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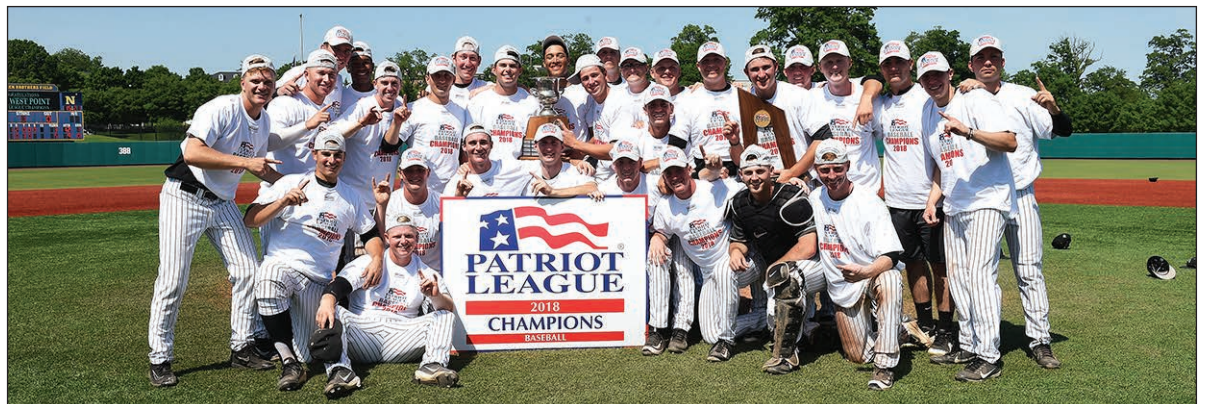
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Army Baseball takes PL title

(Above) The Army West Point Baseball team members pile on each other after the final out of their 5-3 victory over service academy rival Navy Monday afternoon in Annapolis, Md., to sweep the Patriot League Championship Series. The team claimed its league-leading eighth conference crown. With the win, the Black Knights advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2013. See Page 20 for the game story. PHOTOS BY NAVY ATHLETICS (ABOVE) AND ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS (RIGHT)



2018 Graduation Week parking and force protection information

Submitted by the Force Protection Office

During Graduation Week, through Saturday, several traffic revisions and parking restrictions will be enforced.

Please allow additional travel time when coming to West Point and driving on and around the installation during Graduation Week.

Parking and traffic information for Graduation Week—towing will be enforced:

- North Dock Parking Lot is reserved for recreational vehicles only through noon Sunday.

- Any West Point personnel going on official travel outside the installation during Graduation Week must not park in any/all parking lots. Contact the Military Police at 845-938-3333 for authorized overnight/extended parking areas.

Friday

- In support of the Graduation Day rehearsal, Stony Lonesome Road is closed to all vehicle traffic from Washington to Mills Road in vicinity of Michie Stadium from 5:30-6:30 a.m.

- Parking for the West Point workforce is authorized in the Central Area; however, Clinton Parking Lot and the Trophy Point parking lot is designated for handicapped parking only.

Saturday—Graduation Day

- All personnel with a valid Department of Defense form of identification are encouraged to use Washington Gate when entering/exiting West Point; all other visitors will use either Thayer/Stony Lonesome gates.

- Doubleday Parking Lot is reserved only for Protocol from 5 a.m. until after the Graduation Ceremony concludes.

- Clinton and Tennis Court parking lots are reserved only for handicapped parking.

- Stony Lonesome Road will be closed from the entrance of Lusk Housing area to Washington Road from approximately 8:30-9 a.m.

- Roads in and around Michie Stadium are blocked off to all vehicle traffic from 5 a.m. until completion of the Graduation Ceremony.

- In support of the movement of cadets to Michie Stadium for Graduation Day, Stony Lonesome Road will be closed to all vehicle traffic from Washington Road to Mills Road from 6:30-7:30 a.m.

- When entering Michie Stadium:
 - Family members and guests may enter the stadium through security checkpoints at Gates 4, 5, 6, 6A and 7.

- Kimsey Center is open for wheelchair access only.

- Everyone entering the stadium will pass through metal detectors at all gates.

- Large bags, coolers, backpacks,

unwrapped packages and umbrellas will not be allowed into the stadium.

You are encouraged to use clear plastic bags to carry your possessions to speed up processing through security.

Safety and security are a paramount concern during Graduation Week activities.

Everyone attending the Graduation Ceremony is asked to report any suspicious or

criminal activities.

If observing such activities, immediately report it to Military Police at the stadium or by calling 845-938-3333.

Visit our Ready West Point webpage for more details at <https://www.westpoint.army.mil/readywestpoint.html>.

Remember, "If you See something, Hear something, Say something."

Graduation Week Schedule

Graduation Activities 2018



Tuesday, May 22

10:20-10:45 a.m. Alumni Wreath Ceremony - Thayer Statue
11 a.m.-Noon Alumni Review - The Plain
7:30-9 p.m. Glee Club Concert – Eisenhower Hall Ballroom – 4th floor

Wednesday, May 23

9-10:30 a.m. Black Knight Awards – Robinson Auditorium
1-5 p.m. Constitution Island Tours – Please check the FAQ for more information
1-2:30 p.m. **Superintendent's Reception for 1st Regiment – Garden at Quarters 100
3-4:30 p.m. **Superintendent's Reception for 2nd Regiment – Garden at Quarters 100
5-5:45 p.m. Gospel Choir Concert – Mahan Hall Auditorium
6-7:45 p.m. Baccalaureate Services – services are held at the respective chapels
8-9 p.m. Combined Choir Concert Cadet Chapel

Thursday, May 24

10:30-11:30 a.m. Superintendent's Award Streamer Review – The Plain
1-5 p.m. Constitution Island Tours – Please check the FAQ for more information
1-2:30 p.m. **Superintendent's Reception for 3rd Regiment – Garden at Quarters 100
3-4:30 p.m. **Superintendent's Reception for 4th Regiment – Garden at Quarters 100
5 - 7 p.m. Awards Convocation Dinner (by invitation)
7 - 8:30 p.m. Superintendent's Awards for Excellence, Achievement, Distinguished Cadet & Awards Convocation

Friday, May 25

10:30 a.m. Parachute Team Demonstration – The Plain
11 a.m. Graduation Parade – The Plain
1-3:30 p.m. Academic Awards – by Academic Department
4:30-6:30 p.m. Pre-banquet Reception – Eisenhower Hall – Cadets and guests
7 p.m. Banquet – Washington Hall
(Please arrive at your table no later than 6:45 p.m.)

Saturday, May 26

10 a.m. **GRADUATION – Michie Stadium**
Gates open at 6:30 a.m. – Due to security considerations, all guests should be seated no later than 9:10 a.m. The graduating class will march in at 9:35 a.m.
2-6 p.m. Commissioning/Bar Pinning Ceremonies

**In the event of inclement weather, the receptions will be moved to Eisenhower Hall.

Tentative schedule of events – times subject to change.

During Grad Week, please call (845) 938-7000 for weather related updates.

For "Frequently Asked Questions" and additional Parent Information please visit – www.westpoint.edu/parents.

Updated 10/4/2017

To watch the livestream of Graduation online, visit <https://www.defense.gov/live>.

USMA Commencement

WEST POINT, N.Y.—The public is cordially invited to attend the U.S. Military Academy's Class of 2018 commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday at Michie Stadium where close to 950 cadets will receive their Bachelor of Science degrees and be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army.

The commencement speaker is Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.

Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Photo identification for those 16 years and older is required upon entering academy grounds and all vehicles are subject to search.

Parking for the event is available in many locations with free shuttle bus service to Michie Stadium.

Guests should plan to arrive early. The following items will not be allowed into the stadium: large bags, backpacks, coolers and umbrellas. Water bottles and baby bottles are allowed. Please plan accordingly.



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Alumni activities highlighted by DGs, wreath laying

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Traditionally, the Tuesday before graduation is full of alumni activities with the Alumni Review and the West Point Association of Graduates' Distinguished Graduate Award presentation on the Plain, and the oldest living graduate placing a wreath at the foot of the statue of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, considered to be the "Father of the Academy."

U.S. Military Academy Classes of January 1943, 1948, 1953 and 1968 held class reunions during graduation week. There were 306 classmates of the Class of 1968 holding their 50th reunion.

The Class of 1968 is also the 50-year affiliate class for the Class of 2018 and a few will be on hand graduation day, Saturday, to present second lieutenant bars to the commissioning graduates.

Retired Lt. Col. Dennis Rosenberry, USMA Class of 1968, spoke about the changes he sees with today's academy compared to when he was a cadet.

"Well, of course, the physical changes are what I saw first with all the construction," Rosenberry said. "But cadets have changed too. Cadets today have so many more opportunities than we did, especially leadership opportunities. We never got to go overseas like cadets can do now for additional military or educational opportunities. The only military opportunities we had was Airborne School in the summer."

The West Point AOG presented their 26th



The West Point Association of Graduates' Distinguished Graduate Awardees pose with the Brigade Staff after the distinguished graduate award ceremony Tuesday on the Plain. This year's awardees were (from left to right) retired Lt. Gen. Larry R. Jordan ('68); retired Col. Thomas C. Barron ('65); Honorable Sloan D. Gibson ('75); retired Col. Dana Mead ('57); retired Gen. William S. Wallace ('69); and retired Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute ('75). PHOTO BY MIKE LOPEZ/PAO VI

annual Distinguished Graduate Awards to retired Col. Dana Mead ('57); retired Col. Thomas C. Barron ('65); retired Lt. Gen. Larry R. Jordan ('68); retired Gen. William S. Wallace ('69); Sloan D. Gibson ('75) and retired Lt. Gen. Douglas E. Lute ('75).

The DGA is presented to those West Point graduates whose character, distinguished service and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which West Point strives, in keeping with its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country,"

Gibson was the former acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, former Deputy Secretary of

Veterans Affairs and served as president and Chief Executive Officer of the United Services Organizations (USO). Gibson talked about the most important thing he learned as a cadet.

"Character," Gibson said. "Character is everything. You can't be a leader without character; it determines your fate. There is an extraordinary range here for any graduate to serve their country. West Point instills the idea of Duty, Honor, Country, and that can manifest itself in many ways."

The oldest graduate is from USMA Class of 1940, retired Col. Kermit Dyke, who is 103

years old. He was accompanied by his son, also a USMA graduate, retired Maj. Robert Dyke, Class of 1975.

The elder Dyke first went into the Infantry before he entered the Army Air Corps.

"I flew 39 different planes. 38 props and one jet," Dyke said. "I liked the discipline. I was in the National Guard before attending West Point. I was impressed how they could control people. I also liked some of the sports like track, not the running, just field events like javelin throwing. I also established the record for marksmanship in pistol. I was on the pistol team."



Retired Col. Kermit Dyke (seated), U.S. Military Academy Class of 1940, prepares to walk with other alumni to place a wreath at the statue of Col. Sylvanus Thayer, father of West Point. Dyke's son, Robert Dyke, Class of 1975 and classmate of Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., spent 20 years in the Army before retiring.

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV



The Alumni Review began with a wreath laying ceremony at Thayer Statue where the past, present and future were brought together. Retired Col. Kermit Dyke (second from right), USMA '40, represented the Long Gray Line as the most senior member in attendance. He stands with (from left to right in front) Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., Robert Dyke and Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Guden, in addition to reunion classes of Jan. '43, '48, '53 and '68. PHOTO BY MICHELLE EBERHART/PAO VI

West Point honors Asian American Pacific Islander heritage

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The U.S. Military Academy and the U.S. Corps of Cadets Equal Opportunity offices hosted the annual Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon May 16 at the West Point Club. The theme for this year's commemoration is "Unite Our Vision by Working Together."

A bill signed by Congress in 1992 extended the former weeklong commemoration of APIHM to one month in May; chosen to commemorate the Asian immigration to the U.S. on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the track were Chinese immigrants.

Class of 2018 Cadet Keila Pritchard spoke to the audience about his Samoan heritage and presented a video showing he and Class of 2019 Cadet Taylor Jessup, who is also of Samoan heritage, practicing the Samoan fire and knife dances.

"I am from Washington State, second generation raised in the state," Pritchard said. "My grandfather joined the Army in American Samoa and came to Fort Lewis, Washington, and sort of planted there for his 22-year career in the Army. He went from E1 to E8, and finished his career at Fort Lewis and my dad stayed there and raised his family.

"I grew up very heavily in the Samoa culture. My aunt is the head of the Asian-Pacific Cultural Center and I was able to really flourish in that environment. But coming to the East Coast was a little different; there's not many islanders here, so I was out of my zone. One of the biggest takeaways of my culture after being at West Point is that no matter where you go, your culture means something and the Army is really good about that and, generally speaking, people are good about that," he added.

Pritchard said he was able to leverage his culture and show people that there is value in every culture.

"Whether it is pride or who you are or where you come from, you are able to leverage that and bring something to the team," he said.

Retired Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba was the guest speaker. Taguba was born in Manila, Philippines, and was commissioned as an Armor officer and distinguished military graduate of Idaho State University. He served numerous command and staff positions from platoon to general officer level. His service tours include assignments in the United States, South Korea, Germany, Iraq and Kuwait.

Taguba is currently president of the TDLS Consulting, LLC, which provides business consulting services to corporate



Retired Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba, president of the TDLA Consulting, LLC, which provides business consulting services to corporate and nonprofit organizations, was the guest speaker at the annual Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon May 16. Taguba is also the chairman of the Pan-Pacific American Leaders and Mentors, an national, all-volunteer, charitable, non-profit organization.

and nonprofit organizations, and chairman of the Pan Pacific American Leaders and Mentors, a national, all volunteer, charitable, nonprofit professional organization committed to mentoring and professional development of military and civilian leaders.

Taguba spoke about the Philippines, which at the time was considered a commonwealth of the U.S., and the Filipino Soldiers who fought under the command of American generals against the Japanese in the Philippines. The fight included defeat and horrific imprisonment and occupation.

President Franklin Roosevelt promised the Philippine Soldiers U.S. citizenship and full veterans' benefits to Filipinos who took up arms against the Japanese, the same benefits given to U.S. citizens.

"I want to share with you a brief history of thousands of Soldiers who served this country with uncommon valor," Taguba said. "And later, suffering a great injustice and humiliation for 75 years. I want to tell you what happened to my dad. This is a story of what happened to 260,000 Soldiers who served in the Far East and the Philippines under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

"The Battle of Bataan and the Bataan Death March where 72,000 prisoners of war and an estimated 10,000 Filipinos died during that long march. My late father was one of those captured in Bataan, but he later escaped and joined the guerrilla forces. He continued to serve in the U.S. Army until his retirement in 1953. He never spoke of his experience or of his being a prisoner of war until four months before his death in 2011."

Taguba spoke about the 79th Congress signing the Recession Act Feb. 18, 1946.

"Those Filipino Soldiers who served on active duty working with Americans who did not live in the U.S would not get benefits or become citizens, as promised by the Roosevelt administration," Taguba said. "The second part of that act revoked the American Nationality Act for those who were once American Nationals for the Commonwealth of the Philippines."

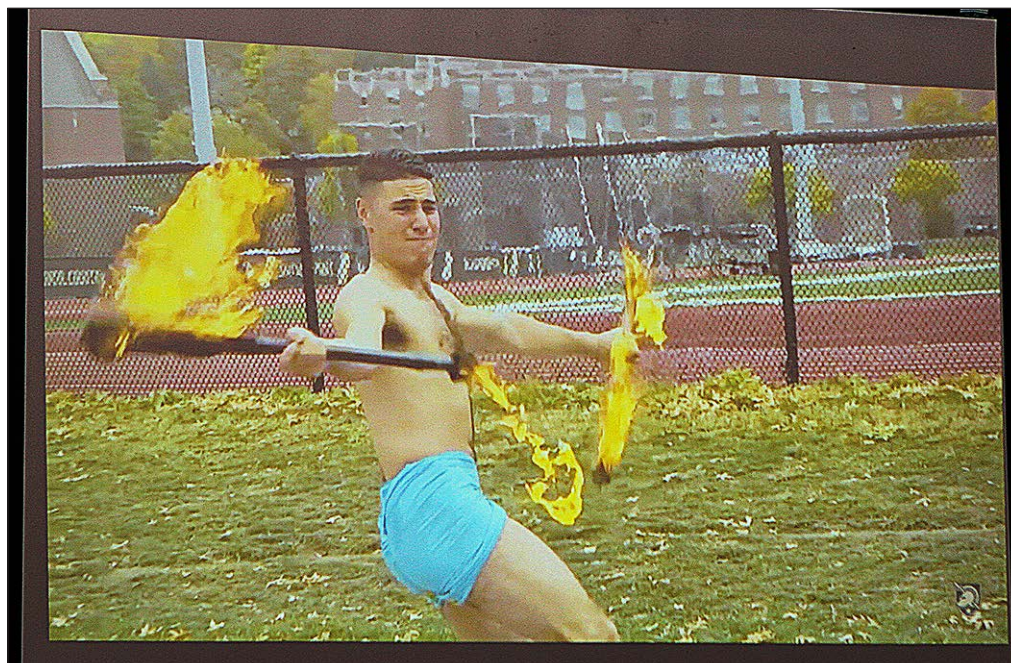
After 75 years of fighting for the recognition of Filipino veterans that resided in the Philippines during the war, President Barack Obama signed the Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Bill in February 2009.

"This allowed a one-time lump sum payment of \$50,000 for Filipinos who were U.S. citizens and \$9,000 for non-citizens," Taguba explained. "That is about 63 cents a day for four years of combat. My dad was paid \$60 when he was repatriated."

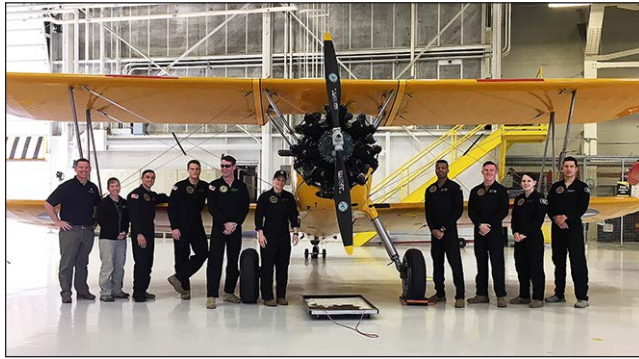
Congress passed the Congressional Gold Medal Act in 2016, which awarded Filipino Soldiers the Congressional Gold Medal. The Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom are the highest civilian awards in the United States.

"I have the distinct honor of awarding the last Congressional Gold Medal in December 2017 in San Francisco," Taguba said. "He was 101 years old and passed away a week later. I carry with me a bronze replica of my dad's Congressional Gold Medal."

U.S. Military Academy Class of 2018 Cadet Keila Pritchard showed a video of himself while practicing a Samoan fire dance during the Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month luncheon observation May 16 at the West Point Club. The theme for this year's commemoration is "Unite Our Vision by Working Together."



2017-18 cadet club activities



Aviation: The West Point Flying team hosted the fifth annual Service Academy Spring Classic flying event April 20-22 at Orange County Airport. West Point beat Navy and Coast Guard for the fifth time with some outstanding team and individual results. Ground events—Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation (SCAN): Kurt Klinkmueller, first place; Manual Flight Computer (E6B): Kurt Klinkmueller, first place; Aircraft Recognition: Galen Quiros, first place; Preflight: Mike Herbert, first place; Ground Trainer (Simulator): Kurt Klinkmueller, first place. Flight Events—Navigation: Kurt Klinkmueller/Galen Quiros, first place; Top ground competitor and top pilot: Kurt Klinkmueller. Overall point totals by team—USMA 200, USNA 150, USCGA 143.

Cadets perform well at MIT Soldier Design Competition finals

Submitted by Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Chemistry and Life Sciences

West Point teams from the departments of Civil and Mechanical Engineering and Chemistry and Life Sciences competed in the 15th annual MIT Soldier Design Competition (SDC) Finals at the MIT Media Lab April 30 in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Judges for this event included a combination of military and civilian personnel from the Army S&T community and private industry, to include Brig. Gen. Cindy Jebb, Philip Perconti (ARL Director) and Jeff Singleton (ASA(ALT) director of technology).

The senior leaders present were Maj. Gen. Cedric Wins, U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Gutierrez, RDECOM CSM.

The competition was stiff considering four of the five MIT teams consisted of master's level students and higher.

The cadets brought the SDC Trophy back to West Point by winning first place. In all, three of the four prizes went to West Point teams:

- First Place (\$5,000)—Under Body Armor
Cadets: Austen Deppe, Jacqueline Orr.
Advisers: Aaron Freidenberg, Lt. Col. Richard Gash.
- Second Place (\$4,000)—SkySupply
Cadets: Kurt Klinkmueller, Joshua Holt, Andrew Valentine and Anthony Wieck.
Advisers: Lt. Col. James Bluman, Andrew Kopeikin.
- Fourth Place (\$2,000)—Cook-off Indicator
Cadets: Mike Garner, William Ryan and Sawyer Stacey.
Advisers: Ozer Arnas, Maj. Sam Greulich.

The Soldier Design Competition is co-sponsored by the MIT Institute for Soldier Nano-Technology (ISN) and Lincoln Labs.



Soldier Design Competition championship team were Class of 2018 Cadets Jacqueline Orr and Austen Deppe (center) who celebrated the victory with the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command team: Maj. Gen. Cedric Wins and Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Gutierrez. Also pictured are Aaron Freidenberg (adviser), Lt. Col. Richard Gash (adviser), and professor Raul Radovitzky (ISN Deputy Director).

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From the Foxhole... 'From the Command Post'



Cadet summer leadership balances end of semester demands, preparation for summer training

By Capt. Jannelle Allong-Diakabana
MP Branch Representative

As the Corps of Cadets prepares for the last week of classes, term end exams and graduation, those cadets in charge of various summer details conducted a rehearsal of concept (ROC) drill to the Commandant, Brig. Gen. Steven Gilland. The purpose of this rehearsal is to synchronize scheduled events for this upcoming summer's multi-layered training and certification events.

There are a few variations of training models used to develop and manage individual and unit level training.

This particular rehearsal is one of the steps of the Eight Step Training Model, a training methodology used to ensure training is planned, resourced and effective.

The ROC drill, part of the "rehearse" step, was utilized to synchronize the various details and the support required to execute the details to the highest standard possible. The Eight Step Training Model enables lead trainers (cadets, staff and faculty of DMJ) to build plan, train the trainers, recon the training sites, issue orders, rehearse, execute the training, evaluate the training and retrain the tasks to standard.

Cadet Summer Training leadership roles immerse cadets into the realm of training younger cadets and developing themselves as junior officers.

Each cadet in charge is paired with an officer in charge to provide oversight and mentorship during the tenure of their summer detail.

Capt. Ashley Leach, the S4 for Cadet Field Training this summer, described the cadet summer training ROC drill as "another great example of our cadets taking charge and preparing to execute world-class training."

More than 40 cadet leaders participated in the ROC drill. Leach was impressed by the cadets' abilities to dive headlong into complex problems they have not faced before, and provide resolution through resourcefulness.



Seamless execution of CST demands attention to detail, resilience, patience and risk mitigation. During his opening remarks, Gilland stressed to summer cadet leadership the importance of "(maintaining) accountability of our actions (and) the accountability of other's actions," as it pertains to remaining safe and vigilant throughout a demanding summer.

Although still a few weeks away from execution, the preparation phase has been a challenge. Leach's CIC, Class of 2019 Cadet James Tyler, is an innovative cadet who Leach states, "has been both an honor and pleasure to coach, teach and mentor."

Class of 2019 Cadet David Santos, Company E-4, will serve as the Air Assault School CIC this summer.

Santos found the rehearsal of concept (ROC) drill insightful and stated, "(It) provided feedback from the academy's leadership. We discussed our assigned details and received immediate feedback on what would make our details successful for those we'd be training."

The execution of this rehearsal by the Military Training Division enables cadet leadership and their respective officers in charge to gain shared understanding highlight potential shortfalls, conflicts in scheduling, confirm the availability of resources that will be shared among Cadet Basic Training, Cadet Field Training, Cadet Leadership Developmental Training, Cadet Candidate Basic Training, Summer Leadership Experience and Air Assault School, and identify means to provide the most effective and efficient training possible.

Cadets place first at Mid-Hudson Business Plan Competition

By Angela Lee

Class of 2018 Cadet Andrew Lee and Class of 2019 Cadet Alexandra Davis represented the U.S. Military Academy at the Mid-Hudson Business Plan Competition April 13 at Marist College.

They pitched to the judges about The Extra

Mile Foundation, a nonprofit travel agency providing low cost travel services to veteran supporting organizations through aggregating donated frequent flyer miles.

Facing competition against services and products such eReaders for the visually impaired, the two placed first, earning a \$1,000 prize check.

The Extra Mile Foundation plans to use this money toward acquiring a larger donor base.

“After developing our minimum viable product, our focus is on marketing and getting our mission out to everyone with frequent flyer miles so they can donate to specific veteran empowerment causes,” Davis, operations director, said.

The idea began when Andrew Lee, The Extra Mile Foundation founder and executive director, realized that small veteran-supporting nonprofits have intimate relationships with veterans but lack the resources to organize travel accommodations because they are cost and resource intensive.

The lack of funding and resources limits these organizations to events within their geographic location.

The Extra Mile Foundation seeks to help veterans transition into the civilian sector by offering low cost travel to networking and job training events, eliminating the limitations the small nonprofits face.

As a one-stop shop for nonprofits looking to organize travel, the organization offers ride services, airport disability support and a round trip flight. The nonprofit activities they have supported include getting veterans to the Warrior Games, transitioning military personnel to cybersecurity certification classes and job seekers to networking events.

The Extra Mile Foundation has identified the intersection between donor desire and nonprofit



Founder and Executive Director, Andrew Lee, pitching the mission of The Extra Mile Foundation.

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need in the industry of travel, and created a seamless solution.

The team traveled to the University of Albany on April 27 for the New York State Business Plan Competition Finals, competing against other undergraduates, masters and doctorate candidates. They placed second and were awarded \$2,500.

More on the foundation can be learned at www.extramilefoundation.org. Contact andrew@extramilefoundation.org for any inquiries.



Founder and Executive Director of The Extra Mile Foundation, Andrew Lee, receives the New York State Finals second place award April 27 at the University of Albany. His group earned first place at the Mid-Hudson Business Plan Competition, which allowed the group to earn second at states.

Cadets inducted into IEEE-HKN, UPE societies

The Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science hosted induction ceremonies for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Eta Kappa Nu (IEEE-HKN), the honor society for electrical engineering, and for Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE), the honor society for computer science and information technology, April 20 in the Regimental Room of the Cadet Mess Hall. The guest speaker for this year’s joint induction ceremony was Jon Bentley. Bentley was the first Visiting Professor of Computer Science at USMA in 1985, and he currently serves as the Chair of the External Advisory Board for EECS. Bentley challenged the cadets to play games as a way to innovate and think of new solutions to daunting problems. Cadets inducted into the two honor societies ranked in the top 25 percent (for the Classes of 2019 and 2020) or the top 33 percent (for the Class of 2018) of students in their fields of study. (Above left) The cadets inducted into IEEE-HKN were Class of 2018 Cadets Peter Shares and Eliza Brownfield; Class of 2019 Cadets William Smith, Nikhil Shyamkumar and Bradley Whiteall; and Class of 2020 Cadets Logan Marcisin, Patrick Howze and Nicholas Ges. (Lower left) The cadets inducted into UPE were Class of 2018 Cadets Mason Adam, Connor Eckert and Mingu Jeong; and Class of 2019 Cadets Beomjin An, William Brooks, Brennen Chaussey, Brian Curtin, Rachelle David, Evan Delvaux, Danielle Jaksha, Mary Pollin, Tyler Reece, Conner Russell, Joseph Schlesinger, Madeleine Schneider, Jinwon Seo and Matthew Yuan. Maj. Alexander Kedrowitsch, an instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, was also inducted into UPE.

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Girls Scouts Awards, Bridging Ceremony



The Girl Scouts at West Point had its end-of-year awards and bridging ceremony May 18 at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School Auditorium. The ceremony recognized adult volunteers who have earned awards, girls who have earned their Girl Scout Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, celebrated girls who have completed a year of Girl Scouting, and bridged girls who are moving up to the next grade level. Girl Scouts bridge when they reach the end of one grade level and move up to the next level. There are certain requirements that they must complete in order to earn their bridging rainbow, but any girl can bridge without having earned their rainbow. When a girl crosses the bridge, they are greeted by a girl from the level that they are joining, so a Brownie Girl Scout meets a bridging Daisy Girl Scout, and welcomes her to Brownies and so on for the other levels at the bridging ceremony. (Above) Girl Scout Daisy Troop 192 poses for photos after bridging to Brownie Girl Scouts. (Above left) Girl Scout Cadette Gianna Keena receives a commendation from Deputy Lichtenfeld of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, in recognition of earning her Girl Scout Silver Award. (Left) West Point Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Kanisha Lamothe addresses the girls on her experiences as a leader and how Girl Scouts helped her grow as a person. (Below) Girl Scout Junior Troop 345 talks about the Girl Scout Bronze Award project the troop is currently working on, and the process the group went through for deciding what to do.

PHOTOS BY LT. COL. JAMES FINOCCHIARO



FEATURED ITEM

Executive Resilience and Performance Course sign-up

There is an Executive Resilience and Performance Course available for West Point staff and faculty scheduled for June 19-20 at Thayer Hall's North Auditorium, Room 144.

The June 19 session is a four-hour class designed to train Army leaders, company commanders, first sergeants and GS-12 civilians and above, familiarizing them with resilience and performance enhancement skills.

The June 20 session is an eight-hour class for familiarizing junior officers, NCOs and GS-11 civilians and below with resilience and performance enhancement skills.

To sign up, navigate to the Executive Resilience and Performance Course sign-up page at <https://portal.westpoint.edu/usstaff/g3/training/SitePages/Executive%20Resilience%20and%20Performance%20Course.aspx>.

Once on the site, click the "add new item" button at the bottom of the sign-up list and fill out the four required fields in the corresponding pop-up window. Be sure to select the course appropriate for your needs. Once you've filled out all the fields, click the "save" button at the bottom of the form to add your name to the sign-up list.

For more details, contact Sherrie Lowther, USMA G3, training officer, at 845-938-5876 or email sherrie.lowther@usma.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School board vacancy

The West Point School Board has announced that an election will be held June 7 to fill two vacancies on the board. School board members are actively involved military community members who demonstrate interest in one of the most vital aspects of our American way of life—the education of our young people.

Any adult living on West Point can enter the election. To be a candidate, each person seeking office must pick up the official "School Board Candidate Petition" from the Office of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Building 681, or School Liaison Office, Building 695, Buckner Loop, in either school office, or download the attachment to One Call.

The completed petition must be returned to the community superintendent's office by Friday for names to be placed on the official ballot.

School board members are elected by parents of children attending school at West Point and serve for a three-year term of office, but a three-year commitment is not required.

The school board members play an important role by being the voice of the community and serving in an advisory role to the community superintendent.

For details, call the community superintendent's office at 845-630-7012.

Most Holy Trinity Memorial Day weekend schedule

Most Holy Trinity's schedule for Memorial Day weekend will be:

- Sunday at 10:30 a.m., which is the only Mass Memorial Day weekend.
- There are no 5 p.m. Saturday or 5 p.m. Sunday Mass sessions that weekend.

West Point 10K is a qualifier for the West Point Ten-Miler team

Pre-registration is ongoing for Team West Point for the Army Ten-Miler registration. Slots are not unlimited. The race takes place Oct. 7.

Eligibility for priority registration includes U.S. service members and runners who have finished seven or more ATM races. U.S. service members must use their government ".mil"

email to register. The names of the military runners will not be listed in the priority database.

General registration will open Wednesday and will only be open for a few minutes. For more details, visit armytenmiler.com. The West Point 10K is a qualifier for the West Point Ten-Miler team. It isn't a "you must race to make the team," but folks from West Point interested in running the Ten-Miler, should run the West Point 10K on June 9.

Disabled American Veterans golf outing

The fifth annual Disabled American Veterans golf outing is scheduled for June 14 at West Point Golf Course.

It starts with registration at 7 a.m. and a Captain's Choice Scramble at 8 a.m. Dinner and award presentation follow immediately after the outing. All golfers are welcome.

West Point Vacation Bible School

The West Point Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. July 31-Aug. 4.

The Bible School will teach about Daniel's courage while captive in Babylon. Registration is open to children entering kindergarten through fifth grade.

Children in sixth grade and up may register as a youth participant and assist with the younger children.

On Aug. 4, we will celebrate Family Day. Our program is run by volunteers—please sign-up to help out. Volunteers with younger than school age children should register by June 1 to secure a spot in childcare. Register at vbspro.events/p/wpvbs.

For more details, contact Donna Schlegel at dmschlegel@gmail.com or Desrae Gibby at desraegibby@msn.com. Find us on Facebook at West Point Vacation Bible School 2018.

Instrument drive

Have instruments that you don't use or need anymore? The Highland Falls Intermediate School Band program needs your help. Contact musicalinstrumentdrive2017@gmail.com if you have a used instrument that you would like to donate.

Instruments needed include flute, trumpet, clarinet, tuba, trombone, any saxophone, bassoon, bass clarinet, oboe, French horn or percussion instruments.

West Point Lending Library

The West Point Community Lending Library at 126 Washington Road is located on the second floor.

WPFH library has a variety of books to choose from, such as children's books, drama, history, mystery, best sellers, biographies, etc. The library is now open during business hours everyday and is ready for visitors to come check out books, study, do homework or stay and enjoy its tranquil reading room.

Little Free Library

Hazel Calway, a fifth grader at West Point Middle School and an avid reader, started a Little Free Library, located at 306D Alexander Place on West Point. The purpose of the LFL is to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

The Little Free Libraries are small, front-yard book exchanges numbering 50,000 around the world in 70 countries.

The mission of the LFL is to encourage children to read during the fall months. Hazel's LFL is open 24 hours, seven days a week. To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Army Career Tracker 'Lunch and Learn Sessions'

HQDA G3/5/7 is conducting virtual Army Career Tracker (ACT) "Lunch and Learn Sessions" every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The sessions are designed to benefit careerists in all career programs at all levels and grades, enabling them to better leverage ACT for professional development.

Visit the CP29 page in ACT for training, education and professional development opportunities at <https://actnow.army.mil>. "Like" CP29's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ArmyCP29/.

Army Education Center

College courses are offered through the Army Education Center at West Point, located at 683 Buckner Loop.

Undergraduate classes:

- Mount Saint Mary College—Call Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or email sharon.seidule@msmc.edu; and
- Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Gina Funaro at 845-398-4102 or email gfunaro@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:

- John Jay College of Criminal Justice—master's degree in public administration—Call Jennifer Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu; and
- Long Island University—master's degrees in school counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family counseling—Call Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or email marybeth.leggett@liu.edu.

Employee Assistance Program

West Point Garrison offers an Employee Assistance Program that provides free and confidential counseling for civilians, family members and retirees.

The program offers services from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The EAP is located at 656 Eichelberger Road.

For details, call 845-938-1039.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

The Town Of Highlands West Point Youth Football/Cheer Association registration

The Junior Black Knights Football/Cheer Association will be holding registration for the 2018 season from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Roe Park in Highland Falls.

For details or to register online, visit Leaguelineup.com/JBK. JBK football/Cheer is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 14, however, not 14 year olds in high school). All coaches are fully background checked and certified by USA Football.

Cornwall-on-Hudson RiverFest

The Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson will host its 21st annual RiverFest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. June 2.

RiverFest 2018 will be held at Donahue Park along the Hudson River and will feature a full day of music and entertainment, children's activities and a large craft and food fair.

The day's events will include live bands, river activities, food stands and non profit groups and contributors.

The musical and children's entertainers with times include: Third Degree (noon), Somerville Brothers (1:10 p.m.), Junket (2:20 p.m.), Soul City (3:30 p.m.), Apricity (4:40 p.m.) and Story Laurie (1 p.m.), Magic Rachel (2 p.m.) and Story Laurie (3 p.m.).

Vendor spaces are still available. Applications can be downloaded from www.river-fest.com and will be accepted until all spaces are filled.

JBK Football conditioning camps

The Junior Black Knights Football team will be holding conditioning camps starting June 4 and will run every Monday and Wednesday in June and July.

The camp will be held from 5-7 p.m. at Ficken Field in Highland Falls. These camps are free and open to all boys and girls interested in playing football or cheering.

You do not need to be registered to participate at the camps.

However, registration will be available during camps to participate during the season. Like JBKFOOTBALL on Facebook.

2nd Infantry Division annual reunion

The Second (Indianhead) Division Association is searching for anyone who served in the Army's 2nd Infantry Division at any time.

For details about the association and its 97th annual reunion Sept.19-23 in Jacksonville, Florida, contact Mike Davino at 2IDA.PAO@charter.net, visit www.2ida.org/2018-reunion/ or call 919-498-1910.



WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

westpoint.armymwr.com

FEATURED EVENT

West Point 5K/10K

The annual West Point 5K/10K will be held June 9 with the race start at 8:30 a.m. The Kids Fun Run will follow at 9 a.m. There is a nominal fee for this event. Register online at <http://go.usa.gov/xQ9BS>.

For more details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

JUST ANNOUNCED

FCC provider positions available now (updated)

Family Child Care is certified in-home child care for children ages 4 weeks-12 years. FCC providers are authorized family members who operate as independent contractors in housing located on a military installation.

FCC offers flexible hours, a home-like environment and lower adult/child ratios. FCC allows providers to make their own schedule offering a full range of hourly, full-day and part-day care. Child and Youth Services is currently looking for new FCC providers. Family members who live in government quarters on West Point are welcome to apply.

FCC providers receive training and guidance on child care skills and the opportunity to provide child care while staying at home with their own children. We also offer free advertising and referrals.

For details, call 845-938-8528.

Start Smart Sports summer sessions

MWR and CYS is offering Start Smart Sports summer sessions. As of now, it's for basketball and soccer only—but may change depending on participation.

Registration is open through June 3. Details are on the flyer (right) and if you have any questions, contact the youth sports office at 845-938-8896.



FOR THE ADULTS

Champagne Sunday Brunch

The Champagne Sunday Brunch is 10 a.m.-1 p.m. every Sunday through Nov. 11 at the West Point Club.

Each week the club's executive chef and his team present a different menu including action stations and desserts.

There is a nominal fee. For details, call 845-938-5120 or visit www.thewestpointclub.com.

Now open—Bistro 603 at the West Point Club

Check out the West Point Club's new Bistro 603. The Bistro is open from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Breakfast is served from 7 a.m.-10 a.m., lunch is served from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., while Grab and Go is available all day. It is open to the public. For a complete menu, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

MWR Knight Runner Shuttle

Need a ride to any FMWR facility or the AAFES Exchange? Call the Knight Runner Shuttle service from 3-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, for a minimal fee per ride.

Last call for pick-up must be made before 7:30 p.m.

Must be 18 or older to ride. For details, call 845-938-0140.

Lunch Loop Shuttle

There is a West Point Lunch Loop Shuttle from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday. The shuttle will run a continuous loop.

The shuttle runs in the areas of the West Point Bowling Center, West Point Club, Howard Road, DPW, Garrison headquarters, Keller Hospital and the West Point Golf Course.

A Common Access Card is required for the shuttle.

Must be 18 and older to ride the shuttle. It is free.

For details, call 845-938-0140.

West Point Golf Course is open for the season

The West Point Golf Course is open Tuesday through Sunday with first tees at 8 a.m., while Mondays it will open at noon or be closed for a private event. Make your tee times online at www.golfatwestpoint.com or call at 845-938-2435.

West Point Club's Dinner-To-Go available five nights a week

The Dinner-to-Go program runs Monday through Friday.

Place your order by 2 p.m. that day and specify pickup time between 4:30-6:30 p.m. and pick up your meal at the West Point Club's Benny Havens Lounge.

There is a 15-minute authorized parking for dinner pickup in front of the club. Servings for four or six are available for a nominal fee. For pricing and menu items, visit thewestpointclub.com or call 845-446-5506/5504.

West Point Bowling Center's pizza delivery hours

The West Point Bowling Center delivers pizza seven days a week.

- Monday-Thursday—11 a.m.-9 p.m.;
- Friday and Saturday—11 a.m.-11 p.m.;
- Sunday—Noon-9 p.m.

For details, call 845-938-2140.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Father's Day Brunch

Join the West Point Club from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 17 for its annual Father's Day Brunch at the club's Pierce Room.

The West Point Club is open to the public. To make reservations, visit thewestpointclub.com. For more details, call 845-938-5120.

The MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op

The MWR Fitness Center CYS Child Care Co-Op is looking for new members. The co-op is comprised of CYS eligible patrons with children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, who are looking to workout while having their child participate in a volunteer-facilitated childcare.

In exchange for their child's participation, co-op members agree to support other members and assist with the supervision of children during co-op hours.

If you are interested in participating, contact the CYS Outreach Services Office at 845-938-3969.

Horseback riding lessons

The Morgan Farm horseback riding lesson program is now open. Lessons are available for beginners through advanced, ages 5 and up. Lesson packages are available.

For more details, call 845-938-3926.

2018 Round Pond Reservations

Round Pond reservations for 2018 are ongoing for all eligible personnel. Reservations can be made between 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every day by calling 845-938-8811.

FOR THE YOUTHS

SAC Summer Camp Registration

West Point School Age Center's Summer Camp Care registration is ongoing now. You can register your children through militarychildcare.com.

Children in grades K-5 registered with CYS Services are eligible for the camp. SAC offers summer camp care during the months of June through September. Hours of summer camp operations are 6 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CYS Services Spring Sports Programs

West Point families, as it inches closer to the beginning of the summer season, Child, Youth and School Age Services is excited to announce that it's adding a new sport.

For the first time, it will offer a youth flag football league for ages 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11, with its T-ball, baseball and soccer leagues. We look forward to seeing you out there.

For details, call 845-938-8896.

Wee Ones Open Play Group

Wee Ones Open Play Group welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent from 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the Youth Center Gymnasium, Building 500, across from West Point Schools. It is a time for the children to play, learn and make new friends. Pre-registration is not required. There's always something fun happening at Wee Ones.

For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

Wee Read

Wee Read welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent at 9-10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Army Community Service (ACS) Resiliency Center, second floor of Building 626, near Buffalo Soldier Field.

Wee Read introduces children to basic literacy skills, books and reading. Pre-registration is not required.

For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-0629 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

Part Day Preschool openings

Spaces are still available in the Stony Child Development Center Tuesday and Thursday session of Part Day Preschool. The class hours are 9 a.m.-noon.

The program utilizes the creative curriculum to facilitate the development of social, emotional, literacy, fine and gross motor skills. Fees are based upon total family income. A USDA CACFP approved snack is served each day.

For details, contact Parent and Outreach Services at 845-938-4458.

School Age Center's After School Programs

The School Age Center offers programs with several different themes and activities for kindergarten through fifth grade.

If you are interested in a before and after school program for your school age child, please sign up today.

The School Age Center also offers hourly activities for children who would like to come on an hourly or daily basis.

For details, call the Lee Area CYS Facility front desk at 845-938-8530.

Keller Corner

KACH OBU to provide Childbirth Education Courses

The KACH Obstetric Unit will provide Childbirth Education Courses—May/June 2018. Topics include, but are not limited to, what to expect during labor, pain control options, newborn care and breastfeeding.

If this is your first baby and/or you are due before September, this class series is for you. Participants must be DOD beneficiaries.

The Childbirth Education Course sessions are scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m. Wednesday and June 6 on the fourth floor classroom at KACH.

To register and/or get details, contact Keller's Obstetrics Unit at 845-938-3210.

Do you want to change your network provider?

Did you know? If you would like to see a different network provider than the one issued by TRICARE on your referral authorization, you have the option to request a change to another network provider.

You can logon to www.humanamilitary.com to see a directory of network providers. Contact TRICARE East at 1-800-444-5445 to request a change.

“Miles Ahead” kicks off Music Under the Stars

By the West Point Band

The West Point Jazz Ensemble will present a performance to kick off the West Point Band's “Music Under the Stars” 2018 summer concert series at 7:30 p.m. June 9 at the Trophy Point Amphitheater. Entitled “Miles Ahead,” this concert will explore the expansive jazz canon of legendary artist Miles Davis, featuring special guest Ira Coleman on bass, a former sideman of Miles Davis' alumni Herbie Hancock and Tony Williams.

Audiences are welcome to bring picnics, visit the beautiful and historic grounds at the U.S. Military Academy, and enjoy scenic Hudson River views at sunset.

As always, this concert is free and open to all. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move indoors, to Eisenhower Hall.

Established in 1817, the West Point Band is the Army's oldest musical organization and continues to provide world-class music to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets and to serve as ambassadors of the United States Military Academy and the Army to local, national, and international communities.

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 the Band on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.



Congratulations to the West Point Elementary School Earth Day Poster Contest winners. LifeWorks had more than 40 participants enter the contest and prizes were awarded by West Point Family Homes. Judges came from across the Mid-Atlantic DODEA region. Thanks to all who participated.

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MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Solo: A Star Wars Story,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—“Solo: A Star Wars Story,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 1—“Solo: A Star Wars Story,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

June 2—“Truth or Dare,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

(For movie details and updated schedules, visit <http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm>.)



Children “playing” with or starting fires is dangerous and costly. Each year these fires cause hundreds of injuries, millions of dollars in damage, and are most likely to kill young children under the age of 5.

Some children play with fire out of curiosity, boredom, or peer pressure, not realizing its danger. But other children misuse fire because they are struggling with problems or emotions. Without proper intervention and instruction, children who misuse fire will very likely do it again. However, if punishment is the only intervention strategy used, it could actually contribute to the problem. What can you do?

Follow these tips to keep your family safe:

- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children, up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Closely supervise children, making sure that they are kept away from other fire sources, including lit candles, cigarettes, bonfires, and stoves.
- It is natural for young children to be curious and ask questions about fire, play with fire trucks, or pretend to cook. Use these opportunities to teach them about fire safety.
- Explain that fire moves very fast and can hurt as soon as it touches them. Tell them that this is why matches and lighters are tools for adults only.
- Teach young children to never touch matches or lighters. They must go tell a grown-up when matches or lighters are found.
- Establish clear rules and consequences about unsupervised and unauthorized uses of fire.
- Be a good example! Always use fire sources — matches, lighters, candles, fireplaces, and campfires — in a safe manner. Never treat them as toys, or children may imitate you.
- Talk with children about what their friends or other children are doing with fire. What are they seeing online in video games, on TV, in movies, and on social media? Teach them specific ways to resist the peer pressure to misuse fire.
- Give praise for showing respect and age-appropriate responsible behavior toward fire.

Important!

Understand that children and fire are a **deadly combination**. If you suspect a child is unusually interested in fire or is setting fires, take immediate action. Follow these safety tips. Contact your local fire department, school, burn center, or counseling agency to get help from specially trained experts.


All children are at risk for using fire unsafely. Many fires happen simply because matches and lighters are left within a child's reach.



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Car Fire Safety

Cars can catch fire for many reasons. Mechanical or electrical issues are the most common cause. A car can also catch fire as the result of a bad crash. If you see smoke or flames or smell burning rubber or plastic, respond immediately.

What to do if your car is on fire

- » Pull over as quickly as it is safe to do so, be sure to use your signal as you make your way to a safe location off the road such as the breakdown lane or rest stop.
- » Once you have stopped, TURN OFF the engine.
- » GET everyone out of the car. Never return to a burning car for anything.
- » MOVE everyone at least 100 feet from the burning car and well away from traffic.
- » CALL 9-1-1.

How to prevent a car fire

- Have your car serviced regularly by a professionally trained mechanic. If you spot leaks, your car is not running properly, get it checked. A well-maintained car is less likely to have a fire.
- If you must transport gasoline, transport only a small amount in a certified gas can that is sealed. Keep a window open for ventilation.
- Gas cans and propane cylinders should never be transported in the passenger compartment.
- Never park a car where flammables, such as grass, are touching the catalytic converter.
- Drive safely to avoid an accident.

Know the danger signs

- Cracked or loose wiring or electrical problems, including a fuse that blows more than once
- Oil or fluid leaks
- Oil cap not on securely
- Rapid changes in fuel or fluid level, or engine temperature

Most car fluids are flammable. Heat and electrical sparks plus leaking fluid are all it takes to start a car fire.



FACT

Most crashes do NOT result in fire. In the event of any crash, call 9-1-1. If there is no sign of fire, wait for emergency assistance to help any injured individuals out of the car.

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Brinson: Works hard, plays hard as multiple-sport athlete

By Ana Garrigo
Army Athletic Communications

Junior Kenneth Brinson has always been a motivated and dedicated athlete. Which is why when he was looking for a college, he was looking for a place where he could pursue the sports that he was passionate about. Brinson played three varsity sports in high school and was determined to participate in as many as he could at a collegiate level.

At the end of the search, he determined West Point was where he would be able to actualize that goal while simultaneously being challenged in a variety of other ways.

“I think most of it is just the people and the breadth of experience and opportunity to develop myself is what attracted me most,” Brinson said. “Football and track worked well together. I competed in football and track in high school and I really love both sports, so it’s been a blessing to be able to do both.”

He has taken full advantage of being able to pursue these sports, excelling in both areas. Thus far in track he has shown strong throwing talent, garnering a pair of Patriot League titles and two Army-Navy individual first-place finishes. In his football career, he hasn’t missed a game in his three years. In 38 games, he has 102 total tackles and 8 1/2 sacks.

Despite these successes, being a two-sport varsity athlete is just as difficult as one would imagine while simultaneously juggling his academic and military responsibilities. There are sometimes challenges that arise that Brinson has to face, but lucky for him he has a team of



In the classroom, Brinson decided to pursue a degree in chemical engineering, and though it is challenging, he is currently holding a 4.025 grade point average in the subject.

people who support him not only at home, but at the academy as well.

His sister, Kamryn Brinson, a yearling who is also on the track and field team, is a constant source of support for him to lean on. At just 17 months apart, he and his sister are incredibly close.

He added, “It’s probably the best thing about this place. One of the biggest blessings just to be able to see Kamryn around.”

He also has a multitude of coaches who help him be the best he can be in all he tries to accomplish.

“Coach Angelo, Coach Monken, my position coach, Coach Dixon, they have all done a really phenomenal job guiding me and supporting me as I try to do both sports,” Brinson said. “They’ve been instrumental to making sure I get enough time to develop in both and try to perform at the level that I want to perform at.”

His track and field throws coach, Angelo Posillico, helps Brinson as much as he can, in any way he can. He recognizes all of Brinson’s hard work and how he throws himself into whatever task is at hand. He not only coaches Brinson, but also helps him find time to practice, do work, and on occasion, sleep.

“Kenneth is the kind of young man who will not sleep,” Posillico said. “My job is making sure he doesn’t push himself too hard. Kenneth has no shortage of wanting to put more time in, so I usually try to determine days that he can take off and recover.”

“We reach out to football, and they send a schedule of what their weekly plans looks like,” he said. “And we work closely with them and pencil him in when he has those opening. What’s good about track and field is that I can meet with him individually. We have a lot of flexibility where we can work outside of normal practice hours.”

These practice hours have allowed Brinson to understand how the individual sports help him to develop skills in the other. His two athletic passions are able to work in support of one another, and he is able to learn as he trains. He discovered that there is a lot of body control, power development and a sense of competition in both sports that helps to bridge the gap between other differences that arise.

“When we are throwing, he is learning how to be explosive, how to be powerful, there is a lot of coordination involved,” said Posillico. “Those skills absolutely are going to transfer on to the football field. And vice versa.”

As his sports work in tandem, he is also able to integrate his enthusiasm for academics.

Just like he wanted to go above and beyond and be a two-sport athlete, he went above and beyond in choosing a difficult major in pursuit of chasing after subjects that will challenge him.

Brinson decided to pursue a degree in chemical engineering, and though it is challenging with four labs just this semester, he dives in head-first and succeeds in doing so, currently holding a 4.025 grade point average in the subject. He says that the major itself is pretty time intensive, but he doesn’t mind because he has that support team who helps keep him balanced.



Junior Kenneth Brinson has been exceptional in two sports—football and track and field. Brinson has garnered a pair of Patriot League titles and two Army-Navy individual first-place finishes in track and field. In his football career, he hasn’t missed a game in his three years. In 38 games, he has 102 total tackles and 8 1/2 sacks.

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Chemical engineering gives him the opportunity to explore yet another of his passions during his time at West Point, as well as get a head-start for larger plans he’s set for himself.

“There are some crossovers between the classes I have to take for chemical engineering and the pre-recs for medical school, which I hope to do some day,” Brinson stated. “So those crossovers kind of help me get a technical degree in something I find pretty interesting, and also enables me to accomplish some goals later on in the future.”

His dedication to his studies has allowed him to develop an ability to analyze and evaluate. These skills aren’t limited to helping him succeed in the classroom though. He is able to integrate all aspects of his passions together in order to support his academic and athletic career as well.

Posillico noted, “One of the things I’ve noticed with Kenneth when he practices, he is very analytical. If you watch him practice, before he gets in the circle, you’ll see he is deep in thought. I think he approaches his training like a puzzle, and you can see him thinking and trying to figure that out. I think there is a huge carry over between the two, just in a different environment.”

In the end, though, the daily balancing act is worth it. He is able to invest himself into his passions and create big plans for his future, which he intends to attain through achieving the high level of expectation he sets for himself.

“That’s just always been the expectation since I was young, and I’ve kind of internalized that. I love both sports, it’s a natural progression for me to want to do my best,” Brinson said. “I think it starts with seeing how hard my parents and my sister work. And honestly, just admiring and trying to model yourself after all the great

people that this institution has produced and the multi-faceted and multi-talented person that I hope to be.”

His coaches and peers can see the fire Brinson has set under himself and are there to fan the flame and help however they can.

“His work ethic and expectations for himself are why he has accomplished what he has been able to at the academy so far,” Posillico said. “His work ethic in every aspect of his life is why he is able to succeed in two sports at this level and have over a 4.0 grade-point average. That’s who he is. He will work himself, see a task at hand, and put in whatever amount of work is necessary. That’s his best quality, no question. He will keep grinding.”

For Brinson though, it doesn’t stop at just trying to accomplish his goals, he sets his sights above and beyond. As he heads into his senior season, his track coach sees the potential to make it to the NCAA Championships. Football-wise, he hopes to win the Commander in Chief’s trophy again next year and make it back to the White House, an experience Army Football was able to actualize this year for the first time in 21 years. He desires all this, on top of his future plans to hopefully attend medical school.

“I came here because I wanted to be stretched, I didn’t want to plateau, I wanted to be better,” Brinson said. “I think this place has pushed me probably more than most places could. In that aspect, this has been so educational, which has been worth it. I’ve learned a lot about myself and I continue to develop resiliency. And honestly, there is sacrifice, but just being able to be out here doing the stuff you love is as much of a blessing as it is a sacrifice. I am truly happy and blessed that I’ve been given the opportunity to do both and have a unique experience.”



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Women's Rugby finishes fourth at USA Rugby 7s

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Army Baseball sweeps Navy, claims eighth league title

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After the Midshipmen had taken their first lead of the game and of the series in the sixth inning, the Black Knights rallied for three big runs in the seventh to ultimately register the win.

Army got on the board first with a run on two hits in the opening frame. Jacob Hurtubise started the game singling to right field before stealing second base to get himself into scoring position.

Following a groundout that shifted him to third, Josh White stepped up to the plate and singled through the left side to score the game's opening run.

Navy tied things up in the top of the fifth but the Black Knights answered in the bottom half after Jon Rosoff singled in John McKenna from second. McKenna registered a one-out single earlier in the inning.

Unfortunately, the Midshipmen sparked a two-out rally in

the sixth inning after recording two runs on three-straight hits to take their first lead of the game at 3-2.

Navy held that advantage until the Cadets tallied three runs on two hits in the seventh frame.

Anfernee Crompton was hit by a pitch to start the inning before Hurtubise walked to place runners on first and second.

Rosoff continued the rally by singling to center field to score Crompton and tie the game at 3-3.

The Midshipmen registered their first out of the frame but a double by Anthony Giachin cleared the bases and brought home two additional runs for the designated home team.

The Black Knights then used solid veteran pitching throughout the remainder of the contest to secure their 35th victory of the year.

Rosoff, McKenna and Trey Martin each posted two hits in the game, while Rosoff and Giachin both reeled in two runs batted in.

Senior pitcher Matt Ball battled for 5 2/3 innings, allowing 10 hits and three runs.

Junior Jacob Carte was credited with the win after going 1 2/3 innings giving up just two hits.

Sam Messina and Cam Opp then closed things out not allowing a hit in one and 2/3 innings of work, respectively.

Four cadet-athletes were named to the Patriot League All-Tournament Team in Rosoff, Giachin, Josh White and Tyler Giovinco.

Taking home the tournament's MVP honor was Giachin, who finished 4-for-8 with five RBI and a run in the two games.

Army highlights and game notes

- Giachin drilled his ninth double of the year for Army's lone extra base hit in the game.
- Hurtubise added to his NCAA-leading stolen base number with a steal in the contest. He now sits with 39.
- Rosoff, Martin and McKenna all finished the game 2-for-4 to lead the Black Knights.
- Hurtubise drew a game-high two walks.
- Martin is now riding an eight-game hitting streak.
- The four-man Army pitching staff compiled seven strikeouts on the day, led by Ball's game-high four. The senior now has a team-leading 87 on the year.
- Opp earned his third save of the season.
- The Black Knights turned the game's only double play in the eighth inning.

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- The Black Knights tallied five runs on nine hits, while Navy registered three runs on 12 hits.
- The Mids were credited with the only error in the game and it came during the sixth inning.
- Army left seven runners on base in game two. Navy stranded nine.