Roughly 300 cadets from the Classes of 2014 and 2015 took on physical and mental challenges Oct. 20 as they endured a daylong assessment in hopes of earning one of several competitive MIADs next summer. Military Individual Advanced Development programs, like Special Forces Assessment and Selection, the Sapper Leader Course and the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, are highly-sought training opportunities and the MIAD selection process determines which cadets want it the most by proving they are the best of the best. See Pages 8-9 for story and photos. Visit www.flickr.com/photos/west_point/ for more photos.

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Army Energy Awareness Month - October 2012
Enhancing Mission Effectiveness

Energy Awareness Month provides an opportunity for everyone in the Army to evaluate their daily energy and water use. Overreliance on resources, fossil fuels and connections to vulnerable electric power grids jeopardizes Soldiers' lives, mission effectiveness and the continued viability of our installations. Conservation, efficiency, sustainability, technology advancements and behavioral change are the pathways to creating an energy- and water-secure Army.

Many of our installations, such as forward operating bases, are at the end of distribution lines, making them increasingly at risk for power and water disruption. Over seventy percent of the logistics required to sustain combat outposts and forward operating bases consists of liquid fuel and water. The requirement to secure every fuel and water convoy not only diverts combat resources from the primary mission, but it also puts our Soldiers at greater risk.

We are making great strides toward reducing the number of these convoys and increasing the energy independence of each Soldier. We currently have over 30 mini-grids operating in Afghanistan that save more than 50 million gallons of fuel annually – equivalent to removing 55 trucks per day from the road. We are reducing dismounted Soldier energy loads using advanced portable power systems, lighter batteries, universal charging devices, and water re-use systems.

We urge every member of the Army team – Soldiers, Families, and Civilians – to contribute to creating an “energy- and water-informed culture” and to assist the Army in reducing consumption. Each deployed Soldier can reduce the amount of fuel for both transportation and electricity generation through small things like turning off heating, cooling and lights in unoccupied tents or ensuring that generators are utilized in an efficient manner that saves fuel and reduces maintenance.

The success of the Army’s mission and the security of our Soldiers depend on reliable access to energy and water. Each of us has not just an opportunity but an obligation to enhance our mission effectiveness through individual conservation efforts. Energy and water conservation helps to keep us Army Strong!

Need voting assistance? Contact West Point’s voting assistance officer, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burich at 938-8450 or garrison POC Pamela Lozell at 938-8452 for answers to your questions.

Solution to Weekly Sudoku

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USMA conference ties theme of integrity with ethics

27th annual National Conference on Ethics in America engages 200 students on relevant issues

By Kenneth L. Cameron, Ph.D., MPH, ATC

The John A. Feagin Jr. Sports Medicine Fellowship program at Keller Army Community Hospital received a $750,000 grant to continue research in preventive medicine; specifically preventing Anterior Cruciate Ligament, or ACL, injuries through the use of biomarker research.

Several fellows from the program—Dr. (Lt. Col.) Steven Svoboda, Lt. Col. Brett D. Owens, Dr. Travis Harvey, Dr. Patrick Tarwater, Dr. William Brechue and Dr. Kenneth Cameron—co-authored a research paper pertaining to “The Association Between Serum Biomarkers of Cartilage Turnover and Subsequent Anterior Cruciate Ligament Rupture.”

As a result of their hard work, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command awarded the O’Donoghue Sports Injury Research Award to this team.

“If we can identify people predisposed to ACL tears, one day we may be able to prevent injuries before they occur,” Svoboda, director, John A. Feagin Jr. Sports Medicine Fellowship, and the head physician for the Army Football team, said.

Individuals who tear their ACL are seven to eight times more likely to develop post-traumatic osteoarthritis in their knee following injury. Those who injure their ACL are also substantially more likely to experience osteoarthritis at a much younger age than the general population.

One study reported that 51 percent of female soccer players who had torn their ACL developed osteoarthritis in their knee by the age of 31.

Svoboda recognized that a significant challenge in treating patients at risk for post-traumatic osteoarthritis is the ability to identify the initiation and progression of this debilitating condition earlier in its clinical course.

“We currently rely on standard x-rays to diagnose osteoarthritis following ACL injury; however, the condition does not generally show up on x-ray until the disease is in its advanced stages,” Svoboda said. “As a result, a significant window to intervene and potentially alter the clinical course of post-traumatic osteoarthritis is lost.”

To address this problem, Svoboda initiated a series of studies, funded by a research grant from the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation, to examine changes in four biomarkers of cartilage turnover and metabolism following ACL injury.

The results of this study were presented at the 2011 American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, an annual meeting where the research team received the best scientific poster award.

During their initial study the research team observed notable differences between the ACL injured cases and the uninjured control subjects at baseline, prior to ACL injury.

“We expected that the two groups (Control and Injury) would be similar at baseline (e.g., pre-injury) but would be divergent at follow-up (post-injury),” Svoboda said. “Surprisingly, we found that the cases and controls differed both in their pre-injury state, as well as in the change in biomarker levels over time.”

To assess the magnitude of the association between pre-injury biomarker levels and the subsequent likelihood of ACL injury, the research team conducted additional analyses.

The findings of this work were presented at the 2012 AOSSM annual meeting where the research team received the O’Donoghue Sports Injury Research Award, which is the society’s highest award for clinical research.

The cadets raced on three course—a middle distance course Oct. 19, a long distance course Oct. 20 and sprint on Sunday.

In addition, Class of 2014 Cadet McKenzie Hudgins posted an excellent time as part of the U.S. Junior Women’s Relay Team Sunday.

Coast Guard Academy Exchange Cadet Kelsee LaRoche, placed first in the Women’s Beginner Class in both the Sprint and the Long Distance races, while Class of 2015 Cadet Judelyn Farrow placed second and third in the same races.

Class of 2014 Cadet Chris Murray placed first in the Men’s Sprint race beginner’s category and Class of 2016 Cadet Morgan Rabalais placed first in the Long race Men’s Beginner Class.

Speech Team: The Speech Team sent four teams to Yale University Oct. 19-20 where 160 teams from approximately 40 colleges debated in the American Parliamentary Debate Association Competition.

The U.S. Military Academy teams debated four rounds using the British Parliamentary debate format.

ASCE: The West Point Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers attended the 2012 Annual Conference Oct. 18-20 in Montreal.

The conference focused on civil engineering in the new global economy and featured numerous concurrent sessions on infrastructure development and investment, sustainable energy, risk sharing and mitigation and ethics consideration.

Pistol Team: The West Point Pistol Team defeated the Ohio State University varsity pistol team Oct. 19-20. West Point swept all three events (Free Pistol, Air Pistol and Standard Pistol) in which men and women compete equally.

In Air Pistol, West Point shot a 2,213 to OSU’s 2,180. Class of 2013 Cadet Heather Deppe shot the team and match high score of 566 out of a possible 600. In Free Pistol, West Point shot a team score of 2,031 to OSU’s 2,019.

Class of 2013 Cadet Steve Halsmer shot the team and match high score of 520 out of a possible 600. West Point shot a Team score of 2,142 in Standard Pistol to OSU’s 2,019.

In Free Pistol, West Point shot a team score of 2,180. Class of 2013 Cadet Heather Deppe shot the team and match high score of 566 out of a possible 600. In Free Pistol, West Point shot a team score of 2,019.

Women’s Rugby: The West Point Women’s Rugby Team hosted Boston College Oct. 20 and dominated in both games with final scores of 84-6 and 44-15.

In the first game, 11 different players scored for Army while the defense held its opponent to no tries and just two successful kicks.

The second game was a more tightly fought contest as Army took a 10-5 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Army asserted itself early in the second half in both the set and loose play and quickly moved out to a 44-5 lead with eight different players putting points on the board during the game.

Boston College mounted a comeback with two tries late in the game, but Army had the game well in hand.

The team will travel to Providence, R.I., to take on last year’s New England Rugby conference champion Brown University Saturday.

Marathon Team: The West Point Marathon Team participated Sunday in the 28th running of the Army 10-Miler in Washington, D.C.

The Marthoners were led by the Class of 2013 Cadet Colin Chapman who finished in a blazing 58:05 earning him 142nd place overall.

Following closely behind was Class of 2014 Cadet Adam Irons (58:10, 146th) and Class of 2013 Cadets Johannes Olind (58:49, 166th) and Nathaniel Einfeldt (1:00:31, 263rd).

Bringing up the rear for the men were Class of 2015 Cadets David Richardson (1:03:04, 416th) and Austin Semmel (1:03:23, 449th).

The men’s team finished in 24th place overall and 11th in the Commander’s Cup division with a combined time of 3:55:33 for its top four runners.

On the women’s side, the Marthoners were led by the Class of 2014 Cadet Mackenzie Vaughn (1:11:48) who took 1,559th place overall and 185th in the women’s age category.

Following closely was the Class of 2016 Cadet Mackenzie Riford (1:13:33, 1,105th Overall) who took second place in the Women’s 19 and Under division and was followed closely by her classmate Tiffany Matthews (1:24:13, 5,329th).

Judo Team hosts Fall Classic

Submitted By West Point Judo Team

The West Point Judo Team hosted its annual classic Oct. 20 where junior and senior judo athletes from the tri-state area could test their skills.

For the second year in a row, the cadet team simultaneously ran the tournament and participated on the mats for the 2012 Fall Judo Classic.

The team had a successful showing, earning seven gold, six silver and four bronze medals. Below are the results by division:

Novice Men
• 2nd Place (u139lbs)—Michael Ross (‘16);
• 1st Place (u145lbs)—Chase Snow (‘15);
• 1st Place (u161lbs)—Kyle Underwood (‘15);
• 2nd Place (u161lbs)—Joel Puritz (‘14);
• 1st Place (u178)—James Long (‘13);
• 1st Place (u198)—Friederich Sauvant (German Exchange);
• 2nd Place (u198)—Jacob Mangus (‘16).

Women Divisions
• 1st Place Novice Women (u139)—
  Rachel Oliver (‘15);
• 1st Place Advanced Women (u139)—
  Caroline Patton (‘16);
• 2nd Place Senior Women (u172)—
  Catherine Clarke-Pounder (‘13);
• 3rd Place Senior Women (u172)—
  Elizabeth Posey (‘14).

Advanced Men
• 3rd Place (u145)—Carson Giammaria (‘14). Defeating one black belt for bronze;
• 2nd Place (u161)—John Barnes (‘13);
• 3rd Place (u178)—Michael Miranda (‘14). Defeating one black belt for the bronze;
• 2nd Place (u198)—Steven Patten (‘14). Defeating one black belt for bronze;
• 3rd Place (u198)—Aaron Jacobson (‘13). Defeating one black belt for bronze;
• 1st Place (u220)—Patrick Diehl (‘14). Defeating two black belts for gold.

The West Point Judo Team will defend the Japanese Ambassador Cup and Navy Commandant’s Cup at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., Saturday and are ready to defeat Air Force Nov. 2 at home.
The profession of arms is more than just a profession, it is a calling, said the Honorable Isaac “Ike” Skelton, former chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Upon receiving the 2012 Sylvanus Thayer Award at a banquet in his honor, Skelton thanked the Corps of Cadets assembled at Washington Hall Oct. 18 for their dedication and willingness to serve in this profession.

It was a calling Skelton was unable to answer. As a student at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo, his dream was to enter the U.S. Military Academy and serve in the Army. Polio prevented that dream from happening.

During his 34 years serving the constituents of Missouri in the House of Representatives, Skelton said it was his honor to appoint others to West Point in their pursuit of joining that profession.

“The purpose of this profession is to protect and maintain a secure America,” Skelton said. “No calling is more important to your fellow countrymen, and your West Point experience will prepare you well to serve our country in the years ahead.”

That calling, he said, will present many challenges for the nation’s military, both overseas and at home, where they may potentially face foreign aggressors, cyber-warfare and domestic disasters.

“You will join a military that will be returning home after more than 11 years of conflict; many servicemembers returning from deployment will be tired, and many will be mature beyond their years,” Skelton said.

He urged cadets to take advantage of the opportunities to learn from battlefield veterans which will improve them as officers and strengthen them as Soldiers.

Through 17 terms in the House of Representatives, Skelton had come to know many West Point graduates and witness the growth of the profession of arms.

He recommended six principles to the Corps to help guide them in their careers:

- Understand the Constitution;
- Become a student of the art of war;
- Take care of your troops and their families;
- Do your best to be proficient in your specialty;
- Take time with your family;
- Listen to your sergeants.

“During the sunrise of my life, it was my dream to come to West Point,” Skelton concluded. “That did not happen. But now, as the sun dips toward the sunset, I am at West Point. No graduate with brand new second lieutenant bars could be more thrilled than I.”

The Thayer Award was presented to Skelton by Association of Graduates Chairman Jodie Gløre and USMA Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr.

Huntoon described Skelton as a gifted and strategic spokesman for American values who was a stalwart advocate for the armed forces in Congress.

“He was a principal architect of the groundbreaking Goldwater-Nichols Act that revolutionized the concept of joint service in the Department of Defense and led to much of the extraordinary success of the armed forces in the past 25 years.

“He was the leading authority in the United States Congress on professional military education and a devoted and dedicated military historian whose reading lists are standard in our staff colleges and senior service colleges,” Huntoon added.
West Point Museum presents outdoor displays of ‘Living History’

(Right, below) Visitors to the West Point Museum enjoyed a display of ‘living history’ by Duffle Bag, a reenactment group who displayed World War II era weapons and uniforms Oct. 20. Duffle Bag support living history public events, exhibits and military vehicles, which include uniforms and civilian period wardrobe, support and support gear.

A reenactor at the living history event Oct. 20 at the West Point Museum demonstrates the Vector sub-machine gun. The Duffle Bag reenactor group presented uniforms, World War II and World War I era weapons and jeeps.

PHOTOS BY KATHY EASTWOOD
West Point gargoyles bring out gothic style to architecture

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The community may have read an article in the Oct. 11 Pointer View on the return of one of the Pershing Barracks gargoyles, which is to be restored and placed back on top of the southeast corner of Pershing Barracks clock tower.

This gargoyle fell from the building sometime in 1951-52 while the building was undergoing renovations. The wings were damaged and the entire piece nearly ended up in a trash heap.

It was rescued and placed in the hands of Joanna Patton, wife of retired Maj. Gen. George S. Patton IV, Class of 1946, and has been on her farm in Southampton, Mass, since. Now, after 60 years, the gargoyle has come home.

Architect Richard Morris Hunt originally built the West academic building/Pershing Barracks in 1895. Hunt also built the gymnasium, which is now West Point’s Washington Hall, the pedestal for the Statue of Liberty, the Roosevelt Building in New York and the Biltmore Estate, to name a few.

According to Gregory Church, architect in the Master Plans department at the Directorate of Public Works, Pershing Barracks had 16 gargoyles—three are missing, including the one that will be restored.

“There are currently two possible courses of action,” Church said. “One is to restore the gargoyle to its original condition by making molds of the wings on the remaining gargoyles on Pershing and restoring it to its original condition, then reattaching to the building. The other is to make a mold of the entire existing gargoyle on the building and replicate it with a new, similar material. This would depend on having a mason familiar with stone carving to evaluate the integrity of the damaged or repaired gargoyle for reinstallation.”

There is no current schedule to replace any of the three gargoyles missing from the building, but if so, Church said the best option would be to replicate them with new materials.

Although it is not known who created the gargoyles, the Biltmore estate in North Carolina was constructed at about the same time as Pershing and had many gargoyles.

“Pershing had to blend (with) a variety of different architectural styles around it, including the Tudor gothic designs of the old Central Barracks. The only remaining part of that building is Nininger Hall,” Dr. Jon Malinowski, geography professor and an expert on West Point’s landscape, said. “The other example from that time is the Firstie Club, the former Ordnance Compound. Those buildings do not have gargoyles, but because they have gothic elements, it makes sense that Hunt was trying to include gothic elements in the West Academic Building and gargoyles are very gothic.”

There are numerous grotesques on buildings on West Point, which are sometimes synonymous with gargoyles except that gargoyles were often used as rain spouts and jutted out from the building.

Grotesques generally are similar to reliefs and not used at rainspouts.

However, the gargoyles on Pershing Barracks are not rainspouts and were created for decoration.

“Some of these grotesques can be found on top of Bartlett Hall or over the middle archway on Thayer Hall between the two common entrances where there are horse figures. A few were taken off Bartlett Hall in the 1960s when they attached the Library. Those are on display on the backside of the band shell at Trophy Point. Grotesques can be found on the dental clinic building and the Cadet Chapel has many as well,” Malinowski said.
Making the MIAD cuts
Hundreds compete, only a few selected

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

It's not a vacation season most people would fight for... but for future Army leaders, this is an opportunity of a lifetime.

More than 300 U.S. Military Academy cadets embarked on rigorous MIAD (Military Individual Advanced Development) selection process Saturday in the hopes of earning a slot in one of several Military Individual Advanced Development (MIAD) classes.

Class of 2014 Cadet Anthony Burgess was among nearly 90 cadets vying for an opportunity next summer. Burgess and his colleagues were tested for physical fitness, combat water survival, individual and team assessment, and a written test.

The intent was to keep cadets on their feet and constantly moving. Hundreds compete, only a few selected.

But great things from the officers and NCOs who have attended the school," Rodriguez said. "It was a phenomenal experience and I am very glad that I did it."

"I wanted to do something very unique and very difficult. I've heard nothing but positive things about Sapper Leader Course. From then on, I had a fascination with what that school offers, it was intimidating but great," Rodriguez said.

"I am proud of my performance. I was much stronger this year in the event than last year," Ward said.

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FMWR Haunted House

FMWR presents Camp Buckner’s Night of the Living Dead Haunted House from 6-9 p.m. tonight and Friday. 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.

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.

ACS’ Relocation Readiness workshops

There are several ACS’ Relocation Readiness workshops available in the next two months. The workshops include:
- Sponsorship Training workshop, 9-10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28;
- Overseas Briefing workshop, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 15 and Dec. 21;
- PCS workshops, 9-10 a.m. Nov. 15 and Dec. 20.

All workshops are held at ACS Bldg. 622. For more information, call 938-3487.

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. Wednesday. 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.

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:
- Greenwich Village Halloween Parade, Wednesday, 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.

USA Gym 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.

USA Gym 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.

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.

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 resume and apply for jobs with USAJOBS.

The upcoming employment readiness fall workshops are:
- 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.

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 scrapbooking 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.

Fall Story Hour

Join the West Point Post Library for preschool story hour on Tuesdays through 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.

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 sign up.

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.

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.

FMWR/CYSS Cash and Carry Sale

A FMWR/CYSS non-appropriated cash sale will be held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Nov. 1-2. Items for sale will be assorted children’s furniture to include rockers, large storage cubbies, tables, chairs, book cases, easels, storage shelves and wooden play kitchens.

The above items are located at the Youth Center gym, Bldg. 500, Washington Road. Items must be picked up the same day.

- Priority 1: Nov. 1—Open to military personnel, civilian employees and other authorized installation FMWR patrons. An ID card is required to verify individual’s eligibility.
- Priority 2: Nov. 2—Open to the general public after 1 p.m.

For more information, call 938-2023.

BOSS Thanksgiving Food Drive

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Buffalo Soldier Pavilion with a non-perishable food item for its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. BOSS will also be doing its fall clean up.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Thanksgiving Day Feast

Join the West Point Club from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 22 for its traditional Thanksgiving Day Feast.

The Feast will take place in the Club’s Grand Ballroom. Club members and families of deployed servicemembers save 15 percent. Advance reservations are required.

For reservations and information, call 938-5120.

2012 Army Digital Photography Contest

Calling all creative photographers to submit entries to the Army Digital Photography Contest. Submissions for the contest are due Nov. 30.

For more information, contact the West Point Arts and Crafts Shop at 938-4812 or armymwr.com/recleisure/artandcrafts.
Parent Teacher Organization event

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

The shopping hours are 8 a.m-3:30 p.m. today and 8-10 a.m. Friday.

For more information, contact Carlyls Lemler, PTO president, at carlylsromano@yahoo.com.

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

“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. Saturday-Sunday.

Meet the challenge to find objects cleverly hidden along the Halloween Nature Trail and earn 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 Swim Club registration

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

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.

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.

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:

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

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 938-8862 and staff and faculty members interested in either the BRC or ERC, contact Aubrey Posey at 938-6131.

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.

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

Personally-owned firearms range

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

The range is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 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. Lazo at 938-3007.

Holiday Craft Bazaar

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 wpwcbazaar@gmail.com.

Civilian Health Benefits Fair

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.

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 register for distance learning courses.

The courses and dates available are:

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

Garrison Town Hall meeting

There will be a Garrison Town Hall meeting at 3 p.m. Monday in Eisenhower Hall. Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. will preside over the meeting.

All personnel must be seated in Eisenhower Hall no later than 2:45 p.m.

West Point School Board Meeting

Mark your calendar for a date change to the November West Point School Board Meeting.

The meeting is now scheduled at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 1 at the West Point Middle School Conference Room.

For more information, contact Eileen Ellingsen, Logistics Management specialist for West Point Schools, NY/VA/PR DDESS, at 938-3506.

Veterans Day assembly

The students, faculty and staff of the West Point Middle School invite the West Point community, families and veterans to an assembly in honor of Veterans Day at 1 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Middle School Auditorium.

The special program will focus on the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Transition Assistance Program workshops

Transition Assistance Program workshops are four- or five-day events designed to assist separating or retiring servicemembers in preparing for a smooth transition to civilian life.

The workshops provide information on entitlements and services available, including the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans’ Benefits Briefing. The N.Y. Department of Labor also conducts an extensive Job Assistance Workshop. For ACAP eligibility information, visit www.acap.army.mil/eligibility.aspx.htm.

Upcoming dates for the TAP workshops are:

- Nov. 6-9;
- Dec. 11-14;
- Jan. 7-11 (Retiree/Executive TAP-limited seat remaining);
- Feb. 12-15;
- March 5-8.

To register, contact the ACAP Office at 938-0634.

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

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.
TRICARE: Active duty to retirement
Health Net Federal Services will present a live webinar about transitioning from active duty to retirement at 3 p.m. Nov. 9. Space is limited, so register today at www.hnfs.com/go/webinars.

New and expectant moms needed for focus groups
The Obstetrics Department is seeking individuals to participate in four focus groups to be conducted during October and November 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.

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

Halloween Spirit Group Parade
The Cadet Spirit Group Halloween Parade, involving the Spirit Band and Rabble Rousers giving out candy, is scheduled for Wednesday. The parade starts at the Stony Lonesome Fire Station at 4:30 p.m. and travels through the Stony Lonesome Housing Area (left) followed by travel down to Delafield and Merritt Roads (below) and then to Lee Housing Area (below left). Children can line up along the roads to get their treats. The parade should reach Delafield/Merritt Housing by 5 p.m. and Lee Housing by 5:30 p.m. The parade will end in front of the Washington Road Fire Station by 6-6:25 p.m. For more information, contact Alton Lee, USCC Operations, at 938-8151.

LifeWorks at Balfour Beatty Communities
• Happy Halloween—Stop by 132 Bartlett Loop from 3-4:30 p.m. Wednesday for a special Halloween treat courtesy of your BBC family.

• Tour of Harness Racing Museum—Balfour Beatty Communities has planned a family event for West Point residents at the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 1. This event is free and open to current West Point Family Housing residents. Families will receive a special mini-tour of the museum, children will participate in horse games and create a horse-themed craft while everyone will take a ride on the Harness Racing 3-D Simulator.

BBC will provide soft drinks and snacks. Transportation is on your own, so please carpool if you can.

Register via email to Jodi Gellman at jgellman@bbcgrp.com. Email the number of adults and children names and ages attending before Friday.

• Cookie Monster’s birthday—In honor of one of our favorite Sesame Street characters, BBC will be celebrating the Cookie Monster’s birthday by handing out cookies at 132 Bartlett Loop. Come on by between 1:30-3 p.m. Nov. 2 and get your cookies while they last.

NOW SHOWING
Movies playing at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752
Friday—The Expendables 2, R, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Paranorman, PG, 7:30 p.m.

The theater schedule also can be found at www.shopmyexchange.com.
Late goal by Kozlak helps Army to 4-4 tie

By Ryan Yanoshak
Army Athletic Communications

Four different players scored goals as Army skated to a 4-4 overtime tie with Sacred Heart Oct. 20 in an Atlantic Hockey Association contest at the Milford Ice Pavilion in Milford, Conn.

Army fought back from three deficits and netted the tying goal with 33 seconds left to move to 1-2-1 overall and 1-0-1 in AHA action this season. Sacred Heart is 0-3-1, 0-2-1.

Sophomore forward Josh Richards, freshman forward Willie Faust, senior forward Andy Starczewski and freshman forward Joe Kozlak scored goals for Army while freshman defenseman Luke Jenkins collected a pair of assists.

Sophomore defenseman Maurice Alvarez, freshman defenseman Jonathan Gehrt, freshman forward Thane Heller, Kozlak, Faust and Starczewski all registered assists.

Sophomore goalie Rob Tadazak made 25 saves to earn the tie.

Sacred Heart got an early goal as Eric Delong blasted home his second goal of the season a minute into the contest.

The Black Knights had to kill off a charging penalty 90 seconds later and then another penalty later in the period and trailed 1-0 after the first 20 minutes despite a 19-13 advantage in shots on goal.

Army started the second period on the power play and then had a 5-on-3 advantage after an interference whistle. The Black Knights came out firing on and Richards was rewarded when he tapped in a rebound of an Alvarez shot.

Jenkins got the puck to Alvarez who shot it from inside the blue line. Richards hustled to corral the loose puck for his second goal of the season. It was also the second assist for Alvarez.

Sacred Heart had a 5-on-3 of its own shortly after following penalties for slashing and too many men on the ice. Sacred Heart capitalized as Brian Sheehan gave the Pioneers a 2-1 lead.

Faust netted his first collegiate goal to tie the game with five minutes left in the second period. With a Sacred Heart player off for roughing, Faust knocked home the rebound of a Gehrt shot.

Kozlak set the play up with a nice pass for his third assist of the season. It was the second point this season for Faust and the first for Gehrt.

The Pioneers went back on top with a power play goal by Kyle Verbeek with 12 seconds left in the second period.

Army tied the game again eight minutes into the final period. Jenkins collected a loose puck in the Army end and got the puck to Faust.

Faust went across the ice to Starczewski who fired in a wrist shot for his fourth goal of the weekend.

The Pioneers, playing on home ice for the first time this season, went back on top with an even-strength goal from Moran Bonner with 8:25 remaining.

Army continued to apply offensive pressure and pulled Tadazak with 1:20 left to play. The Black Knights extra attacker paid off when Kozlak scored with just 33 seconds left, his first career goal. Heller earned the assist.

In overtime, Army had several chances but was unable to break the tie.
Lewis’ late goal leads Men’s Soccer past Bucknell 2-1

By Christian Anderson
Army Athletic Communications

Junior midfielder Jason Lewis scored his first career goal with 13 seconds left to play in regulation to give Army a 2-1 victory over Patriot League foe Bucknell Oct. 20 in Lewisburg, Pa.

Lewis’ goal, which was scored at the 89:47 mark, came just 44 seconds after Bucknell’s Collin Costello had evened the score at 1-1. Army sophomore goalkeeper Winston Boldt stopped five of the six shots he faced to earn his fourth victory of the season.

Army led nearly the entire game after senior forward Trent Brown gave the Black Knights a 1-0 advantage in the seventh minute. The fourth-year striker tallied his second goal of the season at the 6:09 mark off assists from senior midfielder Michael Kim and sophomore midfielder Devin Perlee.

The 1-0 advantage stood up until the 90th minute when Costello scored with just 57 seconds remaining in the second half. The match appeared to be destined for overtime following Costello’s marker, but Lewis had other ideas as he scored off assists from freshman midfielder Parker Dixon and senior defender Mitch Johnson just a couple of moments before the final whistle.

Volleyball sweeps rival Navy, improves to 7-1 in Patriot League

By Tracy Nelson
Army Athletic Communications

Sophomore setter Mary Vaccaro was one kill shy of a triple-double, while senior co-captain Ariana Mankus and junior outside hitter Margaux Jarka tallied 10 and 11 kills, respectively, as the Army volleyball team hung on for a 3-0 win over rival Navy Oct. 19 at a packed Gillis Field House.

The victory extended the Black Knights’ win streak to four matches and improved Army (15-6, 7-1 Patriot League) to 41-10 all-time against Navy (8-12, 4-4).

The Black Knights took a 2-0 (25-15, 25-22) lead into the break and outlasted Navy 26-24 in a thrilling third set to close out the sweep.

Vaccaro totaled 19 assists, 10 digs and nine kills in a standout all-around effort.

The Orinda, Calif., native hit for a .571 percentage with just one error in 14 attempts. Freshman setter Vanessa Edwards totaled 15 assists, which helped free-up Vaccaro to hit.

“Beating Navy is a lot of fun,” Vaccaro said. “The entire team played so well tonight. Vanessa’s sets were just right there, perfect every time. It made it that much easier to get kills. The passing and blocking tonight were huge reasons as he scored off assists from senior middlefielder Michael Kim and sophomore middlefielder Devin Perlee.

“This was a very competitive match,” head coach Alma Kovaci said. “It was one of the best Army-Navy matches I’ve seen in a while. Give Navy credit for that. This was a tremendous win. We showed a lot of mental toughness.”