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West Point's "Best Warrior"



The top Soldiers and noncommissioned officers from each of the four regions of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command gathered at Camp Bullis in San Antonio to compete in the IMCOM Best Warrior competition. Spc. Kevin M. Mulloy, representing the IMCOM Central Region, and Staff Sgt. Robert C. Donovan, representing the Europe Region, were named IMCOM Soldier and noncommissioned officer of the Year April 26 after a five-day competition that tested the skills of warriors from each of IMCOM's four regions. The Soldiers and NCOs competed in a series of tests—beginning with a physical fitness test and running the gamut from basic Soldier skills to night land navigation. Spc. Keef Turner (above and right), member of the U.S. Army Garrison West Point Honor Guard and Firing Party, participated as the IMCOM Atlantic Soldier of the Year. On April 26, Turner and other competitors participated in a "mystery event" involving a run, target shooting and weapons assembly (above). On April 23, Turner demonstrated his abilities during an obstacle course (right) and warrior task training. To see more photos of Turner and the other competitors compete in IMCOM's Best Warrior competition, visit www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=10151535398722837

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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:
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US ARMY GARRISON WEST POINT POLICY #34
SUBJECT: Noise Abatement and Excessive Noise

1. REFERENCES:
a. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 22 May 2006.
b. USMA Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, dated 1 March 2008.

2. PURPOSE: This memorandum establishes policy regarding noise abatement and excessive noise.

3. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all personnel residing on, working on, or visiting West Point. The provisions of this memorandum are punitive and subject the Soldier to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Violations of this policy by Family members, civilian employees, or other civilians, may furnish the basis for appropriate administrative action for misconduct and be cited on DD Form 1408 (Armed Forces Traffic Citation) for violation of US Army Garrison West Point Policy Letter #34.

4. DEFINITION: For the purpose of this regulation, the term "excessive noise" is: Music vibrations or other sounds emanating from housing, billets, or vehicles with windows open that can be heard from a distance of 50 or more feet in any direction. Noise in a public place that, under the circumstances, is unreasonably disturbing to the quiet and comfort of another person within the vicinity or hearing thereof. Music, vibrations, or other sounds emanating from housing, billets, or vehicles with closed windows is too loud and will be considered excessive if they can be heard 20 or more feet from any direction.

5. PROPONENT: Office of the Provost Marshal/Directorate of Emergency Services, Office of the Provost Sergeant, at (845) 938-0436. This policy memorandum will remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.



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Stamping Out Sexual Assault



The U.S. Corps of Cadets Command Sgt. Maj. Todd M. Burnett addressed more than 500 noncommissioned officers, members from the Corps of Cadets and officers Monday in front of Washington Hall after completing a unit run in support of the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Prevention Program (SHARP). To see the video of the run and hear Burnett's speech about stamping out sexual assault and harassment throughout the Army, visit www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=pUm4g9yvd1s.

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CME cadets work on deep energy retrofit project

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

A project spearheaded by Balfour Beatty Communities and the Residential Communities Initiative to refurbish the old hospital, located off Washington Road, into a community center is underway.

Although the structure is sound, the building needs to be energy efficient and environmentally safe. The former Soldiers' Hospital was built in 1851.

"Over the past semester, we have analyzed the proposed site for the new community center to make recommendations for a more energy efficient building," Class of 2012 Cadet Brett Everett said. "The end goal for the project is to make several suggestions as to how we can improve the building's efficiency without taking anything away from the historical significance of the building."

Everett said the project is unique because it looks at ways to improve the energy efficiency of historical structures as opposed to building new ones.

Richard Wagner, RCI project director, decided to enlist the help of Class of 2012 Cadets Everett, Morgan Kuchan and Ryan Leets, all Civil and Mechanical Engineering majors, with the recommendation by Col. Fred Meyer, associate professor in CME.

"I have known Meyer ever since I went to the Projects Day presentation for my daughter," Wagner, whose daughter was a Civil Engineering major and 2009 graduate, said. "Since then, I have worked with him evaluating cadet projects, giving tours of my work sites and facilitating cadet projects such as this."

The cadets first conducted an envelope evaluation—a walkthrough of the building to annotate everything about the structure they could to include window gaps or damages to walls where energy may leak out and locating any evidence of moisture.

Based on the evaluation, the cadets offered their recommendations for saving energy.

"We looked at ways in which to reduce the amount of "wasted heat" exiting the building through the walls, windows, doors and infiltration," Everett said. "Infiltration represents all unintentional air entering the building through cracks or leaks in the building."

Wagner said the evaluation revealed very little insulation existed and holes in the walls near the windows were numerous causing air to come through into the building.

The cadets also presented an estimated utility bill where fixing the situation would result in significant energy savings. To test the amount of air coming into the building, a blower door test was performed April 18 to measure the amount of air leakage.

In the blower door test, all exterior openings, such as doors and windows are closed, which simulates a heating season. When operating, the blower fan acts as an exhaust fan and vents indoor air to the outside. The sucking action builds air pressure in the house to drop below the



Maj. Scott Katalenich and Class of 2012 Cadets Brett Everett and Morgan Kuchan perform a blower test to measure the amount of air leaking out of the old hospital, which is being renovated to provide a community center.

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pressure of the air outside.

"We could not pressurize the building at all," Wagner said. "The blower door test proved there was more air entering the building than we first thought."

The cadets then tested individual rooms and were able to get a baseline of how much air was coming into the building.

The blower door test revealed the building is losing energy.

To make the building more energy efficient, the cadets suggested adding insulation to the ceiling, replacing storm windows for the 40-plus windows to

stop the air from getting through the window gaps and adding air conditioning in at least four zones of the building upstairs and downstairs.

"To improve the energy efficiency of the building, we are looking at different types of insulation, adding weather stripping, installing storm windows, updating the heating system and adding solar panels," Everett said. "When we present this project on Projects Day to a board of visitors, we want to hit them with the message that by looking at the historical structures at West Point and improving their building envelope, that is the way for West Point to become Net Zero by 2020."

E-Psych cadets use military sims to gauge human behavior

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Today, hundreds of cadets will be demonstrating, briefing and exhibiting the projects they've poured countless hours into over the past several months.

Projects Day is the annual showcase of their intellectual pursuits and for 20 engineering psychology—or E-Psych—majors, it is an exploration of human capabilities on a digital battlefield.

This includes everything from knowing what buttons to press on a keyboard, at what moment and for how long. If a platoon leader requires Soldiers to conduct simulation training, they also need to know how long it will take to load up the software and what instructions they need to relay to the troops before the training begins.

It's all about understanding the nuances of the human dimension as it applies to military gaming.

Using the Virtual Battle Space II software, two cadet teams designed and storyboarded training scenarios to include missions like cordon and search and convoy operations. The E-Psych majors used these simulations to develop a better understanding of human responses and limitations.

To create an authentic simulation, they videoconferenced with military personnel in Afghanistan, and met with Hank Kiersey, the designer of the popular video game "Modern Warfare 3."

One team was led by Class of 2012 Cadet Kaitlin Merrick with Caleb Hughes serving as executive officer; Cadets Trevyn Hubbs and Ilanit Guadalupe led the other team.

The PL490 capstone course has no lectures, mid-terms or final exam. For most students, this would seem like a

deceptively enticing way to finish a semester. However, the course is largely self-directed, meaning cadets discover on their own what they don't know.

"That's not to say they come in naive about what they are doing," Col. James Ness, Engineering Psychology course director and instructor, said. "They had all the book learning, now they're actually applying it all into their designs."

This often leads to several bouts of trial and error as they determine if the system can handle and render all the graphics and motions of their simulations, or whether it will slow down or crash the system.

Guadalupe said her team discovered during the testing phase that users were only able to complete a small portion of the training before their avatars were killed.

They redesigned the simulation with reset modules to

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Seventh graders find engineering fun yet challenging

West Point Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers hosted Engineering Expo for New York City students

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The discussions were enthusiastic and animated among the seventh graders visiting from M.S. 223 in the Bronx. Yet, every so often, they couldn't hide their frustration and conversations were punctuated with "This is too hard, how do you do this?"

The West Point Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers invited the students to the Engineering Expo April 28 to learn more about engineering concepts from cadets and instructors.

There, inside a Thayer Hall classroom, they designed bridges, operated robots and learned thermometer design. It wouldn't always be easy, but it was fun.

"We really wanted to show engineering to students from different aspects of the field," Class of 2012 John Craig-lee, cadet-in-charge, said. "Engineering isn't always looking inside a book at a ton of equations and numbers. There is an end state that they see every day in their lives, from the bridges they cross in New York to the buildings they go to school in."

Lt. Col. Donald Outing, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences, introduced the students to bridge design, using the same software employed by grade school and high school teams during the annual West Point Bridge Design Contest sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

As a mathematician, Outing explained how much of his work is applied to the engineering field. Students discovered how precise calculations had to be in order for their designs to survive a load test. Engineers hats were awarded to students with the best designs at the lowest costs.

"Competition makes everything more exciting, and it usually brings out the best in students," Craig-lee said.

Class of 2012 Cadet Akeem Rutherford, a human factors engineering major, told the students he loved engineering at an early age and, having opportunities to attend various workshops growing up, he knew this would be his profession.

"I really hoped I could impart a natural curiosity and a



(Above, right) Cadets assisted students from M.S. 223 in the Bronx as they discovered math, science and engineering concepts to building bridges.

love of learning to the students," Rutherford said. "For me it started with a fascination and the possibility for new things. There's always something new in engineering."

This was the second year the NSBE hosted this STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach workshop. In addition, students visited the West Point Simulations Center to see how Soldiers are using technology to advance their training capabilities.

Visit the West Point Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/ to see photos from this event.



Playing with robots might be fun, but making them work proved to be a mathematical challenge for seventh graders from M.S. 223 in the Bronx.

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allow users to continue the missions. The original concept of one continuous training operation was then broken into three separate modules with three levels of difficulty.

"It totally failed at first, but now it works perfectly," Guadalupe said. "We were able to gauge all the little things we needed to fix in each scenario. We also added a training scenario at the beginning to let people adapt to the controls."

Since the teams became so familiar with their own simulations, usability testing was conducted with members of the other team.

"The usability testing is the last step before Projects Day to make sure what the simulation we're putting out there synchs up with what the user sees," Guadalupe said. "We're also making sure it's easily understood by anyone using it."

Cadets found different ways to adapt users to the simulation, like using an introduction to basic movements.

The intro allows users to first master basic movements and become comfortable in the virtual environment.

Only later will the avatar become armed with a weapon, and that's not a design flaw.

A person's natural tendency within a game is to pick up a weapon and begin firing it. In the real world that wouldn't happen in a training mission, so cadets wanted to avoid that in their simulation.

"There are different motivations to do different things in a game at different points in time," Ness said. "So cadets were careful not to render avatars in a training environment with their weapons."

One team decided that a virtual note pad operations order on the screen could reinforce instructions provided by an administrator.

Class of 2012 Cadet Matthew Ryan acted as an administrator during a recent usability testing. The administrator acts as an observer and controller during a simulation, and is able to create on the spot consequences to the actions taken by a user. In one of his team's scenarios, users must decide which of three villages would be ideal to establish a hospital.

"Each of those has consequences, and so we're testing a platoon leader's critical thinking in a civil-military scenario, not just tactical decision-making," Ryan said.

Maj. Dan Kidd, West Point Simulation Center director, said simulations like the VBSII signifies a real game-changer in the way Soldiers can conduct training operations.

"If we can't take you into the field, we'll bring the field to you," Kidd said.

To emphasize the advancements made, Kidd likes to tell cadets "back in his day" Soldiers would practice crew drills with four chairs and imitating Bradley noises.



(Above) Class of 2012 Cadet Ilanit Guadalupe observes how cadets respond to the military training simulation during a recent usability testing at the West Point Simulations Center. (Below) Months earlier, the two teams created storyboards to plot out the sequences within the simulation, which were designed using the Virtual Battle Space II software.



Response tested during active shooter exercise

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

It was a startling sight to behold—dozens of West Point cadets sprawled out around central campus suffering various degrees of trauma. Only minutes after the shootings occurred, two gunmen took their own lives before military police and antiterrorism teams swooped in to secure the area.

As real as it seemed, fortunately it wasn't. But that's the intent of conducting an installation antiterrorism and emergency management exercise—making sure when the unexpected does happen, people are ready to respond.

The idea behind this exercise on April 25, said Joe Colombo, chief of plans and operations at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was to ask everyone one simple question: "Do you want to be a victim or a responder?"

"That's always been my mantra, and if you're going to be a responder you need to know what to do," Colombo said. "Don't rely on somebody else to know. What are you going to do to survive? That's where awareness and preparedness becomes part of this exercise."

As early as January, directorates such as DPTMS, Emergency Services, Directorate of Public Affairs and Medical and Dental Activities conducted specific workshops in preparation for composite risk assessment, fatality management and response procedures. From the time the exercise's operational order was finalized in late February until the concluding after-action review was held, West Point was essentially assessing its preparedness, response and recovery capabilities.

"All of these drills identify the processes and procedures that are in place so we can validate their effectiveness," Colombo said. "If we can identify any seams or gaps then we can ask what we can do to make improvements."

Last summer, the emergency response exercise focused on first responders, and the scenario involved a train derailment, which required the joint efforts of local medical, fire and hazardous material services working with West Point personnel. This time around, the active shooter exercise tested the readiness of the post's first responders and emergency response personnel, but more so, every organization and demographic inside the gates had a part to play throughout.



Shortly after tactical teams secured the area, medical personnel were allowed into the area to provide aid to the wounded and facilitate movement of casualties.



A coordinated response to an active shooter scenario brought teams of first responders to Central Area April 25. After almost six months of planning, a weeklong community-wide readiness exercise incorporated elements of an active shooter and antiterrorism response, the Installation's Emergency Alert System and the ability of responders to apply mass casualty care.

Colombo described the exercise as all-encompassing, to the point cadets were temporarily removed from classes due to lockdown procedures and took up a defensive posture in the barracks. Meanwhile, the West Point schools were conducting lockdown drills of their own, as the installation's Emergency Alert System—West Point's "Giant Voice"—announced the closure of the post.

"The scope is wide and multi-layered with many months of planning but this year it went deeper," Charles Peddy, DPTMS director, said. "It began with G-3 actually blocking the day so no one had an excuse not to participate. The U.S. Corps of Cadets really helped out by providing roughly 40 role players. The superintendent (Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr.) got involved and made it a priority."

Huntoon not only made site visits throughout post during the exercise, but participated in a mock press conference at the Visitors Center, issuing a public



Two shooters, role-played by Military Police noncommissioned officers, randomly fired at cadets before taking their own lives in the active shooter exercise April 25 in front of Washington Hall.

statement and fielding questions from media.

Although the active shooter exercise could be considered the big show, there were several components preceding and following the event that shaped the overall scenario.

For example, bomb-threat evacuation procedures were assessed throughout the installation and a suspicious mail drill was conducted at the Central Mailroom. A day after the active shooting, a consequence management exercise was conducted, and Army Community Service simulated all the activities they would provide in an emergency like survivor outreach and family assistance services.

There's never an expectation that everything will go according to plan and breakdowns in communication are inevitable.

"That seems to be the case in every exercise, whether its electronic communications or communicating one-on-one with individuals—is information transmitted and received in the way it's supposed to? I think communications is something we'll always have to work through to improve," Colombo said.

Some of these emergency management responses have been tested in the past year outside a controlled, simulated environment. Colombo said the historic October snowstorm and the hurricane were two events that validated West Point's capabilities.

"We think our exercises give us just a little more experience in dealing with those kinds of situations so we can validate our procedures," he said.

The exercise—which concluded a six-month series of emergency preparedness activities—was said to be one of the largest and most comprehensive ever conducted at West Point.



(Left) Class of 2012 Cadets Justin Weeks and Quincey Jallah begin the negotiation session with a courteous greeting, as nearly 60 cadets enrolled in the MG390: Negotiation for Leaders course visited Constitution Island twice for their final exercise. (Above) Class of 2012 Cadet Manuel Chavez and Class of 2013 Cadet Amanda Derrico engage in multi-party negotiations with an imam, village leader, local police and NATO officers April 26. A week earlier, cadets first met these individuals in bilateral negotiations. This exercise tested the cadets on the various negotiation tactics developed throughout the semester as well as their body language and communication skills as they interacted with the role players. To see more photos, visit the West Point PAO Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

Cadets' negotiation skills tested at final exercise

Constitution Island, NYC actors sets the stage for Negotiation for Leaders course final

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

It was a return trip to Constitution Island for nearly 50 cadets enrolled in the Negotiation for Leaders course April 26.

This was the continuation of a negotiation simulation—equivalent of their final examination—that incorporated actual actors from New York City to role-play imams, Afghanistan police, NATO officers and community members. A week earlier, cadets were engaged in somewhat hostile scenarios involving a grieving mother, a murdered son, weak relations and even weaker security.

Now, simulating a few months later and after agreeing upon weekly meetings, the cadets faced a less confrontational reception from the local populace.

“Last time we were here, there was a lot more drama, so we wanted to make sure this time we were able to fix a lot of those issues we had,” Class of 2012 Cadet Manuel Chavez said.

Whereas the first trip focused on bilateral talks, this time cadets, working in pairs, had to prepare for multi-party negotiations.

“To do well, they need to be actively using those multi-party tools they’ve learned,” Maj. Zachary Mundell, co-director of the West Point Negotiation Project and course instructor, said. “They have to come into the negotiation with a plan in mind and suggest that to the group in order to work through issues. They also need to be prepared to deal with conflict.”

This is the third year the simulation was held beyond the familiar grounds of West Point and with about a dozen

professional actors—making it all the more realistic for the cadets.

“It’s orchestrated that way to get cadets to focus on, and have to use, specific tools taught in the course,” Mundell said.

Following a mutually agreeable negotiation session, Chavez and Class of 2013 Cadet Amanda Derrico said they felt more prepared this time to handle any drama.

“We made sure we were both on the same page about what we wanted to achieve from the negotiations, before we went in,” Derrico said. “Other than that we only discussed who would talk first, and then made a lot of eye contact during the negotiations so we could work off each other.”

Both cadets felt they learned a lot from the course, and though their final exercise is finished, it probably won’t be their last negotiation.

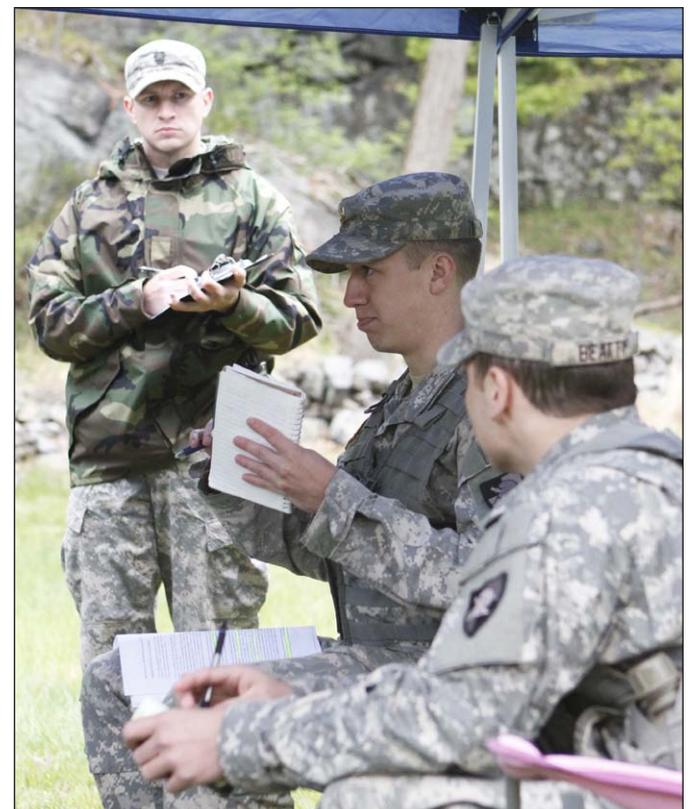
“A lot of what we’ve learned is extremely applicable. Some of it may have seemed like common sense when it was first introduced, but I think one of the best things we’ve learned is how to think on our feet,” Derrico said.

Chavez said it is a skill you might think you have, but until you realize the techniques involved, it’s a lot more than just knowing how to talk well with others.

“It’s way more than that. This class has opened up so many more avenues of approach I can take and different resources I can use when negotiating,” Chavez said.

Learning how to quickly adapt to situations while dialoguing with other people is a skill which requires time and practice to master.

“It was one of my biggest worries coming into the class ... but I feel I’ve learned so much from taking this course,” Derrico said.



While the business of negotiations were being conducted, course graduates (background) evaluated the cadets’ performances during the exercise.

Congress in session for another iteration of Legislative SIMEX

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Two sessions of Congress convened at Eisenhower Hall April 18-19 with more than 350 cadets participating in the sixth iteration of the Legislative Simulation Exercise.

Class of 2014 cadets enrolled in American Politics in the Department of Social Sciences role-played as members of the House and Senate, presidential advisors, lobbyists and journalists, all while addressing the very real issue of immigration reform.

The objective of the exercise is to accumulate the most political capital, while trying to pass legislation favorable to one's party—and, ideally, one that represents the needs of their constituents.

Cadets managed to stay in character throughout the day—moving from caucus to committee meetings, press conferences, floor debates and votes.

"It's exhausting," Cadet Richard Rainey said. "Being a team player, I wanted to do the right thing for my party, so playing for yourself and for your team became a scramble all day."

It was certainly exhausting, and sometimes frustrating, especially when nothing seems to be going right and the hopes of a passing grade diminishing.

"I thought I did pretty well," Rainey said. "Even



A scene of political despair played out when all effort failed for one party leader during a crucial vote.

with the failure to pass the bill, and some negative media, I might have broken even today."

Cadet William White, the senate majority leader, implored his colleagues to stay united.

"We don't need Republicans to pass this bill," he pleaded. "I'm going down no matter what happens. Let's not end this with a childish filibuster."



Congressmen surround members of the Fourth Estate in an attempt to sway political reporters into writing favorable stories. It was a give-and-take relationship throughout the exercise between the media and politicians.



Meetings, large and small, were conducted throughout Eisenhower Hall to broker deals as politicians, advisors and lobbyists sought compromise in immigration reform during the sixth iteration of the Legislative Simulation Exercise.

Minerva Research Initiative hosts first workshop

Submitted by the West Point Minerva Research Initiative

The West Point Minerva Research Initiative hosted its inaugural workshop on post April 16-17 which focused on the theme “Understanding Cultural Networks in Africa and Asia for National Security.”

The event began with a community-building boat cruise along the Hudson River and continued the following day at the Thayer Hotel with a series of keynote, plenary and technical session presentations. Keynote speakers Dr. John Nagl and Dr. Marcia Hartwell captured the overarching relevance of social sciences within the military.

Both have been a part of the U.S. counterinsurgency initiatives and are Oxford Scholars. Nagl is currently the Minerva Fellow at the U.S. Naval Academy and a non-resident senior fellow from the Center for a New American Security. Hartwell is a visiting scholar from the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Discussion panels addressed each of the two Minerva research initiatives at West Point on Africa and Asia. The entire Minerva Team from West Point was present at the workshop, to include Minerva Fellows, Dr. Makame Muhajir and Luke Gerdes, who incorporated their research within each panel session and Minerva Researcher Kristine Ringler supported collaborations and coordination efforts.

The Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering led the Africa panel, which discussed models of socio-and-ethno cultural development, civil-military social networks and the stability of those networks, the politics of piracy in Somalia and the realities of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. These topics were addressed through human geography research.

The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership led the afternoon panel with topics on social networks in a counterinsurgency, building cultural

models and the rule of law in China and an assessment of network analysis of Asian extremism.

This panel focused on the evolution of social network structures within the Muslim world to provide insight into how cultural norms and extreme ideologies are born and maintained.

The workshop developed inter-departmental partnerships and synergies within disciplines throughout the academy and contributed to the Minerva and West Point missions.

The event launched vital research efforts and built connections across academic departments at West Point and across the Department of Defense Minerva community.

The program provided the intellectual foundations for progress in understanding regional connectivity of people, information, and resources through social, cultural and spatial dynamics.

Attendees were from various government agencies and academic institutions, including the Army Research Institute “culture” group.

Feedback given by conference participants following the workshop were overwhelmingly positive and revealed an overall appreciation for both the West Point Minerva team’s research program and its efforts in executing the workshop.

In the future, the Minerva Research Initiative is intended to incorporate suggestions to increase the length of the workshop to allow for additional interaction with the assembled community of researchers.

During the poster session, 10 cadets presented projects related to the broad Minerva objectives. To underscore the truly multi-disciplinary nature of this initiative, cadets are from 10 different academic majors including Management, International Relations, Math, History, Engineering Management, Economics, Portuguese, Sociology and Electrical and Mechanical

Engineering.

Project titles included “The Kashmir Peace Process: A Strategic U.S. Interest” by Class of 2012 Cadet Luke Hutchinson (International Relations) and “Modeling the ‘Hearts and Minds’ in the Terrorism/Counter-Terrorism Struggle” by Class of 2013 Cadet Jeff Yao. Their research reflects projects being supported by the West Point Negotiation Project, Network Science Center, as well Math and Sociology capstone courses.

Going forward, the West Point Minerva team intends to engage in multiple collaboration opportunities, build its research agenda for two fieldwork studies, and bring junior faculty members and cadets into the team.

Research trip plans for Tanzania and

Indonesia for this coming summer and fall are underway and seminars will be offered to cadets that will bring real-time field data back to the classroom.

The Minerva Initiative funds universities and service academies to initiate research that can build a deeper understanding of the social, cultural and political dynamics that shape regions of strategic interest around the world.

Beginning in 2010, the Office of the Secretary of Defense has partnered with a range of Defense educational institutions to launch Minerva Research Fellow programs at select Joint Professional Military Education schools.

To learn more about the initiative and programs, visit <http://minerva.dtic.mil/>.



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This week’s Pointer View has seven news items with additional photos available on Flickr. New photo galleries include the Coach K Awards Ceremony, the West Point Duathlon, the Engineering Expo and a Negotiation Final Exercise.

Thousands of scouts mark 50th year of Camporee

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Despite the sometimes-frigid weather and wind in the mornings, roughly 6,000 scouts and scoutmasters descended and survived the 50th annual West Point Invitational Boy Scout Camporee, sponsored by the Cadet Scoutmasters' Council, on Lake Frederick April 27-Sunday. This year's event topped last year's event of 5,500 participants.

The Scoutmasters' Council is comprised of cadets who are former boy or girl scouts or interested in scouting activities. Many former scouts sponsor their hometown troop at the camporee.

The camporee is packed with activities for scouts with cadet volunteers leading the way in knot-tying, camouflage, Zodiac paddle, fire-building and combat first aid. Scouts also had fun shooting the M-240 Bravo machine gun and discovering what the inside of an Army helicopter looks like. Before setting up camp, some scouts enjoyed the challenge of hiking three miles to the campsite from Bull Hill and a chance to earn a Bull Hill pin or Lightfighter tab. All scouts participate in challenges to earn points and compete for best overall scout troop.

Class of 2015 Cadet Conor Haaser operated the M-240 machine guns and invited scouts, and some scoutmasters, to shoot. This is the first time Haaser has participated in the camporee as a cadet and is hosting his hometown troop from



Kayla McCaffrey and Amanda Skoglund from Girl Scout Troop 65220 from Marlborough, Conn., apply camouflage at the 50th annual West Point Invitational Boy Scout Camporee April 27-29 at Lake Frederick.



Boy Scout Troop 728 from Reading, Mass., competed in the Zodiac raft rowing at Lake Frederick for the 50th annual West Point Invitational Boy Scout Camporee April 27-29. Roughly 6,000 scouts and scoutmasters attended this year's event.

Bristol, Tenn.

"I think most of the scouts enjoy shooting the machine guns," he said. "Some look intimidated, but the smile on their faces tells me otherwise."

Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 728 from Reading, Mass., John Galvin said the first night at the camporee was challenging because of the frigid weather and wind that roughed up some tents. Most of their troop attended the camporee last year.

Galvin was leading his troop in the Zodiac competition, racing the clock while paddling a raft on Lake Frederick, making a turn and returning to the beach.

"A few of the scouts have done this before so it's old hat for them, but the camporee is the highlight of the year for them," Galvin said. "They really enjoy this."

Girl Scout Troop 65220 from Marlborough, Conn., enjoyed putting on camouflage and physical exercise like jogging.

"I think the highlight of being here is having the guys look at us as if to say, 'What are you doing here,'" Kayla McCaffrey said. "Even when we were coolly jogging past them and they were building up a sweat."

Although the camporee is open to girl scouts, boy scouts are the overwhelming majority.

Class of 2014 Cadet Anthony Caruso had scouts running up a hill where he presented them with three questions. If

they got all the questions right, they could go on to another challenge, if they got one wrong, they must carry a litter.

"If they get two of the questions right, I try to stump them with a harder question," Caruso said. "The scouts did get two questions right so I asked them what G.I. stands for. It's a little harder question."

Andrew Donahue of Troop 2 from Portland, Conn., tried the Swiss seat challenge with Class of 2013 Cadet John Maxwell.

"I've been to West Point before when I toured the campus, but this is the first time at the camporee," Donahue said. Donahue also said he was interested in going to Annapolis after high school.

Committee member for Troop 290 from Marilla, N.Y., Marty Odachowski, participated in the Scoutmasters Cook Off and proved that scoutmasters also get a lot of enjoyment at the camporee.

"I volunteered for this last year, but got here too late," he said. "I made sure I got here in time this year for the cook off. I think this is a blast."

Odachowski made his specialty Cottage Pie, a variation on Shepherd's Pie, which he makes with hamburger rather than lamb, and Monkey Cobbler that is a fruit and Danish dish. Scoutmaster dishes were judged by the cadet volunteers.

Visit the West Point Public Affairs Flickr site to view a photo gallery at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.



MOMC Celebration

Six-year-old Miranda Denny enjoys performing a magic trick with Macroni the Clown, during the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation sponsored Month of the Military Child celebration April 28 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge. This annual event is held to recognize and applaud military children who often must pick-up and move every three years and endure deployments of a parent or parents.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



Alpine Team hosts annual duathlon

The West Point Alpine Ski Team hosted its annual club fundraiser Sunday with more than 170 participating in the 2nd annual West Point Duathlon. The race—a 2-mile run, 14-mile bike and 3-mile run—was a USAT sanctioned event, which began and ended at North Dock. For more details about this event, visit www.westpointduathlon.com/. A photo album is also available on the West Point Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

Women's Boxing Team trained with best of the best

By the West Point Women's Boxing Team

Eight cadets from the West Point Women's Boxing Team participated in an all-female clinic April 21 at the legendary Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, N.Y., where champions from Jake "Raging Bull" LaMotta to Muhammad Ali trained.

Bruce Silverglade, Gleason's owner and an avid supporter of women's boxing, hosted the annual event. The clinic gave the cadets the opportunity to develop their skills and learn from some of boxing's top trainers.

After introductions, followed by stretching exercises, Alicia Ashley, a three-time Golden Gloves champion, led a session on defensive moves.

Ashley began by instructing the cadets and other participants on the proper fighting stance: hands up and body slightly turned, as opposed to being square where boxers leave themselves exposed.

From that point, the women learned moves to avoid punches, such as blocking, bobbing and weaving, and step movements. They also learned how to counter punches. All of these skills came in handy for the next session—an opportunity to spar with Ashley.

Putting on headgear and gloves, with mouthpieces in hand, they lined up ringside, where West Point coach Jacklyn Atkins offered encouragement and advice to "take your time" and not be overwhelmed by trying to do too much.

Ashley challenged each cadet as they

applied what they had learned. All the while, Atkins and West Point coach Roy Rogers called out advice from ringside: "Hands up," "Turn your shoulder" and "Don't stand so square."

After the initial training, the women were divided into stations. At one station, cadets did mitt drills with Atkins and Rogers.

At another station, Sonya Lamonakis, the third-ranking woman heavyweight champion in the country, taught defensive skills. Lamonakis swung slip bags over the heads of the women as they ducked, slipped and bobbed and weaved to keep from being hit, as they would dodge punches.

Then she demonstrated the double-end bag, which is suspended between the ceiling and floor between two rubber straps, causing the bag to move in all directions when struck. Lamonakis showed how it can be used for practicing punches as well as defense.

Off to the side, some of the cadets worked

on the heavy bag and uppercut bag, guided by Hector Roca, a veteran trainer at Gleason's who prepared Hilary Swank for her role in *Million Dollar Baby*.

Roca advised the cadets on technique, holding up his hands like mitts and having the women do combinations.

After the clinic, the cadets, along with team officer-in-charge Maj. Jacqueline Escobar, relaxed with a run across the Brooklyn Bridge before enjoying the culminating event of the day—an all-female amateur boxing match sanctioned by USA Boxing.

After the sixth bout, Silverglade made an announcement acknowledging the cadets. Encouraged by Atkins and Rogers, the team rose to thunderous applause, a well-earned acknowledgement of their day's work.

Earlier in the day, a beaming Atkins said, "I am so proud of these girls," which was a testament to the progress they had made over the past few months.

CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Men's Rugby: Men's rugby defeated the Royal Military College of Canada 52-12 Sunday at the Anderson Rugby Complex. The team was led by seniors Chris Hardee and Tejay Espe, who played a very well structured and physical match.

Try scorers included juniors Christian Grado and Marshall Moten, freshman Cody Brown and sophomores Blake Hunnewell, John Chrismon, Max Gordon and Alexander Savusa. Hunnewell also went 6 of 8 on conversions for 12 points and was named Man of the Match by RMC.

The team will host the National Championship quarterfinal match at the Anderson Rugby Complex against Arkansas State University Saturday.

Judo: The West Point Judo athletes experienced a USA Judo national event hosted by USA Judo, the national government body of the sport, April 20-22 in Dallas. As expected, Olympic Games hopefuls from all over the nation dropped by to test their Judo skills against the best. Unlike the collegiate nationals, this tournament is open to all athletes and, therefore, the event is more demanding.

Eight West Point Judo athletes attended the event this year and had opportunity to represent the academy at this great competition. Sophomore Juliet Talavera and Junior Justin Adkins fought in the black belt categories at 48kg and more than 100kg, respectively. Because of their performance at collegiate nationals, they are both on the USA National Roster.

At this event, Talavera earned a Bronze medal and Adkins placed fifth. Talavera and Adkins competed with seniors Heather Purkey, Pablo Rivera and Ariel Espinoza-Levy, junior Patrick Cronin and sophomores Stephen Patten and Elizabeth Posey in their respective brown belt divisions. The competition was excellent and the cadets did a superb job showing their skill at a higher level.

The results from the brown belt division are included Purkey—Bronze medal, Espinoza-Levy—Bronze medal, Posey—Silver medal, Rivera—Silver medal, Cronin—Gold medal and Adkins—Silver medal.



Eight members of the West Point Boxing Team participated in an all-female clinic April 21 at the legendary Gleason's Gym in Brooklyn, N.Y. Hector Roca, a veteran trainer at Gleason's, gave the team many pointers during its visit.

COURTESY PHOTO



Athletes from the West Point Judo Team pose for a photo while they visited and competed at a USA Judo national event in Dallas April 20-22. Six of the eight athletes earned medals at the competition.

COURTESY PHOTO

What's Happening

Asian-Pacific Heritage Month observance

The Asian-Pacific Heritage Month observance is scheduled for 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday at Trophy Point. The alternate weather site is Robinson Auditorium.

The event is free. The guest speaker is still to be determined.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Timothy Morgan at timothy.morgan@usma.edu or call 845-938-8456.

Paperclips, Etc. anniversary celebration

Join Paperclips, Etc. for its 15th anniversary and Customer Appreciation Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday at 667A Ruger Road.

A ceremony will take place in front of the building at 11 a.m. Afterward, go to the store to see vendor displays while enjoying food, music and prizes.

For more information, contact Debbie Storms, Paperclips, Etc. manager, at 845-446-1381/1387.

Department of Chemistry and Life Science lecture

The Department of Chemistry and Life Science is sponsoring a lecture with guest speaker, Dr. Michael E. Webber from the University of Texas at Austin, at 7:45 p.m. May 10 at Robinson Auditorium.

The title of the lecture is "Global Energy Trends."

Webber is the associate director of the Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, co-director of the Clean Energy Incubator at the Austin Technology Incubator and assistant professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He trains a new generation of energy leaders through research and education at the intersection of engineering, policy and commercialization.

For more information, contact Maj. Walt Rittger, course director for Advanced General Chemistry, Department of Chemistry and Life Science, at 845-938-3801.

BBC Foundation accepting scholarship applications

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

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

The application deadline has been extended to May 15.

RiverFest 2012

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 15th annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2 at Donahue Park.

RiverFest 2012 will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children's activities and a large craft and food fair. The day's events also include live bands, river activities, food stands and non-profit groups and contributors. There is no charge for RiverFest.

For the latest information on RiverFest, visit www.riverfest.com.

Free Computer Training

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

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

Courses are given in Jefferson Hall, fourth floor, Room

414 (IETD Classroom) through July 27.

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

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 or send an email to Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu. For course dates, go to the IETD Course Calendar at <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

West Point Community Diving Club

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

All ages and experience levels are welcome.

The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

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

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

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.

Employment Opportunity

There is an employment opportunity for a nursery director at Thayer Hall for the West Point 10:30 a.m. Gospel Service on Sundays.

The hours needed is usually between 10 a.m.-noon. A background check and certification are required.

For more information, contact Chaplain Miller Eichelberger at 938-5965 or email miller.eichelberger@usma.edu.

NEW INFO

USMA Bulletin's last hurrah

The final edition of the USMA Bulletin will be printed Friday. Please refer to the USMA website, Pointer View, 8mail account and flyers via distribution as a source of information in the future.

Keepers of the Peace powwow

The Cadet Native American Club will host the Keepers of the Peace powwow from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

Native American dancers from throughout the northeastern United States will be a part of the festivities. In the event of inclement weather, the program will take place in Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The Keepers of the Peace powwow will showcase Native American heritage and its contribution to the nation.

This event offers an opportunity to observe a variety of culturally diverse traditions, view Native American crafts and eat Native American food. The event is free and enjoyable for all ages.

For more information, visit www.dean.usma.edu/departments/english/Cadet/CFAF/NAHF.pdf or call 845-938-3136.

West Point Cadet String Ensemble performance

The West Point Cadet String Ensemble, under the direction of the USMA Band Commander, Lt. Col. Jim Keene, will perform its Spring Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Haig Room in Jefferson Hall.

Celebrate the Spring Season with classic pieces by Handel, Vivaldi and Dvorak, as well as some more modern favorites. Light refreshments will follow the performance.

Cash back for books

Recycle your books and get cash back during the West Point Buyback scheduled for 7:45 a.m.-4 p.m. May 14-17 and 7:45 a.m.-noon May 18 at Bldg. 667A, the book issue site.

Armed Forces Day concert

The West Point Band at the U.S. Military Academy will present its annual Armed Forces Day Concert: Ceremonial Music of West Point at 3 p.m. May 20 in Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

This concert is free and open to the public and will showcase the deep musical tradition of West Point and the Army. This event will also celebrate the 210th anniversary of the U.S. Military Academy, the 150th anniversary of Taps and the 50th anniversary of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Duty, Honor, Country speech with narration by Sgt. 1st Class Jason Ham.

Get free tickets at the West Point Visitors Center, WHUD Radio, WPDH Radio, Eisenhower Hall Box Office, National Purple Heart Hall of Honor (New Windsor), Hotel Thayer, FMWR Ticket Office at West Point and the West Point Band Building, Egner Hall (Bldg. 685).

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

The Chapel of Our Lady Restoration performance

The Momenta Quartet, celebrated for its innovative explorations in programming, returns to The Chapel of Our Lady Restoration in Cold Spring at 4 p.m. May 20 for Chamber Music Month.

The Chapel sits atop a knoll overlooking the Hudson River at 45 Market Street with free parking available for concertgoers in the adjacent Metro North Station.

For more information on the event, contact Lois Powers at 845-809-5710 or visit www.chapelrestoration.org.

Purple Heart Award ceremony

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the awarding of the Purple Heart medal to 138 World War I veterans on the exact day and time as the original, which took place May 28, 1932.

We want to highlight and share our local history and we want your help. We are looking for photographs, family stories or recollections of that memorable day.

If you are a relative of any of those 138 recipients and have family stories about that day, other information, photos, or other memorabilia that you would like to share from that day, call Peter Bedrossian at 845-561-1765.

The day will be a celebration of this area's local history, and the program will include a performance by the U.S. Army Hellcats Band, as well as a Purple Heart Award ceremony for a current veteran.

The event is scheduled at 2 p.m. May 28 at National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located at 374 Temple Hill Road (Route 300), New Windsor.

Reservations are suggested. Call 845-561-1765 to request a reservation.

FMWR Blurbs

May classes with Arts & Crafts Shop

During the month of May, the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop is offering many classes.

The classes offered include:

- Pottery Pizza Night class with free pizza—4:30-6:30 p.m., tonight;
- Mother's Day Pottery Painting Mommy and Me group class—10-11 a.m., Saturday;
- Basic Photography class—5-6:30 p.m., Tuesday and May 15;
- Butterfly Stepping Stone class—4:30-6:30 p.m., May 10 and 24;
- Pottery Painting—Ladies Night Out Summer theme plate or margarita glass class—4:30-6:30 p.m., May 17.

There is a minimal charge for these classes. Registration is required and space is limited.

To register online, visit westpointmwr.com or call 938-4812.

Black and Gold nomination awards

This is a reminder that nominations for the 3rd Quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Awards are due by Friday.

The 3rd Quarter FY12 Black and Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. June 7 at Army Community Service.

Take the opportunity to recognize the West Point community volunteers.

An information paper outlining criteria and eligibility can be found at www.westpointmwr.com.

For more information, call 938-3655.

Cinco de Mayo Lunch Fiesta

Join the West Point Club from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday for lunch and celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Enjoy the flavors of Mexico.

For more information, call 938-5255.

Kids Bike Rodeo

The annual Kids Bike Rodeo, presented by the Directorate of Emergency Services and FMWR, is scheduled from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at the West Point Elementary School.

Meet Daren the D.A.R.E. lion and learn about bike safety and security. Open to West Point, Town of Highlands and DOD civilian children. This event will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call 938-0249.

Nike Demo Day at the West Point Golf Course

Come out to the West Point Golf Course from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday for 10 percent off all Nike products.

For more information, call 938-2435.

Free chipping clinic

A free chipping clinic with golf pro Rich Giordano is scheduled for Saturday at the West Point Golf Course.

There are two different times to choose from: 10-11 a.m. or 12:30-2 p.m. Let Rich help get your short game going.

For more information, call 938-2435 or

visit www.westpointmwr.com/golf.

Coming to the West Point Bowling Center

Bring the children for Time for Tots Lunch Bowling from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Tuesday beginning this week.

Tots bowl two games that include rental shoes, a small fountain soda and a slice of pizza for a minimal cost.

Join the Monday Night Barbecue Adult and Youth League, which is a two-person team consisting of one adult and one youth in regular league format.

The league bowls a short season with an old fashioned barbecue at the end of the season.

Come join the Thursday Night Cosmic No Tap League. A unique bowling format where men's rolls of 9 or 10 count as a strike and women's rolls of 8, 9 or 10 count as a strike while playing to cosmic light.

Teams consist of four people. Both leagues begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 938-2140.

CYSS Parent's Night Out

Take a break from the kids and drop your children off at the Stony Child Development Center from 6-11 p.m. May 11 and enjoy a night out on the town.

Children must be from 6 weeks to 10 years of age. All children must be registered with CYSS to participate.

There is a minimal fee for this service and reservations must be made by Friday.

For more information, call 938-3921.

West Point 5K/10K (updated)

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.

Cops and Rodders will host a Decade's Car Show from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. after the race.

The proceeds will benefit WTU, BOSS and Team Red, White and Blue.

BOSS will also be holding a cookoff from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., with an awards ceremony at noon.

Prizes will be given for the following categories: appetizer, barbecue and dessert.

Take note that the 10K race is a qualifier for the FMWR and BOSS sponsored teams for the Army 10-Miler in October.

For more information or to sign up, call Courtney Chidgey at 938-6497.

Entries for the cookoff are needed by May 10.

Mother's Day Brunch

The traditional Mother's Day Brunch at the West Point Club will be held May 13. Two seatings are available.

The seatings take place at the Pierce Dining Room from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and in the Grand Ballroom from 2-4 p.m.

Special pricing for families with a deployed spouse is available. Club members receive a 10 percent discount.

To make reservations, call 938-5120.

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.

Free Lesson Days

There are free golf lessons available from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 19 and 26 at the West Point Golf Course.

It is a 15-minute lesson with Golf Pro Rich Giordano. Get ready for the golf season.

Call 938-2435 for additional details.

TRICARE questions

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

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

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

For more information, call 845-938-4838.

Round Pond reservations

The Round Pond Recreation Area is now open for the season. Round Pond's hours of operation are 8 a.m.-6 p.m., seven days a week.

To make reservations or for more information, call 845-938-2503.

2012 Round Pond hunting and fishing information

The Round Pond office is open for the sale of N.Y. State fishing/hunting licenses and West Point permits.

Reservations can still be made by telephone during hours of operation, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information, call 938-2503.

West Point Auto now offering NYS motorcycle safety inspections

West Point Auto is excited to offer New York State motorcycle safety inspections starting Tuesday.

Call 938-2074 to schedule an appointment.

NEW INFO

When to Worry About Your Child's Worries

Join Annie Kalotschke, New York State licensed mental health counselor, at 6 p.m. May 10 in the Highland Falls Intermediate School Auditorium for a public education opportunity.

This is a free talk on psychiatric and learning disorders, as well as other issues relating to raising healthy, happy kids.

RSVP to Thannigan@hffmcsd.org, call 845-446-4671 ext. 3600, or visit support.childmind.org/goto/HFIS.

Last SAC Night of the school year

Join the fun at the Lee Area CDC for the last School Age Center Night of the school year from 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 11. The theme is "Beach Your Way into Summer."

Activities will include playing Freeze Dance, Don't Drop the Beach Ball game, Hula Hoop Contest and making S'mores Popcorn.

The evening will conclude with the kids watching a movie in their pajamas.

This event is open to students in grades 1-5 and the cost is minimal. Reservations are required.

Call 938-0941 to book a night of fun.

USAG Scramble

The U.S. Army Garrison scramble will have a 2 p.m. Shotgun start May 17 at the West Point Golf Course.

This is a four-person team scramble tournament that is 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 tournament, check in will be from 12:45-1:45 p.m. Call the Pro Shop at 938-2435 to register your team.

Kids Fishing Derby

FMWR and the West Point Bass Club present the Kids Fishing Derby from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. May 19 at Round Pond Recreation Area.

It is open to all anglers ages 5-15 years old who are residents of West Point, Stewart Air Base, Town of Highlands or a child of a West Point employee.

There will be a safety clinic, lunch and awards. Pre-registration is recommended.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Burger Tour of Duty Month

During the month of May, the West Point Golf Course will serve a different installation-themed hamburger special.

Try one each week and receive free fries and fountain drink with each order.

For more information, call 446-6879.

Custom framing with West Point Arts & Crafts Shop

During the month of May, receive 30 percent off on your custom framing order at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop. Perfect for moms, dads and grads.

Custom framing includes: Frame, glass, mats, foam board and services.

For more information on this special discount, call 938-4812.

Keller Corner

Keller pharmacy closures

The KACH pharmacy will be closed on the following days in May:

- May 19, all day, for automation equipment upgrades;
- May 28, all day, for the observance of Memorial Day. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Childbirth Education

West Point School Elections Wednesday, write-in candidates still considered

By West Point Schools

Of the four advertised vacancies for the West Point School Board, two nominating petitions were submitted by the advertised deadline. The information for these two individuals is included below. There is still a need to fill two additional vacancies.

Any individual who did not submit a nomination during the prescribed open time may still be considered as a 'write-in' candidate and can be elected if he or she receives sufficient write-in votes. The two candidates who already submitted and a quote from each are:

Brian Champine: "As (my) daughter enters first grade and son enters Pre-K at the West Point Schools this fall, (I) have a vested interest in seeing that (my) children have the most effective learning experience possible.

Along with my wife, Bernadette, we are eager to promote communication between the community and the school's teachers and administrators. I have experience with project management as well as a broad range of experience

Keller works hard to provide expecting parents with the resources and education they need to be well prepared for their little one's arrival.

We invite you to join the next child birthing course from 6-8 p.m. May 15 to learn more about the skills expecting moms and dads-to-be need to prepare for parenthood.

For more information on Keller's child birthing course, contact Debbie Peddy at 845-938-3210.

as a student and an educator. If elected, I look forward to continuing service on the school board.

Carmen Keene: "I am proud of the accomplishments by the students, faculty and staff of the West Point Schools and am devoted to its continued success. I want to serve on the West Point School board to represent concerns and perspectives on this unique community's behalf."

School Board members are actively involved military community members who demonstrate interest in the education of our young people.

School Board members are elected by parents of children attending school at West Point Elementary and Middle Schools and serve for a two-year term; however, a two year commitment is not required. Voting will take place on Wednesday outside the main entrance of the Middle School. If there is inclement weather, it will take place in the Middle School Conference Room.

For more information about the School Board or would like to contact current board members, call the District Superintendent's Office at 938-3506.

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752
Schedule not available at press time.
 THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT
WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Home Depot Kids Workshop**—Bring children ages 3-10 to Lee CDC from 1:30-3 p.m. Friday for the Home Depot Kids Workshop. BBC will supply everything for the children to make a wonderful project.

• **West Point Girl Scout's Gold award event**—Come support a West Point Girl Scout's Gold Award project from 3-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Lee CDC.

During National Children's Book Week, the Girl Scouts will read a children's book, create bags for books and bookmarks and will share the love of reading with children ages 3-11.

Bring new or gently used books to be hand delivered by our Girl Scouts to support literacy programs in Nigeria.

To register for both events, contact Jodi Gellman at 845-446-6407 or email jgellman@bbcgrp.com.

• **Mother's Day story**—Mother's Day is a time to celebrate mothers. Share your most memorable "Mom" story and include your favorite photograph. Send them to jgellman@bbcgrp.com or stop by 132 Bartlett Loop by May 10. One lucky resident will receive a women's haircut and style gift certificate to LULU Salon & Spa.



MacArthur in Bloom

A view of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's statue surrounded by Spring's glory as a Japanese Flowering Cherry tree nears full bloom in late April. This photo was taken by 11-year-old Sarah Stoker, daughter of Lt. Col. Geoffrey Stoker, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

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Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through May 10
 8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

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

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Athletes, coaches earn Coach K award for character

Duke men's basketball head coach Mike Krzyzewski (middle), 1969 USMA graduate and former Army basketball player and coach, stands with the six Coach K award winners during the 6th annual Mike Krzyzewski Award for Excellence in Teaching Character Through Sport ceremony April 26 in the Cadet Mess Hall. The award, sponsored by the Department of Physical Education, recognizes West Point athletes and coaches (sport educators) for their outstanding commitment to the development of noble character through athletic participation and leadership. There were two finalists (six total) in each category for both athletes and coaches in three separate categories: Intercollegiate Athletics, Competitive Club Athletics and Company Athletics. The winners standing from left to right are Class of 2012 Cadet Ryan Johnson (boxing), Class of 2012 Cadet Andrew Rodriguez (football), Paul Peck (women's tennis coach), Robert Grieser (fencing coach), Class of 2012 Cadet Anastasia Cale (women's company soccer) and Artie Coughlin (company football).

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2012 Intramural Softball sign ups

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Sports Office will conduct the 2012 Intramural Summer Softball League and its open to all U.S. Military Academy personnel 18 years of age and older.

Play will start June 4 and continue through approximately Aug. 15.

Games will be played from 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday at the H-Lot Ballfields by the Exchange/Commissary area near Stony Lonesome. All teams must have no play dates submitted by May 16. The deadline for team entries is also May 16.

Departments or units interested in entering a team, contact Jim.McGuinness@usma.edu.

For more information, call Jim McGuinness at 938-3066.

Softball swept by Lehigh

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Lehigh rallied behind the long ball to complete a doubleheader sweep of Army, taking a 3-2 first game win that clinched the Patriot League regular-season title, then overcoming a 4-2 deficit to win the nightcap, 5-4. The Black Knights (34-18) closed out conference play with a 14-6 mark to earn the No. 2 seed at the tournament being hosted by the Mountain Hawks, May 10-12.

In the first game, Julie Fernandez ripped a two-out solo home run over the left field fence in the top of the seventh to snap a 2-2 tie, and winner Rebecca Bliss (17-6) struck out the side in the bottom half as the Mountain Hawks won their first regular-season title since 2009.

Trailing 1-0 after the first inning of the nightcap, Army tied the game 1-1 in the bottom of the second on senior first baseman Alexis AuBuchon's leadoff home run that bounced off the scoreboard in left field. Lehigh snapped the tie in the top of the third on Fernandez' RBI single to pull ahead 2-1.

The Black Knights took their first lead when senior center

fielder Reanna Johnson smacked a two-run homer with one out to left field scoring herself and AuBuchon, who led off with a single, for a 3-2 lead in the fourth inning.

Army padded its advantage to 4-2 on freshman pinch hitter's Ali Cleinmark's RBI single to left field off relief pitcher Ashley Quigley in the bottom of the sixth. Johnson, who was 1-for-3 with two runs batted in and two runs scored, slid home from second base after reaching on a fielder's choice and stealing second base.

Army relief pitcher Jules Steurer, who took over from freshman Morgan Lashley in the fourth inning, yielded a leadoff single to Audra Wood in the top of the seventh. Lashley returned to the circle and intentionally walked Fernandez, who was 3-for-5 with a run and three RBI in the twinbill.

Liz Lucas, who was hitless in her first three at bats, took the second pitch offered for a three-run homer to left field for the final margin.

Sunday's twinbill was Senior Day for Alexis AuBuchon, Rachael Duval, Reanna Johnson and Clara Navarro who led Army to three straight tournament appearances compiling 116 victories.

Army splits with Holy Cross, gets record 18 wins in PL

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

The 30th-ranked Army baseball team finished off its four-game Patriot League series versus Holy Cross by splitting a doubleheader with the Crusaders on a sun-splashed and blustery Sunday at Fitton Field in Worcester, Mass.

The Crusaders took a 5-0 decision in the first game behind Nate Koneski's two-hit shutout, while the Black Knights came from behind to earn a 4-3 victory in the nightcap.

After three scoreless frames, Holy Cross (29-20, 13-7 PL) broke on top 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning of the opener on Brandon Cipolla's fourth home run of the season. Stephen Wadsworth and Steven Tkowski hit consecutive one-out singles to put runners on first and second. Then, after Kyle Stearns grounded out, Cipolla launched a three-run shot over the fence in left center field.

Holy Cross tacked on a pair of insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth on Mike Ahmed's two-run double. Stearns and Evan Ocello both reached on infield singles and Ahmed drove both runners home when he lined a two-out double into the right field corner.

The run support was more than enough for Koneski, who allowed just two hits and one walk en route to his first complete-game shutout of the season. Koneski (6-2) struck out seven batters and faced just two over the minimum.

Army senior starter Logan Lee (5-2) took the loss for the Black Knights. The Black Knights' left-hander permitted five runs on 12 hits. He struck out five and did walk a batter.

Junior designated hitter Andrew Johnson and freshman shortstop Alex Jensen each recorded singles to account for Army's only hits of the contest.

Holy Cross took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap as the Crusaders pushed across a pair of runs on two hits and one Army error. Alex Maldonado hit a one-out double and scored from second base on Chris Sintetos' RBI single. Then, after Wadsworth reached on a throwing error by Army freshman third baseman Harold Earls, Sintetos scored from third base on Tkowski's sacrifice fly to deep right field.

Army (35-12, 18-2 PL) rallied to tie the score at 2-2 in the top of the second inning as the Black Knights scored two runs without the aid of a hit.

Freshman designated hitter Mark McCants and senior right fielder Cody Murtle received consecutive walks to begin the uprising, and both runners moved into scoring position when senior left fielder Matthew Carter laid down a sacrifice bunt. Then, after senior catcher J.T. Watkins grounded out to third base, McCants and Murtle both scored on a strange play that involved a wild pitch and a throwing error by the Holy Cross catcher.

McCants scampered home on Matt Croglio's wild pitch, and Murtle, who was running hard from second base, came around to plate an unearned run when Tkowski's throw from the backstop to home plate sailed wide.

The Black Knights scored an unearned run in the top of the fifth to move in front, 3-2. Jensen drew a leadoff walk, moved to second base on a failed pickoff attempt, took third on junior center fielder Clayton Mosley's groundout and scored when Earls reached on an error by the shortstop.

Army manufactured an insurance run in the top of the eighth to increase its lead to 4-2. McCants hammered a one-out double to deep center field, moved to third base on a wild pitch and scored on Murtle's sacrifice fly.

Holy Cross made it interesting in the bottom of the ninth as Ahmed crushed a leadoff home run off Army sophomore reliever Gunnar Carroll, trimming the Black Knights' lead to 4-3.

Carroll was able to retire the side, however, to collect his



Sophomore starter Nick Dignacco earned his sixth win of the season with a 4-3 victory over Holy Cross in the nightcap of the doubleheader Sunday.

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fifth save of the season. He allowed one run on two hits over 3 1/3 innings of work.

Army sophomore starter Nick Dignacco (6-2) settled down after a rocky first inning to pick up his fifth straight victory. The left-hander gave up two runs (one earned) on eight hits over 5 2/3 innings. He struck out seven and walked one. Dignacco finishes the Patriot League regular season with a perfect 5-0 record against conference foes.

Senior first baseman Kevin McKague went 2-for-4 to pace Army's four-hit attack in the nightcap.

Croglio (3-4) was saddled with the loss for Holy Cross after yielding three runs (one earned) on two hits and four walks over four-plus innings.

Ocello went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles to lead the Crusaders offensively.

Game Notes: Army moves to 63-29-2 all-time versus Holy Cross. Army's 18 Patriot League victories are the most for the Black Knights since they joined the league in 1993. The 18 conference wins are the most by any league team since the circuit adopted the current 20-game schedule in 1996.

Park won the PL Golf Championship, Army places second

By Ryan Yanoshak
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Senior William Park holed out from 66 yards away and won the Patriot League Championship and helped Army to a second-place finish Sunday at Bucknell Golf Club in Lewisburg, Pa.

Park became the eighth Army golfer to win individual honors and was named the Most Valuable Golfer of the 54-hole championship. Park is the second consecutive Army golfer to win the top individual award following Matt Krembel's victory a year ago.

Army was looking for its 11th league championship but came up three strokes short to Navy, which claimed the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals.

Navy totaled an 878 for the 54-hole championship to edge Army (881). Lehigh (891) finished third, followed by Bucknell (892), Lafayette (896), Colgate (905) and Holy Cross (935).

"We just didn't make any putts," Army second-year golf coach Brian Watts said. "We had a great game plan and stuck with it we just struggled around the greens and missed so many putts."

Park earned all-Patriot League first-team honors as well and was joined on the all-star team by sophomore Anthony Kim, who finished tied for fourth. They are the 48th and 49th first-team All-Patriot League selections for Army.

"Right now, I don't know if I should be happy," Park said. "I played pretty well this weekend, I just wish our team had won. We've been working toward the championships and getting prepared mentally.

"Our last tournament (at North Carolina

State), I was putting pretty well but didn't play well. This weekend, I just wanted to come out and try to have fun. It could have been my last tournament so I just wanted to go out and have fun and have no regrets," he added.

Park trailed by a stroke heading into the final round but continued to utilize his solid short game to claim individual honors, helped by his birdie on the final hole. His shot a one-under-par 69 and a 211 for the championship.

He beat Bucknell's Peter Scialabba by six strokes and will compete in the NCAA Regionals as an individual.

"We are so proud of William," Watts said. "To finish your college career off with a Patriot League Championship and to give your team every opportunity to go back to NCAA Regionals is pretty special. He played solid gold all weekend.

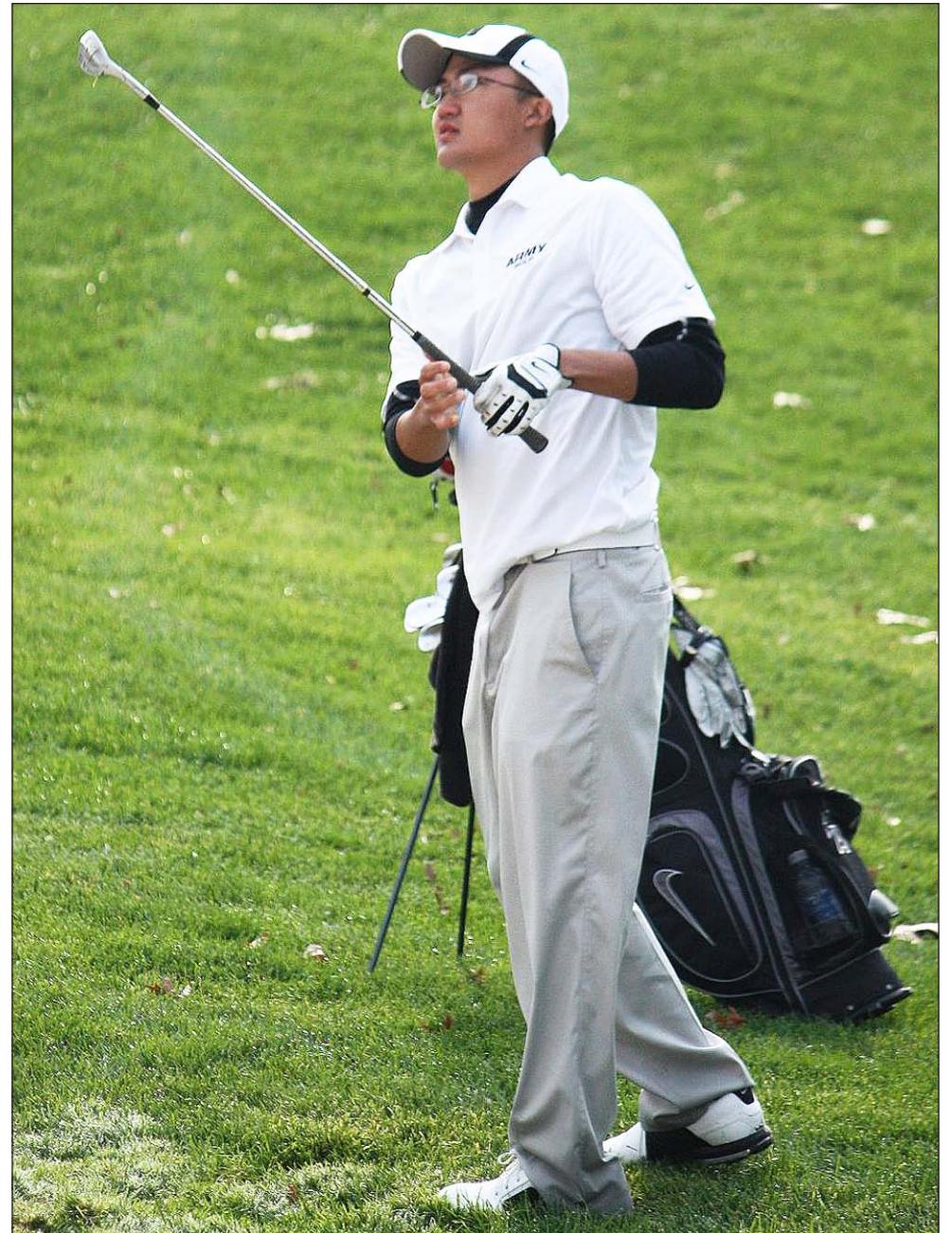
"He hit a lot of greens and gave himself a lot of opportunities. On the first day, he drained some pretty long putts to keep his day going. Today, we focused on slowing him down and taking it one shot at a time," he added.

While Park claimed individual honors, Kim made a run up the leaderboard and tied for fourth with a 75. It is his second consecutive all-Patriot League accolade.

Freshman Robby Hill finished tied for 21st after a final-round 80 gave him a 229 for the weekend.

Juniors Matt Philie and Eric Park tied for 23rd after shooting 231. Junior Eric Park, William's brother, fired a 73 Sunday while Philie shot an 81.

Sophomore Brandon Baerwaldt tied for 28th when he shot a 79 for a weekend total of 233 as all six Army golfers finished in the top 28.



Senior William Park finished with a 211 through the 54-hole Patriot League Championship to take the individual honors title. His score helped Army finish in second-place at the championships.



Sophomore Anthony Kim finished with first-team All-Patriot League honors after hitting a 220 and finishing fourth overall individually.



Senior William Park receives the Patriot League Championship Most Valuable Golfer award from Patriot League Media Relations Director Matthew Dougherty Sunday after winning the individual title at the championships. Park is the eighth Army golfer to win the individual title in school history.

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