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THRILLING VIEW



Class of 2014 Cadet Christopher Price (hanging on the ledge) and cadets on the West Point Climbing Team traveled to New Paltz Sunday for their latest expedition to the Shawangunk Mountains. Price was the lead climber through the crux move of a route named "The Dangler." See Page 4 for the latest news on the Climbing Team and other cadet clubs.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2013 CADET MATTHEW FITZGERALD



Pheasant restock

Environmental Science majors, Class of 2013 Cadets Garrett Thul (front) and Justin Gleeson (right), recently assisted Mary Miller-Keas, intern for the Directorate of Public Works' Natural Resources, in releasing ring-necked pheasants to support the DPWNR pheasant restocking program.

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The West Point Museum hosts a living history event Saturday.

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West Point Museum hosts living history event

By David Reel
West Point Museum Director

The West Point Museum will host a living history event featuring uniformed re-enactors, military displays and vehicles from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Saturday.

Displays will include a variety of World War II and later military vehicles, which will be available for public inspection with uniformed interpreters to provide history and technical information on each display, provided courtesy of The Duffle Bag Associates.

Other static displays of uniforms, equipment and weapons will demonstrate how the American Soldier has been equipped

in the wars of the 20th century.

Past events have proven immensely popular with visiting veterans and all who are interested in military heritage.

Children enjoy the hands-on nature of the displays and wearing actual military helmets and gear.

This is a one-day event with no rain date, and it will be necessary to cancel it if weather conditions are extreme.

The living history displays will be located both on the grounds in front of the museum entrance and in the public galleries of the museum.

The West Point Museum is open at no charge to the public, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

Army Voting Assistance Program

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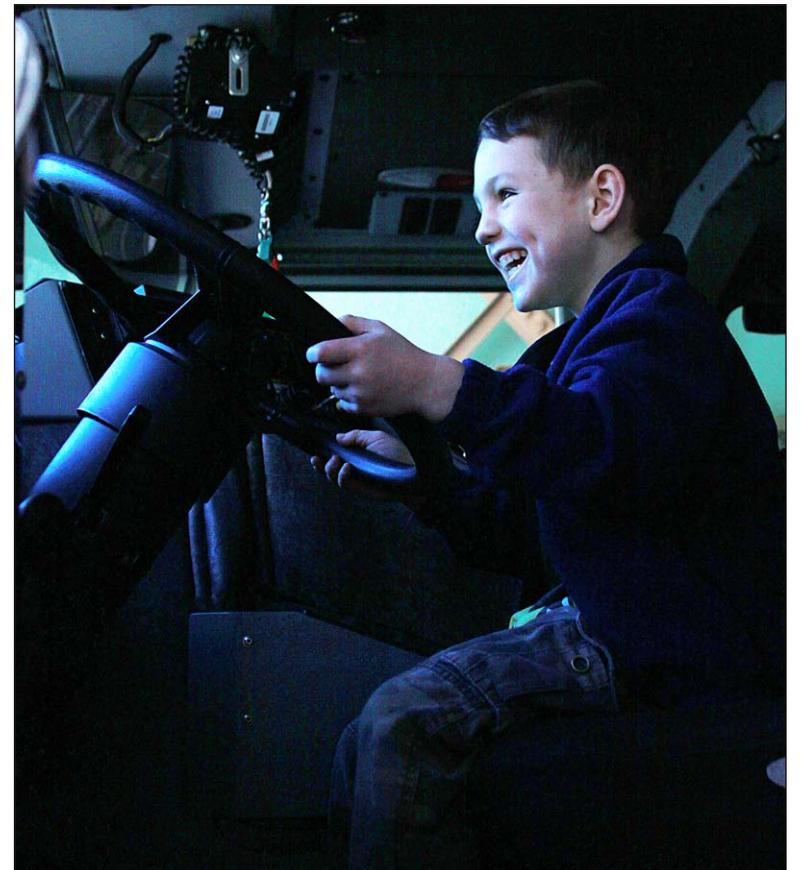
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Firefighter and emergency medical technician Mike McCormick answers question from 4-year-old Patrick O'Hern at the Stony Lonesome Fire Station during an annual safety event open to the community Oct. 11 for Fire Prevention Week, which ran Oct. 7-13.



Four-year-old Patrick O'Hern had a lot of fun at the wheel of a fire truck at the West Point Stony Lonesome Fire Department's annual Fire Prevention Week event Oct. 11.

West Point Fire Department spreads fire safety awareness

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The West Point Fire Department and Balfour Beatty Communities conducted the annual fire safety event at Stony Lonesome II Fire Station Oct. 11 and visited the West Point Schools for an awareness campaign on fire safety.

The campaign was in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, which ran Oct. 7-13.

Youths and adults toured the Stony Lonesome Fire Station and learned about fire truck equipment, tools and uniforms used by firefighters.

Firefighter and emergency medical technician Mike McCormick told youths about how firefighters dress when entering a home that is on fire.

"We use a mask to help us breathe when there's a lot of smoke," McCormick said to one young person. "So you shouldn't be afraid when firefighters come into the home. They are there to help you."

The firefighters talked to the children on fire safety procedures such as to stop, drop and roll if clothes catch on fire, check doors for heat and to leave a house by crawling under smoke to reach safety to avoid smoke inhalation.

"Education is important, especially in youths and adults," Lt. Tom Furchak, firefighter, said. "Everyone should know the basic stuff that people tend to forget during a time of crisis. We are here all the time so anyone can stop by anytime for information."

Furchak said most younger attendees at these events generally want to know about the equipment firefighter's

use like the hoses and the exhaust fans that clear smoke out of a building.

The theme this year is "Have Two Ways Out." Having two ways out will help in case the first exit is blocked. The firefighters also taught children to have a plan and practice fire drills at least twice a year and to have a meeting place when escaping a fire so families know where to meet once they leave the home.

Community member Laura O'Hern said she learned something at the event as well.

"I learned that I had no idea how much a fire truck weighs and that it can only go up to 65 miles per hour," O'Hern said. "I think this is a great idea. Anytime you can get a child familiarized with what to do during a fire emergency, it takes that element of fear away and that is always a good idea."

Elementary, Middle School students awarded for Fire Prevention Poster Contest



West Point Elementary School students earned awards for creating the best Fire Prevention posters during a recent contest.

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1st Grade

- 1st Place: Sophia Bilotta
- 2nd Place: Samantha Starling
- 3rd Place: Spencer McVay

2nd Grade

- 1st Place: Madysen Black
- 2nd Place: Kate Kemkes
- 3rd Place: William Benedict

3rd Grade

- 1st Place: A.J. Hall
- 2nd Place: Nathan Tollefson
- 3rd Place: Taylor Thompson

4th Grade

- 1st Place: Hannah Pohlidal
- 2nd Place: Kate Barnes
- 3rd Place: N/A

5th Grade

- 1st Place: Xitllali Aguirre
- 2nd Place: Aidan Sinquefield
- 3rd Place: Jordan Bailey

6th Grade

- 1st Place: Emilee Izquierdo
- 2nd Place: Allison Hanus
- 3rd Place: Laurel Bennett

7th Grade

- 1st Place: Aaron Cruz
- 2nd Place: Mikayla Downer
- 3rd Place: Cameron George

8th Grade

- 1st Place: Justin Starke
- 2nd Place: Leslie Adams
- 3rd Place: Zack Pendergraft

Overall Elementary School winner: Sophia Bilotta; Middle School winner: Justin Starke

CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Climbing Team: Sixteen members of the West Point Climbing Team met Sunday for the latest expedition to the Shawangunk Mountains in New Paltz.

The team attacked the wall—veterans and newcomers alike. The climbers relentlessly assaulted the cliff for six straight hours, leading, following, top-roping, rappelling and enjoying the incredible fall scenery from 200 feet up the mountain.

Everyone climbed at least one multi-pitch route and practiced anchoring and belay systems.

Jewish Chapel Choir: The Jewish Chapel Cadet Choir performed at the Shalom! On Grand Festival at the Jewish Community Center of Dutchess County in Poughkeepsie Sunday.

The festival is held every year for the local Jewish community and the choir was the featured entertainment of the event this year.

They sang a variety of liturgical, Americana and West Point songs. In the audience was a member of the Jewish Choir from the Class of 1949, Matt Lampell, who joined the Choir in singing the Alma Mater.

Crew Team: On Oct. 13, the West Point Crew Team raced on Philadelphia's Schuylkill River at the Navy Day Regatta.

The fierce competition consisted of several very large teams, dominated by the three teams from Navy Crew (heavyweight men, lightweight men and women) along with Drexel University, University of Pennsylvania and Penn State, among other area schools.

Army held its own on the 4,000-meter course, and several of its boats finished

in the top half of the competitors.

The novice men's eight finished 11th of 22 boats and its two fours finished 13th and 14th in a field of 17.

The varsity men had a successful day too, with its four finishing 8th of 16 boats, the first varsity eight finishing 8th of 19, and the JV eight finished 8th of 10.

The novice women's eight finished 4th of 7 boats and its two fours finished 6th and 7th of 8 competitors.

The varsity women's first varsity eight fought hard for 7th place out of 17 boats, as did the four which earned 7th place out of 16 boats and the JV eight finished 13th of 13 teams entered in their race.

Karate Team: Five members of the Army Karate Team traveled to Baltimore Oct. 7 to compete in the U.S. Karate Alliance/Professional Karate Commission National Qualifier tournament.

Every member qualified for Nationals for the upcoming year, and Army had several excellent finishes. Class of 2016 Cadet John Carson placed first in both sparring and forms for men's brown belts, narrowly edging out Class of 2015 Cadet Nathan Roberts for his victories.

Class of 2016 Cadet Liana Blatnik brought home first place in women's intermediate belts for forms and secured a third-place finish in sparring. Class of 2016 Cadet Blaze Bissar took second in forms and third in sparring for the men's intermediate belts.

Class of 2014 Cadet Christer Horstman took second in the men's black belt forms and had the only non-podium finish with a fourth-place finish in sparring.

Learn more about cadet extracurricular activities at the Directorate of Cadet Activities website at:

www.usma.edu/dca/



About a dozen representatives from the Classes of 1992 and 2002, graduates and spouses, completed a motorcycle rally ride from Central Valley to Trophy Point Oct. 11. This was the first time reunion classes conducted a motorcycle rally onto West Point. The purpose of the ride was to rekindle friendships and create new ones in a unique way by taking a two-hour route of the area that drove through Newburgh to the south to the Bear Mountain Bridge, then north through Beacon and back over the river to the south toward West Point to enter through Stony Lonesome and end at Trophy Point. MARISSA CARL/WPAOG MULTI-MEDIA

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**TUNE IN
AND HEAR
"THE VOICE
OF THE
CORPS"**

Service academies, ROTC cadets take on Ranger Challenge

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris
99th Regional Support Command

Cadets in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps embark on a very different journey than those who attend the nation's military academies, but they share a common destination—a commission in the United States military.

When nearly 400 ROTC and academy cadets arrived for this year's 2nd Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition Oct. 5 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix in Lakehurst, N.J., they proved that the similarities in their training, toughness and military bearing far outweigh any differences.

"The stereotype of a cadet in the academies is that they are more military ready and better trained, but competing at this level you see that the ROTC has the same exact level of competency, tactical knowledge and physical toughness," Master Sgt. Thomas Jones, operations noncommissioned officer-in-charge of 2nd Brigade (ROTC), U.S. Army Cadet Command, said.

"They're here to compete and show that we are, 'One Team, One Fight,'" Jones added.

At this year's Ranger Challenge, 42 ROTC teams from colleges and universities throughout the northeastern United States were joined by teams from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"Having the cadets from the U.S. Naval Academy as well as the U.S. Military Academy brings special value in that, as these cadets graduate and go on to serve as commissioned officers in the various services, they're going to serve in various capacities around the world," Lt. Col. Twala Mathis, commander of 2nd Brigade said. "This is one of the first times the cadets will have the opportunity to serve in a joint environment."

The annual 2nd Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition tests cadets' warrior skills in events such as the obstacle course, confidence course, rappel tower, one-rope bridge, tactical combat casualty care lane, boat movement lane, hand grenade assault course, weapons lane and commander's challenge.

Events are designed to test not only cadets technical and tactical knowledge, but also their physical, mental and emotional endurance and resilience.

"When you tie these all together, it's the Total Soldier concept," Jones said.

While ROTC and academy cadets acknowledge that their military experiences are different, many recognize that once school is complete they will all serve together in the same armed forces, regardless of what school or academy they attended.

"We all go to the same place after (school) is done, so I think it's good to get exposure to each other as early as we can," Cadet Matthew Gallagher, a senior at Providence College, said.

"I think it's great that they're out here," Cadet Hayley Neal, a senior at the University of Pittsburgh, said of her academy counterparts. "West Point is elite, but at the end of



the day, we're all going to be serving together, so we may as well be competing together now."

"It's a fantastic opportunity to interact with other rising officers from a totally different commissioning source than the one we chose," West Point Class of 2013 Cadet Kathryn Leonard said.

More than 40 Reserve Officers' Training Corps battalions from various colleges and universities in the northeast, as well as the U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Military Academy, sent their "best of the best" to Joint Base McGuire-Dix in Lakehurst, N.J., Oct. 6, for the 2012 Ranger Challenge Competition. Hosted by the 2nd "Freedom" Brigade, the ROTC Ranger Challenge is a physically and mentally demanding activity that is considered to be the Army ROTC's varsity sport. Cadet Command's 2nd Brigade, headquartered at Fort Dix, N.J., is responsible for Army ROTC programs in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

SGT. 1ST CLASS ALYN-MICHAEL MACLEOD, 99TH REGIONAL SUPPORT COMMAND

For next year's 2nd Brigade Ranger Challenge Competition, plans are in place to expand the joint-service aspect of the event by having additional teams compete from the nation's other service academies.

"All of the cadets have one thing in common, and that's the defense of our freedom," Mathis concluded.

Men's Team Handball members selected for National Team

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Four members of the Men's Team Handball Club—Class of 2014 Cadet Jake Bennett, wing; Class of 2015 Cadets Connor Holt, wing; Dave Brown, goalie; and Coleman Grider, circle—were selected to play for the United States National Team in the International Handball Federation U20 (under 20) Tournament in Mexico Nov. 6-11. Grider was selected as an alternate.

This is not the first time that the Men's Team Handball Club has sent club members and former club members to national and international games.

“Three former players—Mike Thornberry, Class of 1994; Peter Lash, Class of 1981; and Craig Gilbert, Class of 1978—of the West Point Men's Team Handball Club were recognized at the West Point Graduate Olympian Recognition Weekend Oct. 6,” Capt. Muharem Terzic, instructor in the Department of Physical Education and team coach, said.

Retired Lt. Col. James Thome, Class of 1968 and founder of the Men's Team Handball Club program in the 1975-76 academic year, coached the three players and attended the recognition ceremony.

“I had the honor and pleasure to coach the three while stationed at West Point during two separate assignments in 1975-78 and 1988-91,” Thome said. “They were introduced at halftime during the Army-Boston College football game at midfield. I could not be more proud of the three team member's accomplishments.”

Many of the 26-member team handball team came from other sports such as football, swimming and basketball. The four who were selected for the Mexico tournament had various reasons to join the competitive sport of handball.

Grider said his father was looking through the various clubs at West Point and liked team handball and he decided to try it.

“I checked it (team handball club) out after finishing Beast,” Bennett said. “My hero is Adam Moore, our team captain in 2010-11.”

Moore was co-captain with former First Captain Marc Beaudoin.

The team practices at least three days a week and works out in the fitness room to build body strength twice weekly.

“(Team) Handball is mostly a European sport, but it is growing in the United States,” Terzic said. “West Point and the University of North Carolina have the longest standing tradition (in team handball.)”

The club has two teams, the Black Team, with the more experienced players, and the Gold Team, made up of less experienced players.

“The Gold Team was able to get a first win at the University of Miami in Ohio Oct. 7,” Terzic said. “They all have raw talent. We have cadets with prior sports, such as baseball and football and they all translate (into team handball). To be part of a national team is an honor. When cadets come to our team, they know they have a chance to play with a national team.”

Terzic said the club has tryouts in August.

“We lose about seven to eight cadets a year and gain seven to eight athletes,” he



Four cadets from the Men's Team Handball Club have been selected to play in the International Handball Federation U20 (under 20) Tournament in Mexico Nov. 6-11. From left to right are Class of 2014 Cadet Jacob Bennett and Class of 2015 Cadets Connor Holt, Dave Brown and Coleman Grider. Grider was selected as an alternate. They will be playing for the U.S. National Team in the international competition.

said. “We start slow and expose the team to game-like conditions.”

Terzic said his passion for team handball began as a child growing up in Bosnia.

“I played (team handball) as a kid and it always has been a passion for me,” he said. “I grew up in Europe, in Bosnia, and played in Bosnia and Croatia.”

Players are allowed to handle and throw

the ball with their hands and dribble like in basketball, but they cannot touch the ball with their feet.

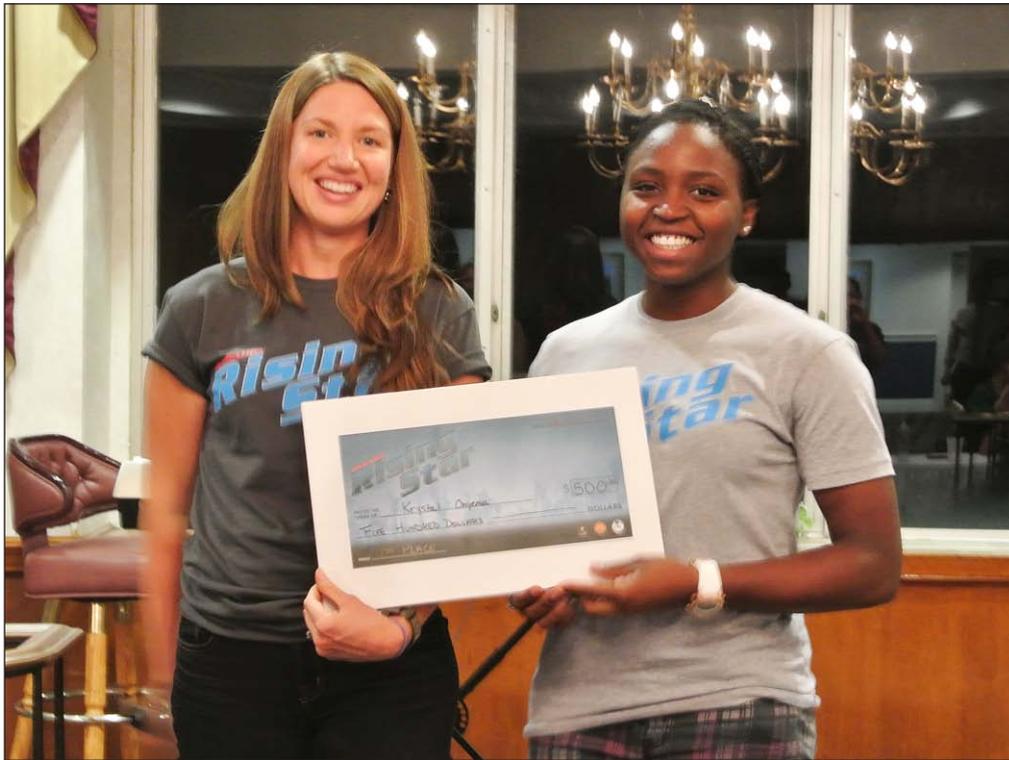
The game is played at very high speed and body contact is allowed, although that is why Brown decided to tend the net.

“I don't like any of that (contact) stuff,” goalkeeper Brown said. “Since I'm a goalie, I can keep out of the way.”



Class of 2013 Cadet Richard Bullis prepares to serve the ball at a practice session Oct. 10 at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center as team coach, Capt. Muharem Terzic watches. The team practices three times a week and does strength training in the fitness room two days a week.

West Point's Rising Star emerges from Corps of Cadets



The West Point Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted the Operation Rising Star singing competition Oct. 10 at the West Point Club. Seven talented competitors showed off their vocal skills in front of three judges and nearly 100 attendees. (Right) Class of 2015 Cadet Krystal Onyema, Co. D-3, won the first place prize of \$500 and consideration for the worldwide finals (pictured with DFMWR Special Events Coordinator Jordan Talbot). She performed "Stand by Me" and an original song titled "Simple Things." Cadet

Candidate Jeffery Lawson from the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School earned the \$250 second place prize, and the third place prize of \$100 was awarded to Bensan Mae Arriola, a military spouse from Fort Hamilton. The West Point Military Police Company won the Unit Spirit Prize of \$300 in unit funds. Twelve finalists will be chosen from the pool of local winners to compete in early December for the Grand Prize in San Antonio. To learn more, visit www.armymwr.com/recreation/promotions/operation_rising_star.aspx. PHOTO BY COURTNEY CHIDGEY/FMWR



Panetta spells out DOD roles in cyberdefense

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta spelled out in detail the Defense Department's responsibility in cybersecurity during a speech to the Business Executives for National Security meeting in New York Oct. 11.

"A cyber attack perpetrated by nation states or violent extremist groups could be as destructive as the terrorist attack of 9/11," he said in prepared remarks. "Such a destructive cyber terrorist attack could paralyze the nation."

Cyber attacks could be part of a major attack against the United States, and this could mean the cyber Pearl Harbor the secretary fears. This is "an attack that would cause physical destruction and loss of life, paralyze and shock the nation and create a profound new sense of vulnerability," he said.

DOD has a supporting role in cyber defense, he said. The Department of Homeland Security is the lead federal agency, with the FBI having lead on law enforcement. Still the overall DOD mission is to defend the United States.

"We defend. We deter. And if called

upon, we take decisive action," the secretary said. "In the past, we have done so through operations on land and at sea, in the skies and in space. In this new century, the United States military must help defend the nation in cyberspace as well."

DOD has responsibility for defending its own networks and can also help deter attacks.

"Our cyber adversaries will be far less likely to hit us if they know we will be able to link them to the attack or that their effort will fail against our strong defenses," he said. "The Department has made significant advances in solving a problem that makes deterring cyber adversaries more complex: the difficulty of identifying the origins of an attack."

But improved defenses will not stop all cyber attacks.

"If we detect an imminent threat of attack that will cause significant physical destruction or kill American citizens, we need to have the option to take action to defend the nation when directed by the President," Panetta said. "For these kinds of scenarios, the Department has developed the capability to conduct effective operations to counter threats to our national interests in cyberspace.

"Let me be clear that we will only do so to defend our nation, our interests or our allies," he continued. "And we will only do so in a manner consistent with the policy principles and legal frameworks that the Department follows for other domains, including the law of armed conflict."

DOD is finalizing a comprehensive change to rules of engagement in cyberspace.

"The new rules will make clear that the Department has a responsibility not only to defend DOD's networks, but also to be prepared to defend the nation and our national interests against an attack in or through cyberspace," he said. "These new rules will make the Department more agile and provide us with the ability to confront major threats quickly."

The private sector, government, military and international partners operate in cyberspace.

"We all share the responsibility to protect it," he said. "Therefore, we are deepening cooperation with our closest allies with a goal of sharing threat information, maximizing shared capabilities and deterring malicious activities."

But businesses have the greatest interest

in cybersecurity. Businesses depend on a safe, secure and resilient global digital infrastructure, and businesses own and run many of the critical networks the nation depends on.

"To defend those networks more effectively, we must share information between the government and the private sector about threats in cyberspace," the secretary said.

Baseline standards must be set for cyber security and that means Congress must act, Panetta said. He said the bipartisan Cybersecurity Act of 2012 "has fallen victim to legislative and political gridlock. That is unacceptable to me, and it should be unacceptable to anyone concerned with safeguarding our national security."

One option under consideration, Panetta said, is an executive order to enhance cybersecurity measures.

"There is no substitute for comprehensive legislation, but we need to move as far as we can in the meantime," he said. "We have no choice because the threat we face is already here. Congress has a responsibility to act. The president has a constitutional responsibility to defend the country."

World War II vet recalls historic bombing mission

West Point Museum hosted former Army Air Corps officer, navigator on board Necessary Evil

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

On Aug. 6, 1945, Russell Gackenbach, a young second lieutenant and Army Air Corps navigator, witnessed history.

Assigned to the 393rd Bomb Squadron, 509th Composite Group, Gackenbach was on board Necessary Evil, the B-29 aircraft providing photographic support while accompanying the Enola Gay during its atomic bombing mission over Hiroshima, Japan.

Gackenbach shared his recollections Oct. 10 at the West Point Museum to a crowd of more than 50 attendees.

Born and raised in Allentown, Pa., and employed as an inspector at Bethlehem Steel, the 20-year-old Gackenbach decided to enlist in the Army Air Corps program hoping to become a pilot. Gackenbach said he “washed out” of the program and was transferred to navigation school at Pan American Airways in Miami Beach, Fla. He earned his navigator wings and commissioned as a second lieutenant in February 1944. His first duty assignment was at Langley Field, Va., with a B-17 crew preparing to head overseas. He soon found himself back in a training environment, this time attending radar school in Boca Raton, Fla. When Gackenbach first laid eyes on the shiny new B-29 bombers arriving at the air base, he immediately knew what was next.

“...we were going to need more training,” he said wistfully.

The squadron trained at Wendover Air Force Base in Utah and Gackenbach described it as vigorous. He remembers meeting their commanding officer who told them they would become an elite outfit for a developing mission which could shorten the war.

“He stressed from that time on we were under tight military security,” Gackenbach said. “There was a big sign there: What you see here, what you hear, when you leave here, let it stay here.”

The unit was allowed 10 days of leave, not out of kindness from their command, but to determine their security risk. Gackenbach said everyone was trailed by military intelligence or another security agency. Later, they were assigned temporary duty in San Antonio for

overseas navigation training.

“Fortunately for me and a few of my buddies, we all came out of American Airways and already had the knowledge needed for celestial navigation—that was our specialty,” Gackenbach said.

Much of what they did was shrouded in secrecy and Gackenbach recalled a special meeting where they had to produce identification and empty their pockets before entering a guarded room.

“They showed us maps of Japan and targets,” Gackenbach said. “We were told not to tell the rest of the crew.”

He talked about the training missions using 10,000-pound pumpkin bombs—often filled with high explosives or a combination of sand and concrete. They knew eventually the plane would be carrying a new type of explosive, but didn’t know it was an atomic bomb.

Necessary Evil was one of two aircraft to accompany the primary bomber, though there were seven B-29s attached to the mission. His own craft remained nameless until a later time and Gackenbach said it was known simply as #91.

“At no time up until now was there any identification on our planes,” Gackenbach said. “Originally, our tails had the symbol of a circle with a forward facing arrow, and even that was taken off our planes.”

Gackenbach detailed the unique specifications of the bomber which contained no weapons systems except for two tail guns so that it could carry five-ton bombs. It also had quick-release bomb bay doors, among other variations.

He remembers a stranger on board Necessary Evil en route to Iwo Jima, dressed in Army gear but not a Soldier. He was a scientist. Gackenbach described the flight over Hiroshima and remembers the radio going dead and then the crew donned protective goggles before the bomb exploded. Then there was a bright flash of light.

There’s always a lot of chatter through the aircraft’s microphone, but Gackenbach said after Hiroshima there was none.

“We were all stunned, awestruck and very quiet,” Gackenbach said. “We didn’t realize we helped usher in the atomic age at that time.”

He also spoke about the bombing mission where



Russell Gackenbach was an Army Air Corps second lieutenant who served as navigator on board the B-29 bomber Necessary Evil during the atomic bombing mission over Hiroshima, Japan, Aug. 6, 1945. Standing next to the atomic bomb casing on display at the West Point Museum, Gackenbach provided insightful recollections of his service during World War II during a lecture Oct. 10 at the Lucas Military Heritage Center.

he served as navigator on the Enola Gay three days after the Hiroshima bombing. The primary target was the city of Kokura, but, as Gackenbach described it, the mission did not go according to the original plan.

The order was to drop the bomb on sight, not by radar. The target was clear on board the navigational craft, but by the time the primary bomber arrived it was covered by clouds and smoke and so the target of Nagasaki was chosen.

Gackenbach has no regret or remorse about participating in those missions. After all, it was war, he said, and he believes it has been well-documented that those missions to end the war ultimately saved the Japanese empire. His talk and the Q&A that followed drew about 50 attendees to the Lucas Military Heritage Center, as part of an ongoing lunchtime lecture series sponsored by the West Point Museum.

David Reel, museum director, described this lecture as a “once in a lifetime” opportunity, which tied directly into its mission of educating the Corps of Cadets, Soldiers and families stationed at West Point, as well as the greater community surrounding the academy.

FMWR Blurbs

ACS' Relocation Readiness workshops

There are several ACS' Relocation Readiness workshops available in the next three months. The workshops include:

- Overseas Briefing workshop, 10:30-11:30 a.m. today, Nov. 15 and Dec. 21;
 - PCS workshops, 9-10 a.m. today, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20.
 - Sponsorship Training workshop, 9-10 a.m. Oct. 31, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28;
- All workshops are held at ACS Bldg. 622. For more information, call 938-3487.

Arts and Crafts classes in October

There are several Arts and Crafts classes available during October.

Enjoy a crop class with a ladies night out at the Arts and Crafts Shop from 4-7 p.m. tonight. Bring your own photos, adhesive, scissors and ruler.

Try a photography class with Jana from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday. This class will focus on scenic photography at Lusk Reservoir.

Try a sewing class with Jana while making Halloween costumes from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday. Bring your own pattern and material.

Registration and prepayment are required for all classes.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Walk a Mile in observance of Domestic Violence

The walk in observance of domestic violence will be held from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. The walk starts and ends at the Thayer Statue area. This event takes place rain or shine.

The walk is open to all members of the West Point community at no charge and registration is not required.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto, Family Advocacy Program manager, at 938-3369.

Fall trip with Leisure Travel Services

Join Leisure Travel Services this fall for local trips and leave the driving to them. The next fall trip includes:

- Bronx Zoo/Botanical Gardens, Friday, leave West Point at 9 a.m., return at 3:30 p.m.;
- Greenwich Village Halloween Parade, Oct. 31, leave West Point at 5 p.m., return at 11 p.m.

There is a nominal transportation fee for these trips.

For more information, call LTS at 938-3601.

Halloween Costume Ball

Join the West Point Club from 7-11 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom for a Halloween Costume Ball.

Come out in your best costume and enjoy a night of dinner and dancing.

Prizes will be awarded for the best Halloween costume.

Club members and families of deployed

servicemembers save 15 percent.

For reservations and information, call 938-5120.

Employment Readiness Fall Workshops

ACS is offering 10 Steps to a Federal Job Workshop to help those searching for employment.

ACS provides tips to help you successfully navigate the Federal Job System, including how to research vacancy announcements, prepare a federal resumé and apply for jobs with USAJOBS.

The upcoming employment readiness fall workshops are:

- Wednesday, noon-2 p.m.;
- Nov. 7, 2-4 p.m.;
- Nov. 21, noon-2 p.m.

All workshops are held in the ACS Training Room, Bldg. 622.

Call 938-5658 to sign up for a class.

Haunted House help wanted

Love Halloween? FMWR is looking for people to help put on our Haunted House with acting, set building, make-up and much more.

The Haunted House is scheduled for Oct. 25-26.

For more information, call 938-8185.

FMWR Haunted House

FMWR presents Camp Buckner's Night of the Living Dead Haunted House from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 25-26. The haunted house is child friendly.

See what lurks in the haunted house at Camp Buckner off Route 293. There will be kids' activities and refreshments.

There is a minimal charge for admission. Come in your Halloween costume and get \$2 off admission.

Family members of deployed servicemembers as well as children under 5 get in for free. The event is open to West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery residents.

For more information, call 938-6497.

2012 Hunting Lottery

The Hunting Lottery is scheduled at 6 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Victor Constant Ski Lodge, Bldg. 718. Everyone must be signed in and seated by 5:45 p.m.

Important changes to this year's lottery:

- Proxies will be limited to two per person;
- Hunting licenses will not be sold at the lodge before the lottery. Hunting licenses must be purchased before coming to the lottery.

Hunting licenses will be on sale at the Round Pond office until 5 p.m. that day.

For more information, call 938-2503.

Hunter's Education Course

West Point Outdoor Recreation is hosting

a New York State Hunter's Education Course from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 2 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 3 at Bonneville Cabin, Round Pond.

You must attend both classes to receive credit.

To register for the course, call 938-2503.

CYSS parent education class

CYSS is offering a parent education class. Re-Directing Your Child is geared toward families with children from birth to age 5.

Learn how to get out of saying "NO! Don't do that!" with a few simple steps.

It takes place from noon-1 p.m. Nov. 7 at Stony CDC.

For more information or to register, contact Kim Tague at 938-3921.

ACS Hearts Apart Support Group

Join Army Community Service and Hearts Apart for a monthly gathering to build resiliency, camaraderie and self-reliance.

Each event will begin with valuable education and training and follow up with optional crafting time with friends.

While you are gaining knowledge that will set you up for success, you can also finally get around to completing those scrapbooks like you always meant to.

Learn how to organize your scrapping into manageable chunks and produce beautiful mementos you will be proud to share with family and friends.

Sessions will be held at ACS from 4:30-6:30 p.m., on the dates indicated below. Snacks and activities for kids will be provided.

- Nov. 15—Crazy for Coupons;
- Dec. 13—Stress Management for the Holidays.

For more information, call 845-938-3487 to reserve your spot today. Space is limited.

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tickets

Join Leisure Travel Services for the traditional Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Nov. 22. Tickets are on sale now at LTS.

Motor coach transportation leaves West Point at 6 a.m. and returns immediately following the parade.

For reservations and payment, call LTS at 938-3601.

CYSS Hired! program

Attention teens ages 15-18—do you want to earn \$500 through the CYSS Hired program?

For more information, contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

CYSS offers child care during home football games

West Point Child, Youth and School Services will be providing child care during home football games this season.

Reservations can be made at the Stony or Lee Child Development Centers and need to be made by Wednesday, nine days prior, to the game day.

Child care will be provided from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with a minimal cost per child.

For more information, contact Stony CDC at 938-4798 or Lee CDC at 938-0941.

Preschool openings

Child, Youth and School Services has openings in their three-day, two-day and five-day preschool programs.

The hours are from 9 a.m.-noon. Children 3 years and older are eligible to attend.

For more information, call Parent Central at 938-4458/0939 to signup.

Ladies Nights at the West Point Club

Ladies come join the West Point Club every Thursday and Friday evening at the Club's Benny Haven Lounge for drink specials. Doors open at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 938-5120.

NEW INFO

Latin Night at the West Point Club

Come dance the night away during Latin Night from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

Admission is free all night long.

For more information, call 938-5255.

Fall Story Hour

Join the West Point Post Library for preschool story hour on Tuesdays from Oct. 23-Dec. 4. There are two sessions per week held at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Story hour is open to all West Point community children, ages 3-5.

Pre-registration is required.

For registration and more information, call 938-2974.

USAG Scramble

The U.S. Army Garrison scramble will have a 1 p.m. Shotgun start Nov. 1 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 nominal fee includes golf cart, prizes and barbecue. Green fees are not included.

Day of tournament check in will start at 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

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

Wellness Springs October specials

Wellness Springs at the FMWR Fitness Center has specials available for October.

For more information, call the FMWR Fitness Center front desk at 938-6490.

What's Happening

Motorcycle Training classes

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Training classes over the next couple of months. There are classes available for the Basic Riders Course and the Experienced Riders Course.

The courses and dates available are:

- BRC (cadets only)—Friday-Sunday and Nov. 9-11;
- ERC (staff and faculty)—Nov. 6;
- BRC (staff and faculty)—Nov. 7-8.

BRC training for staff and faculty will be held at Bldg. 667A 3rd floor, Corps of Engineers Conference Room for classroom at 7:45 a.m. and the Range will be at the Motor Pool, for staff and faculty.

BRC training for cadets will be held at the Education Center. ERC training will be held at A Lot.

Cadets who are interested in signing up, contact Shannon Lindey at 938-8682 and staff and faculty members interested in either the BRC or ERC, contact Aubrey Posey at 938-6131.

Personally-owned firearms range

The Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's Range Operations is hosting two firing ranges in preparation for big-game rifle hunting season.

The ranges are 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Nov. 10 at Range 5, along Route 293 across from Round Pond Recreation.

The personally-owned firearms range is authorized for active duty servicemembers, retirees and DOD faculty and staff.

Participants must bring a form of authorized identification and targets, plus hearing and eye protection. Come to group and zero your hunting rifle.

The point of contact for this event is Alec M. Lazore at 938-3007.

Parent Teacher Organization event

The West Point Schools Parent Teacher Organization is hosting a Book Fair Monday-Oct. 26 in the Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

The shopping hours are 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Oct. 25 and 8-10 a.m. Oct. 26.

For more information, contact Carlys Lemler, PTO president, at carlysromano@yahoo.com.

Also, West Point Schools PTO is on Facebook. Stay informed at www.facebook.com/WPSPTO.

Military Arms Room Training

In accordance with AR 190-11, paragraph 2-10, anyone who has any affiliation with military arms rooms is required to attend initial and annual refresher training.

There will be an upcoming class at 2 p.m. Monday in Thayer Hall Room 144.

The training will be conducted by the Directorate of Emergency Services Physical Security office and should take approximately 90 minutes to complete.

For more information and to confirm attendance, contact Tom Slater at 938-4585.

It was dark back then at Knox's Headquarters

Do you remember walking past a creepy-looking house at night when you were a kid? Come to Knox's Headquarters and see its creepy house from 8-8:30 p.m. or 8:30-9 p.m. Oct. 27 and tour the grounds in the darkness, if you dare. Reservations are required.

Knox's Headquarters is located at 289 Forge Hill Road, in Vails Gate, three miles southeast of the intersection of I-87 and I-84.

For reservations and more information, call 845-561-1765 ext. 22.

West Point Swim Club registration

A registration period for new swimmers of the West Point Swim Club is scheduled through Oct. 31.

The club's six-week session will begin Nov. 5. The club is for ages 7 and older, and the sign-up is at Lee Road CDC.

For more information, call 938-0941.

8th annual Mike Purcell 5K Run/Walk

The 8th annual Mike Purcell 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research is scheduled for 10 a.m. Nov. 4 at Chadwick Lake Park, 1702 Route 300, Newburgh. There is also a Kids Fun Run while the race results are being tallied.

There is a registration fee. Sign up before Saturday and you are guaranteed a T-shirt.

Race day registration begins at 9 a.m. Runners will start at 10 a.m. while walkers begin at 10:05 a.m.

For more information, call 845-629-8068 or email purcell4@hvc.rr.com.

Holiday Craft Bazaar (updated)

The West Point Women's Club Holiday Craft Bazaar is scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 10 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 11 at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom. Admission is a suggested donation. It is free for cadets and children 12 and younger.

If you would like to be a vendor at the event, email wpcbazaar@gmail.com.

Civilian Health Benefits Fair (updated)

The 2012-13 Federal Health Benefits Open Season is Nov. 12-Dec. 10. Within the open season, there is a Civilian Health Benefits Fair from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Riverside Cafe in Eisenhower Hall.

The fair will include representatives from FEHB providers (health, dental, vision), Occupational Health (flu shots), American Federation of Government Employees and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

For more information, contact Karen Wood at 938-2253 or karen.wood@usma.edu.

Turkey Bowl

The Brigade Tactical Department's annual Turkey Bowl is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 19 at Shea Stadium.

The Turkey Bowl is a flag football game pitting the Brigade Tactical Department's noncommissioned officers versus officers. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Snuggs, Company I-1 TAC NCO, at 938-0524.

IETD Training Program

IETD is offering a training program course in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, "What's On My Computer?," SharePoint and a computer/typing skills lab.

The course runs from 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday through Dec. 20 at Jefferson Hall, Room 414. For course schedules, visit <http://usma-portal/dean/staff/ietd/training/Pages/default.aspx>.

For more information, call Thomas Gorman at 938-1186 for details and registration or contact Thomas.Gorman@usma.edu.

Garrison Command's new Facebook page

The West Point Garrison Command is the new owner of a Facebook page.

The primary purpose of this page is for the West Point Garrison leadership to communicate directly to the entire West Point military community while highlighting or emphasizing specific information, issues and activities that affect the community.

You can reach the page at www.facebook.com/WestPointGarrison.

Army Education Center

The Army Education Center will no longer be able to administer proctored examinations for Soldiers, family members or civilians enrolled in college courses in the distance learning format.

Academic testing will be the responsibility of the academic institution where the student is enrolled. Consider the implications of testing arrangements when enrolling in distance learning courses.

For more information, contact the Education Center at 938-3464/5389.

NEW INFO

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-Thursday 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.

"I Spy" Halloween Nature Trails and Creepy Critters at Cornwall Museum

Looking for fun but not-so-spooky Halloween adventures? Come to the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center (Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall) for the "I Spy" Halloween Nature Trail from noon-4 p.m. Oct. 27-28.

Meet the challenge to find objects cleverly hidden along the Halloween Nature Trail and learn some amazing facts from museum educators along the way.

Discover which items belong in nature and which ones do not. Search for animal artifacts such as bones and skulls.

Find them all and win a prize.

West Point Department of Foreign Languages to present concert

The West Point Department of Foreign Languages will host a free, formal operatic concert entitled "Belle Nuit," at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom.

The concert will feature Metropolitan Opera soprano Olga Makarina, who is accompanied by pianist Albert Stanziano.

They will perform works by Mozart, Donizetti, Tchaikovsky, Bellini, Rossini and Offenbach.

This event is Dress Mess, Dress Blues, black tie or evening attire. For invitations, contact Rajaa Chouairi at 938-8796.

Operation Christmas Child Program

The Protestant Women of the Chapel is supporting the Operation Christmas Child Program and will be accepting gift-filled boxes at the Post Chapel until Nov. 7.

The PWOC has boxes available to fill.

For more information, contact Leslie Eichelberger at sisterles@live.com.

Keller Corner

Seeking volunteers for focus group

The Obstetrics Department is seeking individuals to participate in four focus groups to be conducted during the month of October to identify what new features and capabilities beneficiaries would like to have available at KACH.

If you are a mom or expecting mom between the ages of 18-45, we would love to hear from you. Focus group sessions will take place on the following dates and times:

- Monday—noon and 5 p.m.;
- Oct. 25—9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

To RSVP or for more information on the focus group sessions, contact Britney Walker at 938-6791.

Attention flu shots available

Flu shots are now available on the following dates:

- Community flu shot is scheduled from 4-7:30 p.m. Nov. 8 and 15 at the KACH Family Practice Clinic.

No appointment is necessary. All eligible beneficiaries are welcome.

A timeline for vaccinations for tenant units is also available to include:

- Today—MPs—7-8 a.m.;
- Today—DENTAC/606—9 a.m.-3 p.m. (make-up date.)

For DENTAC/606, the immunizations will be located in the basement of Bldg. 606, in the Industrial Hygiene lab. USMAPS, MPs and the Band will be on location at their buildings.

For more information, contact Britney Walker at 938-6791.

Kick the habit now

Do you want to breathe better? Do you want to smell better? Do you want to look better? Do you want to feel better? Let's face it, smoking tastes bad, smells bad, chokes the life out of you and could make you ill.

Come join Keller every first and third Friday of every month in the 4th floor classroom for the Tobacco Cessation Program.

For more information, call the Preventative Medicine Department at 938-2676.

West Point to broadcast AUSA discussions

By Maj. Lynna Speier
USMA G-1

The West Point Army Community Service will broadcast live from Washington, D.C., the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) Family Panel discussions in the Hudson Room, Bldg. 622.

Onsite childcare is available. Call 938-2519 at least one day prior to the forum you will attend to reserve childcare.

The dates, times and discussion topics are available below:

AUSA Military Family Forum I

Topic: Army Families: "Our Leaders Speak."

Date: 2-5 p.m. Monday.

Background: Army senior leadership from both active and reserve components will provide their views on the status of the Army Family and Army Family Programs.

AUSA Military Family Forum II

Topic: Army Families: Behavioral Health: "Challenges and Triumphs."

Date: 8-11 a.m. Tuesday.

Background: This forum will focus on the challenges



and success of various behavioral health initiatives recently created for military families.

Special attention will be placed on the experiences of family members and their efforts to increase strength and resilience within the family unit.

AUSA Military Family Forum III

Topic: Army Families: "Transitions and New Beginnings."

Date: 2- 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Background: The voices of families of the wounded and survivors will be the focus of this three-hour forum.

Topic: Wounded Warrior Families: "Strength through Transitions."

Time: 2-3:25 p.m.

Topic: Surviving Families: "New Beginnings—New Strengths."

Time: 3:35-5 p.m.

AUSA Military Family Forum IV

Topic: Army Families: "Military Children—Our Nation's Future."

Date: 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday.

Background: Reintegration issues affecting military children will be discussed from an educational and developmental perspective.

Speakers will focus on the impacts on healthy child development and best practices that are resonating with our kids in today's military family environment.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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

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

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Hard

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **A is for Apple**—What better way to celebrate National Apple Month than to make a great edible apple craft for the fall harvest.

Join BBC at Stony I playground from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesday to make your own edible apples and drink hot apple cider.

• **Happy Halloween**—Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3-4:30 p.m. Oct. 31 for a special Halloween treat courtesy of your BBC family.

NOW SHOWING

Movies playing at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752

Friday—Paranorman, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Odd Life of Timothy

Green, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—The Expendables 2, R,

7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT

WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

Oct. 18-25

Army Newswatch

**Today, Friday and Monday
through Oct. 25**

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

ACAP's "Preparing for an Interview"

Interviewing doesn't have to be scary. Join the Army Career and Alumni Program for "Preparing for the Interview" from 9-11 a.m. Oct. 31. This is a great opportunity to focus on practicing and enhancing interview skills.

For more information or to register for this workshop, contact the ACAP office at 938-0634.

Eligibility information for ACAP services can be found at www.acap.army.mil.

Also, the West Point ACAP Office will be closed Oct. 22. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Rachel Coleman, ACAP counselor, at 938-0634.

Molacek's game-winning goal lifts Army past Lehigh

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Army rallied from a 1-0 deficit with a pair of goals to down Lehigh, 2-1, in a pivotal Patriot League women's soccer match Sunday that kept the Black Knights (6-9-0, 1-3-0 PL) in contender status for one of four conference tournament berths next month.

Junior midfielder/forward Joey Molacek's team-leading seventh goal of the season in the 77th minute off an assist from junior midfielder/forward Kim An snapped a 1-1 halftime tie and lifted Army to its first league win of the season in its league home debut at Clinton Field.

An sent the ball from the left side to Molacek who tapped it into the net for her second game winner of the season and 14th career goal. The assist was An's fourth of the season and eighth in her career.

"I didn't remember that much until I saw Kim going all the way down to the corner flag and me making a run in," Molacek said. "Kim was able to turn two to three players and find me in the box, and I was able to finish it."

"We had Lehigh on its heels most of the game and we had a lot of opportunities, but two goals proved to be enough today," she added. "We have had a few losses, but this is the game that counts and we turned it around at the right time. We have three games left to get into the playoffs."

An also talked about the importance of the win and Army's hopes of earning one of four berths to the league tournament to be hosted by the highest seed the first weekend in November.

"I took the ball down the line and looked in and Joey made a great run and was wide open, and all I had to do was lay it in to her," An said. "It was just perfect."

"The win means the world because it is do or die now in the league. Every game is a playoff game," An added. "As a junior, I have just one more season, so I am giving it my all."

Army's defense did not allow Lehigh (2-12-0, 0-4-0) a shot over the time remaining, while the Black Knights' offense ripped off four with An booting three of her game-high eight attempts during that span.

Lehigh opened the scoring on a goal by Darby Wiegand in front of the net at the 30:41 mark, but that proved short lived as Army freshman forward Candace Stewart tied the game 1-1 on an unassisted tally just 2:27 later.

Stewart outran a pair of defenders and raced down the field and beat Lehigh keeper Ani Nahapetian, who finished with eight saves, with a 10-yard shot that landed in the right hand corner of the net for her second goal of the season.

Just before the halftime intermission, Stewart had a wide open shot on net that just missed the inside left corner of the post that drew 'ahs' from the crowd as the teams went into the locker room tied at 1-1.

The Black Knights outshot the Mountain Hawks 8-4 in the first half and 14-1 in the second for a 22-5 margin, along with a 5-3 corner kick advantage.

Army took the first four shots of the game with two right in front of the Lehigh net, but the Black Knights were unable to finish as they went over the top of the goal.

Army started the second half the same way with three straight shots on goal by Stewart, freshman midfielder Katie Holder and junior defenseman Ruthie Rosenberger.

"We dug ourselves into a hole in our first three league games," Army head coach Fred Thompson said. "We now have to dig out of it. The plan is take care of the game this weekend and next weekend take care of those games (Navy and American). Hopefully, by the time we get to our last game (Lafayette), all the marbles will be going there."

"Our offense has been good for a while, but we have



Junior midfielder/forward Joey Molacek scored her team-leading seventh goal of the season in the 77th minute to give Army a 2-1 lead. The lead held up against Lehigh as the Black Knights are now 6-9 overall and 1-3 in the Patriot League this season.

TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO

been snake bit in front of the goal and haven't really scored the goals," he added. "But we are creating opportunities. Sometimes when that happens, you tend to lose a bit of confidence when you are not scoring. It was good to see us creating opportunities today, running hard and making chances

and getting in the box.

"It is also nice for the team to be home and in the friendly confines of Clinton," Thompson concluded, "so we hope to do what we did today with two very good teams this coming weekend."

Army Sports home schedule (Oct. 18-25)

Friday — Women's Soccer vs. **Navy**, 7 p.m., Clinton Field.

Saturday — Sprint Football vs. Princeton, 1 p.m., Shea Stadium.

Friday — Hockey vs. Sacred Heart, 7:05 p.m., Tate Rink.

Saturday — Women's Volleyball vs. American (Senior Day), 4 p.m., Gillis Field House.

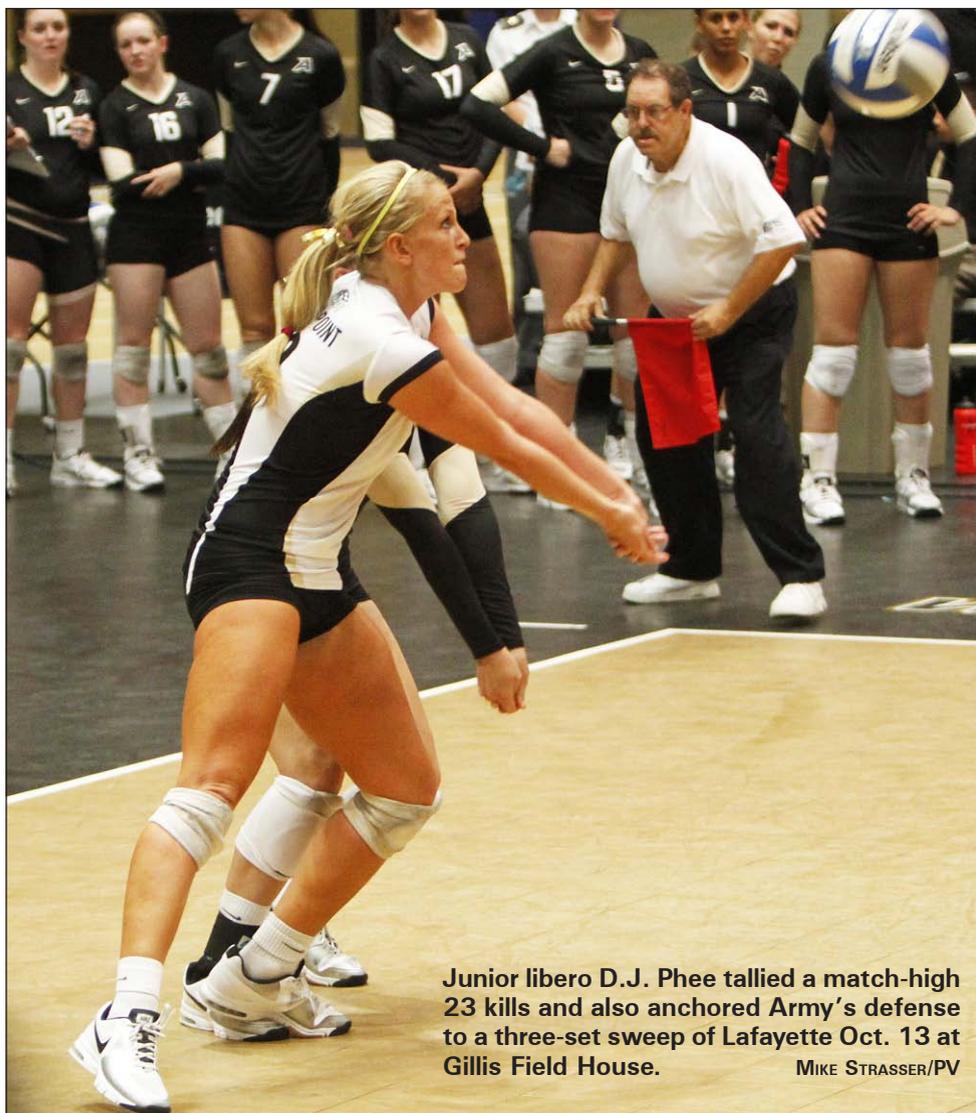
Friday — Women's Volleyball vs. **Navy**, 8 p.m., Gillis Field House.

Sunday — Women's Soccer vs. American, 1 p.m., Clinton Field.

Friday-Tuesday — Women's Tennis, ITA Regionals, All Day (each day), Lichtenberg Tennis Center.

Wednesday — Women's Volleyball vs. Manhattan, 7 p.m., Gillis Field House.

Jarka, Phee play big part in volleyball's sweep of Lafayette



Junior libero D.J. Phee tallied a match-high 23 kills and also anchored Army's defense to a three-set sweep of Lafayette Oct. 13 at Gillis Field House.

MIKE STRASSER/PV

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Junior outside hitter Margaux Jarka paced Army's offense with 10 kills, while the Black Knights defense helped spur a 3-0 Patriot League victory over Lafayette Oct. 13 at Gillis Field House. Homecoming descended upon West Point this weekend as Army gave its many alumni in attendance a reason to cheer in the 25-14, 25-14, 25-23 win.

Along with Jarka's 10-kill, eight-dig effort, senior outside hitter Ariana Mankus added nine kills and as many digs. Setters Mary Vaccaro and Vanessa Edwards contributed 22 and 12 assists, respectively.

Junior libero D.J. Phee tallied a match-high 23 kills to anchor Army's defense, which held the Leopards to a .026 hitting percentage.

Rookie middle blocker Zoe Kreitenberg aided the cause with a team-high four total blocks.

"I'm proud of the team for being able to close out the third set," head coach Alma Kovaci said. "I thought our defense was the story today. D.J. Phee did a tremendous job digging up anything that came at her. Tonight was also a chance for us to get some new and younger players in the lineup for some valuable match experience."

Army (14-6, 6-1), which maintained a hold on second place in the Patriot League standings, hit for a .200 percentage and extended its win streak to three matches.

"It feels great to close out the weekend with a win," Jarka said. "It was a total team effort. Our serving and passing were both

solid. Everybody got involved, and our middles really got in the game and helped propel us to tonight's victory."

The Black Knights made a statement early, riding the serving of Vaccaro and Mankus to an 8-1 lead to start the opening set.

Army cruised from there, not allowing the Leopards to get closer than nine points the rest of the way.

A Kreitenberg kill gave the Black Knights a 22-10 lead, but Lafayette retaliated with four unanswered points to pull within 23-14 late. The Leopards ended the set with back-to-back errors.

Phee and Edwards' serving consistency helped Army to an early 9-3 advantage.

Army more than doubled-up Lafayette, 14-6, on a Kerry Horan kill midway through the action. The Black Knights continued to roll and led by at least seven points the rest of the way.

The most competitive of the match, the teams played through nine ties and three lead changes in the third frame.

Lafayette took a 5-2 lead out of the intermission, but Mankus and freshman Nicole Perri sandwiched kills around an Edwards service ace to tie the score at 5-all.

The score seasawed from that point as neither team led by more than four the rest of the way.

Kovaci called her first timeout of the set with the score tied, 23-23, and her team responded with the necessary two points to finish the sweep.

Lafayette's Kaitlynn Zoller and Brianne Giangioffe paced the Leopards with seven kills apiece.

Sprint Football continues perfect record, defeats Penn

By Pam Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army sprint football maintained its perfect record with a 35-7 victory at Penn Oct. 13. Despite tallying a season-low 35 points, the Black Knights amassed nearly 600 yards of offense, as seniors Javier Sustaita and Marquis Morris had a hand in more than 500 of those total yards.

Second-year starting quarterback Sustaita passed for a career-high 414 yards, completing 37 of his 54 (69 percent) passes without an interception.

The Troy, Texas, native tossed a pair of touchdowns, bringing his season total to 19. Sustaita also netted 55 rushing yards.

Morris, Army's go-to running back this season, had another headlining game, eclipsing the century mark in rushing yards for the second consecutive game.

The Decatur, Ala., native gained 103 yards on a career-high 23 attempts to go along with three touchdowns, also a career best.

Army cracked the scoreboard early as Sustaita connected with senior wide receiver John Herina with back-to-back

long balls, including a 20-yard score, to pull ahead just two minutes into the game.

Sustaita tacked on another score early in the second quarter, as the senior signal caller completed 30 yards worth of passes to senior wide receiver Cody Nyp before finding junior wide receiver Tom Jeffers for a 27-yard score.

Nyp led the receiving corps with 132 receiving yards, followed by Jeffers with 98 yards and Herina with 89.

Two possessions later, the Quakers tallied their lone score of the game as a pair of costly Army penalties set up easy field position for Penn.

Keith Braccia, who passed for 160 yards on the night, found Whit Shaw in the end zone for a four-yard score with just under four minutes remaining in the half.

Army scored on the opening possession of the second half, as Morris punched in a one-yard touchdown for his first of three touchdowns.

After forcing Penn to punt two possessions later, Jeffers had his second standout punt return of the game to set up Morris' second touchdown.

Morris tacked on his third score midway through the fourth quarter to cap the game's scoring.

Rifle defeats Memphis

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Junior Michael Matthews earned medalist honors in both events, to include a career-high 592 in air rifle, leading Army to a 4,658-4,631 victory over Great America Rifle Conference rival Memphis Monday at Tronsrue Marksmanship Center.

The win is Army's first of the season as the Black Knights leveled their overall and GARC mark at 1-1 following their 10th straight win over the Tigers.

Matthews fired a 583 leading an Army sweep of the top three places in smallbore.

Junior Joseph Todaro was two points behind with a season-best 581 and junior Jacob Costa tied his career-high firing a 579.

Overall, Army claimed six of the top seven spots.

Matthews' 592 in air rifle eclipsed the 590 mark for the first time in his career en route to edging Memphis' Daniel Hermsmeier (590) for medalist honors.

Army's next two shooters also set career highs as the Black Knights claimed three of the top five spots with senior William Mengon placing third (589) and Costa finishing fifth (585).

After the win, Army is now fourth in the Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association rankings.