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West Point celebrates MLK legacy

Several students recognized for "Strength in Diversity" essays



The guest speaker for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. observance Tuesday at the West Point Club was Eduardo Perez, a second-generation baseball player and All-American athlete.

By Lt. Col. Kay Emerson
USMA Adjutant General

West Point celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and legacy Tuesday with nearly 400 in attendance at the West Point Club for the annual observance luncheon.

The guest speaker, Eduardo Perez, a second-generation baseball player and All-American athlete, spoke about leadership in a multi-cultural environment based upon his experience in playing, coaching and managing baseball teams. He is an accomplished athlete currently serving as the Miami Marlins batting coach. As a respected leader and media personality, he has worked and traveled abroad in a profession that has made great strides of its own in diversity and inclusion.

"When I think of Dr. King, I think of a man who enjoyed emotional intensity," Perez said. "I think of a man who was attracted to the mysterious, to the unknown and to the challenging experiences. I believe that everything Dr. King did was motivated by the challenges around him and around society."

The West Point Middle School provided seven entrants to the West Point Equal Opportunity Essay Contest on the subject of "Strength in Diversity." The observance planning committee, chaired by 1st Sgt. Dwayne Key, HHC first sergeant, selected Heather Graham as the overall winner. Some attendees said Heather's message on segregation provided a passionate and confident context to the event.

The sixth grader concluded her essay with this thought about diversity:



West Point celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work and legacy Tuesday during the annual observation luncheon at the West Point Club. Middle school students submitted essay and posters prior to the event in a contest sponsored by the West Point Equal Opportunity Office. Col. Michael Tarsa, garrison commander, presented certificates of appreciation to the essayists. The students pictured with Tarsa are, from left, Anika Florsheim, overall essay winner Heather Graham and Liam Ebner.

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"If you give it some thought, it would be awful if we were all the same people. At school, if we all knew everything and knew the exact same way to get to that answer it would not be interesting. What if we had the same opinions, we would all agree on the same thing. But thank God there are different people in this world ..."

Col. Mike Tarsa presented certificates of appreciation to the winning essay authors.

Students from the West Point Elementary and Middle Schools, and James I. O'Neill High School provided posters highlighting Dr. King's life and work. The posters will be on display in the West Point Commissary following the observance.

Dr. Rasheed Hosein, assistant professor of history, provided the invocation. The Cadet Jewish Chapel Choir and Cadet Gospel Choir performed musical selections in tribute to Dr. King, to include the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing," originally written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson to celebrate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office and the William

E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic hosted the observance at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

The national recurring theme of this holiday is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ... Not A Day Off." It calls upon the American people to engage in public service and promote nonviolent social change. Dr. King's unfinished movement toward equality can be achieved by our united, enduring efforts. His philosophy of nonviolent confrontation held that nonviolence is a way of life for the courageous, and that change comes as a result of education, commitment, direct action and reconciliation has left an indelible mark on the history and psyche of this nation.

On Aug. 23, 1994, Congress passed the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and Service Act, designating the King Holiday as a day of volunteer service. Executive Order 13401, dated April 27, 2006, further delineates responsibilities of Federal agencies with respect to humanitarian efforts on the King Holiday.



Hazing

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You should be aware of recent allegations of hazing within the ranks of our Armed Forces, and we want to take this opportunity to clearly address these troubling reports. We echo the emphasis that Secretary of Defense Panetta and Chairman Dempsey have placed on this matter. Every Army professional has a personal obligation to prevent hazing and ensure that we treat all of our comrades in arms with dignity and respect.

Hazing is not compatible with Army Values. The very foundation of what we do depends on trust, and trust depends on the treatment of all Soldiers with dignity and respect by fellow Soldiers and leaders. Without this, our profession is placed in jeopardy, our readiness suffers and our mission success is at risk.

Hazing, in any form, has no place in our Army and will not be tolerated. This applies at all levels to all Active, Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Civilians and contractors. This is not new. Hazing has been explicitly prohibited by Army Regulation 600-20 and the Uniform Code of Military Justice for many years. Individuals who participate in, allow or condone hazing may be subject to disciplinary action that may include nonjudicial punishment or court-martial.

We recognize that leaders must enforce standards and exercise strong leadership and that this may include organizing team-building activities. This does not, however, allow for any activity that crosses the line and results in an abuse of power and deliberate humiliation. Effective leaders must never participate in, allow or condone hazing. We expect every member of the Army, military and civilian, to vigilantly guard against any form of hazing and to report any incident of hazing to the chain of command.

As stated by Secretary Panetta, this has a direct impact on force readiness. At this point in our Nation's history, the stakes are simply too high for us to fail. Our professional values are one of the essential components that make us who we are – the best Army in the world and the Strength of the Nation. Army Strong!

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Ready to file? West Point Tax Center opens Jan. 31

By West Point Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Tax season has arrived and the West Point Office of the Staff Judge Advocate offers tax advice, preparation and filing at no cost to all eligible beneficiaries.

The Tax Center is operated by staff and volunteers from the community. All preparers are trained and certified to prepare federal tax returns by the Internal Revenue Service. The staff has also received training from the New York State Department of Revenue. Additionally, the staff is able to file state tax returns in all 50 states, and assist taxpayers to determine the appropriate state to which they owe state income tax in light of various state and federal laws.

Taxpayers should wait to make an appointment until they have all their tax documents together. 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.

Last year, the Tax Center processed nearly 2,500 federal returns and more than 1,700 state returns, and it expects an increase in clients this year. Therefore, any taxpayer intending to use the West Point Tax Center should gather the necessary documents as soon as possible and schedule an appointment. Taxpayers should be wary of commercial services offering refund anticipation loans, as these loans are simply high interest loans that significantly reduce a taxpayer's tax refund. The West Point Tax Center is free of charge 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.

The Tax Center will open Jan. 31 and operate until April 17. 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.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-5920.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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5	7	1	4	3	8	6	9	2
8	9	2	7	1	6	5	3	4
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Bridge Design Contest to challenge students

By the USMA Center for STEM Education and American Society of Civil Engineers

In response to the President's "Educate to Innovate" program and the nation's call to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), the U.S. Military Academy's Center for STEM Education and the American Society of Civil Engineers are excited to announce the launch of the 2012 West Point Bridge Design Contest.

The purpose of this high technology, interactive, Internet-based competition is to provide middle school and high school students with a realistic, engaging introduction to engineering through designing structurally accurate bridges using an award winning software program.

The contest website is <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu>.

The qualifying round of the contest runs through March 1. Anyone may enter, but only U.S. students age 13 through grade 12

are eligible to compete for prizes. Students may compete individually or in teams of two. Participation is free.

This year, West Point and the U.S. Naval Academy are also offering a special Army/Navy contest for 6th and 7th grade students.

Each member of the winning team will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, and each finalist will receive a notebook computer.

To enter, students should: (1) Form a team, (2) Download and install the award-winning West Point Bridge Designer software, which is available for free from the contest website, (3) Use this software to design a bridge, and (4) Return to the contest website to register and to upload the bridge design for judging.

The website will provide immediate feedback about each contestant's current standing. Contestants may submit as many designs as they wish.

Teachers and engineering professionals who wish to run a local bridge design contest in conjunction with the national competition should visit <http://bridgecontest.usma.edu/local.htm> for instructions.



Aviation Night

Class of 2012 cadets who branched aviation visited the 2nd Aviation Flight Detachment Jan. 12. The cadets were able to look at the unit's aircraft and equipment, but more importantly, they asked the pilots and crew chiefs about their experiences in the different aviation platforms and missions.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO



Band on the March

The West Point Band presented "West Point on the March: World Famous Marches by Sousa and Friends" Sunday to an enthusiastic audience at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. The audience sang and whistled along as the band performed favorites from "Star Wars" and "Harry Potter" as well as patriotic classics "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy." During the performance, Don Hahn, a devoted fan of the band, was recognized for assisting Lt. Col. Jim Keene's program. Hahn and his wife, Ida, were honored for their dedication to the band, as they have been attending concerts regularly for more than 30 years.

STAFF SGT. CHRISSY CLARK/WEST POINT BAND

Future Army leaders making the difference

By Britney Walker
Keller Army Community Hospital Public Affairs

With the common bond of pride in their country and a strong belief in its founding principles of duty and honor, cadets did their part to support Soldiers during the annual Armed Services Blood Drive Jan. 9-12.

"I usually come out and give blood every time we have a blood drive," Class of 2014 Cadet Zach Langhans said. "This simple act really makes a difference in Soldiers' lives around the world. I'm glad I can help."

The blood drive is one of many across the country that helps provide quality blood products for servicemembers and their families in both peace and war. As a joint operation among the military services, the Armed Services Blood Program has many components working together to collect, process, store, distribute and transfuse blood worldwide.

"We are proud to support this effort," West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., said. "It is critical to the success of our forces around the world and our veterans."

Due to many servicemembers being ineligible to donate because of overseas

deployments, the ASBP is limited to collecting blood only on military installations, ships, Reserve Officer Training Corps programs or other federal locations. As a result, a bulk of their blood supply comes from the Corps of Cadets, according to an Armed Services Blood Program representative.

"Our nation's Soldiers deploy into combat worldwide to accomplish a myriad of missions, and, unfortunately, sometimes are severely wounded and need blood products," Col. Beverly Land, Keller Army Community Hospital commander, said. "With that said, it is only right that we, the Army community, do our part to ensure there is an adequate supply of blood available for those injured in battle."

In 2011, the cadets donated 2,194 units of blood. Of this number, 845 units were shipped to Iraq and Afghanistan, and 1,055 units were sent to military and Veterans Administration hospitals, according to Mary Mandia, Keller Army Community Hospital Blood Drive coordinator.

"This is one of the biggest blood drives we have here at the U.S. Military Academy," Mandia said. "We had the highest blood donation on record since March 2003."

For more information about the blood drive or ways to donate, visit www.militaryblood.dod.mil/default.aspx.



Class of 2014 Cadet Zach Langhans provides a thumbs up while donating blood during the annual Armed Services Blood Drive Jan. 9-12 at Eisenhower Hall.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Parachute Team tests skills in competition

By Class of 2014 Cadet David Caskey and Class of 2013 Cadet Ben Garlick

The West Point Parachute Team is known for its role in jumping the game ball into Michie Stadium at Army football games and performing demonstrations onto the Plain following parades.

The Parachute Team trains all year with the goal of perfecting its precision accuracy and flying abilities for competition.

During the holiday leave, the team put its abilities to the test when the group competed in the U.S. Parachute Association National Collegiate Parachuting Championships Dec. 29-Jan. 1 at Skydive, Ariz., located roughly 60 miles southeast of Phoenix.

The cadets brought home a total of 12 medals and set a number of USPA National and Arizona State records.

The competition pitted West Point skydivers against those from colleges across the nation, including the Air Force and Naval academies, Georgia Tech, Virginia Tech and the University of Connecticut.

Upon their arrival in Arizona after completing term end exams, the cadets spent a week logging training jumps and prepared for the competition in the indoor wind tunnel.

Throughout the competition, cadets competed in Classic Accuracy, Sport Accuracy, 4-Way and 6-Way Speed Formation Skydiving and 2-Way Vertical Formation Skydiving.

In both accuracy events, competitors are judged by how far they land from a given target. In Classic Accuracy, competitors fly large accuracy and demonstration canopies as they aim to land as close as possible to a two-centimeter target, or roughly the size of a quarter, after exiting an aircraft at 3,500 feet. Scores are totaled over four rounds, with the smallest cumulative score earning the gold. Class of 2013 Cadet Kurt Yeager took gold in the Intermediate division of classic

accuracy, setting the USPA National and Arizona State record for overall performance in classic accuracy on a two-centimeter pad with a cumulative score of .17 meters over four rounds, while Class of 2013 Cadet Ben Garlick recorded the bronze with a cumulative score of .42 meters. Class of 2013 Cadet Andrew Lopez set the USPA National Record for most consecutive zeroes with one zero followed by a score of .05 meters.

In Team Classic Accuracy, which totals four jumpers' scores in order to produce a cumulative team score, Class of 2012 Cadets Chester Haner, Max Love, Benjamin Dratch and Class of 2013 Cadet Kurt Yeager won the silver medal with a cumulative score of 1.01 meters.

Sport Accuracy competitors fly smaller, faster canopies and aim for a 1.5 meters target. Class of 2012 Cadet Brett Jack was awarded the gold medal in the Masters category with a cumulative score of 6.01 meters and Class of 2012 Cadet Mark Atangan earned bronze in the Novice category.

In the formation skydiving events, teams of four to six jumpers exit together with the goal of building a set of prescribed formations while in freefall. In 4-Way formation skydiving, teams are tasked with repeating a set of three formations as many times as possible in 35 seconds. A camera flyer jumps with each team and records video of the dive and the judges award a point for each correctly built. The Firstie 4-Way team, comprised of Class of 2012 Cadets Chris Liggett, Dan Sullivan, Nick Luis and Brett Jack, earned the silver medal in the Open Category with an average of 20 points per round over six rounds, including a 33-point performance on one dive just shy of the collegiate record. In the 6-Way formation event, teams of six competitors exit the aircraft together and attempt to build a single prescribed formation as quickly as possible and hold the formation for five seconds. The



Medalists on the West Point Parachute Team pose for a photo following their success at the U.S. Parachute Association National Collegiate Parachuting Championships at Skydive, Ariz., Dec. 29-Jan. 1. The team returned to West Point with 12 medals along with an impressive number of USPA National and Arizona State records set during the collegiate competition. WEST POINT PARACHUTE TEAM PHOTO

West Point 6-Way teams put up a strong showing, but were ultimately bested by very strong performances from the Air Force Academy jumpers. Finally, Class of 2012 Cadets Pamela Baker and Thomas Eucker competed in the 2-Way Vertical Formation event, where competitors build formations flying vertically in the air as opposed to flying on their stomachs. These cadets averaged 12 points over their four rounds for the best

performance in their careers.

Following the competition, jumpers from each school joined forces to set the 32-Way Collegiate Sequential Big Way National Record. The jump required two aircraft to haul the many jumpers to 15,000 feet above the ground, where they exited and built a sequence of three separate points containing all 32 jumpers who were instructed and organized by West Point Coach Tom Falzone.



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.

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. Friday.

There are prizes for first, second and third place.

For more information, call 938-3727/3208.

CYSS Parent's Night Out

CYSS is hosting a "Parent's Night Out" Jan. 27 and Feb. 10. 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 Friday for Jan. 27 and Feb. 3 for the Feb. 10 date.

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 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.

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

Sunday Brunch at the Club

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

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

For more information, call 938-5120.

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 and Jan. 29.

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

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

CYSS presents I'm Alone Training

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

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

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

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:

- Paint your own Valentine pottery gift—Jan. 26;
- Stained glass class, Valentine heart decoration—Feb. 2;
- Ceramic painting class, border painting technique—Feb. 9;
- Ceramic class, design your own mug—Feb. 23.

Arts & Crafts classes for families with children will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays. The upcoming classes include:

- Paint your own Valentine pottery gift—Jan. 28;
- Family story time ceramic class, "Good night moon"—Feb. 11;
- Ceramic class, design your own mug—Feb. 25.

There is a minimal fee for the classes.

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

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 meal includes beer, potato cheddar soup, warm wild mushroom salad with black truffle vinaigrette, beer braised roulade, warm German potato salad, winter squash and shoo fly pie with white chocolate ice cream covered in dark beer glaze.

The Lee CDC will be open for Parent's Night Out.

For more information, call 938-5120.

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 noon-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.

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.

SKIES feedback survey

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

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

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.

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

There is a nominal fee for guests.

For more information, call 938-5120.

NEW INFO

School Zone extended

For added community safety, the 15 mph school zone has been extended to Quarters 336.

The school zone now runs from Keller Army Community Hospital to Quarters 336 on Washington Road. Please use caution.

Parent Buddy Training Class

ACS' Exceptional Family Member Program is offering a Parent Buddy Training class in two parts from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday and Feb. 14.

Classes are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Registration is required.

For more information, call 938-5655.

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance

Enjoy a romantic dinner with dancing during the Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance in the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom from 5:30-10 p.m. Feb. 14.

For a complete menu and pricing, visit www.westpointmwr.com/club.

Reservations are required by Feb. 10.

For more information, call 938-5120.

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration begins Feb. 1 for military families and March 1 for civilian families at Parent Central.

Registration will conclude for all on 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.

What's Happening

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. Saturday 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.

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 DUSAgifts@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>.

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.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Volkssport Club of West Point

The Volkssport Club of West Point invites you to keep healthy and fit by joining them at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at the West Point Visitor's Center for a walk at West Point.

There are two trails of 7km and 11km on sidewalks and natural surface in the cemetery.

The walks qualify for American Volkssport Association special programs: Baseball walks, Forts of the U.S., honoring law enforcement, Hooray for Hollywood and Walking over the Rainbow.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 845-462-6845 or visit the club website at www.ava.org/clubs/westpoint.

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.

Message to American Citizens

Submit your registration and ballot request form for the upcoming 2012 Primaries

January Primaries

South Carolina (P): Jan. 21 and Florida (P): Jan. 31.

February Primaries (30-Day Notice)

Missouri (P): Feb. 7, Arizona (P): Feb. 28 and Michigan (P): Feb. 28.

March Primaries: (60-Day Notice)

Georgia (P): March 6, Massachusetts (P): March 6, Ohio (P, S): March 6, Oklahoma (P): March 6, Tennessee (P): March 6, Vermont (P): March 6, Virginia (P): March 6, Alabama (P, S): March 13, Mississippi (P, S): March 13, Illinois (P, S): March 20 and Louisiana (P, S): March 24.

April Primaries: (90-Day Notice)

District of Columbia (P, S): April 3, Maryland (P, S): April 3, Texas (P, S): April 3, Wisconsin (P): April 3, Alabama (Primary Runoff): April 24, Connecticut (P): April 24, Delaware (P): April 24, New York (P): April 24, Pennsylvania (P, S): April 24 and Rhode Island (P): April 24.

(P-Presidential Primary, S-State Primary)

Submitting a Federal Post Card application to a state local election official will register eligible voters to vote, update your mailing address with the state local election office and request an absentee ballot for all state and federal elections to include primary elections. Electronic versions of the FPCA can be found at www.fvap.gov.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Arthur Christmas, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Immortals, R, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Command Channel 8/23

Jan. 19-26

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 26

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

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Jan. 26

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

Keller Corner

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.

TRICARE Prime Access Standards

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Prime are guaranteed Prime Access Standards:

- Emergency Care—if you need emergency care, go to the nearest emergency room;
- Acute/Urgent Primary Care—Seen by your PCM or

Primary Care Team within 24 hours (earaches, high fever, etc.);

- Routine Primary Care—Seen by your PCM or Primary Care Team within seven days (colds, allergies, check-ups);
- Wellness Care—Seen within 28 days (Well Child, pap, mammo, etc.);
- Specialty Care—Seen within 28 days or as specified by the referring provider (ortho, podiatry, PT, etc.).

Beginning with the next available appointment, the appointment center clerk will offer you appointments within the standards.

However, you can choose to select an appointment outside the access standards to meet your scheduling needs.

Make appointments by calling the Keller Appointment Center at 938-7992 or 800-552-2907 or book online at www.tricareonline.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.

Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **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. Friday.

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

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

Difficulty: Hard

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

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Black Knights hit 13 three-pointers, defeat Navy 75-62

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

Army (8-10 overall, 1-2 Patriot League) hit 13 of its 23 three-point shots and held Navy (3-14 overall, 0-3 PL) to 42.6 percent shooting overall and 26.1 percent (6-23) from deep in its 75-62 win Jan. 14 at Alumni Hall in Annapolis, Md.

The victory snapped Army's 10-game losing streak against Patriot League opponents and its seven-game skid against conference foes on the road. It was the Black Knights' first win against their arch rival since 2010 and its first win in Annapolis since 2008.

It was the first time Army scored a double-digit win in Annapolis since 1971.

The trio of sophomore guard Josh Herbeck (5), junior forward Ella Ellis (3) and senior guard Julian Simmons (3) combined for 11 of the Black Knights' triples. Ellis was the team's top scorer with 19 points, while Simmons contributed 18 markers and Herbeck added 15 points.

Ellis just missed his first double-double of the season with a team-high nine rebounds.

Simmons became the fourth player in Army history with at least 200 career three-pointers (202), while Ellis moved into 11th place on Army's career three-point ledger with 95.

Freshman guard Milton Washington dished out a career-high nine assists, while classmate Maxwell Lenox added five helpers.

Navy's J.J. Avila led all players with 21 points and

completed a double-double with a game-high 14 rebounds. Jordan Sugars added 17 points, while Isaiah Roberts scored 11 points, all in the second half.

The Black Knights came out firing, hitting four of their first five three-point attempts to take a 12-6 lead on Simmons' second triple with 16:41 left in the first half.

The Midshipmen tied the game at 12-12 on three-pointers by Avila and Sugars before Ellis knocked down his second three-pointer to give Army a 15-12 advantage with 13:59 to go in the half. The first nine field goals of the game were three-pointers.

Avila scored the game's first two-point basket to cut the Mids' deficit to 15-14. Ellis knocked down Army's sixth three-pointer of the half to start a 19-3 spurt that gave the Black Knights their largest lead at 34-17 with 2:17 left in the first half.

The Army defense limited the Midshipmen to just one field goal during the span, including a scoreless streak of six minutes, seven seconds.

The Midshipmen went back to Avila to end the drought. His two-point basket started a 7-1 Navy spurt that ended the first half and sent the teams into the locker room with Army on top, 35-24.

The Black Knights hit seven of their 10 three-point tries and hit at a 57.1 percent clip (12-21) overall in the first half. Ellis led Army with 11 first-half points, his 20th straight game in double figures. Avila led all players with 14 points and nearly posted a first-half double-double with eight rebounds.



Sophomore Josh Herbeck hit five three-pointers to help Army to a 75-62 win over Navy Jan. 14.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PAO

Navy scored the first basket of the second half to get within nine points, but Herbeck answered with his third three-pointer and Ellis scored on a layup to put the Black Knights up 14 at 40-26 with 18:06 to go. The Midshipmen scored the next four points, but freshman guard Mo Williams knocked down Army's ninth three-pointer of the game to extend its lead back to 13 points.

The Midshipmen pulled within nine points twice, but with the score 52-43 the Black Knights scored 16 of the next 20 points to take their first 20-point lead at 68-47 with 7:48 left. Herbeck sparked the run with a pair of three-pointers, while Simmons drilled his third triple of the game to cap the spurt.

Army led by as many as 22 points before a late push by Navy in the closing minutes that made the final score 75-62.

O & A

A player's perspective ... Mike Hull

Army Hockey determined to stay resilient; faces Air Force this weekend

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Army Hockey captain Mike Hull sat down with the *Pointer View* prior to last weekend's road trip to Niagara University to talk about the team's goals this season, the upcoming contests against Air Force and the one word that best defines this group of athletes. It's a tricky question to ask of any team, but Hull responded almost without pause. The Army Hockey team, he said, has performed well both on and off the ice and several members have recently been recognized for academic achievements.

"This is a group of guys who will back you up in any situation on or off the ice, and I think that's what makes this team special," Hull said. "This season, everyone is always looking forward and staying positive. It's been a tough season, but we feel we can finish strong."

And the word which defines Army Hockey? Read on...

PV: How would you assess how the Army Hockey team has performed so far this season?

MH: "We've remained relatively healthy, although we had a couple injuries—especially in the back end—which has made it tough. But our team has good spirit, we're doing fine. Our record—I think—doesn't reflect what we're capable of or how we've played so far. In that sense, it's been important to shake off the tough losses and even the ties—we've had more ties than usual. I think the guys on the team understand there are still a lot of opportunities to do well the rest of the season. I think the guys are still focused more on the future than the past."

PV: While maintaining that focus on the future, whether coming off a win, loss or tie, does the team spend time reflecting on that before moving ahead?

MH: "A little bit. I think the guys viewed last weekend (versus Canisius) as almost a missed opportunity. We felt real good going into the weekend, and played very well on Saturday but it just didn't go our way. That's kind of been our theme this season."

PV: What were the team goals going into the season?

MH: "Well, we like to break up the season a bit so we're not looking too far ahead all at once; we kind of recalibrate our focus each week. Of course, in the long term, we want to

be a team to be reckoned with in the playoffs and, hopefully, win a championship."

PV: When the schedule has the team facing another military academy, does that change the way you prepare for that weekend?

MH: "It doesn't add too much more preparation in terms of the technical aspect. We know they're going to play a certain system, and they're going to do this or that on a power play or penalty kill and we can adjust for that. The game definitely changes in terms of intensity."

"Whether Air Force comes here, or we go out there, it definitely adds a new dimension than facing other teams in the conference and we know they feel the same way too. There's definitely going to be an increase in intensity and physicality and it'll be a fun weekend for both teams."

PV: Can you sum up the Army Hockey team in one word?

MH: "Resilient. I think, as mentioned before, we've had some tough experiences in the past. We've had some good wins, but also

a few games where maybe we played well enough to win but ended up with a tie or a loss. But our mental state right now is strong and everyone is looking ahead knowing what our capabilities are and what we can do on the ice.

"We're excited for the opportunities we still have, and blessed to have some games coming up where we can do some real damage. So in a word, coming off a weekend whether good or bad, we're a resilient team."

PV: What was your best game ever?

MH: "Probably my favorite game was against Air Force last year, the second game. Friday night was a tough one, nationally televised, and we didn't quite play up to our expectations. So then on Saturday we played lights-out hockey and came home with the 'W.' It was a fun night and good for the seniors, going out with a win over Air Force."

PV: Any particular matchups you're looking forward to this season?

MH: "Of course Air Force and the Royal Military College (Feb. 4), but I have a ticking clock (as a senior) so each game I think is something to look forward to—each practice, for that matter."

PV: So as a senior how do you approach your final season on the team differently than previous years?

MH: "Well, I'd like to say it's with the same intensity, but I don't know that it is. One of the things I try to focus on each game personally—and it's kind of a cliché to say it—is to leave it all out on the ice. (I want) to make sure that when I'm done I won't look back and wish I had done something more or change the way I played. I try to go to the

rink every day and give it my all—and some days that's tougher than others, especially if I'm coming off a tough weekend or if I'm a little bumped around.

"But I try to have fun each day and enjoy it; that means trying to get back to my roots as a kid when I played for the fun of it before there were fans in the stands and scouts watching.

"After that it's all about playing hard and playing how I know I can play. That's my focus and I'd like to say I've been doing that my entire hockey career. I don't know if that's been different because this is my last year, but there's certainly a little more emphasis on that now."

PV: Speaking as the team co-captain, along with Marcel Alvarez, tell me what the team dynamic is like?

MH: "I think it's working great; Marcel is a great leader and one of the best defensemen in the league. It's been truly a blessing to work with him and share thoughts with him on how the team is progressing. I think I can speak for him that it's been a little tough after the losses this year because we've tried so hard and want the team to be successful so badly. It's been a little difficult, but we're lucky to have a great group of guys who've excelled equally in the classroom as they have on the ice. In that sense, it's been very rewarding."

Army is looking to break a four-game losing streak when it meets its service academy rival Friday and Saturday at Tate Rink. Friday's game will be broadcast live by CBS Sports Network and will faceoff at 7:35 p.m. with Saturday's contest set for 7:05 p.m.



Senior captain Mike Hull is tied for the team lead in points (12) with Andy Starczewski this season. Hull has scored five goals, including two game-tying goals.

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