



Viewing history

Cadets in the Military Art, History 302 class study Gen. Omar Bradley's original terrain map used in the planning and execution of D-Day on June 6, 1944, March 23 in Jefferson Hall.

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Utility program emphasizes need for energy conservation

By Rich Wagner
West Point Housing LLC, Project Director

In the face of rising energy costs and decreasing availability of energy resources, the need to conserve energy has never been greater.

At West Point, the Housing Partnership is projecting that 18.9 percent of its 2012 budget will be spent on energy (natural gas, fuel oil and electric).

We expect that this trend will only get worse unless the West Point community acts to alter it.

The only factor in the energy equation that we can directly and significantly affect is the rate of our energy consumption. In other words, we must all learn to conserve.

The partnership leadership is investigating various energy conservation initiatives such as replacing the missing street lights on Stony Lonesome Road with solar powered models that use low energy LEDs.

We have recently conducted a case study on eight homes where we replaced all the fixed lighting with LED bulbs. The result was a 43 percent average savings in electricity consumption.

We hope to implement this initiative in all West Point homes as finances allow. We are also working with the Department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering to explore other conservation initiatives.

Currently, the partnership is sponsoring a cadet project that is investigating the energy

consumption of the new Community Center. **Resident Responsibility Utility Program**

To be successful in the future, we also need the commitment of every West Point resident.

The Army has committed to energy conservation by developing and implementing the Resident Responsibility Utility Program.

The partnership will begin instituting this mandatory Army program this year once gas

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and electric meters have been installed in all homes.

The purpose of this article is to inform our residents about the RRUP and provide an implementation timeline.

RRUP Basics—BAH utility allowance

All Soldiers receive a utility allowance as part of their BAH. Therefore, they pay for reasonable utility consumption every month when they allot their BAH to the partnership.

Once utility billing is instituted, residents will not have to pay "extra" for their energy usage as long as they do not exceed established baselines.

The key is to stay within the energy baseline that will be established for your home.

RRUP Basics—Home types and baselines

Each home on West Point will be grouped with similar type homes for the purpose of establishing a monthly energy baseline.

For example, all the new Stony Lonesome I three bedroom homes constitute a profile and will have the same baseline.

All new Brick units will be grouped together as well as other homes of the same grouping.

So how is the baseline calculated for non-historical homes? The Current Consumption Method is used to calculate the baseline per profile. The following factors are considered in the calculation of non-historical homes:

- Remove homes with zero usage;
- Remove unoccupied homes, including pro-rated move-ins and move-outs;
- Remove top 10 percent and bottom 10 percent of high/low users;
- Calculate current average consumption.

The average is then considered the baseline per profile. Real time data is used and the baseline is a rolling average, changing each month, which allows for current weather pattern conditions. In effect, you and your neighbors determine what your baseline will be for any given month.

That works fine for Stony I, Stony II, New Brick and all the other areas that have similar house types. However, there are many historic homes on West Point that are either unique or differ significantly from their neighbors.

The partnership has assigned these homes to groups that are close matches in size and age. However, their utility billing may need to be handled differently than the non-historic homes. We are currently studying this problem to determine the most equitable solution.

RRUP Basics—Utility billing

The heart of the Resident Responsibility Utility Program is

the billing aspect. Once live billing has started, every resident will receive a monthly statement that indicates their energy consumption for the month.

If a resident conserves energy and consumption is below the baseline, the resident will receive a credit on their rent. The credit accrues every month until it exceeds a threshold value at which time the resident is issued a check equal to the accrued credit. The threshold value varies from project to project but \$15 is a common value.

If a resident exceeds the baseline consumption rate, the resident is billed for that excess. However, there is a buffer. The Army policy allows a resident to exceed the baseline by 5 percent without being billed for the excess.

Data Collection

The partnership has contracted with Minol Corporation to collect and analyze the utility meter data. At present, nearly all the utility meters are installed.

Data Collection Units have been installed on the Giant Voice System poles located in the housing areas. The DCUs read the data from the home meters and relay it to Minol.

Minol will mail monthly statements directly to resident homes, issue checks for savings and receive payment of bills.

Timeline

The partnership has developed the following timeline for the implementation of the West Point RRUP.

- April 2012-August 2012—Initial data collection and analysis;
- September 2012-February 2013—Mock Billing: Residents will receive a statement showing how they are doing compared to the baseline. However, no bills or credits will be issued.

This is a time for residents to ask questions and adjust their household routine to get within the baseline if needed.

- March 2013—Live billing begins. The March date was selected so that we would not be in the heavy heating or cooling seasons when we start live billing.

So the first live bill received will be in April 2013 for utilities used in March.

Conclusion

The purpose of the RRUP is energy conservation, which benefits us all in the long run. Installations with active billing programs in the Army are seeing 15-17 percent savings in their energy bills.

The Army and the partnership are committed to that goal. We ask that all residents do their part as well.

If you have questions, you can send an email to Rich

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Robert Wolff, executive director of the Society of American Military Engineers, presents Class of 2012 Cadet Douglass "Branche" Waggoman the David M. Fraser Award for Engineering Excellence and Leadership. The Fraser Award is presented to the West Point cadet who is graduating with an engineering degree and has a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average, has taken part in engineering related activities and served as an informal leader and role model within his or her graduating class.

Army Engineers—past, present, future—gather at annual dinner

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Society of American Military Engineers, New York City Post and the Army Engineer Association hosted the annual Engineer Dinner to honor and welcome 115 West Point cadets entering the Army Engineer Regiment March 20 at Eisenhower Hall.

"Army engineers today need to focus on sustainability on installations," Robert Wolff, executive director of the Society of American Military Engineers, said to the engineering Class of 2012. "We must become more efficient, that's why we need you and we need your help."

Wolff talked about the military continually working with contractors in places such as Afghanistan and in other countries to support military readiness and the development of solutions to national security challenges.

Wolff also presented the David M. Fraser Award for Engineering Excellence and Leadership to Class of 2012 Cadet Douglass "Branche" Waggoman.

Waggoman's first post will be Fort

Lewis, Wash.

"I am greatly honored and humbled to receive this award," Waggoman said. "I'm very thankful for the instructors and mentors who I have been influenced by during my time here, especially my fellow classmates. Any success that I have had is indebted to these groups of people."

The David M. Fraser Award is presented annually to an engineering major who must be graduating with a degree in engineering, achieve a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average, taken part in engineering related activities and served as an informal leader and role model within his or her graduating class.

Jack O'Neill, executive director of the Army Engineer Association, also spoke to welcome the cadets into the Corps of Engineers.

"You are now a member of the Army Engineer family," O'Neill said. "The family includes enlisted, officers, National Guard and civilians. Once you are in it, you are in it for life."

O'Neill, retired Major Gen. Clair Gill, AEA president, and Brig. Gen. Peter (Duke) DeLuca, commandant of the U.S. Army



Class of 2012 Cadet Hannah Burgess receives the Sapper Spirit Award from Brig. Gen. Peter DeLuca (left), Commandant, U.S. Army Engineer School, and retired Maj. Gen. Clair Gill, President of the Army Engineer Association, at the annual Engineer Dinner March 20 at Eisenhower Hall. The Sapper Spirit Award recognizes the top ranking cadet majoring in engineering, branching to the Corps of Engineers and recognized for excellence by the West Point faculty.

Engineer School, presented Class of 2012 Cadet Hannah Burgess the Sapper Spirit Award.

The Sapper Spirit Award recognizes the top ranking cadet majoring in engineering, branching into the Corps of Engineers and recognized for excellence by the West Point faculty. Burgess' first post will be Fort Lewis, Wash.

The seating at the event purposely paired cadets with officers, enlisted, engineers from the private sector and faculty "to start conversations on an Army career in engineering as well as after-Army career," Class of 2012 Cadet Lauren French, who was the Master of Ceremonies, said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Samuel Edet said he didn't decide to go into the engineer branch until he was here for a while.

"I wanted to go into infantry at first," Edet said. "As I was going through my classes and military exercises, I began to look at engineering. I thought it would be more interesting. I live in Florida and I've seen the Army Corps of Engineers clean up after natural disasters like hurricanes."

Edet will be heading to Fort Riley, Kan., for his first duty post.

Class of 2012 Cadet Kyle Carberry said he was always sure he wanted to go into engineering.

"Engineering just felt right to me,"

Carberry said. "It's a diverse branch, but I like combat engineering, which is basically clearing roads. Combat engineering and infantry work together."

Carberry said combat engineers help keep roads clear for movement and supplies. He will be heading to Germany for his first post.

The Corps of Engineers began when the Continental Congress decided in June 1775 that there would be one Chief Engineer at the Grand Army and two assistants under him.

The official distinction of the Army Corps of Engineers came into existence March 11, 1779.



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West Point celebrates Women's History Month

Annual observation centers on the theme "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment"

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point community celebrated Women's History Month March 22 at a luncheon at the West Point Club. The theme was "Women's Education—Women's Empowerment." The guest speaker was Charity Wallace, director of the Women's Initiative at the George W. Bush Institute in Dallas and senior advisor to Laura Bush.

The event began with Class of 2013 Cadet Rebecca King speaking on the history of women's rights. Taking her remarks from the National Women's History Project, King spoke about women's fight for an education.

"After the American Revolution, the notion of education as a safeguard for democracy helped advance basic education for girls," King said. "This was due to the idea that, as mothers, women would nurture not only the bodies, but the minds of men who would become leaders and citizens."

Pioneers of secondary education faced an uphill battle from physicians and other so-called "experts" who claimed females either were incapable of intellectual development equal to men or would be harmed by striving



Charity Wallace, Women's Initiative director at the George W. Bush Institute, was the guest speaker at the Women's History Month luncheon March 22.

for it.

Harvard, founded in 1636, was the first college chartered in America, but it took nearly two centuries for the first women's

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college—Oberlin—to come into existence in 1833. Harvard opened its annex, Radcliff, to women in 1879 as a protection from admitting women into the men's college of Harvard.

It wasn't until the early 1970s—with the passing of the Title IX Educational codes of the Higher Education Act Amendments, that co-education began and the seven sisters (women's colleges)—Bernard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliff, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley—disappeared. Radcliff went back into the Harvard fold and Vassar is now co-educational.

As director of the Women's Initiative, Wallace is responsible for setting the vision and programming for the center for empowerment of women, especially in the Middle East.

The main purpose of the Women's Initiative is to promote women's rights in the Middle East and in other countries and advancing social and economic opportunities through education.

Wallace talked about the inaugural class of the Women's Initiative Fellowship that began with women from Egypt spending four weeks in the United States, studying at Southern Methodist University in Dallas for the first week, and spending time in various cities learning to express themselves, practice negotiation skill and to address challenges.

"I saw one woman who had trouble expressing herself when she first arrived become more confident," Wallace said. "I saw her after the classes talking to a reporter. Although the women did not know each other before the conference, they formed

strong bonds of friendship and will rely on this network after they returned to Egypt."

While traveling to various countries, Wallace has noticed changes taking place, especially since the Arab spring uprisings in the Middle East and parts of Africa.

"When I was in Tunisia after the Arab spring uprising, I remember seeing this woman walking who was trying to get to a polling place to vote. She was told that she was not registered at one polling place and therefore couldn't vote," Wallace said. "We later saw her at another polling place, which was six miles from the place where we first saw her. She approached us to ask us where she should vote."

Wallace said she was amazed how the idea of freedom, including the right for women to vote, has taken hold in the Middle East and Africa.

The woman she saw walking proved this woman fully intended to vote that day for the first time.

During the luncheon, it was announced that Class of 2012 Cadet Heather Purkey is this year's recipient of the Margaret Chase Smith Leadership Excellence Award. The Margaret Chase Smith Leadership Excellence Award recognizes and enhances the accomplishments of women in the field of leadership and ethics.

The recipient is a senior female cadet who has demonstrated conscience-driven leadership, dedicated service to the greater good and personal independence and integrity.

Each regiment selects one cadet nominee and forwards the name to the Corbin Forum panel of judges.



Making plans to run yet?

Priority registration for the 2012 Army Ten-Miler will open May 1. To be eligible for priority registration you must have either run the ATM seven or more times or are a U.S. servicemember. Military must use a .mil email address when registering. General registration will open May 15. Race day is scheduled for Oct. 21. Now in its 28th year, the ATM is held annually in October in Washington, D.C., and is produced by the Military District of Washington. The 2012 race is under the command of Maj. Gen. Michael S. Linnington. For details, visit <http://ht.ly/9P4bb>.

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West Point MP earns regional Soldier of the Year title

By Dave Childers

Atlantic Region Installation Management Command

A Fort Drum chaplain's assistant and a military police Soldier from West Point took top honors in the Installation Management Command, Atlantic Region's Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year "Best Warrior" Competition conducted March 18-23 at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Sgt. Ryan Mason, a Fort Drum chaplain's assistant, took top honors as NCO of the Year while Spc. Keef Turner, a West Point MP, took honors for Soldier of the Year.

The competitors took the Army Physical Fitness Test consisting of push-ups, sit-ups and the two-mile run.

Additionally, they had the opportunity to maximize their scores during a written examination on general military topics, a graded essay on an assigned topic, firing an M16 rifle for qualification, negotiating day and night urban warfare orientation courses, negotiating an obstacle course and evaluations in a number of critical warrior tasks and battle drills.

Region Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr, Jr., chaired both the Soldier and NCO selection boards that consisted of six garrison command sergeants major from the Installation Management Command Atlantic Region.

The boards evaluated each Soldier's appearance, military bearing and knowledge in a number of key areas.

The runners-up each received a \$500 gift certificate at an awards luncheon held at the Fort Jackson NCO Club March 23.

Both winners were awarded the Army Commendation Medal by Davis D. Tindoll, Jr., Atlantic Region director. The winners also received numerous other prizes including an iPad, a trophy and several gift certificates.

Mason and Turner will represent the Atlantic Region at the IMCOM competition that will be held later this spring at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.



Spc. Keef Turner, from the West Point Military Police, earned the Soldier of the Year title in the Installation Management Command, Atlantic Region's NCO and Soldier of the Year "Best Warrior" Competition March 18-23 at Fort Jackson, S.C. Turner will represent the Atlantic Region at the IMCOM competition later this spring.

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During the Atlantic Region's Best Warrior competition March 18-23 at Fort Jackson, S.C., Spc. Keef Turner endured the road march, obstacle course, board appearance and urban warfare orientation course to be named the Soldier of the Year.

Combat Weapons Team Wins Collegiate Championship

By Class of 2013 Cadet Bruce Rush
Combat Weapons Team PAO

In its first appearance at the Scholastic Steel Challenge at Fort Benning, Ga., the West Point Combat Weapons Team took first place in the championships March 17.

The Steel Challenge Shooting Association held this inaugural match in conjunction with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Smith & Wesson and Glock. The SCSA is a membership organization focusing on “The Ultimate Display of Speed & Accuracy.”

Typical stages consist of five steel plates. Distances vary from seven to 35 yards. Competitors shoot each stage a total of five times and the fastest four times are recorded for score. The perfect blend of speed and accuracy wins these matches.

CWT members competed with 9mm Glock 17 and 34, as well as M9 service pistols in display of the team’s wide ranging capabilities with production combat pistols. The focus of the team is usually in practical shooting with combat applications. The team participates in IDPA matches, which incorporate movement into stages. The Steel Challenge match gave the team an opportunity to focus on static shooting and allowed them to train accuracy and transition speed.

While there, the team also competed in the U.S. Army Small Arms Championships. The competition tested distance shooting with both the M16 and M9 and also included combined arms shooting with both weapons while moving through complex stages. The team placed third in the Combined Arms Team Championship and sixth overall, with three of its members placing in the top five of cadet competitors. Class of 2013 Cadet Bruce Rush took the High Cadet Trophy for Excellence in Competition.

The team is hosting the 5th annual Houghton 2-Gun Challenge at West Point Saturday-Sunday. The match has sold out, with more than 160 participants signed up. The match



The West Point Combat Weapons Team earned the top prize March 17 at the Scholastic Steel Challenge at Fort Benning, Ga.

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attracts shooters for its military-style stages and long distance ranges, and it is on track to impress shooters once again with challenging and fun stages. This is one of the largest events the team is involved in, which also supports the Capt. Andrew R. Houghton Foundation. Houghton, a Class of 2001 graduate, died from injuries sustained in 2004 during an attack while deployed in Iraq.



Natural Resources Manager Chris Pray sends a load of trout flying into Bull Pond Monday during the first of two deliveries in preparation of the upcoming trout-fishing season, starting April 1.

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Natural Resources Branch preps for trout-fishing season, April 1

Staff Reports

Chris Pray and Bob McKenzie from the Directorate of Public Works’ Natural Resources Branch were joined by a few volunteers Monday to replenish stock for the upcoming trout season.

The group unloaded 2,100 trout at Bull Pond from a hatchery truck, a free service

provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

By week’s end, approximately 6,660 trout—mostly of the Brooks and Browns variety—will be distributed at several locations, including Round Pond, Lusk Reservoir and Popolopen Brook.

The 2012 trout-fishing season begins April 1.



Approximately 2,100 trout were delivered to Round Pond Monday.



Shear Charity

Thirty-six cadets from Company H-2 shaved their heads to raise money in support of Relay for Life. They raised \$1,500 for cancer research with several businesses and individuals sponsoring their efforts, to include Schade's Pizza, Merit Roofing Company and Texas Capital Bank. The campaign was led by Class of 2015 Cadet Andrew Claxton and Class of 2012 Cadet Blake Boyd.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2015 CADET JOSEPH DELAY

West Point Band performs with New Jersey Ballet

By West Point Band Publicity

The West Point Concert Band performed with the New Jersey Ballet March 17 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall. Lt. Col. Jim Keene conducted the performance, which was the first of its kind.

Entitled "Ballet and Band," the audience was delighted as the West Point Band provided the music while the New Jersey Ballet danced.

The performance featured Jerome Robbins' Interplay, with music by Morton Gould, and Edward Villella's Prelude, Fugue and Riffs, with music by Leonard Bernstein.

Interplay featured Staff Sgt. Yalin Chi on piano, while Prelude, Fugue and Riffs showcased Sgt. 1st Class Sam Kaestner on clarinet.

Both soloists performed wonderfully, leaving the audience eager for more.

The rest of the production premiered three ballets commissioned for this collaboration.

The choreography for the commissioned ballets was done by Pedro Ruiz, Humberto Teixeira and David Tamaki. The music included selections from several pieces by John Philip Sousa.

While Sousa is best known for his marches, this performance featured his symphonic music, including selections from his suites "Dwellers of the Western World," "Cubaland" and "At the King's Court." Other highlights included Gustav Holst's "First Suite in Eb" and Tchaikovsky's rousing "Dance of the Jesters."

For more information about the West Point Band, visit www.westpointband.com, or become fans on Facebook and YouTube.



The West Point Concert Band performed with the New Jersey Ballet March 17 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall. Visit www.westpointband.com for more on the performance.

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CVA cadets finding ways to support West Point

Cadet Veteran Association has a mission of mentorship, guidance and support

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

As long as West Point has been admitting prior-service cadets into the Corps, these Soldiers-turned-cadets have created bonds as brothers-in-arms.

It's not hard for them to find each other either; within a 4,400-strong formation their uniforms tend to have more patches and ribbons than the average cadet.

"I think informally people tend to gravitate toward those with similar experiences and you relate better through those shared bonds," Class of 2013 Cadet Christopher Kelly said.

The Cadet Veteran Association is a volunteer organization, comprised roughly of 25 regular participants who came to West Point from active-duty service. Theirs is a mission of providing a foundation of upperclassmen as a resource to incoming underclassmen for mentorship and guidance in addition to the support they receive from their chain of command.

The transition into cadet life at West Point can be difficult, and for prior-service cadets the difference can be whether they arrive directly from a garrison environment, a combat zone or from the Preparatory School.

"What we are trying to do with the Cadet Veteran Association is close that gap," Kelly said. "We are really trying to be an organization that not only helps our veteran members but encourages active participation in the Corps and integration with cadets from all walks of life."

Kelly arrived here from Fort Monmouth, N.J., the former home of the Prep School, where cadets had more time to decompress from active duty service, bond with their colleagues and "shift from the green to gray environment."

"The CVA can make those connections here. We'll invite them out to talk to someone who may be of similar age or have similar experiences so they can talk to and form those bonds outside their normal company environment," Kelly said.

The night before Reception Day, active-duty Soldiers are invited to a social gathering which allows them to ask questions and gain perspective. Officers and noncommissioned officers offer some useful advice on assimilating into the Corps.

"Putting the ego aside and becoming part of a team is stressed continuously during this time," Kelly said.

It's actually a harder transition than one would imagine, and Kelly was equally surprised by it.

"In my experience an enlisted Soldier, at the beginning, is not taught to think about

things the way critical thinking is emphasized here," Kelly said. "A Soldier is first taught to do what he's told; an officer is taught here how to problem-solve a situation and work together as a team with everyone involved. It's hard at first to realize that's the mission here and you're going to be treated differently than an enlisted Soldier would."

In most cases, prior-service cadets arrive older and more experienced than the average cadet, Kelly said. If they have trouble assimilating into the Corps and making friends early on, they may struggle later when they need those colleagues for support during the academic semester.

"But as you progress through the year and even after, you tend to blend in with everybody in a positive way," he said. "I've been removed from the Army for three years now and by the time I'm a senior here I'll have more cadet experience at that point than active-duty experience."

As it stands, the CVA is not an official entity here—though they'd like to pursue club status in the future. It's not an exclusive organization either; they're more than happy to include any cadet who wants to join, regardless of active-duty or combat status. There's also an open invitation for officers who would like to serve as mentors.

"We're not looking to exclude anybody; if a cadet wants to come and hang out with a bunch of prior-service guys and talk, that's fine," he said. "Certainly, if we were only a combat veterans club that probably wouldn't be sustainable."

They've taken on a mission to not only support each other, but West Point and the Army however they can. To that end, they've teamed with the Admissions Office to assist in outreach efforts. Maj. Ryan Liebhaber serves as the Soldiers Regional Commander at the Directorate of Admissions and works closely with prior-service cadets.

"The Cadet Veterans Association has been extremely helpful in assisting the Soldier Admissions Program with its mission of bringing Soldiers into each West Point class," Liebhaber said. "These services have been invaluable to our recruitment efforts and I'm looking forward to continued partnership with the association's members."

Just prior to spring break, Kelly received an early-morning call about a Soldier who was visiting the academy that day while on a two-week leave from deployment in Afghanistan. Kelly eagerly agreed to meet the candidate for the Class of 2016.

"It happened to be a last-minute situation, but I got to spend the afternoon with him ... I tried to give him a feel for what West Point was about from the Soldier perspective,



Prior-service Cadets Ben Ordiway and Joseph Moreno join Cadet Colin Patrick, Maj. Ryan Liebhaber and Maj. Matthew Childers from the Directorate of Admissions, with Maj. Gen. Robert Brown of the Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning, Ga. Cadets teamed with Admissions at an informational booth during the Black Knights spring scrimmage March 9.

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answer all his questions and introduce him around," Kelly said.

The academy receives prior-service candidates year-round and at least once each year they arrive in bulk—about 50 Soldiers on temporary duty assignment—to spend time at the academy.

"Depending on how long they're visiting, we show them as much of West Point as we can: the classrooms, the barracks, gymnasium and Cadet Mess," Kelly said. "I try to introduce them to as many different perspectives as I can so they're not getting just a one-dimensional idea of West Point. We'll give them all aspects so they can make an educated decision."

Kelly said the academy wants to attract Soldiers who will commit to the 47-month experience as a member of the Corps of Cadets, arrive with the right attitude and has what it takes to succeed.

"I think we provide a positive enough view and answer enough questions to assist in that mission," Kelly said.

Most recently, members of the CVA attended the Black Knights' spring football scrimmage hosted at Fort Benning, Ga.

"We sent some prior-service cadets down there to meet with initial entry and active-duty Soldiers," he said.

Soldier candidates are able to keep in contact with prior-service cadets and Kelly said they usually express interest in joining a veterans group at West Point. The cadets are also looking into ways they can use their enlisted experience during summer training programs and throughout the academic year,

such as the Leader Challenge program. Whether to be used as training resources or for recruiting purposes, Kelly fields requests from chains of command looking for prior-service cadet participation, and welcomes more of the same.

"We also want to host more social interactions, not just with veterans but all cadets—offer ourselves as a resource and speak with one voice."

The CVA was informally organized by Class of 2012 Cadet Charles Briseno, and is now managed by Kelly. Briseno said it originated without a name, a mission or a staff like it has today.

"It basically began with a bunch of prior-service cadets gathering for food, but then it became study sessions and putting our heads together to get through plebe year," Briseno said. "Some of the guys were having trouble coming out of deployments and were struggling; we became pretty close as a group."

It had a snowball effect, Briseno said, as the group sought out other plebes and since then they decided to organize as a volunteer organization. It should have staying power, he said, for as long as the academy admits prior-service Soldiers and those cadets continue to build upon the fellowship they created.

"The opportunities that we make for ourselves reflect the great leaders who have given us a chance to excel," Briseno said. "My only hope is that we can instill our experiences and leadership to classmates so that they will be even more successful in the U.S. Army."

Cadets experience Sandhurst during UK trip

Story and photo by Maj. Jonathan Fursman
Defense & Strategic Studies

Ten cadets from the Defense & Strategic Studies major made a two-part trip to the United Kingdom during spring break.

The cadets participated in the 3rd annual Tripartite Games at The Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst from March 9-11, followed by a four-day staff ride to London focusing on political, historical and cultural issues. Maj. Jim Beaulieu, the lead faculty member for the trip, felt the opportunity to take cadets abroad was too good to pass-up.

“In all, the cadets had a fantastic experience that drew heavily upon their academic, military and physical skills,” Beaulieu said.

In addition to British officer cadets from Sandhurst, officer cadets from the French Saint-Cyr Academy and German Officer School at Dresden also attended the games, while this was the U.S. Military Academy’s first time participating.

The games provided these future officers the opportunity to work with their allied peers in a series of military and physical competitions. Cadets formed into multinational teams for the events, and had to work through language and cultural barriers to solve problems and complete tasks.

“The part of the trip that had the most impact on me wasn’t



Class of 2012 Cadet Brendan Lopez conducts a casualty evacuation exercise as part of a multinational team during the 3rd annual Tripartite Games.

the competition itself but the interaction with the foreign cadets. It was very eye-opening to learn how they do things and to realize how similar our methods actually are,” Class of 2013 Cadet Dave Heikkila said.

Following the games at Sandhurst, the DSS cadets traveled to London for a multidisciplinary learning experience. Prior

to the trip, each cadet contributed to the group’s learning by researching a watershed moment in Anglo-American relations and presenting their findings to the group. In addition to visiting some of London’s many historical sites, the cadets paid official visits to the U.S. Embassy and the Ministry of Defence.

At the embassy, the cadets interacted with staff members on a variety of security-related issues and received an inside look at how an interagency country team works to support U.S. interests abroad.

“From our studies in London, I gained a better understanding of the complex civil-military relationship that exists within the United States and the United Kingdom,” Class of 2013 Cadet Everett Benson said.

At MoD, the cadets interacted with several general officers, civil servants and professional staff members on issues relating to U.K. defense transformation, the NATO operation in Libya and U.K.-French bilateral security relations. Benson found that the experience brought life to his studies within the major.

“I saw firsthand how complex relationships at the national level manifest into state behavior on the international level regarding both strategic defense policies and international political relations,” Benson said. “These concepts form the foundation of the Defense & Strategic Studies major.”

Theatre Arts Guild produces season-ending show, April 27-28

By the West Point Theatre Arts Guild

Even following the Class of 2012’s highly-anticipated 100th Night Show, the theatre community at West Point is already midway through production of another performance. West Point’s Theatre Arts Guild is weeks into rehearsal for its spring production of Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman’s Pulitzer-winning comedy, “You Can’t Take it With You.”

The parallel production of two shows is unprecedented in recent history at the academy, but is made possible by the Corps’ growing enthusiasm and support of the arts.

Of the 30-plus cadets involved in the new play’s production, almost 20 of these are actors, while the rest fill vital support roles such as director, stage manager, and light and sound designers/operators.

The stated goal of the director, Class of 2014 Cadet Jarvis Coburn, is to “help revitalize fine arts appreciation at West Point” by making this production “better than the production before it” establishing a precedent where constant improvement is the name of the game. But such things are often easier said than done.

The show’s technical director, Class of 2014 Cadet Victoria Walling, was quick to applaud the support of the Directorate of Cadet Activities Cultural Arts Director Gary Keegan and his staff of professionals, including Richard Storey and Duane Rutter.

“Without the folks down at Ike and our (officer-in-charge) Maj. Jonathan Belmont, our task would be extremely difficult,” she said.

How difficult? According to Class of 2014 Cadet Peter Noreen, producer, the limitations of time placed on cadets by their other obligations should make the production impossible.

“When we did a show in college we would spend months in preparation, and from day one an actor could have upwards of 15 hours of rehearsal a week ... and the time invested by the production team was incalculable,” Noreen said.

But because of the rigors of the West Point, cadet actors can rarely meet more than four hours a week and attendance is never guaranteed.

“Managing your time is all about priorities ... and this show has been forced to the bottom of the totem pole,” Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Marino, actor, said.

Despite the challenges the Theatre Arts Guild faces, they remain optimistic.

“We’re allowed a fraction of the time we should have,” Noreen said, “but we still have the same ambition and expectation of any collegiate or semi-professional show.”

Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 27 and 28 in Eisenhower Hall. Admission is free; however, TAG encourages anyone not employed or in attendance at West Point to RSVP online by sending an email to WestPoinTAG@gmail.com with the subject describing their night of attendance.

Six Pistol Team cadets named All-Americans

By West Point Pistol Team

Six members of the West Point Pistol Team were honored as All-Americans March 17 at the awards ceremony for the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships in Columbus, Ga.

To be eligible for consideration, all candidates must be full-time students pursuing their first bachelor's degree and they must compete in at least five collegiate pistol matches during their academic year.

Second, all candidates must be nominated by their coach, school official or fellow competitors to the All-America Selection Committee in one or more of the four shooting disciplines—Free Pistol, Standard Pistol, Air Pistol and Women's Sport Pistol.

Once nominated and eligible, they are evaluated based on their average score in each discipline for all matches shot from the beginning of the academic school year until the cut-off date. Also considered are their high score and low score, sectional match score, grade point average and demonstrated leadership during the year.

The committee selected five individuals as First Team All-America and five individuals as Second Team All-America in Free Pistol and Standard Pistol.

The committee selected nine individuals as First Team and eight individuals as Second Team in Air Pistol. The committee selected three women as First Team and three women as Second Team in Women's Sport Pistol.

Lastly, the committee selected an undetermined number of candidates as Honorable Mention in each of the four shooting disciplines. A male athlete may only be selected as All-American in Free Pistol, Standard Pistol and Air Pistol. Female athletes may be selected as All-American in all four disciplines.

In Free Pistol, Team Captain Benjamin Poth and Jacob Shelton, both from the Class of 2013, were selected as First Team All-Americans. Class of 2013 Cadet Stephen Halsmer was selected to the Second Team.

In Standard Pistol, Class of 2013 Cadet Heather Deppe and Poth were selected as First Team All-Americans. Shelton was selected to the Second Team and Class of 2013 Cadet Michael Cheney was chosen for Honorable Mention.

In Air Pistol, First Team selections were Poth, Shelton and Deppe. Second Team



Six members of the West Point Pistol Team were recently honored as All-Americans at the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships awards ceremony. COURTESY PHOTO

selections were Class of 2012 Cadet Leilah Johnson and Halsmer.

Deppe was selected to the First Team in Women's Sport Pistol.

In all, six cadets received 13 All-American honors. Since 1960, West Point Pistol Team members have captured 350 All-American honors.

4th Regiment supports shoe drive



Class of 2015 Cadets Isaiah Levy, Company G-4, Andrew Thompson (E-4), Brianna Sharky (F-4) and Jon Lindefeld (F-4) collected shoes in support of an annual shoe drive for the needy. The cadets loaded up the shoes for a delivery to Groo's Shoes. A group of cadets, called the Aspiring Doctors from the Class of 2015, were involved in collecting the shoes for this pick-up March 23. The cadets managed to fill several bins with lightly used shoes. Groo's Shoes also offered a challenge to those collecting shoes in the form of a monetary award for the group who collected the most shoes by weight.

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CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Rugby Team: The West Point Rugby Team defeated Kutztown University, 30-25, March 24 at the Anderson Rugby Complex, moving them to 3-0 in conference play.

Class of 2013 Cadet Kyle Ulse scored three tries for 15 points and Class of 2013 Cadet Chad Vessell added the fourth.

Class of 2013 Cadet Will Holder kicked 10 points through a drop goal (3), a penalty (3) and two conversions (4).

The team will host Ohio State University at 1 p.m. Saturday. It will also be the team's 50-year celebration.

Orienteering Team: Class of 2012 Cadet Hannah Burgess led a young group of team members at the U.S. Junior Team Training Camp at Peekskill, March 24-25, that included Class of 2013 Cadet Victoria Emerson and Class of 2015 Cadets Carl Adams, Jacob Grant, William Miller, James O'Keefe, Cody Stamm, Samuel Thompson and John Williams.

The training focused on route choice and memorization, followed by middle distance training and two head-to-head sprint races.

Climbing Team: Several members from the club and competitive climbing team took the first spring trip of the year March 25 to the Gunks. The focus was on top-roping, but the more experienced people were able to lead some routes. It was Cadets Cody Iden and Paul Weber's first day at the Gunks and everyone had the opportunity to work at their level and challenge themselves.

What's Happening

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 9 a.m.-3 p.m. today and Friday in the elementary school conference room.

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>.

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. Saturday 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 today. To reserve a spot, call Myra Majadas at 938-2501 or email 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 shmuelfelzenberg@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.

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.

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.

The Minerva Research Initiative is sponsored by the Department of Defense and launched by the Secretary of

Defense at <http://minerva.dtic.mil>.

Tax Center open

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

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

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

To schedule an appointment, call 938-5920.

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>.

2012 Army Summer Sports Camps

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

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

Vehicle registration hours

The vehicle registration hours at the West Point Military Police Station have changed.

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.

NEW INFO

West Point Women's Club appreciation

The West Point Women's Club would like to extend its most sincere appreciation to all donors, volunteers and attendees of Viva! Las Vegas. With your participation, the club was able to add \$18,000 to its Outreach/Scholarship fund.

The WPWC recognizes its efforts would not be possible without your support.

1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Team Handball Tournament

The 1st Lt. Laura Walker Memorial Team Handball

Tournament is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday on the 2nd floor of ACPDC, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday on the 2nd and 4th floors of Arvin and 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday on the 2nd and 4th floors of Arvin.

There will be nine teams total, including two from West Point. The tournament is named in honor of 1st Lt. Laura Walker, who was the first female USMA graduate killed in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center time change

As of Sunday, the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center changed its Sunday operating hours to 1-9 p.m. This is a significant change from its previous Sunday hours, which were 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The change was based on input from the Corps of Cadets and the endorsement of the general officer chain of command.

For more information, call Artie Coughlin, facilities management, at 845-938-4351.

Tenebrae service

West Point will offer a Tenebrae Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m. April 5 at the Cadet Chapel.

The service reflects on Christ's sacrifice on the cross through darkness, scripture, candles and music. Communion will be served.

For more information, contact the Protestant Chaplain's Office at 845-938-4246/7986 or the USMA Chaplain's Office at 845-938-3316.

2012-13 PTO Executive Board Positions available

It is time to nominate the Parent Teacher Organization members who you know would be perfect to fill next school year's West Point Schools PTO executive board. The best way to enhance our children's education is to get involved.

All nominations, with information supporting your submission, are due by Tuesday to shaunnatonelli@yahoo.com. Make sure you have the consent of the person you are nominating.

Put "PTO Nomination" in the subject heading. Questions may be addressed to Shaunna Tonelli, the PTO Parliamentarian, at 845-446-3096. Position descriptions are as follows:

President—Presides over all meetings of the WPS PTO. Signs or endorses checks in absence of the treasurer. Secures appropriate fundraising approval from the garrison commander. Serves as the PTO point of contact for the installation and other outside agencies.

1st Vice President (membership)—Presides over the fall membership drive. Maintains all records pertaining to membership. Runs all meetings in the absence of the President.

2nd Vice President (volunteer coordinator)—Maintains records of all PTO volunteers and coordinates volunteers as needed for PTO functions.

Responsible for the write up and submission of volunteers to ACS for Black and Gold Awards each quarter.

Secretary—Records and keeps a permanent record of all meetings and administrative records. The job includes taking minutes, typing, copying and then presenting past minutes at each meeting.

Treasurer—Maintains the financial accounts of the WPS PTO. Is responsible for all cash. Pays all debts and keeps accounts of all receipts and expenditures. Presents an annual budget and has copies available of financial records for meetings.

School Board LNO—Attends all meetings of the WPS School Board (first Wednesday of every month), in addition to all meetings of the WPS PTO. Takes notes on the meetings and reports on activities of the WPS PTO.

FMWR Blurbs

CYSS Parent's Night Out

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

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.

USAG Scramble

The U.S. Army Garrison scramble will have a 1 p.m. Shotgun start Friday 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.

Available classes at Arts & Crafts Shop

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop has classes available. There is a free photography class at 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday.

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.

For more information, call 938-4812.

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. Wednesday.

The start and finish is located behind the Thayer Statue, across from Quarters 101.

For more information, call 938-3369.

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 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

NEW INFO

Auto and Arts & Craft Shop new hours of operation

Effective Tuesday, the West Point Auto Shop and Arts & Crafts Shop will have new hours of operation.

- Auto Shop: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, closed Sunday and Monday.

- Craft Shop: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Wednesday and Friday by appointment, and closed Sunday and Monday.

West Point Recycling Center Earth Day Open House

Join FMWR from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 21 at the West Point Recycling Center, Bldg. 1379, for an Earth Day celebration for recycled crafts, T-shirts, giveaways and food.

For more information, call 938-8229.

2012 Round Pond hunting and fishing information

Starting Friday, the Round Pond office will be open for the sale of N.Y. State fishing/hunting licenses and West Point permits only.

Reservations can still be made by telephone during hours of operation, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. On Sunday, the Round Pond office will open at 7 a.m. for the opening day of Trout Season.

Beginning Monday, the hours of operation will be 8 a.m.-6 p.m., daily.

For more information, call 938-2503.

ACS Relocation Readiness April workshops

During the month of April, the Army Community Service is offering relocation readiness workshops.

- Sponsorship Training: 9-10 a.m. April 5. Attend this workshop and make a world of difference to a Soldier and his/her family by becoming a sponsor;

- PCS Workshop—Moving with kids: 9-10 a.m. April 19. Learn what to know and how to prepare them for the transition;

- Overseas Brief: 10:30-11:30 a.m., April 19. As part of your normal outprocessing, you will be required to attend this ACS Brief.

All workshops are held at ACS, Bldg. 622. For more information and to reserve your spot, call 938-3487.

ACS Financial Readiness April workshops

During the month of April, the Army Community Service is offering financial readiness workshops.

- Credit Card Savvy: noon-1 p.m. April 12;

- ID Theft: noon-1 p.m. April 18;

- Saving for your Future: noon-1 p.m. April 30.

All workshops are held at ACS, Bldg. 622. To register, call 938-5839.

Keller Corner

Prevent Mosquito and Tick Bites

Spending time together outdoors is good for the whole family. Don't let bug bites ruin your fun. Most bug bites are harmless, but some insects, such as mosquitoes and ticks, carry diseases.

The good news is that you can take easy steps to protect yourself and your family from mosquito and tick bites.

Take these steps to avoid bites from mosquitoes and ticks by:

- Getting rid of standing (still) water around your home to keep some types of mosquitoes from laying eggs near your house;
- Cutting back brush and tall grasses and getting rid of fallen leaves to keep ticks away;
- Wearing long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks;
- Using bug repellent (also called bug spray or insect repellent) on skin and clothing;
- After spending time outside, check everyone for ticks;
- Taking a shower after coming inside to help get ticks off of you;
- Using a tick collar or other repellent product on your pets. And remember to check your pets for ticks.

Keep mosquitoes away from your home

Many mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing (still) water. To help keep mosquitoes away:

- Empty water from unused or forgotten items (like flower pot bases, old tires, buckets and toys) in your yard. Turn them upside down;
- Change the water in your kids' wading pool at least once a week. Be sure to store the pool on its side.

Keep ticks away from your home

Many types of ticks live in areas with woods, brush or high grass. Animals, like dogs and deer, may also carry ticks in their fur.

To keep ticks away from your lawn, follow these steps:

- Clear brush, tall grasses and fallen leaves from around your home. Mow the lawn often;
- Use wood chips or gravel to separate your patio or play equipment from wooded and brushy areas;
- Consider applying tick control products to your yard. You can do this yourself or hire a pest control company;
- Ask a vet for tick control medicine or tick collars for your pets. Dogs and cats need different tick control medicines, so make sure to get the right one.

Use bug repellent

Bug repellent makes it harder for mosquitoes and ticks to find you.

- Use a bug spray with 20-50 percent DEET to avoid tick and mosquito bites. Check the label;
- You can also look for repellents with picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 to avoid mosquito bites;
- It's a good idea to use sunscreen when you are outside, but look for a separate sunscreen lotion.

Don't use bug repellent that has sunscreen already mixed in.

Take a shower after being outside in an area that might have ticks

A shower can help get ticks off of you and lower your risk of Lyme disease. Try to shower within two hours of coming inside.

Most importantly, tell your doctor if you get sick after a mosquito or tick bite.



Lifesaving blood

Class of 2015 Cadet Diana Tsang gives lifesaving blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive at Eisenhower Hall March 19-22. Every minute of every day someone needs blood. Currently, only three out of 100 people donate blood according to the American Red Cross website.

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NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

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

Saturday—Big Miracle, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Ghost Rider:

Spirit of Vengeance, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Easter Egg Hunt**—Balfour Beatty Communities is hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt starting at 1 p.m. April 6 at Fort Putnam.

To register, email Jody Gellman at jgellman@bbcgrp.com, with names and ages of your children who will participate in the event.

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

Command Channel 8/23

March 29-April 5

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through April 5
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through April 5
8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Army Family Action Plan outbrief
Today (5 p.m.)

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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8	2					5	4

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

Difficulty: Easy

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

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Army takes doubleheader from Harvard, now 15-6

By Christian Anderson
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Senior pitcher Logan Lee fired a two-hit shutout in the opening game, and freshman designated hitter Mark McCants drove in four runs in the nightcap as Army swept a doubleheader from Harvard March 24 at Doubleday Field.

Lee was dominant in the first game, and the Black Knights scratched out a run in the bottom of the third to take a 1-0 decision from the Crimson. Army needed extra innings in the second contest as the Black Knights scored a run in the bottom of the 10th to earn a 7-6 victory.

The Black Knights, who have won five straight games and 10 of their last 12 contests, improve to 15-6 on the season following this weekend's four-game sweep. Harvard, which has lost 11 games by two runs or less this year, falls to 1-16.

"I'm very proud of the way our guys competed this weekend," Army head coach Joe Sottolano said. "I think we all agree that we didn't play our best baseball, but we did what we needed to do in order to win. We came from behind in the second game yesterday, and we won a game in extra innings today.

"Harvard really played the game well this weekend," Sottolano added. "They picked up the ball defensively and competed at the plate. It was up to us to make something happen and we were able to get it done. I'm very proud of the character and resiliency our club showed throughout the series."

Lee (2-1) faced two over the minimum and allowed just a pair of singles en route to his second win of the year. The senior lefty struck out three and walked just one in his first career shutout. Lee, who seemed to get stronger as the game wore on, retired the final 12 batters of the game in order. He kept the ball down in the zone throughout, getting 16 outs on groundballs in the contest.

Army scored the only run it would need in the bottom of the third inning. Freshman shortstop Alex Jensen led off with a walk, moved to second base when freshman left fielder Daniel Cortes drew a two-out walk and scored on senior first baseman Kevin McKague's RBI single.

The Black Knights were held to just two hits in the first game with McKague and freshman third baseman Harold Earls recording singles.

Andrew Ferreira (0-2) was the tough-luck loser for Harvard. The left-hander allowed just one run on two hits over 4 2/3 innings. He struck out four and walked four batters.

Carlton Bailey was the only Harvard player to record a base hit in the first game, going 2-for-3 in the contest.

Harvard jumped out to 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning in the nightcap. Jeff Reynolds singled with one out and later scored on Jack Colton's RBI single.

Army responded quickly in the home half of the first inning as the Black Knights scored a pair of runs to move in front, 2-1. Senior second baseman Zach Price walked leading off the inning and Cortes followed with a single. McKague was then hit by a pitch to load the bases.

After senior catcher J.T. Watkins grounded into a fielder's choice, McCants drew a bases loaded walk to force home Cortes from third. Senior right fielder Cody Murtle then drove home McKague with the second run of the frame.

The Black Knights tacked on single runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings to extend their advantage to 5-1.

McCants picked up an RBI on a groundout to shortstop in the third, Price hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth and Jensen was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the fifth.

Harvard rallied to within 5-4 in the top of the sixth inning as the Crimson scored three runs on four hits. Kyle Larrow delivered the big blow, rapping a two-run single off Army freshman reliever Taylor Goucher.

Army got one of those runs back in the bottom of the sixth with McCants driving home Price on a fielder's choice ground out.

Harvard rallied to tie the score in the top of the eighth, though, as Jake McGuiggan ripped a two-run double down the left field line.

After a scoreless ninth inning, Army plated the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th. Price laced a single to right center field leading off the frame, and he was moved to second base on Cortes' sacrifice bunt.

Then, after Watkins was intentionally walked to load the bases, McCants drove home Price by grounding out to second.

Junior pitcher Ken Jackson (1-1) got the final out of the top of the 10th and was credited with his first win of the season.

McKague and Watkins both collected two hits apiece to pace the Black Knights' offense in the second game. McCants finished 0-for-4 but drove in a career-high four runs.



Senior Logan Lee threw a two-hit shutout to help Army defeat Harvard 1-0 in game one of its doubleheader sweep of the Crimson March 24 at Doubleday Field. Lee struck out three and walked only one batter during his first career shutout.

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Thul, Lynch score three goals each to help defeat Lafayette

By Tracy Nelson
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Junior attackman Garrett Thul and senior midfielder Devin Lynch each netted three goals and totaled four points as the Army lacrosse team used a four-goal second quarter to lift it to a 10-3 win at Lafayette March 24 at Fisher Stadium in Easton, Pa. The win was the Black Knights' first Patriot League victory and first triumph on the road.

Army (4-5, 1-1 Patriot League) outscored Lafayette (2-6, 0-2) by a 9-2 margin over the final three quarters and had seven different players register points in the win.

Thul notched his 22nd career hat trick and tied Lynch with a team-high four points. Junior midfielder Pat Brennan added a goal and two assists.

Freshman midfielder John Glesener, senior

attackman Conor Hayes and junior attackman Andrew Boyd each registered single goals. Senior midfielder Derek Sipperly, who won 12 of 17 faceoffs, tallied his fourth assist of the year as well.

"Today was probably our most complete effort from start to finish this season," seventh-year head coach Joe Alberici said. "We played well in all facets of the game. Those three goals to start the second quarter and a key defensive possession early in the third quarter gave us a bump. I also thought the special teams played exceptionally well today from the faceoff to the man-up and man-down units."

Army outshot Lafayette 44-23 for the game and held a 35-27 advantage in ground balls. Sipperly led all players with seven ground balls, followed by senior long stick midfielder Tim Henderson with six. The

Black Knights converted both of its extra-man chances and held Lafayette to 0-for-3 when man-up.

Thul opened the scoring with his 23rd goal of the season, burying a shot from the right side with 6:16 remaining in the first quarter. Exactly a minute later, Lafayette middle Colin Serling leveled the score with the Leopards' first goal of the afternoon.

The Black Knights proceeded to use a three-goal barrage over the first three minutes of the second quarter to create some space between themselves and the Leopards. Glesener scored Army's second goal of the day, taking a feed from Thul and converting from 15 yards out with 13:34 on the clock.

Sipperly won the ensuing faceoff and earned the assist as Hayes punched his lone goal of the day through to give Army a 3-1 lead. The advantage reached 5-1 following

back-to-back Lynch goals at 12:03 and 8:43. Glesener assisted on Lynch's second goal, which would be the Black Knights' final goal of the half.

Lafayette's Sonny Round cut the deficit to three goals with a score at the 4:03 mark, and the 5-2 margin stood at halftime.

The Leopards struck first in the second half and inched within 5-3 following a Cory Scheuerle just 2:30 into the third quarter. That would be Lafayette's final goal of the game as Army's defense locked down and held the home team scoreless over the final 27:30.

Meanwhile, Army scored the final five goals of the game, including two more from Thul as he registered his sixth hat trick of the season.

Brennan (6:10) and Boyd (8:32) scored single goals in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.