Brigade champs ready to face Navy

After a competitive semester of company athletics, the brigade finals determined the overall winners in the sports of wrestling, team handball, soccer, flag football, basketball and ultimate frisbee. Four of those brigade champion teams will compete against midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy on Saturday. See pages 10-11 for story and photos.
Construction begins on new cadet barracks

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

A groundbreaking ceremony was conducted Nov. 14 for construction of the new cadet barracks where Bldg. 720 once stood, between the Cadet Chapel and the Cadet Area.


The new barracks will be 287,000 square feet with six floors that will provide living space for 650 cadets.

The cadets will enjoy living in rooms with one other cadet instead of two. Often, because of overcrowding, roughly 40 percent of cadets lived three to a room.

With the new barracks, cadets will have latrines, a laundry room, office areas, storage rooms and offices for the cadre of five cadet companies.

"Cadets living conditions will now be comparable with the rest of the Army," Caslen said. Overcrowding in the barracks, most which were built in the early 1900s, has been a problem for years. Renovation of Scotts Barracks, which was built in 1931, began last year and there are plans for renovations of eight other barracks.
Changes in DMI branching program to better meet the needs of the Army

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Tonight, the Class of 2014 cadets will learn what branch they will serve as second lieutenants and, like thousands who've come before them, it will be a night of pride, joy, relief and, sometimes, disappointment.

It will also be a night of change—for the branching program at the U.S. Military Academy has evolved in recent years to better serve the needs of the U.S. Army.

Historically, the branching process was based on the Order of Merit List, cadet preferences and Army requirements. Col. Glenn Goldman, Department of Military Instruction’s accessions division chief, said. “Plus, branch missions, branch capabilities, unique equipment, junior officer assignments, branch capability integration and branch assignment process.

Branch Week activities, junior leader panels and Cadet Troop Leader Training all contribute to the branching process which develops more informed and educated cadets. In 2012, the Department of Military Instruction began making new developments to its branching program to better meet the needs of the Army.

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Three Pillars of USMA Branching Program

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BRANCH ASSIGNMENT PROCESS

Initial assignments using Order of Merit List, cadet preferences, Branch Active Duty Service Obligation and Army constraints
Board deviates from the OML solution to better meet the needs of the Army
Commandant endorses and superintendent approves final branching solution

Lt. Col. Ken Heckle was assigned by the Department of the Army G1 to assist with the talent management program.

“They sent an expert here to help us, and he’s really the foundation regarding theory in talent management,” Whittle said. “He puts together a team of experts to look at every cadet file for assessment, then provides each cadet with specific recommendations on branches they’re a good fit for.”

Whittle compares this to a civilian industry that hires a person based on a desired list of credentials to include education, job experiences and relatable skills.

“That’s what the branch commandants are doing—articulating what they want in a potential junior officer,” Whittle said. “The
challenge with this is we’re hiring 1,000 people at once, and we have exact numbers to achieve with each branch. The benefit is we have four years to interview them and four years to develop them for the job.”

The Class of 2014 will be the first class to complete the talent management and branch assignment components, to include the COMPASS testing—a series of cognitive and non-cognitive tests taken second semester of cow year.

“It’s a battery of tests they take which measures individual talents by experiences, attributes, personality traits, behavior and interests,” Whittle said. “These are proven tests that are done in the civilian industry and in the military to assess talents. Working with the Army Research Laboratory, our DA-G1 folk developed this tailored COMPASS assessment for our cadets to be able to assess a lot of their talent strengths.”

Branching used to be a process limited mostly during the firstie year.

“Now, we start collecting their preferences during plebe year to get them thinking about what they want to be, and it allows them to shape their cadet experience,” Goldman said. “If we ask them these questions as a plebe they’re going to want to learn about it, maybe talk to their squad leader and that becomes a leader development opportunity there. Then that plebe has a better understanding of what it takes to be an Engineer or Aviation officer and then can choose an academic major to support that or participate in a club that can help develop those required skills.”

The Branch Education and Mentorship component takes a progressive, building block-type approach where cadets are taught:

- Branch missions;
- Capabilities and equipment;
- Junior officer assignments and responsibilities;
- Branch capability integration;
- Branch talent priorities;
- Branch assignment process.

“We think that BEMP actually has the biggest influence on talent management because this is the mechanism by which cadets will learn about their talents, the branches and match them up,” Whittle said.

In the classroom, it starts plebe year with the Military Science 100 course and carries through to a cadet’s final year in the MX 400 Officership course. Mentorship is also a critical component of BEMP, with tactical officers and NCOs, faculty and team officer representatives sharing their experiences and guidance. Outside the classroom, cadets further develop branch education during summer training at Camp Buckner, participating in leadership details and troop leader training or attending military schools.

Before Branch Night, the OML, cadet preferences and Army constraints are factored and those results are analyzed by the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis and the USMA DA/G1 representative. That analysis is then presented to the branching board that includes the DMI director and representatives from the Dean of the Academic Board’s Office, U.S. Corps of Cadets and DA/G1. The commandant serves as president of this board who is present only to resolve tie votes. The system is numerically scored and can be plugged into an algorithm to easily stratify each cadet’s progress in meeting branch requirements.

The board for the Class of 2014 convened the last week of October, received the branching requirements analysis for discussion and concluded early several days later with a briefing to the commandant. Ultimately, DA/G1 endorses the results and verifies the requirements are met.

The analysis includes an assessment of how well the talent priorities of each branch are met. Although the branch selection and class ranking results are announced on Branch Night, the analysis and board recommendations are confidential.

“We’re already seeing the effect of the program based on the alignment of the talent with Army needs and on an increase in cadet satisfaction,” Goldman said. “But you really won’t see the full impact of this program until four or five years from now, once these cadets graduate and get out in the force and perform.”

Goldman said he was initially skeptical about changing the branching program but has become a true believer in it.

“I am very confident in this program. I’ve been part of this program working with a great group of officers, civilians and analysts who’ve been supporting us for almost two and a half years,” Goldman said. “I’ve seen it develop from a concept on a piece of paper to actual implementation. I’ve had a lot of personal satisfaction from being a board member, twice now, and when it concluded, I walked away feeling we did right by the Army and we did right by the cadets. They’re more informed, more educated and making good decisions about their futures.”

The OML still serves as the foundation for the branching process, but it’s more than just adhering to tradition.

“When you’re measuring someone’s talent, you measure that person’s potential,” Whittle said. “The OML is a strong incentive for cadets to perform in the three pillars—academic, military and physical. We should reward that performance.”

That means the higher a cadet is on the list, the stronger their vote on branch preference—no guarantees attached.

“If a cadet sets preferences that don’t match where his or her talents lie, they’re still at risk of being moved although the OML strengthens their vote,” Whittle said.

If the cadets have internalized this system and their preferences are matching their talents, it doesn’t really matter what system is used because they’ll be put in the right branches.

“Our hope is that the cadets’ preferences will match their talents strengths,” Whittle said. “It should if they truly internalize this process—what you’re good at should become what you want to do.”

Tonight, Goldman will join the Class of 2014 at Branch Night with said confidence in the selection process, but he also acknowledges room for further improvements.

Once this round of branching is done we will very critically look at it again and see where we could make some improvements and efficiencies,” Goldman said.

But until then, he anticipates seeing a lot of pleased firsties tonight.

“My expectation for this Branch Night is that it’s going to be a very memorable milestone in their path to officership,” Goldman said. “It’s going to be a very emotional night ... I think cadets will be very satisfied. Not everybody is going to get their first choice—it doesn’t work that way—but what we’re doing is putting the focus on the fact there are no bad choices. There are 16 branches cadets can commission into and those Soldiers need leadership. There is no wrong choice.”

Black Knight I makes historic flight into space

The U.S. Military Academy’s first venture into space came to fruition Tuesday when the Black Knight I CubeSat accompanied 28 other nanosatellites on board an Air Force Minotaur 1 rocket that launched at 8:15 p.m. The launch from NASA Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia was sponsored by the U.S. Defense Department’s Operationally Responsive Space office. Several of the CubeSats were designed and built by colleges, universities and one high school, making this a unique educational launch. Members of the Black Knight CubeSat capstone team and the West Point Amateur Radio Club joined forces to operate the Ground Control Center inside Thayer Hall.

No transmission from the satellite was received but Lt. Col. Guy Burrows, officer-in-charge, said it was a good rehearsal for the crew who will be monitoring activity at Ground Control while working on the Black Knight II. Communication with the CubeSat was expected sometime Wednesday and the Pointer View will report on this in the Dec. 5 publication.
**CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

(From left) Class of 2014 Cadet Adam Irons, Class of 2016 Cadet Nick Juliano and Class of 2015 Cadet Dave Richardson run the Richmond Marathon.

**Marathon Team:** The West Point Marathon Team traveled south for the Anthem Richmond Marathon and Half Marathon Nov. 15-17. For the ninth out of the past 10 years, the Richmond Parents Club and West Point Society invited cadets into their homes. These wonderful sponsors, coordinated through the hard work of Jim Brown (Class of 1985 graduate), are always a highlight of the trip. Though the race day was cold and drizzly, cadets still showed up smiling and flew through the beautiful neighborhoods of Richmond at “America’s Friendliest Marathon.”

Class of 2015 Cadet Danny Schlich ran a personal best in the half marathon, coming in at 1:11, only two weeks after running the New York City Marathon. Class of 2017 Cadet Mario Lund, completed his first marathon in 2:54, and afterward said the best part of the race was downhill.

Class of 2017 Cadet Joe Anchondo, also new on the team this semester, ran a great race at 2:56. Class of 2016 Cadet Marc Samland came back from an injury earlier this semester to run an incredible marathon in 2:53. On the women’s side, Class of 2016 Cadet Mackenzie Riford came in at 1:38 for the half marathon, taking third place in her age group. Class of 2014 Cadet Mackenzie Vaughn set a new personal best for the half marathon at 1:31. Also recording her best half marathon time was Class of 2014 Cadet Rachel Phillips at 1:42.

Chrisi Hofer and Johannes Scheicher, both Austrian exchange cadets who trained with the team all semester, completed their first marathon and were a great addition to the West Point team as they trained hard for that first 26.2-mile effort.

“Getting to the finish line was an overwhelming feeling, seeing all of the people cheering,” Hofer said. “I couldn’t feel any more pain, just pride.”

Up next for the West Point Marathon Team is the 150-plus mile relay run delivering the football to the Army-Navy Game.

(Editor’s note: This article was written by Class of 2014 Cadet Mackenzie Vaughn.)

**Mixed Martial Arts:** The Army Martial Arts team sent four fighters to the Grand Champion Karate Cup Sunday. The Martial Arts team fought hard matches against members of last year’s USA Karate Team, taking each match the distance. Class of 2016 Cadet Tyler Parker fought his way through the Men’s beginner bracket to the championship bout where he wore down his opponent with punching combinations, and scoring with two punishing roundhouse kicks to take home first place for the tournament, earning his first career Gold Medal.

**Debate:** A select group of cadet parliamentary debaters traveled to the University Club in Manhattan Nov. 13 to defend last year’s title in the Club’s annual debate invitational. They competed against Columbia, Johns Hopkins and Harvard. In the final round, they lost a close audience vote.

**Men’s Volleyball:** The West Point Men’s Volleyball traveled to Bucknell University to take on its Patriot League brethren Nov. 16-17.

The team’s first match was against Loyola and easily dominated both sets with winning margins of greater than 10. West Point then played American University and won both sets in an impressive performance. The undefeated cadets next faced the undefeated Merchant Marine Academy. West Point won the first set, but the MMA team took the second set.

Showing grit and determination, the West Point Volleyball team took the third set and ended up as No. 1 seed of their bracket. The next day they defeated Bucknell University in the semifinal before facing the U.S. Naval Academy. After taking the first game, the cadets were unable to beat the midshipmen. It was a valiant effort from the West Point team which has a lot to be proud of despite the heartbreaking loss.

**Parachute Team:** On a cool autumn morning, West Point cadets traded in their Lakota helicopter for a bulky 12-passenger van as they buckled into a five-hour drive down to the 779th Aerial Space and Operational Physiology Training Center at Joint Base Andrews to enter a High Altitude Parachutists Chamber. Parachute Team received training in skills that directly translate to the in-extremis environment that awaits them in the Army, and possibly combat.

In the sport of skydiving where risk is inherent, one of these skills involves knowing how to perform in a risky, potentially life-threatening situation. In the altitude chamber, cadets were exposed to the effects of Hypoxia, a type of oxygen deprivation that occurs due to the lack of atmospheric pressure at higher altitudes. For some, the effects were nothing more than a sense of fatigue, but for others, a feeling of nausea, dizziness, shortness of breath and euphoria set in.

This training was a success as each cadet was able to diagnose themselves with hypoxic symptoms and correctly perform the emergency procedures.

The last event of the day involved an exam, after which each cadet was awarded a high altitude parachutists certification card. The team looks forward to its next training opportunity with new members of the Black Knights next semester.
Rauenzahn, Loss receive DPE awards for excellence

Warrior of Excellence Award is named in honor of Lt. Gen. Harold “Hal” Moore

Class of 2014 Cadet Katie Loss

Sports Career: Black Belt in karate in 2008; Judo team at West Point; Kickboxing team while abroad in Morocco.

Interesting/challenging experience as a cadet-athlete: “Having had three different knee surgeries while here at West Point, I can definitely say that mental toughness is the single most important attribute any cadet can have. Life is uncontrollable, all we have are our attitudes to the situation around us.”

On receiving this award: “It is an honor to have been chosen for this award, especially considering all the amazing athletes we have in our class. I will definitely remember all the principles that it honors and the values Lt. Gen. Moore lived and carry them with me through my Army career.”

Final thoughts: “I would not be where I am today without the love and support of my family, friends and mentors. Thank you to everyone who has helped me and inspired me through my time here at West Point.”

Class of 2014 Tyler Rauenzahn

Sports Career: “In high school, I wrestled and ran cross country and track. I was a two-time state qualifier in wrestling, placing second my junior year and third my senior year. I was a three-time state cross country qualifier. I came to West Point to wrestle and was injured for the majority of my plebe and yearling seasons, but competed for my entire cow season. This year, my goals include beating Navy, qualifying for nationals and placing top 8 at NCAAs.”

Interesting/challenging experience: “Every year, the wrestling team has the tradition of running the ski slope hill during pre-season. This is one of, if not the most physically and mentally challenging experiences I have ever been through.

We slowly work our way up the mountain, switching between interval sprints where we sprint up a certain distance, then back down, then up again, buddy carries, bear crawls, etc. As a team, we push each other to the limit and grow closer each step of the way. There is no better feeling than looking down from the top of that mountain, completely exhausted, and standing arm in arm with your brothers.”

On receiving this award: “To me, this award represents all of the time and effort I have put into the classroom and the wrestling room over the past three-and-a-half years. It reminds me of what Army Wrestling and my brothers on the team have pushed me to accomplish.”

Final thoughts: “I would like to share that my accomplishments could have in no way been done by myself. I have relied on my classmates and especially my teammates in my academics and my wrestling.

“They are always there for me, whether it is to tell me what I’m doing wrong on the mat, or to talk about what’s going on outside of West Point.”
Viall named first inductee into the Order of Thor

Story by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

If you happen to see Lt. Col. Kenneth Viall in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, take the time to say:

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That’s “congratulations” in binary. The assistant professor became the first inductee into the Military Cyber Professionals Association’s Order of Thor Nov. 15 at a ceremony in the Thayer Award Room.

“It’s a huge honor for me,” Viall said. “As a Signal officer and knowing how that branch has evolved since the 1800s ... at some point there’s going to be a cyber profession—a cyber branch—in the military. To be the first recipient in the MCPA was a real surprise.”

Viall said it was simply a matter of joining an organization he found relevant and interesting. Not too long after he began volunteering his services to the MCPA.

Col. Gregory Conti, West Point Cyber Research Center director, commended Viall for serving as the MCPA’s chief information officer and his career as a Signal Corps officer supporting cyber operations.

The award cites Viall’s contributions in preparing the next generation of military cyber professionals at the U.S. Military Academy.

The citation, signed by the MCPA founder, Joe Billingsley, reads: “His exceptional service directly impacts the ability of the Department of Defense to rapidly develop this burgeoning community that spans the joint force and is a national defense priority.

The Order of Thor is named for the mythological warrior who battles beyond the clouds—appropriate, considering the cloud is a widely recognized symbol of cyber space.

The non-profit organization which launched several months ago counts service members, retirees and civilians in the cyber community among its members.

An MCPA chapter at West Point is in the process of being formed.

To learn more, visit https://mileyber.org.

The back of the Order of Thor medallion contains an image of a mythological warrior’s hand holding a hammer in defense of the clouds, just as members of today’s cyber defense community wage battle in cyber space.

ChemE Club cadets earn honors at Nationals

By Lt. Col. Robert Bozic
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The West Point AIChE Club cadets won honors in research, chemical engineering jeopardy and student achievement at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers National Student Competitions Nov. 1-4 in San Francisco.

Class of 2014 Cadets Aaron Beyea, Erik Houston and Mark McCormick and Class of 2015 Cadets Seamus Bann and Lauren Ng competed in the national poster competition with entries in cutting edge topic areas of bio-hybrid fuel cells, protein engineering, microbial fuel cells, modeling the cardiovascular system and TNT separations from ground water.

Houston and Bann finished second and third, respectively, in the Fuels, Petrochemicals and Energy I poster contest for their work on a project sponsored by the Army Research Lab under the direction of Dr James J. Sumner, Army researcher, and Lt. Col. Robert Bozic, U.S. Military Academy Department of Chemistry and Life Science.

Ng placed third in Separations II for a project sponsored the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, ERDC-EL and the Columbia University Department of Chemical Engineering under the direction of Bozic, Dr. Scott A Banta and Dr. Alan C. West.

The Chem-E team of Class of 2015 Cadets John Bohnhoff, Ng, Reed Pyers and Nijel Rogers competed in the National Chemical Engineering Jeopardy Competition and placed second in the preliminary round against Georgia Tech and Trine University. Georgia Tech won the round and advanced to final jeopardy.

During the weekend of events, the national chapter of AIChE recognized Class of 2016 Cadet James Haworth as the West Point Chemical Engineering Club Outstanding Freshman Award Winner for AY13 and Bann was the West Point Chemical Engineering Club Donald F. Othmer Sophomore Academic Excellence Award Winner for AY13.

The AIChE national organization recognizes that West Point’s relatively new club has cadets showing great enthusiasm for academics and chemical engineering. In its sixth year as a nationally registered club, cadets have proven to continuously establish themselves.

The weekend was full of events and an excellent program focused on academic achievement, engineering competition, chemical engineering career progression and education on how to run and manage an active and fun student AIChE chapter.

Cadet leaders discussed with other student chapter members, while learning from the various seminar speakers, and interacted with professional chemical engineers throughout all sorts of industry.

The cadets are also continuing to explore building a ChemE Car for competition in April 2014.

This trip helped the West Point ChemE team learn more about the competition and the Army team gained valuable information toward the first-ever West Point ChemE Car—the “Knight Ride.”
PV: Part of your job as honor captain is dealing with the less transparent issues facing the Corps of Cadets — honor violations. When I read the job description I wondered what cadet would want that sort of responsibility.

Moser: “The title does come with a certain amount of serious responsibility with what we are trying to project and the tradition as well of the honor code. I want to do this. Personally, I think when you hear about West Point you get the sense of academics and athletics, but not always about what makes this West Point. What makes us different is the honor. From the beginning, I thought this was amazing and wanted to be a part of it. I can do academics and participate in activities at any other school, but only here could I aspire to be in a position like the honor captain.”

PV: So then tell me what being honor captain is all about?

Moser: “It means talking with and meeting with a lot of people—I have my mentorship staff, education staff, PAO, secretary and executive officer—but a lot of the job is about command and control. I don’t have to micromanage anyone because it’s a great staff, and that goes all the way down to the company level. “I have a lot of respect for the regimental representatives—their job is really difficult but I trust all of them with every single board we’ll go through. I also make sure that the honor committee reflects our vision of inspiring honorable living and building trust throughout the semester.”

PV: I really don’t know anything about an honor board or what degrees of violations there might be. What’s major, what’s minor?

Moser: “Well the honor code states that a cadet cannot lie, cheat or steal, and I don’t consider any of those to be minor. They all have specific definitions and they’re all pretty severe. Anyone thought to have violated the honor code is investigated by the company reps and then the investigation goes to the regimental reps who will review it and compile a packet that is sent to the investigations officer to decide if it goes before an honor board. That’s the general process without getting too specific.”

PV: How is honor taught as an educational program?

Moser: “There are company level and regimental level educational programs and briefings for cadets. It’s a great year for honor education because our education officer, Hope Mango, has really been working hard on the lessons we’ve chosen. We have become more developmental this year because our vision is about responding to the superintendent’s request to elevate honor into honorable living. How do you raise the standard of honor? We want the honor code to be the foundation and the minimum. A cadet will not lie, cheat or steal—that’s the minimum. We want to raise the bar and say just doing those three things doesn’t necessarily mean you are living honorably. That’s our vision this academic year. The education aspect reflects the spirit of the code more so than telling someone not to plagiarize. We’re instructing cadets to own the code, which is not a daily ‘checking off the block.’”

PV: That doesn’t sound like a vision you can get immediate results on.

Moser: “It’s definitely easier said than done and it’s not one of those things we can turn around with results the next day. We have several end-of-year surveys and it won’t be until then that will we be able to determine the progress we’ve made.”

PV: Similar to the respect committee, being part of the honor committee has to be a struggle of perception—you guys police up the bad cadets.

Moser: “Well, the honor system does a good job of showing what wrong looks like. We have our honor boards and XY cases. But, this year the honor committee wants to focus on and recognize what right looks like.

“The honor code is not out to get ‘bad cadets.’ The honor committee is here for a cadet’s development to make them better people and future officers.”

PV: How do you think being the honor captain this academic year will benefit you when you graduate as a junior officer?

Mangru: “You would think that makes it important, but it just doesn’t always have that effect I guess.”

PV: What’s the biggest challenge facing the brigade respect committee?

Mangru: “It just isn’t something people care about—they see the brigade respect committee as the police, you know?” oh, you’re going to take away all my fun and make sure I can’t say this or that.”

PV: Doesn’t that type of perception apply to the honor committee as well—the people who enforce a code?

Mangru: “Yes, but the honor committee has a very well-established system in the Corps and Respect is just...”

PV: ...it’s just one of the seven Army values that serves as the foundation for this branch of the armed forces, so that has to have some merit, no?

PV: How do you think being the respect captain this academic year will benefit you as a soon-to-be second lieutenant?

Mangru: “I think it’s a step in the right direction. Personally, I don’t like when people recognize that they do something and then do it anyway. You’ll run into officers who will say right off the bat that they cuss and that it’s something they’re working on but you shouldn’t do it.

“It’s not right if you’re going to propagate something as a value, but then you can’t adhere to the same standard.

“It’s not enough to do something, apologize for doing it, and then hope those who follow you won’t do the same. It’s about leading by example.”

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Moser: “How can it not benefit me? Well I can answer that both personally and professionally. With the public speaking, presentations and working with the staff organization—that’s going to help me become a better officer because it’s what they do for a platoon, a company and all the way up the chain. It’s detail-oriented work.

“On a personal level, if I can accomplish what I want to it will be a personal victory because I’ll be raising my level of honor as we seek to raise it throughout the Corps. You have to first reflect on yourself before reflecting the vision onto others, so I think that personal development is going to help me later on in life.”

PV: Until now, what has been the most rewarding leadership experience you’ve had?

Moser: “I loved being a company honor rep, I really did. I was trained my sophomore year and then I was the honor rep NCO my cow year, as well as doing a couple honor details over the summer because I just happened to be here and they needed me to do it. Being able to dig into these investigations and find the truth of the matter was rewarding, I mean I’m not in any way a philosopher or lawyer but having that responsibility made me feel I was making a difference.”

PV: Ultimately, it’s not about you doing that job or even the person being investigated. It’s about upholding a code, right?

Moser: “It is not just mine but, every cadet’s responsibility to own and uphold the honor code. The honor code asks us to go beyond maintaining our own integrity, and demands that we ensure the integrity of those around us. Because at the end of the day, the honor system is cadet run.”

PV: So what does honor mean to you?

Moser: “Trust, integrity and competence.

PV: Does the honor code have the same meaning to you as when you first arrived here?

Moser: “I think my upbringing had a lot of influence. My dad was a grad and so I grew up with the stories about going to a school where if you lied you would get kicked out, and so with the little fibs I made as a child I’d always get that talk. So actually being here was surreal after being raised on those stories. With West Point, you have all this diversity and cadets coming from all over and having different life experiences. So West Point is like this great equalizer where we tell you what is right and what is wrong and why you should live honorably.

“But, being a part of the Honor Committee, especially as Honor Captain, there is not one day that I do not reflect about honor. This reflection is an ongoing process and after each reflection the honor code means more to me. When I first arrived at West Point, the honor code was just a set of rules that I abided by; but, now the honor code is a way of life.”

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— Class of 2014 Cadet Clare Moser, brigade honor captain

It really does. I’m kind of taking what the superintendent has said and honing in on his ideas. If you don’t have integrity and competence—if someone can’t trust you to do something and do it well then there’s no trust.”

PV: Explain how cadets receive respect education at the academy?

Mangru: “Honor and respect are taught jointly in what is called professional military ethic education, we know it as PME2, and it’s provided roughly once a month (through the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic) in a classroom environment. Plebes, yearlings and cows are actually taught by upperclassmen on a specific honor or respect issue. This year, we want to expand that beyond the classroom, and have companies do more with those issues—encourage open dialogue in a different environment.”

PV: Until now what has been the most rewarding leadership experience you’ve had at the academy?

Mangru: “I think being a team leader (yearling year) was pretty rewarding because you have one person you are looking out for and you’re directly responsible for their well-being. You see the effects of your leadership immediately and you get to dedicate yourself completely to making somebody better, more so than being a squad leader. When I was on battalion staff, there were so many people I wanted to help individually, but you had to look at the group as a whole. Being a team leader allows you to dedicate yourself to really making a difference in someone’s life.”

PV: As the brigade respect captain, tell me about this year’s respect committee?

Mangru: “Just from the amount of training we held before the semester proves they know what they’re doing and that they care about the right things. I’m a pretty harsh critic so I would be honest with you if I didn’t think they were. I can’t speak for the past academic years, but I think this year we have cadets for the first time who have embraced this cadet-run program and will really maximize their ability to affect change.”

PV: Among the issues your committee handles is the responsible use of alcohol. How is it a respect issue?

Mangru: “I personally think that irresponsible use of alcohol has led to a lot of respect issues. When I briefed what I thought the top five problems are in the Corps, alcohol misuse is number one. I don’t think we would have the SHARP issues that we do if we didn’t have that overlying misuse of alcohol. I think we can get at that from a respect angle.”

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Companies battle to be Brigade’s Best

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Company athletics earned its time in the spotlight Nov. 12-14 during the Brigade Finals. It was company versus company in six sports—basketball, soccer, wrestling, flag football, ultimate frisbee and team handball—all competing to earn the title of brigade champions.

Four of those winning teams will contend for additional bragging rights against the U.S. Naval Academy basketball, flag football, ultimate frisbee and soccer Saturday (see schedule on right).

Company C-1 deflated the Co. I-3 team in flag football 20-6 on Daly Field Nov. 12. Along with the trophy, the winning team members all received USCC diamond patches that can be worn on their black jackets, much like the ones worn by cadet athletes on Corps Squad and DCA Club teams. U.S. Corps of Cadets Commander Brig. Gen. Richard Clarke presented these to the Icemen with his congratulations.

“My favorite team to watch is the Icemen,” Clarke said. “It started with 36 teams and only two could get out here and enjoy the rivalry played on this field of friendly strife,” Clarke said. “It started with 36 teams and only two could get on the field today. It is a tough, tough thing to be here.”

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“That was a well-fought game, and truthfully, it was great for me to see here and enjoy the rivalry played on this field of friendly strife,” Clarke said. “It started with 36 teams and only two could get on the field today. It is a tough, tough thing to be here.”

Company H-4 team captain and wrestler E-2 Luke Martin accepts the championship trophy.

Company E-1 claimed the flag football title by a score of 14-7.

Class of 2014 Cadet Kevin Rose said the win as a semester-long goal effort.

“듐, a majority of cadets in the Corps work to make it a success,” he said. “There’s a lot of people who work to make it a success.”

That’s what Martin was looking for,” Santon said. “They all bought in and it was Co. E-1 overcoming the Co. H-4 team in ultimate frisbee by a score of 14-7.

The final event on Nov. 14 was team handball with Co. G-4 defeating Co. F-2, 14-7. The championship trophy was awarded for that match-up after edging Co. E-1 beat Co. H-4 in basketball, 52-40.

Class of 2014 Cadet Steven Santon, Co. E-1 team captain, said they worked all season on full-court defense which proved effective in the win.

“The Brady course was very demanding, and it was tough out here,” he said.

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That’s what I was looking for,” Santon said. “They all bought into the system and executed.

It also helped having half the team return from last year to build a second undefeated season.

“This year we were able to finish the job and win,” Santon, who has played all four seasons, said. “Getting to play against Navy is cool but our goal was winning the brigade finals.”

Next semester Santon said he’ll be field hockey with at least half of his team.

Other options in the spring are orienteering, floor hockey, return to submission grappling.

The company athletics program is an intramural/sports program that provides a competitive sports experience for more than 2,400 cadets.

Class of 2014 Cadet Jack Teminiro E-nunu seals the win for Company E-1 with a slam dunk for the win.

Class of 2014 Cadet Kevin Rose carries the ball for Company C-1 on route to a 20-6 win over Co. I-3 for the flag football championship.

Class of 2015 Cadet Luke Martin (right) represented Co. E-4 as the team earned the championship trophy in wrestling. (Right) The ultimate frisbee final ended in a 14-7 win for Co. F-2 over Co. D-3 Nov. 14 at Daly Field. For more photos, visit the USMA Flickr site at www.flickr.com/photos/usma/


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Cadets forge ahead with energy, environment efforts

By Class of 2014 Cadet McKenzie Hudgins and Class of 2015 Cadet Sam Thompson

The U.S. Corps of Cadets continues to forge a path toward energy and environmental sustainability as cadets carry forward past practices and enter into new competitions and enterprises concerning waste management.

Under the guidance of the Brigade Energy and Environmental Cadet chain of command (E2O), the keystone events this year include the Brigade Energy Competition, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, participation in the inaugural Great American Can Roundup Commander-in-Chief Academy Challenge, sponsored by the Can Manufacturers Institute, and participation in the nationwide RecycleMania competition.

Each of these events utilizes friendly competition to teach and support the sustainable practices needed to propel West Point forward as a leader in an energy and environmentally informed culture.

The Brigade Energy Competition is a six-week competition that began in mid-October. During this competition, Cadets decreased their energy demand in the barracks by practicing good energy savings techniques, such as keeping room lights off when not in use, turning off common area lights at night, powering off personal electronic devices rather than putting them in sleep mode, and keeping windows and doors closed while heaters are on.

Although the results from this year are not comparable to years past due to the temporary closing and renovation of Scott Barracks, the competition still helps to improve cadets’ awareness of their need to conserve energy. The barracks with the largest decrease in energy demand within the competition will be awarded the Department of Energy Excellence in Energy Award.

The 2013-14 academic year marks the first time West Point will compete alongside the Naval, Air Force, and Coast Guard Academies in the Great American Can Roundup Commander-in-Chief Academy Challenge, an inter-service academy recycling competition.

The competition began on America Recycles Day, Nov. 15, and ends on Earth Day, April 15. The competition focuses on recycling the greatest amount of aluminum cans per capita. In order to cement West Point as leaders in waste management, everyone is encouraged to continue to recycle. In addition to helping the Army reach its net zero waste management goals, lessons learned from the Great American Can Roundup Challenge aid in building a culture of sustainability among the Cadets.

Looking forward, West Point aims to win the nationwide RecycleMania competition this spring in the Per Capita Classic category.

The Corps of Cadets has improved its final standing every year since first entering with a noteworthy eighth place finish last year among more than 600 participating colleges and universities, just 10 pounds per person of recycled materials behind the champion.

Increased awareness and the continuation of sound recycling practices built upon from last year make a first-place finish well within reach.

The goal of participating in competitions such as these is to continue to forge a culture of energy and environmental sustainability in the Corps of Cadets. With a formalized Energy and Environmental Cadet chain of command and a well-developed and practiced program, West Point is setting the standard for other service academy sustainability programs. Our program creates awareness of environmental concerns through cadet education. The importance goes beyond just being “environmentally friendly,” by relating sustainability to our overall mission success.

Teaching cadets how to efficiently use available resources provides lessons that will carry over into their future careers as leaders in an energy and environmentally informed military culture.

West Point MP battles for Army’s Soldier of the Year at Best Warrior

By Lisa A Ferdinando
Army News Service

Twenty-four elite warriors converged on Fort Lee, Va., this week for the Best Warrior Competition in which tough challenges, both day and night, will push their limits physically and mentally as they vie to be the best of the best.

The Soldiers will be at Fort Lee, Tuesday-Friday, for the competition. Two winners—the Army Soldier of the Year and the Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year—will be announced Friday. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III will oversee the competition.

The challenges include Army aptitude tests, conquering urban warfare simulations, land navigation, marksmanship, board interviews, physical challenges, written exams, and battle drills relevant to today’s operating environment.

The physical fitness challenge will include two minutes of push-ups, two minutes of sit-ups and a two-mile run. Soldiers will also compete in a mystery event. The warriors mastered a series of benchmarks and subordinate command competitions throughout the year to qualify. The competition is open to all active-duty, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers.

The Soldiers represent 12 commands from across the Army. While women have competed previously in the Best Warrior Competition, only males made it to the finals this year.

Spc. Jesse Kane, with the U.S. Army Garrison Military Police Company at West Point, looks forward to the board interview portion of the competition to demonstrate his knowledge of the Army. The board, chaired by Chandler, consists of six senior sergeants major from across the Army.

“Getting direct feedback from the sergeant major of the Army will be something that most Soldiers will never get,” Kane said.


Helping hands from 1st Regiment support Habitat for Humanity

By Class of 2014 Cadet McKenzie Hudgins and Class of 2015 Cadet Sam Thompson

Teaming up with the West Point Habitat for Humanity Club, the 1st Regiment Energy and Environmental Team led a group of 35 cadets in participating in Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County’s “Make a Difference Day.”

Working to repair and refurbish more than 40 homes in a single day, over 300 volunteers converged on Poughkeepsie Oct. 26 with the hope of bettering the local community. With the Energy and Environmental Team leading the cadet effort, their specific focus was on improving the local environment through landscaping and broader beautification efforts. In this way, the team 1st Regiment cadets broke up into smaller groups to work on such projects as raking leaves, trimming hedges and weeding gardens at households throughout the neighborhood.

Beyond simply improving the environment, involvement in the local community also fostered an improved civil-military relationship. Working alongside homeowners, whether by raking leaves or building a garden, cadets and local residents were able to interact and learn from each other. Fostering a sense of goodwill and mutual understanding is essential, and the work done by 1st Regiment went a long way toward achieving this while still doing great things for the local environment.

As the 1st Regiment Energy and Environmental Officer, Class of 2014 Cadet David Arrowchis said, “even if we couldn’t do a lot for someone, they still looked ecstatic that we came (to help).”
FEATURED EVENTS

Combined Federal Campaign returns
The Fiscal Year 2014 Combined Federal Campaign is ongoing and runs through Dec. 13.
For details, contact your agency keyworker or Maj. Scott Fawcett, Deputy G1, at 938-8448.

Army/Navy Tailgate
Join the West Point Association of Graduates at the Army/Navy Tailgate Dec. 14 in Philadelphia.
Party like a Black Knight and rock the black and gold at this pre-game event.
Get your spirit on with the Cadet Spirit Band, Black Jack mule mascot and Rabble Rousers before the game.
Register online at www.westpointaog.org/goarmybeatnavytailgate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation Shoebox
The West Point Chapter of the National Infantry Association will be collecting goods for Operation Shoebox to send to deployed troops Saturday at The Exchange and Commissary.
On Monday, the NIA will be packing the goods in conjunction with a local Girl Scout Troop.
The goods will then be sent to Soldiers deployed to FOB Fenty as part of Operation Shoebox.
The NIA wants to reach out to support our deployed forces and build stronger ties to our local community.
For details, call Maj. Greg Merkl at 938-3495.

Toys for Tots Collection at Army sporting events
The cadet club, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, is collecting for its annual Toys for Tots campaign at Army sporting events through the fall.
Cadets will be collecting cash and toy donations for children in need this holiday season.
The events include:
Basketball games—Women vs. Brown (1 p.m., Saturday); and Men vs. St. Francis (3 p.m., Dec. 7).
Hockey games—Sacred Heart (7 p.m., Friday) and Canisius (7 p.m., Dec. 7).

WPWC Holiday Craft Bazaar
The West Point Women’s Club will hold its annual Holiday Craft Bazaar from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday at the historic Thayer Hotel. There is an admission fee, while children and cadets enter at no charge.
For details, visit www.facebook.com/WPWCHolidayCraftBazaar or www.westpointwomensclub.com/Holiday_Bazaar.html.

Highland Falls Library Holiday Bazaar, Bake and Book Sale
The Highland Falls Library is holding its Holiday Bazaar, Bake and Book Sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday.
It’s an opportunity to get some of your holiday shopping done, pick up some desserts for your Thanksgiving table and purchase some reading materials for your leisure.

SJA office closure
The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29. There will be no legal services provided on that day. SJA will resume normal operations Dec. 2.
For details, call Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anahi A. Guzman, SJA legal administrator, at 938-6371/3205.

Eat, Drink and Beat Navy
The West Point Women’s Club is creating a new cookbook to honor the superintendent’s wife. You can submit recipes online or mail them. You may also drop them at the WPWC Gift Shoppe, during business hours, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays. Please submit by Nov. 30.
For details or to submit online, visit www.westpointwomensclub.com/Cookbook.html.

Highland Falls Fire Department Auxiliary Vendor Fair
The Highland Falls Fire Department Auxiliary is having a vendor fair from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Highland Falls Firehouse. Come out and shop for the holidays with vendors like Pampered Chef, Mary Kay, Tupperware just to name a few while supporting the Fire Department Auxiliary.
For details, call Wendy O’Dell at 938-6829.

AWANA registration
West Point Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed registration is here. AWANA is a fun, Bible-based club for 3-year-olds and older from the West Point community. The club meets from 5-6:30 p.m. Sunday evenings during the academic year.
For details or to sign up, call Maj. John Cunningham at 938-5572 or email westpointawana@gmail.com.

West Point Women’s Club Gift Shoppe
The West Point Women’s Club Gift Shoppe will be open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays. The Shoppe is located just north of the cemetery.
For details, visit www.shopthepoint.com.

(Assignment) Tickets for illegal parking
The West Point Military Police is issuing tickets to vehicles illegally parked in the Central Parking Area. This has been a continuing problem and there is going to be strict enforcement.

Tax Center seeks volunteers
The West Point Tax Center is looking for volunteers to assist with tax returns and administrative support during the 2014 tax season from February through April.
Volunteers receive all necessary training and obtain valuable work experience. For details, contact brittany.brownbecker@usma.edu or call 938-4541.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Transition Assistance Program workshops
Transition Assistance Program workshops are five-day event designed to assist separating or retiring service members and their families in preparing for a smooth transition to civilian life.
The workshop provides 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.
The next TAP workshops are scheduled from Dec. 9-13, Jan. 6-10 and Jan. 13-17.
Also, there is an End of Year Tax Tips workshop with the ACAP Financial Planner from noon-1 p.m. Dec. 3 in Bldg. 626.
Service members who are retiring can begin the ACAP process 24 months prior to release from active duty, and those separating can begin 18 months prior.
Registration is required for all workshops. Call the ACAP Office at 938-0634.

Army Education Center
College courses are currently offered through the Army Education Center at West Point.
If you are interested in undergraduate classes, contact:
• Mount Saint Mary College—Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or sharon.seidule@msmc.edu.
• Saint Thomas Aquinas College—Alicia Owens at 845-446-2555 or aowens@stac.edu.
If you are interested in graduate studies, contact:
• John Jay College of Criminal Justice—Master’s degree in Public Administration—Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or jjceastpoint@jcom.com.
• Long Island University—Master’s degree in School Counseling, Mental Health Counseling and Marriage and Family Counseling—Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.
The Army Education Center is located at 683 Buckner Loop, between the MWR Fitness Center and Subway.

SPORTS

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 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.
For details, call diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

West Point Community Gymnastics Club
The West Point Community Gymnastics Club has classes scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays at the Lou Gross Sports Center.
For details, call Carmine Giglio at 938-2880.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Nature Museum features Turkey Tales
The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will be hosting “Turkey Tales” at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall.
Come join environmental educator Sasha Boucher to learn information and fun facts about turkeys, including why the turkey was once nominated to become our National Symbol.
Find out about the turkey’s natural history and interesting adaptations. After the presentation join Boucher on a guided hike to search for signs of wild turkeys.
Make a turkey craft to take home. There is a fee for this program. For details, go to hhnaturemuseum.org or call 845-534-5506, ext 204.

Boscobel Salutes Veterans during November
To honor all former U.S. military personnel, Boscobel is offering free house and grounds admission to veterans who show their military ID, or even a photo of themselves wearing their uniform, at the front desk during the month of November.
The Boscobel Salutes Veterans Program also includes half-price admission for up to five family members per visiting veteran.
House and grounds admission at Boscobel includes a 45-minute, guided tour of the mansion, as well as access to the grounds that surround it, including breathtaking views of the Hudson River and a 1.5-mile Woodland Trail.
Boscobel is located on scenic Route 9D in Garrison, N.Y., just one mile south of Cold Spring and directly across the river from West Point.
Operation hours during November are 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with the last tour at 3 p.m. Boscobel is open every day except Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
For details, visit Boscobel.org or call 845.265.3638.
**WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR**

**JUST ANNOUNCED**

**Thanksgiving Hours**
Be sure to visit www.westpointmwr.com to view a listing of all of our Thanksgiving holiday hours and closures.

**Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**
Join MWR and USAG for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Dec. 2. The event will begin at the ceremonial tree, located at Dalby Field, with special performances and a visit from Santa.

The ceremony festivities will continue at the West Point Club where you can enjoy refreshments, crafts and photos with Santa.

For details, call 938-4690.

**Military Spouses are invited to a December Networking Luncheon**
The Army Community Service Employment Readiness Program and West Point Chapter of In Gear Career invite all military spouses to join us for a free lunch at noon Dec. 3.

It doesn’t matter if you are working, looking for work or thinking about eventually returning to work. Lunch will be catered by Foodies at no cost to participants.

Please RSVP by Nov. 29 so that we can get a head count for lunch.

For details, call 845-938-5658 or email christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

**Employment and Career Workshops**
Army Community Service is offering a couple of Employment and Career Workshops in the next three weeks. The workshops include:

- Résumé Workshop: Targeting Your Resume for Maximum Effectiveness—10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 4. There will be tips for improving your résumé and discuss the importance of targeting your résumé for the job you are applying for;

- Résumé Review Walk-Ins—9-11:30 a.m. Dec. 11. Receive feedback about your résumé from a Certified Professional Résumé Writer. No appointment necessary; just bring a hard copy of your résumé with you.

Workshops are held at Army Community Service, Bldg. 622 (between the Post Library and Bowling Center) unless otherwise noted.

Register for an upcoming class by calling 938-5658, emailing christina.overstreet@usma.edu or online by visiting our webpage at www.westpointmwr.com/acs.

**ACS Holiday Party**
Army Community Service invites the West Point community to join the ACS Staff and Santa as they usher in the holiday season from 3-5 p.m. Dec. 5 at ACS, Bldg. 622.

Santa will be available for photos, so bring the kids decked out in their holiday sweaters. Seasonal music will be playing to get you in the holiday spirit and cookies and sweets will be available.

Children can make a craft while awaiting their turn to give Santa their wish list.

For details, call 845-938-0233 to RSVP with the family name and numbers of family members attending.

**Wreaths Across America is seeking volunteers**
Assist with the Wreaths Across America project at the West Point cemetery Dec. 7. Volunteers are needed to assist with unloading wreaths from the truck, beginning at around 9 a.m.

Volunteers are also invited to assist with laying wreaths following a brief ceremony scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The event will take place rain, shine or snow.

All community members are invited to participate, regardless of age. There is no need to sign up or register to participate.

**Breakfast with Santa**
Bring the children to the West Point Club from 9 a.m.-noon Dec. 8 for Breakfast with Santa in the Grand Ballroom.

There will be a design your own cupcake and cookie bar available for the children.

Children can decorate their own dessert with the assistance of a staff.

Santa and his helpers will be available to visit with all the children. There is a minimal fee for this event.

For details and reservations, call 938-5120.

**Army-Navy Kenneling weekend special**

Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for the Army-Navy game weekend. Drop off your pet Dec. 13 and pick up Dec. 16 and get three nights for the price of two.

Dog grooming is also available by appointment.

For pet boarding prices and reservations, call 938-3926.

**West Point Ski Slope passes**

One hundred general public passes go on sale from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 16 at the West Point Ski Office.

For details, call 938-8810.

**For the families**

**Arts and Crafts Shop classes**
The new Arts and Crafts Shop, located at Bldg. 693, Washington Rd., is offering many classes during the next three weeks. The classes include:

- Couponing Class with Barb—5-7 p.m. Tuesday;

- Just Paint and Wine a Bit—Canvas painting—5-8 p.m. Dec. 10;

- Cookies and Canvas Family Painting—5-7 p.m. Dec. 12; There is a minimal fee for all classes. For details, call 938-4812.

**Thanksgiving Day Feast**
Join the West Point Club for its traditional Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 28. Two seatings will be available for its patrons.

The first seating is at noon in the Pierce Dining Room.

Second seating is at 2 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Children 5 and younger eat for free.

For pricing and reservations, call 938-5120.

**Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular**
Leisure Travel Services now has tickets for this year’s Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Tickets are available for Dec. 9. All seats are Orchestra seating, rows I-M.

All performances are 5 p.m. curtains, leaving West Point at 1 p.m. and return to West Point immediately following the performance.

The fee includes Motor Coach transportation.

For details, call 938-3601.

**For the Adults**

**Staff & Faculty Night Time Basketball League**
The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2013-14 Staff and Faculty Night Time Basketball League.

League play starts on Dec. 2. Deadline for entries will be Monday.

For details, contact Jim McGuinness at jim.mcgguinness@usma.edu or call 938-3066.

**BOSS Thanksgiving Dinner**
Join BOSS for Thanksgiving dinner from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Community Center (Bldg. 693, Washington Rd.). This event is free for all who attend.

For details, call (973) 896-0757.

**Group Rate Holiday Party for your department**
Plan your department party from 7 p.m.-midnight Dec. 6 at the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom.

Let the Club do the work for you. Just provide the number of guests and the Club will take care of the rest.

Cocktail hour goes from 7-8 p.m., while dinner and dancing is from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Entertainment provided by Indigo International–John Sorge. A cash bar is available all night.

Reservations and advance payment are required.

For reservations and details, call 938-5120.

**For the Youths**

**BOSS, ACS and the Exchange Project Angel Tree**
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers and Army Community Service are teaming up again this year from Monday-Dec. 10 at the Exchange for the Exchange Project Angel Tree.

Pick a decoration with the age and gender of a West Point child and purchase an age appropriate gift or wrapping paper.

Put the gift and the decoration from the tree in the box and make a child’s Christmas morning special.

For details, call 938-6497.

**CYSS Winter Basketball**
Child, Youth and School Services Winter Basketball registration is ongoing now for military families and civilian families and will conclude until Nov. 29.

Coaches are also needed for the Winter Basketball season.

For details, call the Youth Sports office at 938-3550/8896.

**Ongoing**

**Go Army Spirit Luncheon**
The Go Army Spirit Luncheon for the Navy game is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. Dec. 12 the West Point Club’s Grand Ballroom.

Buy your tickets early for reserved seating. Tickets are on sale from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday through the West Point Club’s Cashier Office.

For details, call 938-5120.

**Thanksgiving weekend kenneling**
Morgan Farm is now taking reservations for the Thanksgiving weekend. Dog grooming is also available by appointment.

For pet boarding prices and reservations, call 938-3926.

**2013 Army Digital Photography Contest**
The 2013 Army Digital Photography Contest runs through Nov. 30. It is open to active duty Soldiers and family members, retirees and Army civilians.

To enter, complete an entry form and submit photos online by visiting http://apps.imcom.army.mil/apptraëmain.

For details, call the West Point Arts and Crafts Center at 938-4812.
From great hope in Gettysburg to tragedy in Dallas: this week in American History

By Sherman Fleek
USMA Command Historian

**Commemoration date: Nov. 19, 1863—The Most Famous Speech in American History: The Gettysburg Address**

Hopefully, it is still the case, that every American school child learns at the least the opening line of this most hallowed speech, “Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth ...”

Some five months after the bloodiest battle fought on American soil, President Abraham Lincoln gave perhaps the greatest and also most quoted speech in American history.

On Nov. 19, 1863, after enduring a long and uninspiring discourse offered by the famous and most celebrated orator of the day, Edward Everett, former secretary of state, governor of Massachusetts and congressman, Lincoln rose to deliver his four minute address of only 271 words.

The occasion was the dedication of a new national military cemetery at Gettysburg. From July 1-3, the federal Army of the Potomac commanded by Maj. Gen. George G. Meade, USMA Class of 1835, defeated the Confederate Army of Northern under Gen. Robert E. Lee, USMA Class of 1829 and former superintendent.

Over time legend and myth had it that President Lincoln hastily scrawled down the words while en route to Gettysburg aboard his special presidential train. This is not true. What is true, Lincoln felt after observing Everett’s well-structured and polished speech with all its classical and military historical references, that his own remarks were a failure.

The next day, Everett wrote Lincoln a letter explaining the shear magnitude and brilliance of his short talk.

“I should be glad if I could flatter myself,” Everett wrote, “that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes.”

Lincoln later replied that he was glad the speech was not “a total failure.” According to Pennsylvania Governor Andrew Curtin, who was on the stand, Lincoln “pronounced that speech in a voice that all the multitude heard. The crowd was hushed into silence because the President stood before them. It was so impressive. It was the common remark of everybody. Such a speech, as they said it was.”

There are five known versions of Lincoln’s famous address, differing slightly in diction and composition, but all in all, it was a meticulously crafted and well-delivered speech. Lincoln’s message was, after nearly three years of bloody conflict and strife, the Emancipation Proclamation, and all the political wrangling, the war aims was not only to preserve the Union, but now to free the slaves and give the nation a “new birth of freedom.”

As for enduring legacy and memory, one could argue the speech was more important than the battle.

**The Gettysburg Address**

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

**Commemoration date: Nov. 22, 1963—A Tragic Day at West Point: News of the Kennedy Assassination in 1963**

Nov. 22, 1963, purported to be a normal day at West Point during the gloom and gray period of year. It was a Friday with no football game scheduled the next day.

Yet, this day would become a historical day as events occurred. In the early afternoon, people at West Point, cadets, staff and faculty began hearing alarming reports of a shooting in Texas. More rumors and reports came that it was President John F. Kennedy, that he had been shot and possibly killed in Dallas. Then later horror struck everyone at the academy as it did the nation when official reports and news agencies confirmed the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas.

With no official decision, classes ended. People left their offices and along with cadets walked the campus in disbelief or grief. Soon, many people, staff and faculty, civilian employees and cadets began to gather in groups and some made their way up the hill to the Cadet Chapel. Reverend James Ford, one of the post chaplains, with little preparation, organized a memorial service.

Almost spontaneously, dozens, perhaps hundreds of people gathered at the Cadet Chapel seeking comfort and solace because of the awful news. A hastily arranged memorial service was held that afternoon, and a more deliberately planned service that evening. Later, cadets from the Corps of Cadets and a detachment of Soldiers from the 1st Battalion of 1st Infantry Regiment, the garrison unit, served and/or marched in the memorial ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Now, 50 years later, the assassination and the spontaneous events of that afternoon are a memory, but a powerful and tender reminiscence for those cadets and others who were here.

For many others of the West Point community today, who were old enough to remember that day regardless of where they were, the memory and emotion of that tragic afternoon remains.
Galindo, Hill lead Army Cross Country at regional championships

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Army Cross Country season came to a close Nov. 15 as the Black Knights wrapped up the year at the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships at Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y.

Competing in field of 37, the Army men placed 14th while the women secured 21st place. Senior Ricardo Galindo and sophomore Madison Hill were the Black Knights’ frontrunners, leading the way for the third and fifth time, respectively.

The top-two teams from the men’s and women’s races earned automatic bids to the NCAA Championships. Syracuse and Columbia earned berths on the men’s side, while Providence and Dartmouth punched their tickets for the women.

Harvard’s Maksim Korolev was the top individual finisher in the men’s 10K, snapping the tape in 30:11.6. Dartmouth’s Abby D’Agostino won the women’s title for the second consecutive year, completing the 6K course in 19:48.3.

The Army men’s 14th-place finish matches their mark from 2012, which was the Black Knights’ best team finish since 2008 (12th). The Army women also matched their team finish from the 2012 regional meet.

Galindo crossed the line 44th of 250 overall with a time of 31:19.3 and was followed by classmate Kendall Ward, who placed 71st with a finish of 31:52.7.

Galindo and Ward led Army throughout 2013, being the top-two finishers in all seven races.

Galindo earned Army’s top time in three races, including the Army-Navy Gold Star win in October, while Ward was the frontrunner in four, including the Patriot League Championships.

Junior Cody Barger was Army’s No. 3 runner for the third time this season (90th, 32:10.6), while freshman Matt Bearden had his finest race of the season as the No. 4 finisher for Army (103rd, 32:20.1). Senior Josh Ecker rounded out Army’s top five in 119th place (32:32.0).

Hill led Army for the fourth consecutive meet, placing 67th at 254 with a 6K time of 21:48.0.

The sophomore was followed by classmate Lindsay Gabow, who was Army’s No. 2 finisher for the second consecutive race with her 11th-place finish (22:26.5).

“Our performances were definitely a reflection on the strength of the region,” Army head coach Troy Engle said. “The Northeast has really exploded in the past couple years. The number of nationally ranked programs is incredible. I thought we raced well though. Three of our top-five guys are seniors and we’ll miss them very much, but I’m confident that our younger guys will step up next year.”

Holy Cross defeats Army in PL semifinal

By Harrison Antognoni
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Senior back Dane Kenny scored the clinching penalty kick to send third-seeded Holy Cross past the second-seeded Army Men’s Soccer team in a Patriot League Championship semifinal match Nov. 15 at Glenn Warner Soccer Facility in Annapolis, Md. The match stood deadlocked 1-1 after double overtime before the Crusaders took a 4-3 decision in a penalty shootout.

The Black Knights, which are ranked ninth in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Mid-Atlantic Region poll, conclude their season 12-3-3 overall, while the Crusaders, who will advance to Sunday’s Patriot League Championship title game, move to 9-8-2. Navy won the right to host the league semifinals after finishing first in the regular season.

Freshman midfielder Alex Jaroscak scored for Army in the Black Knights’ first Patriot League Championship appearance since 1996. Junior midfielder Sean Mogan picked up an assist, while classmate Winston Boldt made five saves to increase his season total to 81 and surpassing Kevin Larrabee’s ’03 mark of 80 in 2000.

Holy Cross received a goal from freshman forward Joey DeVivo, and senior midfielder Monty Sanders was credited with an assist. Sophomore keeper Kevin Wright stopped four shots.

The Black Knights had a pair of early chances in the first half, as freshmen Nick Williams and Tanner Vossick fired shots in the 17th and 20th minutes, respectively, but both attempts resulted in saves by Wright.

Williams sent another shot on frame following a corner kick in the 37th minute, but was still unable to solve Wright and the Crusader defense. Both of Holy Cross’ first half chances went high of the Army goal.

The Crusaders moved in front, 1-0, when DeVivo received a lead pass from Sanders and beat Boldt in a one-on-one situation in the 55th minute.

The Black Knights quickly answered though, as Jaroscak’s 56th-minute tally off Mogan’s free kick made the score 1-1 and came just 1:02 after Holy Cross’ go-ahead goal.

Boldt was tested with a trio of Crusader shots during a 2:51 stretch with around 15 minutes remaining in regulation, but stopped the only shot on goal of the sequence to keep the match 1-1. Each team took one shot in the second half’s final 13:38, but neither attempt was successful.

Holy Cross outshot Army 3-1 in the first overtime period, as Boldt made saves in the 96th and 97th minutes, respectively, to keep the match level.

Boldt made two more stops in double overtime on a pair of 105th minute chances that came 21 ticks apart.

Neither side registered a shot in the final 5:23 of the second overtime.

Vossick and senior midfielder Jason Lewis each scored on their penalty attempts as Army’s first two shooters to give the Black Knights a 2-0 lead. Holy Cross was unsuccessful on its first and second penalty kicks.

Senior back Max Pettinelli scored for the Crusaders to make it 2-1 before Jaroscak buried his attempt in the lower left corner to give Army a 3-1 advantage.

Holy Cross connected on its final three attempts, as senior forward Tommy Uttaro and Sanders each scored before Kenny won it on his team’s sixth penalty kick.

Freshman midfielder Alex Jaroscak scored for Army during Army’s penalty shootout loss to Holy Cross Nov. 15 in Annapolis, Md.

Courtesy Photo
Army thwarts Weber State’s comeback, wins 57-51

By Pamela Flenke
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A 20-point lead proved not to be as safe as Army women’s basketball narrowly escaped with a 57-51 win over visiting Weber State Sunday at Christl Arena. The Black Knights turned 17 Wildcat turnovers into 18 points to stretch their lead midway through the second half, before WSU mounted its own comeback, taking Army down to the wire on its home court before sophomore guard Kelsey Minato solidified the win.

Army (2-1) opened the game on a different note than the tilt against Fairleigh Dickinson Nov. 14, scoring 18 of its 27 points of the first half inside the paint. The Black Knights made 10 three-pointers though the first 20 minutes against FDU, two shy of the program record for total threes made in a game.

Army shot just 2-of-13 (15.4 percent) from deep on Sunday afternoon, scoring 34 of its 57 points from inside the key, its highest total since scoring 38 in the paint at Weber State (2-2) last season (Nov. 21, 2012).

Sophomore forward Aimee Oertner, who earned her first start of the season, scored four of Army’s first five points and eight in the first half en route to an 11-point, three-block showing. Minato also added eight first-half points as the Black Knights took a 27-22 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Army opened the second half on a 22-7 run, including nine points by Minato, before the Wildcats responded with a 19-2 stretch of their own to make it a three-point ballgame with 4:31 to play.

Army was 9-of-14 from the floor during its run before missing its next seven shots and committing five turnovers to allow WSU back into the game.

Free-throws proved to be Army’s saving grace as the Black Knights made 3-of-4 in the game’s final 12 seconds to preserve the lead. Minato scored four of Army’s final five points en route to her second consecutive 20-plus game as the point guard ended the lead. Minato scored four of Army’s final five points en route to an 11-point, three-block showing.

Sophomore guard Kelsey Minato knocked down 21 points for her second consecutive 20-plus point game to lead Army to a 57-51 victory over Weber State Sunday at Christl Arena.

As a team, Army shot a season-best 43.5 percent from the floor (20-of-46), limiting the athletic Wildcats to a 30.9-percent clip (17-of-55), including just 2-of-13 from deep. WSU has made just seven threes through its first four games.

The Black Knights were outrebounded for the first time this season, 38-32.

Volleyball takes regular season finale against Lafayette

By Amanda Niglia
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The Army volleyball team clinched the third seed in the Patriot League Tournament with a win over Lafayette (11-16, 3-13) Nov. 16 in Easton, Pa. The Black Knights (14-12, 11-5) took the lead with wins in the first two sets, 25-21 and 25-10, before falling to the Leopards, 27-25, in the third following a 30-minute delay from shattered glass.

The Black Knights went on to capture a 25-17 win in the fourth and final set, securing its position and match to Colgate in the conference tournament this weekend.

Senior middle blocker Megan Wilton and counterpart freshman middle blocker Olivia Fairfield led all players in Saturday night’s win with 13 kills apiece. Senior co-captain outside hitter Margaux Jarka went double-double with 11 kills and 10 digs in addition to three service aces.

Junior defensive specialist Kristen Smeland and senior co-captain libero D.J. Phee had 22 and 16 digs, respectively. Sophomore setter Vanessa Edwards contributed 47 assists, adding 13 digs in her performance against Lafayette.

“Very proud of the team tonight,” Army head coach Alma Kovačić said. “There was a 30-minute delay due to shattered glass after the second set which slowed us down and led to a third set loss. Lafayette played hard but we were able to come out with the win. We are looking forward to competing in another Patriot League Tournament and are ready to beat Colgate.”

Lafayette took the first two points of the first set before Army would barrel ahead to take a 5-2 lead with kills from Jarka and Fairfield. Able to pick up their momentum, the Leopards closed the gap down two one before teams then rallied for six points keeping the score tied, 13-13.

As the set progressed, the Black Knights would then rally for three as a block from Fairfield and senior right side hitter Kerry Horan pulled Army ahead, 16-14. After forcing the Leopards into a timeout, Army would stay on top and take the final points of the set, capturing a 25-21 victory.

The second set opened with the Black Knights taking a 5-1 lead with kills from Horan and Fairfield paired with a service ace from Jarka. As Army continued to climb ahead, Lafayette fell into an early timeout hoping to slow down the Black Knights momentum, but was unsuccessful as Army took a nine point lead, stretching the score to 14-4. After allowing the Leopards to score only six additional points, the Black Knights finished the second set with a 25-10 win.

After Lafayette’s third set win, Army took an early 6-3 lead to open the fourth set with kills from Horan and Perri, before the Leopards rallied for three to tie the set, 8-8.

After forcing Lafayette into a timeout, the Black Knights were able to maintain its momentum with four kills from Wilton and two forced attack errors. While the Leopards attempted to chip away at its deficit, Army went on to collect the final points of the set and close the match with a 25-17 win over Lafayette.

Sports calendar

Nov. 21-Dec. 7
Corps Squad

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

SATURDAY — Women’s Basketball vs. Brown, Christl Arena, 1 p.m.

NOV. 30 — Men’s Basketball vs. Houston Baptist, Christl Arena, 1 p.m.

DEC. 3 — Women’s Basketball vs. Morgan State, Christl Arena, 7 p.m.

DEC. 6 — Hockey vs. Canisius, Tate Rink, 7:05 p.m.

DEC. 6 — Track, Crowell Open, Gillis Field House, All Day.

DEC. 7 — Men’s Basketball vs. St. Francis (N.Y.), Christl Arena, 3 p.m.

DEC. 7 — Hockey vs. Canisius, Tate Rink, 7:05 p.m.

DEC. 7 — Track, Crowell Open, Gillis Field House, All Day.