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## The Struggles of Sandhurst

The rope bridge event required squads, such as Company I-1 members (above), to construct an improvised bridge to cross a water obstacle while carrying various burdens. The site tests a team's ability to solve problems using Soldier skills. Cadets competed in the 2012 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition, April 20-21, which is a two-day military training course at Camp Buckner. The Sandhurst Competition involves each U.S. Military Academy Cadet Company and visiting international and ROTC teams that provide a nine-member squad with two alternates. Each squad is required to perform a series of challenging military tasks during a rapid, non-tactical move along a partly-prescribed 13.2-kilometer route. See pages 10-11 for story and photos on the Sandhurst Competition.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

# West Point's guidelines for child supervision

Submitted by ACS' Family Advocacy Program

April is observed as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year's theme is "Child Abuse ... It's No Secret—Everyone Can Help."

The central theme is awareness of child safety and supervision. One question that frequently comes up is, "When is it OK for me to leave my child alone?"

Each child is different. Some children are simply too young to be left home alone, or left unattended in a vehicle, even for just a minute.

The U.S. Army Garrison West Point Policy Memorandum #20, "Supervision of Minor Children at West Point" provides guidelines based on a child's age and grade in school.

To access the document, visit [www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/ACS/FAP.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/ACS/FAP.htm).

Consider the following questions:

- I'm only going to be gone for a few minutes. What can possibly go wrong?

- What is the age I can leave my child alone at home?

- When can my child baby-sit other children?

- Everybody else is doing it in my neighborhood, so what's the big deal?

Young children (infants to about 4 years old) base their feelings of security on being able to see as well as touch their parent.

Children in this age group also get scared when a parent is out of sight. Add to this the natural curiosity of a child learning to crawl, walk and explore.

If a parent is not readily available

to ensure a child's safety, the physical and emotional well-being of the child can be compromised. What does this mean? In just a few seconds, a child can pull something over his or herself, can fall down and hit his or her head, can throw a toy out of frustration and knock over a lamp—the list of possibilities and consequences is endless.

Line of sight supervision is essential for young children, anywhere and anytime.

Children ages 0-9 years old cannot be left alone in a vehicle. At age 10, a child may be left alone in a vehicle not more than 15 minutes and the keys must be removed.

Here are the questions that were pondered earlier with the appropriate answers:

- When can my child baby-sit other children?

"If a child is interested in babysitting children other than his or her siblings, the suggested age is between 11-13. Attending and completing a baby-sitting course, such as one from the American Red Cross, is highly recommended.

- What is the age I can leave my child alone at home?

"Safeguarding children is a parental responsibility. The following guidelines are provided for parents to help make their decision easier (excerpts from USAG WP Policy Memorandum #20):

- Newborn to age 4—cannot be left alone at home or left alone in a vehicle;

- Ages 5-9—cannot be left alone at home or left alone in a vehicle;

- Age 10—can be left alone for up to three hours, although must

have access to indirect supervision (neighbor, checking with parent by phone) and a Home Alone Plan;

- Ages 11-13—can be left alone for up to six hours with ready access to adult supervision;

- Ages 14-18—may be left at home alone with the parents responsible for the conduct and well-being of their children.

- Everybody else is doing it in my neighborhood, so what's the big deal?

"Young children move quickly, actively explore their environment and can hurt themselves even with the best of supervision. When a parent is not around, the opportunity for an accidental injury increases, and the longer the parent is gone, there's more opportunity for serious, accidental injuries. There can be no compromise when it comes to the safety of a child."

- Is your child too young to be left unsupervised?

Consider the following factors in deciding whether your child is too young to be left unsupervised:

- The child's age and maturity;
- The child's health or need for constant supervision;

- The relative safety or the dangers of the child's environment;
- The reason for leaving the child;

- The length of time the child is being left alone;

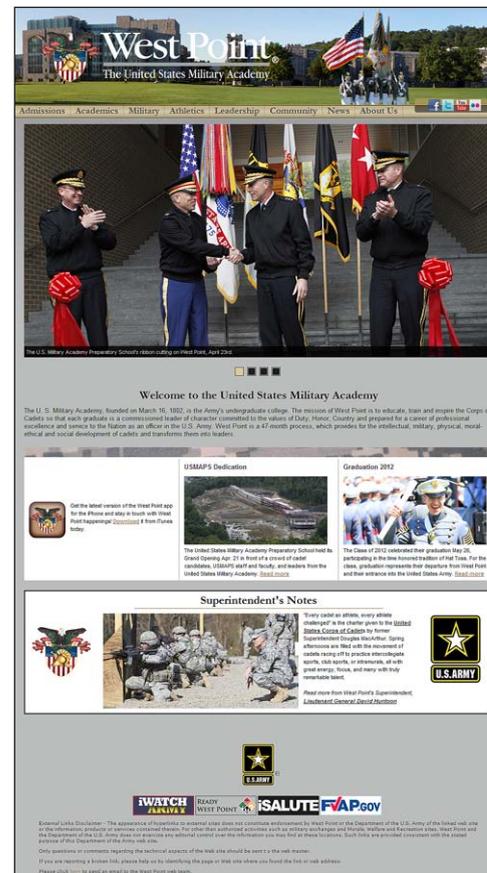
- The responsibilities assigned to the child;

- The availability of parents, neighbors or others in case of problems;

- Any past history of injuries, accidents or problems when the child was left alone;

- Is your child comfortable with

# COMING TUESDAY ...



The U.S. Military Academy is launching its new website Tuesday. The site allows for easier navigation while offering updated news and photo content on a continuous basis. The site offers a new design that provides a sense of uniformity and branding across all West Point pages, including internal agencies and departments. To access the website starting Tuesday, visit [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu). For more information, call 938-4261.

being left alone.

Military and Department of Defense civilian sponsors are responsible, at all times, for the supervision, health, safety and welfare of their family members on West Point.

Deliberate failure to provide reasonable care of minor children

may result in adverse consequences to the sponsor.

For more information on parenting strategies, contact the Family Advocacy Program at 845-938-3369; Military One Source at 1-800-342-9647 or [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com) (User ID: military and password: onesource).

### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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# Celebrating a new home for USMAPS

## Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks third and final move for Preparatory School

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Col. Tyge Rugenstein was on his way to Fort Monmouth, N.J., to check housing options in 2005 before assuming command at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School as the new commandant. He then heard on a local news station that the installation was to be closed as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure action. His wife wondered if a U-turn would be an appropriate move.

Instead, Rugenstein led the way for the school's transition to West Point and at the ribbon-cutting ceremony Monday he thanked all the people who contributed to what he confidently said would be the third and final move for USMAPS.

"As you can see, the USMAPS campus is spectacular, but it did not materialize without incredible effort from an extremely dedicated team of professionals," Rugenstein said, noting the many architects, engineers, contractors and staff who supported the move, design and construction of the school.

From the groundbreaking ceremony in September 2009 until the first foundations were laid in April 2010, the contractors and Corps of Engineers team underwent a 15-month build phase to complete the barracks, dining facility and athletic field to usher in the Class of 2012 at the new campus.

"The result was 244 cadet candidates, 52 staff and faculty and over 200 construction workers and contractors working and living together for the next eight months on a very active construction site," Rugenstein said. "This will obviously be a year the USMAPS Class of 2012 and the staff and faculty won't soon forget."

Rugenstein also noted appreciatively the relocation was not an easy decision for some. More than 80 percent of the staff and faculty decided to make the move to West Point.

"They moved because they are passionate about our mission and the opportunities we provide our cadet candidates," he said. "I could not be more proud of our staff and faculty and their commitment to this school and the academy."



The official party for the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School's ribbon-cutting ceremony April 23 was, from left, U.S. Corps of Cadets Commandant Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin, Col. Tyge Rugenstein, USMAPS commandant; Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent; and Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor.

The USMAPS project spanned three West Point superintendents who worked with senior Army leaders to reinforce the significance of the USMAPS mission during the BRAC process.

"We are so proud here at the U.S. Military Academy to welcome this great prep school back home," West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. said. "With this amazing new facility we are optimally set to execute the mission of the school—building leaders of character for the U.S. Army and the nation."

The history of the school dates back to May 4, 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson signed the act establishing formal appointments for enlisted Soldiers to the U.S. Military Academy. The legislation led to the development of USMAPS, and to this day the mission remains steadfast of providing exceptional academic, physical and military training to motivate and qualify candidates for admission to and graduation from West Point. Its current location is the school's third move since being established in 1946 at Stewart Army Air Field in Newburgh.

## West Point commemorates Holocaust Remembrance Day



Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

We remember those horror years of World War II and the Holocaust because, as philosopher, novelist and poet George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Robert Morgenthau, former district attorney of New York County, chairman of the Museum of Jewish Heritage known as the living memorial to the Holocaust and former chairman and president of the Police Athletic League, was one of the speakers at the Holocaust: Days of Remembrance Luncheon April 19 at the West Point Club.

"My life in public service is very rewarding," he said. "I have two organizations that I have been involved with—the Museum of Jewish History and the Police Athletic League—because I believe that we can never forget history. History must be remembered as a warning. We need to teach and recognize what happens when

criminals take over government. We cannot be indifferent to the evils of others."

Morgenthau served in the Navy during WWII and nearly lost his life when a Kamikaze plane hit his destroyer killing 29 men.

"I always said to myself," Morgenthau said. "If I survived the war, I would devote my life to public service."

"When my destroyer was hit, it taught me that you must be lucky in time of war and if you survive, you have to pay back when you get through the war," he added.

The event included a performance by the Cadet Jewish Choir and the readings from students of the West Point Middle School of their essays, poems or diary entries they wrote.

Kira Floersheim read her essay, a historical fiction about a brother and sister who were in a concentration camp and a poem reminiscent of Anne Frank read by Melody Bernard.

See **HOLOCAUST**, Page 5  
Rabbi Jacob Jungrels, Rabbi of the Israel Center of Canarsie and a Holocaust survivor, was one of two speakers at the annual Holocaust: Days of Remembrance Luncheon April 19 at the West Point Club.

# West Point's cyber warriors place second in annual CDX

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The winners of the 12th annual Cyber Defense Exercise were announced via teleconference April 20 and after three days of cyber warfare the team from the U.S. Air Force Academy claimed victory.

The CDX invites all five service academy teams to test their cyber skills against experts from the NSA, the nation's top code breakers.

West Point has earned the most wins in the annual exercise, with six, since its inception in 2001. Air Force now has added a third win for its service academy. The U.S. Naval Academy placed third, followed by the Coast Guard Academy in fourth. The Merchant Marine Academy finished last.

The announcement was made by Deborah Plunkett, director of the National Security Agency's Information Assurance Directorate, which sponsors the event. She said the NSA's Red Cell got into many of the systems but were not able to stay in by the end of the first day.

The public affairs officer for the West Point team, Class of 2012 Cadet Scott Mead, said from the start of the exercise, NSA's Red Cell launched a continuous assault—somewhere around 25,000 scan attacks per minute.

“We aren't too worried about scan attacks,” he said, early on in the exercise. “Think of them like benign rescans which can't do much damage. Every now and then we'll get huge traffic flows that won't go anywhere. We know they're trying to get in, but they don't.”

After that it was a matter of removing malware and viruses, detect intrusions and making sure the dedicated user in the Gray Cell (provided by the NSA) could conduct typical network activities like web browsing, downloading files and opening emails.

Plunkett said the Red Cell went in stronger with additional authentication attacks. On the second day, they launched a red herring attack

to attempt to divert the teams' attention while attacking the systems.

By the third day, the Red Cell launched a web attack and got into every school's systems.

“The Red Cell was battling face-to-face with the students ... at one point, battling keystroke for keystroke for control of the keyboard,” Plunkett said.

“You are the next generation of cyber warriors and you are leaving this exercise, we believe, better prepared for the realities that await you,” she concluded before the official results.

West Point's team comprised of 26 senior cadets enrolled in the Cyber Security course in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; as well as a smaller contingent from the Class of 2013 serving as a forensic team. The team was assembled in late February to organize duty assignments and conduct research in preparation for their individual tasks. From March 28 onward, teams were allowed to design and build the defenses around their computer networks.

The command team was led by Class of 2012 Cadet Kelly Eyre with Class of 2012 Cadet Chris Nelson serving as executive officer. Section heads for Network, Services and Systems were Class of 2012 Cadets Max Love, Alex Eubanks and Chris Apsey, respectively.

Lt. Col. David Raymond, officer-in-charge of the West Point team, said this group provided strong leadership despite their relative inexperience doing so in this particular exercise.

“While many members of the team had seen portions of past CDX exercises, none of them had been deeply involved in planning and execution, let alone in a leadership role,” Raymond said. “This group developed a solid game plan early on and supervised preparation and execution with the skill you would expect from first class cadets at West Point.”

Prior to the official results, Raymond went around the room and thanked each cadet for



**The West Point team conducted vigilant security operations during the three-day Cyber Defense Exercise April 17-19, but it was the U.S. Air Force Academy team that claimed victory at the 12th annual event.**

their efforts.

“The team performed extremely well, both in their preparation for the exercise and in their execution,” Raymond said. “The competition from the other service academies is very good and gets better every year. Our team tried to anticipate all of the ways that NSA might try to penetrate our network and prepared defenses and contingencies to prevent them. They were successful in almost every respect. The fact that the USAFA team captured the CDX title is testament to the quality and skill of their team.”

Raymond said all West Point cadets receive an introduction to cyber security in two courses within the Information Technology core curriculum. Those who major in IT or Computer Science gain a solid foundation in computer and network fundamentals, which are the basis of cyber security education. Cadets can delve deeper into information assurance and network defense through courses like Computer Forensics, Network Exploitation and the capstone Cybersecurity course that is tied to the CDX.

“Cadets who emerge from our program are well suited to go on to serve in critical cybersecurity positions if given the opportunity,” Raymond said.

Like any training exercise, there are lessons learned which will benefit those who participated and future CDX teams. Raymond said if cadets can understand how the NSA Red Team will attempt to penetrate the network, they can go beyond current best practices to specifically target techniques NSA would use to target the network.

“To successfully defend in any scenario, you must learn to think like the enemy,” Raymond said. “Spend time researching ways that malicious hackers penetrate and steal information from different kinds of networks and how they circumvent traditional network defenses such as firewalls. Consider how these techniques might be used to compromise the specific network that we are tasked to prepare for the CDX.”

**(Editor's Note:** See Page 5 for Q&A with Cadet-in-Charge Kelly Eyre and [www.flickr.com/photos/west\\_point/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/) for a photo gallery from the Cyber Defense Exercise.)

# Q&A with Cadet Kelly Eyre on the CDX experience

**Pointer View:** What were your immediate thoughts once the Cyber Defense Exercise was over?

**Kelly Eyre:** “After the exercise was over, I was essentially relieved to have made it to the end. The entire event was a lot of fun but also very stressful, so I was glad to be done with it.”

**Pointer View:** What did participating in this exercise mean to you?

**Kelly Eyre:** “I had been looking forward to participating in the CDX since I’d heard about it as a plebe, so I was excited to finally get the chance to participate. It was an honor to be named as the cadet-in-charge for the West Point team, which also encourages me that my classmates in the Computer Science department see me as qualified enough for such a position.”

**Pointer View:** So what was the most challenging aspect of this exercise?

**Kelly Eyre:** “To lead the team through the exercise, I had to constantly keep an idea of what was going on in my head. So, I had to know a tiny bit about each section of the team. That way I could keep them accountable and working. Simply getting a grasp on all of the material was a significant challenge in and of itself.”

**Pointer View:** Give me your assessment of the team in general and how they performed during the last three days and the weeks of preparation beforehand?

**Kelly Eyre:** “The team really had to fight against all the

other academic requirements that they had in the weeks leading up to the exercise. Because of that, we had basically nothing done until the week before everything began. However, we all pitched in when we could, and, in the end, I think we were fairly well prepared.

“In general, I think we had a solid team. We had a lot of hard workers and a couple of power players who seemed like they could do anything. It was the extreme commitment of a dedicated core group and the support of the rest of the team that made competing possible.”

**Pointer View:** Finish this sentence: The CDX is three days of \_\_\_\_.

**Kelly Eyre:** “Stress. It’s fast paced and you have to stay on top of exactly what’s going on. There are periods of intense activity, and then nothing for hours at a time except debugging the scoring system. Throughout each day I found myself wondering, when is the next hit going to come? And when is Air Force finally going to fall over?”

**Pointer View:** What did you learn from this experience?

**Kelly Eyre:** “Keeping a calm and level head and trusting your lower echelon leaders is extremely helpful. Additionally, you need to develop a strong network monitoring team that has a solid infrastructure to pull data from—because without it you won’t be able to tell what’s going on. Lastly, just because you have the most impregnable defense, it does not mean you don’t need to have a backup plan or three to throw at the problem.”



Class of 2012 Cadet Kelly Eyre served as the West Point team’s cadet-in-charge during the 2012 Cyber Defense Exercise. MIKE STRASSER/PV



The West Point Jewish Cadet Choir sang for participants at the annual Days of Remembrance luncheon at the West Point Club April 19. KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

## HOLOCAUST, cont’d from Page 3

Rabbi Jacob Jungrels, from the Israel Center of Canarsie and a Holocaust survivor, spoke of his experience in Hungary and having his family transported to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Poland. Unknown to the family at the time, their names were placed on a list of Jews to be ransomed. They were transported to Bergen-Belsen and then ransomed to the Jewish-American community for \$5 million.

“I make sure my grandchildren participate in this event and explain to them when, 68 years ago, when I was 11 years old—someone picked me up and took me to Bergen-Belsen concentration camp to be killed,” he said. “Whenever I speak to high school students or college students, I always ask them who is responsible for the Holocaust. Hitler is the answer I always get. Then I tell them that Hitler could not have done this alone. He could not do it without the express consent and help of Europe.”

Jungrels identified the Ukraine, France and Holland as being instrumental in helping the Nazi’s with deportations.

“France prides themselves on being the greatest democracy in the world, like the USA,” he said. “The French deported Jews on their own volition. The Germans never gave the order for France to deport them. The French railroad deported 500,000 Jews to Auschwitz.”

The Remembrance Day commemoration remembered not only the victims of the Holocaust, but those who went out of their way to help the Jewish people. Though those who aided the Jewish people did so at great risk to themselves, people like Swedish diplomat Raul Wallenberg, who provided tens of thousands of Jews with certifications stating they were under the protection of neutral powers.

Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist who took over an enamelware factory outside the Krakow ghetto in Poland, protected more than 1,000 Jewish workers employed there from deportation to Auschwitz or Miep Gies, the woman who hid two families, including the Frank family and an individual in an attic annex in Amsterdam.

# Domestic Affairs Forum travels to D.C. for State Dept., WH tour

By Class of 2014 Cadet Colin Mansfield  
West Point Domestic Affairs Forum

Sixteen cadets from the Domestic Affairs Forum traveled to Washington D.C., April 12-13, to learn more about the complexities of foreign policy and the responsibilities of the executive branch to our country's national security.

Cadets spent several hours at the State Department, discussing topics such as the department's responsibilities, foreign policy toward Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq, and the exchange of intelligence throughout the intelligence community.

Barbara Leaf, the deputy assistant secretary of state for Iraq, discussed the process of withdrawing from Iraq and assuming an advisory role.

She described several challenges facing the fledgling Iraqi government. She remained optimistic, claiming Iraq does have a bright future ahead of it, including economic growth and eventual incorporation into the national community.

After several hours at the State Department,

the Domestic Affairs Forum toured the White House, including the Oval Office, President Obama's bowling alley and the Situation Room.

On the final day of the trip, the cadets were able to visit the Pentagon for a discussion on public affairs and media relations.

They met with Bud Krogh, a personal advisor to President Richard Nixon during the Watergate scandal.

He provided valuable insights and explained the importance of standing up when you know something is wrong, thinking things all the way through to ensure a decision of integrity, and owning up to your mistakes.

Cadets also met with Gen. Brent Skowcroft, a national security advisor to several presidents. His vast experience with several different approaches to foreign policy allowed him to offer particularly interesting insight into current events and the future of our country.

The Domestic Affairs Forum cadets returned to West Point with a better understanding and appreciation of the complexities of the executive branch and its responsibilities toward national security.



## Cleaning up for Earth Day

Spc. Brianna Daniels and "T" Perry from DENTAC, volunteered to help in the annual Earth Day Hudson River Clean-up to celebrate Earth Day. Volunteers from the community volunteer to pick up debris along the Hudson River at North Dock April 19. The Directorate of Public Works and the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program sponsored the event.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Cadets learn character-building, patriotic foundation at Ozarks

By Class of 2013 Cadet Lisa Balkema

On April 10-13, the College of the Ozarks, otherwise known as “Hard Work U,” hosted the



**Cadet Lisa Balkema, Class of 2013 Vice Chair for Respect Education, and Cadet Collin Wittmeyer, Class of 2013 Regimental Honor Representative for 1st Regiment, recently visited the College of the Ozarks.**

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director of the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic and two of the upcoming cadet Respect and Honor staff members from the Class of 2013. Situated near Branson, Missouri, the College of the Ozarks has three main focuses—faith, work ethic and patriotism.

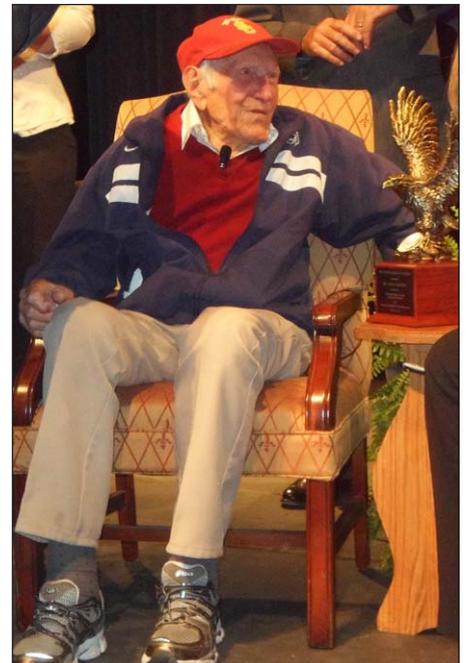
The Christian college promotes spiritual growth through weekly chapel and clubs such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Baptist Student Union. A strong work ethic is built as students work at one of more than 100 different on campus jobs for 15 hours each week to off-set the cost of their education. The rest of their education is paid for by generous donors and most students are able to graduate debt free.

Patriotism is fostered through a unique program that allows students to build meaningful relationships with and walk in the steps of war veterans. The college sends groups of students, paired with veterans from World War II, Vietnam and Korea, back to their battlefields in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. This program, also paid for by generous supporters, is free to the students and veterans and has proven

to be a profound experience for both. Of course their patriotic involvement doesn't stop there, C of O has graduated four generals, one being retired Marine Corps Gen. Terrence R. Dake. Until recently, the college had an ROTC program among a student body of about 1,400.

The focus of the conference was building character through difficulty. All attendees were given a copy of Laura Hillenbrand's best-selling true story “Unbroken” to read before the conference. It tells the story of a WWII pilot who survived 47 days on the Pacific Ocean in a raft only to spend the next two years in a Japanese POW camp. The book set the stage well for the speakers who would be at the conference. Among the speakers was a Jewish concentration camp survivor, along with Missouri's only living Medal of Honor recipient.

Col. Glen Waters and the two cadets who joined him were three of just 23 guests at the conference. Other schools that were invited included the Air Force Academy, the Coast Guard Academy, South West Baptist University and Texas A&M.



**Louis Zamperini, a 1936 Olympian, World War II bombardier and Japanese POW camp survivor, was in attendance at the Patriotic Forum at the College of the Ozarks.**

# Club invests in leadership, finance lessons

**Class of 2015 Cadet Luke Brunea  
West Point Investment Club**

Col. Jamie Gayton and nine cadets from the West Point Investment Club and Finance Forum traveled to Boston April 12 to take advantage of a rare opportunity to learn firsthand about the inner workings of the American financial system.

The cadets visited Regiment Capital, where they gained a better understanding of hedge funds. Timothy S. Peterson, the firm's founder, president and chief investment officer, shared with the cadets his leadership philosophy and many invaluable lessons learned. Peterson's senior analyst, Eugene Lee, and Mark Brostowski, a partner in the firm, also spoke with the group and contributed greatly to their experience.

Later that day, cadets participated in an interactive stock trading game at MFS Investment Management, and talked with several of the company's leading analysts and floor traders. These financial experts taught the cadets more than just portfolio analysis; indeed, they reinforced many

of the leadership values that had been outlined at Regiment Capital. Experts at both organizations agreed that leaders should work hard and have a passion for whatever they pursue, that they should care for their subordinates and demonstrate loyalty to their superiors, and that they must be adaptive and aware. These ideals apply to both the civilian sector and military service, and are in keeping with the highest traditions at West Point.

Following a brief AAR that afternoon, the cadets were released to explore downtown Boston. Several members of the group chose to accompany Gayton, who led them through some of the city's attractions, including the MIT campus, Boylston Street and the Boston Common (where the group saw a monument to Kosciuszko—with "Fortifications—West Point" emblazoned on his pack). The next day, Capt. Dave Mun, a Class of 2004 graduate, gave the club members a tour of Harvard Business School, where he is pursuing his MBA to prepare him as a future Social Sciences faculty member. Mun was later joined by three other West Pointers who were enrolled at HBS or the Kennedy School,



**Members of the West Point Investment Club and Finance Forum traveled to Boston and found many financial, educational and leadership lessons.** COURTESY PHOTO

and together the four provided cadets an overview of the admissions process and the classroom environment at HBS. In addition to the academic knowledge they provided, these four men related their personal skills and experiences earned while in the Army to

their success—highlighting the importance of outstanding performance in every job. This trip granted the Investment Club an amazing occasion to learn about the market, higher education and leadership, while getting to experience Boston.

# Legendary leadership lessons gained at Gettysburg

**By Maj. Kelli Moon  
Department of Military Instruction**

*"And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not, and that we know not of, heartdrawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them; they shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream, and the shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom and the power of vision shall pass into their souls." — Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, 1889.*

The Defense and Strategic Studies faculty led 42 cadets from the Class of 2012 on their fifth consecutive staff ride to Gettysburg, Pa., April 13-15. Cadets and faculty had the opportunity to learn from one another and build camaraderie as they traced the steps and actions that occurred during this three-day battle nearly 149 years ago.

"I contemplated the fear that must have been overwhelming for these Soldiers as I walked their paths which, for many, would be their last," Cadet Andrew Bidwell said.

Each cadet researched the actions of key players during this Civil War battle. As they walked from point to point, the battlefield—if only for a moment—came alive again. Cadets stepped into the shoes of their character and taught each other about the tactical, operational and strategic challenges that they faced.

"It was humbling to see leaders who were approximately my age with even less military education than I have already making decisions that affected the lives of thousands of Americans" Cadet Douglas Gain said.

The battlefield culminated at the Gettysburg cemetery. "As I stood and looked out over the cemetery, the tragic humanity of this battle settled heavily on my heart," Bidwell said.

Lt. Col. Brian DeToy, Defense and Strategic Studies director, discussed the sacrifices that these future second lieutenants will have to make for themselves and their Soldiers.

No matter what, he said, "we bring everyone home."

DeToy concluded with an excerpt from a reflection paper written by 1st Lt. Timothy Steele, a 2009 DSS graduate killed in action in August 2011.

As a cadet, Steele wrote: "I feel like this Gettysburg trip has been very important because it has brought us back to our history. This profession of arms has been around for a while. So much, yet so little has changed about it."

These three days were an eye-opening event for cadets as they approach graduation next month.

"There are many things I still need to learn about being an Army officer, but I did not expect to learn so much from the Gettysburg trip," Cadet Samantha Abernathy said.



## Earth Day, fun day

The same West Point Middle School children who were at the Youth Center to plant trees for Arbor Day also attended the Earth Day celebration April 20 at the Recycling Center. Inside the facility, the children were given a tour and checked out the cardboard/paper shredder. They were allowed to toss paper plates into the conveyor, and watched the recyclable material shred and be stored. Children also enjoyed games, food and other activities during the Earth Day event. Did you know the West Point Recycling Center also recycles government computer hard drives? To learn more, visit [www.westpointmwr.com/recycling/index.htm](http://www.westpointmwr.com/recycling/index.htm)

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## TREE PLANTING

(Above) Grace Phillips plants a white dogwood tree at the Youth Center in honor of Arbor Day April 20. Arbor Day in New York falls on the last Friday in April. Standing with Grace is Nicholas Allen and Andrew Landin. (Right) Diosa Ayala was among several children participating in the tree-planting event in support of Arbor Day. Arbor Day began 160 years ago, and its origins are founded in Nebraska. Other states followed and the day is recognized either through awareness programs in school or with planting events.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV





Class of 2012 Cadet Ming ki Kwan provided translation assistance to the team from the People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology from the People's Republic of China.

## Sandhurst grows as an international competition

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Since the origin of the event in 1967, the annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition has grown in stature as a international one as well.

Among the 55 teams from American service academies and ROTC universities, the 2012 competition featured eight international teams.

Two teams arrived from the United Kingdom's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, and one from the Canadian Royal Military College, the Chilean Military School, the Spanish Military Academy and Afghanistan's National Military Academy.

This was the second year a team from the Australian Royal Military College at Duntroon competed, and the first for the People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology.

For the Afghan team, West Point Class of 2012 Cadet Haley Johnson served as its female competitor, as has been the case in years past. Class of 2012 Cadets Ming ki Kwan, Louisa Anchondo and Douglas Somoza did not compete, but functioned as translators for the team from the People's Republic of China.

Anchondo has studied the language at the academy for the past two years and said she's proficient enough to assist the cadets through the competition.

"It's been tough at times, but a lot of fun to be able to help them through Sandhurst for the first time," Anchondo said. "They're seeing a lot of this for the first time, or if they have seen it they do it completely

different in their country. It's been a good experience."

She said the tougher translations were handled by Kwan. He said since the competition is fast-paced, the translators have to work fast as well.

"Naturally, they would ask a lot of questions throughout the competition and so I'd have to translate to the site officer-in-charge, and then provide the answer back to them," Kwan said. "That took a lot more time than what we allotted for at each site."

Words like 'weapons check' and 'buoy' required descriptive language to get the message across.

"Some of the tactical vocabulary does not quite translate to what they understand," Kwan said.

Class of 2014 Cadet William Price served as the translator for the senior leaders from that university.

Senior Colonel Wen-Long Wang, director of the Department of Military Instruction and Training at the People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology, was among the general officers following their cadets throughout the competition.

"The Sandhurst Competition is an extremely valuable training opportunity as well as a competition," Wang said, through the translation of Cadet Price. "It is an internationally significant event in that it allows military academies from many nations to come here to train, practice and exchange ideas."

He said the team had worked very hard in preparation for Sandhurst, and ultimately the team would rank fifth among the 55 teams competing to earn a Sandhurst Patch.



In only their second year of competition, the team from the Royal Military Academy at Duntroon earned the coveted Reginald E. Johnson Memorial plaque at the 2012 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition. MIKE STRASSER/PV

## Aussies win Sandhurst

West Point's 4th Regiment earns top academy honor at 46th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The Aussies certainly know how to celebrate a victory with enthusiasm.

After being named the top team at the 2012 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition April 21, the cadets from the Royal Military Academy at Duntroon hoisted the Reginald E. Johnson Memorial plaque up high and roared "Aussie, Aussie, Aussie; Oi, Oi, Oi."

The packed theatre at Eisenhower Hall graciously responded in kind and after two exhausting days of events the 46th iteration of the competition came to an end.

"It's amazing. The lads and our staff put a lot of work into getting us prepared for this event," the squad leader for the Royal Military Academy at Duntroon, Cadet David Hodge, said. "It's fantastic just to be able to come over and participate with all the other international teams."

In only their second year competing, the RMC at Duntroon took home the top prize.

"Last year our lads came over and we were able to capitalize this year on some of the shortfalls they experienced in order to improve today," he said. "We performed really well as a team together. The benefit we had is a really strong team of gents who knew their jobs, did their jobs and their execution was the results of what we earned today."

The awards ceremony started later than planned, and participants had plenty of time to compare notes and share moments from the two-day competition as they waited for the remaining teams to return from Camp Buckner. Many

said, without a doubt, this was the toughest, most challenging Sandhurst they've ever experienced. There were several modified and added events to catch even veteran competitors by surprise.

It might have been the grenade throw—one international competitor said he'd never thrown a grenade for such accuracy before.

Or it could have been the task which required teams to move a howitzer and all its ammunition by hand across a field. Training manuals don't cover how to effectively cut through a log more than inch thick, and teams who tried to push and muscle their way through struggled mightily during the competition. The team from Canada's Royal Military College needed at least 45 minutes for the challenge, and teammates who already rowed the course around Lake Popolopen joined in the effort. Despite the setback, the Canadians still managed to earn a Sandhurst Patch—an award presented to the five highest-placing teams.

In the past, teams could opt to skip the land navigation course and save time although they'd incur a penalty. This year it was mandatory and scheduled during the first day of competition along with the marksmanship event.

"I think that's good because every team has to do it and it forces us to showcase those skills," Class of 2012 Cadet Kaitlin Merrick, Company B-1 squad leader, said before the competition.

Merrick, who will be attending medical school after graduation, has been on a Sandhurst team all four years at West Point. She began her plebe year as an alternate, but kept coming back because of the camaraderie that develops within a team.

"It's a different mentality," she said. "People want to do it, so they're completely motivated and participate in everything. I

## AWARDS

- The navigation streamer was presented to the team with the best performance in the land navigation course. The 2012 recipient was the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst Blue Team.

- The award for the fastest course time was presented to the team leader from West Point's Company I-4.

- The marksmanship streamer was awarded to West Point's Company E-3.

- Streamers were awarded to the top three ROTC squads with the highest overall scores. Third place was presented to Middle Tennessee State, second place went to Penn State and the first place streamer and trophy went to Central Washington University.

- The Sandhurst International Streamers to the second place tying teams from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

- The Sandhurst Patch was awarded to each member of the five highest-placing teams. In no specific order, these were presented to Royal Military Academy at Duntroon, the Canadian Royal Military Academy, the People's Liberation Army University of Science and Technology from the People's Republic of China and both teams from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

- Sandhurst Streamers were presented to the highest placing West Point teams in each regiment. These were awarded to B-1, C-2, C-3 and I-4.

- A Sandhurst Streamer was awarded to the West Point team with the highest score from all 36 teams in four regiments. This was presented to the C-3 team.

- Since 1967, the Sandhurst Trophy is awarded to the West Point regiment with best aggregate company performance in the competition.

- Fourth Regiment was the recipient of the Sandhurst Trophy this year and has retained the honor since 2004.

## Sandhurst Action



## FACES IN THE CROWD



Photos by Tommy Gilligan and Mike Strasser, West Point Public Affairs

## CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Water Polo Team:** The Water Polo team capped off a great year with a 16-9 win over Navy Sunday in College Park, Md. The team upped its record to 3-0 against Navy for the year.

Overall, the team went 2-2 against some very competitive teams in the greater Washington D.C. area April 21-Sunday.

**Men's Rugby:** Men's Rugby defeated Penn State, 20-19, to claim the Rugby East Championship for the second year in a row April 21 at State College, Pa.

Junior Will Holder had 10 points on the day with two penalties and two conversions. Juniors Karl Crist and Kyle Ulses scored the two tries for the team to secure the win. The team will host the National Championship quarterfinal match at the Anderson Rugby against Arkansas State University May 5.

**Orienteering Team:** The U.S. Military Academy Orienteering Club traveled to Seattle April 21-Sunday for the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships and secured its 10th consecutive and 34th national title as the best collegiate orienteering team in the country.

The team put forward an impressive effort to persist through the tough northwestern temperate rainforest over two days of competition, running a classic course and sprint relay April 21 and another classic course Sunday.

The team of seniors Keith Andersen and Hannah Burgess, sophomores Zach Schroeder and Charles Whitaker, and freshman John Hensley Williams took top overall school and club collegiate positions.

In the individual categories, Andersen and Burgess took first place as varsity intercollegiate champions. Whitaker took men's varsity second place and sophomore Theodore Fong took third.

Sophomore McKenzie Hudgins took third place in women's varsity. The junior varsity team of freshmen Carl Adams and Matthew Means, junior Victoria Emerson and sophomore Chris Murray finished first as well.

**Triathlon Team:** The West Point Triathlon Team competed in the 2012 USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championships April 21. The competition included the deepest field ever with more than 1,300 representatives from nearly 100 different colleges and universities across the country.

The West Point team won the Armed Forces Division defeating Navy, Air Force and the Coast Guard. The combined men's and women's team placed fourth out of 53 teams. The men's team placed third out of 74 teams. The women placed ninth out of 55 teams.

The top men's performer was junior Brian Trainor, who finished 25th overall with a time of 2:03:42. The top women's performer was senior Roxanne Wegman, who finished 18th in the women's race with a time of 2:21:09.



**The West Point Triathlon Team, both men and women, combined for a fourth-place finish against 53 teams. Junior Brian Trainor (left) finished as Army's top men's performer, coming in 25th overall with a time of 2:30.42. The men finished third overall out of 74 teams.**

COURTESY PHOTO



**The West Point Women's Team Handball won the National Collegiate Championship by defeating last year's champion, University of North Carolina, 14-13 in the title game April 15 in Richmond, Va.**

COURTESY PHOTO

## West Point Women's Team Handball claims first collegiate title since 2007

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

The West Point Women's Team Handball returned to West Point as the National Collegiate Champions for the first time since 2007.

From April 13-15 in Richmond, Va., the Women's Handball Team battled to prove its handball skill in an exciting tournament. In order to claim the national title, West Point's varsity team, also called West Point Black, defeated the University of Northern Carolina, the 2011 national champions.

On April 13, West Point's Black Team fiercely attacked the goal to begin the tournament.

The team ended the day with two dominant victories over Ocean New Jersey (27-7) and West Point Gold (26-11).

West Point's Gold Team, the JV squad, also started the tournament with fire, nearly upsetting UNC as they led by five points at halftime, but, ultimately, fell to UNC 17-13.

At the end of play April 14, West Point's Black Team's unrelenting fight for victory left it as the top-ranked team headed into the championship game April 15.

West Point Black faced UNC in the title game April 15. Despite a slow start and being down by two points at halftime, the Black Team battled back to take the lead. West Point used good ball movement and openings on the wing to score while shutting UNC's offense down through good defensive movement.

The Black Team's teamwork on offense was dynamic as each player posed a threat and three players jumped out as the top scorers at four points apiece to include senior Barbara Lodwick, junior Abigail Osman

and sophomore Holly Schlotterbeck.

As the minutes ticked down, UNC tied the game, but West Point Black immediately regained the lead, held it for the remainder of the game and won 14-13. The team fulfilled its motto to "See it Through."

In addition to claiming the national title, West Point Women's Team Handball returned with several other awards. Black Team sophomore Chloe Drummond scored 17 points in the tournament and was voted the tournament's co-MVP. Gold Team freshman goalkeeper Ashley Ziegler was recognized as the tournament's goalkeeper MVP.

Lodwick scored the most points on the Black team with 21 points, while sophomore Katie Stark scored the most points on the Gold team with 19 points.



**Senior Barbara Lodwick led all Army scorers with 21 points at the collegiate championships, including four in the title game.** ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

# What's Happening

## Book signing

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

For more information on the book signings, contact Alexis Rice at 938-2121 or email [alexis.tice@usma.edu](mailto:alexis.tice@usma.edu).

## Annual USMA Kosciuszko Observance and Conference

West Point will hold its annual Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Observance Saturday 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. Friday 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](http://www.kosciuszkoatwestpoint.org/catalog.html) or contact [stephen.olejasz@us.army.mil](mailto:stephen.olejasz@us.army.mil).

## Basic Rider Motorcycle Course classes

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

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

- Wednesday-May 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:

- Friday-Sunday;
- 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) Sunday. 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](http://www.westpointduathlon.com).

To register, go to [www.active.com/triathlon/west-point-ny/west-point-duathlon-2012](http://www.active.com/triathlon/west-point-ny/west-point-duathlon-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](mailto: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 10 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.

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu). For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:miller.eichelberger@usma.edu).

## NEW INFO

### NCO Run/Walk

The U.S. Military Academy is conducting an NCO Run/Walk Monday in support of Sexual Assault/Sexual Harassment Month. The run is to raise awareness throughout the community.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the Run/Walk. The run will start at 5:30 a.m. at the steps of Washington Hall. Those who are walking may have an alternate link up site that will be determined later this week.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Matt Leary, West Point Public Affairs Operations NCO, at 845-938-8828.

### Class of 2014 Cemetery Tour volunteers needed

The William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will conduct the 7th annual "Inspiration to Serve" Cemetery Tour for the Class of 2014 from 1-5 p.m. May 3.

Currently, SCPME is recruiting volunteers to serve as tour guides (for approximately 30 cadets) and as gravesite presenters at specific gravesites.

More than 1,200 yearlings are expected to participate in this event. The cemetery tour is currently the Professional Military Ethic Education program's capstone leader development event for all sophomore cadets.

It provides students an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the accomplishments and personal courage of fallen West Point graduates and other significant leaders of character who have helped shape West Point's Long Gray Line and our country's great history.

Historical and personal accounts are presented by volunteer faculty and staff members, as well as cadets, who either have historical or personal knowledge about individuals interred at the cemetery. Each presentation will highlight a story of courage and patriotism, illustrating how the individual interred at the cemetery helped shape and strengthen the Long Gray Line—our "Inspiration to Serve."

If you personally know someone interred at the West Point Cemetery and would be interested in sharing his or her story, contact Capt. Graham Davidson at [michael.davidson@usma.edu](mailto:michael.davidson@usma.edu).

### RiverFest 2012

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 15th annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2 at Donahue Park.

RiverFest 2012 will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children's activities and a large craft and food fair. The day's events also include live bands, river activities, food stands and non-profit groups and contributors. There is no charge for RiverFest.

For the latest information on RiverFest, visit [www.riverfest.com](http://www.riverfest.com).

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# FMWR Blurbs

## Available classes at Arts & Crafts Shop

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop has classes available.

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

There are free sewing classes from 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday. Bring two yards of fabric and a sewing machine.

There is a minimal cost. Registration required at [westpointmwr.com/art](http://westpointmwr.com/art).

For more information, call 938-4812.

## 2012-13 Part-day Preschool Lee CDC enrollment

The enrollment for children in the Lee Child Development Center Part-day Preschool for civilian children runs through Friday.

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

## MOMC Festival—Heros for the Future

The Month of the Military Child festival is scheduled for noon-3 p.m. Saturday 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 are on sale 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. Monday.

The workshop is held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call 938-5839.

## ACS' Mobilization and Deployment April workshop schedule

AFTB Leadership Enhancement Series is scheduled to have a workshop on Coaching and Mentoring from 2-3 p.m. Monday.

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

## Winter Madness Framing sale

Arts & Crafts Shop is having a framing sale now through Monday.

The craft shop is located at Bldg. 648 (behind the post office).

For more information, call 938-4812.

## 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.

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

For more information, call 938-3655.

## 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 (updated)

Join the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 4 for lunch and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy the flavors of Mexico.

For more information, call 938-5255.

## 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.

## West Point 5K/10K

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

To register, go to [active.com](http://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.

## 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.

## Round Pond reservations

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

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.

## NEW INFO

### West Point Auto now offering NYS motorcycle safety inspections

West Point Auto is excited to offer New York State motorcycle safety inspections starting Tuesday.

Call 938-2074 to schedule an appointment.

### Nike Demo Day at the West Point Golf Course

Come out to the West Point Golf Course from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. May 5 for 10 percent off all Nike products.

For more information, call 938-2435.

### Kids Bike Rodeo needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Kids Bike Rodeo event scheduled for 10 a.m.-noon May 5.

There are 15 volunteers needed to support the Bike Rodeo from set-up to assisting with bike instruction.

Volunteers should arrive by 8:30 a.m. and stay until noon.

If you are interested, contact [frank.lew@us.army.mil](mailto:frank.lew@us.army.mil) or [lew\\_steven@yahoo.com](mailto:lew_steven@yahoo.com).

### Free chipping clinic

A free chipping clinic with golf pro Rich Giordano is scheduled for May 5 at the West Point Golf Course.

There are two different times to choose from: 10-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m. Let Rich help get your short game going.

For more information, call 938-2435 or visit [www.westpointmwr.com/golf](http://www.westpointmwr.com/golf).

### CYSS Parent's Night Out

Take a break from the kids and drop your children off at the Stony Child Development Center from 6-11 p.m. May 11 and enjoy a night out on the town.

Children must be from 6 weeks to 10 years of age. All children must be registered with CYSS to participate.

There is a minimal fee for this service and reservations must be made by May 4.

For more information, call 938-3921.

### May classes with Arts & Crafts Shop

During the month of May, the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop is offering many classes. The classes offered include:

- Basic Photography class—5-6:30 p.m., May 8 and 15;
- Pottery Pizza Night class with free pizza—4:30-6:30 p.m., May 3;
- Mother's Day Pottery Painting Mommy and Me group class—10-11 a.m., May 5;
- Butterfly Stepping Stone class—4:30-6:30 p.m., May 10 and 24;
- Pottery Painting—Ladies Night Out Summer theme plate or margarita glass class—4:30-6:30 p.m., May 17.

There is a minimal charge for these classes. Registration is required and space is limited.

To register online, visit [westpointmwr.com](http://westpointmwr.com) or call 938-4812.

### Free Lesson Days

The are free golf lessons available from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 19 and 26 at the West Point Golf Course.

It is a 15-minute lesson with Golf Pro Rich Giordano. Get ready for the golf season. Call 938-2435 for additional details.

### TRICARE questions

Got questions? We have answers. Come to the West Point Education Center for an open TRICARE Question and Answer session.

All sessions begin at 3:30 p.m. The sessions are scheduled for June 21, July 11 and Aug. 23.

TRICARE Health Benefits Advisors provide individual service and can answer your questions and assist you with TRICARE issues.

For more information, call 845-938-4838.

# Keller Corner

## Join the Keller Healthy Thursday Challenge

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—Go green this week. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Do your part to help reduce or prevent waste to keep our planet healthy. Use less and throw away less. Reuse products instead of throwing them away. Recycle items, such as glass, plastic, or paper this week.

## 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.

Saturday 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 in May:

- 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.

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday—John Carter, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—A Thousand Words, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Act of Valor, R, 9:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

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

## Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Home Depot Kids Workshop**—Bring children ages 3-10 to Lee CDC from 1:30-3 p.m. May 4 for the Home Depot Kids Workshop. BBC will supply everything for the children to make a wonderful project.

• **West Point Girl Scout's Gold award event**—Come support a West Point Girl Scout's Gold Award project from 3-4 p.m. May 9 at the Lee CDC.

During National Children's Book Week, the Girl Scouts will read a children's book, create bags for books and bookmarks and will share the love of reading with children ages 3-11.

Bring new or gently used books to be hand delivered by our Girl Scouts to support literacy programs in Nigeria.

To register for both events, contact Jodi Gellman at 845-446-6407 or email [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com).



## Honoring volunteer work

"Volunteers: The Force Behind the Force" was the Army's 2012 theme for National Volunteer Week. The Army Community Service's Army Volunteer Corps held its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony with a Star Wars theme that included the lighting, food names (e.g. —Yoda soda, Jabba juice served in punch fountains, Chewbacca cheese, force fruit, Vader veggies), a slide show with a West Point-ized movie crawl that looked like the intro to the Stars Wars movie, Star Wars music played by a band and a volunteer organization that made a special appearances in full Star Wars costumes free of charge. (Above photo) From Left to Right: Margaret Huntoon, Sgt. Kerilyn Schwartzkopf (volunteer from BOSS), Lydia Ringquist (volunteer from Girl Scouts of West Point), Betsey Blakeslee (volunteer from Kosciuszko's Garden/Flirtation Walk project) and Col. Michael Tarsa stand with a check that totaled just over \$2 million, which is the amount calculated by multiplying the average dollar value of a volunteer's time by the number of hours reported by West Point volunteers over the past year. VINNIE GUARIGLIA/DPTMS VID

## The Cadet TAG stages comedy production Friday and Saturday

The Cadet Theatre Arts Guild will present Most Hart and George S. Kaufman's Pulitzer Prize-winning comedic play "You Can't Take It With You" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in West Point's Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Admission is free.

TAG operates as a club under West Point's Directorate of Cadet Activities and provides cadets on-stage and back-stage theatre experience.

Come out and support the Corps of Cadets.

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**Mickey Marcus Memorial**  
The Mickey Marcus Memorial and Wreath Laying Service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sunday at the Jewish Chapel.

For more information, call the chapel staff at 938-2710.

## Command Channel 8/23

**April 26-May 3**

**Army Newswatch**

Today, Friday and Monday through May 3

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

**The Point**

Today, Friday and Monday through May 3

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

Difficulty: Easy

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

# Lashley shuts down Lafayette bats, Army gets sweep



Sophomore left fielder Amanda Nguyen went 8-for-13 with four runs scored in the four-game series versus Lafayette April 20-21.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

By Mady Salvani  
Army Athletic Communications

Freshman right-hander Morgan Lashley recorded her fourth and fifth consecutive complete-game shutouts as Army took two games from Lafayette April 21 in completing a four-game weekend sweep of the Leopards at the Army Softball Complex.

Lashley fired a one-hitter in a 1-0 win in the first game and scattered four hits in a 1-0 nightcap decision as the Black Knights shutout the Leopards in all four games in the series, outscoring them 8-0.

Army (31-15 overall, 13-3 Patriot League), in the midst of a 10-game win streak, became just the fourth team in school history to reach the 30-win plateau.

Head coach Michelle DePolo has led the Black Knights twice to 30-win seasons in her three years at the helm. Her 33 wins her rookie year (2010) tied the school mark of 33, first set in 1988. It is also the third time Army has achieved 30-plus wins at the Division I level.

Lashley, who was dominant throughout the Lafayette series in pitching Army to all four wins through the weekend, lost out on a no-hitter with one out in the top of the sixth inning in the first game. Leopard Kris Berger took Lashley's first offering and sent it to left field, but was retired trying to steal second base. She was just the third Leopard to get on base with the first two drawing walks as Lashley did not allow a runner into scoring position.

Lafayette's Melissa Robinson was equally as impressive in the pitcher's duel in limiting Army to just three hits, walked two and struck out one in being tagged with the loss.

Army snapped a scoreless game in the bottom of the fourth capitalizing on a leadoff walk to junior second baseman Alex Reynolds, a fielding error and the first hit of the game off Robinson. Sophomore right fielder Marina Northup (2-for-3) took the second offering from Robinson and smacked a

double to right field scoring Reynolds for all the runs needed to record the win.

Lashley (27-11) beat Robinson (10-18) again in a pitcher's duel in the nightcap. Lashley, who scattered four hits and did not issue a walk and struck out three batters, allowed just one Leopard hitter into scoring position in the four innings she gave up a hit.

"It feels great to know that I have a part in a record here at West Point and at the Division I level," Lashley said. "I couldn't do it without the (eight) other players on the field, but, more importantly, I wouldn't want to do it without this team."

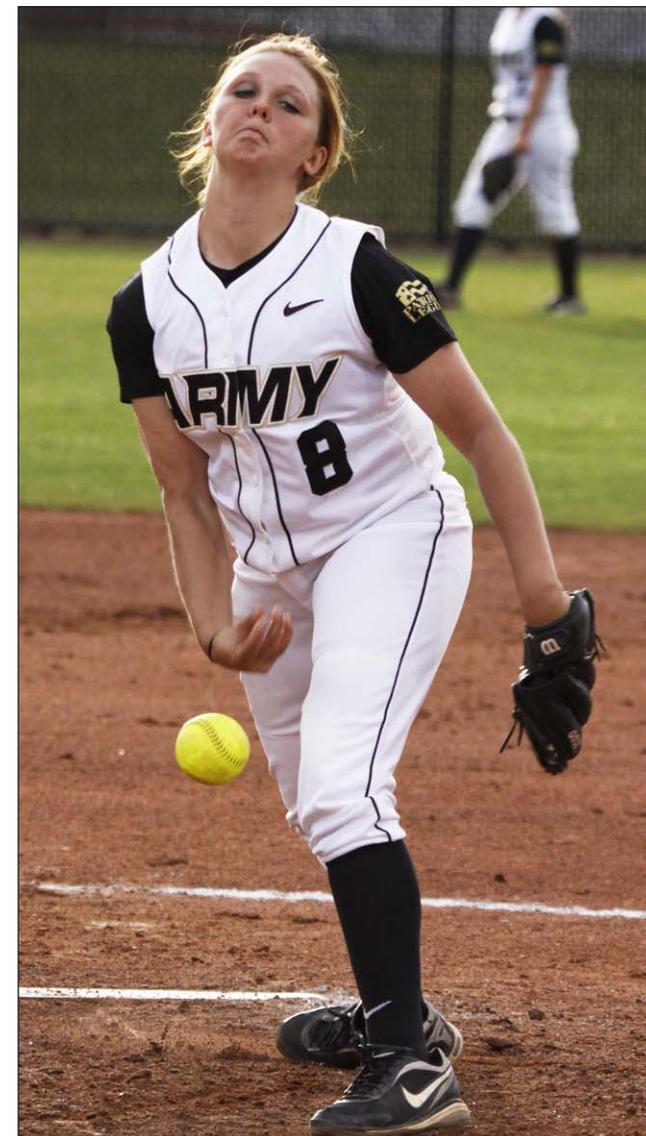
Robinson, who retired nine of the first 10 batters she faced, yielded a pair of hits in the top of the fourth along with the lone run of the game.

Capitalizing on two hits and a pair of errors, Army broke through with a run on senior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon's sacrifice fly to center field delivering sophomore left fielder Amanda Nguyen (2-for-3) from third base.

Nguyen led off with a single to center field and picked up another base on the fielder's misplay, then moved to third on a fielder's choice to set the stage for AuBuchon's fourth RBI in the series and 31st of the season.

Northup followed with a single to left field in that inning and was safe at second when the second baseman dropped the ball on the throw, but was left stranded. The Black Knights threatened in the fifth and sixth innings with runners in scoring position, the most dangerous in the sixth when Nguyen reached on a fielding error and moved to third base, but Robinson retired the final six batters she faced in denying Army an insurance run.

Nguyen was 8-for-13 with four runs scored in the series with AuBuchon collecting four hits and driving in four runs and scoring once as Army batted .253 to Lafayette's .179. Lashley struck out 22 batters, walked six and yielded 17 hits over 28 scoreless innings in boosting her shutout mark to nine while sharing another.



Freshman pitcher Morgan Lashley upped her record to 27-11 on the season with four shutouts over Lafayette April 20-21. With the back-to-back shutout doubleheaders, it was the first time since 2002 that Army shutout a Patriot League opponent throughout a weekend series. Army is now only two wins away from tying the school record for wins in a season (33), set twice in 1988 and 2010.

Lashley has not allowed a run over a span of 36 innings dating back to the final game of the Bucknell series April 15, and has allowed just two runs over the last 45 innings she has pitched.

Now tied for first nationally in wins, Ashley stretched her school single-season Division I mark to 27, which is two shy of Army's all-time mark of 29 set in 1988.

"I think what was key in this four-game sweep was not dominating the scoreboard," the Army freshman hurler said. "We have been having big innings and scoring lots of runs, but it was nice to show everyone that we can win by one or two as well."

"It gives our team the confidence we need to know that our defense is outstanding and all we need is to score a few runs and play how we know to play," she added. "This sweep gives us even more confidence going into next weekend."

Army's four-game shutout of Lafayette is just the second time in school history that the Black Knights have blanked a league opponent since sweeping Bucknell (4-0, 7-0, 4-0 and 6-0) in 2002.

# Lee throws no-hitter, Murtle comes up big in sweep



Senior right fielder Cody Murtle went 2-for-4 with three runs batted in, including a three-run triple, in game one to help Army win 8-0 against Bucknell April 21 at Doubleday Field. However, it was his diving catch in the seventh inning that preserved senior pitcher Logan Lee's no-hitter, the first by an Army pitcher since 1957. Murtle would also knock in the game-winning run in game two as Army outlasted the Bison 2-1 in 15 innings.

PHOTOS BY ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

By Christian Anderson  
Army Athletic Communications

Senior pitcher Logan Lee threw the fourth no-hitter in school history in the opener, and Army outlasted Bucknell in a 15-inning thriller in the nightcap as the Black Knights clinched the Patriot League regular-season title by sweeping both ends of a conference doubleheader from the Bison April 21 at Doubleday Field.

Lee carried a perfect game into the seventh inning and finished with Army's first no-hitter since 1957 as the Black Knights took an 8-0 decision in the opener. Army then edged Bucknell, 2-1, in a 15-inning pitchers' duel in the nightcap.

Army (33-9 overall, 16-0 Patriot League) will be the top seed and have the luxury of home field advantage when the conference tournament begins next month.

The Black Knights have won nine straight games and 28 of their last 33 contests. Army has won the regular-season conference title in six of the last nine years dating back to 2004.

Bucknell (19-24, 6-10 PL) remains in third place in the Patriot League standings, despite dropping all four games this weekend.

"It was a tough hitters' weekend with the wind blowing in," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "It put a lot of pressure on both clubs to manufacture runs and produce in key situations. I thought the pitchers were the story of the weekend, on both sides. Both teams battled hard and waited for somebody to make a mistake and capitalize on it."

Lee (5-1) came within three outs of a perfect game for the second straight week. The senior left-hander struck out seven batters and induced 10 groundball outs during his dominant outing. Lee was brilliant for the second consecutive weekend, retiring the first 18 Bucknell batters before issuing a leadoff

walk to Bob Donato on a 3-2 pitch to begin the seventh inning.

"I was able to handle my emotions a little better this week," Lee said. "To get a no-hitter was special. Cody (Murtle) made a couple of great plays in right field. That diving catch he made in the seventh inning was awesome.

"I had my good stuff today and it made for a special day. There have been so many great pitchers to come through here, so to throw the first no-hitter in 55 years is very special," he added.

Army gave Lee all the support he would need in the bottom of the first inning on freshman designated hitter Mark McCants' three-run homer. Seniors second baseman Zach Price and first baseman Kevin McKague both walked in front of McCants, who crushed a towering home run over the fence in right field. The three-run shot—the first of McCants' young career—provided the Black Knights with an early 3-0 advantage.

Army tacked on unearned runs in the fourth and fifth innings to stretch its lead to 5-0, and senior right fielder Cody Murtle's three-run triple in the sixth capped the scoring.

Murtle finished 2-for-4 with three RBI and one run scored to pace Army's six-hit attack in the opener.

Dan Goldstein (1-3) yielded five runs (three earned) on five hits in 4 2/3 innings in taking the loss for Bucknell. He walked four and struck out three.

Army took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap. Freshman left fielder Daniel Cortes drew a one-out walk, advanced to second on a balk, moved to third base on McKague's base hit and scored on senior catcher J.T. Watkins' sacrifice fly.

Bucknell rallied to tie the score in the top of the third. Robb Scott singled with one out, took second base when Donato walked and scored on David Duffett's RBI single.

Both teams were then limited by excellent pitching, with

neither squad pushing across a run until the bottom of the 15th, when Murtle's RBI single plated McKague with the game-winning run.

Army starter freshman Alex Robinett worked out of a jam in the fourth inning and finished his outing by retiring the final seven Bison that he faced. Black Knight reliever sophomore Gunnar Carroll worked out of three bases-loaded situations during his seven-inning stint on the mound to keep Bucknell off the scoreboard.

Bucknell's most dangerous scoring threat came in the 12th when the Bison loaded the bases with no outs. Murtle then made the defensive play of the day when he caught Colby Vanderbeck's fly ball in right field and threw home to double off Donato, who tried to score from third on the play. Gerry Runyan then grounded out to second base as Carroll wriggled free of the jam.

Bucknell loaded the bases again in the 13th inning, but Carroll fanned Duffett to retire the side.

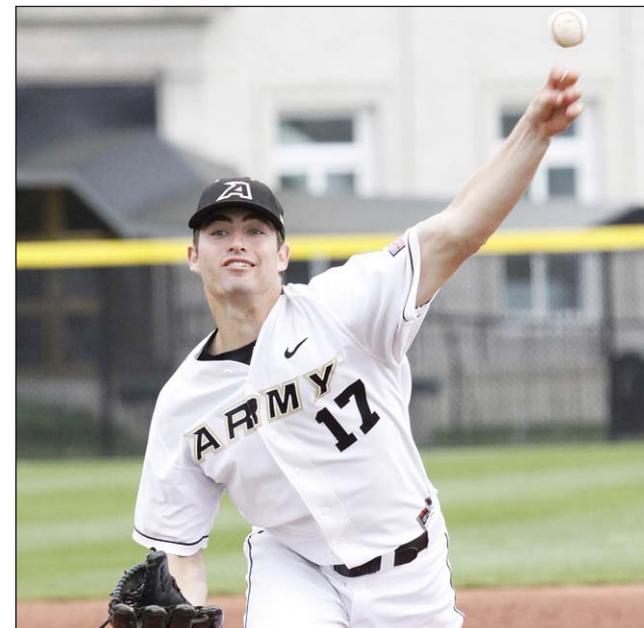
Army was not able to generate much offense against Bison reliever Alex Cillo, who limited the Black Knights to two hits over seven scoreless innings. The Bucknell closer retired eight in a row at one point and finished with four strikeouts.

One of the Black Knights' best scoring chances against Cillo came in the bottom of the 12th inning when freshman shortstop Alex Jensen reached third base with just one out. Cillo was able to strand Jensen there, though, striking out McCants and getting Price to bounce out to shortstop.

Army finally broke through in the 15th with a two-out rally against Bucknell lefty Russell Seidell (2-3). After Price and Cortes were retired, McKague began the game-winning uprising with a base hit up the middle. Watkins then reached on an error by the third baseman, advancing McKague to second base. Murtle followed with a line drive single to right field, and McKague slid in ahead of the throw to send Army to its fourth walk-off win of the season.

"I never had any doubt in my mind that we were going to get it done, and I knew that the seniors were going to come through on Senior Day," Murtle said. "I just tried to center the ball up and make something happen. It's the most incredible feeling in baseball. That's what you play for, those moments. That's why it's America's favorite pastime."

Senior pitcher Manny Fernandez (4-0) collected the victory for the Black Knights after tossing two scoreless innings.



Senior pitcher Logan Lee struck out seven batters on his way to a complete game no-hitter versus Bucknell.



Junior co-captain Erin Colton earned a victory over Navy's Darien Sears at No. 1 singles, 6-3, 3-6 and 6-3 during the Patriot League Championship Sunday. The win cemented Army's title and earned Colton the Co-MVP tournament trophy with freshman Natalie Allen.

PHOTO BY MADY SALVANI/ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

## Black Knights win eighth straight PL Championship

By Pamela Flenke  
Army Athletic Communications

Army women's tennis upset top-seeded Navy 4-1 to win the 2012 Patriot League Championship Sunday at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. The second-seeded Black Knights' conference title is their eighth straight and 13th overall. With the win, Army receives the league's automatic NCAA Championship bid into the 64-team field, marking its 11th trip to the national stage.

With rain covering most of the Northeast, matches were forced indoors into Lehigh's Lewis Tennis Center. There were only four available courts, forcing the singles contests to be split up.

The Black Knights (22-6, 5-0 PL) jumped out to a 1-0 lead after clinching the doubles point from the Midshipmen (20-3, 4-0 PL).

Sophomores Margaret Ilijev and Carly Riney improved upon their team-leading winning percentage in doubles play after knocking off Darien Sears and Dye Das at No. 3 doubles. Ilijev and Riney move to 15-1 (.938) this spring and have won nine consecutive matches. The duo won in two of three tournament matches, as the quarterfinal match went unfinished with the Army sophomores ahead 6-0.

To clinch the point, sophomore Della Taylor and younger sister, freshman Elle Taylor, added their names to the Army record book after securing their 27th win of the season. The pair defeated Emani Decquir and Stefanie Ton at No. 1 doubles to move into a tie for 10th all-time with Megan Noble on the Black Knights' single-season wins list.

The sister duo achieved the feat quicker by one match, as Noble took 39 tries to get to 27, while the Taylors did it in 38.

The Taylors were the lone Army doubles pair to win in all three tournament matches.

Navy knotted the score at 1-1 after Erin Snook defeated

Ilijev at No. 4 singles, 6-2, 6-0. By winning a match, the Midshipmen halted Army's shutout streak against Patriot League foes at 14 matches, dating back to March 26, 2011.

Freshman Natalie Allen regained the lead for the Black Knights by knocking off Ton, 6-4, 7-5 at No. 3 singles. Allen is the lone Army player to win in all three postseason matches and improved her record to 29-7 this season.

The 29 victories rank tied for third all-time with Melanie Bundoc (2000-01) on Army's single-season wins list.

Sophomore Jamila Paul pushed the lead to 3-1 after battling back at No. 2 singles. Paul was outmatched in the first set by Decquir, 1-6, but regained her ground in the second and third to prevail 6-4, 6-2.

Junior co-captain Erin Colton also needed three sets to put away a Midshipman, but Colton did so in match-clinching style. The junior defeated Sears 6-3 in the first set, before the Navy player won by the same margin in the second. Despite being down 0-2, Colton rallied in the third to seal the victory for the Black Knights, 6-3.

Following the match, Colton and Allen were named tournament co-MVPs.

"Navy played tough," Army head coach Paul Peck said. "They lost the doubles point a lot of times this season and still won the match, so we knew it wasn't going to be easy even though we took doubles.

"I'm proud of the way our girls battled," Peck added. "Natalie (Allen) has been solid for us all year and winning all three matches in the tournament was key. Erin (Colton) was in a pretty clutch situation for us. I would have hated to have put a freshman in that situation, so as a captain it was huge for her to step up and play well like that, even when she found herself behind late in the match.

"Overall, it really was a team effort," he concluded. "Everyone won a match in the tournament in some regard. They're excited, they're pumped and I'm proud of them."



The Army women's tennis team won its eighth straight Patriot League Championship title as it defeated Navy 4-1 Sunday in Bethlehem, Pa. With the win, Army receives the league's automatic NCAA Championship bid into the 64-team field.

PHOTO BY COURTNEY COLTON

Army and Navy have never met in the regular season as the Black Knights move to 2-0 all-time against their academy rival.

The only other meeting between the two academies was in the 2011 Patriot League Championship, when Army secured a 4-0 win to capture its 12th conference crown. The Black Knights improved to 12-4 all-time in league title matches.

Army will learn its opponent and destination for the first round of the NCAA Championship at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The opening round is slated to begin May 17.

The Black Knights are 0-10 in the NCAA Tournament, including last season's 4-0 setback at No. 11 Virginia.