

Emergency preparedness exercise to test West Point's readiness

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Although West Point has served as an impregnable bastion of Army values for more than 200 years, it is not similarly invincible from the acts of a determined adversary.

As members of this community, we all must be prepared—through education and action—to respond rapidly and capably to a full range of potential natural and manmade hazards. Readiness is our most potent defense against any threat, but one question still remains, “Are we ready?”

West Point authorities are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of community members, the protection of property and the sustainment of essential installation operations should an emergency occur.

Normal day-to-day procedures usually are not sufficient for assessing effective emergency response, as extraordinary emergency measures must be implemented quickly if loss of life, property, utilities and operations are to be kept to a minimum.

To assess our response and capabilities to an emergency in real-time and within a real-world environment, we must implement an annual full-scale emergency preparedness exercise that allows all of us to gain the in-depth learning that only a unique experience can provide.

After almost six months of planning, a community-wide readiness exercise will occur between Monday-April 26, incorporating elements of an active shooter and antiterrorism response, the installation's Emergency Alert System and the ability of our responders to apply mass casualty care.

In addition, this exercise will enable West Point officials, emergency first-responders and managers, host and tenant organizations, the Corps of Cadets, West Point Schools and community members to participate in an assessment of emergency preparedness procedures and capabilities.

“Active shooter incidents are among the most dynamic acts of violence that we might encounter,” Joe Colombo, DPTMS Chief of Plans and Operations, said. “This year's week

of active shooter preparedness and response activities will be a great assessment of our capabilities.

“Each aspect of our emergency preparedness exercise is designed to look at the seams or gaps that exist in our standard operating procedures and to address them,” he added.

Participants will respond to an orchestrated, multi-point “attack.” On Monday, specific Random Antiterrorism Measures for the month of April, continuity of operations plans and bomb-threat evacuation procedures will be assessed throughout the installation.

On Tuesday, an “anthrax-tainted parcel” received at the Central Mailroom (next to the West Point Post Office) will test suspicious-mail-handling, incident reporting, response and decontamination procedures.

On Wednesday, the “bang” occurs when a simulated active shooter attack causes chaos and mass casualties near Washington Hall (Cadet Mess) and a potential threat to West Point Schools will result in the school conducting a lockdown drill that is already coordinated by school officials.

While the exercise scenario, extent of damage and level of threat are based on a hypothetical situation and are not intended as a forecast of future harmful events, they do reflect the potential threat to U.S. citizens, our Armed Forces and college campuses across the country. This exercise—the last of several emergency preparedness exercises conducted this year and among the most comprehensive undertaken at West Point—is part of West Point's continuing commitment to obtaining valuable insight to guide future preparedness and response efforts.

At the final planning meeting, Colombo counseled those in attendance by saying, “The safety and security of West Point is our most sacred duty.”

The Command Channel will run an informative video entitled “Shots Fired: When Lightning Strikes” through Friday.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Joseph Colombo at 938-2516 or joe.colombo@usma.edu, or Christopher Hennen at 938-7092 or christopher.hennen@usma.edu.



Crest Unveiled

Several hours before the big reveal, Class of 2015 cadets prepared the crest for the evening's Sponsor Appreciation and Crest Unveiling dinner April 13 in the Cadet Mess Hall. See pages 3-4 for the story and more photos from the event.

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Closure alert: On Wednesday, during the emergency preparedness exercise's active shooter attack, the Visitors Center and West Point Museum will be closed until 12:30 p.m. There will also be no official bus tours throughout the day.

USMA directed to abolish 71 positions, employee RIF information available at CPAC

By the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

The U.S. Military Academy was directed by the Department of the Army to abolish 71 positions in Fiscal Year 2012.

As a result of these reductions, the command conducted a full assessment of mission/functions, identifying critical must do functions, duplicative/redundant functions and new requirements.

To minimize the number of involuntary separations, the command offered Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay to employees (selected based on their occupation), reassigned employees to other positions and coordinated with other commands located at West Point to encourage them to consider hiring employees

(noncompetitive reassignments) in those organizations.

Those efforts were very successful; however, there are still 12 employees who have not yet been placed. USMA must have no more than 694 direct-funded employees onboard by Sept. 30, 2012.

Therefore, USMA requested permission from the Secretary of the Army to conduct a Reduction in Force.

As a result, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is in the beginning process of conducting a RIF. The workforce will see the following during the process:

- Vacant positions that can be used for the RIF will be filled with only temporary employees or by temporary promotion.

Exceptions include Title 10

faculty positions and positions with very unique qualifications;

- Requests to review their personal data (e.g.—veteran's preference, service computation date, performance ratings) and an opportunity to update their education/experience;
- Training classes about RIF processes. The effective date of the RIF is Sept. 22;
- This RIF will be different than ones that have been conducted in the past at West Point as the only employees impacted are those working for USMA (e.g.—not Garrison, MEDDAC, DENTAC, NEC employees).

If you have any questions, contact Carol McQuinn, Human Resources Officer, or your servicing Human Resources Specialist at 938-3943.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Month – April 2012

This month, our Army commemorates National Sexual Assault Awareness Month and reaffirms our commitment to eradicate sexual assault and sexual harassment in our ranks and in our Army communities.

Achieving Cultural Change through Dignity and Respect is this year's theme. As members of a profession sworn to protect others – united by the bonds of trust between brothers and sisters in arms – we must all recognize and embrace our individual responsibility to ensure dignity and respect in our workplaces and communities. We must ensure that all members of the Army Family, without exception, understand that sexual assault and sexual harassment has no place in our Army.

In keeping with the Army's "I. A.M. Strong" campaign, we call upon every Soldier, Civilian and Family Member to have the personal courage to Intervene, regardless of the time or place; Act decisively to stand up and protect members of our Army Family from all forms of sexual assault and harassment; and Motivate others through the Army Values to be vigilant in the fight to protect your team.

An Army free of sexual assault and sexual harassment, where every Soldier, Civilian and Family Member is treated with dignity and respect, is a fundamental right for everyone in our ranks. Our Army Family deserves nothing less. Army Strong!

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"Pinwheels for Prevention": campaign to strengthen family

Submitted by ACS' Family Advocacy Program

"Pinwheels for Prevention" is part of the observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month at West Point. The pinwheels have been distributed throughout New York as part of the statewide Prevent Child Abuse campaign as a demonstration of the fast-growing belief that we can prevent—not just intervene in—child abuse and neglect.

Prevention of child abuse is more than the absence of child abuse—prevention is a way of thinking about solutions instead of problems.

For example, let's consider this situation: a PCS move for a family is coming up and the family has two young children, both under 4 years old. Moving can be a stressful experience for even the most seasoned Army family, and a move with young children can add more questions than answers.

The family can consult with Army Community Service's Relocation Readiness for helpful information on planning a successful move, as well as obtain the most current information about its next duty station.

Now as part of this move, money might be tight and perhaps

budget planning could be helpful. Again, the family can contact Army Community Service, this time to meet with Financial Readiness to review its current financial picture and how to stretch a dollar during a move.

And, one more thing, the Soldier and spouse might have questions as to how the move might affect their children. Contacting Family Advocacy at Army Community Service can help as Family Advocacy can provide age-appropriate information on child development and how parents can support their young children through a move.

And, best of all, Army Community Service offers all these services as a "one stop shop." All programs are located in the same building.

This is a "snapshot" of how seeking out solutions can ease the stress of a family. The focus is to enhance and support the well-being of the family. When you see a "Pinwheel for Prevention," be reminded of a grassroots campaign that focuses on family strengths and solutions.

To pick up your pinwheel and to learn more about Child Abuse Prevention Month, stop by the display in the Common Area at

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For more information, call Shelley Ariosto, Family Advocacy Program Manager, at 938-3369.

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

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Class of 2015 Crest unveiled, sponsors thanked for support

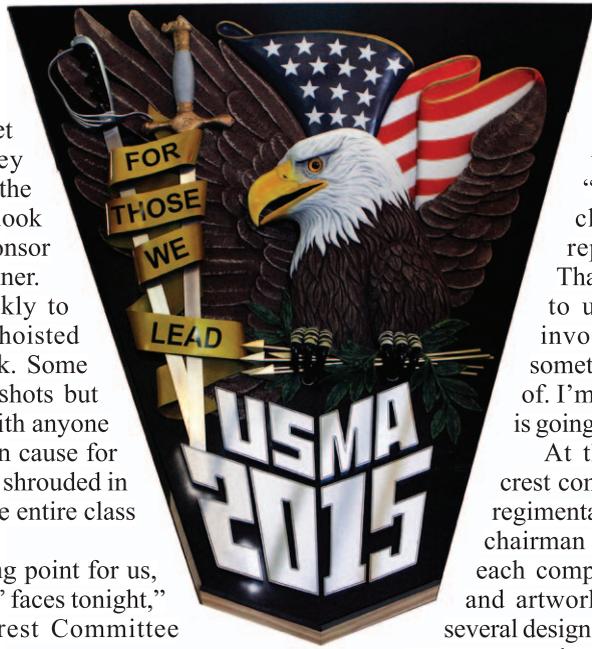
Story and photos by
Mike Strasser
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If anyone was wandering the Cadet Mess around 1 p.m. April 13, they would have gotten an early glimpse at the Class of 2015 crest. The official first look would occur later that night at the Sponsor Appreciation and Crest Unveiling dinner.

A group of plebes worked quickly to bring the crest into the hall, then hoisted and suspended it from the poop deck. Some of them took a few cellphone snap shots but said they wouldn't dare share them with anyone until the unveiling. It could have been cause for disciplinary action. But mostly, it was shrouded in secrecy to preserve the surprise for the entire class to see together.

"Literally that has been the driving point for us, just to see the looks on our classmates' faces tonight," Cadet Austin Welch, Ring and Crest Committee chairman, said.

When asked before the ceremony if he was confident that his classmates would unanimously approve of the final design, he had no doubt.



"This is something that will mark our class from not only this day forward—for the rest of our cadet career—but for our Army career and the rest of our lives," he said. "When we think back on our class we will say—this crest represents the Class of 2015. That's why this was so important to us and had so many people involved in making sure this is something we are going to be proud of. I'm very, very confident our class is going to be 100 percent behind this."

At the beginning of the year, a crest committee was formed with four regimental representatives, an assistant chairman and one representative from each company. They solicited opinions and artwork from the entire class until several designs captured the best ideas. These were presented to a few competing artists, who essentially auditioned in front of the committee to render professional drawings of those ideas.

"When they sent those to us, the committee then voted on

them and that's how we came to choose our crest," Welch said. Although the entire class had the chance to participate in the initial brainstorming, only the committee members were privy to the final design.

"That's kind of the fun involved in creating some surprise and suspense in unveiling the crest in front of the entire class," he said.

You would think, year after year, creating an original crest design would become difficult. After all, they're required to be somewhat similar with the key elements being mandatory (see sidebar below). Welch said originality wasn't a problem or even a consideration during the process.

"We didn't really think much about that," Welch said. "We had the pictures and the ideas of what a traditional crest looks like. We spent some time looking at past crests, but we didn't have any problems figuring out how we would make ours unique or what we wanted on it. Really, with the ideas we came up with as a class and a committee, it wasn't hard to be original."

The focus of their crest—the defining feature—is the bald eagle.

"What's exciting about our crest is our eagle is very fierce ... you think of the eagle as a dominant predator and that's what we wanted to portray with our eagle," Welch said. "It's exactly what we wanted to capture in our crest ... we're very

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What's the symbolism behind the class crest?

There are five elements to the West Point Class Crest that bear significant symbolism. As printed in the event program, the Class of 2015 identified them as:

- **The American Flag:** The American flag lies in the background of the crest as a subtle reminder that all of our actions are employed to support and defend the nation that we have sworn our allegiance to. It is a symbol of freedom that stood with us at the beginning of our nation, and will continue to stand above us for all time.

- **USMA:** The USMA acronym serves as not only a representation of our alma mater, but also an embodiment of the core values placed upon each cadet—Duty, Honor, Country.

- **Eagle:** The Eagle has been a key component of West Point class crests since the beginning and with good reason. The Bald Eagle is a symbol of our nation, of freedom and of strength. For the Class of 2015, the eagle is aggressive and dives toward its foe, refusing to

retreat and accept defeat. Grasped within its talons are arrows and olive branches, signifying readiness both in peace and in war.

- **Saber and Sword:** The Officer and Cadet Saber are bound together in the ribbon embroidered with our motto. This serves as a consistent reminder of our past, present and future, both here at the academy and of our careers in the Army. The responsibilities entrusted to us through accepting the profession of arms are also emitted from this symbol.

- **"For Those We Lead":** This banner contains the motto of the Class of 2015. The motto, borne on a yellow ribbon, is wrapped around the Cadet's Sword and Officer's Saber. The yellow ribbon represents our support for the Soldiers we will one day command; it is wrapped around our sword and saber signifying that our careers as cadets and one day as officers are all focused toward those we lead.



- **The Class of 1987 was the first to incorporate the American Flag in its crest, which became the standard for each class after.**

Some classes added unique elements like chains, lightning, fire and tar buckets over the years.

- **Warren Miller, a local designer, has built the crests since the Class of 1992.**

- **After the unveiling ceremony, the class crest will join the others in Crest Hall, on the third floor of Eisenhower Hall.**

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proud about that.”

Like the class motto—“For Those We Lead”—which adorns the class crest, both are developed early in the careers of West Point cadets. It would seem a certain amount of foresight is required to create a crest and motto that will come to define a class, long before they fully know themselves as a West Point class.

For the crest, Cadet Lance Charlton, Class of 2015 president, said the committee looked at the current status of the Army, and where it will be in the future when they join its ranks as officers. As for the motto, “For Those We Lead,” Charlton said all the new cadets were handed a piece of paper and everyone had the option of submitting an idea. Their tactical team narrowed down the collection to a few of the best ones and the class voted for their motto.

“We’ve been given our motto and our class crest; that is our identity whether or not it’s something we completely agreed on. But it will be through the remainder of our four years here that we get to put meaning behind that identity,” Charlton said. “You can see how our class is becoming more cohesive and as time progresses we will get to do more together, reach another milestone

together ... and, eventually, we will serve as officers together.”

The dinner was also an opportunity for the class to thank their sponsors, who have served in support and mentorship roles for the plebes from the start. These are people who have welcomed cadets into their homes and treated them as family as they continue their journey at West Point.

“You establish a relationship with them almost immediately,” Charlton said. “I know it’s true of my sponsor, and all the other cadets I’ve talked to have said that their sponsors were completely friendly from the moment they opened their doors. It’s like being a part of a family.”

With so many challenges involved with being a West Point cadet, it’s the simple things like a home-cooked meal or sitting on a couch to watch TV that become so gratifying, and sponsors provide that to them.

“As a cadet, you try to stick with it every single day and the sponsors are there to be that backbone for us,” Charlton said. “This is an opportunity for us to thank them for everything they do for us.”

See Crest Unveiling photos at:
www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/



(Left) Class of 2015 Cadet Daniel Rindone, class historian, talks about the symbolism of the class crest during the Sponsor Appreciation and Crest Unveiling ceremony April 13 at the Cadet Mess. There are five elements to the Class Crest that bear significant symbolism. (Below) As the crest is being raised inside the Cadet Mess, Warren Miller explains some of the details of the crest design to Cadets William Goodwin and Austin Welch, the class vice president and president, respectively. Miller, a former West Point employee, owns a studio in Cornwall, and has been contracted by the Directorate of Cadet Activities to build the crests since the Class of 1992.



Class of 2012 cadets write their West Point experience

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

With little more than a month until graduation, the Class of 2012 had one more writing assignment to complete—an essay reflecting on its four years at West Point for the 6th annual General of the Armies John J. Pershing Reflective Essay competition.

The writing essay is a required part of the MX400 Officership Capstone curriculum with every cadet in the graduating class having a chance to receive one of 36 awards.

Thirty-two bronze medallions were presented to company level writers, three silver medallions went to regimental writers and one gold medallion was given to the overall brigade winner who wrote the best essay.

Retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman (Class of 1944) said he was upset that the words spoken by General of the Armies John J. Pershing was taken out of the Bugle Notes, which is the book of required information for plebes, also known as the Cadet's Bible.

This exclusion was one of the reasons

why Cushman and Mrs. Jelks H. Cabaniss, Jr., the widow of Cushman's best friend, fought to have Pershing's words put back into the Bugle Notes.

Pershing wrote a letter to the superintendent of West Point in 1919 reflecting on what the academy meant to him, what the academy stands for and how it was always his guide throughout his military career.

Cushman said reflecting on and writing about a cadet's four years at West Point provides useful introspection.

"I think it is important for everyone to live according to their set of standards," Cushman said. "The MX400 course is turning out to be invaluable for personal development."

Class of 2012 Cadet Devin Redding, H-4, reflected on her years at West Point and some of the hard lessons she learned.

"I was never open to criticism," Redding said. "But I learned how to take it in stride. An incident in the West Point Leader Development Course was a wake-up call for me because I realized I had to take ownership of my own leadership development and

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Class of 2012 Cadet Alexander Pagoulatos, G-2, received the gold medallion at the 6th annual General of the Armies John J. Pershing Reflective Essay Awards luncheon April 13 at the West Point Club. He is pictured shaking the hand of retired Lt. Gen. John H. Cushman, one of the founders of the competition.



(Above, right) The gold medallion was presented to the overall brigade-level winner, Class of 2012 Cadet Alexander Pagoulatos from Company G-2.

(Above, left) Maj. Christopher Kliever, Company E-1 tactical officer, presents Class of 2012 Cadet Kristina-Noel Donohue the bronze award during the 6th annual 2012 John J. Pershing Writing Award luncheon April 13 at the West Point Club. In all, 32 bronze medallions were awarded. Class of 2012 Cadets Chelsea Prah, D-3; Daniel Livolsi, B-4; and Reanna Johnson, G-1, received the silver medallions and the top award was presented to Class of 2012 Cadet Alexander Pagoulatos from Company G-2.

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development as an individual.”

Silver medallions went to three regimental winners: Class of 2012 Cadets Chelsea Prah, D-3; Daniel Livolsi, B-4; and Reanna Johnson, G-1. Class of 2012 Cadet Alexander Pagoulatos, G-2, received the gold Pershing Medallion. Pagoulatos reflected on his four years at the academy by reflecting on his grandfather.

“I took a lot of lessons from my grandparents that I applied here (at the academy),” Pagoulatos said. “I wrote about my grandfather, who came from Greece. I always tried to be the best, worked for the highest marks and excelled in sports, because that’s what I thought he did.”

Pagoulatos’ essay is about his grandfather, whom he admired as a hero, because he strove to become a success in a foreign country. Pagoulatos strove for the same thing at West Point.

When his grandfather passed, he realized his grandfather had

a much richer life than one of success.

“It was an emotional moment for me, knowing that I never understood my hero or what inspired him,” he said. “I had spent my entire cadet career trying to succeed for the sake of success itself. I went so far as to neglect relationships and my most basic priorities in this vain endeavor.

“When things get difficult, one must focus on (his or her) priorities to make the right decision. Finally, when things get difficult, one must find balance in (his or her) life. I realized that my grandfather’s success was not the end-state, but merely the byproduct of a balanced, selfless life well lived. When I grasped that idea, my entire understanding of success changed and, with it, my appreciation of West Point.”

The contest was sponsored by the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and the Association of Graduates.

Hundreds of cadets will compete at annual Sandhurst Competition



Who will be the Sandhurst winner this year? Will the squad from Company B-3 successfully defend its title? The answers to these questions will be revealed Saturday, with the competition beginning 6 a.m. and ending with an awards ceremony at Eisenhower Hall.

FILE PHOTO

West Point Public Affairs Press Release

More than 400 cadets from military academies and universities around the world will compete in the 46th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at Camp Buckner.

The competition is free and open to the public. Spectator parking will be indicated along Route 293. Information about where to go to best view the competition will be provided at the Sandhurst Visitor's Booth.

The defending champion team from West Point's Company B-3—one of 36 teams from the Corps of Cadets—will attempt to retain the title against teams from the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Air Force Academy; as well as eight select university ROTC teams and one from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.

In addition, several international teams are invited to compete, to include returning competitors from the United Kingdom's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, Canada's Royal Military College, Afghanistan's National Military

Academy, Australia's Royal Military College at Duntroon and Spanish Military Academy.

Teams are comprised of eight men and one woman. The competition consists of 11 different events ranging from marksmanship to water crossings and tests individual and team military skills as well as athletic proficiency.

Teams accumulate points during the rigorous competition, and have the opportunity to earn up to 1,000 points throughout the course.

The competition originated in 1967 when the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst presented a sword to the U.S. Military Academy. The inscription on the sword reads: "To provide the Corps of Cadets with a challenging and rewarding regimental skills competition, which will enhance professional development and military excellence in selected Soldier skills." From then on, an annual event has been held to do just that.

For details on the competition, visit www.usma.edu/dmi/sandhurst_competition.htm.

CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Portuguese Language Club: Members of the Portuguese Language Club departed West Point April 12 for Washington, D.C., where they interacted with Brazilian military members at the Brazilian Army Commission.

Skeet and Trap Team: The West Point Skeet and Trap Team competed at the College Clay Cup held near Boston April 13-14. Competition included teams from Harvard, Yale, MIT, Northeastern, University of Vermont and Trinity College. West Point took second place overall, losing to Yale by only two targets. Individual honors went to Class of 2013 Cadet Rob Downey with a second-place finish in Skeet and Class of 2014 Cadet Whitney Strong with a third-place finish in Trap.

Scuba Club: The Scuba Club welcomed 13 new divers to its community April 14-Sunday. The team members braved cold water temperatures of 43 degrees to get their certification. Students were able to view sunken cars and boats and enjoy a deep dive to 60 feet.

Climbing Team: For the third consecutive weekend, the West Point Climbing Team donned harnesses and chalk bags for an indoor climbing competition April 14. The Collegiate Climbing Series Regional Championship is a season-long competition, culminating in the region final at The Gravity Vault in Chatham, N.J.

The day began with Army's point total well below that of powerhouse RIT, whose women climbed strong all season to land the team atop the regional standings. Still, the cadets understood that their second-place finish was not immune to a last-minute attack by the University at Buffalo, nor were the RIT Tigers infallible. After four hours of intense climbing, the regional competition was officially over. Despite standout efforts all season from Class of 2014 Cadet Christopher Price, team captain, and Class of 2012 Cadet Scott Mead, RIT's women were too consistent to overcome in the aggregate point total, which included the top three men and top three women from each team. Still, West Point finished second out of 10 competing schools. Price and Mead took first and third in the region based on overall individual scores, respectively.

Class of 2013 Cadet Jacob Carpenter finished a personal-best 13th and Class of 2013 Cadet Matthew Fitzgerald scored points for the team with a ninth-place finish.



From left to right: IBM Finance Director Steve Lasher, Treasurer Rob Del Bene, Class of 2012 Cadet Elliot Thomas, CFO Mark Loughridge, Class of 2014 Cadet Nathaniel Rollings and Controller Jim Kavanaugh.

Cadets and IBM: Building a smarter planet

By Class of 2012 Cadet Elliot Thomas

For a day dedicated to business leadership, finance and organizational transformation, the Department of Social Sciences hosted Mark Loughridge, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of IBM Corporation, along with select members of the IBM finance team March 28.

Loughridge's first visit to West Point served two distinct purposes, one of which was to brief financial economics to cadets on IBM's unique path and restructuring of the company's business model since the early 1990s.

Epitomizing the Information Technology industry's quintessential "phoenix rising from the ashes," IBM shifted its competitive strategy, Loughridge said, from a reliance on commodity hardware sales to five distinct high-value business segments.

This saved the company from the brink of financial collapse and propelling it forward today as one of the world's foremost and well-managed IT companies.

The other purpose of Loughridge's visit required a reversal

of speaking roles, as two cadets briefed a fundamental analysis of IBM's 2011 financial position and business ratios directly to IBM's CFO, treasurer and controller.

Having completed SS394: Financial Statement Analysis with Dr. Steven Bloom, one of the course instructors, the cadets delivered a polished and insightful analysis from their capstone project last term.

Speaking in a SOSH Conference Room packed with IBM executives, West Point cadets and instructors; Class of 2014 Cadet Nathaniel Rollings, an EECS major; and Class of 2012 Cadet Elliot Thomas, an Economics major, demonstrated how favorably IBM compares to the innovative computer device powerhouse and Wall Street "Cinderella" Apple, Inc. on a variety of strategic and financial performance measures.

IBM's rare visit afforded the cadets an opportunity to display the business skills, knowledge and tools of analysis they gained here at USMA directly to one of the most renowned finance teams in American business.

As a result, IBM will now offer cadets summer Advanced Individual Academic Development opportunities.

Third Regiment takes on training challenges

Wolfpack teams tackle Camp Buckner obstacles and more during regimental training day

By Class of 2012 Cadet Sean Eyre II
3rd Regiment, S2

West Point's 3rd Regiment conducted a day of training and team building at Camp Buckner April 7.

Cadets in the regiment were divided into teams of about 20 and bussed out to Camp Buckner, and there they faced the challenges that the battalions constructed over a period of nearly six hours.

As rain drizzled out of the morning sky, the first teams arrived and received their instructions. They were told the general layout of the course and given simple instructions: don't leave anyone behind and don't cross through the main parking lot. To a cry of "Three, two, one, Go Wolfpack," the teams were released to run to the first site. The Inferno Obstacle Course was managed by 2nd Battalion, and included a vault, a wall climb, a low crawl, lunges and buddy carries. Cadets were required to complete as many circuits of it as possible in the 15 minutes allotted to their team on the course.

Thoroughly covered in mud, the cadets then ran down to 1st Battalion's site, the Outback. On the parade field, cadets were required to complete a series of exercises. They were given a number of repetitions to complete and allowed to split them up amongst their teammates.

After burpees, push-ups, bear crawls, pull-ups, dips and more buddy carries, the teams ran on to the last site. Ran by 3rd Battalion, the Arctic site required cadets to push a Humvee, flip a gigantic tire 35 times and perform log presses. Each challenge was tackled as a team. When the site was complete the cadets sprinted to the finish line.

From start to finish, cadets worked hard and cooperated to overcome the challenges placed in front of them. Returning to West Point, they were greeted by their company spirit staffs who were busy cooking up food. It was a great day of spirit, motivation, teamwork and training. Congratulations to Team 32 from Company I-3, who completed the competition with the best time.

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Cadets got muddy as they crawled through the dirt at the Inferno site, one of several obstacles to negotiate during the 3rd Regiment's training event at Camp Buckner. PHOTOS BY MAJ. CATHERINE BABBIT



(Above) Cadets work together to push a Humvee at the Arctic site. That wasn't the only heavy lifting at the 3rd Regiment's training event at Camp Buckner. (Right) Cadets on the D-3 team work together to flip a tire at the Arctic site. Each team had to flip the tire 35 times.



What's Happening

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. today 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.

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. Tuesday 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:

- Wednesday-April 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.

West Point Duathlon

The Cadet Alpine Ski Team is hosting the second annual West Point Duathlon (run two miles, bike 14 miles and run two miles) April 29. The start point will be at North Dock.

The event is open to the public and includes military division, age group divisions and two other special divisions.

The West Point community is welcome to cheer on the racers and participate as well. For more information, visit www.westpointduathlon.com.

To register, go to www.active.com/triathlon/west-point-ny/west-point-2012.

Contact Danica Elliott, West Point Duathlon race director, at 512-653-4234 with any questions.

Asian-Pacific Heritage Month observance

The Asian-Pacific Heritage Month observance is

scheduled for 4:30-7:30 p.m. May 4 at Trophy Point. The alternate weather site is Robinson Auditorium.

The event is free. The guest speaker is still to be determined.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan at timothy.morgan@usma.edu or call 845-938-8456.

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.

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

Petitions are currently 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.

School websites with parent information:

- WPES: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/elementary;

- WPMS: www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/middle.

The completed petition, with the signature of one eligible voter, must be returned to the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent's Office by Monday 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.

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>.

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.

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.

Employment Opportunity

There is an employment opportunity for a nursery director at Thayer Hall for the West Point 10:30 a.m. Gospel Service on Sundays.

The hours needed is usually between 10 a.m.-noon. A background check and certification are required.

For more information, contact Chaplain Miller Eichelberger at 938-5965 or email miller.eichelberger@usma.edu.

NEW INFO

WPS PTO general membership meeting

The West Point Schools Parent Teacher Organization will hold elections for the 2012-13 school year Executive Board at the general membership meeting at 4:30 p.m. today in the West Point Elementary School Cafeteria/Multi-Purpose Room.

Volkssport Club of West Point walk

The Volkssport Club of West Point will have its first group walk of the spring season at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at the Fort Montgomery Battle Site Visitors Center in Fort Montgomery.

There are 5km and 10km trails on natural surface and paved walks. There are hills and steps, so sturdy shoes and walking sticks are recommended.

The trail goes through the historic battle site, Fort Clinton, Bear Mountain Trailside Zoo and into Bear Mountain State Park. The walk is free with AVA credit.

For more information, call 845-446-4709 or www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

Book signings

There will be a couple of upcoming book signings.

James Wilhite, author of "They Answered the Call," will

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FMWR Blurbs

Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Directorate of Public Works from 2-5 p.m. today 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.

West Point Recycling Center Earth Day Open House

Join FMWR, BBC and the Directorate of Public Works from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at the West Point Recycling Center, Bldg. 1379, for an Earth Day celebration for recycled crafts, T-shirts, giveaways and food.

For more information, call 938-8229.

2012-13 Part-day Preschool Lee CDC enrollment

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

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

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 Saturday and April 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.

Get your swing started

Join the West Point Golf Course for this free clinic given by the Golf Pro, Rich Giordano, from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 938-2435.

ACS' Mobilization and Deployment April workshop schedule

AFTB Leadership Enhancement Series is scheduled from 2-3 p.m. the next two weeks to include:

- Meeting Management, Monday;
- Coaching and Mentoring, April 30.

To register for the workshops, call Amy-Jo Johnson at 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 Monday. Bring your completed poster to Army Community Service, Bldg. 622.

Winners will be contacted after Tuesday.

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

ACS closed April 26

Army Community Service will be closed for the Family Assistance Center Exercise from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. April 26.

For more information, call 938-4621.

MOMC Festival—Heros for the Future

The Month of the Military Child festival is scheduled for noon-3 p.m. April 28 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge.

There will be kids' crafts, activities, entertainment and lunch. Come dressed as your favorite superhero. There is a minimal fee for this event.

There is no charge for families with a deployed spouse and children under the age of one. Tickets will be on sale now until April 25 at the Stony and Lee Child Development Centers.

This event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-3921.

ACS Financial Readiness April workshop

The Army Community Service is offering a financial readiness workshop called "Saving for your Future" from noon-1 p.m. April 30.

The workshop is held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call 938-5839.

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.

Kids Bike Rodeo

The annual Kids Bike Rodeo, presented by the Directorate of Emergency Services and FMWR, is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon May 5 at the West Point Elementary School.

Meet Daren the D.A.R.E. lion and learn about bike safety and security. Open to West Point, Town of Highlands and DOD civilian children.

This event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-0249.

Cinco de Mayo Lunch Fiesta

Join the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 5 for lunch and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy the flavors of Mexico.

For more information, call 938-5255.

Mother's Day Brunch

The traditional Mother's Day Brunch at the West Point Club will be held May 13. Two seatings are available.

The seatings take place at the Pierce Dining Room from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and in the Grand Ballroom from 2-4 p.m.

Special pricing for families with a deployed spouse is available.

Club members receive a 10 percent discount.

To make reservations, call 938-5120.

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.

NEW INFO

Round Pond reservations (updated)

The Round Pond Recreation Area is now open for the season. Round Pond's hours of operation are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., seven days a week.

To make reservations or for more information, call 845-938-2503.

2012 Round Pond hunting and fishing information (updated)

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.-4:30 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information, call 938-2503.

West Point 5K/10K (updated)

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.

Cops and Rodders will be having a Decade's Car Show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. after the race. The proceeds will benefit WTU, BOSS and Team Red, White and Blue.

BOSS will also be holding a cookoff from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., with an awards ceremony at noon.

Prizes will be given for the following categories: appetizer, barbecue and dessert.

For more information or to sign up, call Courtney Chidgey at 938-6497. Entries for the cookoff are needed by May 10.

NFL Draft ticket raffle

USAA has sponsored 18 pairs of tickets available for Day 2 of the 2012 NFL Draft April 27, the second and third rounds of the draft. Leisure Travel Services will be holding a raffle for these tickets.

The 2012 NFL Draft is being held at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Round 2 starts at 7 p.m.

How to Enter:

- Cadets can only sign-up at the West Point Club Business Office from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, until April 24;

- All other FMWR eligible patrons (ages 18 and over) can sign-up at Leisure Travel Services only, in the FMWR Fitness Center from 8 a.m.-4:15p.m., Monday-Friday until April 24;

- Appropriate ID cards are required for all those entering the raffle and will be checked;
- All sign-ups must be done in person during the hours stated above;
- There will be no exceptions made to the above policies.

Winners will be drawn April 24 and notified via phone and email April 25.

Winners are responsible for picking up their tickets from LTS or the West Point Club (cadets only) by noon April 26 or the tickets will be given to another entrant.

Raffle winners will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the 2012 NFL Draft.

If there is interest, LTS may run a shuttle to and from the draft for a minimal fee, to be determined after the winners are drawn.

Visit www.NFL.com/draft/2012 for additional information on the draft.

Black and Gold nomination awards

This is a reminder that nominations for the 3rd Quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Awards are due by May 4.

The 3rd Quarter FY12 Black and Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 7 at Army Community Service.

Take the opportunity to recognize the West Point community's volunteers.

An information paper outlining criteria and eligibility can be found at www.westpointmwr.com.

For more information, call 938-3655.

Coming to the West Point Bowling Center

Bring the children for Time for Tots Lunch Bowling from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning May 7.

Tots bowl two games that include rental shoes, a small fountain soda and a slice of pizza for a minimal cost.

Join the Monday Night Barbecue Adult and Youth League, which is a two-person team consisting of one adult and one youth in regular league format.

The league bowls a short season with an old fashioned barbecue at the end of the season.

Come join the Thursday Night Cosmic No Tap League. A unique bowling format where men's rolls of 9 or 10 count as a strike and women's rolls of 8, 9 or 10 count as a strike while playing to cosmic light.

Teams consist of four people. Both leagues begin at 7 p.m. May 7.

For more information, call 938-2140.

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 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—Hike and seek.

Find a trail and go for a nature walk. Explore all the wonders Mother Nature has to offer. Reap the benefits of connecting with nature.

Not only is the scenery more appealing than the gym when you exercise outdoors, but you also receive more benefits. Connecting with nature during exercise not only improves your body, but it also improves your mood and overall well-being.

Got Drugs? Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Keeping expired, unwanted or unused medications in homes may result in prescription drug abuse. Each day, approximately 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home

medicine cabinet.

Do you have expired or old medications laying around your house? Bring them by the PX between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 28 for disposal during National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

NPDTBD provides a venue for persons who want to dispose of expired, unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

Keller pharmacy closures

The KACH pharmacy will be closed on the following days through May:

- Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon, for a training exercise;
- May 19, all day, for automation equipment upgrades;
- May 28, all day, for the observance of Memorial Day.

We apologize for the inconvenience and look forward to serving you in the future.

Childbirth Education

Keller works hard to provide expecting parents with the resources and education they need to be well prepared for their little one's arrival.

We invite you to join the next child birthing course from 6-8 p.m. May 15 to learn more about the skills expecting moms and dads-to-be need to prepare for parenthood.

For more information on Keller's child birthing course, contact Debbie Peddy at 845-938-3210.

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sign his book from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at the West Point Bookstore, fourth floor of Thayer Hall.

Richard Adams, author of "The Parting," will sign his book from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the West Point Bookstore.

For more information on the book signings, contact Alexis Rice at 938-2121 or email alexis.tice@usma.edu.

West Point Glee Club concert

The West Point Glee Club will present a joint concert with the New Jersey Youth Chorus at 2 p.m. Saturday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public.

Annual USMA Kosciuszko Observance and Conference

West Point will hold its annual Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Observance April 28 at the Kosciuszko Monument immediately following the Cadet Review.

The American Association of the Friends of Kosciuszko at West Point will hold their annual conference from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. April 27 at the West Point Club. Everyone

is welcome to attend these events.

For a full schedule of events and additional information, visit www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org/catalog.html or contact stephen.olejasz@us.army.mil.

Department of Chemistry and Life Science lecture

The Department of Chemistry and Life Science is sponsoring a lecture with guest speaker, Dr. Michael E. Webber from the University of Texas at Austin, at 7:45 p.m. May 10 at Robinson Auditorium.

The title of the lecture is "Global Energy Trends." Webber is the associate director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, co-director of the Clean Energy Incubator at the Austin Technology Incubator and assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He trains a new generation of energy leaders through research and education at the intersection of engineering, policy and commercialization.

For more information, contact Maj. Walt Rittger, course director for Advanced General Chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Life Science, at 845-938-3801.

The Exchange rolls out new children's wear prices

By Alvaro Portilla
The Exchange

A recent North Dakota State University study found that the average American household spends about 3.8 percent of its income on clothes. With children consistently growing out of shirts, pants and dresses or wanting the latest and greatest brands, keeping the kids in new attire can prove to be an expensive endeavor.

Fortunately, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service recognizes that investing in kids doesn't have to break the bank as it has unveiled a new pricing strategy for all children's wear.

The strategy consists of five price points: \$5, \$10, two for \$15, \$15 and \$20.

"From shirts to sleepwear, we are dedicated to helping growing families," USMA Exchange's General Manager Michel Weisshaar said. "The price points are clearly marked

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—John Carter, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Dr. Seuss' The Lorax, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—This Means War, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

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

The first 10 registrants will receive pedometers.

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

Command Channel 8/23

April 19-26

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through April 26

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through April 26

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

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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in the stores, making it easy for parents to outfit their kids without busting the budget."

Styles included in the USMA Exchange's new children's wear pricing strategy (excluding furnishings, accessories, jackets and coats) range from exclusive brands such as Buzz Cuts and Ponytails to nationally-recognized labels including Nautica, Union Bay, Levi's and Skechers, among others.

Ortenzo rips eight hits, Army softball sweeps Bucknell—now 9-3 in PL

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore shortstop April Ortenzo went 8-for-8 with two RBI and five runs scored with senior catcher Rachael Duval and junior second baseman Alex Reynolds each driving in four runs and scoring three times as Army banged out 30 hits completing a four-game sweep of Bucknell by taking both ends of a Patriot League doubleheader Sunday at Becker Field in Lewisburg, Pa.

Ortenzo went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored, and freshman hurlers Morgan Lashley and Jules Steurer combined on a two-hit shutout as the Black Knights (26-15, 9-3 PL) opened with an 11-0 five-inning defeat of the Bison.

The Black Knights trounced the Bison in a 13-2 nightcap decision with Lashley recording her fourth straight victory this weekend to set a school single-season win record with 22.

Ortenzo went 5-for-5 with an RBI and three runs scored with Duval and Reynolds each knocking in three runs and scoring twice, along with two RBI and four hits by senior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon, as Army exploded for 18 hits, one shy of its season-high 19, in the second game.

After getting just one hit in the first inning of the opener, Army bunched together five hits along with a pair of errors to bat around and plated seven runs in the second inning.

Senior center fielder Reanna Johnson (2-for-4) and freshman designated player Ali Cleinmark (3-for-3) ripped back-to-back singles to start off the inning with Duval delivering Johnson from third base on a sacrifice fielder's choice RBI. Senior third baseman Clara Navarro's double (her second of the season) knocked in Cleinmark and Duval for a 3-0 lead.

Back-to-back hits by Ortenzo and sophomore left fielder Amanda Nguyen (2-for-4) loaded the bases with Navarro scoring when Reynolds reached on an error by the second baseman for a 4-0 advantage. A dropped fly ball by the left fielder with bases loaded produced three unearned runs in staking Lashley to a 7-0 lead.

Army pushed across a pair of runs in the third inning along



Sophomore shortstop April Ortenzo went 8-for-8 with two runs batted in and five runs scored to help lead Army to a doubleheader sweep of Bucknell Sunday.

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with knocking out starter Alex MacLean (3-18) after yielding a leadoff double to Johnson followed by Cleinmark's run-scoring single. Courtney Conover took over the circle and issued back-to-back walks to load the bases in setting the stage for Ortenzo's sacrifice fly scoring Cleinmark for a 9-0 advantage.

Before calling the game in the fifth inning on the mercy rule, Army added a pair of runs in the top half with AuBuchon's one-out single driving in Ortenzo and sophomore right fielder Marina Northup's sacrifice fly to the center fielder delivering Nguyen in closing out the scoring.

Lashley allowed just one hit, walked two and struck out two of the 15 batters she faced over four innings to record the decision.

In the nightcap decision, Army jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Nguyen's (2-for-4) RBI single driving in Duval, who reached on a fielder's choice. MacLean (3-19), who was also tagged with the loss in the second game, denied the Black Knights from insurance runs in leaving bases loaded.

Army broke through with three runs on three hits and a pair of errors in the fourth inning to pull out to a 4-0 lead. Ortenzo doubled home Navarro, who singled, for the first run and scored on an error by the second baseman that allowed Nguyen to reach base. AuBuchon

(4-for-5) drove in Nguyen, who stole second base and moved to third on the throwing error by the catcher, from third base.

After being held scoreless through nine innings in the twinbill, Bucknell scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to draw to 4-2 on a two-run double by Mallory Lyons.

Touched for two hits in that frame, Lashley stranded a runner at second on a flyout en route to retiring four straight batters before turning over the circle to Steuer in the seventh with Army in front 13-2. The Black Knights extended their lead to 7-2 scoring three runs on five hits along with an error in the sixth on RBI singles by Reynolds, AuBuchon and Johnson.

Army sent 11 batters to the plate in a six-run seventh with Duval (2-for-5) driving in three runs in that frame. After ripping a leadoff homer over the fence in left field, she singled home a pair of runs off Conover who took over in relief.

The Black Knights collected 18 hits with Ortenzo and AuBuchon banging out five and four, respectively, along with two each by Nguyen, Reynolds and Duval.

Lashley's 22 wins broke the school single-season mark of 21 held by Army Hall of Famer Colleen McCabe, who set it as a senior in 1991. Army's 26 wins are just seven shy of the school record (33) that was set in 2010.

Women's Tennis sweeps Bucknell, goes undefeated

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army women's tennis finished undefeated in regular season Patriot League contests for the 10th consecutive season after a home win over Bucknell April 14.

The Black Knights swept the Bison, 7-0, at Malek Courts to shutout all conference foes for the second straight year.

Army (19-6, 5-0 PL) took two-of-three doubles matches from Bucknell (3-16, 1-3 PL) to capture the first point of the contest. The Black Knights' number one doubles loss was the first setback for Army against a conference foe since the 2010 season finale against the Bison.

Black Knight pairs junior Erin Colton and sophomore Jamila Paul, and sophomores Margaret Iliev and Carly Riney collected their second victories in as many days.

Colton and Paul defeated Courtney Casey and Lydia Colvin, 8-3, at No. 2 doubles, while Iliev and Riney knocked off Demi Iepueras and Lauren Boone, 8-2, at No. 3 doubles.

The singles contests proved to be the tightest of the conference season for Army, yet the Black Knights still managed to earn four of the victories in straight sets.

Daria Tuzhikova pushed Iliev into a three-set battle before the Army sophomore prevailed 3-6, 6-4, 10-2 at No. 4 singles. Iliev improved to 14-12 on the season with the win.

Paul and freshman Natalie Allen also collected banner wins for Army. Paul got her 12th straight victory, defeating Elena Vidrascu, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2 singles, while Allen stretched her team-best record to 26-7.

Allen topped Colvin, 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3 singles to jump into a tie at No. 5 on Army's all-time single-season wins list.

The next stop for the Black Knights is the Patriot League Tournament, hosted by Lehigh, Friday-Sunday. Army and Navy sit atop the conference standings with undefeated marks, as the Midshipmen have a 4-0 league record.

The Black Knights will be battling for their eighth straight Patriot League Championship and accompanying NCAA Championship bid.



Junior Erin Colton teamed with sophomore Jamila Paul for an 8-3 at No. 2 doubles and then won at No. 1 singles 7-5, 6-1 over Bucknell's Demi Iepueras.

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Junior attackman Garrett Thul scored five goals to lead Army past Navy 9-6 April 14 at Michie Stadium.

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Thul scores five goals, leads Army past Navy 9-6

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Junior attackman Garrett Thul exploded for a game-high five goals as Army outscored Navy 3-0 in the fourth quarter and the Black Knights clinched a Patriot League Tournament berth with a 9-6 victory over the visiting Midshipmen April 14 in front of 10,192 fans at Michie Stadium.

The triumph extended Army's win streak to four games against Navy, the longest win streak for the Black Knights in the series. Army has won five of the last six meetings and captured the annual "Star" game.

"This is a very humbling win because we have such great respect for the Navy program and all that it stands for," head coach Joe Alberici said. "Their kids fight so hard, so to come out on top of an emotional game of this magnitude, it's a very humbling feeling.

"We put so much into this game year-round, so to have it come to a head in the fourth quarter and see our guys step up with big-time plays when we needed them made me proud," he added. "For the seniors, this one will feel very special. They have left a great legacy on the Army-Navy rivalry being part of four consecutive wins. Being the competitors that they are, they'll hold

onto this one."

Thul's five goals matched his career high for a third time. Senior tri-captain midfielder Devin Lynch added two fourth-quarter goals, while freshman midfielder John Glesener chipped in one goal and a career-high three assists. Junior attackman Andrew Boyd also scored for the Black Knights, while junior midfielder Alex Van Krevel registered one assist.

Army outshot Navy 40-27 and held a 29-18 edge in ground balls. Senior goaltender Zach Palmieri helped anchor Army's defense with eight saves in goal to go with five ground balls.

Senior long stick midfielder Tim Henderson totaled three ground balls and a pair of caused turnovers, while senior defenseman Larry LoRusso tacked on a season-high three caused turnovers.

Senior midfielder Derek Sipperly took all 19 faceoffs on the afternoon and won 11 of those efforts.

After the teams went back-and-forth for the first 45 minutes of action, Army's offense took over in the fourth quarter with both goals and time of possession. With the scored tied at 6-6 heading into the final 15 minutes, Lynch broke through for the eventual game winner—his second in two games—with 9:51

on the clock.

Thul's highlight-reel, wrap-around score, his fifth of the game, with 5:59 to go gave the Black Knights an 8-6 lead and brought the Michie Stadium crowd to its feet.

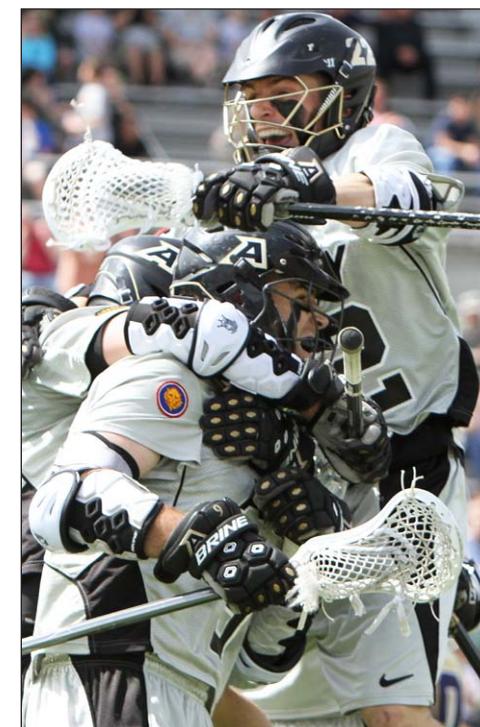
"The atmosphere today was incredible," Thul said following the win. "I wasn't rushing things today and let the game come to me. We knew today was going to be a hard-fought game from both sides and what it meant for both teams in terms of the Patriot League Tournament. Accomplishing both a win over Navy and clinching a playoff berth is an awesome feeling."

The Black Knights' three-goal barrage in the fourth quarter proved to be the difference in the game.

The Midshipmen took five shots in the final frame, during which Palmieri also made two of his eight saves for Army.

The field is now set for the 2012 Patriot League Tournament and will include Army, Bucknell, Colgate and Lehigh. Seeding and hosting rights will be determined after this weekend's games.

Army hosts Holy Cross on Senior Day Saturday in the Patriot League regular-season finale. The Black Knights will honor 12 seniors and their families prior to the noon faceoff at Michie Stadium.



Senior midfielder Devin Lynch jumps on junior attackman Garrett Thul after a goal. Lynch scored two of the three four-quarter goals to lead Army to victory over Navy April 14.