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## How Sweep It Is

The Corps of Cadets storm the court (above) to celebrate the Army Basketball team's 69-63 victory over academy-rival Navy in a double-overtime thriller at Christl Arena Feb. 11. The victory, coupled with the Black Knights' 75-62 win over the Midshipmen Jan. 14, gave Army its first season series sweep of Navy since 1992. It was the first Army-Navy men's basketball game to ever go multiple overtimes. It was only made possible by a full-court sprint and last second layup by freshman guard Maxwell Lenox to tie the game at the end of the first overtime. Lenox finished the game with career highs in points (13) and steals (5). The team (left) poses with the Alumni Trophy after earning the "Star." See page 16 for game photos and story.

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# Ready Army: Being prepared in an emergency

By Brett J. Zeleznik

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Assistant Operations Officer

Being prepared for an emergency is more than just having a plan and the resources to deal with the situation. You also need to know what kind of emergency you and your family may face.

At West Point, there are multiple means at your disposal to help keep you informed of what is currently occurring on the installation.

You may have noticed, along with all of the normal construction we are used to, that some poles with speakers have sprung up in various spots around West Point.

These speakers are a part of a system called 'Giant Voice,' and they are our newest resource within the West Point Emergency Alert System that DPTMS maintains to alert or keep everyone informed about any emergency situation.

The 'Giant Voice' not only alerts everyone to any situation that occurs on the installation, but it also alerts to things in the local area that you will need to know about.

The 'Giant Voice' is a system of public address speakers located around the installation that allows our emergency service personnel the ability to communicate with you in real time.

It keeps the community informed of any emergency situation, as it develops, through real time announcements that can be heard across West Point.

#### Properties of West Point's Giant Voice System:

- Superior voice intelligibility and clarity using directional

speakers to provide critical instruction and message capability;

- High-efficiency, conformal-coated electronics, with automated self-diagnostics to keep components ready to go;
- Designed with multiple redundant and backup mechanisms to ensure operational performance and operation;

• Modular system design allows for complete flexibility in purchasing and long-term planning;

- Fixed and mobile speakers, strobes, gates, signs, papers, email, telephone and network alerting provide comprehensive coverage for West Point.

## West Point recycle rate at 41.2 percent

By Chris Remillard

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Community Services Supervisor

West Point recycled more than 400 tons of paper, cardboard and scrap metal during fiscal year 2011, according to Stanley Brown, West Point Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Recycling Center manager.

Brown, who oversees the West Point Qualified Recycling Program, said that 400 tons is a great start toward recycling, but the community can do better.

West Point's overall recycling rate is 41.2 percent, which surpasses the Department of Army's 40 percent recycling goal.

Everyone at West Point can make a difference, and one of the most important ways is through education, Brown said.

Most people at West Point think you can only recycle cardboard, glass, paper, plastic and metal cans. Items such as batteries, wood pallets, all forms of metal, ink/toner cartridges and plastic grocery bags can all be recycled at West Point as well.

A QRP differs from a regular recycling program in the sense that it can recycle materials for profit. The QRP must cover all of the costs of its operations but any excess revenue is reinvested back into the West Point community.

From March through September, West Point FMWR operated the QRP and generated a profit of \$113,321.

With that profit during FY2011, the QRP sponsored Earth Day, children's poster contests at the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools, and sponsored other FMWR events such as Oktoberfest.

So far during FY 2012, the QRP has purchased energy efficient LED lights for the Community Holiday Tree, co-sponsored a holiday decorating contest for children with DPW, co-sponsored a recycling competition for cadets and

purchased light switch stickers in coordination with the cadet environmental officers that remind people to turn off lights to save energy.

Part of the prizes given out for the cadet sculpture contest were \$500 in FMWR gift certificates.

On Feb. 10, Brown was recognized as the IMCOM Hero of the Day for his motivation, ingenuity and dedication to the QRP, its mission and support of its employees and customers.

Brown has grown the program to record highs at West Point since his arrival in March 2011.

West Point is always looking to grow the recycling program, Brown said. If there are activities or tenants on post that want to increase their recycling efforts or develop a recycling action plan, they can call Brown and he will help them set up a program that works for them.

Often, it is as simple as providing recycling containers and placing customers on a pickup schedule, Brown said.

Also, if there is an activity that generates waste that is unique to its operations, recycling employees are available to come out, take a look at it and maybe find a way to recycle it for profit.

Recycling personnel are out and about Monday through Friday, making regular stops throughout the installation to pick up recyclable materials.

The Recycling Center, Bldg. 1379, also has a bulk shredder for use by groups, such as military personnel, government employees or units, who need to shred documents with personal identifiable information or physically destroy government-issued hard drives.

Any recyclable materials can be dropped off at the Recycling Center, located across from the entrance to Round Pond.

For more information about recycling at West Point, call Stanley Brown at 845-938-4281 or visit [westpointmwr.com/recycling](http://westpointmwr.com/recycling).



### Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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

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# Grand strategy has cadets thinking globally

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

America's global strategy—seemingly chaotic and somewhat illogical under foreign scrutiny—has actually proven to be a winning strategy for more than 300 years, according to Walter Russell Mead, professor of foreign affairs and humanities at Bard College.

Mead taught Grand Strategy at Yale for several years before introducing the course at Bard College, and on Feb. 8, in front of nearly 100 cadets and invited students inside the Haig Room, he revealed the “secret plan for world domination.”

It's not so much a secret strategy as it is inherent in the nation's framework, Mead admitted, and it isn't even ours originally.

The global strategy that America adopted early on descended from the British system, which in turn was modified from the Dutch.

“The operating system on which the world power system still runs—Version 1.0—was introduced by the Dutch around 1600,” Mead said. “Version 3.0 was introduced by the Americans around 1945, and the British will tell you the American version is still in beta testing and may still be lacking.”

The Dutch introduced a free society which invited everybody to participate openly in economic, religious, social and intellectual pursuits without fear of persecution. Whereas Galileo faced the Roman Inquisition for his earthly theories, 17th century Holland was a proving ground for inventors, businessmen and educators.

The Dutch became incredibly wealthy by effectively becoming world traders, while forming influential alliances in pursuit of a balance of power. The strategy allows other countries to benefit from this international system and provides the same game plan to those who wish to duplicate the same practices.

This is the system that invites Germany into NATO after the country's strongest faction attempted to destroy the global order. After World War II, both Germany and Japan were

allowed not only to rebuild their economies but also their militaries.

“It's an innate part of the plan,” Mead said. “If other countries are enjoying this world system that you build, then maybe they won't want to destroy it.”

In peacetime, the strategy works to bring other countries into the fold, but in war, it can act as a weapon—severing countries from economic, financial and social benefits.

Some countries may strategize in complex, long-range plans. Otto von Bismarck engineered a series of wars that made Prussia a dominant force in that region before uniting Germany as its first chancellor.

Mead said a leader of that vision has decades to create a balance of power, whereas a U.S. president has eight years at best to govern—and during the presidency, there may be a revolving door of state secretaries and other political appointees while seeking balance among various ideological, economic and political interests.

“What sort of grand strategy exists in a democratic republic that keeps changing its mind, that elects presidents from different parties with different views, different instincts and different policies,” Mead asked. “Can we even speak of strategy in the American context? Most foreigners and many Americans say you can't. I would argue that if you look at American policy over the centuries, you see patterns; you see we keep on being concerned about similar things.”

Though the strategy was pilfered from our allies, it is uniquely American in its values and beliefs, Mead said.

“Our grand strategy is inherent in our society, rather than being imposed on our society by intellectual, political or social elite,” Mead said.

It is so embedded in society that it appears to be secret, or, even non-existent.

“It seemed to me Professor Mead first aimed to address the idea that America ‘has no foreign policy’ because we don't seem to be consistent with a policy or an approach to any region or country,” Class of 2012 Cadet Chase Cappo said. “To outsiders, our operations (have) such blatant inconsistencies that they make no apparent sense. Furthermore, I think Professor Mead implied American policy ought not be judged on the short term, but more in the grandiose and overall affect as time passes.”

Therefore, when qualifying American policies, one must think beyond State of the Union speeches and into grand strategy, Cappo concluded.

Class of 2012 Cadet Zachary Koenen, an international relations and Chinese major, was in attendance at this lecture and admires Mead as one of his favorite scholars in strategy and political science.

“What I've always found most interesting about Professor Mead is his ability to step back from the present and see things as part of a larger picture,” Koenen said. “This broad perspective also keeps him above the smaller political debates of the present and, I think, makes him a much more unbiased scholar.”

Koenen enjoyed the tongue-in-cheek approach to

grand strategy as a secret plan for world domination, but said the lecture showed conclusive results that it works.

“Many people when they think about the world system established by the United States go back to World War II or maybe the League of Nations at best,” he said. “In reality, the American tradition is a continuation of a much older free-trade system. Our grand strategy has always been economic in nature and I think that's apparent when you look at how America has best performed in the world—economically.”

Col. Isaiah Wilson, American Politics, Policy and Strategy director and associate professor in the Department of Social Sciences, teaches a senior-level Grand Strategy course at West Point.

Koenen said it has fundamentally changed his thinking on both his profession and international and domestic politics in general. Cappo described the material as “intense.”

“Some of the best discussions come from analyzing historical events, like the Peloponnesian War, then applying Athenian worries and actions to our own,” Cappo said.

Wilson said grand strategy isn't structured as formally as the program of study offered at Yale or Bard College, but the subject matter has always been deep-rooted in West Point academics and in the leader development mission.

“What we do here at West Point is and has always been about American Grand Strategy,” Wilson said. “If graduates of West Point are to effectively serve the American people as Army officers, they must understand the larger political context in which wars are fought. War is a means to an end, and an armed forces officer who does not understand the war's purpose may ultimately undermine it.”

Mead's visit was his third to West Point, and this latest collaboration between the two schools launched the inaugural West Point-Bard College “Hudson School of Grand Strategy Symposium.”

Cadets provided campus tours for Bard College students and Tikvah fellows, and Mead followed up with a two-hour seminar on war, morality and statesmanship with a focus on U.S.-Israel relations.



Class of 2012 Cadet Brian Webb was among the nearly 100 cadets, Bard College students and Tikvah fellows in attendance at the Haig Room Feb. 8 to hear Walter Russell Mead's presentation on grand strategy.

# Cadets recognized by DOL for capstone project

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The Class of 2012 cadets involved in the American Politics Capstone Course were tasked by the Department of Labor to find effective ways of delivering services to homeless veterans in New York City. The cadets completed the semester-long capstone project and were recognized Feb. 10 by Assistant Secretary of Labor Junior Ortiz for their research.

“I read your report,” Ortiz said. “You brought a different lens (a different perspective) on the issue of homeless veterans. You did a great job.”

Ortiz, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel and a 1981 graduate of the Naval Academy, recognized Class of 2012 cadets Joseph Amoroso, Chase Cappel, Zachariah Currie, Patrick Gutierrez, Trevor Smith and Anthony White with a certificate and a Marine coin which read “Lead by Example.” Social Sciences instructor Col. Isaiah Wilson and Maj. Michael McInerney were also recognized.

Two other cadets who were not present included 2nd Lt. Katherine Kettering (a

December graduate) and Coast Guard Cadet Lydia Monks who has returned to the Coast Guard Academy.

The cadets conducted an analysis for the Department of Labor-Veterans Employment and Transition Services Division about how to best provide transition services to homeless and unemployed veterans in New York City, according to Maj. Michael McInerney, American Politics, Policy and Strategy instructor and the Department of Social Sciences head academic counselor.

Amoroso said the class was divided into two groups with the first tasked with interviewing DOL staffers and providing policy recommendation on how to adequately respond to the growing issue surrounding homeless female veterans.

“The DOL explained that they were experiencing a critical information gap regarding the issue of female veteran homelessness and they needed help with organizing information and research that has been completed in order to close this gap,” he said. “Once we compiled a literature review of these documents, which included articles, congressional records and policy statements, we were able to synthesize the problem and



**Junior Ortiz, assistant secretary of labor, recognized cadets for their research on homeless veterans for their capstone project Feb. 10 at Lincoln Hall.**

offer a detailed assessment for the DOL.”

Some of the critical aspects of the problem of homeless female veterans identified by the group include: Female veterans are far more likely to be homeless than non-veteran females; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, single parenthood, unemployment and becoming a victim of sexual assault increases the risk for female veterans to end up homeless.

Monks said via email that her group was asked to research Veterans Affairs and identify loopholes in the benefit-reaping process for veterans.

“Our main concern was two-fold,” Monks said. “First, not all veterans were made aware of benefits available to them post service and some homeless veterans have migrated between two or three different states (based on seasonal change) and were double-dipping in VA benefits.”

Monks said they interviewed established

grantees for veteran’s services and veteran’s homeless services as well as veterans themselves and drafted a memo presenting three possible solutions to mitigate these two problems.

“Our primary solution was the implementation of veteran coordinators employed by local departments of labor who would be assigned to individual veterans upon discharge,” Monks said. “The coordinator would identify and track benefits available and received by individual vets and help vets obtain medical care, counseling, aid in job searching and the employment process.”

Monks said the coordinators would foster a personal, positive relationship with veterans to better identify individual needs and opportunities.

Cadets this semester will be working on a similar project for the North Country Veterans Project to help in assisting veterans in the Adirondack region of New York State.

# Sustainers unite for inaugural ball at West Point

By Maj. Geraldo Peralta  
Special Assistant to the Commandant  
for Respect Corps of Cadets

The Force Sustainment Association's inaugural ball was celebrated at West Point Feb. 11, welcoming 101 newly branched Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Finance and Adjutant General cadets into the Force Sustainment community.

Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the 51st Quartermaster General and U.S. Army Quartermaster School commandant at Fort Lee, Va., was guest speaker for the event, held inside the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

Bingham spoke of the Army profession and the importance of trust within it. She conveyed a sense of pride in being a force sustainer.

When referring to the Class of 2012's motto, Bingham told the cadets "Your class gets it; 'For More Than Ourselves.' That's what we are all about."

"We logisticians are experts in our business of war ... force sustainers have been awarded 51 Medals of Honor," Bingham said. "What I love the most out of the now more than 30 years of my Army career is that we are a team of teams."

Bingham's invitation to be the guest speaker at the Force Sustainment Ball was no coincidence. It was at last year's Combined Arms Tailgate when Lt. Col. Michele Thompson-Shoats, Regimental Tactical Officer for 1st Regiment and Senior Quartermaster Advisor at West Point, witnessed firsthand the quartermaster

general's passion for sustainment when she interacted with cadets.

Thompson-Shoats recognized a need for such type of events to foster camaraderie and esprit de corps within the Force Sustainment branches, a population that is vastly outnumbered by the Combat Arms branches within West Point. Approximately 10 percent of the Class of 2012 entered into one of the Force Sustainment branches.

Thompson-Shoats' initiative resulted in the creation of the U.S. Military Academy Force Sustainment Association. This organization provides a forum for the exchange of information on sustainment topics and functions, as well as, the promotion of camaraderie and sense of community for staff, faculty and cadets alike. The Force Sustainment Association is presided by Col. Donna Brazil.

The following awards were presented during the ceremony:

- Horatio Gates Bronze Medal: Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burich;

- Order of Samuel Sharpe: Sgt. 1st Class Edmund Saldarini, James McTamane, Charles Herd, Kenneth Kerst and Maj. Justin Miller;

- Honorable Order of Saint Martin: Jose Aviles, Kevin J. Bernard, Sgt. 1st Class Daniel R. Boudreau, Capt. Amaka A. Auer, Capt. Kelly L. Thompson, Maj. Thaddeus L. Burnett and Maj. Denis J. Fajardo;

- Honorable Order of Saint Christopher: Maj. Jana Fajardo;

- Keeper of the Flame: Maj. Catherine Miller and Mary Lou Saldarini.



The Force Sustainment Association's inaugural ball was celebrated at West Point Feb. 11. Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham, the 51st Quartermaster General and U.S. Army Quartermaster School commandant at Fort Lee, Va., was guest speaker for the event held at the West Point Club. PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2012 CADET NOELLE KERR

# Paintball team rewrites history at Strategy Plus

## Submitted by West Point Paintball

The West Point Paintball Team rewrote history during the Russian Front scenario game at Strategy Plus in East Hampton, Conn., Feb. 4.

A total of about 350 participants were in attendance including 22 West Point cadets, posing as the invading Germans to secure the victory.

Although points could be accrued by completing various missions tasked to either side, many of the points came from possession of a town.

Both teams fought the length of the field, and holding the town often came at a cost as this often opened the way for the Russians to attack the German base camp.

However, at the end of the day, the Germans were in possession of the town, which made the difference in points between the warring sides.

When the results were announced at the closing ceremonies, the cadets were pleased to hear that their colleagues from the Norwich Academy earned the Most Valuable Team award.

West Point brought the firepower to the

battle as the only team on the German side to have a rocket launcher, which proved instrumental to their success.

“We were able to use the rocket launcher, not only to destroy the enemy’s tank, but also to neutralize buildings that offered cover to the enemy,” one cadet said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Tim Hartong had the distinct honor of serving as the German General.

“From a command perspective, I was restrained from (seeing) the front lines at times as I was forced to remain in one location where any one of my lieutenants could find me,” he said. “Communication with other teams was only effective if they were kind enough to lend me a radio, and it was a challenge to react to developments on the battlefield without it.”

Much like their previous trip section, this one was comprised mostly of plebes.

**(Right) Cadets from the West Point Paintball Team take aim as an invading German Team during a scenario game at Strategy Plus in East Hampton, Conn., Feb. 4. The cadets in attendance were mostly from the Class of 2015.**



# Miller retiring, bids farewell to West Point

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Capt. Ryan Miller, Class of 2005, received his medical retirement certificate Feb. 10 from Col. Edward Naessens, Department Head of Physics and Nuclear Engineering.

Miller was a nuclear engineering major at West Point and, after commissioning, he was a platoon leader in the 3rd squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, which deployed to Baghdad in the summer of 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On the evening of Oct. 18, 2007, then 1st Lt. Miller was on a routine patrol when his Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle was hit with three explosively-formed penetrators resulting in the death of one Soldier and seriously wounding two others, including Miller.

He spent months in various hospitals and endured multiple surgeries, which eventually led to the amputation of his left leg below the knee.

“Capt. Miller leaves the Army as a hero,” Naessens said. “I remember him in class. He always had intriguing questions and sometimes you just know who is going to be a leader.”

Naessens presided over Miller’s retirement at the Grove Library in Bartlett Hall—the same library where Naessens presented Miller with his captain bars.

“This is really about the people in this

room who made me what I am today,” Miller said. “It’s like they were chipping away the rough pieces of granite and I’ve been fortunate by having them around me.”

Miller recognized his mom and presented her with flowers telling the audience that she raised him and his sister as a single mom and lived her life for everyone except herself.

“I recently needed an emergency gall bladder operation and my mom drove to Cambridge, Mass., to see me through it,” Miller said.

Miller moved to Cambridge in September to begin a joint master’s program at Harvard for both a Master of Business Administration and a master’s in Public Policy.

Miller joined his former Company H colleagues during the Marchback after Cadet Basic Training last August and completed the Bataan Memorial Death March that summer.

He recently traveled for 16 days to Brazil assessing its energy situation as part of a team preparing a report that the government will use for the Rio+20 climate conference this summer.

**(Above, right) Col. Edward Naessens, Department Head of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, presents Capt. Ryan Miller with his certificate of retirement. The ceremony, conducted Feb. 10, was held at the Grove Library in Bartlett Hall, the same location where Naessens presented Miller with his captain bars.**



# FMWR Blurbs

## Morgan Farm Presidents Day Pet Boarding Special

Morgan Farm is offering four days of pet boarding for the price of three over the Presidents Day weekend.

Drop off your pet Friday and pick up Tuesday. Reservations are required.

For more information, call 938-3926.

## Shamrock 5K

The Shamrock 5K and Green Eggs and Ham breakfast presented by the FMWR Fitness Center and the West Point Club is scheduled for March 17.

Pre-registration begins at the FMWR Fitness Center Friday. The race starts and finishes at the West Point Club with registration at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Cost of the race is one FMWR Fitness Center coupon. Cadets can register for free, but they must register.

After the race, visit the Club from 8:30-10 a.m. for an Irish breakfast with eggs and brew in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

Purchase a race package and receive a discount at the Club's Green Eggs and Ham breakfast.

For more information, call 938-6490.

## CYSS Parent's Night Out

It's Parent's Night Out at Stony Child Development Center Feb. 24 and March 3.

Drop off your child at 6 p.m., go out and enjoy some time to yourself.

Pick up your child by 11 p.m. A small fee applies.

Reservations are required by no later than Monday.

For more information, call 938-3921.

## Community Swim Program Hours

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Swim Program hours of operation for February are noon-1:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

The pool is closed Monday for the Presidents Day holiday.

For updates or changes to the February schedule, call the information tape at 938-2985.

## Fat Tuesday lunch celebration special

Celebrate Fat Tuesday at the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Enjoy a fine selection of your favorite dishes from the south.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## CYSS Hired! Program

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

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

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

- Wednesday and Feb. 29;
- March 7, 14, 21, 28;
- April 4, 11, 18, 25;
- May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
- June 6.

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

## Arts & Crafts Winter Class Schedule

An Arts & Crafts class for adults will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Feb. 23.

An Arts & Crafts class for families with children will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Feb. 25. Both classes are ceramic classes where the attendees can design their own mug.

There is a minimal fee for the classes.

For more information and to register, call 938-4812.

## Polar Fest

Polar Fest will be noon-7 p.m. Feb. 25 at the West Point Ski Slope.

Enjoy a day of outdoor fun with a barbecue, live band, eating contest, snow twister, arts & crafts, kid's activities and much more.

Those interested can register at the Ski Sales Office.

For more information, call 938-8810.

## Bride's Brunch at the West Point Club

Bride's Brunch will be held from noon-3 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Club's Grand Ballroom.

Enjoy a sampling of menu selections from our bridal packages.

Meet with local vendors including bakeries, florists, photographers,

cosmetologists and entertainers.

There is free admission for brides with wedding receptions booked with the Club.

There is a nominal fee for guests.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration is ongoing for military families and begins March 1 for civilian families at Parent Central. Registration will conclude for all March 16.

Waiting lists may be formed at any time, so parents are encouraged to register early.

For more information, contact the Youth Sports office at 938-3550/8896.

## Winter Madness Framing sale

Arts & Crafts Shop is having a framing sale now through April 30.

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

For more information, call 938-4812.

## West Point 5K/10K

Registration is now open 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.

## Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program

The West Point Ski Slope office is expanding the Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program for those who require adaptive equipment and education.

The fee for this program includes a lift ticket, all equipment and four 1 1/2-hour lessons.

Times will be announced.

For more information, call 938-4637.

# NEW INFO

## FMWR Community Open Skate Program

The FMWR Community Open Skate Program is scheduled from 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday and Feb. 26 at Tate Rink.

Admission is free, but patrons must provide their own skates.

For updates or changes to the schedule, call 938-2991.

## Sesame Street Live tickets available at LTS

Leisure Travel Services still has great seats available for the Feb. 24 Sesame Street Live Performance at The Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Seats are located in section 101, Row K. LTS offers a great price on tickets and transportation.

Transportation leaves West Point at 8:30 a.m. for the 11 a.m. performance.

For more information, call 938-3601.

## ACS' 2012 Army Emergency Relief

## Campaign kickoff

Everyone is invited to attend the AER Campaign kickoff from 1:30-2:30 p.m. March 1.

The ceremony will be held at ACS Bldg. 622 with light refreshments being served.

The AER Campaign will run from March 1-May 15 helping to make Soldiers and their families Army Strong.

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

## Mind, Body and Soul Training

Make time for yourself through ACS' Mobilization and Deployment Program. All classes for the Mind, Body and Soul Training will be held from 6-7 p.m.

• Resiliency Skill Development: Learn skills that enhance your ability to bounce back from life's road blocks.

The classes are Mondays during March at ACS, Bldg. 622.

• Physical Fitness: Walk, run or spin for better health. The classes are Tuesdays during March at the FMWR Fitness Center, Bldg. 683.

• Soul Searching and Stress Management: Learn about yourself through journaling, self-discovery and personal growth.

The classes are Wednesdays during March at ACS, Bldg. 622.

To register, call Amy-Jo Johnson at 938-5654 or e-mail [amyjo.johnson@usma.edu](mailto:amyjo.johnson@usma.edu).

## Sunday Brunch at the West Point Club

Enjoy a traditional Sunday brunch in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 11.

Try the Club's new omelet station, carving station and delicious desserts. Ask about the Club's member discounts.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## ACS' Coping with Deployment Course

The ACS' Coping with Deployment Course, presented by the American Red Cross, will be held from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. March 12 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

This course provides hands-on tools to help families cope with deployments and teaches adults how to support children as a result of changes they may experience due to the deployment of a family member.

For more information or to register, call 938-5654/0232.

## West Point Career Expo

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 22 at the Thayer Hotel for a West Point Career Expo.

Meet with top companies to discuss career opportunities. Learn how to advance your career by meeting with top colleges and universities.

This Expo is brought to you by ACS' Employment Readiness Program.

For more information, call Randy Stephenson at 938-5658.

# What's Happening

## West Point Hunting Club meeting

The West Point Hunting Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the clubhouse off of Mine Torne Road (first gate on the right coming from Route 293.)

Venison Spaghetti and other wild game treats will be served. The meeting will have a guest speaker and other important information will be discussed. Everyone is invited.

For more information, contact President Mike Nielsen at [michael.nielsen@usma.edu](mailto:michael.nielsen@usma.edu) or Vice President Jeff Prosperie at [jeff.prosperie@usma.edu](mailto:jeff.prosperie@usma.edu).

## NCO Induction Ceremony

There will be an NCO Induction Ceremony at 9 a.m. Feb. 23 at Robinson Auditorium. The inductees include more than 40 noncommissioned officers.

The event is sponsored by the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club.

## Viva Las Vegas

The West Point Women's Club's annual fundraiser, Viva Las Vegas, is scheduled for 6-11 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Thayer Hotel. Presale tickets are now available. There is an entrance fee for the poker tournament.

The presale comes with an opportunity ticket for a two-night stay with airfare to Las Vegas, a complimentary champagne toast and a light appetizer bar.

Tickets the night of the event costs a little more and come without a raffle ticket.

Tickets are available for purchase on [westpointwomensclub@shutterfly.com](mailto:westpointwomensclub@shutterfly.com).

For more information, email [westpointwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:westpointwomensclub@gmail.com). See the story on page 11 for further details.

## Desert Storm Veterans' Association Reunion

The VII Corps Desert Storm Veterans' Association announced their 21st Reunion is scheduled for Feb. 25 at the Fort Myer Officers' Club, Fort Myer, Va.

For more information, call Hoa McNabb at 800-506-2672 or email [VIICorpsDSVA@aol.com](mailto:VIICorpsDSVA@aol.com).

## Book signing

The William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic is sponsoring a lecture at 12:50-1:50 p.m. Feb. 29 in Robinson Auditorium with Eric Alexander, author of "The Summit."

He will be speaking to the plebe class followed by a book signing in Robinson Auditorium.

Alexander's story is one of faith and trust as he describes his journey, scaling Mount Everest with his friend, blind climber Erik Weihenmayer.

The West Point community is welcome.

For more information, call Alexis Tice at 938-2121.

## WPWC 2012 Scholarship Applications available

Applications for the 2012 West Point Womens' Club scholarships are available now at [www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com).

They must be received or postmarked by March 2.

For questions, contact Bernadette Champine at [bernwilder@hotmail.com](mailto:bernwilder@hotmail.com) or 978-930-5155.

## WPWC 2012 Grant Applications available

Applications for 2012 West Point Womens' Club grants are now available at [www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com). They must be postmarked by March 2.

For more information, contact Bernadette Champine at [bernwilder@hotmail.com](mailto:bernwilder@hotmail.com) or call 978-930-5155.

## Army Education Center

John Jay College Master of Public Administration Program at West Point is now accepting new students for the Spring II Session.

The deadline is March 15.

For more information, contact Gwenn Wallace, JJC onsite administrator, at 446-5959 or email [jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com](mailto:jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com).

## DUSA Scholarship applications available

Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army Scholarship applications are now available at the guidance offices of James I. O'Neill High School, Cornwall High School and Monroe-Woodbury High School.

Applicants must be a graduating high school senior and the son or daughter of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military servicemember whose family resides at West Point (or within a 35-mile radius) at the time the scholarship is awarded.

Completed applications are due by March 23.

## BBC Foundation scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school and undergraduate students of West Point's 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 out, complete and submit the application and all required materials to Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Applications must be received by April 15.

## Tax Center open

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

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

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

To schedule an appointment, call 938-5920.

## West Point Diving Club

The West Point 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.

## SAMC meetings

Noncommissioned officers interested in becoming a member of the West Point Sgt. Audie Murphy Club are urged to join SAMC members for study groups at 5 p.m. Thursdays at Nininger Hall.

For those who are interested in joining the SAMC, meetings are on the first Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. in the Red Reeder Room in Washington Hall.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Joseph Willis at 938-7082.

## Protestant Women of the Chapel Wednesdays

Protestant Women of the Chapel meets Wednesdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

Childcare is provided. All women are invited.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at [ascgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:ascgriffin@gmail.com).

## Protestant Women of the Chapel Thursdays

PWOC offers an "evening" Bible study on the book of James is being offered from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

No childcare will be provided for evening studies.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at [ascgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:ascgriffin@gmail.com).

## Second Infantry Division Reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who has ever served in the 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For information about the national association and its annual reunion in Reno, Nev., from Aug. 23-27, visit [www.2ida.org](http://www.2ida.org) or contact the association's secretary-treasurer, Bob Haynes, at [2idahq@comcast.net](mailto:2idahq@comcast.net) or call 224-225-1202.

# NEW INFO

## 2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

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

For registration information, call 845-446-5007, ext. 119, or visit [www.goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com) for more camp specific information.

## New Vehicle Registration hours

New Vehicle Registration hours begin March 1 from 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Military Police Station.

## Women's History Month Run

The William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic, USCC SHARP and Respect Program will be hosting this year's Women's History Month Run at 6 a.m. March 6.

It is a three-mile formation run that starts at Washington's Statue in front of Washington Hall.

It will be an esprit de corps run with cadence calling. It is open to all Soldiers, cadets, family members and civilians who wish to participate.

For more information, contact Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC SHARP, at 938-7479 or email at [melissa.rosol@usma.edu](mailto:melissa.rosol@usma.edu); Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan, USCC EOA, at 938-8456; or Class of 2013 Cadet Shelby Kincaid.

## Elementary and Middle Schools early release

The West Point Elementary and Middle Schools will have an early release Friday. There is an 11 a.m. release for the Elementary School and an 11:30 a.m. release for the Middle School. School is closed Monday for Presidents Day.

# Keller Corner

## Keller under construction

Please pardon our appearance as construction is taking place. We know that to expand our facilities, we'll need to change the way our patients and visitors arrive at Keller.

Although these changes are temporary, we want your visit to be as easy as possible.

We strongly recommend that you allow extra time to reach your destination, and that you plan to arrive at Keller at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. It will allow for parking and arrival to your care location.

## KACH outpatient clinic closures

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Monday for Presidents Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

## Parking at Keller Hospital

Starting March 5, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, all parking at Keller Hospital will be for patients,

designated vehicles and visitors of the hospital only.

There will be approximately 90 parking spots available directly in front of the main entrance, the lower parking lot next to the construction fence and the parking area along Washington Road.

## 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 are proud to offer courses in maternal and childbirth education to our community.

The hospital will be offering a six-week child birthing course from 6-8 p.m. starting March 6.

The classes will cover having your baby at Keller, pain management, unexpected outcomes, newborn care, along with breast and bottle feeding.

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

# WPWC hosts annual Viva Las Vegas Night

Story by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The West Point Women's Club will transform the Thayer Hotel into a casino with poker tournaments and other entertainment including a silent auction, a live band and D.J., dancing and many opportunities to win prizes. The fun begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 24.

Enjoy the game of craps, play poker, spin the wheel in roulette, bid on baskets of goodies in the silent auction and play bingo. However, don't forget to take a couple of breaks through the evening to dance.

Viva Las Vegas Casino Night and Auction is open to the public as well as to West Point cadets over the age of 21 who are in their Cow or Firstie year.

Tickets purchased at the door include chips to begin playing games.

This year, spice things up a little by purchasing opportunity tickets to win a trip for two to Las Vegas. Talk to a Viva committee member, WPWC board member or ask for information on the night of the event about the trip. The winner of this trip will be announced at the event, but does not need to be present to win.

The WPWC organization, which serves the West Point

community and surrounding areas, is comprised completely of volunteers. This group generates money through a variety of fundraising activities that goes directly into its Outreach/Scholarship fund.

"More than 100 individuals, businesses, organizations and West Point departments have graciously donated prizes and auction items that will be awarded at our event," Ginger Levine, WPWC event chair, said. "We recognize that our fundraising efforts would not be possible without such generosity."

More than 150 items to be given as prizes or bought at the silent and live auction include a Pandora bracelet, bags by Dooney and Burke/Coach/Vera Bradley, Cutco knives, wine tasting for four at Brotherhood Winery and a tandem skydive.

Money from the event goes to educational scholarships to deserving military family members and in the form of outreach grants to many local and national organizations such as local schools, American Red Cross, Operation Support Our Troops, Fisher House and the USO.

Last year, the organization donated more than \$28,000 in grants and \$8,250 in scholarships.

For more information, go to [www.westpointwomensclub.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.com) or contact Ginger Levine at [VivaWPWC@shutterfly.com](mailto:VivaWPWC@shutterfly.com) or contact Ginger Levine at [VivaWPWC@gmail.com](mailto:VivaWPWC@gmail.com).

## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday—Alvin and the Chipmunks:**

**Chipwrecked, G, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—The Adventures of Tintin,**

**PG, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

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

## Command Channel 8/23

**Feb. 16-23**

**Army Newswatch**

**Today, Friday and Monday through Feb. 23**

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

**The Point**

**Today, Friday and Monday through Feb. 23**

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

## Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Fat Tuesday celebration**—Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to pick up Mardi Gras beads, crafts or masks to celebrate the day.

Soft drinks and a Mardi Gras King Cake will be served with a plastic baby hidden in the cake. The person who gets the baby is supposed to have good luck for a year.

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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	7							2

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

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Difficulty: Hard

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

# Q & A

## An athlete's perspective ...

### Will Viana

## Freshman swimmer broke 20-year-old academy, plebe records in 200 backstroke

By Eric S. Bartelt  
Managing Editor

Life at the U.S. Military Academy can be overwhelming for plebes as they get adjusted to their new environment. With everything that is asked of them from school to military to athletic ventures, it can all seem daunting throughout that first year.

However, despite what can be considered insurmountable odds, freshman Will Viana overcame those obstacles to produce one of the best plebe campaigns in Army Swimming and Diving history.

On Dec. 2, Viana made school history by breaking the academy (Rob Roland, 1992) and plebe (Corey Braddock, 1992) 200 backstroke records with a time of 1:49.83 at the 2011 Zippy Invitational in Akron, Ohio.

What made the record more remarkable was the fact that Viana had not competed in the backstroke prior to this season.

On top of that, he is within a few hundredths of a second already of achieving the academy and plebe records for the 200 freestyle.

With Viana showing to be a force in the pool, the Army team heads into the Patriot League Championships today through Saturday at Annapolis, Md., with a strong group that led the team to a 12-3 overall record and 4-2 in the PL.

Viana sat down recently to talk with the *Pointer View* about his first year at the academy, his achievements, expectations for the future and coping with being a third generation cadet.

**Pointer View:** *The team has a 12-3 overall record and is 4-2 in Patriot League meets ... your thoughts about how this season has transpired and how confident the team is heading into the Patriot League Championships?*

**Will Viana:** "This year's team has done some incredible things. We beat some teams that we didn't think we would beat, we really did well. I think the team feels very good about itself heading into the Patriot League Championships and, more than just in the pool, we've all come together as men and women and I've been real proud of the character of the team outside of the pool."

**PV:** *You've had a strong season to include*

*the academy and plebe records in the 200 backstroke, talk about your performance this year and what do you attribute it to?*

**WV:** "I've done things this year that I never thought were possible, and I attribute that to my faith and more than any other year I think I've been swimming for Jesus Christ. He's done some great things. Even on days when I felt horrible, I've swam fast ... I feel good, especially during the last part of the season. It's hands off on my part. I'm just doing the work I can do and letting Him take care of the rest."

**PV:** *Achieving those records ... how special is it to have your name already on top of the records list? How shocking was this considering you never competed in the backstroke prior to this year?*

**WV:** "It was pretty special. Going into that meet, that was a three-day championship-style meet where we tapered for it and we all were swimming fast times. Going into that meet, I looked up the 200 freestyle record and that's the one I really wanted to go for and I swam the 200 freestyle three times in one day and the closest I came was (a few hundredths of a second) off of the record. It was a little bit disappointing, but they were all best times for me so I was still happy in a sense."

"The next day, during the 200 backstroke, I really had not thought about the possibility of breaking the record. I swam a bad race in the morning; I swam slower than my best time, which was the first swim of that meet that I had done that. Then in the afternoon I came back and I was able to break the record ... I looked up at (the scoreboard) and I thought that is incredible. Everyone was going crazy. It was a good night, a great atmosphere."

"It was very surprising because my best course time for the 200 backstroke was a 1:59 coming into this year and I was able to go 1:49 at Akron (the 2011 Zippy Invitational). A 10-second drop from my high school time is kind of unheard of during freshman year, but it was something the team needed in that position and I was very happy to do well at that event."

**PV:** *You participate in the backstroke, fly, individual medley and the freestyle events ... you've had various success in all of them this season, with that, is there a particular event*



Freshman Will Viana is looking to break the academy and plebe records in the 200 freestyle to go with the records he broke in the 200 backstroke earlier this season.

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*that you feel you are the strongest in or prefer?*

**WV:** "The 200 freestyle is my event, that's the one I like the best. The 200 butterfly is one of those events that even if I don't swim it in forever, and I haven't been swimming butterfly in practice, I can get up and do that one well. I've always had a lot of success in that event for some reason and it's just one of those things that has come naturally to me."

"I didn't swim the 200 backstroke at all before this year. I started swimming it because that's what the team needed, and I've done very well in it. I like it, but my two favorite events are the 200 freestyle and the 200 butterfly."

**PV:** *Now that you've made a big impression with some records early in your collegiate career, do you feel you have bigger expectations placed on you that can somewhat be a detriment?*

**WV:** "There's a lot of pressure. After the first few meets, when it became apparent that I was the fastest 200 freestyler and the fastest 200 backstroke swimmer, people were like, 'we need to get that 200 freestyle, we got to get that 200 backstroke—we need to get those points,' and there was one meet clearly I can remember finishing second in the 200 freestyle, which is one we thought we needed to win."

"But then in a surprise finish, that's when I found out I could swim really fast in the 200 backstroke and I tied in the 200 backstroke, which brought us over that magical 150-point line and we won the meet—that was a very cool thing to do."

"I had to do better with more pressure placed on me and I have. I always feel for someone like Michael Phelps who is at the top because everyone wants the underdog to win and when you are on top there's only one

place to go—down."

**PV:** *How have your teammates helped inspire you to become a better swimmer?*

**WV:** "There are some guys who work incredibly hard and you can just see it in people like Daniel Foky and Joon Chung, who are always giving 100 percent and that's inspiring and motivating. But, specifically for me, Casey Woudenberg and Tyler Sowell are two people I'm always swimming with and are usually doing the same things as me, so we're always pushing each other and they're always going faster than me and I'm always trying to catch them ... we all have off days and on days, but they're the ones who are always motivating me."

"There are few people in the long distance group, Dan Ruckman and Daniel Borchik, who come over and swim with us and it's always a great time because they like to race and we also got the intergroup rivalry going on. All those guys push me and inspire me to get better."

**PV:** *How much of a grind has your plebe year been when you factor everything from swimming to school to your military/cadet company obligations?*

**WV:** "It's been rough. I've been in places before where I've been pressed for time, but here there are so many more obligations with living on my own and doing everything, and I think that's something everyone faces on the team. Everyone brings to the pool all this outside stuff, worries and cares—and what's great is the team has been able to leave those things at the door and take care of business in the pool."

"Swimming, for as much as it is another added stressor, is also a great relief because I can come to the pool, take out my frustration

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# Simmers scores 22 as Army loses to rival Navy

By Tracy Nelson  
Army Athletic Communications

Army junior guard Anna Simmers led all players with 22 points and junior guard Molly Yardley helped engineer a late rally, but the Black Knights could not overcome Navy's long range shooting in a 57-50 "Star" game loss in front of a record-crowd of 5,189 at Christl Arena Feb. 11.

Both teams entered the game riding three-game win streaks and in a three-way tie with Lehigh for second place in the Patriot League standings.

Army (12-13 overall, 6-4 Patriot League) trailed 52-42 with under a minute to play and outscored its rival counterpart 8-3 down the stretch. Navy (14-10, 7-3) did not score a field goal over the final two minutes, but used seven free throws to seal the victory.

The Black Knights held a 16-8 lead early in the game, but the Midshipmen managed to cut the deficit to one, 20-19, by halftime. Navy drilled seven three-pointers and outscored Army 38-30 over the final 20 minutes of action.

Army shot 32 percent (18-of-55) from the field to Navy's 37 percent (19-of-51) effort. Thanks in large part to the Army freshman Olivia Schretzman's defensive effort, the Black Knights held the Patriot League Preseason Player of the Year Jade Geif of Navy to five points and just two field goals.

Sophomore guard Alix Membreno paced three Midshipmen in double-figure scoring, while senior guard Erin Edwards and sophomore forward Audrey Bauer totaled 12 and 10 points, respectively. Edwards scored all 12 of her points in the second half.

"You have to give them (Navy) all the credit in the world," head coach Dave Magarity said. "On paper, they have the most experience and have seasoned, poised players like (Jade) Geif and (Kara) Pollinger. We're an up-and-coming young team that has shown we're capable of winning big games. We just couldn't find a way today.

"It hurts because now we're getting into (Patriot League Tournament) seeding implications and it was a 'Star' loss at home," Magarity added. "This will take some wind out of our sails the next couple of days, but it's all about how you respond and we have a big stretch coming up to do that."

Army scored seven of the first nine points of the game, six of which came courtesy of Simmers. Sophomore guard Jen Hazlett registered her first basket of the game with 14:22 on the clock as Army maintained a 9-4 advantage.

The Midshipmen trimmed the deficit to 11-8 following a long Membreno jumper at the 8:31 mark.

Simmers responded with the first three-pointer of the game, well behind the arc with 8:03 to play. Schretzman's acrobatic layup

just before the shot clock buzzed two minutes later gave the Black Knights a 16-8 edge. The Midshipmen proceeded to end the half riding an 11-4 run over the final six minutes. Army clung to a 20-19 cushion at the break.

Simmers scored the first five points of the second half, single-handedly stretching the Black Knights lead to 25-19 two minutes into the action. The Midshipmen followed with a 9-2 run over the next two minutes, taking their first lead of the contest, 28-27, with 16:01 on the clock.

Neither team scored over the next 3:28, but a Navy three-point goal at 12:33 gave the Mids a 31-27 lead. Yardley answered with a triple from the right wing just 17 seconds later, pulling Army back within one, 31-30.

Navy went on to score eight of the next nine points and extend its lead to 39-31 with 6:36 to play in the game.

Simmers' jumper at the 6:09 mark ended a 6:07 Army drought without a field goal and made it 39-33 in favor of Navy. The teams

traded three-point plays on their respective next possessions, including Yardley's second three-pointer of the half, as Army pulled within 42-36 with 4:43 remaining.

Four-straight Simmers points on critical possessions over the next two minutes got the Black Knights within 44-40 at the 2:49 mark. Navy's Edwards went on to bury consecutive three-pointers as the Midshipmen established their largest lead of the game, 50-40, with 2:26 to play.

Navy continued to stretch its lead to 52-42 from the free throw line. Yardley sank a pair of free throws at the 39-second mark and buried her third trey of the game from the right wing with 29 seconds to play.

Yardley's effort kept the Black Knights' alive and whittled the deficit to 52-47. Army kept chipping away at the deficit, as a Simmers layup with 13 seconds on the clock made it 53-49, but the Midshipmen hung on for the victory despite the late Black Knight surge.

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and just swim, and have a good time with people in a non-military environment. For me, it's great and I'm glad to be a part of that environment."

**PV:** *Your grandfather, Richard Stephenson, played Army football in the late 1950s and holds the record for most touchdown receptions in a game ... with that in mind, was there a relief in making a big early impression while trying to carve your own athletic path at the academy?*

**WV:** "I haven't put it in context quite that well before, but my grandfather was huge when he was here. However, he was part of a team. Football is more of a team sport and less of an individual sport. Even though he had individual records he was a part of a team with real big names, including a Heisman Trophy winner (Pete Dawkins).

"It's not like there aren't other people in my class who go through this, for example, we just had Yearling Winter Weekend and a girl's dad spoke at that event, and he's a three-star general. So there are all sorts of people with great history and backgrounds, and I'm just very happy to have grown up in an environment where West Point was so revered and appreciated—it's made me so happy to be here.

"I didn't have any pressure to do anything spectacular. It's definitely far from what

my grandfather expects because he's one of the most humble people I know. But, it's been really cool and he loves it and brags to everyone about it with my dad right behind him. That's been great to them. It's huge to my father and grandfather that I'm doing well and that I'm happy."

**PV:** *Your grandfather wanted you to come here while your dad, also a USMA graduate, was pushing you toward Air Force ... with all that in mind, with their history of coming here, was that the big factor in your decision to come here?*

**WV:** "I am third generation with my father and my mom's dad coming here, so I guess that started the dream of West Point. There are some people on the team who didn't even hear about the school until they were called by Coach (Mickey) Wender for the first time, which is crazy because it's something I've always grown up with.

"When I decided I wanted to enter an academy, I wanted this lifestyle, I wanted this future, this is the way I work best when a lot is asked of me and when everything is structured. I wanted this environment and wanted to be around other people of this type.

"This was the first place I looked and when I came out here on my visit, I fell in love with all the stories I had grown up with and the idea of this place."



Junior guard Anna Simmers led all players with 22 points, but it wasn't enough in Army's 57-50 loss to Navy at Christl Arena Feb. 11. TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

# Army defeats Navy in double-overtime thriller

By Brian Gunning  
Army Athletic Communications

Army (11-14 overall, 4-6 PL) overcame a four-point deficit in the first overtime and outscored Navy (3-21 overall, 0-10 PL) 13-7 in the second extra session to claim a 69-63 win in the annual "Star Game" Feb. 11 in front of a Christl Arena record crowd of 5,189.

The win gave the Black Knights their first season sweep of the Midshipmen since 1992.

Sophomore guard Josh Herbeck led Army with a game-high 19 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer in the second overtime. He also tied his career high with eight rebounds.

Herbeck made three of Army's six three-pointers to move into 10th place on the Black Knights' career list with 101.

Junior forward Ella Ellis added 17 points, his 27th straight game in double figures, while freshman guard Maxwell Lenox scored a career-high 13 points, dished out four assists and made a career-high five steals.

Army led by five at halftime (22-17) and by as many as 10 in the second half, but Navy used a 16-5 spurt to take a one-point lead with 7:35 remaining.

The lead changed hands three more times before Navy's Thurgood Wynn tied the game at 45-45 with a free throw. Neither team scored during the final 1:45, sending the game into overtime.

The Black Knights had a chance to win in regulation, but Ellis' three-point try was off the mark at the buzzer. Army went the last four minutes, 23 seconds of the second half without a field goal.

The Black Knights scored the first two points of overtime on two free throws by Lenox, but the Midshipmen reeled off six straight points to take a 51-47 lead with 2:38

left in the period.

Navy led 53-49 with less than two minutes remaining when Herbeck curled off a screen and drained a three-pointer to trim Army's deficit to one point with 1:50 to go. Brennan Wyatt answered with a basket, but a layup by freshman guard Mo Williams pulled the Black Knights back within a point with 55 seconds left.

After the Midshipmen missed a jumper, Army cleared the rebound and called time out with 14 seconds left. Lenox raced the length of the floor, but his layup try spun out and Navy grabbed the loose ball.

The Midshipmen made just one of two shots after the ensuing foul and Lenox redeemed himself with another full-court sprint. His layup bounced off the rim twice and dropped in with 1.8 seconds left. Navy's last-ditch heave was short and the teams went to the second overtime tied at 56-56.

Army scored the first seven points of the second overtime, including a three-pointer by Herbeck to start the period. Navy's first field goal came with just 18 seconds remaining when Wynn dropped a three-pointer from the corner to cut the Black Knights' lead to 64-61. Army hit five of six free throws in the waning seconds to hang on for its seventh home win in the last nine games.

Jordan Sugars led Navy with 14 points, while Worth Smith posted a double-double with 12 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. The Midshipmen outrebounded Army, 47-31.

Free throws played a key role in the outcome. Army made just 16 field goals in the game (.340), but made 31 of its 41 free throw opportunities (.756). Navy shot 36.2 percent overall and hit just 17 of its 31 free throws (.548).

The Black Knights have now won the last two "Star Games" contested at West Point.



Freshman guard Maxwell Lenox scored a career-high 13 points, including the game-tying layup with 1.8 seconds left in the first overtime, in Army's 69-63 win over Navy Feb. 11 at Christl Arena. PHOTOS BY TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO



Sophomore guard Josh Herbeck led Army with a game-high 19 points, including the go-ahead three-pointer in the second overtime.

## Army-Navy game notes

- A record crowd of 5,189 marked the third straight season the Army-Navy game has set the Christl Arena attendance mark.
- Eleven of the last 15 Army-Navy games have been decided by eight points or less.
- It was the first Army-Navy game to go multiple overtimes.
- Head coach Zach Spiker became the first Army head coach to win multiple "Star Games" since Mike Krzyzewski won four times.