Showing off their Rings

Surrounded by family and friends, the members of the Class of 2016 gathered together at Trophy Point Amphitheater to receive their class rings during the annual Ring Ceremony Aug. 28. Ring Weekend, which includes the Ring Ceremony, Ring Banquet and a Cadet Hop, commemorates the firsties academic careers as they enter their final year at West Point. (Above and right) Class of 2016 cadets show off their rings after the Ring Ceremony. See Page 3 for photos and story on Ring Weekend. Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Bunkley/USMA Public Affairs (above) and Kathy Eastwood/PV (right)
Developing a winning culture, excellence with good values at West Point

Dear Cadets and West Point community,

A new academic year is underway and with that, our Corps of Cadets return to the “fields of friendly strife” for another exciting season of athletics.

Our fall season is already off to a great start. Our Men’s and Women’s Soccer teams, our Triathlon team and Women’s Volleyball team are already enjoying some great successes on the field and court. Tomorrow night, we kick off our football season at home against Fordham. I know we’re all looking forward to a great winning season, and especially looking forward to beating Navy.

I’ve spoken quite a bit lately about building a winning culture here at West Point. It is one of my priorities because, as Gen. Dempsey so eloquently told me, “when our cadets graduate, they will be laying it on the line and they deserve better than mediocrity.” But this is not winning at all cost. It is winning in accordance with our values and who we are as an institution and a nation.

Athletics are such an important part of our development as leaders. They instill tenacity, resilience, discipline, mental and physical toughness, and the desire to excel and push ourselves to goals and objectives we previously did not think were possible. That same grit and “can do” attitude and the ability to overcome adversity are the same traits that build winning platoon leaders and company commanders when our cadets graduate.

It is also what America expects of us as an Army, because when our nation decides to put boots on the ground, they do not expect us to go out there and “look good” or just “do our best,” they expect us to accomplish the mission and win.

Again, that doesn’t mean winning at all costs. Rather, it means winning in accordance with our values and who we are as a nation. When we beat Navy in December (and we WILL beat Navy in December), we will do so honorably, remaining true to the values and standards that define us.

To all of our athletic teams, here’s to a successful winning season. To our cadets and each of us individually, what is that next goal or objective that we have set for ourselves that we need to achieve? And to the West Point community at large, I would ask you to think about what it means to produce a culture of winning and excellence, and aspire to that winning spirit that allows us to achieve excellence, both individually and as a team.

I look forward to seeing you all out there cheering on our teams and celebrating winning. Beat Fordham! Beat Navy!


LABOR DAY message:

“The maintenance of a safe environment and prevent damage to the grass, and preserve the beauty of the Trophy Point Amphitheater area, those planning to attend the Labor Day concert Sunday (or weather permitting, Monday) are asked to refrain from staking out an area with rope, tape, tarps and/or blankets until after noon on the day of the scheduled concert. The Military Police will remove all items mentioned above that are placed on the Trophy Point Amphitheater grounds for the purpose of reserving a viewing spot prior to noon the day of this concert.”

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IN FOCUS: RING WEEKEND

Class of 2016 receives class rings at Trophy Point ceremony

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

In a ceremony that began with the Class of 1835 to honor the tradition of the Long Gray Line, the Class of 2016 received their class rings during the Ring Ceremony Aug. 28 at Trophy Point.

In 2000, another tradition began, the ring melt, with melting the gold from donated rings into the gold of the class ring solidifying the bond with those who have gone before them. The Class of 2002 was the first class to receive the infused rings.

This year, 34 West Point class rings, the oldest belonging to retired Lt. Col. Reeve Douglas Keiler, USMA Class of 1924, as well as a ring from retired Lt. Col. John Hamilton Boyd III, USMA Class of 1966, the Class of 2016 50-year affiliate class, were donated.

“Each of you have made choices in the ring you chose,” Brig. Gen. John Thomson, commandant of cadets, said. “The class crest will be worn where the cadet can see it and is closer to the heart. After graduation the ring is tuned so the crest is on the outside. Your rings mean more than any individual, it represents your class.” Thomson told the class that when they compare their rings with graduates in attendance, they will find some worn smooth on the side with decades of wear and to “imagine the personal stories, the trials and the triumphs they have endured.”

Eileen Rountree, wife of retired Lt. Col. Rance Rountree, USMA Class of 1965, donated his ring to be melted into the rings for the Class of 2016.

“I was there for the melt and they invited me back to see where they made the rings,” Rountree said.

Also attending the ceremony were members of the Class of 1966, the Class of 2016 50-year affiliate class, who will be there for the class’ graduation to hand out their second lieutenant bars.

“It’s another milestone,” Class of 2016 Cadet Aaron Alindogan said. “I remember being at the ceremony last year and I knew that one day, it would be my turn. It’s surreal that I’m here today.”

Another cadet looked back at his time at West Point and realized how quickly time passes.

“I went from a cadet who didn’t think I would make it the first year and now I am here. It is exciting,” Class of 2016 Cadet Kieran Mcmahon said.

Rings are presented in boxes, with each box representing a company. Rings are in alphabetical order in the boxes and presented to cadets, who are also standing with their company and in alphabetical order.

Tactical officers distribute the rings to each cadet.

Today, many high schools, colleges and universities receive school rings following in the tradition which began at West Point.

Class of 2016 cadets pose with their class rings Aug. 28 at Trophy Point after the Ring Ceremony. The Ring Ceremony represents the first of the many milestones the seniors will reach during their firstie year.
Hogg speaks to cadets on NATO, the challenges it faces

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Lt. Gen. David Hogg, U.S. Military Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Military Committee, spoke to cadets and faculty about the U.S. and other member nation’s responsibility to NATO Monday. Hogg also spoke about the challenges facing the organization today. The speech is part of the Modern War Institute Speaker Series.

Hogg outlined where NATO operates today and the rising threats of terrorism and lone wolf terrorists, cyber issues such as hacking, rise of China, pandemics, mass immigration, Iran and Russia.

Hogg emphasized that the center of the alliance of NATO is the ability of the U.S. to help Europe and the first priority of member nations is that they have the ability to protect their own country, because they have that sovereign responsibility. Nations simply can’t join NATO to be provided with or protected by a fighting force.

“NATO’s policy comes from the Joint Chiefs of Staff,” Hogg said. “NATO is all about relationships, with all of the members trying to do right. Operations today include Afghanistan, Mediterranean with Operation Active Endeavor, which is focused on deterring international terrorism, and Operation Ocean Shield preventing piracy near the Horn of Africa. We are also still active in Iceland, Kosovo and the Balkans.”

Hogg also outlined the threats to NATO, which include foreign fighters, rise of right wing organization, migration and minority integration and the issue of Russia.

Europe and other countries are seeing mass immigration with people escaping Syria, Ukrainians to Poland and from Kosovo to Europe.

“The short-term goal of NATO is to protect the Arctic as Russia is moving in that area and we must do everything we can to ensure they have what they need,” Hogg said.

Although Russians in the Arctic may sound far fetched, Russia has declared the North Pole as Russian territory.

“There is a Russian document the states that they will escalate to de-escalate and will be the first to issue a nuclear strike,” Hogg said.

There is also some fear that Russia may, at some point in time, threaten Poland, a NATO member. Although no direct threat has been issued, given Russia’s ability to quickly mass forces at borders, it may be likely. In that event, NATO may evoke Article 5, which states that any NATO member that is attacked is an attack on all member nations.

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West Point, BBC dedicates new office complex, community center to the late Command Sgt. Maj. Mary Sutherland

Story and photo by Thomas B. Hamilton III
West Point Public Affairs Officer

U.S. Army Garrison West Point and Balfour Beatty Communities at West Point dedicated a new office complex and community center to the late Command Sgt. Maj. Mary Sutherland Aug. 14, 2005, and is buried at the West Point Cemetery.

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IN FOCUS: CADET CLUB ACTIVITIES

Ultimate team: On the weekend of Aug. 29-30, Army West Point Ultimate competed in the Metro New York Sectionals Tournament for the fall college Club series.

Fifth-seeded Army West Point posted a 2-2 record Aug. 29, defeating teams ranked lower and losing to teams ranked higher. Thirteen cadets, including nine new players who were only with the team for two weeks, carried Army West Point to two wins on Saturday. Four returning players—Mitchell Smith, Ian Betzel, Joseph Woolfork and Montana Bilger—exhibited great leadership and on-field skills in the season’s first tournament. With Ring Weekend activities, the team’s three firsties did not travel to this tournament.

Army started strong, defeating seventh-seeded Voodoo Child from NYU in Manhattan, 13-6. Many of the new players stepped up to make plays in crucial moments. The second game for Army was against the top seed and eventual tournament champion, Colt from New Haven, Connecticut.

Colt’s very experienced team ran away with the game, defeating Army West Point, 13-1. Army West Point persevered as always, and came back with a win against ninth-seeded Yale Superfly.

In the final Saturday game, Army West Point fell to the third-seeded, and eventual regionals qualified team, Westchester Magma Bears.

On Sunday, Army faced a very tough team, Caliber from Connecticut, in an elimination game. A close fought first half saw Army West Point down 8-7 at the half of the game to 15. Caliber earned a 13-9 lead, but Army West Point never gave up and came back to force overtime in the win-by-two-points games. Army West Point tied the game at 14, 15 and 16-all, finally losing on the universe point, 17-16.

Army West Point was eliminated from advancement to regionals, but played a scrimmage against Voodoo Child to gain more experience and to have fun. Class of 2019 Cadet Gino Nicosia was awarded a tournament disc signed by all team members for his great defensive coverage, hard running and smart decisions on offense.

Army Club Ultimate looks forward to hosting a tournament at West Point in late September, two scrimmages against Marist and New Paltz during some of the Sunday afternoon practices, and traveling to at least one more fall tournament.


After a great day on the water, the Army West Point Bass teams placed third (Class of 2018 Cadet Parker Meytrott and Class of 2019 Cadet Austin Harry), fourth, fifth and eighth, with all four teams qualifying for the State Collegiate Cup Championships on Lake Champlain in October.

The two biggest fish of the day were brought to the scales by the CIC, Class of 2016 Cadet Chase Miller (pictured below) and the A/CIC, Class of 2017 Cadet Tom Matty.

(Editor’s note: If you’re interested in having your club mentioned on this page, send your post event information with photo to eric.bartelt@usma.edu.)
Force Protection posture for home football game Friday

By Luke Pagan
DPTMS Force Protection Officer

In order to enhance the force protection posture for West Point residents, the Corps of Cadets and guests traveling to the installation for the home football game against Fordham at 7 p.m. Friday, special parking restrictions and force protection measures are necessary.

Because this game takes place during a weekend, the below parking restrictions apply:

- Significant portions of Clinton and Doubleday parking lots will be blocked from parking beginning after midnight Friday.
- The following areas are “No Parking Areas” in support of football operations and force protection. Any vehicles remaining after 11 p.m. Friday, will be subject to being towed:
  - Brewerton Road;
  - Scott Place;
  - Doubleday Lot (portions not barricaded);
  - Clinton Lot (portions not barricaded);
  - Cullum Road;
  - Tennis Court Lot;
  - Kosciusko Statue Lot;
  - Lettered Lots AAA, A, B, C, E, F, G, H, West Point Schools and J Lot;
  - K Lot (MWR Fitness Center) **Not available to park for football until after 4:30 p.m.;
  - Bldg 639 Lot;
  - South Dock (All Areas) to include Williams Road;
  - Lots surrounding USAG WP Headquarters (Bldg. 681);
  - Eisenhower Hall Lots;
  - Keller Hospital Lots (Front lot reserved for KACH employees and emergency room parking only);
  - Townsley Road;
  - Upton Road;
  - East Side Gillis Field House;
  - Buffalo Soldier hardstand lot;
  - Laundry Plant (Bldg. 845);
  - Thayer Road;
  - USMAPS general parking lots.

The first 14 parking slots on Thayer Road beginning at the Mills intersection traveling north will be blocked off at 10 p.m. today in order to support the pay for parking operation.

In order to facilitate the building of Black Knights Alley, Mills Road will be blocked from the Stony Lonesome intersection to the Howze Place intersection beginning at 1 p.m. Friday. Vehicles may still utilize Howze Place to transit on the west side of the Stadium until 4 p.m. when the stadium blocking positions will go into effect.

Military Police will patrol the housing areas throughout the day. Housing area residents are requested to notify the Provost Marshal of any suspicious activity or unidentified vehicles remaining in the housing area after completion of the game and related post-game activities.

General Information:

1. Michie Stadium gates open at 5 p.m.;
2. Cadet Review will begin at 4 p.m.;
3. Black Knights Alley opens at 4 p.m.;
4. Those attending the game at Michie Stadium will first pass through security checkpoints in the vicinity of gates 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6A and 7. Each security point will have an “EZ Pass” lane set aside for DOD personnel (both military and civilian) with DOD ID, and their family and guests. Those using the EZ pass lane are subject to random searches;
5. All bags and purses will be searched at the security checkpoint (No backpacks will be permitted into the stadium);
6. No weapons or alcohol are allowed in the stadium;
7. RV parking is available at North Dock beginning at noon today. All RVs must leave the North Dock area no later than 11 a.m. Saturday.
8. Walking and using shuttle buses are highly encouraged.

The point of contact for this force protection message is Luke Pagan, force protection officer, at 845-938-8859. Security is everyone’s responsibility:

Remember: If You See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.
**FEATURED ITEMS**

**Tunnel to Towers 2015**

The 2015 Tunnel to Towers Run is a 5K race that commemorates NYFD firefighter Stephen Siller’s heroic run from Brooklyn to the World Trade Center on Sept. 11. Members of the Corps of Cadets have participated since 2009.

The sign up for Tunnel to Towers Run is now open and available for all to register. The race fee is waived for those who run in uniform with the Corps and there is no bus cost for runners. Staff and faculty members are needed to volunteer as bus OICs to assist with accountability both at West Point and before the return from New York City.

The sign up will be open through Sept. 14, so sign up early. For details, contact Capt. Matt Boise (USCC), Tunnel to Towers event OIC, at 938-2921. Also, Capt. Michael Knox (USCC S3 Plans Officer), will handle the staff registration, and contact him at 938-5322.

**Staff and faculty who want to sign up, visit** [https://collab.westpoint.edu/comstaff/s6/events/SitePages/Tunnel%20to%20Towers%20Run.aspx](https://collab.westpoint.edu/comstaff/s6/events/SitePages/Tunnel%20to%20Towers%20Run.aspx). Cadets must use the AMS site.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Gift Shoppe openings in September**

The West Point Spouses’ Club has a wonderful Gift Shoppe with West Point and military-themed gifts, crafts and memorabilia, perfect for friends, family and colleagues.

The Gift Shoppe is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. every Wednesday in September.

The Gift Shoppe is inside Bldg. 605 (formally the ITR office), located in the parking lot behind the West Point Cemetery.

For details, contact Julie Horton at 446-2950.

**High Ground Men’s Group Movie Night**

The High Ground Men’s Group is offering a “God’s Not Dead” Family Movie Night at 7 p.m. Sept. 11 at Thayer Hall Room #144. The event is free.

For details, visit [http://highgroundusma.eventbrite.com](http://highgroundusma.eventbrite.com).

**9/11 Cadet Service event**

The Soldiers for Citizens, a Cadet Service Club, and USCC’s 3rd Regiment is hosting a 9/11 service event at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 at Lusk Reservoir, east side of Lusk at the football tailgating area. It will be a campus beautification project, followed by a barbecue, and a time for everybody to get together on the remembrance of 9/11/01.

For details, contact Class of 2016 Cadet Michael Auten at michael.auten@usma.edu.

**USMA Branch Week 2015**

Branch Week is the U.S. Military Academy’s main effort for branch education and mentorship for cadets.

This is an opportunity for the 17 branches in the Army to showcase their branch’s mission, capabilities, junior officer responsibilities and talent priorities through equipment displays, briefings, a branch mentorship symposium and social events.

Branch Week is kicking off Sept. 14, with static displays of Army equipment and branch education surrounding the Plain. Throughout the week, there will be various events for cadets to interact with branch leaders focused on increasing their understanding of the different career opportunities throughout the Army. Branch Week’s culminating event is the Combined Arms Tailgate at 5 p.m. Sept. 18 in front of Washington Hall, which provides an informal opportunity to socialize with cadets in a relaxed environment.

For details, contact Capt. Rick Miles, DMI branch representative, at 938-0449 or email richard.miles@usma.edu.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel event**

West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel women’s community retreat is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 26 at the West Point Chapel.

Ladies, cadetscollege and high school young women are welcome. There will be plenty of food and fellowship, with guest speaker Kim West.

For details, contact Jen Smith at jen.smith65@gmail.com.

**Chapel watch-care providers**

Bids are being accepted for FY16 to provide child-care services in support of Chapel Worship Services and Religious Education Programs.

Tasks also include the set-up and recovery of the watch-care space, the sanitization of all toys and other items following each activity and to provide authorized snacks, food and drinks to the children.

Must be over 18 and commit to and pass a federal background check.

Contact Spc. Dominic Massimo at 845-938-5893 or Dominic.Massimo@usma.edu.

**EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS**

**Modern War Institute event Tuesday**

The Modern War Institute is excited to announce that its continuing the tradition of the War Council with a series of multi-disciplinary panels and noteworthy speakers throughout the semester. The MWI cordially invites all interested cadets, staff and faculty to join us in the following events that will help them better understand the conflict that is shaping the world around us.

The MWI Speaker Series continues with War Council Panel: “ISIS—Reviewing a Year of U.S. Military Involvement” from 12:50-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at Washington Hall, Room 5300.

**Upcoming West Point Soldier For Life—TAP Transition Workshops**

Transition Workshops are designed to assist separating or retiring service members and their family members 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 Briefings.

The Department of Labor also conducts an extensive employment workshop.

Service members are required to begin the SFL-TAP no later than 12 months before transition.

Upcoming schedule dates are:
- Sept. 14-18;
- Oct. 19-23;

Registration is required.

Contact the SFL-TAP Office at 845-938-0634 to register or for more details.

**FAST class**

Students who are interested in raising their General Technical (GT) score on the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCAT) can take the Functional Academic Skills Training class 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sept. 28-Oct. 21, Mondays through Thursdays at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop (next to Subway).

For details or to obtain an enrollment form, call Nancy Judd at 938-3464 or Neil Sakumoto at 938-5389.

**Nature Museum offers Geology Hike**

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will be hosting a Geology Hike at the Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall, at 10 a.m. Sept. 12.

This event is part of the 16th Annual Hudson River Valley Ramble.

Come join Environmental Educator Megan Hoffman for a brief overview of the fascinating geology of our region. Bring water and a snack. There is a fee for this event.

For details, visit [hhnm.org](http://hhnm.org) or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.

**Play for Your Freedom Flag Football**

The Play for Your Freedom 2015 Flag Football Classic is scheduled for 11 a.m. Sept. 12 at Temple Hill School Football Field in New Windsor, New York.

The game proudly supports the Wounded Warrior Project. There are raffle items along with a grand prize raffle giving someone a chance at completing a football toss to win a 2015 Toyota Tacoma.

All service members present will be invited to come onto the field for the halftime dedication ceremonies.

For details, visit [playforyourfreedom.org](http://playforyourfreedom.org).

**Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls**

The West Point family is invited to attend any and all services at the Grace Baptist Church, located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls. The church is only two-and-one-half miles from Thayer Gate and only two miles from the Bear Mountain Bridge.

The church holds services on Sunday morning (Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.), Sunday evening (6 p.m.) and Wednesday evening (7 p.m.), as well as seasonal Bible studies for men, ladies and college-aged young people.

Transportation is provided as needed. For any questions, visit the church website at [www.gracebaptistny.org](http://www.gracebaptistny.org) or contact Pastor Steve Snively at 845-446-4086.
FEATURED EVENT

Sunday Brunch is back
The West Point Club’s seasonal Sunday Brunch runs from Sept. 13 through Nov. 15 in the Club’s Pierce Dining Room from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are suggested.
For details, call 938-5120.

JUST ANNOUNCED

30-Minute Spin Class
Drop by the Fitness Center at 4:15 p.m. every Tuesday for a 30-Minute Spin class. Bring a towel and a water bottle.
For details, call 938-6490.

Wellness Fair
Join the Fitness Center at the Emergency Preparedness Fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 12 in the Exchange Parking lot for its Wellness Fair. The Fitness Center is offering Group Fitness Class demos, a pull-up competition, Kids Obstacle Course and prizes.
For details, call 938-6490.

BOSS Penn State Game
The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Program is headed to the Penn State-Army football game Oct. 3. Vans leave from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reservations are suggested.
For details, call 608-7900 or 938-6497.

Boot Camp Class
Got 30 minutes to burn? Meet at the Gillis Field House for a half-hour boot camp class. Classes are held Tuesdays at 8:45 a.m. There is a minimal fee for this class.
For details, call the MWR Fitness Center at 938-6490.

FOR THE ADULTS

Financial Readiness Classes with ACS
Want to achieve financial success? Take a class with ACS. All classes are held at Bldg. 622 from 3-4 p.m., unless otherwise noted.
• Sept. 10—Sensible Savings;
• Sept. 24—1st Term Financial Readiness, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
For details, call 938-5839 or email amy.woehrauch@usma.edu.

Remembrance Run 5K
Join us to remember those who risked and lost their lives on 9/11/2001.
MWR is having a Remembrance Run 5K at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 11. Start and finish is at the MWR Fitness Center. Pre-registration begins Monday at the MWR Fitness Center.
Race day registration begins at 5:30 a.m. There is a fee for this event. The first 100 pre-registered runners receive a T-shirt. Cadets are free, but must register (sorry, no T-shirt). Strollers and leashed dogs are welcome. For details, call 938-6490.

Career Expo
Meet with top companies to discuss career opportunities from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 15 at the West Point Club.
Learn how to advance your career by meeting with top colleges and universities. Free for all job seekers, transitioning U.S. Military service members, veterans and spouses.
Register for the Expo by calling Shelley at 210-837-5200, so you can receive a list of the participating employers.
Call West Point Employment Readiness Program at 938-3655 or email jennifer.partridge@usma.edu for questions concerning this event.

CYSitter Babysitting Certification Course
Teens in grades 9-12 join CYS Services from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sept. 15 for a Babysitter Certification Course at Youth Services, Bldg. 500.
This course is designed to familiarize teens with the responsibilities of babysitting and also teach skills and techniques needed for sitters to become competent and caring.
For details, call 845-938-3969 or email khia.wood@usma.edu.

Bow Hunter Education Course
Round Pond Recreation Area is holding its annual Bow Hunter Education Course from 6-10:30 p.m. Sept. 15-16. Must attend both classes to receive credit.
Registration is open online at https://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york/125. For details, contact the Round Pond Office at 938-2503.

Membership Appreciation Night Dinner and Dance
Join the West Point Club from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 24 in the Hudson Room for the Club’s Membership Appreciation event.
Come join us and reap the benefits of being a Club member.
Not a member? No problem. Become a member and your dinner is on us.
Members dine for free, while non-members will pay a minimal fee for their dinner. For details, call 938-5120.

New York State Hunter Education Course
The New York State Hunter Education Course is a two-day course held at Round Pond’s Bonneville Cabin. Hunter’s must attend both classes held from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 25 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 26.
Bring a bag lunch for the Saturday class. Registration is going on now.
To register, call the Round Pond office at 938-2503.

Intervention to GAT, MRT & ArmyFit Classes
Global Assessment Tool (GAT), Master Resiliency Training (MRT) and ArmyFit classes are designed for spouses and DOD civilians.
You will learn hands-on training and self-development tools by knowing yourself and to learn how to cope with adversity, perform better in stressful situations and thrive in life.
These classes will help you stay emotionally and psychologically strong for yourself and your family. The classes will provide an introduction to each of these three components above.
The next classes are 10-11 a.m. Oct. 22 at ACS, Bldg. 622. These are the major components of the Comprehensive Soldier and Family Fitness Program (CSF2).
For details and to sign up, call 938-2519.

Become a Family Child Care Provider
Family Child Care is a great opportunity for those who want to stay home with their children.
You can become a certified provider and supplement your family’s income by caring for children in your home.
For details, contact Erin Faherty at erin.faherty@usma.edu or call 938-0086.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Arts & Crafts September class schedule
• Today—Little Impressionist, 10:30-11 a.m. Art projects for children 2 years and up;
• Tuesday—Paint & Wine a Bit, Dragonfly, 5-7 p.m. Grab a snack and a beverage and join us for a relaxing evening of art instruction and fun. Paint a 16x20 canvas;
• Sept. 22—Pint-Sized Picasso, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Grades K-5). Dale Chihuly—American glass artist from the state of Washington;
• Sept. 22—Cookies and Canvas: Frankensteen, 5-6:30 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult and will paint 12x12 canvas using acrylic paint. All painting supplies are included, as well as cookies and milk.
There is a minimal fee for the above classes. For details and to register, call 938-4812.

September Trip with Leisure Travel Services
• Sept. 11—Broadway performance of Aladdin, leave West Point at 5 p.m., leave NYC after the show.
There is a minimal fee for this trip and event. For details on the above trips, call LTS at 938-3601.

Oktobefest
The sixth annual West Point Oktoberfest is 4-9 p.m. Sept. 25 and 3-9 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Victor Constant Ski Area.
Traditional German food, drink and music with an American flair is offered at the event. For details, call 938-4690.

Actors Wanted

CYSS Football Childcare
A required minimum of 15 paid children is needed in order to provide care on Army West Point football game days. Care is located at the Stony CDC, Bldg. 1207.
Care will begin one hour before the game and children must be picked up within one hour of the game’s end. Meals and snacks will be provided.
Children must be registered with CYSS Services.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Wee Ones Open Play Group
ACS’s Family Advocacy Program invites the West Point community to the Wee Ones Open Play Group.
The play group is held from 9:30-11 a.m. Sept. 14, 21 and 28 at the Youth Center’s Gymnasium, Bldg. 500.
The Wee Ones Open Play Group is free and designed for children to play, learn and make new friends.
Additionally, Wee Ones will help your little one develop their social, cognitive and motor skills.
This is open to children up to 4 years old and their parents.
For details, call 938-3369/0629.

PAWS for Kids
The Exceptional Family Member Program presents the American Red Cross PAWS for KIDS.
All sessions take place between 3:30-5 p.m. at ACS on the following dates:
• Sept. 15 and 29
For details, call 938-5655 or Josephine.toohey@usma.edu.
Keller Corner

Keller information
Get up-to-date Keller Army Community Hospital information at http://kach.amended.army.mil/ or on social media at http://www.facebook.com/kellerarmycommunityhospital/

Keller offers Childbirth Education classes
Are you expecting a child this summer? Are you nervous because you’re not sure what to expect? If so, join KACH’s Obstetric Unit for their Childbirth Education Classes.

The classes are every Wednesday in September at KACH on the 4th Floor classroom from 6-8 p.m. To register, contact Keller’s Obstetrics Unit at 938-3210.

Keller conducts free developmental/hearing Screenings
KACH will conduct free developmental/hearing screenings at the Stony Child Development Center, located at 1207 Patrick Trail, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 29.

The screenings are by appointment only, call 845-938-2698/6868 to schedule.

This is being provided because not all children develop the same way. Some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child’s communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior and/or social interactions, join us for the free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted in conjunction with Audiology, Educational & Developmental Intervention Services and the West Point Schools, for all children birth to five years old.

TRICARE North and Health Net Mobile
Beneficiaries in the TRICARE North Region can connect to Health Net's mobile site at www.hnfs.com. This streamlined version of www.hnfs.com can be accessed on smartphones and tablets with no download required.

You can locate TRICARE-authorized providers, Health Net contact information, mental health resources and answers to frequently asked TRICARE questions. Health Net also offers an app for your smartphone called “Health Net Mobile,” which enables you to view details about your TRICARE benefits and to find a provider.

West Point Command Channel
Channels 8/23
For the week of Sept. 3-10
Army Newswatch
Thursday, Friday and Monday-Sept. 10
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

MOVIES at MAHAN
Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—No Show (Football Game)
Saturday—Inside Out, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—Ant-Man, PG-13, 9:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updates schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)

LifeWorks
at Balfour Beatty Communities

• First Day of School Photo Contest: Take a picture and email it to jgellman@bcgrp.com. All entries will be judged and winner will receive a prize. Last day to submit a photo is Saturday.

• Emergency Preparedness Fair: The U.S. Army Garrison West Point will be hosting its annual Emergency Preparedness Fair from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 12 at the PX parking lot. We hope to see everyone there.

• Free Breakfast on the Go: BBC hopes you are hungry because we want to start your day right with a Breakfast on the GO! Drive by 132 Bartlett Loop between 7:15-8:30 a.m. Sept. 10 for a free bagged breakfast brought to your car window. It’s our way of saying thanks to all our wonderful residents.

Jewish Observance of High Holidays

The Jewish High Holidays, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, are observed by the people of the Jewish faith throughout the world.

This year, Rosh Hashanah, is observed from sundown Sept. 13 through sundown Sept. 15. Yom Kippur, a one-day observance, is from sundown Sept. 22 through sundown Sept. 23.

The West Point Jewish Chapel, located at Bldg. 750 on Merritt Road, will conduct on-post holiday worship services and fellowship gatherings during each holiday.

Evening services begin at 7 p.m. and morning services begin at 9:30 a.m. during both holidays.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

A 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be conducted Sept. 11 at the Trophy Point Amphitheater beginning at 8:46 a.m. This is the time American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the north side of 1 World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. All members of the greater West Point community including military, civilian, staff, faculty, residents, employees and contractors are invited to attend this solemn event. Note—this is a combined ceremony involving members of the mission, garrison and tenant activities of West Point. Please arrive no later than 8:30 a.m.
Band performs in Japan

Staff Sgt. Anna Pennington, Staff Sgt. Briana Lehman, Master Sgt. Glenn West and Staff Sgt. Natalie Wren perform at the Kiyose Children's Home in Japan Aug. 15-19. Members of the West Point Band traveled to Tokyo, where they performed at the International Double Reed Society conference, an international festival comprised of performances and master classes by some of the top artists and teachers from around the world. Bassoonists West and Lehman, and oboists Pennington and Wren made the 6,760-mile trek to the site of the Olympic Village, which was constructed for the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, to participate in the 44th annual IDRS conference, the first festival held in Asia. They had the opportunity to share their talents with double reed players from around the world and perform in a recital alongside renowned guest artists, such as Yue Chang, principal oboe of the Shanghai Philharmonic. The quartet also visited the Kiyose Children's Home, where they performed for the children and taught them about music and double reeds through fun craft projects.

West Point Band concludes concert series with Labor Day concert

By Staff Sgt. Erin Beaver
West Point Band

The West Point Band will conclude the “Music Under the Stars” concert series with its annual Labor Day Celebration at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Trophy Point Amphitheater. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place on Monday.

One of our most popular events of the year, this performance concludes with live cannon fire and a spectacular fireworks display over the Hudson River. This concert is free and open to everyone.

Summer isn’t over in the Hudson Valley until you join the Band for its annual Labor Day Concert.

The concert band will start the celebration with works such as “Celebration” by Philip Sparke, “Shindig” by Don Gillis (transcribed by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Brown) and many others—before turning the concert over to the Benny Havens Band, who will get the crowd going with popular hits such as “American Saturday Night” and “Comin’ To Your City.”

The performance will conclude with a thrilling display of fireworks over the concert band’s performance of 1812 Overture.

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com.

West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.
Sullenger’s late goal powers Women’s Soccer to win

Freshman midfielder Samantha Sullenger scored her first-career goal at 82:37 to give Army West Point a 2-1 win over Youngstown State Aug. 28 at Clinton Field. PHOTO BY Mady Salvani/ AAC

By Mark Mohrman Army Athletic Communications

Freshman midfielder Samantha Sullenger’s first-career goal came at the perfect moment as the Army West Point Women’s Soccer team earned a 2-1 victory over Youngstown State Aug. 28 at Clinton Field. The victory improved Army to 2-1-0 on the season and kept the Black Knights unbeaten at home.

Junior defenseman Sam Gottlieb put Army in front early with her first tally of the season and the Black Knights survived a 79th minute equalizer by Youngstown State to hand the Penguins (2-1-0) their first loss.

“I am pleased that we responded to the goal we gave up at the end of the game and I thought it showed tremendous character,” head coach Marcia McDermott said. “We also showed composure, and after we gave up the goal, we could have overreacted, but instead we kept calm and got the game winner.”

The scoring chances came early and often for the Black Knights as they forced Youngstown State goalkeeper Elizabeth Balgoyen to make two saves and had another opportunity with a ball bouncing inside the six-yard box in the opening minutes.

The home side broke through in the sixth minute when rookie midfielder Kayleigh Stallings threaded a pass through a pair of defenders for Gottlieb, who used one touch to split the Penguins’ defense before blasting a right-footed strike under the crossbar.

Youngstown State earned a free kick in the center of the field in the 30th minute, but Army West Point successfully defended the restart and the ensuing corner.

Army West Point junior goalkeeper Jordan Cassalia didn’t need to make a save before intermission as the Penguins lone shot sailed high over the bar in the final moments of the period.

An hour into the match, Army had a pair of chances, but Youngstown State was able to keep the deficit at one. Senior forward Katie Holder’s shot skidded just wide of the near post and moments later a header by sophomore midfielder Clare Shea was corralled by Balgoyen.

Stallings nearly doubled the lead with a header in the 74th minute off a cross by senior forward Candace Stewart. The senior forward lifted a right-footed ball toward the goal from the right wing where Stallings deflected it just wide of frame.

The visitors evened the score in the 79th minute when Allison Green sent a shot over Cassalia’s head and inside the side netting at the far post.

The play was initially ruled a goal kick as the ball found its way through the netting behind Cassalia. The bizarre sequence was eventually ruled a goal after a Youngstown State assistant coach ran onto the pitch to get the attention of the referee. After the officials met and reversed the decision, the Penguins’ bench was issued a red card.

Army controlled the match with a 19-2 advantage in shots, but found itself in a deadlock with less than 10 minutes remaining in regulation.

The Black Knights earned a free kick and senior midfielder Hanna Rozzi’s service found Holder, who directed a pass to Sullenger in front of the penalty spot.

The rookie made no mistake and buried the game-winner at 82:37. “This was the type of game we needed to play this time of year in order to get where we need to go,” McDermott added.

The Cadets also managed a 7-2 edge in corner kicks and forced Balgoyen to make eight saves overall.
Edwards’ double-double sets Volleyball up for win

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Volleyball team earned its first win of the season with a 3-1 decision over McNeese State with set scores of 25-19, 19-25, 25-14 and 25-23 Aug. 29 in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Senior setter Vanessa Edwards earned a double-double to fuel two Black Knights to career-high performances. Sophomore middle blocker Carolyn Bockrath was named to the Arkansas Invitational All-Tournament Team due to her performance throughout the weekend.

“We had a great team win today,” head coach Alma Kovaci said. “Our middles were unbelievable during this match, which is a result of our passing and setting. McNeese was a powerful defensive team, but today’s win is a sentiment to our hard preseason training and tough practices.

“It was nice to see the players who were on the bench come in and change the game, which is what we are all about. We made some changes and the entire team was mentally prepared and that improved our performance. This team is committed to playing for each other and we saw improvements as the weekend went on, which was our goal,” Kovaci added.

Edwards’ double-double performance led the Black Knights to victory over McNeese. She dished out 53 assists and 22 digs through the four sets. She also contributed three blocks to aid Army defensively.

Bockrath and sophomore middle blocker Vanessa Wesley each had career-best performances which fueled the offense alongside Edwards.

Bockrath totaled a 28 kills with only one error for a hitting percentage of .659. Wesley tallied 12 kills also with only one error for a .440 average.

Army (1-2) won the first set, 25-19, before the Cowgirls (0-3) struck back to clinch set two, 25-19, which brought the score to a 1-1 draw. After the break, the Black Knights played with an extra fire to win 25-14.

To begin the third set, the Black Knights earned seven-of-nine points to take a 7-2 lead. Junior outside hitter Olivia Fairfield had a hand in the first two points with a kill and a block alongside Wesley.

Then after a McNeese point, Wesley and sophomore outside hitter Amber Clay each attacked and earned a kill. Clay added two more kill points in the stretch, while Bockrath chipped in one.

After the score was 16-13, the Black Knights went on a 10-1 run to clinch the third set with service from Fairfield and Clay.

In the fourth set, McNeese came out to a 7-2 start before the Black Knights got their rhythm back.

Army won five-straight points to tie the set at 7-7 with sophomore libero Ellie Petersen on the serve. Bockrath tallied three kills during that span and Clay chipped in twice.

The remainder of the set was very back-and-forth. Sophomore outside hitter Jaden Pickell and sophomore libero Shannel Chong worked together to produce Army’s final two points to clinch the match.

The Black Knights held a 64-49 advantage over the Cowgirls in kills and led 15-12 in blocks. Army also tallied four services aces to Mcneese’s zero.

Army will be back in action on Saturday when it hosts the Black Knight Invitational at Christl Arena. Iona, Cornell and William & Mary are set to attend the annual tournament.