West Point Negotiation Conference closed March 30 with a simulation exercise at Trophy Point. More than 100 cadets and invited participants interacted with role-players as they applied negotiation tactics in a pair of scenarios to conclude the two-day conference hosted by the West Point Negotiation Project.

“The West Point Negotiation Project is a cadet-run, faculty-facilitated program at the academy that was created basically because Army officers deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan were seeing a real need for strong negotiation skills,” Class of 2014 Cadet Doug Taylor, cadet-in-charge of the conference team, said.

The WPNP supports the Army with a mobile training team comprised of cadets and faculty who can assist units pre-deployment with classes and simulations to strengthen these skills.

Class of 2013 Cadet Luke Hutchison, the WPNP cadet-in-charge, has participated in several of those excursions.

“When we went to teach the team leaders and team sergeants of the 1st Special Forces Group, they said that negotiation was the

About the Negotiation Conference

- The 3rd annual West Point Negotiation Conference was sponsored by the West Point Leadership Center and the Network Science Center.

- The conference is designed to build negotiation skill through interactive presentations, practical negotiation exercises and debriefs.

- Attendees hear from recently-deployed junior officers and experts in cross-cultural negotiations.

No. 1 skill they needed to improve on,” Hutchison said. “To me that is remarkable. That the No. 1 skill a Special Forces unit needs to work on is negotiation, and that it is a group of cadets and officers from WPNP who are filling that need is pretty amazing.”

Hutchison, who was the cadet-in-charge last year, has attended all three of the conferences and said it gets better each year.

“I think it is unique in that it is very hands-on and focused on making better negotiators,” Hutchison said. “We don’t just talk about negotiation, we actually do it. The attendees must negotiate several different

First Lt. Bryan Rodriguez, Class of 2009, joined fellow West Point alumni on a junior leader panel during the Negotiation Conference held in the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall March 29. Rodriguez spoke of his experience as a platoon leader while deployed in Kirkuk, Iraq, where he was in charge of several checkpoints operated by U.S. and Iraqi forces. All the speakers on the panel were also graduates of the MG390 course, Negotiation for Leaders.



This year’s West Point Negotiation Conference was entitled “Negotiation: A Tactical Asset for Leaders.” More than 100 cadets, negotiation instructors and researchers tested this asset March 30 during role-playing exercises at Trophy Point. Among the conference participants were cadets from the Royal Military College of Canada, Norwich University and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

cases before they complete the conference.”

One of the co-founders of the WPNP and former West Point instructor, Maj. Aram Donigian, is currently deployed in Afghanistan but was able to follow the conference via Facebook, which Taylor updated regularly. During one negotiation exercise, a scenario was introduced based on an actual failed negotiation Donigian experienced early in his career. The lesson learned, Taylor said, was that throwing money onto a problem is not an effective solution.

“It didn’t buy trust ... it didn’t build a relationship; in fact, it damaged the relationship,” Taylor said.

Attendees broke into small groups to work this and other negotiation scenarios, and the results naturally varied.

“There’s never one right solution,” Taylor said.

The conference also featured distinguished conference speakers like Brig. Gen. H.R. McMaster, the incoming commander of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, and Elizabeth McClintock, who consults, designs and implements negotiation, conflict management and leadership training programs for private and public sector organizations. Former West Point graduates joined a junior leader panel and discussed how negotiations weighed heavily on mission success while downrange.

One of the conference highlights,

Hutchison said, was hearing from a cross-cultural negotiation panel with Col. Timothy Kirk and Hussein Hassan. Kirk, a 1993 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, is the senior Afghan Hand in the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force on anti-corruption. Hassan is an assistant professor at the Defense Language Institute and had served as an interpreter in Iraq for the U.S. forces.

During the final simulation exercise, conference attendees had another chance to apply their skills to real-world negotiation scenarios, based on actual events that occurred in Afghanistan. If the conference is somewhat a condensed version of the negotiation elective taught at West Point, the exercise was like a speed-round of the final exam cadets will take on Constitution Island later this month.

“The final simulation for the conference had some similarities with the exercise on Constitution Island, but it was much simpler (the scenario) and did not require as wide a range of negotiation skills,” Maj. Zachary Mundell, WPNP co-director, said. “Conversely, the final exercise for MG390 incorporates difficult counterparts, more complex situations and adds in multi-party negotiations.”

To learn more about the West Point Negotiation Project, visit www.dean.usma.edu/departments/bsl/programs/wpnpi/index.htm.

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Center hosts conference on Islam, Rule of Law



Assistant Professor of History, Rasheed Hosein, talks about the historic context of Islam at the West Point Center of the Rule of Law 2012 Spring Conference March 29 at the West Point Club.

**Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer**

The Center for the Rule of Law held a conference March 29 on Islam and the rule of law, which included experts in Islamic law including Rasheed Hosein, professor in the Department of History; Haider Ala Hamoudi, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School; Noah Feldman, Professor of International Law at Harvard Law School, among others.

The purpose of the conference was to increase understanding and history, language and religion of Islam, especially in light of present day conflicts.

The conference covered the rule of law issues in countries that apply the Sharia or Islamic law, considered the infallible law of God, and the challenges to the military during war and internal conflicts within the Muslim countries.

The conference combined lectures and panel discussions, which included the future of Islam and the Sharia to the Middle East especially since the "Arab Spring" uprisings.

Hosein began by saying Islam is not a monolithic religion because different communities interpret the laws in different ways according to their community.

"Islam is like an open book," Hosein said speaking on the history of Islam. "It was born in the full light of history and is well known. The life of its founder is also well known and Islam is one of the fastest growing religions today, especially in Africa."

Hosein said during the 5th century, the world was dominated by the Byzantine and Persian empires between 630-640 when there was a great expansion due to trade routes.

"There were a series of conflicts spanning 120 years within the Byzantine and Persian states," Hosein said. "One of the things that happen in war is trade ceases. The people who are in charge with protecting trade begin to become mediators. This is when we begin to see the rise of the prophetic career of Mohammad."

The social order of family and tribes begins to break down and Islam begins to change. Mohammad was an orphan at an early age and one of his rules was the idea of social justice. Orphans and widows were to be protected.

"Law is affected by reason and desires," Hosein said. "Reason must be unaffected by desires, however this fails in religions because it could override what many consider divine law. A compromise is to have reason supplement the divine and this is what has helped shape Islam today. The Sharia is just a pathway to follow. This is what is known as Islamic jurisprudence."

There is no codification in the Sharia, no fixed rules to follow. However, there are rules in several Islamic texts including the Qur'an, Sunni (laws) and Hadith second only to the Qur'an, which are the collections of Islamic traditions and laws. The Center for the Rule of Law holds annual conferences to encourage and discuss important legal issues of today. Guest speakers in the past have included Queen Noor of Jordan.



(Above) Using avatars, a cadet escorts a reporter through a simulated scenario. The media avatars were controlled by New York University graduate students. (Below) A student gets a glimpse inside the tactical operations center, as cadets serve as commander and radio-telephone operator.



Cadets paired with graduate students from the New York University journalism program to simulate the embedded media experience March 29 at the West Point Simulations Center.

Embedded at West Point

NYU grad students pair with cadets to experience simulated media training

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The MREs were real, the training was simulated.

Twelve graduate students from the journalism program at New York University ran the gamut of media training with cadets at the West Point Simulations Center March 29.

Maj. Joseph Foust, Defense and Strategic Studies instructor, selected cadets studying military communications to act as media escorts for the budding journalists.

"This is a great outreach program because for the journalism students this is probably their first exposure to the military," Foust said. "It also allows cadets an opportunity to apply their training using real-world simulations with these students."

Using Virtual Battle Space 2 (VBS2) computer simulations, the students and cadets deployed their avatars into a digital landscape. As they explored a virtual Middle Eastern village, the situation became volatile among the local populace. One reporter lost her escort during an insurgent attack and had to link up with another team.

For some it seemed like the Army's version of the popular video game, "Call of Duty," with less blood but higher stakes. Given the purpose these simulations serve in training future Army officers, it was difficult to even pretend they were playing an arcade game.

"I didn't die," one student reported afterward,

breathing a sigh of relief.

They also added a few new acronyms into their reporter's notebooks like FOB and AAR, even tasting one familiar to every Soldier, the MRE. Students were also introduced to the EST2000, and fired simulated rounds from rifles and machine guns against a giant screen of targets.

Maj. Daniel Kidd, Simulations Center director, uses the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST2000) frequently and said the practice pays off when he goes onto the live range. Likewise, he encourages cadets to take advantage of the training systems here. During the winter months, companies training for the Sandhurst Competition incorporate simulation training into their programs.

"Cadets can sign for the system, show us a training plan and execute the training anytime," Kidd said.

Kidd said the Army has been using various forms of simulations for decades, but gaming is a relatively new niche. Trying to digitize field training and make it an immersive experience is something the Army has begun to embrace, as indicative of the work being done at the Combined Arms Center-Training at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., also home of the National Simulation Center.

"We not only want to use simulation systems to train cadets on the skills required of being a leader, but show them that their job as leaders will include training their Soldiers on this as well," Kidd said. "If they understand how to use these systems,



Class of 2014 Cadet Christopher Dante takes questions during a press conference after delivering a brief statement about the simulated scenario the media encountered at the West Point Simulations Center March 29.

they'll be better leaders."

One portion of the media training wasn't virtual, as students armed with notepads fired a volley of questions during a press conference. The cadets, portraying senior-ranking public affairs officers at the division level, tried to remain composed and collected as they tried to provide as much detail without compromising Army policy.

Mary Quigley, a clinical associate professor at NYU, couldn't suppress her own journalistic curiosity and asked a few questions as well. This isn't the first time she's brought groups of students to train at West Point. The reason is two-fold, she said.

"The students have very little interaction with the military," Quigley

said. "As writers, there's a likelihood down the road they'll do a story about a Soldier coming home or not coming home, maybe a woman who has to leave her family to deploy. I feel the broader the experience I can give them now to introduce them to different types of people the better they'll be."

Another reason she likes visiting West Point with her students is more personal.

"My own son was a Marine captain who served twice in Iraq," she said. "I got a lot of strange questions at that time about why anyone would want to be in the military. To me, this is also an opportunity for students to ask these questions and give them a new perspective."

Houghton Memorial 2-Gun Match beats expectations

By Class of 2013 Cadet Bruce Rush
Combat Weapons Team PAO

The Combat Weapons Team organized and executed the 5th annual Houghton Memorial 2-Gun Match this past weekend at West Point.

The annual match is held in honor of Capt. Andrew Houghton, USMA Class of 2001, who died of wounds from an RPG attack on July 10, 2004 in Iraq.

Houghton was a member of the Combat

Weapons Team while at the academy.

Houghton is remembered through a foundation established by his parents to honor his memory and sacrifice.

The foundation is committed to supporting a number of organizations which exemplify the ideals he was committed to.

This year, the match was held over two days with 160 registered shooters. The match consisted of eight challenging courses of fire, which involved both rifle and pistol shooting.

Shooters were attracted to the match for its

military-themed stages that included 400-yard distance rifle shoots, an MP5 sub-machine gun and a M249 SAW. The added weapons were very well received and admired.

Always working to provide a better experience to the shooters, this year the competition included an optional night shoot for those who wanted to learn the applications of night vision goggles and infra-red lasers on their weapons.

The shoot included a short class on how to use night vision and some range time with an abundance of steel targets to blast away at. Not only was this a great experience for many of the shooters, but it also proved to be a great venue for the average American to see what tools today's Soldiers are using in the field.

The Houghton 2-Gun Match has had

tremendous success over the past few years, due in large part to the generosity of match sponsors. This year, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association was the title sponsor and the prize table was valued at \$15,000. In addition to match sponsors, this event was made possible by an impressive effort by team members and coaches.

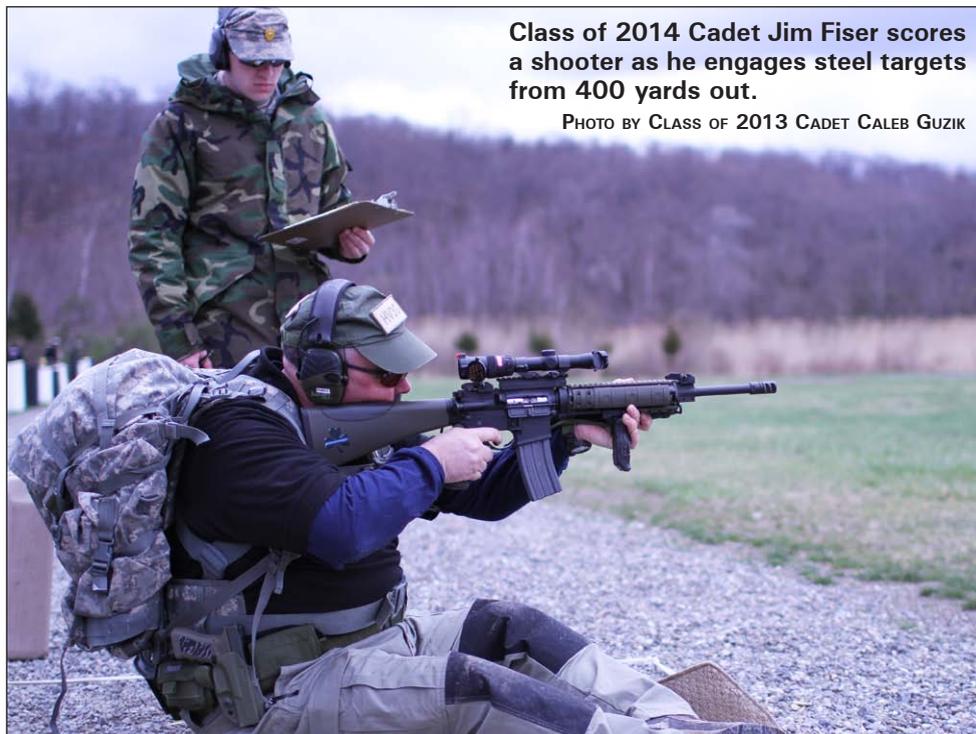
Coaches Joe Seuk, Craig Jackson and Gary Salman all contributed tremendously.

Seuk was the match director, while OIC Maj. Chris Kliewer, Maj. Ben Thirey and Sgt. 1st Class Sean McCracken were superb in coordinating all the intricate details necessary to run the match at West Point.

To learn more about Houghton and the Houghton Foundation, visit www.andyhoughton.org.

Class of 2014 Cadet Jim Fiser scores a shooter as he engages steel targets from 400 yards out.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2013 CADET CALEB GUZIK



Have a Ball—West Point cadets hold an Army-Navy Social

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Nearly every class at West Point has a celebration or special event for each year at West Point.

First-year cadets have plebe-parent weekend where they show parents and friends what they have learned during the first few months at West Point. Second-year cadets have their Yearling weekend. Third-year cadets have 500th night with a banquet and ball and the graduating class has 100th night with a performance at the Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

Cadets, mostly plebes, have begun a new event with the Army-Navy Social March 31 featuring a dance at Eisenhower Hall sponsored by the Latin, Spanish and Salsa Clubs.

“This is a great idea to help cadets get into the social life and to have a good time,” Class of 2015 Cadet Zachary Hall, logistics officer of the ball, said. “As officers, they will be invited to many formal events and this is a good way to help them know what to expect.”

The Army-Navy Social consisted of Navy, Coast Guard and civilian colleges such as



The West Point Salsa Team performs at the Army-Navy Social held March 31 at Eisenhower Hall. The event is the first of its kind at West Point and included guests from Navy, Coast Guard, Mount Saint Mary's in Newburgh, Columbia University and the Fashion Institute of New York. The Navy Salsa Team and Baila Society, a professional Salsa team from New York, also performed.

Mount Saint Mary's in Newburgh, Columbia University and the Fashion Institute of New York.

The Navy Salsa Team and the West Point Salsa Team performed along with the Baila

Society, a professional dance company from New York.

“The idea behind the social is to unite the future of the nation under one roof for a night of getting to know each other and dancing

through Latin dance,” Class of 2013 Cadet Shane Arguello said. “The environment that Latin dance creates allows barriers between people to be absolutely broken and that's the

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Cadets wage war in massive Combat Classic



Members of the West Point Paintball Team officiated the games at Lake Frederick, and also provided a tactical demonstration prior to the start of the Spring Combat Classic, March 31-Sunday.



Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

When cadets declare war, you know it's going to be epic.

More than 750 paintball fans experienced the thrill of battle and braved the rain and frigid weather at Lake Frederick for the Spring Combat Classic March 31-Sunday.

The biannual games are hosted by the West Point Paintball Team. In preparation for the "25th Anniversary Game: D-Day Scenario," the staff spent months planning, designing and promoting the event. This time around it included building Higgins boats and beach obstacles for the historical engagement, as well as a single room shoot-house and a radio tower.

Adding to the authenticity of battle, artillery simulations were employed and machine guns added a rapid-fire staccato of sound into the mix.

Class of 2013 Cadet Jake Robbins served as the cadet-in-charge of the "25th Anniversary Game: D-Day Scenario." This was the sixth Classic he's worked and said it was probably the largest.

"The cadets created missions for both teams to complete that were very similar to the types of missions that truly took place during D-Day," Robbins said.

To keep things interesting for the many regulars in attendance, they added several new twists to the games. In lieu of the traditional "King of the Hill" style finale, the climatic battle was changed.

"This year, to keep up interests and also attempting to recreate the type of fighting that took place in Normandy in June 1944, we created 'Hell's Highway' where the objective was to capture as much of the main road on the field as possible," Robbins said. "So instead of both teams fighting up a hill, they were fighting to dominate the road."

Both teams also had real Army leadership serving as the generals for the game.

"Lt. Col. Dan Hash was one of our first father-son command teams for the Red side and Maj. Ryan Goyings, the rising officer representative for the Paintball Club, had his first real experience with the club leading the Blue team at the Classic," Robbins said.

Robbins said the Combat Classic has developed a loyal following who have made the trip to West Point many times to see how the games have evolved over the years.

"(This is) one of the games that draws the most loyal and supportive players that I have ever seen or heard about," Higgins said. "It means a lot when I'm traveling with the Tournament team to a competition, and other players and fans come up and tell us that they really enjoyed our game and can't wait to go to the next one."

To learn more about the West Point Paintball Team, visit www.armypaintball.com/.

For more photos from this event, visit www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.



(Left) Defensive positions were fortified at the start of the Spring Combat Classic, as more than 750 players were divided between U.S. and German forces in the D-Day Scenario at Lake Frederick March 31-Sunday.

(Above) A player emerges from the fog of war having been eliminated from one round of battle. Participants had plenty of opportunities to re-engage over the course of the two-day event, and the 25th Anniversary Game offered new twists and surprises, even for the veteran players who return to West Point for this biannual paintball competition.

CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Women's Lacrosse: Army Women's Lacrosse soundly defeated league opponents Hofstra (15-10) and NYU (16-7) in a doubleheader March 31 at Daly Field.

Firsties Hannah Johnson and Casey Weliver led the scoring in both games, Johnson with eight goals and Weliver with seven. Eight other players scored in the team wins.

Yearlings Calla Glavin and Hope Mango each posted great efforts in goal.

Martial Arts Team: The Karate Team competed in U.S. Karate Alliance Nationals for the first time March 31, after a donation from Manager Tools, a leadership and management coaching firm co-founded by two USMA graduates.

Three cadets traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to compete in Adult Black Belt Kata (forms) and Kumite (sparring).

Freshman Nathan Roberts showed an excellent Tae Kwon Do kata, but was beaten in sparring by a much taller opponent in the lightweight division.

Sophomore Kakule Nguramo tied for fifth in forms with an elaborate Shotokan kata and also competed in lightweight sparring.

Sophomore Christer Horstman also tied for fifth with a different Shotokan kata.

The difference between first to fifth place in Kata was only 0.14 points.

Horstman also secured the third place trophy in middleweight sparring after a series of long matches, concluding the last match with accurate roundhouse kicks to his opponent's ribs, kidney and jaw.

Orienteering Team: The entire West Point Orienteering Team plus its Air Force exchange cadet, Zachary Hoeffner, competed March 30-Sunday in the 16th annual "Flying Pig" national-level meet in Florence, Ky., just outside Cincinnati.

Senior Hannah Burgess finished first in her category March 31 and Sunday's middle length race.

Senior Keith Andersen took seventh, 12th and seventh on March 30, 31 and Sunday, respectively, on the middle courses in the Men's elite category.

Freshmen Duncan Miller and James O'Keefe did well in their category, taking second and fourth, respectively, March 30 and third and first March 31, respectively.

O'Keefe earned third place Sunday as well.



Sophomore Chloe Drummond scored three goals against eventual 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Invitational champion Chicago March 30. Drummond finished the invitational third in points with 25.

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Handball Black Team finishes fourth at Walker Invitational

Tournament honors graduate and former handball captain killed in Afghanistan

**By Class of 2014 Cadet Holly Schlotterbeck
Women's Team Handball member**

The West Point Women's Varsity Handball Team took fourth place in its annual 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Invitational March 30-Sunday. Nine teams gathered from across North America and Canada to play team handball in memory of 1st Lt. Walker, a 2003 USMA graduate and captain of the handball team, who was killed in Afghanistan in 2005.

On March 30, the team began the tournament with a 23-18 loss to Chicago, the tournament's eventual champion. The team came back strong the next day (March 31) claiming a pair of wins that qualified them for the semifinals on Sunday.

Offensively, the team ran the ball hard and created opportunities for every player to score, making the entire team a threat.

The Black team (varsity) ended the tournament in fourth place after two tough losses Sunday.

Freshman Melissa Wells was recognized as the Most Valuable Goalie of the tournament and sophomore Chloe Drummond was the third highest individual point scorer with 25 total points during the tournament. Also, sophomore Kate Stark came in second place in voting for the tournament MVP.

West Point's junior varsity (Gold) team also faced fierce

competition as they sought to work together and hold a strong defensive front through constant communication. The tournament provided the JV squad with another opportunity to grow as a team and develop their individual skills.

The tournament also included a social and remembrance ceremony for Walker March 31 in the Haig Room. All 100 participants in the tournament took the time to get to know each other and to remember Laura Walker, not only as a Soldier, but as a passionate and talented team handball player.

Jacque Messel, a USMA graduate who played with Laura and currently plays with Chicago Team Handball, recalled her fondest memories of Laura.

The official tournament ball was presented to the Walker Family at the end of the event. The ball was signed by all the West Point Team Handball players and each coach from the seven other teams that played in the tournament.

The West Point Women's Handball Team would like to give special thanks to Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Keith Walker and retired Gen. and Mrs. Volney Warner (Laura's grandparents) for attending the tournament and sharing their memories of Laura Walker.

The Women's Handball Team looks forward to the 2012 Collegiate National Championship in Richmond, Va., April 13-15 where they will be fighting to claim the national title.

What's Happening

Tenebrae service

West Point will offer a Tenebrae Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m. tonight at the Cadet Chapel.

The service reflects on Christ's sacrifice on the cross through darkness, scripture, candles and music. Communion will be served.

For more information, contact the Protestant Chaplain's Office at 845-938-4246/7986 or the USMA Chaplain's Office at 845-938-3316.

Observing Passover

Passover is the Jewish holiday which celebrates freedom, specifically the biblically-recorded freedom from Egyptian slavery.

This year the holiday begins at sundown Friday and concludes at nightfall April 14. The first two nights are celebrated with ritual Seder meal events, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday and 8 p.m. Saturday at the West Point Jewish Chapel.

For those wishing to attend, RSVP by email to shmuelfelzenberg@usma.edu or call 845-938-2710 or 910-273-0767.

West Point Community Spring Yard Sale

The West Point Community Spring Yard Sale is from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. April 14, rain or shine.

Inaugural West Point Minerva Workshop

The inaugural Minerva Workshop is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. April 16 on the Hudson River and continuing from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. April 17 with presentations, lunch and discussions at the Thayer Hotel.

The theme is understanding cultural networks in Africa and Asia for national security. You can learn more about the topics being discussed and register at www.netscience.usma.edu/minerva/minerva.htm.

The Minerva Research Initiative is sponsored by the Department of Defense and launched by the Secretary of Defense at <http://minerva.dtic.mil>.

Tax Center open

The Tax Center is currently open and will operate until April 17 in Bldg. 626. The Tax Center will see clients on an appointment basis from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1:15-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The West Point Tax Center is free and available to cadets, active duty servicemembers and their families, military retirees and National Guard and reservists who served more than 30 consecutive days on active duty during the calendar year. Taxpayers will need the following documents:

- W-2's for all salary income earned;
- 1099-INT for all interest received on investments and bank accounts;
- 1099-DIV for dividends received on stocks;
- 1099-B for gains from the sale of stocks;
- A cancelled check with bank account number and routing number to enable direct deposit;
- Identification and social security cards for all individuals claimed on the return.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-5920.

Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course class

The West Point Safety Office is offering an Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course class from 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24 in A Lot, just above Michie Stadium.

The Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course is for motorcyclists who want to sharpen their skills. This course is mandatory for anyone who does not have a valid MSF card

and wants to operate his or her motorcycle on post.

The class holds only six students at a time. The prerequisite is the Basic Rider Course.

For more information or to sign up for the courses, go to <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx>.

Basic Rider Motorcycle Course classes

The West Point Safety Office is offering Basic Rider Motorcycle Course classes during the months of March, April and May to the staff and faculty and the cadets.

The dates of the classes for the staff and faculty are:

- April 25-26, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- May 2-3 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information on location or to sign up for the courses, go to <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx>.

The dates of the classes for the cadets are:

- April 27-29;
- May 4-6. See the website above for location and time.

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

If you have a bike and helmet, please bring them with you. Bikes and helmets are available for use if needed.

2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

This summer the following sports camps will be held at West Point: boys and girls basketball, track and field, distance/cross country, co-ed diving, hockey, boys lacrosse, boys and girls soccer, softball, sprint football team camp, co-ed swimming, co-ed tennis, co-ed volleyball and boys wrestling.

For more information or to register, call 845-446-5007, ext. 119, or visit www.goarmysports.com for more camp specific information.

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.

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>.

Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration hours at the West Point Military Police Station have changed.

The hours are now 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. These hours will continue through Sept. 15.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nicholas Barnum at 845-938-0538.

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center time change

The Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center changed its Sunday operating hours to 1-9 p.m. This is a significant change from its previous Sunday hours, which were 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The change was based on input from the Corps of Cadets and the endorsement of the general officer chain of command.

For more information, call Artie Coughlin, facilities management, at 845-938-4351.

West Point Community Diving Club

The West Point Community Diving Club is offering learn-to-dive lessons at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

NEW INFO

Road closure

Mine Torne Road will be closed from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 17 for military training.

For more information, contact Andrew R. Felo, senior range controller, at 845-938-8556.

West Point School Board elections

The West Point School Board announced that an election will be held May 9 to fill four vacancies on the board.

School Board members are actively involved military community members who demonstrate interest in one of the most vital aspects of the American way of life—the education of our young people.

School officials would like to encourage all interested community members to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board.

Beginning Monday, petitions will be available in the following locations:

- Office of the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent, Bldg. 705;
- Office of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Bldg. 681;
- Office of School Liaison, Bldg. 695.

The completed petition, with the signature of one eligible voter, must be returned to the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent's Office by April 23 for names to be placed on the official ballot.

School Board members are elected by parents of children attending school at West Point Elementary and Middle Schools and serve a two-year term; however, a two-year commitment is not required.

Three positions will fill two-year terms and one position will fill a one-year term. Positions will be based on number of votes. Voting is scheduled for May 9 at a location to be determined.

If you are interested in running for the School Board and would like to contact current board members, call the DSO at 938-3506 for contact information.

BBC Foundation accepting scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school and undergraduate college students of West Point family housing residents for the 2012-13 academic year.

To apply for these scholarships, go to the Foundation's website, bbcommunitiesfoundation.org, and print, complete and submit the application and all required materials to Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation, 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

The application deadline has been extended to May 15.

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2012 Bull Pond Lottery

The 2012 Bull Pond Lottery is scheduled for Saturday at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

The lottery will take place at 9 a.m. for active duty military only. Only one proxy per person is allowed.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Easter Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

The West Point Club will have its annual Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt Sunday.

The first seating is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. The second seating is from 2-4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny is from 1-2 p.m. for West Point Club brunch members only. Don't forget to bring your camera.

For reservations and pricing, call 938-5120.

CYSS Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working in an internship program can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

The West Point Middle School Teen Center offers six free workshops, which are mandatory prior to working.

These mandatory workshops will be offered by appointment on the following months and days during spring semester:

- Wednesday, April 18, 25;
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
- June 6.

Contact Marion DeClemente, Workforce Preparation specialist, to schedule an appointment or for more information at 845-938-8889.

ACS Financial Readiness April workshops

During the month of April, the Army Community Service is offering financial readiness workshops.

- Credit Card Savvy: noon-1 p.m. April 12;
- ID Theft: noon-1 p.m. April 18;
- Saving for your Future: noon-1 p.m. April 30.

All workshops are held at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call 938-5839.

ACS' Mobilization and Deployment April workshop schedule

Join ACS from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 16 for the Coping with Deployment class and from 2-4 p.m. for Reconnecting with Children Workshop.

To register for the workshops, call Amy-Jo Johnson at 938-5654.

Spring Story Hour

The West Point Post Library, Bldg. 622, has its spring story hour sessions at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 17.

All West Point community children ages 3-5 are eligible. There are no fees.

Children must be registered each week.

Call 938-2974 or visit the library for more information.

2012 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

ACS' Army Volunteer Corps will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony from 4-6 p.m. April 18 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

To register, email Christina Overstreet at Christina.Overstreet@usma.edu.

Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Directorate of Public Works from 2-5 p.m. April 19 at North Dock for their annual Earth Day event.

Lunch will be provided following the clean up at the North Dock picnic area. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For more information, call 938-6497.

ACS Relocation Readiness April workshops

During the month of April, the Army Community Service is offering relocation readiness workshops.

- PCS Workshop—Moving with kids: 9-10 a.m. April 19. Learn what to know and how to prepare them for the transition;
- Overseas Brief: 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 19. As part of your normal outprocessing, you will be required to attend this ACS Brief.

All workshops are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information and to reserve your spot, call 938-3487.

West Point Recycling Center Earth Day Open House

Join FMWR from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 20 at the West Point Recycling Center, Bldg. 1379, for an Earth Day celebration of recycled crafts, T-shirts, giveaways and food.

For more information, call 938-8229.

N.Y. State Hunter's Education Course

There are two classes for the N.Y. State Hunter's Education Course, which is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. April 20 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21. The classes are free.

The classes will be held at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond. All participants must be 11 years of age or over.

Participants must attend both classes to obtain a hunting license. Bring photo identification.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Round Pond office or by calling 938-2503.

Available classes at Arts & Crafts Shop

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop has classes available.

There are free sewing classes from 9:30

a.m.-noon April 21 and 28. Bring two yards of fabric and a sewing machine.

There is a Ladies Night Out involving pottery painting in flip flops scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. April 26. There is a minimal cost.

Registration required at westpointmwr.com/art.

For more information, call 938-4812.

West Point 5K/10K

Registration is ongoing for the 8th annual West Point 5K/10K on May 12.

To register, go to active.com and type in the keyword "West Point" or call 938-6497 for more details.

ACS' 2012 Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing

The Army Emergency Relief campaign will run through May 15 helping to make Soldiers and their families Army Strong.

For more information, call Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839.

Employment Readiness Program job listings

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military family members living on West Point and in the surrounding community.

This is a free service. To list your available openings with the Employment Readiness Program, email randy.stephenson@usma.edu.

Round Pond reservations

Round Pond reservations are now being taken for active duty servicemembers and other eligible personnel from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Round Pond reservation line is 938-8811.

Auto and Arts & Craft Shop new hours of operation

Effective Tuesday, the West Point Auto Shop and Arts & Crafts Shop will have new hours of operation.

- Auto Shop: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

- Craft Shop: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment, and closed Sunday and Monday.

2012 Round Pond hunting and fishing information

The Round Pond office is open for the sale of N.Y. State fishing/hunting licenses and West Point permits.

Reservations can still be made by telephone during hours of operation, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday.

For more information, call 938-2503.

NEW INFO

2012-13 Part-day Preschool Lee CDC enrollment

The enrollment for children in the Lee Child Development Center Part-day Preschool for military families will be from Monday-April 20. The dates for civilian children will be April 23-27.

For more information, call Kim Tague at 938-3921.

SAC Friday Night Out

Join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for School Age Center Night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. April 13. The theme is "Bugging Out for Spring."

Activities include playing Freeze Dance, a Rock/Paper/Scissors tournament, Four Corners Game and making a "Bugs-n-Dirt" snack. The evening will conclude with the children watching a movie in their pajamas.

This event is open to students in grades 1-5 and the cost is minimal. Reservations are required.

To register, call 938-0941 to book a night of fun.

Make Time for a Better You

Learn the skills that enhance your ability to bounce back from life's roadblocks with the "Make Time for a Better You—Master Resiliency Weekend."

The training series includes two class days:

- Real Time Resilience—1-2:30 p.m. April 14;
- Hunt for the Good Stuff—1-2:30 p.m. April 15.

For more information, call 938-5654.

Family Advocacy Poster Contest

As part of the observance for Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Family Advocacy is hosting a poster contest.

Use your artistic talents (poster board, paint, collage, etc.) to create a poster based from one of the following four themes:

- "Hurts One. Affects all ... Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty;"
- "It's time to talk about it! Connect. Respect. Prevent sexual violence;"
- "One is two many;"
- "Not in MY Corps!"

The contest is open through April 23. Bring your completed poster to Army Community Service, Bldg. 622.

Winners will be contacted after April 24.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 938-3369 or email shelley.ariosto@us.army.mil.

Swing Into Golf Lunch Special

Purchase lunch at the snack bar Monday through Friday during the month of April from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the West Point Golf Course. Receive a token for a bucket of range balls.

For more information, call 938-2435.

Keller Corner

Join the Keller Healthy Thursday Challenge

Commit yourself to a healthier lifestyle with Keller's Healthy Thursday Challenge. KACH believes that fitness and exercise, along with a healthy diet, are part of the building blocks of a healthy and a happier you.

Use our weekly challenges as a way to jump start your new healthy lifestyle. A little healthy competition is good for us all. Be sure to visit our Facebook page and tell us about your progress.

This week's challenge—Take 10. Do three short 10-minute exercise sessions today. Get your daily recommended physical activity and work on doing it each day this week.

Being physically active for 30 minutes each day sounds like a lot of time, but you don't have to do it all at once. Try

breaking it up into smaller 10-minute chunks instead.

Go for a walk, lift some weights, or dance around for 10 minutes, three times a day, five days a week to meet the physical activity guidelines.

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Thank you for choosing Keller and we look forward to serving you again.

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Higher Ground event

The men of Higher Ground are sponsoring a meal and movie at 6:30 p.m. April 14 at the Post Chapel. The featured movie will be "Courageous."

This event is free and open to all men 18 years old and over who are military, retired or civilian.

To sign up for the event or for more information, call Command Sgt. Maj. Cal Christensen at 938-7142 or email cal.christensen@usma.edu.

Days of Remembrance Observance Luncheon

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting this year's Days of Remembrance Observance Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. April 19 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

The guest speaker for the event is Rabbi Jacob Jungreis, Rabbi of the Israel Center of Canarsie, Director of Yeshiva Ateres Yisroel Day School and a member of the Museum

of Jewish Heritage's Speakers Bureau.

The special guest for the luncheon is Robert Morgenthau, former New York District Attorney.

There is a fee and tickets can be purchased in advance from a unit/department representative or at the door.

The event is free for cadets. Cadets can sign up online.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, USCC EOA, at 938-8456 or Master Sgt. Joe Willis, USMA EOA, at 938-7082.

Paperclips, Etc. anniversary celebration

Join Paperclips, Etc. for its 15th anniversary and Customer Appreciation Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 8 at 667A Ruger Road.

A ceremony will take place in front of the building at 11 a.m. Afterward, go to the store to see vendor displays while enjoying food, music and prizes.

For more information, contact Debbie Storms, Paperclips, Etc. manager, at 845-446-1381/1387.

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kind of connection that people need to have with each other if we hope to lead the nation toward a better tomorrow."

Arguello said he wanted cadets to spend time with their civilian counterparts to appreciate what they do and the civilian guests to meet with us and appreciate what we do.

"It's only when we are on the same page and acknowledge that our future relies on us, that we can begin to dig our nation out of the crisis that has hit it," he said. "I will be happy and consider the ball successful if in the future two people, who met at the Army-Navy Social, form a business partnership or see each other walking in Congress and acknowledge their shared experience at the ball and, in essence, are able to form new networks and do greater things because of that partnership."

The social took six months to plan.

"It was a big process," Hall said. "We had to put a plan together, how much to charge, where to get supplies and then send the preliminary plan up through command. When that was OK'd, we then had to send a definitive plan."

Professor of Spanish and Literature, Alexander Waid, of the Coast Guard Academy, brought about 30 Coast Guard cadets to the dance where they stayed for the night in the barracks.

"We have something like this at the Coast Guard Academy

called the International Ball," Waid said. "Some went to the (Army-Navy Social) in uniforms and others dressed in suits. They were looking forward to this because they have friends who are at Navy and West Point."

The social was located in the large ballroom at Eisenhower Hall, which was crowded to the brink.

"I heard a lot of people were coming," Class of 2015 Cadet Emily Kern said. "This is really awesome with seeing a lot of my friends and everyone having a good time."

It didn't matter if you didn't know how to Salsa, there were plenty who did and were willing to teach.

Lt. Col. Hector Morales, officer-in-charge of the cadet judo club and deputy director of the Department of Physical Education, was at the social with daughter Meagan who attends Rockland County Community College. Both know the Salsa.

"This is a lot of fun," Morales said. "They invited us to support this activity and I thought it was a great idea. The Salsa is part of our family."

Many at the social said it was fun for a Saturday night to get dressed up and dance rather than stay in the barracks and hang out. The event was well received and many cadets said they hope this will become another traditional event to mark another year at West Point for their memory books.

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• **Easter Egg Hunt**—Balfour Beatty Communities is hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt starting at 1 p.m. Friday at Fort Putnam.

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• **National Walk at Lunch Day**—BBC invites you to join other working Americans around the country for National Walk at Lunch Day at noon April 25 starting at 132 Bartlett Loop. It's a simple way to achieve a healthier lifestyle. A brown bag lunch and water will be provided.

To register for this event, contact Jodi Gellman at 845-446-6407 or e-mail jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

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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.

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Difficulty: Hard

Price has big day, hit to help Army sweep Navy

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

The Army baseball team completed a four-game series sweep of Navy Sunday as the Black Knights captured the Patriot League doubleheader from the Midshipmen at Max Bishop Stadium in Annapolis, Md.

Senior second baseman Zach Price ripped a two-run triple during Army's four-run ninth inning as the Black Knights secured a 9-5 win in the opening game. Army then took an early 4-0 lead and cruised to a 7-2 victory in the nightcap to finish off the four-game sweep.

The Black Knights, who have won 14 of their last 17 games, improve to 19-7 (4-0 PL) following Sunday's action. The Midshipmen, meanwhile, fall to 11-16 (0-4 PL).

"You never go into any series thinking you're going to win all four, but we're obviously very pleased with the effort," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "We had to win a variety of different types of ballgames during the series and the team remained very steady throughout it all. I thought we did a great job of staying together this weekend. Nobody panicked, everyone contributed and it was a true team effort.

"We are pleased to have gotten off to a nice start, but we understand that it hasn't gotten us anywhere yet," Sottolano added. "We still have a lot of work to do. Navy is a very good baseball team, and we know that the conference is filled with very talented clubs. We're going to have to play well the rest of the way and we'll take it one day at a time."

Black Knight freshmen left fielder Daniel Cortes, third baseman Harold Earls and designated hitter Mark McCants collected three hits apiece to lead the way offensively in the first game. Fellow freshman center fielder Dakari Cooke chipped in a 2-for-4 effort at the plate in the opening contest as Army outhit Navy, 16-7.

Navy took its first lead of the series in the first inning of the opener as the Midshipmen scored two runs on three hits to establish a 2-0 advantage.

Army responded with two runs in the top of the second to level the score at 2-2.

McCants singled leading off the inning and he scored all the way from first base when Earls' base hit down the left field line was misplayed by the Navy left fielder and bounced out of play. Earls moved to third base on Cooke's infield single and the Black Knights then executed a double steal with Earls scoring the game-tying run.

Navy reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the second inning, but the Black Knights pushed across two more runs in the top of the third to take their first lead of the contest. Senior first baseman Kevin McKague worked a one-out walk and he moved to second base when McCants was hit by a pitch. McKague and McCants then successfully executed a double steal, and McKague scampered home with the first run of the frame when Navy starter Preston Gainey uncorked a wild pitch. Earls followed with an RBI single to center field to score McCants and put Army on top, 4-3.

Navy rallied to tie the score, 4-4, in the bottom of the fourth inning. However, Army engineered a two-out rally in the top of the sixth to move in front, 5-4. With two down and the bases empty, Price battled back from a 0-2 count to work a walk. Cortes then singled through the left side of the infield and McKague drilled a line drive base hit to center field to score Price from second base.

Navy pushed across the game-tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning against McKague to force extra innings.

The Midshipmen stranded the potential game-winning run at third base in both the seventh and eighth innings, which opened the door for Army to earn the victory.

Army blew the game open in the top of the ninth as the Black Knights scored four runs on five hits to move in front, 9-5. Senior right fielder Cody Murtle singled to right field leading off the inning and Earls followed with a base hit to give Army runners on the corners with nobody out.

Freshman shortstop Alex Jensen then lifted a sacrifice fly to right field to plate Murtle with the go-ahead run. Junior catcher Andrew Johnson lined a two-out base hit to extend the inning for Price, who blasted a two-run triple into the gap in left center field.



Senior second baseman Zach Price ripped a two-run triple during Army's four-run ninth inning to secure a 9-5 win in game one of Sunday's doubleheader against Navy. Price added three hits in game two to pace the Black Knights' 11-hit attack. Army took all four games over the weekend versus the Midshipmen to up its season record to 19-7.

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Cortes followed with an RBI single to score Price from third base and cap the four-run eruption.

McKague (1-0) was credited with the victory in the opening game after pitching the seventh and eighth innings. Senior pitcher Manny Fernandez came on and worked the ninth to nail down the win.

Price went 3-for-4 in the second game to pace the Black Knights' 11-hit attack. Earls and Jensen each posted two hits in the contest as Army outhit Navy, 11-8, in the nightcap.

Army jumped on top, 4-0, in the second inning of the second game as the Black Knights plated four runs on three hits and two Navy throwing errors. McCants singled leading off the inning, and he moved all the way to third base when Murtle reached on a two-base error by the Navy shortstop. Earls and Jensen followed with consecutive RBI singles to give the Black Knights a 2-0 advantage.

Cooke then laid down a sacrifice bunt to move both Earls and Jensen into scoring

position. On the very next play, Navy caught Johnson's line drive but then threw the ball away trying to double Jensen off at second base. The throw sailed out of play, allowing both Earls and Jensen to score and extending the Army lead to 4-0.

Navy cut Army's lead in half in the bottom of the second as the Midshipmen pushed across two runs on three hits.

Army tacked on another run in the top of the fifth inning to extend its lead to 5-2. Johnson singled with one out, moved to third on Price's base hit and scored when Cortes hit a sacrifice fly to center field.

The Black Knights added another run in the sixth as Murtle singled, stole second base, advanced to third on a balk and scored on a wild pitch.

Army capped the scoring in the top of the eighth as the Black Knights pushed across an unearned run to make it 7-2.

Freshman pitcher Andrew Flaherty (2-0) pitched five scoreless innings of relief to earn the victory in the nightcap.

Payleitner rips two home runs, helps sweep Holy Cross

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Freshman designated player Rae Anne Payleitner smacked a three-run homer in the opener and ripped a two-run blast in the nightcap, while right-handed pitcher classmate Morgan Lashley recorded both wins as Army completed a four-game weekend sweep of Patriot League rival Holy Cross Sunday at West Point.

Senior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon

ripped a pair of home runs driving in three runs joining Payleitner in rallying Army to a 10-4 win in the opener, and Payleitner's two-run homer keyed a four-run tie-breaking fifth in a 5-3 nightcap victory in the second game.

Payleitner combined to go 4-for-6 in the doubleheader with five RBI and three runs scored, and AuBuchon was 4-for-7 with four RBI and four runs scored.

Sophomore shortstop April Ortenzo and senior center fielder Reanna Johnson doubled three times and scored a pair of runs in the

twinbill with Lashley pitching 12 innings, striking out 10 and walking four, in recording the win in relief in the opener and going the distance in the second.

With the league opening weekend sweep, Army (19-12, 4-0 PL) is tied for first place in the conference standings with Lehigh and Colgate.

"Overall, I was very pleased with how the team played and battled each and every inning, play, at bat and pitch," Army head coach Michelle DePolo said. "The team

stayed focused on the mission for four straight games."

The Black Knights, who batted .376 in the four-game Holy Cross sweep, were led offensively by AuBuchon, Ortenzo and Payleitner. AuBuchon batted .667 (8-for-12) with eight RBI and six runs scored, Ortenzo hit .538 (7-for-13) with an RBI and four runs scored and Payleitner batted .500 (5-for-10) with six RBI and three runs scored.

Lashley posted a 0.88 ERA and 4-0 mark over 24 innings pitched.