



## Irish spring

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Center and the West Point Club hosted the 2012 St. Patrick's Day Shamrock 5K and Green Eggs and Ham breakfast March 17. Runners, such as the jumping leprechaun (12-year-old Brian Mott) in the photo above, took on the challenging 3.1-mile course in full Irish spirit and many enjoyed a well deserved cup of brew and a mini massage upon finishing. The overall winner and top male runner was Marty Wennblom, who finished in 17 minutes and 49 seconds. The first-place female runner was Jodi Bolsenbroek, who finished in 22:44. The top boy and girl finishers were 11-year-old Michael Burich, who finished in 25:40, and nine-year-old Athena Glorius, who completed the race in 39:26. JOE COLLERY/DFMWR

## Rodriguez wins the Sullivan Award, first Army athlete since 1946

By Brian Gunning  
Army Athletic Communications

Army senior linebacker Andrew Rodriguez added another trophy to his mantle Tuesday night, winning the 2011 James E. Sullivan Award. The honor, presented by the Amateur Athletic Union, is given annually to the nation's most outstanding amateur athlete.

The honor has been presented annually since 1930, and is based on character, leadership and sportsmanship.

Rodriguez received the award at the New York Athletic Club. One of six finalists,

the Arlington, Va., native is the third Army football player to win the Sullivan Award and the first since Y. Arnold Tucker in 1946. Felix "Doc" Blanchard also took home the trophy in 1945.

"This award is a tribute to all the people who have helped me throughout my life, especially my family," Rodriguez said. "I had the opportunity to play for all the servicemen and servicewomen who watched us every week. That's who my teammates and I played for and this award goes out to them."

An Academic All-American, Rodriguez is only the third player to win both the

Sullivan Award and the National Football Foundation's Campbell Trophy, which is presented to the nation's top football scholar-athlete. Rodriguez joins Peyton Manning and Tim Tebow on that short list of double honorees.

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.

He 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 4.12 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, and is ranked third in West Point's Class of 2012.

# IMCOM promise: World-class customer service

By Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter  
Commander, U.S. Army Installation Management Command

Every day across our installations, members of Team IMCOM are working hard to provide world-class customer service and make it a great day to be a Soldier, family member or Army civilian.

A prime example is when a 71-year-old retired sergeant first class visited the Fort McCoy ID card office to renew his card. Ken Quade, a separation and retirement services specialist, noticed the retiree needed a different kind of card. He was not receiving all the benefits he should have.

Quade could see the customer needed help, and so he took corrective action. Incredibly, with Quade's help, the retiree was eventually able to recover more than \$41,000 in back pay and receive other benefits he had earned.

Just imagine the impact of this on the sergeant first class and his wife. They returned to the office to tell Quade in person what a big difference it made in their lives.

We in the Installation Management Command are charged with delivering the majority of installation services and Soldier and Family programs, and we know that a critical element of service delivery depends on our people.

World-class customer service depends on making connections with the customers across the counter—listening to them, working to find solutions and saying thank you. It doesn't cost a penny to make someone feel like a million dollars. It does take a commitment to serve and provide leadership at every level.



Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, U.S. Army Installation Management Command U.S. ARMY PHOTO

Our focus on customer service is a promise of predictable service. It is a promise that customers

will always be treated with courtesy, respect and an attitude of "let's make this work."

We can see many other great examples of customer service across IMCOM. There's Carol Pryer, a survivor support coordinator with the Florida Army National Guard, who with great persistence and compassion has built a strong network for our most revered members, Army survivors.

Or Robin Greene at Fort Sam Houston, who has worked hard to streamline the process for providing housing for Soldiers with medical needs. Or Jessica Zagelow, Family Child Care Director at Fort Bliss, who goes above and beyond for children who need extra care.

Or Nick Overstake and Pat Fielder at Campbell Army Airfield, who came in Christmas Day to repair runway lights and make sure a flight with redeploying Soldiers could land. There are way too many great examples to name them all, and to that I say, Go Team!

Thank you, IMCOM personnel, for setting the standard for customer service. I am extremely proud of our team and what you do for Soldiers, families and civilians every day.

And thank you, too, to our customers for your feedback. Keep sending us those ICE comments. Visit the IMCOM Facebook page and tell us about our team members who deliver excellent customer service.

We want to know how we can improve, and just as much, we want to hear about our stars.

# Balfour Beatty Communities is now blogging

Submitted by Balfour Beatty Communities

Balfour Beatty Communities just launched a new community blog for the residents in West Point Family Housing.

"This marks our latest effort for getting important, timely and engaging information to our residents," Randolph Tucker, BBC community manager, said.

A community website is also available, as well as a Facebook page where residents can chat with BBC staff and a Twitter account. The goal is to use as many resources available through social media to connect more quickly and seamlessly with residents on the platform of their choosing, according to Tucker.

The blog is designed to serve as an online portal where residents can exchange recipes, read reviews

about local restaurants and area attractions, as well as articles promoting healthy living. Residents will also find important resident messages and other happenings around town. In addition to engaging articles, the blog includes helpful links to movie theaters, public transportation information, local review and discount sites, a Walk Score map of the immediate area and a link to local restaurants.

"We want residents to be informed, utilize these tools to make their busy lives easier, engage with their neighbors and have fun," Tucker said. "For us, it's all about putting our residents first in all that we do and creating an environment that they are proud to call home."

Join the conversation and visit your community blog at <http://blog.westpointfamilyhousing.com>.



SCREEN CAPTURE

## Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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# West Point's Minerva Initiative gains new ground

*Minerva Fellows, new research and workshop make for exciting opportunities*

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

Winning hearts and minds has long been an extension of military operations during wartime—often becoming a sociological conflict when dealing with a populace entirely unfamiliar to American Soldiers.

Recognizing the need to focus on these cultural and environmental conditions—and include experts in the field of social sciences into the conversation—the Office of the Secretary of Defense launched the Minerva Research Initiative in 2009.

This Department of Defense program has provided competitive funding for dozens of colleges and universities, to which West Point recently was granted an extension through 2013 for two Minerva Fellows.

Col. John Graham, associate dean for research, is West Point's lead proponent in making the academy more research-minded and the Minerva Program is one way of making that happen.

"We are really excited about this because of what it's doing for the academy," Graham said. "It's changing how we see ourselves participating with the Department of Defense and Department of the Army."

Last year, the academy opened a Minerva Program office in Jefferson Hall and John Willis, director of Research Operations, serves as the program manager there.

"The good news here is that a deeper understanding is being gained in the socio-cultural context in the areas where the Army operates," Willis said. "For West Point, this will

further push our research agenda, partnerships and support to the Army. In addition, this will support cadet research and cadet learning as well."

Kristine Ringler serves as a research associate at West Point's Minerva Research Initiative. She received her master's degree in Global Policy for International Development from the Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and deployed to Iraq and Kosovo as a Civil Affairs Reservist.

Before coming to West Point, Ringler had conducted on-the-ground research in the Basra and Ninewa Provinces in Iraq for the Army, State Department and other government agencies. Last year, she served as an instructor and developer on the District Stability Framework in Afghanistan for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

"With her experience with (Army) Civil Affairs and on human terrain teams ... we lucked out, if you will, and got this amazing asset for the academy," Graham said.

Graham said competing for and receiving the two Minerva Fellows, Dr. Makame Muhajir and Luke Gerdes, was a huge win for the academy.

"We put in our bid and we don't just win one, we win two ... that hasn't been done at West Point before," Graham said.

## Minerva Fellows

Muhajir is the former Surveys and Urban Planning Department director in Zanzibar, Tanzania and director of the World Heritage City of Zanzibar's Urban Conservation Program. He received his doctorate in 2011 from the University of Kansas, specializing in human geography and urban planning fields.

Muhajir's research will focus on Social, Spatial and Cultural Topologies of African Villages, and is working out of the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering.

Luke Gerdes previously conducted research at the Strategic Studies Institute at the U.S. Army War College and studied extremism in Southeast Asia at the International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Singapore. Gerdes is the Behavioral Sciences and Leadership Fellow for the "Social and Cultural Network Topology of Asian Communities" research project.

The West Point Minerva Fellows will conduct research that will be presented in September at the annual Minerva Conference in Washington, D.C. As well as providing socio-cultural research, the fellows will offer seminars in African Studies, Geography, Social Network Analysis and Understanding Islamic Ideologies to cadets starting next semester.

The West Point Minerva Program has already made an impact on cadet education. Class of 2013 Cadet Vincent Schuele, an electrical engineering major, has traveled to Qatar this semester where he is currently analyzing Islamic ideologies in the Far East. The location where he's operating from has satellite universities from Georgetown University, Texas A&M, Qatar University and the Islamic Studies Center.

"He has a really good opportunity to gain access to (Qatari) graduate students and U.S.-based graduate students who are studying culture within the social sciences," Ringler said. "He's also connected with the Public Affairs Department at the U.S. Embassy in Doha."

The cadet research will be incorporated into the material Gerdes is developing and Schuele is tentatively scheduled to present it at the Minerva conference in D.C.

## About the Minerva Initiative

- West Point's Minerva Research Initiative will develop inter-departmental partnerships and synergies within multiple disciplines throughout the academy.

- West Point's Minerva Workshop is scheduled for April 16-17 at the Thayer Hotel. It will serve to launch USMA's research efforts and build connections in the Department of Defense Minerva community, providing the foundations for progress in understanding regional connectivity of people, information and resources through social, cultural and spatial dynamics.

West Point's Minerva Research Initiative is also in the business of developing departmental partnerships and merging the talent pools across disciplines in research efforts. Collaborations are ongoing with six academy departments, as well as the Network Science Center and Combating Terrorism Center.

The West Point Minerva Program will host a workshop April 16-17, which will work toward developing those connections, according to Ringler. West Point cadets, scholars, practitioners, military and civilian experts will attend sessions focusing on Africa and Asia within a variety of topics.

"The workshop is three-tiered. It's (intended to speak) to the big picture of where social science sits within the military and within academia," Ringler said. "Underneath there are the subjects of geography, urban planning, African studies with Network Science embedded within it. Then the third tier is where the USMA-Minerva Proposals reside, the specifics to the research."

Dating back to the start of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, there was a concern among academia about military applications of sociology associating it with doing harm rather than helping the populace. Sociologists work downrange as human terrain teams to better assist commanders in understanding the host nation demographics.

"Their science is something the military depends on ... the understanding of people, how they operate and predictions of what they'll do in a given situation has become a key and core competency for the Department of Defense," Graham said. "Kristine (Ringler) was a member of one of those groups, and they play a critical role in helping commanders understand what the population is thinking or doing."

Since then, DOD and the White House have further reached out to experts in these fields to examine the impact of deployments on military families, while sociologists have briefed Congress on socio-cultural factors affecting military recruitment and retention. The Minerva Research Initiative is bringing cutting-edge resources into the equation, Graham said.

"(The Minerva Initiative) is designed to bring in these sociologists to basically spend time with the military and understand who we are—we're human beings—and our goal really is to help," Graham said. "West Point is now at the cutting edge of anthropology and sociology, not only from a scientific standpoint but also from a policy standpoint," Graham said.

To learn more about the DOD Minerva Research Initiative, visit <http://minerva.dtic.mil/> and at West Point, [www.netscience.usma.edu/minerva/minerva.htm](http://www.netscience.usma.edu/minerva/minerva.htm).



Luke Gerdes is one of two Minerva Fellows at West Point. His research is on "Social and Cultural Network Topology of Asian Communities." COURTESY PHOTO

# Will West Point be a RecycleMania winner?

*Final push in eight-week competition depends on community-wide efforts*

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

With Week Six coming to a close in the national RecycleMania competition, a community-wide effort at West Point is making impressive gains. However, compared to the hundreds of colleges and universities participating, the academy will need a strong push to stand out in this annual recycling competition.

Last year, West Point made its first RecycleMania appearance, focusing primarily on the Per Capita Classic category (cardboard, paper, cans and bottles combined). They placed 27th in the Per Capita and ranked 282nd overall in the Grand Champion category.

Currently, West Point ranks seventh in the Per Capita, seventh in Cardboard and 11th in both Paper and Bottles and Cans categories.

Class of 2012 Cadet Devin Redding, who helped spearhead the efforts before, has once again taken charge of the campaign for the Corps of Cadets.

“Although we didn’t place as high as we wanted to (last year), it definitely got the Corps of Cadets energized about recycling,” Redding said. “The recycling process is much more visible in the Corps, and with the education component put into place by our Environmental and Energy chain of command, I believe we are really seeing a positive cultural change at West Point.”

Stan Brown, FMWR Recycling Center manager, is also optimistic.

“We are all trying to win this competition, and we’re doing a good job at it,” he said. “Compared to last year, it’s a drastic improvement. I think we’ll be able to reach a better standing than we did last time.”

This year, the competition has added an inter-service academy category—the Commander-in-Chief’s Recycling Challenge,

which is an extension of the Per Capita Classic for military academies. This challenges West Point to compete against the Coast Guard Academy, Air Force Academy, Virginia Military Institute and The Citadel of South Carolina.

West Point was knocked out of the first place standing in Week Four by the Coast Guard Academy (which placed third in the Per Capita Classic in 2011).

Redding said West Point has a tradition of being at the forefront of leader development, academics and ethical education, and now is the time to take the lead in another field.

The way RecycleMania impacts the environment and encourages behavior change, it stands to benefit West Point by committing to the challenge.

“As cadets, our sole purpose here is to become leaders of character for our Army and our nation. I believe that as we move into the future, conservation of our environment and our resources will gain greater relevancy,” she said. “To be on the forefront of this movement, West Point has to continue to inspire and educate cadets to be serious about seemingly simple tasks such as recycling.”

Last semester, as a company-level officer, Redding led 4th Regiment’s Company H toward earning the Corps’ first sustainability streamer, which recognized the unit most active in recycling and environmental efforts.

“She really energized the recycling program, but also, Devin arranged classes the company went to,” Class of 2012 Cadet Brian Meese, the Corps’ energy and environmental officer, said. “She set up a cool little sustainable scavenger hunt around post. I think those things put her over the top. Company I-1 was a close second and that was (Cadet) Erin Mauldin’s company.”

Redding, who was assisted in the RecycleMania campaign by Class of 2013 Cadet Christine Esachina, an environmental

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| Grand Champion weekly recycling rate (%) | 2012 | 100.00% | 17.35% | 17.42% | 17.09% | 16.18%  | 14.84%  | 13.71%  |   |
| Per Capita Classic lbs/person            | 2012 | 6.67    | 7.35   | 7.82   | 14.35  | 19.20   | 23.87   | 28.17   |   |
| Gorilla lbs                              | 2012 | 41,300  | 45,570 | 48,460 | 88,940 | 118,991 | 147,871 | 174,511 |   |
| Paper lbs/person                         | 2012 | 2.46    | 1.70   | 2.82   | 6.47   | 8.12    | 9.61    | 11.15   |   |
| Corrugated Cardboard lbs/person          | 2012 | 3.23    | 4.36   | 3.23   | 5.15   | 7.67    | 9.80    | 12.56   |   |
| Bottles & Cans lbs/person                | 2012 | 0.97    | 1.29   | 1.77   | 2.73   | 3.41    | 4.45    | 4.45    |   |

The results for Week Six will be posted at <http://recyclemaniacs.org/>. These are the numbers currently available.

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science major, said if eight weeks can yield positive change for West Point, then the next challenge is maintaining that behavior after the competition ends.

“Recycling happens year-round, not just during the eight weeks of the RecycleMania competition,” Redding said. “However, RecycleMania is a great way to gain visibility for the recycling program at West Point, and I believe it has provided a much-needed venue for planning, discussing and implementing strong recycling programs in the Corps.”

West Point’s FMWR has promoted the competition on their Facebook page and the Recycle Center has been getting recyclable containers where they need to be while maintaining an aggressive collection schedule throughout the post.

“After RecycleMania ends, we want to emphasize this should be a constant competition—a habit to recycle properly all year,” he said.

But a few photos he keeps on his desk reminds him there’s still work to be done. They reveal food waste mixed with plastic bottles, with crumpled balls of paper covering a few empty cans—and the most egregious fact is this was found in a recycling container.

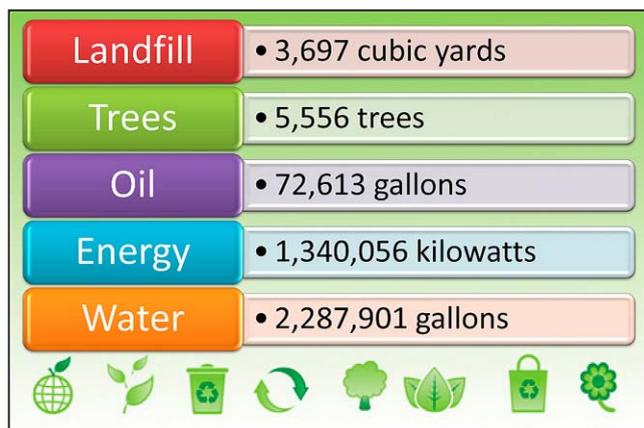
“When people don’t recycle properly then we can’t accept the material,” Brown said. “We don’t sort the garbage. What this shows is really a lack of interest in recycling; that’s what it comes down to. We’re doing better, but there’s still room for improvement.”

Last year, approximately 6.3 million students and staff from 630 colleges participated, recycling and composting 91 million pounds of material.

West Point placed 16th in the Paper category, seventh in Cardboard and 70th in Cans and Bottles.

The final results of RecycleMania will be posted at <http://recyclemaniacs.org/> on April 13.

## As of February, West Point has saved...



WEST POINT RECYCLING CENTER GRAPHIC

# Cyber research gets name recognition

*One of West Point's oldest research centers redesignated for its critical cyber mission*

Story and photo by Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

One of West Point's oldest research centers was redesignated Monday as the Cyber Research Center, coinciding with a promotion ceremony for its director.

Formerly the Information Technology and Operations Center, the newly-recognized Cyber Research Center and Col. Gregory Conti were recognized in a ceremony at Herbert Hall with about 60 guests in attendance.

As the CRC director and associate professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Conti said this is the era of the cyber warrior and it reflects the country's current needs.

"Our nation is the most technologically advanced and the most technologically dependant on the face of the earth," he said. "This brings great promise and great peril ... from lone malicious hackers, to online criminals and nation states wishing to do us harm. In recognition of this, the Department of Defense has recognized cyberspace as an operational domain alongside land, air, sea and space."

Since its establishment in 1985, the center transitioned from the domain of artificial intelligence to informational security.

In the fall of 2011, the Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor approved the redesignation to better communicate this mission and to align with DOD initiatives including the formation of the U.S. Cyber Command and Army Cyber Command.

"We want to leverage our intellectual capital on behalf of the Army and the nation, and enrich our educational program here," Conti said. "It's going to take an interdisciplinary team ... and we want to cross those disciplinary boundaries."

Cyber is truly a team sport, Conti said, and he listed the contributions of staff, faculty and cadets over the years, to include Col. Ron Dodge and Col. Daniel Ragsdale, two of the center's most distinguished leaders.

Ragsdale sponsored the creation of the Cadet Cyber Security Club and co-founded the national Cyber Defense Exercise, in partnership with the National Security Agency. West Point teams have claimed the annual trophy more times than all other service academies combined, and will defend the title again in mid-April.

Lt. Gen. Rhett Hernandez presided over the promotion ceremony for Conti, whom he called "the ultimate cyber warrior" for possessing the four words that title encompasses—elite, trusted, precise and disciplined.

"I don't use those words lightly; our nation will require cyber warriors like Greg. He's a quiet and competent professional who doesn't look for credit but looks to solve our toughest problems," Hernandez, who commissioned from West Point in 1976 as an artillery officer, said. "He's a strategic cyber asset and, in many ways, a national resource."

Since assuming the directorship in 2007, Conti has led the center in creating links with industry, government, academic, non-profit and military partners in the cyber community.

The CRC focuses on cyber warfare, cyber security education, security data visualization, secure and usable interface design and online privacy.

"With the work he's doing here, he is instrumental in both shaping our future leaders and serving as a catalyst for change as we mature the Department of Defense's newest domain—cyberspace," Hernandez added.



**Lt. Gen. Rhett Hernandez, commanding general of U.S. Army Cyber Command, spoke at both the promotion ceremony for Col. Gregory Conti, director of the Cyber Research Center, and the designation of the center.**

# West Point Girl Scouts celebrate a centennial

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

The West Point Girl Scouts celebrated their centennial this year—the 100th anniversary of the United States Girl Scouts March 12 at the Lee Child Development Center.

At one time, many may have thought Girl Scouts were just girls who went out and sold cookies, and learned girly stuff like how to cook or sew. Girl Scouts may cook around a campfire or sew on their badges, but as their motto reads “Be Prepared” and their slogan reads “Do a Good Turn for the Day,” they are also learning independence and to be charitable.

Like their counterparts in the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts earn badges, camp and earn awards for community service or work on their Silver or Golden Award (the equivalent to an Eagle Scout).

“We took the girls on an overnight trip on the Intrepid,” Diana Ringquist, community chair and Troop 186 co-leader, said. “On another trip, the girls stayed overnight in the Museum of Natural History.”

No cooking here, but learning a bit of history and something about paleontology just might be a valuable learning experience. Girl Scouts earn badges for community services and most really enjoy getting out and doing something for the community and their country.

“I contacted a troop in Pennsylvania,” 11-year-old Anika Floersheim, who is working on her Bronze Award, said. “I asked them if they wanted to be a part of being a pen pal for a day. It was part of World Thinking Day.”

World Thinking Day is an activity with global and national themes to honor Girl Scouts, Girl Guides (the British version of Girl Scouts) and other Girl Scouts from various countries.

The theme for 2012 World Thinking Day is—Girls Worldwide Say, “We can save our planet.”

World Thinking Day is one way of learning that, in many ways, we are all part of the same community.

Gabi Martinez is working for her Silver Award and is considering a project to bring back Flag Day.

“No one ever does anything about Flag Day (June 14) anymore,” Martinez said. “What I want to do is set flags around the pedestrian bridge near the Youth Center.”

Girl scouting in the military is difficult because although there are many adults who are willing to volunteer to be leaders, they are only there for a short time and sometimes leave a scout troop without a leader.



From left, Lydia Ringquist, Kira Floersheim, Elizabeth Klosky and Gabi Martinez joined others at the Lee Child Development Center March 12 to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Girl Scouts.

This has happened at West Point recently, but a few West Point Girl Scouts stepped up and accepted the challenge. Ringquist said the younger set of scouts, the Daisies (girls five and six years old), didn't have a leader and was in danger of being disbanded.

“There were adults that were willing to help, but really didn't know how,” Ringquist said. “But Lydia Ringquist, Peyton Ashley and Brianna Brook, who have been in the Girl Scouts two years, said they would lead the Daisies as long as the adults are there for supervision. All three have Silver Awards. The adults were willing and it worked out and they were quite impressed with the girls who they said were excellent leaders.”

This was Amanda Farner's fear as her daughter Kaitlyn was a Brownie and moved to West Point in August.

“I'm a foreigner (British) and my daughter was in the Brownies,” she said. “When we came to a military base, there were a lot of things to deal with. I was a foreigner, we were looking for housing, finding our way around, but after contacting a lot of people, we did find out that West Point

had a Brownie troop, which made my daughter very happy. We had to wait for housing, but she had a Brownie troop. I also volunteered, which helped me make many friends.”

Kaitlyn Farner, 7, is enjoying the learning experiences the Brownies afford its members.

“I like learning things,” Kaitlyn said. “I learned about the Loch Ness monster in Scotland.”

Although Kaitlyn is fond of “Nessie,” she's also looking forward to a future camping trip at West Point behind the Military Police building.

In the past year, the West Point Girl Scouts have participated in numerous activities to include the Veterans Day flag placement, the Red Cross holiday mail for heroes program, clothing drives and they supported the Eagle Scout Project Food Drive.

“I like the Girl Scouts,” Kira Floersheim said. “It's like a community allowing you to be with others. There's a sense of family.”

For more information on joining the West Point Girl Scouts, visit [www.westpointgirlscouts.com](http://www.westpointgirlscouts.com).

# Cadets experience Ukrainian immersion

By Maj. Jacob Cox  
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Cadets Samuel Bjorkman, Brad Hitchens, Chris Jarrett and Matthew Fiorelli, accompanied by Maj. Jacob Cox, Laura Cox and Dwain Gregory, returned from their weeklong mission trip to the Ukraine March 17.

This trip was coordinated through the West Point Baptist Student Union, the West Point Chaplaincy Office and the International Mission Board. Cadets were excited to be part of the IMB's first volunteer team to be based in Sevastopol, located on the Black Sea coast of the Crimean peninsula.

The team of West Point BSU cadets sought to build relationships between local missionaries, organizations and authorities in order to strengthen mission efforts in the area. The team hopes this visit will serve to open doors for future visitors.

Cadets spent the week touring cities such as Sevastopol, Simferopol and many villages throughout Crimea, while enjoying the beautiful scenery of steep, mountain cliffs

contrasted against the Black Sea.

At each location, cadets were able to share their testimonies with various protestant organizations in the hope of helping local missionaries build ties within the community. While there, cadets pointed out they were primarily in Ukraine to support local ministries who would provide long term support to Ukrainian citizens.

Beyond testimony, cadets also assisted local organizations with their English as a Second Language programs. Attendees came to these classes to speak with native English speakers and gain a better understanding of idioms commonly used in the language. Cadets also invited attendees to meet them for dinner, entertainment and fellowship at a popular mall in Sevastopol.

For the cadets, this trip proved an opportunity to be totally immersed in the culture of the Ukraine. From their tours and group interactions, cadets learned much about the history, politics, language and people of Crimea.

All in all, cadets shared their testimonies with several hundred Crimean locals throughout their trip and made many new



**A trip to the Ukraine over Spring Break allowed cadets to experience life in the former Soviet nation.**

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friends along the way. They also found that Facebook is very popular in Crimea and added many new friends throughout their visit. Additionally, local missionaries said they were excited to have this “impressive group of men and women West Point has

shared with us, our ministry focus and the Ukraine.”

The West Point Baptist Student Union meets every week at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mahan Hall for food, fellowship and worship. Visitors are always welcome.

## CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**Tactics Club:** The Tactics Club (formerly the Infantry Tactics Club and Cavalry Scout Club) traveled to Fort Bragg, N.C., March 11-15, to train with PEO Soldier's Advanced New Equipment Training Team over Spring Break.

The ANET is charged with training Army units on the newest weapons and equipment being fielded to units through PEO. Over three days of classroom and range training, 12 cadets were trained on the Enhanced Night Vision Goggles (PSQ-20) and newly designed Lightweight Thermal Weapon Sight. The cadets also received additional instruction in the employment of their own organic weapons and optics, to include the M68 optic and PEQ-15 integrated aiming laser. The training was conducted at ANET facilities, and cadets fired over 1,000 rounds each using a combat focused marksmanship program in day, night, obscured and built-up environments. The cadets are also now fully capable of being trainers on both the new and their organic equipment for the rest of the Corps.

**AIPAC Conference:** Class of 2012 Cadets Jacob Henry and James Lewis, from the Defense and Strategic Studies major, attended the annual AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., March 3-6.

This conference is the largest gathering of the pro-Israel movement with more than 13,000 participants from all 50 states, taking part in discussions affecting Israel's future. Guest speakers included President Obama and Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu, among many other high ranking officials.

"We were fortunate enough to see the evolution of foreign policy right before our eyes," Henry said.

**Fencing Team:** The West Point Men's Fencing Team recently competed in the MAAC Conference Fencing Championships and did what few teams have accomplished before them to win the Epee Team Championship. Class of 2012 Cadet Alex Pagoulatos, who led his team, which included Class of 2015 Cadet Marvin Hargraves and Class of 2013 Cadet Mark Owens, to an 11-1 victory and finished with the highest record of any West Point Team. Pagoulatos, who suffered an early first round ankle injury, decided to stay in the competition and compete. Pagoulatos and Hargraves also qualified to the individual finals—the first time in the history of West Point Fencing that two made the epee finals together. Both cadets made it to the semifinals and Pagoulatos finished fourth overall, being defeated by last season's MAAC Epee Champion. Hargraves finished second overall, losing a hard fought 15-11 matchup in the medal round. The Sabre Team, led by Class of 2012 Cadet Dan Koszalka and teammates Class of 2012 Cadet Aaron Allen and Class of 2014 Cadet Dom Casinelli, finished third, outpacing rival Cornell for the trophy. Koszalka advanced to the finals in sabre, with a sixth place ranking. This championship resulted in the highest number of individual medalists for West Point Fencing.

Casinelli was invited to spend Spring Break at a Fencing Training Camp in the Midwest. The culmination of that training was an invitation to compete in the North America Cup Championship in both the Division II and Division III levels. Casinelli finish 12th in the Division III Championships—in a competition field of more than 700 athletes—that put him in the top 2 percent of all finishers and the highest ever for West Point Sabre.

# WP Model UN Team places second at World Conference

By Class of 2012 Cadet Elizabeth Constantino  
West Point Model United Nations Team

Nine members of the West Point Model United Nations Team traveled to Vancouver, British Columbia, over Spring Break to participate in the World Model United Nations Conference hosted by both Harvard University and the University of British Columbia.

The conference, March 11-15, sought to develop each cadet's understanding of international relations and diplomacy; enhance each cadet's public speaking, debating and diplomacy skills; as well as foster civil-military relations with more than 2,000 students from over 65 countries.

The West Point team represented the nation of France at this conference.

The World Conference, unlike national conferences, presents "Diplomacy Awards" to the individuals and delegations who best embody the spirit of international diplomacy.

The West Point Model United Nations Team came in second place overall in our division with six out of nine Diplomacy Awards.

The Diplomacy Awards were awarded to Class of 2012 Cadet Elizabeth Constantino (I-4) and Class of 2013 Cadet William Dickson (B-3) in the Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee; Class of 2013 Cadet Benjamin Ketchum (G-1) and Class of 2014 Cadet Brandon Moore (E-3) in the Disarmament and International Security Committee; and Class of 2012 Cadet Brett Schuck (G-4) and Class of 2013 Cadet Tommy Daniel (F-2) in the Historical NATO Committee.

Several cadets were also integral to the team's success at



**Cadets from the West Point Model United Nations Team returned from Spring Break with a second-place finish in their division at the World Model UN Conference, March 11-15, in Vancouver, British Columbia. The team also earned six of nine Diplomacy Awards.** COURTESY PHOTO

the conference, including Class of 2012 Cadet Micah Ables (D-1) and Michael Kerper (I-1) in the Security Council and Class of 2103 Cadet Ross Boston (C-3) in the Economic Financial Committee.

## Cadets explore Canadian world of finance

By Class of 2014 Cadet Philip Kealy

The West Point Investment Club and Finance Forum traveled to the heart of the Canadian financial world to compete in the Rotman International Trading Competition at the University of Toronto's Rotman school of Management in Toronto Feb. 23-25.

Six members of the Investment Club including Class of 2013 Cadet Greg Sacenti, Class of 2014 Cadets Cameron Ayala and Philip Kealy, and Class of 2015 Cadets Erik Oines, Gabriel Raszka and Richard Vince participated in the 2012 Rotman International Trading Competition, under the direction of Col. Jamie Gayton from the Department of Social Sciences.

The Investment Club hosts regular meetings that seek to teach cadets the basics of personal finance. But as an alternative to meeting with financial professionals in educational settings, the Rotman International Trading Competition allowed cadets who have actively participated in the Investment Club to apply what they have learned over the past year.

The trading competition hosts undergraduate and graduate students from all over the world. More than 200 students with backgrounds in finance from Italy, England, Australia, Denmark, and from all over the U.S. and Canada competed in the two and a half days of diverse and exciting trading activities.

The trading competition allowed the cadets involved to develop an understanding of securities trading and market

volatility by competing in various events. The competition began with an evening social followed by an initial trading event that simulated a trading floor which relied on human transactions to process all trades.

Each cadet competed in several events over the course of two days. Using the redeveloped trading software offered by Rotman, cadets competed in events including algorithmic trading cases, sales and trader cases, options cases, commodities trading cases and quantitative and event driven trader cases.

Each case is designed to promote learning about effective trading strategies in a volatile and uncertain world and allowed cadets to participate in simulation-based learning.

While many competition participants are finance majors or MBA students taking college classes tailored to the different events in preparation for the competition, the cadets who participated in the different events relied on the basic financial education learned through attendance at Investment Club meetings and any outside trading experience they have developed.

The cadets learned a great deal throughout the competition and exceeded all expectations of performance against a highly competitive field of finance majors. In some heats of 50 teams, cadets were in the top 10 with extended periods as first and second-ranked competitors.

Although this was not the first time cadets have participated in the Rotman International Trading Competition, all six who participated this year were new to the contest.

**TAX TIPS**From the West Point Office  
of the Staff Judge Advocate

- The tax filing deadline is April 17.

- The standard deduction amounts for 2011 have increased to: Married filing jointly \$11,600; Head of Household \$8,500, Single or Married filing separately \$5,800.

- The amount a taxpayer can deduct for each exemption (qualifying dependent and self) increased to \$3,700 for 2011.

- In 2011, the amount of Social Security tax withheld was reduced to 4.2 percent.

- The Making Work Pay Credit is no longer available.

- Computer technology and equipment is no longer allowed as a qualified higher education expense for qualified tuition programs.

**COMMON ERRORS**

- Incorrect or missing Social Security Numbers. Be sure to bring in Social Security cards for you and all your dependents.

- Incorrect bank account or routing numbers. Bring in a cancelled check to verify these numbers.

- Did you bring in all W-2s for yourself and spouse if filing jointly? Only one tax return is filed and must include all income from main and second jobs for both taxpayers.

- Missing or incorrect ID numbers for childcare providers. Did you receive a statement for child and dependent care expenses?

- You can file an automatic six-month extension to file your return. If you do not pay tax due by April 17 you may face interest and penalties. An extension to file is not an extension to having to pay your taxes.

# Ring Melt tradition continues

By Keith Hamel  
West Point Association of Graduates

At the 12th annual West Point Memorial Class Ring Melt, held at Pease & Curren, Inc. in Warwick, R.I., 42 rings (along with shavings taken from a sample containing gold from all the past Ring Melt ceremonies) were melted in a 2,300-degree furnace to create a single gold bar.

This bar was then passed from representatives at the refinery to Nadia King, West Point Association of Graduates director of Class Support. King then presented it to Cadet Timothy Berry, president of the Class of 2013. Finally, Berry handed the bar over to Jayne Roland of Balfour, the jewelry company charged with making the rings for the Class of 2013, which the cadets will receive in August.

Upon receiving the gold bar, Berry expressed his gratitude on behalf of his class to the donors and all in attendance.

“The fact that you all gave something to our class that had so much institutional value that went back so long is humbling,” he said.

The oldest ring from this year’s ceremony was worn by Lt. Col. Layson Enslow Atkins, Class of 1915, who participated in the Punitive Expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Pancho Villa and served with the British as part of the American Expeditionary Force during World War I.

The oldest ring donated over the past 11 years belonged to Col. Percy Myers Kessler, Class of 1896, who fought in the Philippine Insurrection.

“To see these families who have really been influenced by their loved ones and to hear what the grads have done in their lives, it puts so much symbolism into the trust that the nation places on us and the morality and virtue to which we bind ourselves for the rest of our lives,” Class of 2013 Cadet Stephanie Wangeman, Ring and Crest Chair, said.

The idea for the Memorial Class Ring Melt was conceived in 1999 by Lt. Col. Ron Turner, Class of 1958,



The members of the Class of 2013 recently received a precious gift; precious not just because it was made of gold, but rather because that gold came from the rings worn by 258 West Point graduates who came before them.

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who felt that such a program would provide a tangible as well as symbolic link between the members of the Long Gray Line.

“It ensures that the tradition of ‘Duty, Honor, Country’ will remain with the Class of 2013 as they proudly wear their class rings,” King read, before shavings from the sample were added to the 42 rings already placed in the crucible.

At the end of the ceremony, Berry echoed these sentiments.

“To me, this Ring Melt ceremony just goes back to show you that the ideas of ‘Duty, Honor, Country’ don’t just happen by accident. It’s taught,” he said. “It’s really been passed on from generation to generation.”





Among the various activities for family members to attend during Plebe-Parent Weekend was a Review March 10 along Washington Hall.

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# A plebe perspective on class weekend

By Class of 2015 Cadet Ryan Longmuir

The Class of 2015 assembled for the first time as a class on June 27, 2011, for our Reception Day at the U.S. Military Academy. We arrived in New York as complete strangers, unsure of what it meant to be a team in this environment. The class comes from all backgrounds and circumstances. From our diversity, we are learning how to appreciate individual talents and learn how to utilize those talents in a team environment.

Our first major test of “intestinal fortitude” was Cadet Basic Training, or “Beast Barracks.” Within the 90 seconds the academy gave us to bid farewell to our teary-eyed parents, we went from high school valedictorians, varsity athletes and seasoned combat veterans to “New Cadets” who did not have the right to speak at will, walk around on our own or even look at our new environment.

Our first test in becoming the leaders our country needs us to be was to un-become the leaders we once were. Most

of us agree that Beast was our most trying time so far at the academy. We were asked to seemingly perform impossible tasks, memorize countless paragraphs of “knowledge” and cope with the loss of one of our brothers, New Cadet Jacob Bower.

For the last nine months, the class has been growing accustomed to life as plebes and general life at the academy. Many are experiencing college level courses for the first time, while simultaneously getting used to the rigors of life in the military.

It has not been an easy road but the upper-class leadership is molding us into what we need to become. Although it is not an easy road, we accept it because it has worked countless times before.

For one weekend before spring break, the freshmen cadets had an opportunity to step into roles of leadership while the upperclassmen were gone. The weekend is the class’ first taste of leadership. Some cadets led a squad for the weekend; some of us led at a much higher level, such as Cadet Casey Childers, the commander of the Plebe-Parent Weekend Regiment.

“Every member of the Class of 2015 has learned something over the last nine months,” Childers said, “and that is who they are and what they are made of.”

The Regimental level leadership consisted of the Commander, Cadet Casey Childers; Executive Officer, Cadet Joseph Koning; Adjutant, Cadet Hope Landsem; Intelligence, Cadet Ryan Longmuir; Operations, Cadet Judelyn Farrow; Supply Officer, Cadet Thomas Curran; Activities Officer, Cadet Barry Ball; and Sergeant Major, Cadet Mary Vaccaro.

The staff was responsible for setting the overall tone of the weekend, and overcoming the difficult task of peer leadership. Although, in reality all fourth class cadets hold the same ranks, the leadership had to find a way to enforce the regulations and standards without appearing to abuse power. The staff also stayed up for many hours past Taps to conduct nightly presence patrols in the barracks and take accountability for everyone.

Overall Plebe-Parent Weekend was a success for the Class of 2015 and we met all our goals. The weekend began following classes March 9 and we rushed back from class to change into dress gray and meet up with our parents. Following a briefing from the Dean, Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor, we took our parents to meet all of our instructors, learn about Professional Military Ethic education and watch our classmates demonstrate the Indoor Obstacle Training Course and boxing exhibitions.

Saturday (March 10) began early for the class with breakfast followed by a Review along the apron. The class conducted it in a professional manner and we made our parents proud.

Following the parade, we had the opportunity to show off our barracks rooms to our families. Selected individuals and their guests then attended a reception hosted by the Commandant, Brig. Gen. Ted Martin, and his wife, before heading to the formal banquet. We then marched our families down to Eisenhower Hall for the receiving lines and the hop. After another late night, full of dancing and having fun, we had one night left on post before our tactical officers released us for Spring Leave March 11.

As the end of our first year ends, a sense of hurried anticipation hangs in the thoughts of the plebe class. In the words of Cadet Barry Ball: “I am personally the fondest of being out in the field, getting my boots wet. I will be very happy to step out of the classrooms and in the field.”

Most members of the class share similar sentiments. We are ready to take the steps to become upperclass team leaders and pass on the lessons we have learned this year to the incoming Class of 2016.

# What's Happening

## 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:

- 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:

- Friday-Sunday;
- 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 Friday.

## 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 from Monday-March 30 in the elementary school conference room.

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

Re-registration packets were sent home already. 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](http://bbcommunitiesfoundation.org), and print out, complete and submit the application and all required materials to Balfour Beatty Communities Foundation at 10 Campus Boulevard, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

Applications must be received by April 15.

## 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>.

## Free Computer Training

The Information, Education and Technology Division is offering free computer courses.

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

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

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

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to [Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu](mailto:Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu).

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

## West Point Community Diving Club

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

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

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

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at [ron.kontura@usma.edu](mailto:ron.kontura@usma.edu) or 938-4207.

## 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.

## 2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

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

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

## NEW INFO

### Bunko Game Night

Join the West Point Women's Club for Bunko Game Night from 7-9 p.m. tonight on the 4th floor of the Kimsey Center.

Bring a white elephant gift to exchange (\$10 value or less). Parking is available beside Michie Stadium or in A Lot.

The entrance to the Kimsey Center is across from the Holleder Center.

This is a BYOB event. Appetizers and desserts will be provided.

## 12:30 p.m. Gospel Service—new chaplain, new location, new time

The West Point 12:30 p.m. Gospel Service is moving to a new level in worship, with its new chaplain, Chaplain Miller Eichelberger.

On Sunday, the 12:30 p.m. Gospel Service will begin holding services in Thayer Hall (Robinson Auditorium) with a new time of 10:30 a.m.

Special music will be provided by the Cadet Gospel Choir. Nursery care will be provided. Children's Church will be in conjunction with the main service. Free country cooking food sampling immediately follows the service.

For more information, email the chaplain at [miller.eichelberger@usma.edu](mailto:miller.eichelberger@usma.edu) or call 845-938-5965.

## Free Sculpture Workshop

The Department of English and Philosophy will sponsor a sculpture workshop for cadets and members of the West Point community from 12:30-4:30 p.m. March 31 at the Studio Arts Building (Bldg. 609, between Lincoln Hall and Kosciuszko's Monument).

As part of the department's Creative Arts Project, this workshop is free and all supplies will be provided.

The class will focus on sculpting a head from an example provided by the teacher, Debra Flocco, who will give individual attention to each student. Space is limited.

All participants must reserve a spot in the class no later than March 29. To reserve a spot, call Myra Majadas at 938-2501 or email [Almira.Majadas@usma.edu](mailto:Almira.Majadas@usma.edu).

## Observing Passover

Passover is the Jewish holiday which celebrates freedom, specifically the biblically-recorded freedom from Egyptian slavery.

This year the holiday begins at sundown April 6 and concludes at nightfall April 14. The first two nights are celebrated with ritual Seder meal events, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 6 and 8 p.m. April 7 at the West Point Jewish Chapel.

For those wishing to attend, RSVP by email to [shmuef.felzenberg@usma.edu](mailto:shmuef.felzenberg@usma.edu) or call 845-938-2710 or 910-273-0767.

## West Point Community Spring Yard Sale

The West Point Community Spring Yard Sale is from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. April 14, rain or shine.

## Inaugural West Point Minerva Workshop

The inaugural Minerva Workshop is scheduled from 5-8 p.m. April 16 on the Hudson River and continuing from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. April 17 with presentations, lunch and discussions at the Thayer Hotel.

The theme is understanding cultural networks in Africa and Asia for national security.

You can learn more about the topics being discussed and register at [www.netscience.usma.edu/minerva/minerva.htm](http://www.netscience.usma.edu/minerva/minerva.htm).

The Minerva Research Initiative is sponsored by the Department of Defense and launched by the Secretary of Defense at <http://minerva.dtic.mil>.

## Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration hours at the West Point Military Police Station are changing beginning today.

The hours are now 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. These hours will continue through Sept. 15.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Nicholas Barnum at 845-938-0538.

# FMWR Blurbs

## 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;
- 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 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](mailto: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.

## West Point 5K/10K

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

To register, go to [active.com](http://active.com) and type in the keyword "West Point" or call 938-6497 for more details.

## 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.

## 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.

## Crandall Pool Expanded Hours

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation is working with the Department of Physical Education to expand open swim times at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center's Crandall Pool.

FMWR is in the process of hiring additional life guards to fulfill the expanded evening and weekend requirements.

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

DPE is also conducting 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mperridc@hotmail.com) or call Wellness Springs at 845-928-2898.

## NEW INFO

### Family Night with live children's entertainment

Come to the West Point Club from 5-8 p.m. Friday and dine on the club's traditional family favorites of mac and cheese, hamburgers and hot dogs, baked chicken, french fries and ice cream cones.

Family of deployed Soldiers save 10 percent.

For more information, call 938-5120.

## Available classes at Arts & Crafts Shop

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop has classes available. There are three free photography classes that are scheduled for:

- Today, 5-6:30 p.m.;
- Saturday, 9:30-11 a.m.;
- March 31, 9:30-11 a.m.

There is a Ladies Night Out involving pottery painting in flip flops scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m. April 26. There is a minimal cost.

There are free sewing classes from 9:30 a.m.-noon April 21 and 28. Bring two yards of fabric and a sewing machine.

Registration required at [westpointmwr.com/art](http://westpointmwr.com/art).

For more information, call 938-4812.

## CYSS SAC Zone

There is a Saturday School Age Center Zone event from noon-3 p.m. Saturday.

Activities include playing Wii video games, computer lab activities, board games and arts and crafts. This event is open to students in grades K-5 and the cost is minimal. Reservations are required.

Call 938-8530 to book an afternoon of fun.

## ACS' Army Family Team Building Swap Meet

Come to ACS and enjoy a fun-filled evening from 4-6 p.m. March 30. The theme is keeping things in the Army family.

Swap out clean, gently used items: kid's clothes, toys, small furniture, electronics and store coupons.

The event will feature free cotton candy, popcorn, crafts, a coupon exchange station and 15-minute presentations on various topics such as tips to stretch your dollar, budgeting, 10 steps to financial success and savings as a family. Registration is required.

For more information or to reserve a table to display your goods, call 938-5654.

## USAG Scramble

The U.S. Army Garrison scramble will have a 1 p.m. Shotgun start March 30 at the West Point Golf Course.

This is a four-person team scramble tournament, open to all Garrison Soldiers and employees, as well as the West Point community. USAG Soldiers and employees can have up to three guests on their team.

A minimal fee includes golf cart, prizes and afternoon barbecue. Green fees are not included. On the day of the tournament, check in will start at 11:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

Call the Pro Shop at 938-2435 to register your team.

## ACS' Walk a Mile

Join ACS for the Walk a Mile in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

The walk is scheduled from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. April 4. The start and finish is located

behind the Thayer Statue, across from Quarters 101.

For more information, call 938-3369.

## 2012 Bull Pond Lottery

The 2012 Bull Pond Lottery is scheduled for April 7 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

The lottery will take place at 9 a.m. for active duty military only. Only one proxy per person is allowed.

For more information, call 938-2503.

## Easter Sunday Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt

The West Point Club will have its annual Easter Sunday Brunch and Egg Hunt April 8.

The first seating is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room. The second seating is from 2-4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

The Easter Egg Hunt and visit with the Easter Bunny is from 1-2 p.m. for West Point Club brunch members only. Don't forget to bring your camera.

For reservations and pricing, call 938-5120.

## N.Y. State Hunter's Education Course

There are two classes for the N.Y. State Hunter's Education Course, which is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. April 20 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. April 21. The classes are free.

The classes will be held at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond. All participants must be 11 years of age or over.

Participants must attend both classes to obtain a hunting license. Bring photo identification.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Round Pond office or by calling 938-2503.

## ACS' Mobilization and Deployment April workshop schedule

Join ACS from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 16 for the Coping with Deployment class and from 2-4 p.m. for Reconnecting with Children Workshop.

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

## 2012 Volunteer Recognition Ceremony

ACS' Army Volunteer Corps will hold its annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony from 4-6 p.m. April 18 at the West Point Club's Grand Ballroom.

To register, email Christina Overstreet at [Christina.Overstreet@usma.edu](mailto:Christina.Overstreet@usma.edu).

## Earth Day Hudson River Clean Up

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and the Directorate of Public Works from 2-5 p.m. April 19 at North Dock for their annual Earth Day event.

Lunch will be provided following the clean up at the North Dock picnic area. Everyone is welcome to participate.

For more information, call 938-6497.

# Keller Corner

## Healthy cooking class

In an effort to promote healthy eating habits in the lives of our children, the KACH Nutrition Care Division will be hosting a cooking demonstration for School Age Services from 4-5 p.m. today at the Youth Center.

If you are looking for nutritional information to live a healthier lifestyle, feel free to stop by.

## 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. today 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](mailto:mary.mandia@amedd.army.mil).

## National Nutrition Month Tip of the Week

Running low on energy? Trying to catch those Zzz's? Getting the right amount of sleep each night has many benefits. Research indicates that from infancy through

adulthood, people who get the least sleep tend to gain weight faster and are more apt to be obese than those who get the recommended amount of sleep.

Here are some steps to help you and your family get a good night sleep:

- Make sleep a priority for yourself, and your kids will follow;
- Set and enforce a regular bedtime;
- Limit to time spent watching TV, playing computer or video games and using a cell phone;
- Try some calming activities before bed such as reading or listening to calm music;
- Follow a well-balanced nutrition plan and drink plenty of water.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, follow these sleep guidelines:

- Newborn infants 0 to 2 months—12 to 18 hours (includes naps);
- Infants 3 to 11 months—14 to 15 hours (includes two naps);
- Toddlers ages 1 to 3—12 to 14 hours (includes one nap);
- Preschoolers ages 3 to 5—11 to 13 hours (includes one nap);
- Teens ages 10 to 17—8 1/2 to 9 1/4 hours;
- Adults—7 to 9 hours.



# Keller groundbreaking

Leaders from West Point and the Army Medical Command gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony at Keller Army Community Hospital March 15. The more than 53,000 square-foot clinic addition will improve parking, increase single patient rooms for personal care and privacy, maximize the use of staff and equipment and centralize hospital medical service functions to include primary care, optometry, ophthalmology, rehabilitation and TRICARE. This new clinic addition is the Army Medical Department and the Northern Regional Medical Command's commitment to the U.S. Military Academy and the West Point community that saving lives, promoting health, providing world-class health care and improving the well-being of Soldiers and all Army Medicine beneficiaries is—and will remain—their main focus.

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## NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

**Friday—Red Tails, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Journey 2: The Mysterious Island, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday—Chronicle, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.**

**March 30—Journey 2: The Mysterious Island, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

**March 31—Big Miracle, PG, 7:30 p.m.**

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

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

## Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Easter Egg Hunt**—Balfour Beatty Communities is hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt from 1-3 p.m. April 6.

More details, including the location of the event, will be announced soon.

• **Spring Yard Sale**—The West Point Community Spring Yard Sale is scheduled from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. April 14, rain or shine.

## Command Channel 8/23

March 22-29

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through March 29  
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through March 29  
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Army Family Action Plan outbrief

Today (7:30 p.m.), Friday (7:30 p.m.), Monday (9 a.m.), Tuesday (noon) and March 29 (5 p.m.)

## Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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Difficulty: Medium

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

# Army softball knocks out fourth straight win

By Mady Salvani  
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore shortstop April Ortenzo (2-for-4) doubled in three runs keying a five-run second inning as Army erased a 1-0 deficit to close out its spring trip to Florida with a 5-3 defeat of Wagner March 17 at the Osceola County Softball Complex in Kissimmee, Fla.

The win was the second straight 5-3 decision for the Black Knights (11-8) as they defeated St. Peter's earlier in the day and recorded their fourth straight win to close out the Rebel Spring Games with a 5-3 record.

Wagner jumped out to a 1-0 lead on an unearned run in the top of the first inning, but Army erased the deficit with five runs on five hits in the bottom of the second inning and made that stand.

The Black Knights loaded that bases on singles by seniors first baseman Alexis AuBuchon and center fielder Reanna Johnson sandwiched around an out along with a hit batsman (freshman designated player Rae Anne Payleitner). Freshman third baseman Alex Gaff put Army in front, 2-1, with her two-run single to left field delivering AuBuchon for the tying run and Johnson for the go-ahead run.

Sophomore left fielder Amanda Nguyen banged out Army's fourth hit in that frame to reload the bases. Ortenzo followed with a bases-clearing double when she took a 1-1 offering from Judy Betz and smacked it deep to right center field as Army pulled out to a 5-1 cushion. Ortenzo was stranded at second as Betz recorded a strikeout and groundout.

The Black Knights were held scoreless over the next four frames by reliever Olivia Zwick, who scattered three hits, walked two and struck out three. Army threatened in the third and fourth innings with a runner at third base in both, but each time a strikeout ended that threat.

Freshman ace Morgan Lashley, who had pitched Army to the win over St. Peter's in the first game of the day, threw a six-hitter against Wagner. She scattered three of those hits over the next four frames after being touched for the unearned run in the first. The Seahawks twice got into scoring position during that span, but Lashley nipped those rallies on strikeouts swinging in the second and looking in the third.

In the top of the sixth, Wagner capitalized on a hit and back-to-back errors to score a run to draw to 5-2, but a strikeout and infield popup nipped that threat as Lashley stranded runners at first and second base.

Wagner scored its third unearned run of the game in the seventh inning on Kelsey Parker's two-out double to left field plating Kristen Matteoni, who reached on an error, to close to within two runs of the Black Knights.

With the tying run at the plate, Lashley closed the door on



Sophomore shortstop April Ortenzo's bases-clearing double helped break open a close game in Army's 5-3 win over Wagner March 17 in Kissimmee, Fla., during the Rebel Games. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV

Wagner when she induced Brittany Huss to fly out to Johnson to clinch her ninth win against six losses this year. Lashley stranded seven runners, four in scoring position.

Army recorded nine hits with Nguyen, Ortenzo and AuBuchon each collecting two against Wagner. The Black Knights banged out 22 hits on the day. AuBuchon and Nguyen went 4-for-6 with AuBuchon driving in a pair of runs and Nguyen scoring twice in the sweep. Lashley posted a 2-0

mark along with 14 strikeouts for a 0.93 ERA over 15 innings in the circle.

At the Rebel Games, Nguyen batted .400 with 10 hits and five runs scored with Ortenzo scoring four times and driving in four. Reynolds also drove in four runs with Gaff scoring twice along with three RBI.

Lashley closed out the trip to Florida with a 1.70 ERA along with a 5-2 mark.

## Three sharpshooters earn All-America honors in rifle

By Mady Salvani  
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After putting the finishing touches on the 2011-12 season with a fourth-place finish at the 2012 NCAA Rifle Championships, Army earned a plethora of honors at the banquet.

Three Army sharpshooters were awarded NRA (National Rifle Association) All-America certificates and three were selected as Academic All-Americans by the CRCA (Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association).

In addition, head coach Ron Wigger was among four CRCA nominees for National Coach of the Year.

Senior Kelly Buck, who placed among the individual leaders in air rifle (fourth) and smallbore (fifth) at the NCAA meet, garnered All-America honors in both disciplines—the first Black Knight since 2008 when Chris Abalo and Stephen Scherer earned that distinction.

Buck repeated as a first-team selection in smallbore and was named to the second unit in air rifle in closing out her career as a three-time All-American.

Sophomores Michael Matthews and Joseph Todaro earned All-America honors for the first time in their careers with their selection to the second team in smallbore.

Matthews finished runner-up in that discipline at the NCAA Championships and Todaro was on Army's scoring unit in both disciplines. They are the 13th and 14th Black Knights on Wigger-coached teams to earn All-America honors.

Wigger, who was named the national coach of the year in 2004 and 2005 by the CRCA, was nominated once again for that honor after leading the Black Knights to their highest NCAA finish since 2008.

Todaro, sophomore Richard Calvin and junior Chris Malachosky were named Academic All-Americans by the CRAC.

It is the third straight year Malachosky was selected for this honor.