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Fighting mad

Company A-2 senior Ryan Johnson (black shirt) sneaks a right hand through Company B-1 sophomore Sam Crockett's defenses during the 185-pound bout at the 56th annual West Point Boxing Brigade Open March 2 in Crest Hall. Johnson, who was the 2011 national champion in his weight class, won his third consecutive BBO title. For more on the Boxing Brigade Open, see pages 10-11.

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Army Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick (right) presents a 2012 Black Engineer of the Year Award to Maj. Michael Burns, U.S. Military Academy minority admissions officer, at the Black Engineer of the Year Award Conference in Philadelphia Feb. 18. PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS SCOTT TURNER



AER kickoff

Exceptional Family Member Program manager Josephine Toohey (left) and Amy Weyhrauch, Mobilization and Deployment Readiness coordinator at Army Community Service, cut the cake to kickoff the Army Emergency Relief campaign March 1. AER provides financial assistance to servicemembers, retirees and dependents in times of economic hardship. The AER campaign continues through May 15. For more information about AER, call Weyhrauch at 938-5839.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

Burns receives a Black Engineer of the Year Award

By Sandra Heath
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Maj. Michael Burns received a Black Engineer of the Year Award from Black Engineering and Information Technology Magazine at the 26th annual BEYA Global Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Conference in Philadelphia Feb. 18.

Burns was recognized for his achievement in the category of Promotion of Collegiate Education. The award was presented by Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, Army Deputy Chief

of Staff, during a special breakfast for the Historic Black College and Universities deans.

As the minority admissions officer at the U.S. Military Academy, Burns and his team have increased the number of historically under-represented students each year since Burns took the position in 2009.

Burns and his team are credited with the highest enrollment of African Americans in the academy's history in 2011.

Burns graduated from West Point in 2000 and then attended flight school.

He earned a master's degree in management from Webster University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

"The U.S. Army has a deep commitment to the development and education of future leaders," Burns said. "I'm a product of that commitment and feel humbled by the recognition from BEYA."

Another U.S. Military Academy alum, Dr. (Col.) Jeff Hutchinson, a 1989 graduate, received Emerald Honors in the category of Medical Leadership for his achievements in

adolescent medicine.

Hutchinson, the Chief of Adolescent Medicine at Walter Reed Medical Center, is responsible for the direct care of more than 2,000 patients.

The Army was a sponsor of the 2012 BEYA STEM Conference for the second consecutive year.

The Army's long standing commitment to youth empowerment and education drives partnerships with BEYA, the National Society of Black Engineers, UNCF, 100 Black Men of America and Essence Communications, Inc.

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Shirreff discusses generalship with Class of 2013



Gen. Sir Richard Shirreff, the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, was the guest speaker at the 65th Kermit Roosevelt Lecture Monday.

**Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor**

Understanding the demands of generalship requires a firm grasp on the nature of war. This was a theme Gen. Sir Richard Shirreff, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, presented to the Class of 2013 Monday at Robinson Auditorium.

“Rather than a neat, linear spectrum of conflict with state-on-state warfighting on one end and peacekeeping on the other, what we see today—and are likely to continue to see in the future—is a kaleidoscope of conventional and irregular warfighting,” he said. “Together with terrorism, insurgency, criminal and cyber-activity, they’re all part of a dynamic and hybrid combination ... a patchwork of high-tech combat operations and more protracted stabilization operations, in some cases involving fighting of an intensity not seen for some 60 years.”

This sort of irregular or asymmetrical warfare is not new, Shirreff said. Rudyard Kipling captured it a century ago in the poem “Arithmetic on the Frontier” about a skirmish between a young cavalry officer and Pashtun tribesman. What has changed, he said, is this is now a joint civil-military venture that demands a different approach to command at all levels of war. There can be no purely military solutions today and security cannot be achieved solely on applying military force.

“Rather, success depends on the closest possible integration between the military and non-military actors on the stage if unity of purpose is to be achieved,” Shirreff said. “(That) depends on the right command and control.”

This complex hybrid-kaleidoscope of fighting seen in Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya is likely to remain the defining characteristic of 21st century warfare, Shirreff added.

The essence of command, leadership and strategy is timeless, but the circumstances and conditions in which these professional skills are deployed are infinite.

“It’s about getting the right capabilities to the right place at the right time to deliver the right effect,” he said. “This means understanding the problem, mission and constraints.”

The complexity of 21st century conflict requires commanders to be equipped intellectually and conceptually in the battlefield.

“As fighters, they must be capable of synchronizing both traditional and new combined arms capabilities, and apply force with precision,” he said. “Our commanders must be trained to navigate through chaos, and have the ability and agility to operate alongside civilian agencies of all types, coalition partners and a host nation with sovereign authority ... all of whom will be running different agendas. Our ethos must be to expect chaos and be unphased by it.”

On the essence of soldiering and generalship, Shirreff said it demands people who dare to do great things without fear of failure.

“At the end of the day, the profession of arms is about being that man or woman in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood ... the doer of deeds,” he said, quoting from President Theodore Roosevelt.

The occasion for Shirreff’s address was the 65th Kermit Roosevelt Lecture, named in honor of the son of President Theodore Roosevelt who twice served with British forces during World War I and WWII.

“The bond between the United States of America and the United Kingdom is extraordinarily strong and has been for so many, many years,” West Point Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon said. “But it has never been stronger than in the past decade because of the astonishing service and sacrifice of both of these armies in the campaigns of the Middle East.”

Shakespeare scholar explores civil-military theme in “Coriolanus”

**Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor**

Stephen Greenblatt, Harvard professor and Shakespeare scholar, made his first visit to West Point March 1 and provided an engaging lecture to more than 300 cadets at Robinson Auditorium.

There are many leadership lessons to be gleaned from the pages of Shakespeare, particularly in the history plays like “Henry V” and “Richard III.” Turning to one of the bard’s lesser-known tragedies, Greenblatt presented “Coriolanus” as a case study in heroism and civil-military relations.

Coriolanus, the hero of Rome, is a warrior on the battlefield, but contemptuous toward the very people he champions. Facing a revolt from starving citizens, he is exiled and turns to his enemy to seek vengeance against his betrayers. Greenblatt said the central question Shakespeare asks in the play is “who do you serve?” Coriolanus first fought for comradeship and family. But subjected to isolation, the true self of this military genius is revealed—a man who dreams of autonomy; to live according to his own law.

“What Shakespeare shows in the finale of ‘Coriolanus’ is that the dream of perfect autonomy, of perfect wholeness, will be broken,” Greenblatt said. “Coriolanus is the extreme version of that.”

Class of 2012 Cadet Michael Gorman, an Art, Philosophy and Literature major,

was intrigued by how the visiting professor presented the universal themes of a play largely unfamiliar to most cadets.

“My favorite part was when Professor Greenblatt discussed the idea of a man who seeks his truest and most autonomous self as a noble way to live,” Gorman said. “Coriolanus failed to connect with the people, but he was only living the best way he knew how. He was true to himself to the point where when he tried to follow his mother’s wish to be a more servant-leader; he became physically ill at his dishonesty.”

The lecture, intended for Class of 2015 cadets enrolled in the second semester literature course, served as an introduction to Shakespeare. It was also an opportunity many faculty members and senior cadets—like Gorman—couldn’t pass up.

“I love the work of William Shakespeare, and not having had as much exposure to his plays and other prose as I would like, I was especially grateful for having the world’s most renowned Shakespeare scholar in our midst,” he said.

As editor of The Norton Shakespeare, Greenblatt is a familiar name to countless English majors who’ve delved into the weighty anthology. It is by far the thickest volume plebes will carry to class this year at the academy. Class of 2015 Cadet Andrew Hunt became familiar with the works of Shakespeare in high school and while pursuing a general interest in classical



Following his lecture on “Coriolanus,” Harvard Professor Stephen Greenblatt met with cadets and faculty members March 1. Greenblatt is the John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University and general editor of the Norton Anthology of English Literature and The Norton Shakespeare.

literature. Hunt attended the lecture and the gathering which followed at Cullum Hall. There, Greenblatt entertained questions while discussing and reading from his latest book, “The Swerve: How the World Became Modern,” for which he received the 2011

National Book Award for Nonfiction.

“I guess it could have been intimidating to hear from someone as learned as Professor Greenblatt—and there is a sense of awe in his presence, but it also gives you sort of a drive to become that knowledgeable,” Hunt said.

Adventurer talks courage, faith, trust with plebes

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Eric Alexander is an adventurer, skier, mountaineer and author of "The Summit," which details his adventures in guiding the disabled through some of the most dangerous terrains in the world. The book describes how he relied on his faith, courage and trust to get him through some difficult times both on and off the mountain and brought this message to the Class of 2015 with a lecture and book signing Feb. 29 in Robinson Auditorium.

In one of his climbing adventures, Alexander guided his friend Eric Weihenmayer while climbing Mount Everest in 2001.

Weihenmayer, a fellow adventurer and author, is blind. The climb up Mount Everest was the first time a blind climber made it to the summit and was one of many adventure trips with Alexander, including climbing up and skiing down Mount Elbrus in Russia.

"I would get behind Eric to direct his turns while skiing," Alexander said. "As we got more involved, it became like a dance with me saying turn left, turn right with Eric paying attention to the cadence of my voice as well as the directions. Sometimes we made mistakes. I have led him into trees, strangers and friends."

Alexander said mistakes are going to happen, but if you focus on mistakes and allow them to fester, it will interrupt your goal.

"When you face off against a mountain or obstacles in life, you need perseverance, courage and faith," he said.

Alexander has co-led a 30-mile trek through the Andes of Peru with nine blind high school students and, in 2007, four of this same group scaled Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

"I have climbed the highest summits in six out of seven continents," Alexander said. "There have been times where it has been rough going and times where I wondered if

I could continue, but you have to have faith and confidence in yourself. If you don't, you're lost."

Alexander nearly lost his life after a 150-foot fall on Mount Amadablam in the Himalayas. Below him was 600 feet with solid ground at the end.

"I hit some rocks on the way down, but didn't break any bones," he said. "I landed on a small cliff no bigger than this podium and I expected to see angels around me, but saw my teammates looking down at me and who helped me back up the mountain."

The fall didn't leave him totally unscathed. Alexander ended up with altitude-induced pulmonary edema.

Alexander said he was able to get down to base camp and was placed into a Gamow Bag, which is a type of body bag that duplicates lower altitude climate. It didn't work and he ended up air lifted to a hospital and spent eight months struggling with pneumonia.

Alexander persevered and came through his illness, but he was unsure if he could continue with climbing or skiing.

"Here I am leading people up a mountain and I take a fall like that," Alexander said. "I wondered if my teammates would trust me again."

Alexander survived his illness, but another incident left him with fear and doubt.

"One of my skiing teammates went missing one night on a ski trip," he said. "He went out alone along some treacherous terrain. We went searching for him the next morning along with the ski patrol and found him overturned in the snow where he fell. There was nobody there to help him."

Alexander said his confidence was buried at that time because he thought this accident was so unnecessary.

"The only thing my friend wanted to do with his life was to make a difference in the world around him," he said.

Alexander said that thought comforted him and he had made plans to climb with



Eric Alexander signs his book "The Summit" for Class of 2015 Cadet Caleb Primos. Alexander is a motivational speaker and mountaineer. Alexander's book is about his adventures in taking a blind friend, Eric Weihenmayer, to climb Mount Everest and him becoming the first blind man to reach the summit in 2001.

Weihenmayer, but he still wasn't sure if he could or if his friend and teammates would trust him again.

"Fear and doubt had taken over," Alexander said. "I asked Eric if he wanted me to climb with him. He told me because he was blind, people were always making judgments about him and he was not about to do that to me, and I had to decide for myself."

A year later, Alexander, Weihenmayer and his teammates found themselves trekking up the Himalayas.

"The greatest lessons in life are learned on the highest peaks, lessons such as perseverance, faith and trust, courage and integrity," he said. "Courage is what propels us in the presence of fear to be able to face danger with confidence and control."



Official Visit

The Honorable Dr. Joseph Westphal, Under Secretary of the Army, met with U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr., during a visit to West Point Feb. 28. As he toured West Point, Westphal met with key leaders and visited the academy's centers of excellence to assess future Army and academy requirements. The tour also included stops at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center, the Simon Center for Professional Military Ethic and Pershing Barracks. Westphal finished with a tour of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School where he met with Commandant Col. Tyge Rugenstein for a tour of the new facilities, and asked questions regarding entrance eligibility, facility capabilities, academics and graduation.

PHOTO BY ANTHONY BATTISTA/DPTMS

West Point Band reveals African roots of modern music

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Strip down a song by Shakira or the Black-Eyed Peas to its fundamental beat and, more often than not, the roots can be traced across continents and throughout history.

This was the lesson presented to more than 300 cadets as they were greeted by the rhythmic beats of African drumming inside Arnold Auditorium Feb. 28, courtesy of the West Point Band.

Led by Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Prosperie, percussionist and drum section leader for the Hellcats, six musicians demonstrated the African roots of modern music and its influence throughout history on a variety of cultures.

Music can be appreciated on three levels, Prosperie said—intellectually, aesthetically and emotionally.

How it taps into human emotion can be seen at the academy frequently, as when it invokes school pride during the playing of the “Alma Mater.”

At one point in the presentation, the clave was introduced and soon the entire auditorium was grooving to the sound.

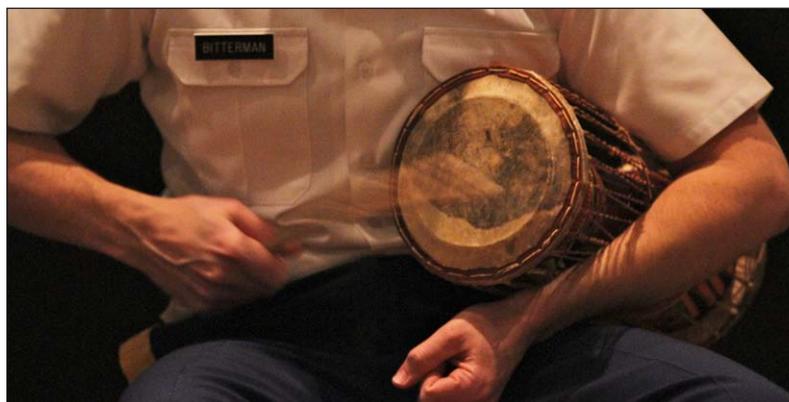
“I bet you didn’t expect to be doing that when you woke up this morning,” Prosperie noted.

The clave is a pair of rounded wooden blocks, short and thick, which are commonly used in Afro-Cuban music (for classic rock fans, it’s heard in the opening to the Who’s “Magic Bus.”)

Plebes studying the African stem of the History 108 course were challenged to open their minds to new ways of learning history.

Maj. John Ringquist, history instructor, said the interactive nature of this instruction may not have loosened up every cadet in the process, but the information presented will be useful as they begin learning about slavery and the synthesis of cultures.

“This is one of those lessons that challenge their worldview,” Ringquist said. “This is history, but it’s not coming from a book. They have to



Members of the West Point Band performed on percussion to demonstrate how African drumming is prevalent in modern music.

hear it and move to it, and it forces them to use their minds in a different way.”

Ringquist said this was presented for the first time last February with the intent on providing cadets with a non-static classroom experience.

“... Because history itself isn’t static. It’s continually being interpreted in ways we don’t often anticipate, in this case music,” he said. “This is about expanding horizons and changing perceptions. This is something we’ll be talking about in class for weeks to come.”

Class of 2015 Cadet Audrey Brown got into the spirit of the lesson with her classmates when the band got them on their feet for a “West Point Samba.”

“They did a fantastic job incorporating music that is ‘in’ today to the origin of the rhythms,” she said. “Not only did I thoroughly enjoy the music but I also feel as though I learned a ton.”

Even as slavery attempted to eradicate the cultural identity of an entire race, history can show how music thrived as a means of expression and communication.

“It was a way for the slaves to express themselves even when they had a lack of supplies,” Brown said. “In order to make the instruments that

were used, Africans had to use whatever resources were available to them.”

Earlier in February, the English Department called upon the West Point Band for their expertise to instruct cadets on the correlation between poetry and jazz.

Staff Sgt. Mark Tonelli led a few hundred cadets enrolled in the plebe literature course through the relationship between rhythm and form as it is expressed in poetry, while members of the Jazz Knights demonstrated it musically.

Staff Sgt. Alexis Cole sings with the Jazz Knights, and lent her vocal talents on both occasions.



Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Prosperie lays down a beat during the presentation Feb. 28 on the African roots of modern music.

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Retirement from federal service may be closer than you think

Compiled by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

It may seem as if you have been working for the government forever, yet never gave retirement a thought until you find yourself coming into the last stretch with just a few years left before retirement.

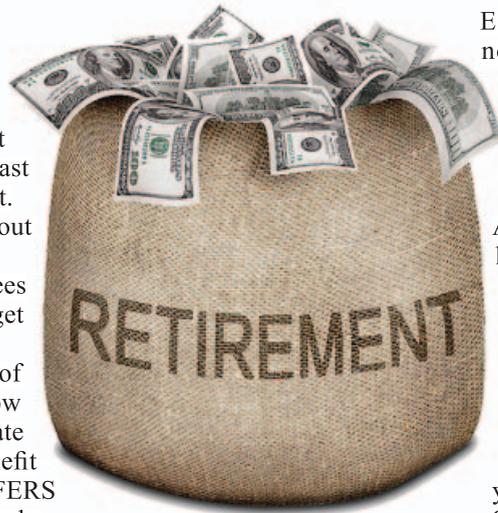
Will I have enough to retire? How can I find out how much my retirement will be?

Now there is an easy way for federal employees in the Federal Employees Retirement System to get an estimate of their retirement benefit.

Federal employees who are within five years of voluntary/optional retirement within FERS are now able to find their Personalized Retirement Estimate available online through the Employment Benefit Information System. This applies to those in the FERS retirement and for appropriated fund employees only.

Employees who are at least five years from retirement now have the option to receive an estimate on what they may expect when they retire by going to www.abc.army.mil and click on the HR links located on the right side of the site titled "Employment Benefit Information System."

Using the calculator button allows you to calculate a quick retirement estimate, advanced retirement estimate and compute your high three-year average salary. Using this quick and easy retirement calculator will give an employee an estimate of what to expect after retirement.



Employees who are not within five years of retirement will not be able to receive an estimate from the website, but may request their estimate by using the ABC-C automated phone line at 877-276-9287 and speak with a retirement counselor.

Retirement benefits are calculated based on your highest three consecutive average salary times during your years of creditable service. Generally, that is the last

three highest salaries paid, but it

could be the highest salary paid over any three years of creditable service.

The federal retirement system is comprised of three different retirement tiers. The first part of your benefit is Social Security. As an employee with FERS coverage, you also have Social Security coverage as well as Medicare Hospital insurance program, which helps cover a portion of hospital expenses incurred while receiving Social Security benefits as well as receiving Social Security Benefits at the

age of 65 or 66.

The second is the basic FERS plan. To be eligible, an employee must have reached the age of 55 and the third part of FERS retirement is the Thrift Savings Plan. This is a benefit that is a tax-deferred retirement savings and investment plan that offers the same type of savings and tax benefits other corporations' offer, such as a 401K.

Participation in TSP is voluntary where an employee may save part of their income for retirement, receive matching agency contributions and reduce current taxes, although contributions are tax deferred.

The federal agency automatically contributes an amount equal to 1 percent of your basic pay each pay period. These contributions are not taken out of the salary and the agency makes these contributions whether or not an employee contributes their own money.

However, the money an employee contributes is taken out of the pay before federal taxes, and, in most cases, state income taxes are calculated.

An employee may contribute up to 10 percent of the basic pay he earns each pay period up to a certain amount allowable by the IRS.

If an employee wishes to find out what he may receive when he retires and if it is within five years of retirement, it is a good idea to check out the website to help plan for retirement.

For an explanation of FERS benefits, visit www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/ri90-1.pdf.

Domestic Affairs Forum travels north

Cadets in the poli-sci club learn more about U.S.-Canada relations; enjoy lively debate, fellowship

**By Class of 2014 Cadet Patrick Kelly
Domestic Affairs Forum**

Cold weather and warm hospitality greeted 20 cadets of the Domestic Affairs Forum on their trip to Canada in early February. The cadets arrived in Ottawa Feb. 12 to 10-degree wind gusts and ice-rink sidewalks, but soon warmed up at a reception at the official residence of the U.S. Ambassador on the banks of the Ottawa River. Over the next three days, temperatures climbed nearly to 40 degrees and cadets continued to enjoy the kindness of their Canadian hosts.

The Domestic Affairs Forum, a political science club sponsored by the Department of Social Sciences, serves to enhance cadets' understanding of politics and government by bringing its members together with government officials and public leaders to discuss important issues.

The club takes three major trips to different cities during the academic year and also sponsors guest lectures. While the recent DAF trip to Canada was certainly not domestic in its focus, the tour provided club members with a greater appreciation for the U.S.-Canada alliance and a fresh perspective on a variety of American political issues like border security, the war in Afghanistan, energy and defense spending.

The learning kicked off with policy briefings at the Department of Foreign

Affairs and International Trade in Ottawa. There, the cadets heard from government experts on the Canada-U.S. Border Action Plan, developed to improve trade and security, and on the Canada-U.S. energy partnership, with a focus on natural gas. Of particular interest was a presentation by David Manicom, Director General of Canada's Immigration Branch, on Canada's immigration system.

Manicom's insights forced cadets to challenge their assumptions about international and American immigration and expanded the discussion beyond its usual orientation toward our southern border.

Later in the day, the DAF moved to Parliament Hill to sit in on a Question Period at Canada's House of Commons. The theatrical debates on the floor were entertaining and fascinating, especially when discussion turned to Canada's purchase of American F-35s.

Cadets witnessed first-hand some of the international reaction to delays in the fighter program. After the Question Period, the cadets were treated to short discussions with the Speaker of the House, Andrew Scheer, and Peter MacKay, the Minister of National Defence, as well as a tour of Parliament.

The cadets gathered that evening with U.S. military officers working in Canada for dinner and a presentation on the War of 1812 by Maj. John Grodzinski of the Royal Military College.

The U.S. officers offered lessons learned in the military to the DAF members, while Grodzinski challenged popular perceptions of the War of 1812 that endure in its bicentennial year.

Arguing that the war is perceived as a victory by each of its major participants, Grodzinski sought to analyze American, Canadian and British actions and outcomes outside of the context of nationalistic remembrance.

The next morning, after a briefing on Canadian counterterrorism, the cadets moved to the Canadian War Museum where they listened to lectures on Canada's role in

NATO and North American defense.

The cadets toured the museum's impressive exhibits before departing for the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. They paired up with Canadian cadet hosts for dinner and a night out on the town.

This DAF trip was much appreciated by the cadets, who enjoyed lively debate and fellowship across the northern border.

The Domestic Affairs Forum would like to express its gratitude to all of its kind hosts and especially to Karen Imas, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Officer at the Canadian Consulate in New York, who worked tirelessly to plan the trip to perfection.



Cadets in the Domestic Affairs Forum enjoyed lively debate and fellowship across the northern border during a recent trip to Canada. DOMESTIC AFFAIRS FORUM PHOTO

Fourth Reg trains for Sandhurst Competition

By Class of 2012 Cadet
Elizabeth A. Constantino
S2, 4th Regiment

The companies of Fourth Regiment are getting ready to dominate the spring Sandhurst Competition through new intra-regimental competitions.

These monthly competitions are designed to test the ability and challenge the aptitude of each of the Fourth Regiment teams—a total of nine in all. These competitions have been organized by the Fourth Regimental Sergeant

Major, Class of 2013 Cadet Justen Anka, and executed by the Sandhurst squad leaders from each of the companies.

On Feb. 22, each of these teams were tested in a comprehensive competition at Lusk Reservoir. The teams were tasked to recognize EID threats, deliver an IED/UXO report, appropriately apply Soldier First Responder care to a wounded Soldier and make a “one-rope-bridge” for their team to cross.

Class of 2012 Cadet Christopher Jarrett, the Company C-4 Sandhurst squad leader, led his team during this competition.

“Sandhurst is about a lot more than the military development; it is also about character development,” Jarrett said. “All of the plebes from last year returned to the Sandhurst team this year. The firsties from last year left behind a legacy and the yearlings have emulated them on the team. I can see it in them.”

This year is the first in over a decade that the I companies will be participating in the Sandhurst competition. Fourth Regiment’s Company I Sandhurst team—the I-Beam—has been dedicated to establishing themselves this year. The team is led by returning Sandhurst leader, Class of 2012 Cadet Lieutenant Hank Mackey, who has been tirelessly working to develop his team.

Company F-4 placed second overall in last year’s competition and hope to, once again, be the strongest in the regiment, and proved to be the best in the Corps of Cadets (Company B-3

was named Sandhurst champions last April.)

These monthly competitions will continue throughout the semester; the next is scheduled March 31. From First Battalion, the Sandhurst squad leader from Company A-4 is Cadet Lieutenant John Paulson, Company B-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Gabe Royal and Company C-4’s Sandhurst team is led by Jarrett.

From Second Battalion, D-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet John Valitutto, E-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Gerrit Van Ommering and F-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Matthew Linarelli.

From Third Battalion, G-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Brett Schuck, H-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Nicholas Ocegueda and I-4’s Sandhurst squad leader is Cadet Lieutenant Hank Mackey.



(Left, Above) Fourth Regiment’s Sandhurst teams train for the annual military skills competition, scheduled here April 20-21. Each cadet company and visiting team selects a nine-member squad (at least one member must be female) to perform a series of military tasks through a non-tactical move along a partly-prescribed eight-mile route at Camp Buckner. West Point teams earned first and second place last April, with four teams placing in the top five overall.

4TH REGIMENT PHOTOS

Election luncheon focuses on politics, not partisanship

Submitted by the Department of Social Sciences

The Black, Gray and Gold Room of the Cadet Mess Hall served as the scene for representatives from “Red State” and “Blue State” America to respectfully debate partisan differences Feb. 23.

Nearly 100 cadets majoring in American Politics, Policy and Strategy; members of the Cadet Domestic Affairs Forum; and Department of Social Sciences faculty engaged in a question and answer session with three distinguished scholars and practitioners of presidential politics.

Dr. Meena Bose, a former West Point associate professor of American Politics, moderated a discussion between Dr. Howard Dean, former Vermont governor and Democratic National Committee chairman, and Ed Rollins, former campaign chairman for President Reagan.

The “2012 Election Lunch” kicked off the American Politics program’s “Road to the White House 2013” event schedule. The guests shared their wit and wisdom from nearly a century of combined experience with presidential politics. Despite their differences on governing philosophy, Dean and Rollins reinforced the common ground that is often lost in the center of political debates during election years.

“The election luncheon event with Howard Dean and Ed Rollins was a great event,” Class of 2013 Cadet Tim Berry said. “(They) both gave insightful commentary on the current presidential election cycle that could not have been heard on

a typical news cycle. Their candid conversation was a unique experience that went beyond the textbook.”

Dean stressed that the youth vote might not be as influential during this election season in contrast to the importance of that demographic for President Obama’s 2008 campaign. Both he and Rollins agreed that the likely decline can be attributed to disillusionment with politicians due to Washington partisanship. Both men spoke a hopeful message for the cadets in the audience, however. Dean remarked that “while my generation focuses on the 10 percent of issues that divides us, your generation focuses more on the 90 percent of issues that you agree upon.”

They also shared their opinions on the Tea Party movement, taxation and other issues.

Class of 2014 Cadet Rebecca Tummers walked away from the experience with a new appreciation for the model of debate demonstrated by the guests.

“It was an amazing experience to see such civilized debate amongst competing ideologies,” she said. “Witnessing such an open and often comic discussion was unique and invaluable.”

The Department of Social Sciences will sponsor additional events for cadets throughout the next year, many of which will be open to the general public.

“This is an enormous opportunity for cadets to learn about our democratic institutions as events unfold in real time,” Maj. Heidi Brockmann, assistant professor of American Politics, said.



Class of 2012 Cadet Gabriel Royal talks with Dr. Howard Dean, former Vermont governor, during the “2012 Election Lunch” at the Cadet Mess.

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CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Men’s Rugby: Men’s Rugby hosted the University of Delaware March 3 at the Anderson Rugby Complex and emerged with a 32-8 win. This match marked the start of conference play for the team. Class of 2013 Cadet Will Holder had 10 points on the day with two conversions.

The Army 2nd team put in a strong performance and defeated the University of Delaware 2nd team, 71-3. Class of 2014 Cadet Blake Hunnewell scored 27 points in the win.

Electronics Experimenters Club: On Feb. 28, four cadets from the Electronic Experimenter’s Club and two faculty members from the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department attended the National Engineers’ Week Banquet hosted by members of the Mid-Hudson Technical Societies at Anthony’s Pier 9 Restaurant in New Windsor. This year’s annual event topic was “Green Engineering: Smart Residential Design and Construction.” The four guest speakers focused on incorporating energy efficient design and clean energy systems into residential construction. Most of the information being discussed was relevant to West Point’s efforts to make it one of the Army’s Net Zero Installations by 2020.

Asian-Pacific Club: The East Coast Asian American Student Union Nationals Trip to Duke University was a worthwhile trip for the 11 participating cadets Feb. 24-26.

Comprised of mostly first and second year cadets, this trip was first and foremost a culturally stimulating and broadening experience. Cadets networked and conversed with civilian and military counterparts from schools throughout the east coast. Cadets enthusiastically engaged in workshops designed to stimulate and provoke reflection amongst themselves. The conference theme was “Rethinking, Rediscover, and Create a Cultural Renaissance for Asian American students and leaders.”

The conference highlighted cultural dancing and entertainment from several Asian subgroups, stimulated tough and engaging dialogue about the future roles of Asian-Americans and culminated with a gala and reception for all attendees.

Pistol Team: The West Point Pistol Team defeated Navy in the annual Army-Navy Shootout at the Tronsrue Marksmanship Center Feb. 25-26. The Pistol Team improved its win-loss record to 11 wins against one loss.

Navy jumped out to an early lead by winning the Air Pistol event with a score of 2,230 to West Point’s 2,220. West Point bounced back to win the Standard Pistol events with a score of 2,187 to Navy’s 2,161.

West Point had a 16-point lead going into the final event, Free Pistol. When the smoke cleared, West Point won the event with a score of 2,044 to Navy’s 2,003. The three-event aggregate score gave West Point the overall match win of 6,451 to Navy’s 6,394. Standouts for West Point were Class of 2012 Cadets Ben Poth and Jake Shelton, and Class of 2013 Cadets Heather Deppe, Michael Cheney and Steve Halsmer.

Women’s Lacrosse Team: The Army Women’s Lacrosse Team began its season March 3 in Fordham, N.Y. with two games. Army won both games by defeating NYU 14-9 and Fordham 13-12.

Friday Night at the Fights

A packed house enjoyed the 56th annual Boxing Brigade Open



Company D-1 junior Mikus Igaunis (beige shirt) throws a left to the head of Company C-1 sophomore Kevin Rose during the 195-pound bout at the 56th annual West Point Boxing Brigade Open March 2 in Crest Hall. Igaunis, who was the 2011 national champion, won his second consecutive BBO title.

Story and photos by Eric S. Bartlett
Managing Editor

In front of an energetic crowd of nearly 700 spectators, 18 fighters traded punches and drew some blood in the ring during the 56th annual Boxing Brigade Open March 2 in Crest Hall.

This year's nine bouts offered many even battles, but a unanimous decision victory by Company H-1 junior Zach Hildebrandt over Company A-3 sophomore Morgan Dennison at 147 pounds earned him the night's top prize—the Most Outstanding Boxer of the BBO tournament.

Hildebrandt paid his dues after losing last year's BBO title at 147 pounds to a three-time national champion, Steven Henao-Escobar. In earning his first BBO title, Hildebrandt gave thanks to everyone who helped him along the way to this victory, especially two graduated three-time national champions.

"Henao-Escobar trained me up and Terrell Anthony sparred with me all the time, so I feel like I'm filling their shoes," Hildebrandt said. "I'm excited and it's an honor (to win the award). However, it really wasn't about me, it was about representing the team, everyone in and around my weight class and all the guys who came before me—they were the ones that got me ready for this."

Hildebrandt fought off a hard charging Dennison with plenty of body shots and his ability to move that kept the younger fighter at a distance.

"He's a rising sophomore who is a real tough kid," Hildebrandt said. "He throws really hard and when he lands (a shot) he lands it good. I had to stay light on my feet and made sure I was quick and used my quick hands. Every time I landed a punch, I would make sure I moved my head or feet."

Now that he achieved his first BBO title, he is looking toward earning his first individual national championship title against some tough opponents at regionals and nationals. The big thing for him now is to continue pushing hard, especially with his cardio.

"It's exciting to push toward the regionals and nationals now," Hildebrandt explained. "(The BBO) was the first step within a long process. With me being the older guy in the ring tonight, I was able to control the pace but with (my possible opponents at nationals) it's going to be all out for three rounds. I've got to make sure my cardio is up to just be able to go three hard rounds."

Another boxer who had a big night was 2011 national champion, senior captain Ryan Johnson. Johnson, fighting for Company A-2, earned his third consecutive BBO title with

the 185-pound victory over Company B-1 sophomore Sam Crockett.

Johnson bloodied Crockett with a few head shots, but it was his constant blows to Crockett's mid-section that sealed the win. Johnson credits former two-time national champion Ryle Stous (2010 graduate) for his success as a boxer who can wear an opponent down.

"I'm a big body puncher. During my first year on the team, I fought the team captain in a sparring match and coach (Ray Barone) was like, 'hey, get in there with Ryle Stous and show a little bit,' and Ryle is a 165-pounder, he's not all that big," Johnson said. "At the time, I was 195 pounds, so I was like 'OK, no big deal, he's team captain and very good, but it shouldn't hurt when I get hit.' So he ripped me to the body about four times and I was thinking in my head, 'if I get hit one more time, I might go down,' so after that I started to develop my body punching because it hurt badly.

"You get hit to the head, it's kind of annoying and you get frustrated, but if you get hit to the body there is pain involved," Johnson added. "That is something I've been practicing and trying to develop, so my body punches can be more effective."

Johnson believes Crockett gave him all he had and that the young boxer is going to turn

some heads in the future. "This is his first year of fighting and he made it to the brigade finals, and he and I had a death match in there," Johnson said. "Sam was looking for my 1-6, which is I lead with my left hand and put my range out there and then close with my right hook, so he was looking to counter off of that.

"He was practicing all week for to get a chance to earn another BBO title while giving praise to past participants. "It really is a privilege to fight in this (open)," Johnson said. "There were many impressive people who've come before us like Frank Reasoner, for example. Reasoner was a four-time brigade open champion who graduated in 1962 and (earned) the Medal of Honor in Vietnam.

"He was an incredible man, incredible leader and incredible boxer," he added. "So getting the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of him and those people who came before us, these giants, is really something special."

Seven more fighters earned BBO titles on the evening as Company D-4 junior Kevin Jones won his first BBO title during the first bout of the night (132 pounds) over Company F-1 sophomore Gavin Chapman in a split decision.

At 139 pounds, Company A-1 sophomore Sebastian Mims earned his first BBO title by defeating Company H-3 junior Emmanuel Osei. It was the third straight year that Osei lost in the brigade finals. Company E-2 sophomore John Mejia took his first title at 156 pounds by winning a close bout over 2010 BBO champion, Company D-1 senior Husein Panahov. The women's bout went to a split decision as Company F-1 junior Jessica Jordan narrowly defeated Company E-1 sophomore Austen Boroff.

In the 165-pound weight class, Company B-1 senior Zoar Morales won his second straight BBO title in a close bout over Company G-1 sophomore Josh Quintana. It was the second year in a row Quintana lost in the final; however, last year he lost to Johnson at 175 pounds. This year's 175-pound bout had the only freshman to compete as Company A-2's Jacob Conley faced



Company B-1 senior Zoar Morales (beige shirt) catches Company G-1 sophomore Josh Quintana with a right hand uppercut during the 165-pound bout at the 56th annual West Point Boxing Brigade Open. Morales went on to win his second consecutive BBO title while Quintana lost in his second straight final.



Company H-1 junior Zach Hildebrandt (beige shirt) faced Company A-3 sophomore Morgan Dennison during the 147-pound bout at the 56th annual West Point Boxing Brigade Open March 2 in Crest Hall. Hildebrandt won his first BBO title and was also named the Most Outstanding Boxer of the tournament.

PHOTOS, PHOTOS, PHOTOS

Interested in seeing more photos (124 total) from the 56th annual West Point Boxing Brigade Open, go to www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

Company G-1 junior John Maddux in the title bout. Maddux came away with the victory and his first BBO title after losing in the finals two years ago.

In the final bout of the evening, Igaunis, fighting for Company D-1, earned his second BBO title by bloodying Company C-1 sophomore Kevin Rose.

West Point monitored for infected ash trees

By Chris Pray
Natural Resources Branch Chief

The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive beetle accidentally imported into the United States from Asia, and is responsible for mass die-offs of ash trees throughout the American Midwest.

This insect is of great concern in areas of the U.S., including New York, which are at the advancing front of the infestation. Last summer, as part of a state-wide monitoring effort, the West Point Natural Resources Office discovered two trees on post infected with the insect. This was the first occurrence of this destructive insect in Orange County, and important enough to place the county under quarantine for the movement of wood and wood products.

Following this initial discovery, the EAB problem at West Point has been carefully monitored and steps were taken to prevent the pest from spreading to uninfected areas. The handling of landscaping waste was re-evaluated, as was the procedures for replenishing the community firewood pile.

Ash trees in the landscape have been evaluated for their hazard potential should they succumb to insect damage, and a plan for the removal of such trees developed. Researchers and managers from the Forest Service, the NYSDEC and Cornell University have visited to offer their advice and assistance.

On Feb. 28, Nate Seigert, a researcher with the U.S. Forest Service, visited West Point. Working with Natural Resources Branch team member Robert Mackenzie and with help from the DPW tree crew, the two infected ash trees from last summer were cut down and had their bark removed.

EAB can overwinter as larvae below the bark of infested trees for up to two years, at which time they emerge as adults to breed and begin the cycle again. Researchers can determine the severity and age of an infestation by peeling a tree, counting the tell-tale galleries the feeding larvae leave and looking for signs of a multi-year breeding. Initial results are that, yes, there are active larvae and evidence of breeding, but at relatively low densities. It does not appear that this is a long standing infestation as there was little evidence of prior year damage.

We may never determine the source of this infestation, but ash stands and individual trees are being evaluated throughout the post and reservation for signs of damage and potential hazards.

Residents are asked for assistance with managing this pest. Please do not move any firewood and comply with the NYSDEC quarantine guidelines listed at www.dec.ny.gov/animals/47761.html. Residents are also encouraged to learn more about this issue by visiting www.emeraldashborer.info, so that as citizen scientists they might be able to observe and report any potentially infested trees in their neighborhood.



(Above) Underneath the bark, telltale serpentine feeding gallery caused by the Emerald Ash Borer is evident. This insect attacks the vascular system of the tree, eventually killing it.

(Right) On Feb. 28, Robert Mackenzie and members of the DPW tree crew look on as Forest Service entomologist Nate Seigert points out tree damage caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle. The photo was taken behind the Natural Resources Branch Office, Bldg. 144. Initial results found active larvae and evidence of breeding, but at relatively low densities. It does not appear that this is a long standing infestation as there was little evidence of prior year damage. To learn more about this issue, visit www.emeraldashborer.info.

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AFAP delegates choose issues to help families

Story and photo by Rob McIlvaine
Army News Service

Extending the time allotted to invest survivor benefits and granting per diem for families to attend therapy sessions were the top issues requested this week during the Army Family Action Plan conference.

After four days of workshop discussion, groups presented their top issues to senior Army leaders March 2.

"I've been told that since 1983 this forum has raised 501 issues that were resolved," Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Army chief of staff, said. "Most importantly, 61 percent of those issues went across the entire Department of Defense. So you're not only helping Army families, you're helping Air Force families, Marine families, Navy families and Coast Guard families. And I know the Air Force has started this (type of forum) as well."

The Army Family Action Plan, known as AFAP, is not just about the Army, Odierno said, it's about military families and the work the delegates are doing to help military families.

"But most importantly you're helping those who come behind us—those families that are maybe just coming into the Army, who don't understand the Army that much and don't understand what's there. You are setting the stage for them and reaching out to them, and making sure our Army is a better place for our Soldiers and our families," he said.

After opening remarks by senior Army leaders, members of the four working groups met in private to decide the priority of the top eight issues. The following is their prioritization in descending order—with two being tied in importance.

Delegates also assessed which programs and services were more valuable. Last year, the delegates were asked to focus their assessment on programs dealing with mobilization and deployment.

But with the constrained resources and troops coming home, this year they were asked to pick programs and services most important now.

Concurrent with the AFAP was a meeting chaired Feb. 28 by the Army vice chief of staff with the General Officer Steering Committee, consisting of about 40 general officers, senior executives and command sergeant majors.

They worked through 37 AFAP issues, and closed nine of them with 28 remaining open. The delegates were then asked to prioritize the current open issues, so they projected the top seven as follows:

1. Issue 596: Convicted sex offender registry;
2. Issue 670: Medically retired service member's eligibility for concurrent receipt of disability pay;
3. Issue 665: Formal standardized training for designated caregivers of wounded warriors;
4. Issue 626: Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for post-traumatic stress disorder;
5. Issue 673: Space-A travel for survivors registered in DEERS;
6. Issue 614: Comprehensive behavioral health program for children;



Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, chief of staff of the Army, thanks the delegates at the Army Family Action Plan conference, March 2, for all the work they've done in support of Army Soldiers and their families.

7. Issue 629 (tied with Issue 6): 24/7 out-of-area TRICARE prime urgent care authorization and referrals.

"What we're trying to do within the Army now is not build dependency," Odierno said, "but build resiliency. We want resilient families. What we ask our Soldiers and our families to do is difficult, but it's also special. So what we want to do is we want to make them able to be resilient, to prove themselves individually so they can add to what I call the collective good."

Odierno said that it is unprecedented for an all-volunteer force to still be involved in 10 years of war.

"You have lived that. And many of you have seen some of the issues that we have to continue to work to make sure we're providing for our Soldiers, our families, our children, our extended families, our Gold Star families, all those that have contributed so much to what the Army and the full force has been asked to do over the last 10 years," he said.

The foundation of everything the Army does is based on trust, he said:

- Trust between Soldiers;
- Trust between Soldiers and leaders;
- Trust between Soldiers, leaders, families and the Army.

"This last point is why you're here today," he said. "How do we continue to develop that trust between our Soldiers, leaders and our Army that they can know the Army will be here to do what's right for them, that they can know that they will have programs in place to help them to be resilient, to help them build their families, to help them to be more successful in their own individual lives."

Eight issues explained

1. Survivor investment of military death gratuity and Service Members' Group Life Insurance.

Currently, under the HEART Act, or Heroes Earning Assist and Relief Tax, the survivor receiving the death gratuity and SGLI funds has the opportunity to place up to the full amount received into a Roth Individual Retirement Account or Coverdell Education Savings Account within 12 months after receipt of funds. The recommendation is to amend the HEART Act to extend this to 24 months.

2. Transportation and per diem for servicemember's family to attend family therapy sessions.

Travel and per diem are not currently authorized for family members who are requested to attend family therapy sessions with Soldiers receiving substance abuse or behavioral health treatments. The recommendation is to authorize travel and per diem for family members to attend these sessions as required by behavioral health professionals.

3. Department of the Army Form 5893 "Soldier's Medical Evaluation Board/Physical Evaluation Board Checklist" language clarification. The language defining the entitlement to receive concurrent payments on DA Form 5893 does not include the potential ramifications for receiving concurrent payments of VA disability pay and Army retirement pay for medically retired veterans.

The recommendation is to modify form 5893 to warn of the potential recoupment ramifications when receiving concurrent payments of VA disability pay and Army retirement pay for medically retired veterans.

4. Child, Youth and School Services facility-based programs, one-on-one assistance and reduced adult/child rations for children with special needs.

Child, Youth and School Services facility-based programs do not consistently accommodate one-on-one assistance or reduced adult/child ratios for children with special needs. The recommendation is to determine the appropriate level of care or staffing ratio in Child, Youth and School Services facility-based programs for children with special needs based on the recommendations of the Special Needs Accommodation Process team.

5. (tied with #4) Identification card for Gold Star lapel button recipients.

Gold Star lapel button recipients who are not authorized a DOD identification card do not have easy access to Army installations. The recommendation is to create a card that provides access to Army installations for those authorized to receive the Gold Star lapel button.

6. Commissary, Armed Services Exchange, and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation privileges for honorably discharged disabled veterans with 10 percent or greater disability.

Honorably discharged disabled veterans with 10 percent or greater disability are not currently authorized commissary, exchange and FMWR benefits. The recommendation is to authorize this.

7. Creditable civil service career tenure requirements for federally employed spouses of military servicemembers and civilian federal employees.

Federally employed spouses of military servicemembers and civilian federal employees may have difficulties reaching creditable civil service career tenure requirements due to relocation assignments.

The recommendation is to increase the 30-day creditable civil service career tenure requirement break for all federally employed spouses of military servicemembers and civilian federal employees to 180 days after resignation in conjunction with the relocation of their military or federal spouse.

8. Retention of wounded, ill and injured servicemembers to minimum retirement requirement.

Wounded, ill and injured servicemembers are being medically retired between 18 and 20 years of active service due to physical disabilities, involuntarily removing them from military service despite otherwise being eligible for sanctuary.

The recommendation is to authorize servicemembers who have between 18 and 20 years of service to remain on active duty to the minimum retirement requirement and not be separated due to medical reasons.

What's Happening

Jewish holiday of Purim

The Jewish holiday of Purim, celebrating the biblical victory against Persian-era persecution, concludes at nightfall tonight.

To celebrate this holiday, the Jewish Chapel will host its annual Purim observance at 4:15 p.m. today.

The event will feature the reading of the Scroll of Esther and a holiday meal.

If you plan on attending, RSVP to Chaplain Shmuel Felzenberg at 938-2710 or 910-273-0767, or by email at shmuel.felzenberg@usma.edu.

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.

Jewish Service cancellation

During the week of Spring Break, the Friday evening Shabbat Services normally held at the Jewish Chapel is cancelled March 16.

Alternate worship information can be obtained by contacting the chapel staff at 938-2710.

Cadet Shoe Drive

Cadets from Company F-4 are participating in the Groo's Shoes (Middletown) annual shoe drive for the poor of Orange County through March 19. The shoes can be new or gently worn.

Class of 2015 Cadet Jon Lindefjeld is coordinating the project. The cadets will bring their respective shoe collections after spring break to a central location, then the shoes will be sent over to Groo's Shoes.

Dr. Frederick Pugh has a collection box near his office in Taylor Hall (first floor, Room 112). There are collection boxes currently in individual company areas.

For more information, call Lindefjeld at 412-480-1503.

Basic Rider Motorcycle Course classes

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

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

- March 21-22, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- April 25-26, 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.;
- May 2-3 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information on location or to sign up for the courses, go to <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx>.

The dates of the classes for the cadets are:

- March 23-25;
- April 27-29;
- May 4-6. See the website above for location and time.

The Basic Rider Motorcycle Course is nearly a 15-hour program that provides classroom and actual motorcycle operator training in a controlled, off-street environment.

If you have a bike and helmet, please bring them with you. Bikes and helmets are available for use if needed.

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.

West Point Schools re-registration for SY 2012-13

The West Point Schools will be holding re-registration for both the elementary and middle schools during the week of March 26-30 in the elementary school conference room.

The registration hours are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily and from 5-8 p.m. March 28 in conjunction with the PTO's Book Fair Family Night.

Re-registration packets will be sent home on Wednesday. All returning families are asked to attend the re-registration, so do not send packets back to school with students.

If you are not returning to the West Point Schools next year, you may send in the withdrawal form with your student.

New student packets will be available during re-registration or you may pre-register new students online at <https://registration.dodea.edu>.

BBC Foundation scholarship applications

Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from high school and undergraduate students of West Point's family housing residents for the 2012-13 academic year.

To apply for these scholarships, go to the Foundation's website, bbcommunitiesfoundation.org, and print out, complete and submit the application and all required materials to Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Applications must be received by April 15.

West Point Community Diving Club

The West Point Community Diving Club is offering learn-to-dive lessons at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

SAMC meetings

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

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

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

Protestant Women of the Chapel Wednesdays

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

Childcare is provided. All women are invited.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at ascgriffin@gmail.com.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Thursdays

PWOC offers an "evening" Bible study on the book of

James is being offered from 7-9 p.m. Thursdays.

No childcare will be provided for evening studies.

For more information, contact Amy Griffin at ascgriffin@gmail.com.

2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

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

For registration information, call 845-446-5007, ext. 119, or visit www.goarmysports.com for more camp specific information.

NEW INFO

Enrollment for CEP Reading Course

Enrollment for the Center for Enhanced Performance RS102 Reading Efficiency Course is now open. The course begins March 21 and is open to all cadets. Staff, faculty and employees at West Point may enroll on a space available basis.

RS102 is a 10-lesson course designed to help increase reading speed without a significant loss of comprehension. There is no homework, no textbook to buy, no out-of-class assignments and no WPRs/TEEs.

The course syllabus and listing of all class dates will be sent when registration is confirmed. Course times are offered during B, E, F, G, J, and K hours of the cadet schedule.

For more information or to enroll, contact Kathy Eagan, RS102 course director, at 938-3421 or yk8716@usma.edu.

Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course class

The West Point Safety Office is offering an Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course class from 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m. April 24 in A Lot, just above Michie Stadium.

The Experienced Rider Motorcycle Course is for motorcyclists who want to sharpen their skills. This course is mandatory for anyone who does not have a valid MSF card and wants to operate his or her motorcycle on post.

The class holds only six students at a time. The prerequisite is the Basic Rider Course.

For more information or to sign up for the courses, go to <https://apps.imcom.army.mil/AIRS/default.aspx>.

West Point Women's History Month Luncheon

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office, the Corbin Forum and the William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic will host the West Point Women's History Month Observance Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 22 at the West Point Club Grand Ballroom.

There is a fee for the event. See your unit first sergeant, equal opportunity advisor, equal opportunity leader or Department POC's for ticket information.

The guest speaker is Charity N. Wallace, Director for the Women's Initiative and Senior Advisor to Laura Bush.

For more information, contact Michelle Nadeau-Schaff at 938-4288, Master Sgt. Joe Willis at 938-7082 or Master Sgt. Tim Morgan at 938-8456.

Second Infantry Division Reunion

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

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

FMWR Blurbs

ACS' Coping with Deployment Course

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

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

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

CYSS Hired! Program

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

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

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

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

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

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration

CYSS Sports and Fitness Spring Sports registration is ongoing for military and civilian families at Parent Central.

Registration will conclude March 16.

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

Shamrock 5K

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

Pre-registration at the FMWR Fitness Center is ongoing.

The race starts and finishes at the West Point Club with registration at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start at 8 a.m.

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

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

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

For more information, call 938-6490.

West Point Career Expo

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

Meet with top companies to discuss

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

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

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

CYSS Parent's Night Out

It's Parent's Night Out at Stony Child Development Center March 30.

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

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

For more information, call 938-3921.

Mind, Body and Soul Training

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

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

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

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

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

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

To register, call Amy-Jo Johnson at 938-5654 or email amyjo.johnson@usma.edu.

Spring Story Hour

The West Point Post Library, Bldg. 622, has its spring story hour sessions at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 17.

All West Point community children ages 3-5 are eligible. There are no fees.

Children must be registered each week.

Call 938-2974 or visit the library for more information.

Winter Madness Framing sale

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

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

For more information, call 938-4812.

West Point 5K/10K

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

To register, go to active.com and type in the keyword "West Point" or call 938-6497 for more details.

Round Pond reservations

Round Pond reservations are now being taken for active duty servicemembers and other eligible personnel from 2-6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Round Pond reservation line is 938-8811.

FMWR to expand swim times

In an effort to promote fitness and reinforce that the West Point community is one team, the Department of Physical Education and the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation will expand community swim hours outside of cadet instructional hours and practice/competition of the West Point Swimming and Dive teams.

Every evening through the week and all day Saturday and Sunday, Crandall Pool is available for FMWR to schedule open swim or community aquatic events.

FMWR is currently in the process of hiring additional lifeguards in order to expand the opportunity for community use.

Once lifeguards are hired, FMWR will announce the expanded hours.

DPE will also conduct open swim hours for cadets, staff, faculty and the community during the morning (5:45-7:15 a.m.) and afternoon hours (12:05-1:45 p.m.), Monday-Friday in Crandall Pool.

For updated information, call the Crandall Pool hotline at 938-2985.

NEW INFO

Employment Readiness Program job listings

The Employment Readiness Program offers weekly job listings to military family members living on West Point and in the surrounding community.

This is a free service. To list your available openings with the Employment Readiness Program, email randy.stephenson@usma.edu.

Massage therapist needed at FMWR Fitness Center

Are you a people person and a team player? A N.Y. State licensed massage therapist is needed to join the team at the FMWR Fitness Center.

Send your résumé to mperridc@hotmail.com or call Wellness Springs at 845-928-2898.

Open skate closed for the season

Open skating held at Tate Rink is now closed for the season.

The open skate will return in November.

ACS' 2012 Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing

The Army Emergency Relief campaign will run through May 15 helping to make Soldiers and their families Army Strong.

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

Arts & Crafts Shop now offers repair services

The Arts & Crafts Shop is offering a new service to the West Point community.

The following services include minor furniture repair, upholstery repair, minor artwork repair to canvas and picture frames.

All work is done on the premises.

For more information, call 938-4812.

CYSS Spring Break Mini-Olympics

The Child, Youth and School Services will host a Spring Break Mini-Olympics from 2-5 p.m. March 12-16 at the Middle School Teen Center, Bldg. 500.

It's available to registered CYSS youth in grades 6-12.

For more information, call 938-3727.

West Point FMWR Survey

By the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The appropriated funds received for recreational programs, management and overhead functions has been reduced significantly this year.

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is analyzing its programs and services to determine which programs to modify and which to discontinue.

DFMWR's decisions about programs and services will take into consideration many factors, to include the effect on Soldier readiness, popularity and whether or not the customer can get the service elsewhere on post.

As stated by the Installation Management Commander, a commitment to maintain the quality of support earned by Soldiers and families intensifies the need to operate more efficiently and effectively.

A survey is now available and will help identify which programs are most important to you—the Soldier, family member, civilian or retiree. The information gathered from this survey will be used to recommend changes to our current programs.

While responding to this survey is voluntary, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete it. Reliability of the results can only be achieved if our response rate is high.

For those of you who have family members who use our facilities and programs, we ask that you forward the link below to their home email account so they may have the opportunity to complete the survey as well. This should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

The survey is located at ...

<http://extranet.dean.usma.edu/oir/fmwr>

Keller Corner

Parking at Keller Hospital

Starting Monday, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, all parking at Keller Hospital will be for patients, designated vehicles and visitors of the hospital only.

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

TRICARE questions

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

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

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

For more information, call 845-938-4838.

Groundbreaking ceremony

The commander and command sergeant major of KACH invites everyone to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new KACH clinic addition at 1 p.m. March 15.

The ceremony will take place near the hospital main entrance.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Blood donation is an integral part of the health and well-being of the community. The need is constant and there is no substitute for volunteer blood donations.

Every two seconds, someone needs a blood transfusion. Each donation can help save up to three lives.

We encourage you to donate blood from noon-7 p.m. March 19-22 at Eisenhower Hall's 4th floor ballroom. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, contact Mary Mandia at 938-2583 or via email at mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil.

Rabies prevention efforts

In light of the recent concerns regarding in-theater animal bites, the Army medical community is determined to prevent further illness in Soldiers related to such injuries.

KACH Soldiers are spending countless hours conducting comprehensive reviews of all Post Deployment Health Assessments for incidents involving animal bites.

The health and wellness of our Soldiers is our primary mission.



Black and Gold volunteers

Army Community Service celebrated the Black and Gold Volunteer Award and Volunteer of the Quarter ceremony March 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622. The 2012 second quarter honorees, between U.S. Military Academy Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Burnett, Deputy Garrison Commander Wilfred Plumley and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell, were (from left to right) Barbara Smeland, Donald Hahn, Sang Hui Molin, Sgt. Kerilyn Schwartzkopf, Tiahna Moya, Debbie Gerber, Spc. Shawn Dawson, Ruth Storch, Raquel Huggins, David Walters, Bernhard Storch, Judy Audevard, Gail Brassil, Danielle Toohey, Walter Stern, Danielle Seidel, Lisa Kolb, Anita Stern, Lt. Col. Troy Prairie, Class of 2012 Cadet Nicholas Pollacia, Shannon Prairie, Janet Browne, Carol Sobiesk and Joseph Knipp. The volunteer of the quarter is Schwartzkopf for her work with Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers.

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NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Red Tails, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

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

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Hearts Apart Indoor Picnic**—Army Community Service and Balfour Beatty Communities will host an indoor pot-luck picnic for the families of deployed Soldiers at ACS, Bldg. 622 starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Hearts Apart picnic will feature a family movie, fun crafts, games and deployment-related activities.

To register for this event, contact Amy-Jo Johnson at 845-938-5654 or email amyjo.johnson@usma.edu.

• **Girl Scouts 100th anniversary**—Join BBC from 10 a.m.-noon Monday at the Lee CDC to enjoy refreshments, Girl Scout Cookies and meet some of our West Point Girl Scouts, leaders and learn more about our exciting council and Year of the Girl.

Command Channel 8/23

March 8-15

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through March 15
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through March 15
 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/ECS

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

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2
 Difficulty: Easy

THANK YOU!

The *Pointer View* and the West Point Public Affairs Office would like to thank everyone who participated in our newspaper survey. We appreciate your answers and opinions, which will help us continue to better serve the community in the future.

POINTER VIEW



Class of 2013 celebrates 500th Night
 Class members give cadets time to relax, reflect and prepare for way ahead

The 500th anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Military Academy was celebrated on Saturday, March 3, at the Academy's 500th Night. The event was held at the Academy's main building, where the Class of 2013 members gathered to honor the Academy's history and the achievements of its graduates. The night featured a variety of activities, including a reception, a dinner, and a performance. The Class of 2013 members were joined by their families and friends, and the event was a great success. The Class of 2013 members were proud to represent the Academy and to celebrate its 500th anniversary.

Due to spring break, there will be no *Pointer View* March 15.

Earls gets four hits, Rowley strikes out 10 in win

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Freshman third baseman Harold Earls went 4-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored, and junior pitcher Chris Rowley struck out a career-high 10 batters over eight strong innings as the Army baseball team defeated UMBC, 9-2, in a non-league contest March 3 at Baseball Factory Field in Baltimore.

Seniors first baseman Kevin McKague and catcher J.T. Watkins combined to go 6-for-10 with three doubles to help pace Army's 15-hit attack. Senior second baseman Zach Price also collected a pair of hits and was on base four times. Seven of the Black Knights' nine starters registered at least one base hit in the contest.

Rowley, the reigning Patriot League Pitcher of the Week, turned in his second straight dominant outing. The junior right-hander, who retired the last 13 batters he faced, yielded just two runs on five hits in eight innings of work.

Rowley's 10 strikeouts surpass his previous career high of eight, which he established versus Holy Cross last season. The Duluth, Ga., native appeared to get stronger as the game wore on, registering five of his 10 strikeouts after the fifth inning.

"I thought I was really ineffective early in today's game," Rowley said. "I didn't pitch off of my fastball as well as I wanted to early in the game, but I was able to throw the change-up and slider for strikes. Later on, I was able to settle down and I found a groove."

Rowley was quick to point out that the Black Knights' defense behind him helped him out in today's contest.

"I pitched to contact when I needed to today," Rowley said. "I've been pitching to our strengths, and that starts with our defense. The thing that was most impressive about the defense today was the fact they were able to make adjustments."

"Alex (Jensen) made an error early, but he came back and made some great plays behind me," he added. "The defense has been playing well behind all of our pitchers so far this season, and there is a good sense of trust that is developing on the club."

UMBC (0-6) was able to get to Rowley in the bottom of the first inning as the Retrievers scored one run on two hits to take an early 1-0 lead. Rob McCabe led off the frame by blasting a double off the wall in right field. The UMBC catcher moved to third base on Tom Gilchrist's groundout and scored on Max Himmelstein's RBI single.

Army (5-3) stormed back in the top of the second inning as the Black Knights scored four runs on four hits and one UMBC error.

Watkins, Earls and freshman shortstop Alex Jensen strung together consecutive singles to open the frame, with Jensen's base hit scoring Watkins from third base. Freshman right fielder Dakari Cooke then walked to load the bases, and senior center fielder Cody Murtle hit a sacrifice fly to center field to provide Army with a 2-1 edge.

Price followed with an RBI single into the gap in left-center field to score Jensen with the third run of the inning. Cooke then took third base on an error by the UMBC shortstop, and he scored on freshman left fielder Daniel Cortes' fielder's choice grounder.

The Black Knights tacked on two more runs in the top of the third inning. Watkins and Earls hit back-to-back singles to open the frame, and both runners moved into scoring position following Jensen's sacrifice bunt. Cooke then came through with an RBI single to score Watkins and move Earls to third base. Murtle followed with a squeeze bunt to deliver Earls and extend the Black Knights' lead to 6-1.

Army pushed its cushion to 7-1 in the fourth inning as



Junior pitcher Chris Rowley struck out a career-high 10 batters over eight innings to help lead Army to a 9-2 win over UMBC March 3 in Baltimore.

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Watkins doubled with two outs and came around on Earls' base hit.

UMBC got one run back in the bottom of the fourth as Ian Glassman doubled leading off the frame and scored on Jake Barnes' RBI single.

The Retrievers would not threaten again against Rowley, however, as the Black Knights' starter retired the side in order in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth innings.

Army tacked on another insurance run in the top of the eighth inning on Earls' sacrifice fly. Junior designated hitter Sean McIlroy led off the frame by reaching on an error by the UMBC shortstop. McIlroy, who moved to second base on the play, took third on Watkins' groundout and scored when Earls lofted a fly ball to left field.

The Black Knights capped the scoring in the ninth when Price was hit by a pitch, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on Cortes' base hit.

Earls, who returned to the starting lineup, was just as pleased with his defensive play as he was with performance at the plate.

"It just felt good to get back on the field," Earls said. "I just tried to stay through the middle; I was willing to do anything to get on base. The biggest thing for me is playing well defensively, and I felt like I did that tonight. Playing defense comes first and hitting comes second. Luckily, they both worked out tonight. We definitely have a long way to go, but we will build off of tonight's game and be better going forward."

Rifle heads to NCAAs, Buck will try to add to trophy case



Senior Kelly Buck shows off her GARC smallbore championship that she won Feb. 25. Buck became the third Black Knight crowned as smallbore champion, joining Paul Charbonneau (2003) and two-time medalist Chris Abalo (2005 and 2007). Buck carded a 585 to finish runner-up in the open relay scoring to qualify for the individual finals. She followed with a 98.4 in the 10-shot shoot off to edge Kentucky's Henri Junghanel for the title with her 683.4 to his 682.2 composite.

PHOTO BY JUNE MALACHOSKY

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Army's rifle team will put the finishing touches on its 2011-12 campaign Friday and Saturday at the NCAA Championships at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

It is the ninth straight year that the Black Knights have earned a berth to this prestigious event. Army won the national title in 2005, along with second-place finishes in 2007 and 2008.

Army will be looking to improve upon last year's eighth-place finish as it heads to the NCAAs with its most seasoned squad since 2008.

Four of Army's six-member firing unit fired at last year's tournament with senior Kelly Buck, a 2011 NRA first-team All-American in smallbore, competing for the fourth straight year.

Junior William Mengon, along with sophomores Michael Matthews and Richard Calvin, were part of Army's unit last year, while it is the first time for Joseph Todaro and Zachary Wells, the latter competing individually in air rifle as one of four qualifiers in that discipline.

The meet at Ohio State's Converse Hall and French Field House starts at 8 a.m. Friday with the relay scoring finishing at 3 p.m., followed by the individual finals at 4 p.m.

The schedule is the same the next day for air rifle with the winner of the combined disciplines crowned the 2012 champion.

Fans can follow the meet as the two-day competition will be video streamed and can be accessed by clicking onto the NCAA website at www.ncaa.com/sports/rifle/dl.

Kentucky captured the Great America Rifle Conference title in 2012 with West Virginia second, and the two teams list No. 3 and 2, respectively, in the country behind the No. 1 team, TCU.

The Wildcats and Mountaineers are members of the GARC, along with Army, and it should be an exciting meet as West Virginia captured the conference championship title two weeks ago in defending its title for the third straight year

after falling to Kentucky during the regular season.

Army threw a scare at the GARC Championship by capturing the smallbore title, its third, along with crowning the individual champion (Buck) the opening day. Buck is just the third Black Knight to capture the title in that event and first since 2008.

The Black Knights held a slim three-point lead over West Virginia, 2,318-2,315, the first day with Kentucky and Nebraska tied for third place after posting identical 2,313 scores.

Buck recorded a 585 to finish runner-up in the relay scoring, then followed with a 98.4 in the shoot-off to edge Kentucky's Henri Junghanel for the title with her 683.4 composite.

Buck will be a contender for the title at the NCAAs where she will be challenged by two members of Kentucky's team in defending champion Ethan Settlemires and Junghanel.

Settlemires failed to make the GARC finals in smallbore after finishing 13th in the relay scoring, while Junghanel and Buck recorded identical 585s in the relay scoring.

Matthews also placed among the top eight smallbore qualifiers for the individual finals, outpointing three others, including Todaro, in the shoot-off for the final spot after firing 579s.

Matthews fired the second highest mark of 101.6 in the finals to finish fifth with a 680.6 score.

The Black Knights did not fare as well the final day in air rifle which saw them drop out of contender status for the title. Army's season-high 2,352 in this event is just five points off the school record.

The Black Knights, who have one of the top smallbore units in the country, are capable of pulling off an upset at the NCAAs if they post strong scores in both disciplines.

West Virginia will be looking to capture its 15th NCAA title and first since 2009, and Kentucky will be looking to defend its title. No. 1 TCU, which won the title in 2010, closed out the season 12-0.

Rounding out the rest of the field are Alaska Fairbanks, UTEP, Nevada and Jacksonville State.

Rodriguez named semifinalist for AAU Sullivan Award

By Brian Gunning
Army Athletic Communications

The postseason accolades continue to pile up for Army senior football player Andrew Rodriguez, who was named a semifinalist for the 82nd annual AAU Sullivan Award March 1. Rodriguez is one of nine individuals in the running to capture the prestigious honor.

The only college football player to be named a semifinalist, Rodriguez is joined on the list by eight other standout amateur athletes to include Betsey Armstrong (water polo), David Boudia (diving), Jillian Camarena-Williams (shot put), Kaliya Johnson (hockey), Alex Jupiter (volleyball), Jason Read (rowing), Katherine Reutter (speed skating) and Jordyn Wieber (gymnastics).

Fans can cast a vote for their choice for the 2011 AAU Sullivan Award winner by going to <http://aaunews.org>. Voting ends Friday.

Known as the "Oscar" of sports awards, and older than The Heisman Trophy, the AAU Sullivan Award honors the outstanding amateur athlete in the United States.

It has been presented annually by the AAU since 1930 as a salute to founder and past president of the Amateur Athletic Union, and a pioneer in amateur sports, James E. Sullivan. Based on the qualities of leadership, character, sportsmanship,

and the ideals of amateurism, the AAU Sullivan Award goes far beyond athletic accomplishments and honors those who have shown strong moral character.

Sullivan is credited with developing the current concept of the playground and organized recreation of the present day. Accordingly, he and others opened the first public playground and gymnasium in New York City in 1906.

Last December, Rodriguez became the first Army player to be honored with the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is awarded annually to the nation's top football scholar-athlete.

Rodriguez, chosen as one of the Black Knights' three captains by his teammates, returned to the field this past fall after missing all of 2010 with a back injury. He started 11 of the Black Knights' 12 games, and ranked fifth on the team with 59 tackles. Rodriguez accounted for a team-leading three takeaways, intercepting a pass and recovering two fumbles.

The Alexandria, Va., native was the Black Knights' leading tackler in 2009. For his career, he racked up 144 tackles, three tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries in 24 games.

In the classroom, Rodriguez boasts a 4.14 grade-point average. He was a 2009 and 2011 CoSIDA Academic All-District I selection and earned first-team Academic All-America accolades this past fall.

Rodriguez has been on the West Point dean's list six times.



Senior Andrew Rodriguez is up for the AAU Sullivan Award.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/WEST POINT PUBLIC AFFAIRS

He is ranked third in West Point's Class of 2012.

Recent winners of the AAU Sullivan Award include Michelle Kwan (figure skating) in 2001, Michael Phelps (swimming) in 2003, Paul Hamm (gymnastics) in 2004, J.J. Redick (men's basketball) in 2005, Tim Tebow (football) in 2007 and Shawn Johnson (gymnastics) in 2008.

Former Army football greats Felix "Doc" Blanchard and Young Arnold Tucker garnered the award in consecutive years, claiming the honor in 1945 and 1946, respectively. They rank as the only two West Pointers to capture the honor.