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Celebrating Branch Night

Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2017 gathered and celebrated Branch Night at Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point Nov. 17. During Branch Night, cadets opened their branch notification letters containing the insignias of the U.S. Army branch they will commission into upon graduation from the Academy. See Page 3 for the Branch Night story.

PHOTO BY CLASS OF 2018 CADET ALEX WERDEN

Army-Navy Week Force Protection

By the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security's Force Protection Office

Army-Navy Week at West Point is Dec. 5-10 and various cadet activities will involve the implementation of force protection measures that include the following:

Monday, Wednesday, Dec. 8—March-on Rehearsal

Traffic along Washington Road in front of the Superintendent's Quarters and along Ruger Road leading to Shea Stadium will be blocked in order to support the movement of cadet formations marching to the stadium.

Traffic will be blocked in the vicinity of Shea throughout the rehearsal for both days, 4-6:30 p.m. Anyone who parks in the Eisenhower Hall parking lots and/or around Building 667A may experience a temporary delay of exiting these areas on or about 4 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday—Goat-Engineer Games/Bonfire

The Goat-Engineer Football games will take place at Daly field. The women's game begins at 6:05 p.m. while the men's game will commence at 7 p.m. Off-post personnel attending the games are encouraged to enter the installation through the Stony Lonesome Gate and utilize Clinton Lot for parking.

Dec. 8—Army Team Send Off

The Army Football team sendoff will commence at 7 a.m. A police escort will be facilitated along with the send off for safety and security reasons.

Dec. 9—Bus Staging

Clinton Lot and Thayer extension will be blocked on Dec. 9 around 4 p.m. for the purpose of staging the buses that are transporting cadets to Baltimore the next day.

As always, we ask that everyone—Soldiers, civilian employees, family members and contractors—remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activities to the Military Police Desk at 938-3333. If you See Something, Hear Something, Say Something!



Nattiel selected as Rhodes Scholar

Class of 2017 Cadet Christian E. Nattiel was selected as a 2017 United States Rhodes Scholarship Winner Nov. 19. Nattiel is double-majoring in mathematical sciences and philosophy. He is interested in narratives of struggle, social justice and self-determination. Nattiel served as the president of the Cultural Affairs Seminar, which champions diversity and inspires cadets through mentorship and tutoring. He was awarded the Superintendent's Award for Achievement, the Distinguished Cadet Award and the Black Engineer of the Year Award for Military Leadership. Christian is a member of the Men's Team Handball squad. At the University of Oxford, he will pursue an M.Sc. in Comparative Social Policy, followed by the Master of Public Policy. For more details on the Rhodes Scholarship, visit http://s3.amazonaws.com/rhodes.../final_press_release_2016.pdf.

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Class of 2017 Cadets celebrate their branches

**Story and photos by Michelle Eberhart
Army Athletic Communications**

After 41 months of intense academic, physical and military training, the Class of 2017 reached one of the most significant milestones of its 47-month experience—Branch Night. On Nov. 17, cadets flocked to Eisenhower Hall to finally discover the branch they will commission into after graduation.

To start the night, Class of 2017 President Mario Contreras addressed his class, calling the night “bittersweet.”

“It is the first tangible reminder that come May 2017, we will go our separate ways as we go off to basic officer courses for our new respective branches,” Contreras said. “However, we know that the bonds that we formed as a class will endure, the friendships that have helped us through these past three and a half years will live on, helping us meet new and greater challenges.”

Contreras also acknowledged the importance of all 17 Army branches, noting that each person and each branch comes with its own respective qualities and skillsets.

“This evening is a celebration of the unique skills each member of the class will apply in the branch (he or she) is assigned,” he said. “I am honored and I look forward to serving with all of you, wherever tonight takes us, whether that’s as a helicopter pilot or a finance officer or, for the first time at Branch Night, as brother and sister infantrymen.”

Following Contreras’ remarks, Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Diana Holland, assured the group of anxious firstties that each of them will play a significant role in the future of the Army.

“No matter which branch you receive tonight, and whether it’s your first choice, or not, you will find it to be incredibly rewarding and essential to what the Army does,” Holland stated. “You will also find that every branch is filled with great officers, non-commissioned

officers and Soldiers who will take their job seriously and will be proud to bring you onto their team.”

Holland also shared the statistics of the night, noting that 78 percent of the cadets received their number one choice, while 97 percent of the class received one of their top five choices.

She said that this is the fifth class to experience the talent matching program which helps to match cadets to the branch that will fit them best. In turn, 83 percent of cadets changed at least one of their top three branch preferences since last year, suggesting that cadets are utilizing the branch education and mentorship opportunities that are afforded to them.

Before cadets could receive their branch notifications, retired Maj. Gen. Mark Hamilton, a member of the 50-year affiliate class (1967), approached the podium to share his perspective with the class. As the firsties rose to applaud him, he told them to sit down and get the show on the road—he remembered the anticipation that surrounded the night and promised he wouldn’t be long.

Hamilton acknowledged the differences that have occurred over the last 50 years, but despite the age gap, he told the class that he and his classmates, “feel your heart, hear your fears and your goals as certain as our own.”

He also advised the audience on today’s battlegrounds, noting that wars are not won with drones and bombs, but by Soldiers. From that point, he went on to speak about branching.

“There’s a part of me that wants to say that branch doesn’t matter much,” Hamilton said as he described multiple branches who apply infantry tactics during their missions. “But there is clearly more. The branch identifies your expertise, you have to be good at it. Part of the definition of a profession is that it requires continuing education to get good at it, know what you bring to the team. Your branch will be a source of pride.”



A cadet pins the Engineers branch insignia on his classmate during Branch Night Nov. 17 at Eisenhower Hall.

Finally, the moment had arrived. As tactical command teams handed out sealed envelopes to each cadet in the auditorium, excitement and nervousness in the room heightened. After each cadet received an envelope, they raised them up on the air, waiting for the cue to open them.

“Come on!” cadets screamed as they tapped their feet anxiously and waited for the signal.

“Class of 2017... Open your envelopes!”

Screaming, selfies and sighs of relief filled Eisenhower Hall as the cadets’ long-awaited branch insignia had been revealed.

“Engineers was my first choice, I’m really excited. It’s something that I know is going to challenge me, I think it will make me grow at something I want to do,” Cadet Kyle Wolffe, a civil engineering major, said.

While most cadets are nervous leading into Branch Night, Wolffe said that he was confident he would get his top pick, mentioning that he had worked hard and had a good class rank. He said he was even more excited to find out that his best friend, Nick Beavers, branched the same.

“We went to prep school together and we’ve been waiting five years for this moment and it’s finally here and we ended up together, so this is awesome, we’re so excited,” Beavers said. “After so long of waiting and working hard, finally we look up and it’s Branch Night... I’m on top of the world right now, it’s amazing.”

Cadet Beau Webb also seemed to be on top of the world after branching his top choice, Aviation.

“I am very happy,” Webb said, noting that he had been nervous going into Branch Night. “My best friend also got Aviation so I’m excited to room with him and enjoy the rest of my time here at West Point and then go learn how to fly helicopters.”

Aviation was the second most popular branch preference for males and the third

most popular for females. The top pick for the males was Infantry, while most women topped their lists with Military Intelligence. Although Infantry was not the most popular pick for women, it was the first time that women at West Point were able to select any of the combat arms branches for Branch Night.

Cadet Jazzmyn Miller was one of the women to choose a combat arms branch, branching Finance with a branch detail in Infantry.

“I kind of want to lead the way and open up options for girls who desire to do Infantry later on and I knew I wanted to do it,” Miller said. “I think it’s going to be a challenge but I’m totally up for it.”

This year, the board selected seven women to serve in the Infantry and eight to serve in Armor. Women had to opt-in to a combat arms branch to be considered to one of those branches.

Cadet Rosa Maria Rivera also received her top branch choice, Adjutant General with a branch detail in Field Artillery, but said she certainly wasn’t expecting it.

“I didn’t think I had any chance of getting my number one but when I opened the envelope and I saw that was mine, I can’t even explain in words, I was so happy,” she said. “It makes it even better because my fiancé also got branched FA so we’ll be going through the same time so it’s awesome, we won’t be separated at all.”

Though Rivera said her spot on the Order of Merit List (OML) wasn’t too high, she has advice for underclassmen who may be nervous going into Branch Week the next few years.

“It’s not that bad. When you get through it, this whole school thing, it sucks sometimes, but when you get to a point like this, it makes it not so bad,” Rivera noted. “Push through because you can do this, everyone can do this, you just have to, in your own mind, say ‘yes.’”



Cadets James Gray and David Foye, from Company E-3, smile as they open their Branch Notification letters during Branch Night Nov. 17.

West Point honors Native Americans with Heritage Observance

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

West Point honored Native Americans in the annual National American Indian Heritage Month Observance Nov. 16. The theme for this year's observance is "Serving Our Nations." The event is hosted by the U.S. Military Academy Equal Opportunity Office and the U.S. Corps of Cadets Equal Opportunity Office.

The event began with Class of 2018 Cadet Brian Dude as he recited the convocation in his native tongue, Apache.

Dude is from Arizona and is a direct descendent of Geronimo.

Class of 2017 Scott Michael Murray II, is a member of the Shoshone tribe of Wyoming. Murray said his family lives on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming.

"My great aunt gave me the name of Da'Vejean, or 'Sunshine Boy' because I had really blonde hair," Dude said. "I live on the reservation with my family during the summers."

Class of 2017 Cadet Zachary Hout spoke about his experience as a Native American. Hout is a descendent of the Salish-Pond d'oreille tribe or Flathead Nation of Western Montana.

The guest speaker for the event was Shane Jett. Jett is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and serves as the president of the Cherokee National Historical Society's Board of Trustees. He also served three terms in the Oklahoma State Legislature, where he founded the Oklahoma Native American Caucus with 16 other Native legislators.

"One of the themes I'm hearing (from the cadets who spoke) is the result of the attempts at assimilation," Jett said. "We hear about, 'I was estranged from my tribe,' or 'I have to confront mysticism or handle misconceptions.' It makes us feel like we don't belong."

Jett went into some history with the Cherokee tribe, who were in North Carolina at first. The Cherokees were told they didn't belong and were subsequently moved to Georgia. Jett said that there are over 500 tribes in the U.S. and there are other tribes that are still not recognized.

"The government gives itself permission to give tribal nations permission as to whether or not they can exist," Jett said.

"What is it that we do as Native Americans in the United



Shane Jett, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and president of the Cherokee National Historical Society's Board of Trustees was the guest speaker at the annual National American Indian Heritage Month Observance Nov. 16 at the West Point Club. Jett served three terms in the Oklahoma State Legislature, where he founded the Oklahoma Native American Caucus with 16 other Native legislators.

States today?" Jett said. "Whenever you grow up in an area of where the United States Government has been trying to assimilate Native Americans, there was punishment for speaking your native tongue and then you would get sent to boarding schools on the east coast so you can forget your native roots, your people; so you can grow up civilized, so that you can forget your culture, and become part of the United States.

"It's an ongoing tragedy that we are still trying to recover from because a lot of our languages are being destroyed," he added. "Up until 1978, it was illegal to practice indigenous religious ceremonies in the U.S. How did they get around the first amendment? It's because we weren't citizens. Navajo and Choctaw code talkers saved countless of American Soldiers'

lives."

For example, in Oklahoma, there are 39 tribes, which translates to about 10 percent of the population that are Native Americans, and they come from different areas where they were forced out, because they didn't belong.

"We have hospitals in different areas for various Native Americans and clinics for health care," Jett said. "As a Cherokee boy, I remember when I went to a health clinic and went to the men's room. Someone had written on the wall, 'If you remain brown, you don't belong here.' I knew at that point in time, if you look like me, some people said you don't belong."

Jett spoke about Cherokee Chief John Ross during the late 18th and early 19th century, who was educated and was a staunch defender of Cherokee rights.

The Cherokees were being moved from North Carolina to Georgia. Once someone found gold in the forests of Georgia, the state decided they wanted the Cherokees out.

While other tribal nations left, Chief Ross refused to move and sued the state of Georgia and won in the court cases of Cherokee Nation v. Georgia and Worcester v. Georgia.

The court maintained that the Cherokee Nation was dependent on the federal government, much like a protectorate state, but still a sovereign entity.

However, when President Andrew Jackson enacted the Indian Removal Act, he exercised the federal government's legal power to handle the whole affair.

"President Andrew Jackson let the chief justices enforce the rule and then decided to abdicate his responsibility to execute the rules of the court," Jett said.

By the time Chief Ross returned to Georgia, there were people already living in his home. The trail of tears ensued and the Cherokees lost 20 percent of their people, Jett explained.

"The Cherokee's were like any other country," Jett said. "We were a people that had our own system of government, our own culture and our own language. It was only after people arrived from other countries that they started saying we don't belong here. Columbus discovering America is a lot like me discovering my favorite restaurant; it was already there. These types of things we began to encounter.

"Today, reservations are 60 miles from any banking institution," Jett added. "Some of the most poverty stricken people in the U.S. are indigenous people. The highest percentage of minorities of the population in the military are Native Americans. We are a warrior culture."

USMA Prep defeats Navy



The U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School Football team beat Navy Prep 34-14 in the final game of the season to win the 1st Lt. Frank Reasoner Trophy (above). Upon acceptance to USMA, they will join the Army Football team for the 2017 season.

PHOTOS BY 2ND LT. KEVIN BAEK



2016-17 Cadet Club Activities



Tae Kwon Do: The Army Martial Arts team finished the first half of the ECTC season with strong performances in Providence, Rhode Island Nov. 19-20.

With several cadets still recovering from injuries, the team pushed through to third place overall in Division 1 against teams over twice its size.

Ellis Valdez, Takhyun Cho, William Xu and Halsey Smith dominated the Color Belt Men’s Division, taking first place. All Black Belt Teams, with Matthew Galea, Jordan Nettles and Eli Eichenberger on A1; Anthony Chargualaf, David Kim, and Ziwei Peng on A2; and Taylor Reim and Wonha Kim on Women’s A1 all placed fifth in their respective divisions.

Now that the ECTC tournaments for the semester have ended, the team looks forward to facing Navy in its upcoming competition.



The Ultimate Matchup

On Nov. 18, an all-star team of USMA’s finest staff and faculty played against the Army West Point Ultimate team under the lights of Daly Field. This is second meeting between the staff and the club this fall and is part of the Ultimate team’s preseason training before the college ultimate regular season in the spring. Although the club team had been leading 1-0 in the series, the staff team came out to a very strong start. Anchored by some very fast players and some excellently-placed deep throws, the staff were able to go out to an early lead. After the club team was able to find its offensive rhythm, the club went on to lead at halftime and eventually went on to win 15-10. The Army West Point Ultimate team is a rising club team that has high hopes for the upcoming season, and has its eyes set on the national tournament in May. The team would like to thank the staff and faculty team for its support and another excellent game.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE EBERHART/PV WRITE UP BY THE ULTIMATE FRISBEE TEAM

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Religious Services at West Point

Religious Services

Assembly of God—Sunday, 10 a.m. at 134 Old State Road in Highland Falls.

Church of Christ—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Cadet Interfaith Center, Bldg. 147.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints—Sunday, 10 a.m. at Thayer Hall, Room 144.

Eastern Orthodox—Sunday, 9 a.m. at St. Martin's Chapel in the Cadet Chapel.

Episcopal—Sunday, 10 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Innocents in Highland Falls.

Jewish—Friday, 7 p.m. at the Jewish Chapel.

Lutheran—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Old Cadet Chapel in the West Point Cemetery.

Muslim—Friday, noon-1:45 p.m. at the Cadet Interfaith Center, Bldg. 147.

Gospel—Sunday, 12:30 p.m. at the Post Chapel.

(Update) Protestant—Sunday, 10:30 a.m. at the Cadet Chapel and the Post Chapel. Sunday, 5 p.m. in Robinson Auditorium.

Catholic—Saturday, 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Most Holy Trinity Chapel.

Religious Services POCs

USMA Chaplain—Col. Matt Pawlikowski at 938-3316.

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Catholic Community Chaplain—Maj. Ken Bolin at 938-3721/8760.

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Law Dept. hosts conference on complex battlespaces



A light-hearted moment among the participants of the Department of Law's Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare's inaugural workshop on Complex Battlespaces—The Law of Armed Conflict and the Dynamics of Modern Warfare from Oct. 23-26.

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Submitted by the Department of Law

The Department of Law's Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare hosted its inaugural workshop on Complex Battlespaces—The Law of Armed Conflict and the Dynamics of Modern Warfare from Oct. 23-26.

The Superintendent opened the workshop, which was a gathering of national and international experts on the law of armed conflict, coming together to examine the complex battlespaces of modern warfare, to analyze the current state of the law, its inadequacies and the bold new thinking needed for the future.

Among the issues that were discussed and debated at the conference were complexities in legal regimes, governance, technology and urbanization.

The workshop was also attended by Brig. Gen. Charles Pedo, assistant judge advocate general of the U.S. Army for Military Law and Operations. Pedo delivered the keynote address for the conference.

Also in attendance was Brigadier Darren Stewart of the British Army. Stewart serves as the head of Operational Law for the British Army.

Finally, Professor Michael N. Schmitt was in attendance as the Francis Lieber

Distinguished Scholar.

Professor Schmitt is one of the foremost experts on the Law of Armed Conflict in the world today.

The mission of the newly-minted Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare is to foster a deeper understanding of the complex and evolving relationship between law and warfare, through global academic engagement and advanced interdisciplinary research, in order to educate and empower current and future combat leaders.

The Lieber Institute for Law and Land Warfare is at the crossroads of academia and military legal study.

Uncertainty in warfare creates a variety of complex problems.

As noted by workshop coordinator, Professor Mark Wellman, "There are many important issues in the Law of Armed Conflict today—cyber warfare, indefinite detention, the use of drone aircrafts, the required protections afforded civilian participants in warfare, and various other contentious topics.

"The Lieber Institute is an excellent vehicle for creating an environment to explore these issues and help the U.S. Army as we move into the future," he added.

Cadets hone strategic thinking skills in a crisis environment

By Maj. Steve Ferenzi
Defense and Strategic Studies Program

The Defense and Strategic Studies Program brought 12 DSS, Social Science and Naval Academy exchange students to Princeton University to participate in their 2016 fall crisis simulation exercise titled—“Instability in South Asia” Nov. 19.

The crisis simulation is the annual flagship event of Princeton University’s Center for International Security Studies. Cadets had the opportunity to work through the global security challenges surrounding a scenario of escalating political instability in Pakistan resulting in regime collapse.

In addition to reinforcing core concepts of the DSS and Social Sciences curriculums, this event provided a unique opportunity to foster relationships with future leaders in domestic and foreign civil service and joint military organizations that cadets would not otherwise interact with at the U.S. Military Academy, to include students from Princeton, Rutgers, New Jersey Institute of Technology’s Air Force ROTC and the Naval Academy.

The event offered a “unique perspective on the interaction between the military and the executive power,” Class of 2017 Cadet James Delahunty, a DSS student, said. “I learned how to frame military options and objectives to nest with the political goals of a state.”

Class of 2018 Cadet Mackenzie Williams, a Foreign Area Studies student, describes the value of the simulation exercise as providing “the opportunity to gain an understanding of the civilian role in crisis situations, as well as the military decision making process and course of action development from a big picture standpoint outside of what we learn for platoon operations.”

The all-day event involved teams representing one of five countries with national interests in Pakistani security issues (the U.S., China, Pakistan, India and Iran). Each was divided into a military and civilian executive cell to replicate the civil-military dynamics of national security policy.

Teams competed by crafting policy actions in support of their respective national interests and strategic objectives, allocating limited resources toward priority outcomes. It showcased the difficulties of communications and coalition-building during international crises, specifically highlighting the challenges



A cadet from the Defense and Strategic Studies Program speaks during a conference that brought 12 DSS, Social Science and Naval Academy exchange students to Princeton University to participate in a 2016 fall crisis simulation exercise titled—“Instability in South Asia.”

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of imperfect information, the influence of the media, and the importance of aligning ends, ways and means in support of national interests.

The Modern War Institute’s Hungarian Fulbright Scholar Lt. Col. Csaba Bakos and DSS instructor Maj. Steve Ferenzi added value to the exercise by serving as military advisors for Pakistan and India, respectively.

(Editor’s note: Maj. Steve Ferenzi is an instructor in the United States Military Academy’s Defense and Strategic

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DIUx and West Point

West Point Faculty, in high demand, often find themselves in the position of making choices between multiple great options. One example is Capt. Brent Chapman (USMA Class of 2009/left), currently serving with the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx) at Moffett Field, Calif. “It was a dream job—teaching cadets while helping stand up a new organization for the Army.” When the DOD called looking for top officers to lead another new start up, DIUx, he was ready. “I was able to bring knowledge of one start up to another new start up effort.” Today, Chapman is helping lead the effort to stand up DIUx. With outposts in the heart of Silicon Valley, Boston and Austin, Texas, Defense Innovation Unit Experimental serves as a bridge between those in the U.S. military executing on some of our nation’s toughest security challenges and companies operating at the cutting edge of technology. The organization has special contracting authorities run from Picatinny Arsenal and the ability to tap into the nation’s leading edge startup companies. DIUx is interested in West Point faculty and cadets working on DOD’s hardest problems. Dr. Bernadette Johnson, chief science officer, states, “Precision Navigation & Timing, Counter UAS, Data Analytics and Machine Learning are key areas. I would like to partner on cadet capstones and generate sabbaticals/Operational Experience to the best and brightest.”

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Cadet Competitive Cyber Team finishes in Top 10 at competition

By Lt. Col. William Clay Moody and Maj. Joshua Bundt

Four members of the Cadet Competitive Cyber Team (C3T) spent 36 straight hours over Veterans Day Weekend hacking into New York University, Tandon School of Engineering computers. These actions were fully endorsed by NYU and part of the Cyber Security Awareness Week (CSAW) North American Capture the Flag (CTF) Championship.

This annual event features teams from the top computer science schools in the nation. West Point's team advanced to the championship round for the sixth straight year, and finished in ninth place—the highest finish ever for the team known in hacking competitions as BitsForEveryone (BFE).

Represented by just four cadets at the championship, the achievement was an accomplishment for the entire team of 20 cadets (plus one midshipman and a local high school student). During the qualifying competition in September, BFE locked themselves in Thayer Hall and hacked away in the online competition for 48 consecutive hours.

Solving problems in the categories of reverse engineering, binary exploitation, cryptography, web security and forensics, they finished 46th out of 1,274 teams around the world. The team finished 14th in undergraduate North American teams and high enough to advance to the final live event hosted in Brooklyn in November.

Class of 2018 Cadet Connor Eckert had never participated in a team CTF event before the qualifiers. He says the stress and long hours add to the enjoyment of the competition.

"Hacking really gets fun once the lack of sleep hits you and everything becomes hilarious," Eckert said.

Team captain Class of 2017 Cadet Chris Maixner, one of the team members to compete in finals, attributes the success of the team to the dedicated time for training.

"Every minute of practice is critical to our success. Our time together is also our most limiting factor, so we train rigorously in order to fight and win against our rivals," Maixner said.

Class of 2017 Cadet Gun Woo Kim attributes success in CTF events as a combination of individual skills and synchronized teamwork. "It was a great team-building experience and we really bonded as a team after our success in the qualification round."



Members of the Cadet Competitive Cyber Team solve computer security challenges during a 36-hour continuous Capture the Flag competition. The team placed ninth out of an initial pool of 261 undergraduate teams from North America.

PHOTO BY LT. COL. W.C. MOODY

He additionally recognizes having two thirds of the team being new this year as a strength. "At first, I was worried that the new guys did not have enough experience, but having extra pairs of fresh eyes looking at the challenges helped us a lot."

The team sharpened their skills during many activities over the past year to improve their offensive and defensive cyber abilities. They held weekend workshops led by cyber security experts from across the security field.

They have also augmented their traditional classroom education with attendance at conferences, training events and internships with the organizations from across government, academia, and industry. Recently, cadets and coaches participated

in an individual Army-wide CTF competition where many finished at the top of their respective categories.

It's a fine line between the love of computer security and the thrill of taking over a target computer that motivates and inspires the C3T cadets to give up their free time to improve their understanding of cyber warfare.

The C3T set two goals: finishing in the Top 5 of the CSAW Finals, and getting invited to DEFCON CTF, considered as the "Super Bowl" of hacking. With the continual improvement seen year over year, someday West Point uniforms may be seen intermixed with the spiked blue hair, facial piercings and black T-shirts worn by your stereotypical hacker.



Speaking tactics of Thunder Run in 2003

Retired Gen. Lloyd Austin (left) and Gen. David Perkins talk to cadets and faculty about the decision making process of Thunder Run, going into Iraq in 2003, Nov. 17 at Robinson Auditorium. At that time, Perkins was the commander of the 3rd Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade in the Iraq campaign that involved a lot of bold maneuvers and risk-taking. See next week's Pointer View for the full story,

PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

SMA: Getting behavioral health care should be as easy as seeing a medic

By C. Todd Lopez
Army News Service

The secretary of the Army has said it, and the sergeant major of the Army has said it as well: There must be a substantial change in the way Soldiers think about behavioral health care. Across the force, they say, seeking out such assistance must be as common, and as acceptable, as going to the dentist for a checkup or seeing the doctor about an injury.

“There needs to be a paradigm shift in how we look at behavioral health,” said Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey. “It needs to become common practice—an everyday event.”

Dailey said he thinks Soldiers ought to value being as squared away psychologically as they value being squared away physically, and that the Army will contribute to this by making behavioral health assistance as common as medical health assistance.

“We screen all of our Soldiers for all kinds of medical reasons,” he said. “One of those should be behavioral health. And it should be a common practice every day. That way, we become accustomed to and attuned to that it is an acceptable thing to do. It is acceptable to ask for help.”

Right now, Dailey said, it’s acceptable—even expected—for Soldiers to seek medical assistance when they get hurt. It’s expected also that when one Soldier sees another injured, they get that Soldier to a medic.

Nobody in such a situation is questioning if getting that help is a sign of weakness. The same ought to be true for

behavioral health assistance as well, Dailey said.

“Just like you would rush to their aid on the battlefield when they are wounded, you should rush to their aid if you see the signs and symptoms of behavioral health issues,” he said.

According to Dailey, the Army’s behavioral health care system has grown “tremendously” over the past several years, including at the unit level, as part of embedded behavioral health programs which are designed to help behavioral health for Soldiers right down to where they work and live.

As of October, the Army has filled 100 percent of its planned 61 embedded EBH teams. Those typically involve about 12 to 13 members, including 10 providers.

Those teams, which operate at unit level, provide direct support to 31 brigade combat teams across the Army, as well as to an additional 142 other battalion and brigade-sized units.

Army deployment of EBH has shown statistically significant changes in areas such as improved mission readiness, increased use of outpatient behavioral health care services, and a decreased need for acute inpatient psychiatric care.

While it’s true that not every Soldier who deploys will need assistance with behavioral health, military research has shown that as many as 20 percent of Soldiers who have deployed to either Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom meet the criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder, while as many as 15 percent of those Soldiers will experience other behavioral health problems that could benefit from some form of treatment.

“This is not something we can change, but it is something

we can treat,” Dailey said. “(I) ... urge everybody to break the silence, and promote dialogue within your formations at home and in your communities. Seek help and take the first step in recovery in overall resiliency.”

The Army still has a big problem with the stigma associated with seeking behavioral health assistance, Dailey said. And that has to be fixed.

“I know for a fact we’ve done a lot to break that paradigm,” he said. “I’ll tell you, we have to continue to do it. Don’t be happy with where we are today. It needs to become common practice that leaders, and Soldiers, and everybody seeks behavioral health assistance when they need it.”

It’s not just physical health that ensures the Army is ready to go to war when needed—Soldiers need to be squared away both physically and mentally. And Soldiers, Dailey said, need to recognize when fellow Soldiers need behavioral health assistance as well, and intervene to ensure they get it—so their units will be ready to fight when called to do so.

“Peers allow Soldiers, and afford them the opportunity to go out and seek behavioral health assistance without any type of ... ill behavior to what they are doing,” he said. “It’s important. It’s a real injury. And it needs real circumstance to fix it. And this is a human endeavor.

“And this is a human problem. And it takes human solutions. And I think as we continue on our path we finally will break that stigma, and then finally it will be common practice like I talked about earlier. Soldiers will seek behavioral health assistance and leaders will encourage and even mandate it when they know their Soldiers need it,” he added.

Troops overseas get a taste of Thanksgiving

By David Vergun
Army News Service

While Soldiers and their families are celebrating Thanksgiving in the U.S., about 183,900 Soldiers are currently supporting combatant commanders worldwide.

Some 14,968 pounds of turkey and 8,712 pies, including sweet potato and pumpkin, have been delivered to troops in Afghanistan, according to the Defense Logistics Agency spokesman Mike Tuttle.

According to Tuttle, the grand total of turkey and fixings going to service members deployed to Afghanistan, Iraq, Jordan and Kuwait included:

- 34,760 pounds of turkey.
- 32,550 pounds of beef.
- 21,450 pounds of ham.
- 28,980 pounds of shrimp.
- 9,114 pounds of stuffing mix.
- 879 gallons of eggnog.

"It is an honor to serve my country. But it is an even greater honor to serve my fellow service members an outstanding meal," said Warrant Officer Raul Lewis, a food service officer with the 1st Cavalry Division's Resolute Support Sustainment Brigade, which organizes food support for service members in Afghanistan.

"There is nothing more comforting when you are far away from home and missing your loved ones than to sit in front of a hot meal and share a few laughs and moments of joy," Lewis added.

It takes a lot of planning to ensure food items are delivered on time so that service members can enjoy a taste of home for Thanksgiving, said Anthony Amendolia, who works with the DLA Troop Support's Subsistence supply chain in Philadelphia.

"Thanksgiving is so important to us and it's such a priority that we have to start in the April, May timeframe," Amendolia said. "It is a long process, but we think service members really enjoy having a great Thanksgiving meal with their troops."

The subsistence team worked with regional vendors to provide Thanksgiving food items to Navy ships at sea and to service members at the following locations in Japan, Singapore, Philippines, Korea, Okinawa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and various locations in Europe and Africa.

Deployed for Thanksgiving

This Thanksgiving holiday, about 183,900 Soldiers are deployed worldwide:

Some 8,000 Soldiers are serving in Afghanistan as part of Operation Freedom Sentinel. That includes Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division headquarters out of Fort Hood, Texas; the 36th Infantry Division (Texas Army National Guard); the 3rd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division; and 1,000 Army special operations forces.

The military service members of U.S. Forces Afghanistan begin their 2016 Thanksgiving celebration with a Turkey Bowl football game at Bagram Airfield, Nov. 23.

PHOTO BY ROBERT HARRISON



Lt. Col. Matthew Jemmott, assigned to U.S. Army Africa, serves lunch to Prof. Paola Del Din during the Thanksgiving lunch celebration at Caserma Del Din in Vicenza, Italy Nov. 22.

PHOTO BY PAOLO BOVO

About 4,000 Soldiers are supporting Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq, including the 1st Infantry Division headquarters; 2nd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division, along with special operations forces.

Approximately 10,000 Soldiers are serving in Kuwait and surrounding areas, participating in Operation Spartan Shield. They are from the 3rd Brigade of the 1st Armored Division; the 40th Combat Aviation Brigade; the 32nd Army Air and Missile Defense Command; the 197th Fires Brigade; and the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

Some 33,000 Soldiers are also scattered throughout Europe, where they are conducting theater security cooperation events in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. They are in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Latvia and Germany. This week, units from U.S. Army Europe began participating in Operation Iron Sword in Lithuania.

About 9,000 Soldiers are supporting missions throughout

Africa, including 1st Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division, and the 53rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Florida Army National Guard).

Some 4,000 Soldiers are in the U.S. Southern Command area, where they are supporting humanitarian and training missions.

More than 71,000 Soldiers are supporting exercises and operations in the Pacific and in South Korea.

Thanksgiving is about family

On Nov. 12, Eighth Army commander Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Vandal and his wife read the Thanksgiving storybook, "The Night Before Thanksgiving," to children at Yongsan Library, South Korea, during Thanksgiving Story Hour. About 50 children, accompanied by their parents, attended the event.

"Reading habits are extremely important in childhood, and Thanksgiving stories can give a positive impression to children," Librarian Kim, Son-chul said.

When leaders of high rank become involved, he added, they set an example for children and personify the value of reading.

Following the event, a Thanksgiving lunch that included chopped turkey and a Thanksgiving Day cake was served.

Commanders in Chief weigh in

President George Washington proclaimed Thanksgiving a national celebration in 1789. President Abraham Lincoln also proclaimed Thanksgiving a national celebration in 1863, during the Civil War.

Lincoln said, "I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of Thanksgiving."

During World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "May we on Thanksgiving Day and on every day express our gratitude and zealously devote ourselves to our duties as individuals and as a nation. May each of us dedicate his utmost efforts to speeding the victory which will bring new opportunities for peace and brotherhood among men."

#USMA Social Scene

Instagram & twitter: @westpoint_usma
facebook.com/westpointusma



chancyphotography: All is right with the world.



the.average.savage: Still can't believe I get to branch Engineers like my grandpa -- forever thankful for people like this one to remind me of what's important. #branchnight #engineers #essayons



micah_mills2: Twinfantry



spitfire55: Feels good to finally get what I've worked for these past 3 and a half years #Cyber

FEATURED ITEM

Highland Falls Winter Festival
Highland Falls is hosting an annual Winter Festival Saturday. Events and times from the festival are below:

- 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—Highland Falls Fire Department Auxiliary’s Vendor Fair at the Highland Falls Fire House on the bottom of Mountain Avenue.
- Noon-3 p.m.—Men Who Cook, Cook Off at the Holy Innocents Hall (401 Main Street). Contest time is 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the Center.
- 2 p.m.—Puppet Show at the Library (298 Main Street) sponsored by the Friends of the Highland Falls Library.
- 4 p.m.—Winter Fest at Memorial Park at the intersection of Main St. and Mountain Ave. Santa arrives by firetruck. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served.
- 6 p.m.—Pasta Dinner at Sacred Heart Church (353 Main Street) sponsored by The Women of Sacred Heart. There is a nominal fee and children under 5 eat free.
Pasta, meatballs, salad and bread will be served.
- 7:30 p.m.—Concert and dessert at the Highland Falls Methodist Church (341 Main Street).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adopt-A-Child Holiday Program
Every year, the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery School District’s Adopt-A-Child program helps more than 100 children and their families during the holiday season.
For more details to help, contact Sue Wotton at 845-549-2407 or susan.wotton@hffmcsd.org.

Army West Point Athletics Gift Shop Sale
The Army West Point Athletics Gift Shop will hold a 30 percent sale from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (at the Visitors Center) and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (at the PX store) Tuesday-Dec. 8.

ARMY WEST POINT ATHLETICS
GIFT SHOP

**30 % Off
Sale**

**Tuesday, December 6th
Wednesday, December 7th
Thursday, December 8th**

**9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (Visitor’s Center)
10:00 AM – 5:30 PM
(PX Store – limited selection & variety)**

All Sales Final – NO Additional Discounts

- ✓ Does not include sale or clearance items
- ✓ Shipping NOT available
- ✓ In store stock ONLY
- ✓ Sale NOT available at www.GoARMYWESTPOINT.com or through mail order
- ✓ Not valid on previous purchases
- ✓ Items cannot be held prior to the sale
- ✓ May exclude some items
- ✓ Some exceptions apply

Tax Center seeking volunteers during tax season
The West Point Tax Center is looking for volunteers to assist with tax return preparation during the tax season (January-April 2017). Volunteers will be asked to work at least two half-days each week. Volunteers receive all necessary training and obtain valuable work experience.
We are also seeking volunteers to assist with administrative support during the tax season. No tax training is required.
For details, contact matthew.baek@usma.edu or call 938-6507.

West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel meetings
The West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) meets from 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday at the West Point Post Chapel. Childcare is available.
The fall semester will run until Wednesday. For details, email wp.pwoc@gmail.com.

Gospel Service
The Gospel Service at West Point is ongoing. Under the leadership of Chaplain (Capt.) Loy Sweezy Jr., the Gospel Service will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. every Sunday at the Post Chapel.
The service is open to all who want to attend. Also, there are many opportunities to serve the ministry with your talents and gifts.
For details, contact the Chaplain Sweezy at 938-4246.

Most Holy Trinity West Point Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) Group
Mothers of children ages 0-5 are invited to join us at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel. The purpose of the group is to build friendships and foster community goodwill with other West Point moms.
Being a mom is hard work, and we all need love and support to encourage us through the journey.

Meetings include time to socialize and discuss the joys and challenges of motherhood, speakers from the community on a variety of topics, and creative activities.
The group will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Cloister Room of the Chapel of The Most Holy Trinity on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.
There is a registration fee and because the group meets in the evenings, childcare will not be provided.
For registration details, contact Kristin at kristin8513@gmail.com and visit us at our informational table at the WPSC Super Sign Up event today at the West Point Club.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Functional Academic Skills Training
It’s that time again as West Point’s Army Education Center is offering another Functional Academic Skills Training from 12:30-4:30 p.m. through Dec. 15.
Raise your General Technical score through FAST at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop (Subway/Starbucks).
For details, contact Nancy Judd at 845-938-3464 or Tonya Rauckhorst at 845-938-5389.

Navy Education Services
In compliance with Navy policy, current Sailors are instructed to only use Navy Vol Education services.
Naval members are encouraged to visit the new and improved Navy College Program website at www.navycollege.navy.mil to identify the education resources available to them.
If you are requesting language testing, the Army Education Center can continue to provide that service.

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;
• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Erica Rodriguez at 845-446-2555 or email ERodrigu@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 jjcwestpoint@yahoo.com;
• 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.

Army Personnel Testing programs
The Army Education Center at West Point offers Army Personnel Testing (APT) programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.
Tests are free of charge to Soldiers. Call the Testing Center at 938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

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 938-1039.

DANTES testing
The Army Education Center at West Point offers academic testing programs through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) such as the SAT and ACT. Pearson VUE offers licensing and certification exams.
Most tests are free of charge to Soldiers.
Call the Testing Center at 938-3360 or email gwenn.wallace@usma.edu for details or an appointment.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls services
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, New York. The church is close to Thayer Gate.
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, women and college-aged young people.
Transportation is provided as needed.
For any questions, visit the church website at www.gracebaptistny.org.

Civilian Health Benefits Fair
Eisenhower Hall

This is the time of year to ensure that you have the right health, dental, and vision insurance coverage for you and your family. It is also time for you to consider the out-of-pocket medical or dependent care expenses you can save money on in 2017.

DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2016	OPEN SEASON DATES
LOCATION: Riverside Cafe (2 nd Floor) Eisenhower Hall 655 Ruger Road, West Point, NY 10996	AF: November 14, 2016 – December 12, 2016 POC's: Hannah Decker at CPAC: hannah.c.decker2.civ@mail.mil , Hannah.Decker@usma.edu or 845-938-0421
TIME: 9:00am – 3:00pm	NAF: November 7, 2016 – December 2, 2016 POC: Carmela Leva at CPAC: carmela.m.leva.naf@mail.mil , Carmela.Leva@usma.edu or 845-938-6222
REPS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ FEHB Providers (Health, Dental, Vision)➢ Occupational Health➢ AFGE (American Federation of Government Employees)➢ CPAC (Civilian Personnel Advisory Center)➢ Riverside Café will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm	

FEHB OPEN SEASON
14 November 2016 – 12 December 2016

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OPEN SEASON INFORMATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Civilian Health Benefits Fair Tuesday, 15 November 2016 9:00am-3:00pm Riverside Cafe (2nd FL), Eisenhower Hall➢ Enrollment Assistance Tuesday, 22 November 2016 9:00am – 12:00pm AND 1:00pm – 3:00pm Education Center (Next to Subway) – Room 8 West Point, NY 10996	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➢ Enrollment Assistance Thursday, 1 December 2016 4:30pm – 8:00pm CPAC, Building 626 West Point, NY 10996

QUESTIONS:
Hannah Decker 845-938-0421, or hannah.c.decker2.civ@mail.mil



WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

www.westpointmwr.com

FEATURED EVENT

West Point Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Kick off the holiday season by joining MWR for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday at Daly Field.


Refreshments, crafts and pictures with Santa will follow at the West Point Club. For details, call 938-4690.

JUST ANNOUNCED

Mini Job Fair/Networking event

The West Point Soldier for Life–Transition Assistance Program is hosting a Mini Job Fair/Networking Event from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 8 at the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School.


For details, contact Colleen Costanzo at 845-938-0634 or colleen.costanzo@usma.edu.



Soldier for Life- Transition Assistance Program

**MINI JOB FAIR/
NETWORKING EVENT**

Thursday, December 8, 2016
11am-1pm
USMA Prep School
950 Reynolds Rd. West Point, NY. 10996



Participating Organizations:

Employers:	Employment Support:
nFrastructure	Verizon
Erie Insurance	Exchange (AAFES)
Rally Point	CPAC
LCS Companies	Bankers Life
Hitachi America	Career Skills Program
Immediate Credit Recovery, Inc.	Services for the
Starr Insurance Holdings, Inc.	UnderServed Inc.
West Point Association of Graduates	
Access: Support for Living	
Ralph Lauren	

POC: Colleen Costanzo 845-938-0634 Colleen.Costanzo@usma.edu

MWR Fitness Snowflake Scramble 5K

The Snowflake Scramble 5K will be held Dec. 10 with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. Pre-registration going on now.

The start and finish of the race is at the MWR Fitness Center. Cadets run for free, but must register. Strollers and leashed dogs are welcomed.

Prizes will be given to top runners.

There is a minimal fee for this event. Register online at <http://tiny.cc/0imwgy> or at the MWR Fitness Center.

For more details, call 938-6490.

Ski lesson Registration

The West Point Ski Lesson registration at Victor Constant Ski Area begins Dec. 12.

Registration begins for active duty and immediate family members on Dec. 12, all other eligible patrons on Dec. 13 and the general public Jan. 2.

Patrons can register from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. The first week of registration is in-person only.

For more details, call 845-938-8810.

West Point Club's Bridal Show

Come join the West Point Club from 12-3 p.m. Jan. 8 for its annual Bridal Show. Don't miss the must-see Bridal Fashion Show at 2 p.m. Spend the afternoon with the brides-to-be in the wonderful land of Bridal Bliss. The Grand Ballroom will be filled with all the vendors you need to make your day perfect.

Hot hors d'oeuvres, action stations and wedding cakes will be available for you to sample. Free admission for registered West Point Club Brides. Minimal fee for others and guests.

For details, call 845-446-5504.

FOR THE ADULTS

A Christmas Carol Murder

Join the West Point Club for a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater at 8 p.m. Friday. Enjoy an evening of culinary crime with "The Killing Kompany" where professional stage, TV and film actors are seated among you. On this night, you can be part of the show.

The night includes dinner, dancing and a brand new comedy murder mystery. There is a minimal fee for this event, which includes two free drinks.

Reservations are required by calling 938-5102 or 845-446-5504.

Winter Bowling Leagues

The MWR Bowling Center is seeking individuals who may be interested in playing in a winter bowling league. No experience is needed. The Bowling Center has openings on Sunday, Monday and Thursday nights.

If interested, contact Edward.Marvin@usma.edu or call 938-2140 for details.

Discover Outdoor Recreation's paintball facility at West Point

MWR's Outdoor Recreation multi-field paintball facility is the perfect setting for birthday parties, department team building and family outings. It can host functions from 10-50 people. Food and drink are included in packages.

For details, email odrwpmmwr@usma.edu or call 938-0123.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Arts & Crafts December classes

• Today—Little Impressionists, ages 2 and up, 10:30-11 a.m.;
• Saturday—Mommy and Me Holiday Aprons, 10 a.m.-noon.
Materials included;

• Tuesday—Glass Fusion Ornaments, 3-6 p.m.;
• Dec. 8—Open Studio, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
• Dec. 8—Cookies and Canvas, 5-6:30 p.m.;
• Dec. 9—Holiday Project Palooza, noon-3 p.m.;
• Dec. 13—Pallet Prose—New Class, come make a 12x12 pallet sign. Several sayings to choose from or choose your own. Registration and text for signs must be completed by Wednesday.

• Dec. 15—Wine & Paint, 5-7 p.m. Paint a 16x 20 canvas. Registration is required for all classes. There is a minimal

fee for the classes. For more details, call 938-4812.

December event with Leisure Travel Services

Join Leisure Travel Services for its December event. The upcoming event includes:

• Saturday—Holiday Shopping. Leave West Point at 9:30 a.m., leave NYC at 4 p.m.

For ticket pricing, reservations and more details, call 938-3601.

Breakfast with Santa

The West Point Club presents Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m.-noon Sunday.

Enjoy breakfast and a custom cupcake bar with the big man. To make reservations, call 845-938-5120.

Community General Skating at Tate Rink

The MWR Sports office will conduct the 2016-17 Community General Skate at Tate Rink.

It's open to all West Point personnel, DOD personnel and families. All skaters must supply their own skates.

The following will be the only dates and times available for skating: Sundays from 3:30-5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11 and 18, Jan. 22 and 29, and Feb. 12, 19 and 26.

There will also be two Tuesdays during Christmas break 2-3:30 p.m. Dec. 20 and 10-11:30 a.m. Dec. 27.

For details, call the Skate hotline at 938-2991 or e-mail jim.mcguinness@usma.edu.

FOR THE YOUTHS

CYS Services Babysitting Certification Courses

Child, Youth and School Services is offering babysitting courses in December. The courses include:

• Saturday—CYSitters–Babysitter's Course (ages 12 and up), 9:30-2:30 p.m. at the Lee CDC;

• Tuesday—I'm Alone (11 years old), 3-6 p.m. at the Youth center, Building 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.

Students will receive training materials and a certificate of completion. Students are also placed on the Garrison-wide babysitting referral list so that parents requesting a babysitter from the CYS Services referral list can feel comfortable knowing that their babysitters are adequately trained to CYS Services standards.

Garrison policy encourages that all youth 11 years old and older pass a certified babysitting course to watch their siblings.

Youth 12 years old and older are encouraged to pass a certified babysitting course and CPR/First Aid class to babysit non-family members. Participants must be registered with CYS Services to sign up.

To register, contact the Parent and Outreach Services office at 938-4458/3969.

CYS Services needs sports coaches

Child, Youth and School Services is looking for coaches for its winter recreation basketball season.

There will be four divisions: Little Shooters for 4 year olds, Training League for 5-6 year olds, Collegiate League for 7-8 year olds and Jr. NBA for 9-11 year olds.

Training and Collegiate Leagues will take place between 5-8 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Jr. NBA will take place between 6-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Little Shooters will take place from 10-10:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

For details, call 938-8896.

Keller Corner

KACH Emergency Department/Room has relocated

The Keller Army Community Hospital Emergency Dept./Emergency Room has relocated to their temporary location to the west/left of the main entry lobby. Signs will direct emergency patients into Keller's main parking lot and to enter through the main entry.

A temporary Emergency Room reception and waiting area will be located adjacent to the current Pharmacy waiting area.

The 'permanent' Emergency Room is scheduled to re-open in Spring 2017.

The multi-phased, military construction project, to renovate Keller Army Community Hospital, is scheduled to be completed in Fall 2018.

On Tuesday, the doors to the Emergency Dept. bay (previous location) will be secured and all Emergency Department visits will need to enter through Keller's front doors.

Additionally, all emergency ambulance transports will enter through Keller's front door and the Keller ambulance will be permanently located at the Keller circle (in front of the hospital).

There will be no vehicle parking or standing/waiting permitted in the Keller

circle.

Keller circle drop-offs must be brief, and it is highly recommended that medical appointment drop-offs occur at the Brian D. Allgood Clinic circle.

KACH re-assigns Primary Care Managers

Over the last two weeks HealthNet/TRICARE has sent notifications to many of our beneficiaries informing you or your family member that the assigned Primary Care Manager (PCM) has been changed.

We understand that this is an inconvenience but was required due to provider losses this past summer/fall PCS season.

This reassignment will enable us to have adequate access across the entire Primary Care Department for all beneficiaries to get an appointment when they need care.

We are actively working to get a permanent provider hired to replace the providers that have left this past PCS season. We appreciate your patience and your trust as we work to deliver the care you deserve.

If you have any concerns with your newly assigned PCM, address this with our patient advocate Linda DiSalvo at 845-938-5874.



The West Point Band will present "A West Point Holiday" at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre. PHOTO BY THE WEST POINT BAND

West Point Band presents "A West Point Holiday"

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band will present "A West Point Holiday" at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

Ring in the holidays with this Hudson Valley tradition of festive holiday favorites performed by the talented vocalists and instrumentalists of the West Point Band. Make sure to join us for pre-concert entertainment in the lobby when you arrive.

This concert is free and open to all.

Each year, the West Point Band brings the holidays to the Hudson Valley with this family-friendly production featuring world-class music in a variety of styles.

Bring your family and friends to celebrate the season with this spectacular performance featuring the vocal talents of Master Sgt. MaryKay Messenger, and Staff Sgts. Jeremy

Gaynor and Emily McAleesejergins. You'll hear festive arrangements of your favorite holiday songs, both traditional and contemporary, including segments featuring the Benny Havens Band and the Hellcats. As always, the performance will conclude with a visit from Santa Claus.

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 U.S. 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 us on Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter.



• **Holiday Shopping Bazaar:** WPFH hosts the West Point Spouses Club Holiday Shopping Bazaar from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at 126 Washington Road.

Join us for shopping, door prizes, refreshments and fun. Support our community by shopping military-owned small business.

A portion of sales will be donated to the WPSC Grants and Scholarship fund.

• **Holiday Cookie Exchange:** Join us for a Holiday Cookie Exchange at B126 Washington Road from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday.

We will make it really quick and easy too, if everyone can make two dozen cookies each, we then split them into holiday tins and you

will go home with different kinds of holiday cookies, two dozen total. Bring the recipe to share.

To register, email jgellman@bbcgrp.com by Monday.

• **Letters to Santa:** Write a letter and then drop it in our very special North Pole mailbox at B126 Washington Road before Dec. 16 for a guaranteed delivery to Santa before Christmas.

We will make sure it gets to the "Big Man" at the North Pole just for you. Make sure to check your mail box for your letter back from Santa. Please include your age, gender and address.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—"Moana," PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—"Trolls," PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—"The Accountant," R, 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 9—"Doctor Strange," PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

(For movie details and updated schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)



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Army Newswatch

Thursday, Friday and Monday-Dec. 8

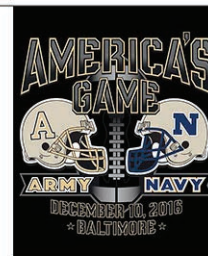
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.



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BACK

Army Wrestling holds strong in national rankings

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point wrestling team continues to see three of its grapplers ranked in polls released by InterMat, FloWrestling and The Open Mat, which was announced by the organizations Nov. 22.

Senior co-captains Logan Everett (141 lbs.) and Russ Parsons (157 lbs.), as well as sophomore 197-pounder Rocco Caywood, remained ranked in all three polls.

Everett remained at 17th in InterMat's rankings and 12th according to The Open Mat for the third straight week, in addition to holding at No. 12 in the FloWrestling poll. The Tioga, Pennsylvania, native went 5-1 on the weekend, starting with a 6-2 decision over Colton Schilling in Army's first dual win of the season against Cal Poly.

He continued with a second-place finish at the Roadrunner Open with his only blemish being a 2-1 setback against No. 2 Joey McKenna of Stanford in the finals. He opened with a 16-0 tech. fall before notching a pin 45 seconds into the match against Oregon State's Hans Rockwell. A pair of decisions sent the 141-pounder into the third championship bout of his career.

Parsons compiled a perfect 5-0 record in the Golden State, including three bonus point wins. The Clinton, New Jersey, native began with a 5-3 decision over Colt Shorts in Army's 23-10 victory over the Mustangs, and continued on Sunday with his fourth-career individual title.

He opened the Roadrunner Open with a convincing 19-1 tech. fall before notching back-to-back major decisions. His second first-place finish of the season was capped with a 6-2



Senior co-captain Russ Parsons compiled a perfect 5-0 record in the trip to California, including three bonus point wins. The Clinton, New Jersey, native jumped three spots in the InterMat poll to 11th, while staying at 10th and 11th in the FloWrestling and The Open Matt polls, to 10th and 11th, respectively.

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decision over Purdue's Alex Griffin.

Parsons jumped three spots in the InterMat poll to 11th, while staying at 10th and 11th in the FloWrestling and The Open Matt polls, to 10th and 11th, respectively.

Caywood dropped from 15th to 19th in the InterMat and FloWrestling rankings, while slipping two spots to 16th according to The

Open Mat. The Perrysburg, Ohio native posted a record of 4-1 on the weekend with three bonus point victories.

He opened the weekend with a 17-8 major decision over J.T. Goodwin in the dual against Cal Poly, before placing second at the Roadrunner Open.

Caywood began the tournament with a 16-0 tech. fall against Gabriel Camareno and a 3-1 decision over John Morin.

He advanced to the title bout with a 10-0 major decision against San Francisco State's Johnny Costa.

His lone setback of the weekend came in the finals against Matt Williams of CSU

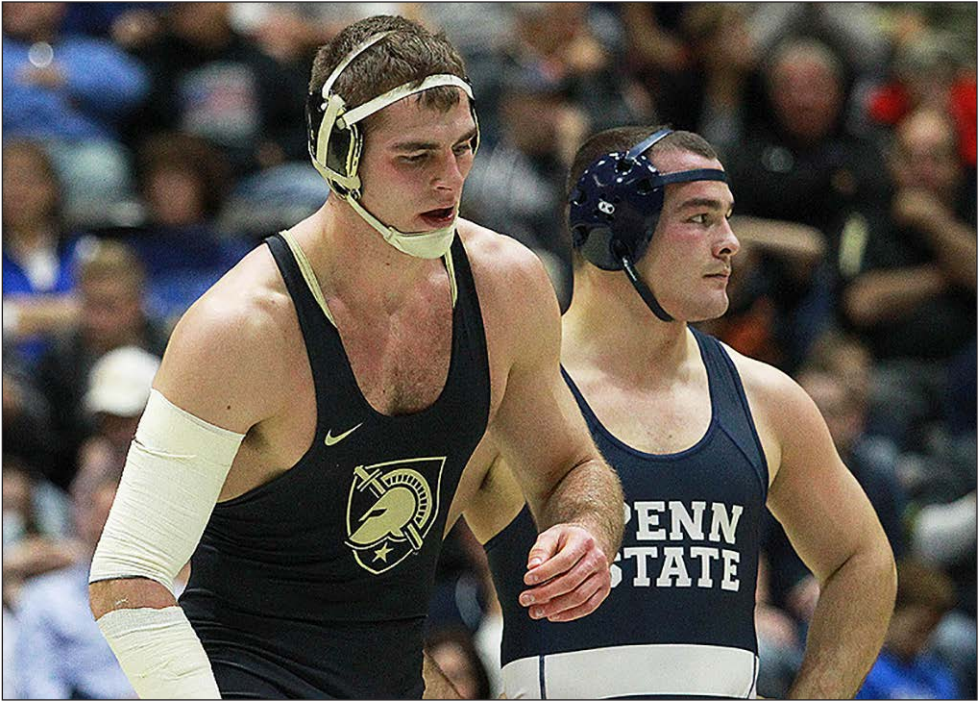
Bakersfield, 5-2.

Army returns to the mat at the Cliff Keen Las Vegas Invitational in Las Vegas, Friday and Saturday, with each day's action starting at noon.

For more details on Army West Point wrestling, visit GoArmyWestPoint.com and follow @ArmyWP_Wres on Twitter.

Rankings

- **Logan Everett** (141 lbs.): InterMat – 17th; FloWrestling – 12th; The Open Mat – 12th.
- **Russ Parsons** (157 lbs.): InterMat – 11th; FloWrestling – 10th; The Open Mat – 11th.
- **Rocco Caywood** (197 lbs.): InterMat – 19th; FloWrestling – 19th; The Open Mat – 16th.



Sophomore Rocco Caywood dropped from 15th to 19th in the InterMat and FloWrestling rankings, while slipping two spots to 16th according to The Open Mat. The Perrysburg, Ohio native posted a record of 4-1 on the weekend with three bonus point victories at 197 pounds. COURTESY PHOTO BY ARMY ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Sports calendar

FRIDAY
7:05 P.M. — HOCKEY VS. AIC, TATE RINK.

SATURDAY
NOON — MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD, CROWELL OPEN, GILLIS FIELD HOUSE.

NOON — MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING VS. NAVY, CRANDALL POOL.

1 P.M. — WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN, CHRISTL ARENA.

4 P.M. — MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. FRANCIS BROOKLYN, CHRISTL ARENA.

7:05 P.M. — HOCKEY VS. BROWN, TATE RINK.

MONDAY

Corps Squad

7 P.M. — WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WAGNER, CHRISTL ARENA.

WEDNESDAY
7 P.M. — MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. AIR FORCE, CHRISTL ARENA.

DEC. 9
7:05 P.M. — HOCKEY VS. HOLY CROSS, TATE RINK.

DEC. 10
3 P.M. — FOOTBALL VS. NAVY AT BALTIMORE (TV: CBS).

**TO SEE THE UPCOMING ARMY WEST POINT BLACK KNIGHTS SCHEDULE, VISIT WWW.GOARMYWESTPOINT.COM/CALENDAR.ASPX?VTYPE=LIST.



Freshman forward Matt Wilson recorded a career-high 20 points while he grabbed five rebounds during Army West Point Men's Basketball's 75-74 loss to Fairfield Nov. 26 in Bridgeport, Conn.

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Last second shot stuns Army at Fairfield

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Men's Basketball team dropped a heartbreaker, 75-74, Nov. 26 at Fairfield in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The Black Knights saw a nine-point lead dwindle in the final 2:40, allowing the home team to spark a 10-0 rally to close out the game. Two of those 10 points came with 0.4 remaining on the clock when Amadou Sidibe tipped in a missed shot from Jerome Segura. That ultimately sealed the comeback win for the Stags, stunning Army, who dips to 2-4 on the early season.

Of the Cadets four losses this season, three have come by five or fewer points, two by three or less.

A highlight for the Black Knights was rookie Matt Wilson, who recorded a career-high 20 points on 9-of-12 shooting.

The Alexandria, Kentucky, native chipped in five rebounds, including two on the offensive board.

Also reaching twin figures was Jacob Kessler and John Emezie.

Kessler posted a career-best 12 points, all in the opening period, following his four makes

from behind-the-arc. Those four treys were a career best for the sophomore.

Emezie finished with 11 points for the Black Knights.

Rookie Tommy Funk notched a career-high seven rebounds, and was tied for tops on the team with Jordan Fox after registering four assists.

Army highlights and game notes

- Army was held scoreless for the final 2:40.
- The Black Knights earned its largest lead of the game at 70-60 with 4:28 remaining following a good layup from Emezie.
- Fairfield had its largest edge at six on two different occasions with its most recent coming just 14:53 into the second period when a Sidibe layup made it 46-40.
- Army led for 22:27, while Fairfield was in front for 9:14. The game was tied for 8:19
- There were nine tie scores and 13 lead changes throughout the game.
- The Black Knights finished shooting 45.5 percent (30-of-66) from the floor and 36.8 percent (7-of-19) from downtown. The Stags ended the game with marks of 42.9 (27-of-63) and 36.4 (8-of-22), respectively.
- Army outscored the home team 40-38 on points in the paint and held the slight 14-12 edge

on second chance opportunities.

- The Cadets recorded a 31-10 advantage on bench points.
- Fairfield posted 44 rebounds to Army's 33, but both teams had double-digit offensive boards.
- The Stags committed 16 turnovers, while the Black Knights tallied 11.
- Despite leaving the game at the 7:26 mark of the second half following his fifth foul, Mac Hoffman finished with six points and three rebounds.
- Adam Roe added seven points and three boards, while Funk posted eight points to go along with his team-high seven rebounds.

Turning point

- The Black Knights had built a 74-65 lead with 2:40 remaining in the game after Wilson converted on a layup. The Stags answered with back-to-back treys on the other end of the court within 20 seconds of each other to cut the Cadets advantage down to 74-71 with 1:24 left. Those two makes from behind-the-arc were the start of a 10-0 run for Fairfield that ultimately sealed the home team the win.

How it happened

• In the opening period of play, there were eight lead changes and five tie scores with neither team holding larger than a four-point advantage.

• A good layup from Wilson with 10 seconds remaining in the half handed the Black Knights a 32-21 edge at the break.

• The Stags quickly answered a minute into the second period, tying the score at 34-all.

• Fairfield would then extend its lead to its largest of the game at six on two different occasions throughout the next four minutes, holding a 46-40 advantage with 14:52 remaining.

• A 13-3 run for the Army over a little more than three minutes however pulled the Black Knights in front at 53-51.

• That was quickly erased when the Stags took over the lead at 55-54 with just under 10 minutes to play.

• The Cadets would not waiver though using a 16-5 run to create the game's largest advantage at 70-60 with 4:28 left.

• Army maintained that lead following a Wilson layup with 2:40 remaining, but unfortunately that would be the last time the Black Knights would score as the Stags finished the game on a 10-0 run to steal the win in thrilling fashion.



Junior guard Janae McNeal led all Army West Point scorers with 17 points while adding four assists as the Black Knights defeated Dartmouth 68-60 Nov. 26 in women's basketball action at Leede Arena in Hanover, N.H.

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Women's Basketball grabs road win at Dartmouth

By Harrison Antognioni
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women's Basketball team overcame a late push by Dartmouth and came away with a 68-60 victory Nov. 26 at Leede Arena in Hanover, New Hampshire. Army wins its third straight game to improve to 4-1 overall, while Dartmouth slips to 2-2 following the loss.

Junior Janae McNeal led the Black Knights with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting, while also adding four assists. Sophomore Jess Lewis registered career highs of 13 points and four assists, and classmate Madison Hovren posted the first double-double of her career with 16 points and a career-best 13 rebounds.

Dartmouth was led in the scoring department by Kate Letkewicz, who netted a game-high 24 points and Olivia Smith, who finished with 16.

Army highlights and game notes

- Army improves to 2-4 in its all-time series versus

- Dartmouth.
- McNeal tallied a season-high 17 points to lead the Cadets.
 - Lewis totaled season highs in points (13) and assists (four)
 - Hovren recorded the first double-double of her career with 16 points and a career-high 13 boards.
 - Hovren's double-double was the third for Army this season, after junior Aliyah Murray finished with a double-double against Albany and classmate Lena' Hicks did so in the Yale game.

Key moment

- Dartmouth used a 13-7 run to force a 52-52 tie with 7:48 remaining in the fourth quarter. The run extended into fourth period, but Army scored the next eight points over a 2:46 span to take a 60-52 lead. Hovren and McNeal each scored four points during the scoring stretch. The Big Green would come back to within three, but didn't pull even the rest of the way.

How it happened

- Army and Dartmouth swapped the lead six times in the

- first quarter, doing so for the final time with 18 seconds left, after Lewis hit a three-pointer to give the Black Knights a 17-15 advantage.
- The Black Knights used a 19-6 run in the second quarter to take a 12-point lead, 36-24, with 2:33 left until halftime.
 - The 19-6 run was finished by six unanswered points from Army, including field goals from Hovren, Lewis and junior Daizjah Morris.
 - The Big Green netted the final five points of the half to pull back to within 36-29 at the break.
 - Dartmouth came back to force a 45-45 deadlock with 1:18 left in the third quarter but Army took a 48-47 lead into the final frame, thanks to a triple from junior Destinee Morris with 55 seconds left in the period.
 - The hosts tied the contest, 52-52, with 7:48 left in the game, but Army netted the next eight points to regain an eight-point cushion.
 - Lewis and McNeal each made a pair of free throws in the final 17 seconds to cap the victory.