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(Left) Cadets enter and exit the Science Center's north wing through the "gun doors." The cannon on the left bears a plaque underneath which states the small gun fired the first shot of the Civil War at Vicksburg several days before the attack on Fort Sumter in April 1861. The larger gun on the right side of the door fired the last shot at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. (Above) Dr. Bill Brechue welcomes cadets into the new classroom on the first day of class Monday. The cadets are studying Human Physiology (CH 387), a class where cadets once had to conduct research in the halls and stairwells because space was limited in the classroom.

Science Center open for classes

North wing complete; renovation project will continue into 2016

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

West Point's new Science Center opened for business Monday as cadets and instructors occupied several classrooms to start the spring semester. Although there's still another four years of construction to the second and final phase of the project, the north wing—located across from Jefferson Library—received its first volley of cadet traffic since the area was vacated for the project in 2008.

"It's finally happening. We're almost fully functioning now and ready to go," Lt. Col. John Hartke, a photonics professor, said on Friday.

Hartke is representing the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering and Col. Russ Lachance represents the Department of Chemistry and Life Science during this renovation and upgrade project.

Hartke, whose son is now a yearling at the academy, recalls touring colleges with him and gleaning features from various science buildings at each campus that might be incorporated at West Point.

"As I was taking my son to look at colleges, I went to every one of their science buildings and sort of took ideas I liked," he said. "We went to so many different campuses it's hard to remember where I saw what, but there were some great things I was able to bring back here."

It was during a Project Kaleidoscope workshop where he learned the principles of "making science visible."

Making Science Visible

The interior windows, which provide a glimpse from the hallways into the laboratories and classrooms, is a unique feature, Hartke said.

"Wherever possible we wanted to place these windows so when cadets are passing by they can look in and see what's going on inside," Hartke said. "We got the idea from a study as a way to increase student interest in the sciences."

If cadets are exposed to more science in action, then they may consider the option of making it their major. Another way to increase the visibility of science is through display cases, which Hartke said will contain various eye-catching science items throughout the facility.

"To me, the greatest excitement there is here—and there's

actually many pieces to get excited about—is 'making science visible,'" Lachance said. "A lot of the labs and equipment had been buried out of sight in the basement, and people in our own department never knew some of the things we had down there."

What's a classatory?

The Science Center will also feature combination classroom-laboratories which have been dubbed "classatories." Previously, an entire class would have to move to another floor to conduct experiments; now it's a matter of moving a few feet.

"One side of the room is nominally the classroom side with the desks and chairs, screen and overhead projector you typically see in a West Point classroom," Hartke said. "The other side is nominally the laboratory, and it has all the instructor benches capable of doing any kind of experiment or lab that corresponds with what is being taught."

At West Point, when instructors want cadets to demonstrate their knowledge, they'll ask them to "get up and take boards."

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Rules restrict political activity by DOD personnel

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials are in the process of issuing regular election-year guidance to remind military and Defense Department civilians that they're subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

This issue—one the department regularly addresses during election periods—came to light earlier this week after an Army Reserve Soldier in uniform appeared endorsing a political candidate.

Several sets of rules help to protect the integrity of the political process, DOD officials said. DOD Directive 1344.10 applies to members of the armed forces, whether they serve on active duty, as members of the reserve components not on active duty or as National Guard members in a non-federal status and military retirees.

In addition, the Hatch Act applies to federal civilian employees and employees also are subject to widely published DOD guidance that discusses participation in political campaigns and elections.

These rules are designed to prevent military members' or federal civilian employees' participation in political activities that imply—or even appear to imply—official sponsorship, approval or endorsement, officials said. The concern, they explained, is that actual or perceived partisanship could undermine the legitimacy of the military profession and department.

That's not to imply, however, that military members and civilian employees can't participate in politics. In fact, DOD has a longstanding policy of encouraging members to carry out the obligations of citizenship, officials said. DOD encourages its military and civilian members to register to vote and vote as they choose, they said.

Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues.

However, officials emphasized, they can do so only if they don't act as, or aren't perceived as, representatives of the armed forces in carrying out these activities.

Beyond that, the list of do's and don't's differs depending on whether the employee is a member of the armed forces, a career civil service employee, a political appointee or a member of the career Senior Executive Service, officials said.

Military members, for example, may attend political meetings or rallies only as spectators and not in uniform.

They're not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

They also are barred from engaging in any political activities while in uniform.

A combat engineer assigned to the 416th Theater Engineer Company potentially violated these rules Jan. 3 when he stepped onto a stage at Ron Paul's headquarters in Ankeny, Iowa, during the Iowa Caucus to offer a personal endorsement. Although he was wearing his uniform, the Soldier was not in an active status at the time, Maj. Angela Wallace, an Army Reserve spokeswoman, confirmed.

Wallace emphasized that the Soldier "stands alone in his opinions regarding his political affiliation and beliefs, and his statements and beliefs in no way reflect that of the Army Reserve."

His chain of command is aware of the issue and is considering appropriate disciplinary action to take, she said.

Most civilian DOD employees, whose political activities are governed by the Hatch Act, are permitted to be active in and speak before political gatherings and serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups, officials said. These activities, however, cannot involve fundraising.

Civilian employees also are permitted to manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

There are, however, exceptions to this, including but not limited to Senior Executive Service.

While the do's and don't's concerning political activity may vary, the basic tenets hold true for all DOD employees.

The bottom line, officials said, is that they should steer clear of any activity that may be reasonably viewed as directly or indirectly associating DOD or the military with a partisan political activity, or that "is otherwise contrary to the spirit or intent" of the rules described.

For details, visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program at www.fvap.gov/. The U.S. Office of Special Council can also provide guidance on the Hatch Act at www.osc.gov/hatchact.htm.

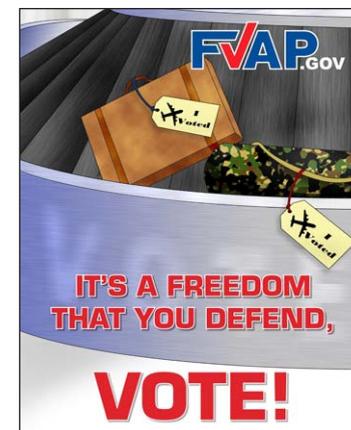
For questions related to voting ...

The installation voting assistance officer at West Point is Gene Hickman, who can be reached at 938-3722. His office is located in the Education Center, Bldg. 683 (between Subway and the Fitness Center).

Absentee voting made easier

By Spc. Bryan Willis
19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command

The Army Voting Assistance Program is designed to make registration, voting information, materials and assistance readily available to all eligible Army voters. The program seeks to educate eligible voters about the importance of voting and provide every opportunity to register.



U.S. GOVERNMENT GRAPHIC

"2012 is a crucial year for the nation as a whole, especially in our military community. Exercise your right as a Soldier and vote," Lt. Col. Rajesh Lobrecht, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command deputy G-1, voting assistance officer, said.

January 2012 is an important month for military and overseas voters because it marks the beginning of a new year and, due to recent changes to federal and state laws, servicemembers overseas are now encouraged to complete registration every year.

"I have always voted in the past, but this is the first time I will cast an absentee ballot," Spc. Tabatha Mazyck, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, said.

Registering is easy. Potential voters can go to www.fvap.gov/ and click on 'servicemember or family of a servicemember.' The next screen will require voters to pick a home state to get specific information regarding absentee voting in that state.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program website has a 'frequently asked question' section that can help guide first-time users of the site.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

1	3	9	8	2	4	6	5	7
7	4	8	5	9	6	2	1	3
6	2	5	1	3	7	8	4	9
2	6	7	3	4	9	1	8	5
9	8	4	2	1	5	7	3	6
3	5	1	7	6	8	9	2	4
4	9	2	6	5	1	3	7	8
8	1	6	4	7	3	5	9	2
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Cadet candidates from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School stand in formation before going to classes inside the newly built USMAPS building. The prep school moved from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to West Point last May. The cadet candidates were initially bussed each day to central post for classes, but are now enjoying a less stressful routine since the classrooms were completed in November.

USMAPS finishes first semester in new building

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School's new construction is near completion with the final touches of locker rooms, auditorium and some offices expected to be completed today. USMAPS, located at Fort Monmouth, N.J., from 1975 until May 2011, closed due to the Base Realignment and Closure act in 2005.

The last graduating USMAPS class at Fort Monmouth was May 16, 2011.

The new USMAPS building broke ground at West Point in July 2009 and sits where the fuel point for the motor pool once was located just inside the entrance to West Point from Washington Gate.

"It was a team effort when we were moving here," Lt. Col. Michael Rounds, deputy commandant, said. "The Garrison and Dean's Office were a great help to us so we could open in time. We had to bring furniture from the old facility to here, but one thing we made sure to retrieve is the war memorial with names of West Point and USMAPS alumni who died from World War I. We added the names of those killed since 9/11."

Cadet candidates entered USMAPS last July while construction was still going on and endured some challenges through their first semester at their new location.

"The construction of the classrooms was not completed so we had to shuttle cadet candidates to Cullum Hall for classes," Rounds said. "The barracks, dining room and physical education areas were completed by the time the candidates arrived, but we still had to bus them to classes in the morning, back to USMAPS for lunch and again back to (Cullum Hall) for classes. It was a hassle."

Classrooms were completed in early November so now they attend classes at the facility.

"Going back and forth to classes at (central post) was time consuming," said cadet candidate Jordan Komm from Houston. "I'm glad to be staying here."

Komm is a prior service candidate and thinks USMAPS is helping him to transition into a military college.

"I applied myself to my work in high school, but going through the motions of actually studying is helping a lot," he said.

Komm said he had an older brother who attended West Point and the prep school, which encouraged him to apply.

"I'm not sure if I want to make a career out of the military," he said. "But I don't see any negatives yet. At this point, I'm interested in majoring in mechanical engineering, but that may change too."

Although Komm is a former private first class, he praised the cadet cadre who taught basic training.

"I was surprised at how well they did," he said. "Sometimes I would see something that wasn't quite what I was used to and take him/her aside to let him know. They were also willing to learn."

Cadet candidate Ashley Zeitvogel from Grand Forks, N.D., is a self-described "Army brat."

"I come from a military background," Zeitvogel said. "It's a tradition in my family going back to World War I. USMAPS has helped me a lot, especially with my study habits, which have gotten a lot better. The instructors are more available and the relationship with teachers is a lot different."

Zeitvogel said she almost wasn't sure during the USMAPS Reception Day if this was what she wanted.

"But I changed my mind when I went home and saw high

school classmates who were still living at home and going to college."

Cadet candidates, by design, don't have much association with West Point cadets.

"Cadets are very busy during the day, so I don't see a lot of interaction except during sport games," Col. Tyge Rugenstein, Commandant and Dean at USMAPS, said.

"The West Point Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Theodore Martin wanted a separation of cadets and cadet candidates. Basically, we treat the candidates as Soldiers. Professional interaction is allowed, such as during basic training when cadets trained the cadet candidates."

A grand opening for the USMAPS facility is being planned in the spring, once the landscaping is complete.



Cadet candidates enjoy breakfast at their dining facility located inside the newly-built USMAPS building.

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"In the future, what we want to be able to do is say 'take experiments.' While we are teaching class, we want to blur the classroom-laboratory experience; we want the cadets to come into a space where they not only see the information being presented but experience the science," Hartke said.

Lachance said oftentimes in colleges the lab is a separate course from the lecture.

"So there's a huge disconnect from the lecture and the lab experience," he said. "So here we can make that seamless. It's all about hands-on learning."

Merging the old with the new

The wall-to-wall chalkboards, a West Point standard, are installed in the classrooms along with the unique instructor benches that can support both chemistry and physics instruction. The backsides have built-in DC power supplies; natural gas and vacuum components; computers to run the projectors and connections to run other computerized equipment for classroom demonstrations. However, the chalkboards are noticeably absent in the classatories. The two that are completed in the chemistry section instead have tablet computers. Lachance said it will take some adjusting to a new way of doing business.

"You can capture board work digitally on them, send it to your shared drive and bring it back up on your computer later on," Lachance said. "Even instructors have to work around that change of methodology because they're used to boards."

The Photonics Research Center—Hartke's proving ground—houses a high-energy laser with a kilowatt of power.

"Cadets are using this to model and determine whether or not a laser can shoot down a mortar," Hartke said. "We have the ability to burn through metal with this, so when cadets have a model of how that would react we can secure the metal, shoot the laser at it and determine if our model was correct."

The new optics classroom has an adjoining optics learning laboratory.

"So while I'm having a class in the one room, anytime during the lecture I can easily say, 'OK, let's go to the lab and see how that works,'" Hartke said. "We can walk into the next room, conduct an experiment and then go back to the lecture."

World-class research has a new home

Lachance said cadets and faculty have the knowledge and equipment to conduct cutting-edge research at West Point; but the problem was using modern technology and equipment in a facility that pre-dates World War I.

"In the end, we will have facilities that can support 21st century research," Lachance said. "We have been doing 21st century

research in facilities that can't support it. We've only been limited by the infrastructure, not by the equipment."

With a greater emphasis placed on research at the academy in recent years, the Science Center provides all the real estate needed to do so. Lachance said one only has to look at the cold lab, suitable for sub-zero degree experiments, or the tissue lab, a completely sterile lab environment, to see the benefits of the renovation.

"We will finally have the infrastructure to support some very state-of-the-art equipment," Lachance said. "With this Science Center being built we were able to then justify and get some equipment we never had access to before."

One example of this is the scanning electron microscope, which will be used to support nanotechnology research.

Safety First

The state-of-the-art facility would be nothing if it didn't include an equally impressive amount of safety features as well.

"This is an incredibly safe environment to conduct experiments; much bigger and safer," Hartke said. "I didn't have these kinds of laser curtains; I didn't have this amount of power available and so now we have an increased capability to do much more than ever before."

Hartke is particularly proud of the fact this new facility contains 61 fume hoods, a number that perhaps only scientists or science professors could assign adequate meaning to. Hartke explained that it's about safety and knowing that if any noxious or poisonous gasses arise from any experimentation, these hoods will immediately eliminate the threat ... and there are 61 of them ready to do the job.

"I would challenge any university that has a building this size to have more," Hartke said. "It's a significant number."

The antiterrorism force protection and seismic upgrades are regulatory requirements for renovations and account for almost 40 percent of the total cost of the building. Each window is double-paned, with the original exterior window dating back to the 1960s, and the added protection of a blast window on the inside. Another 12-14 inches of concrete was added to the interior walls on each level for seismic requirements.

Construction continues ...

With the north wing completed, demolition and construction will soon begin on the other side of Bartlett Hall. The south and east wings are slated first for renovation, with the west wing expected to begin work in the summer of 2014. When the entire project is completed by 2016, the Science Center will house the Department of Chemistry and Life Science in addition to the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, as well as four research



The windows allow passers-by to see classroom and laboratory activity like this group of cadets receiving initial instruction in an introductory chemistry class. The concept is called "making science visible."

centers and elements of the academy's Special Collections and Archives.

The origin of the Science Center can be traced back to 1965 when the Corps of Cadets doubled in size and a need for additional space to teach science became an issue.

Lachance can still walk into the same science lab today he used as a cadet in 1985. For many years, it became a matter of making do with the space available and configurations sometimes required a little creativity.

"What they would have to do is shoehorn a lab facility in a building that wasn't designed for one," Lachance said. "It's a no-control environment, so you'd have this guy over here trying to grow bugs that can't grow because it's too hot or too cold."

To say that space was tight would be an understatement. Cadets studying physiology would take exercise bikes in the hallways and staircases to conduct research. Visual aids would be stockpiled in cabinets, only to see daylight when needed. Now, the bikes and all the plastic skeletons, body parts and research equipment are on display.

Several configurations were considered before it was eventually determined to build a new library—the Jefferson Hall Library—and overhaul the old one to make room for a

science center. Retired Col. David C. Allbee, the former head of C&LS, who helped establish the Photonics Research Center and served as its first director, is largely credited with supplying the vision of the Science Center.

"It was Col. Allbee who kept that vision alive and kept the fire burning through it all," Hartke said. "Col. Lachance and I, we were just here to bring it home. It was really Col. Allbee's vision and perseverance that allowed this all to happen."

Many more people have contributed over the years to make the Science Center a reality, to include the contracted architects, Corps of Engineers and West Point directorates, staff and faculty.

"There have been and still are many people here responsible for this great addition to the USMA landscape," Lachance said. "They deserve a lot of credit and I look forward to seeing them recognized when we officially open this north wing in the coming weeks."



MORE ABOUT THE SCIENCE CENTER

- Outside the northeast entrance, above the tunnel area, once read “U.S. Military Academy Library.” In due time, it will read “U.S. Military Academy Science Center.” The delay resulted from difficulty in matching the particular font. According to Vincent J. Galletto, the project manager with Consigli Construction Co., Inc., it was recently identified as the Optima Nova font, which is also used in signage at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The font will be slightly customized to match the original lettering from the library.

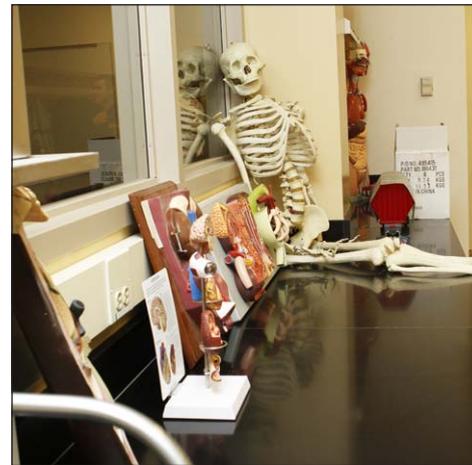
- One classroom in the Science Center was already christened last semester, as cadets in the mathematical physics course (PH363) took their term-end exam there.

- The first tenant to receive new office space in the north wing was the Nuclear Science and Engineering Research Center. NSERC, part of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, is a DOD agency responsible for combating weapons of mass destruction. Although not attached to the U.S. Military Academy, they provide AIADs and cadet and faculty research projects.

- Along with NSERC, three other research centers will benefit from the renovated real estate after construction is complete—the Photonics Research Center, Space and Missile Defense Command-Research and Analysis Center and the Center for Molecular Science.



Cadets will also have access to and from the Science Center through the adjoining tunnel leading to Thayer Hall, without having to cross the street anymore. In the middle of this passageway is a wall mural depicting historical events. In the center, the head of Abraham Lincoln stands out and it was a tradition for cadets passing by to rub the head for luck. Most of the Corps of Cadets never had that opportunity, Lt. Col. John Hartke said, and he hopes it will be a tradition restored once the plywood is removed from the mural.



(Above) The new tissue lab features automatic doors and decontamination chamber for a completely sterile research environment. (Left) Another example of “making science visible” are the visual aids inside the classrooms. Oftentimes these were stockpiled inside cabinets and brought out when needed. The new classrooms have enough space for visual aids to be displayed permanently. In this physiology classroom, a row of exercise bikes allow cadets to conduct their research right in the classroom. Instructors said that due to cramped space, some cadets previously did their research in the hallways.

Young artists display talents at Fine Arts Festival

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Community youths displayed their artwork Jan. 6 at the Children, Middle School and Teen Center for the ninth annual Fine Arts Festival.

Child, Youth and School Age Services and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America host the annual festival.

“Children submit one piece of art per category per age group,” Maureen Harter, West Point Middle School Teen Director, said. “We had 132 submissions this year that were judged by the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation marketing department. Artists selected as finalists will go on to the regional competitions sometime this spring.”

A total of 15 youths were selected as finalists in the various age groups and art categories.

The artist submitted works in eight different categories including watercolor, oil and acrylic, collages, sculpture and mixed media.

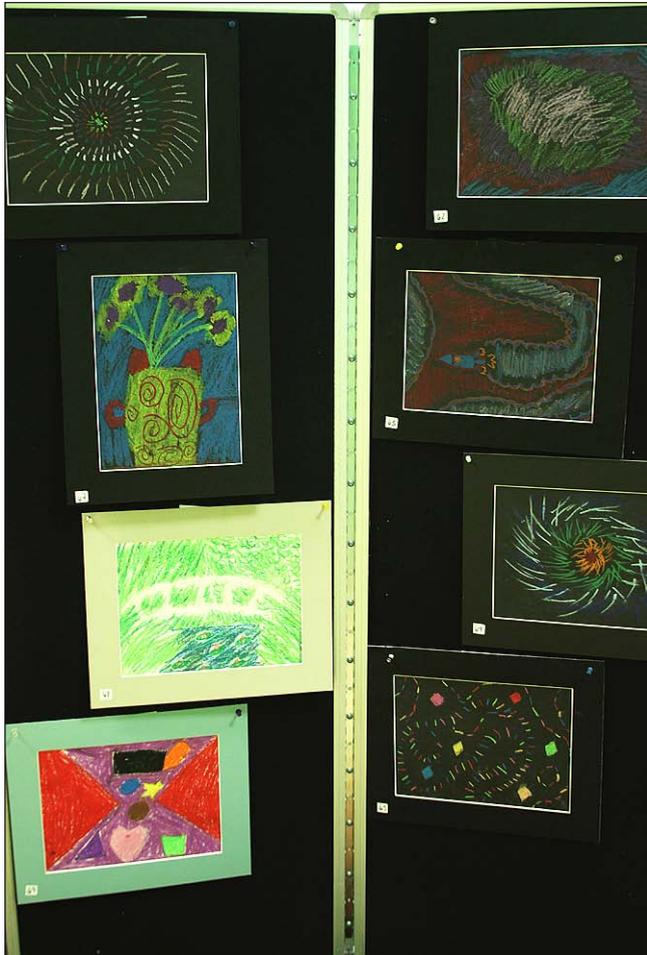
The National Fine Arts Exhibit Program is a year-round program sponsored by the BGCA to encourage artistic expression among club members ages 6-18.

The arts exhibit begins at the local level and is judged by local judges.

Those selected for the Regional exhibits are judged by a panel of judges who select works to be displayed in the National Fine Arts Exhibit and at BGCA events throughout the year, including the national conference.



The Hirtz family, from left to right, Grayson, Colby and Cameron, check out one of the exhibits at the Youth Services Fine Arts Competition Jan. 6. The Boys and Girls Clubs of America Fine Arts Program is run year-round and encourages artistic expression among club members ages 6-18 through drawing, painting, print making, collage, mixed media and sculpture. The art is displayed locally and those chosen as finalists will advance to the regional and then to national competitions.



Artwork is displayed at the 9th annual Fine Arts Festival Jan. 6, sponsored by the West Point Child, Youth and School Age Services and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America at the CYSS Middle School and Teen Center. Finalist will advance to the regional competition this spring.

FMWR Blurbs

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 are to be announced.

For more information, call 938-4637.

Life EDGE! "A Little Class of Etiquette"

Be prepared for the upcoming CYSS Father and Daughter Dance. Life EDGE! offers etiquette classes for a fee for grades K-5 every Tuesday from Jan. 31-Feb. 21 at the Lee Area CDC.

For more information and to enroll, contact Parent Central at 938-4458/0939.



AFAP delegates conference

AFAP delegates wanted

Do you want to serve as an AFAP delegate?

As a delegate, you will review issues submitted for the Army Family Action Plan Conference Feb. 22-24.

The conference is open to Soldiers, retirees, their family members, DOD civilians and youth. Applications must be submitted by Friday.

For more information, call 938-3655 or go to westpointmwr.com/afap.

What's your bright idea?

Submit an issue to the Army Family Action Plan.

If you have a suggestion for how the Army can improve your quality of life, we want to hear about it. AFAP is your avenue for results.

Issues will be reviewed and prioritized at the annual installation AFAP conference in February.

Issue forms can be submitted anonymously.

To submit an issue, drop an issue form at an issue box located at various locations around post (Keller, ACS, Exchange, Commissary) or visit www.westpointmwr.com/afap.htm to submit online.

Issues are due no later than Friday. Call 938-3655 or email christina.overstreet@usma.edu for additional information.

Community Swim Program Hours

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Swim Program hours of operation for January are noon-1:30

p.m. Monday-Saturday and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

There will be no swim hours Saturday, Monday and Jan. 21.

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

SKIES feedback survey

Please help West Point Child, Youth and School Age Services with feedback regarding the SKIES Program.

Complete our survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZCWVHW9.

ACS Relocation Readiness class

Whether you are moving in or moving out, come to the ACS class available to make your transition easier held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

- PCS Workshop: Smooth Moves—9-10 a.m., Jan. 19.

For more information and to register, call 938-3487.

CYSS Talent Show for Teens

The West Point Middle School Teen Center, in partnership with Balfour Beatty Communities, is hosting a talent show for teens in grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20.

There are prizes for first, second and third place.

For more information, call 938-3727/3208.

Sunday Brunch at the Club

Enjoy a traditional brunch in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 22.

Try the club's new omelet station, carving station and delicious desserts.

For more information, call 938-5120.

The Yuengling Beer Dinner at the Club

Enjoy a four-course pairing meal with live entertainment from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 27 during the Yuengling Beer Dinner.

The Lee CDC will be open for Parents Night Out.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Arts & Crafts Winter Class Schedule

Arts & Crafts classes for adults will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. The upcoming classes include:

- Ceramic class, home décor items—Jan. 26;

- Stained glass class, Valentine heart decoration—Feb. 2;

- Ceramic painting class, border painting technique—Feb. 9.

CYSS Gettysburg Study Group

The CYSS Gettysburg Study Group club will meet from 3-4 p.m. Wednesdays at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 500.

Learn about the Civil War and the Battle of Gettysburg. The group is limited to youths in grades 8-10.

To register for this club, call 938-3727.

NEW INFO

Community Skate Program Hours

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Community Skate Program hours of operation for January are 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 and 29.

Admission is free but patrons must provide their own skates.

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



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.

Pre-registration begins Feb. 1 at the Ski Sales Office.

For details, call 938-8810.

CYSS Parent's Night Out

CYSS is hosting a "Parent's Night Out" Jan. 27. Drop off your children at Stony CDC from 6-11 p.m. and enjoy some time for yourself.

A small fee applies. Children must be registered with CYSS and be 6 weeks-10 years old to participate.

Reservations are required no later than Jan. 20.

For more information, call 938-3921.

ACS January events and classes

The ACS Mobilization and Deployment branch is hosting various classes in January.

- Enjoy a Hearts Apart Family Fun Night from 6-8 p.m. Friday with a Patriotic Pajama Party.

This event is for families with a deployed Soldier.

- Learn Master Resiliency Training because it takes more than an apple a day to keep the doctor away.

The training is scheduled from 12-12:50 p.m. Jan. 27 and Feb. 29.

Learn how to enhance your resilience, effectiveness and well-being by attending.

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

CYSS presents I'm Alone Training

The idea of staying "home alone" can be exciting but it also is different than being home with other family members around.

The training will be held for children 11 years old and up from 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Lee Area CDC.

To register, call Parent Central at 938-4798/0939

Bride's Brunch at the West Point Club

Bride's Brunch will be held from 12- 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.

Free admission for brides with wedding receptions booked with the Club.

There is a nominal fee for guests.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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Sunday, January 15 3:00 p.m.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre

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What's Happening

DUSA grants

Daughters of the U.S. Army Community Welfare Grant applications are now available at the West Point Museum Gift Shop. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 15.

For more information, contact DUSAgants@gmail.com.

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.

For more information, email westpointwomensclub@gmail.com.

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 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.

Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is

offering free computer courses.

The courses include Microsoft Office 2007 software such as Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and SharePoint 2010. Other courses offered are Computer Hardware and Software Orientation and a Keyboard Typing Skills Lab.

Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room 414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27.

Courses are open to cadets, USMAPS cadet candidates and computer users from any USMA activity.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu.

For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

Martin Luther King Jr. observance

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will be hosting the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

This year's guest speaker is Eduardo Perez, former Miami Marlins batting coach and current ESPN baseball analyst.

The theme is "Celebrate, Act, Remember—A Day On, Not a Day Off."

Point of contacts for the event are 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key, HHC first sergeant, at 938-2508; Master Sgt. Joe Willis, USMA Equal Opportunity Advisor, at 938-7082; and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Morgan, USCC Equal Opportunity Advisor, at 938-8456.

Gift Shop hours change

The West Point Association of Graduates Gift Shop has changed its hours to 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The gift shop is located in Herbert Hall, 698 Mills Road.

DUSA Continuing Education Grant applications

Society of the Daughters of the U.S. Army Continuing

Education Grant applications are now available at the DUSA Gift Shop located inside the West Point Museum, 2110 South Post Road.

Grant applications are available to 2011-12 DUSA members (must be a member by Sept. 30, 2011) and completed applications are due by Feb. 3.

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.

NEW INFO

Modern Warfare Tactics in Civil War

Retired U.S. Army Reserve Col. Joe Cerreto will talk on "The Generals who initiated Modern Warfare Tactics in the Civil War," at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Little Red Schoolhouse, 297 Locust Ave., Cortlandt Manor.

The program is free to the public.

For more information, contact Bob Foley at (914) 528-5192 or email writefocus@aol.com.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC begins its first week of Bible studies from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the Post Chapel on Biddle Loop.

All women are encouraged to come out for a time of encouragement, fellowship and Bible studies.

There are five studies to choose from. Childcare is provided.

An "evening" Bible study on the book of James also 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.

Faculty development workshop

The Faculty Development Committee, in conjunction with the West Point Center for Teaching Excellence, will present a workshop on Effective Practices in Online Education and Distance Learning at West Point.

The workshop is from 12:50-3:30 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Haig Room Jefferson Hall.

USMA faculty and staff are invited to attend all or part of the workshop. For further information, contact Col. Mark Toole at 938-3510.

WPWC 2012 Scholarship Applications available

Applications for the 2012 West Point Womens' Club scholarships are available now at www.westpointwomensclub.shutterfly.com.

They must be received or postmarked by March 2.

For questions, contact Bernadette Champine at bernwilder@hotmail.com or 978-930-5155.

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.

SHARP Response Team

24/7 Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

- Shelley Ariosto, Garrison: 914-382-8041;
- Maj. Missy Rosol, USCC: 845-401-3476;
- Lt. Col. Linda Emerson, Diversity Officer: 845-590-1249;
- Dr. Stephanie Marsh, USMAPS: 845-938-1171.

Support or More Information

- DoD SafeHelpline: 877-995-5247;
- www.safehelpline.org.

24/7 Victim Advocacy

- Dan Toohey, Installation: 914-382-8180;
- Lt. Col. Ed Supplee, Center for Personal Development: 845-591-7215;
- On-call Behavioral Health: 845-938-4004;
- Duty Chaplain: 845-401-8171.

Keller Corner

Walgreens leaves the TRICARE Pharmacy Network

Effective Jan. 1, Walgreens pharmacies are no longer part of the TRICARE retail pharmacy network.

Beneficiaries who fill prescriptions at Walgreens will now pay 100 percent of the cost and will need to file a paper claim for non-network benefit reimbursement (with a higher cost share). Alerts and more information can be found at www.tricare.mil/walgreens.

KACH outpatient clinic closure

All outpatient clinics, laboratory, pharmacy and radiology will be closed Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Day.

The emergency room will remain open.

Free Developmental/Hearing Screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help.

If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, please join KACH at our free Developmental/Hearing Screenings.

The screenings will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 7 at the Lee CDC (140 Buckner Loop) in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point School for ages birth to 5 years old.

Screenings are by appointment only, so call at 938-2698/6868 to schedule.

Winter's Here—Tips for Safe Snow Shoveling

Submitted by the West Point Safety Office

Now that winter is upon us, one job that we will face is cleaning up after a snowfall. Although it seems like a simple task, many optimistic shovelers end up visiting the emergency room or urgent care center because they take on more than they can handle.

Those with back problems or serious health issues should not attempt to shovel snow. A back injury can be caused or re-aggravated by the strenuous lifting required to move snow.

Others who should check with their doctors before shoveling snow are those with high blood pressure, a history of heart trouble or are overweight.

Some tips to minimize the risk of injury when shoveling snow this winter include:

- Stretch out before shoveling to help reduce the odds of muscle strain;
- Use a lightweight shovel with an ergonomic handle;
- Scoop snow using a forward motion and never twist or rotate your body when tossing snow;
- Take small loads of snow;
- Bend at the knees and lift using your leg muscles, not your back;
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion. Stop, standup straight and give yourself a short breather every 10 minutes and remember to re-hydrate periodically;

- If the forecast is for snow to turn to rain or for the temperature to rise above freezing, shovel snow before it becomes saturated to reduce the weight of each shovelful.

Shoveling is strenuous and can raise your blood pressure and heart rate significantly. If you experience any chest pain or dizziness, stop shoveling immediately and dial 911 to obtain medical assistance.

DPW NOTES

Construction site safety rules

Two major construction projects (West Point Middle School and Keller Army Community Hospital) were started last month, so community members need to remember these two major work sites when travelling in and around these locations.

There are inherent dangers on construction sites, some that may not be readily visible to unauthorized community members encroaching on the site.

All community members are reminded to stay clear of construction vehicles and outside of any construction site area. Also, remind children/youth that construction sites are not playgrounds and should not be entered.

Entry into either construction site requires the appropriate personal protective equipment and other safety measures, a reason to be at the site and an authorized escort.

Visitors to either site must check in at the project construction office trailers to ensure that all safety and PPE is used. They will be escorted while at the site. Unauthorized visitors will be stopped by construction personnel and escorted off the site.

Do not risk injury by entering sites without authorization. Visitors with business at either site need to contact the Directorate of Public Works project manager Leigh Ann Lelyveld at 938-6441 prior to entry.

For additional information, contact DPW Customer Relations at 938-0300.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752
Friday—J. Edgar, R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Muppets, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—New Year's Eve, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

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

Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 12-19

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 19
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 19
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Get to Know your Resident Day**—In appreciation of our residents, stop by, say hello and enjoy a continental breakfast with us from 7:30-10 a.m. Jan. 19 at 132 Bartlett Loop.

• **Talent Show**—The West Point Middle School Teen Center, in partnership with BBC, is hosting a talent show for teens in grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20.

There are prizes for first, second and third place. The winners will receive gift cards from BBC.

POINTER VIEW

If you have a story idea to share or a story and photos you want considered for publication in the *Pointer View*, contact Managing Editor Eric S. Bartelt at 938-2015 or email at eric.bartelt@usma.edu.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

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

Difficulty: Medium

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

FRAUD, WASTE and ABUSE HOTLINE

If you suspect or know someone who either is committing, or has committed, any type of fraud against the U.S. government in the West Point or surrounding area, report it by calling the Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline at 938-3158.

Army Track and Field makes early strides at Crowell Open

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army track and field hosted the Crowell Open at Gillis Field House Jan. 6-7, opening the 2012 season in successful fashion. Seniors Chris Jones and Tom Wagner led the Black Knights, each winning a pair of event titles. No team scores were kept at the annual indoor meet which featured more than 700 entrants from more than 25 schools and clubs.

Jones, competing in the 500-meter dash for the first time in his career, won the event with a time of 1:04.62. He led Army's one-two punch in the event as sophomore Chris Smith captured second place when he crossed the line at 1:05.95, establishing a career-best time. Jones' 500-meter time ranks first in the Patriot League this season.

Jones then followed with a victory in the 1,000-meter run, finishing in 2:32.41, besting the runner-up by nearly two seconds.

Wagner, a four-time Patriot League champion, collected a pair of jumping titles Jan. 7, winning the high jump and triple jump. The Clinton, N.Y., native won the high jump with a height of 2.04 meters, while capturing the triple jump with a distance of 14.20 meters. Classmate Fred Beebe placed second behind Wagner in the triple jump, recording a 14.03-meter jump to open the season.

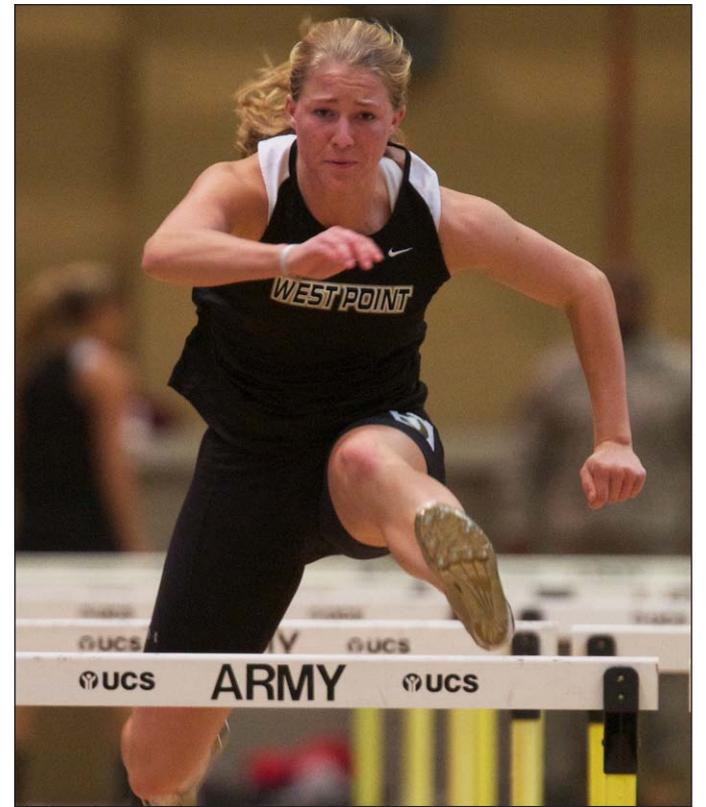
Senior Grady Davis also recorded a career-best mark on the day with his winning distance in the weight throw. Davis took first with a distance of 16.11 meters and was followed in second place by junior Nick Snoad who launched a career-high 16.09 meters.

On the women's side, Army had strong showings in the 1,000-meter run as well as the 3,000-meter run. Senior Shalela Dowdy took first in the 1,000 meters, finishing in 3:10.04. Dowdy was followed in second place by newcomer Jennifer Comfort. Comfort crossed the line in 3:11.10 in her first collegiate race.

In the 3,000 meters, freshman Lisa Junta won the event with a mark of 10:13.32. Junta was followed by Army cross country teammates Chelsea Prah and Marcie Nordt. Prah placed second with a time of 10:22.21, while Nordt finished in third by crossing the line in 10:29.27.

Senior captain Christie Johnson also opened 2012 in convincing fashion, winning the high jump with a mark of 1.65 meters, while also capturing second place in the pentathlon with 3,037 points. The high jump height ranks first in the Patriot League this season.

Army returns to competition Saturday when Lehigh, Monmouth, Columbia, Williams and Rider visit West Point's Gillis Field House for the Black Knights' first team-scoring meet of the season. Events are slated to begin at 1 p.m.



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Simmers earns Player of the Week honors

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Two days after authoring one of the finest performances of any player in the conference this season, junior guard Anna Simmers was rewarded with Anaconda Patriot League Player of the Week honors Monday.

She added Army Athletic Association Athlete of the Week honors Monday morning as well.

Simmers' 27 points in a 67-64 win over Bucknell were not only a career high for the Alaska native, but also marked the most by any Patriot League player this season. Seventeen of her 27 points came in the second half, including Army's final six tallies of the contest as it evaded a Bison comeback to begin the Patriot League season with a 1-0 record.

While scoring six points over the final 3:38, perhaps Simmers' biggest play of the afternoon occurred with 57 seconds left when she stripped Bucknell's top shooter, Shelby Romine, and denied the Bison a chance to take the lead for the first time in the second half.

Instead, Simmers' layup on the Black Knights' next possession resulted in a 66-63 cushion with 30 seconds remaining. She went on to hit the front end of a one-and-one situation with 13 seconds remaining to seal



Junior Anna Simmers

Army's first victory in seven games. Simmers led all players in scoring at Bucknell, but also paced Army with 14 points at Bryant Jan. 3. She averaged 20.5 points and 4.5 rebounds per game last week. She shot 40.5 percent (15-of-37) from the field and 66.7 percent (4-of-6) from three-point range over two games last week.

She is the third different Army player to garner conference honors this season.

Habecker wins at HITS

Nineteen cadets traveled to Naples, Fla., Jan. 6-7 to compete in the inaugural HITS series Olympic triathlon. Junior Alex Habecker was the overall winner of the race and set the course record for the men. Sophomore Jessica Clay was the top female finisher in the race and set the women's record. Habecker, junior Brian Trainor and freshman Norris Overly recorded 1st-3rd place in the military men's division. Juniors Kelly Kingma and Sarah Haight and sophomore Rachel Phillips earned 1st-3rd place in military women's division.



PHOTOS BY DAN WEBSTER

