

Prepping for Plebe-Parent Weekend



With the help of some upperclass cadets, tactical officers and noncommissioned officers, members of the Class of 2016 were practicing drill and ceremony Tuesday in preparation for the cadet review Saturday during Plebe-Parent Weekend. Class of 2016 Cadet E.J. Coleman said Plebe-Parent Weekend is a chance to show their families how much they've learned so far

at the academy and the type of leaders they're becoming. It's also a culminating event for the class that is nearing the end of its first academic year.

"I'm really proud of our class for coming this far and we've worked really hard," Coleman said.

For the first time at Plebe-Parent Weekend, the class crest will be unveiled at the banquet Saturday. Class of 2016 Cadet Nicholas Greene, the ring and crest committee chairman, will explain the symbolism of the crest at the formal dinner inside Washington Hall. See Page 3 for the preview article.



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Schwarzkopf laid to rest at West Point



By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Twenty-two years to the day when Operation Desert Storm ended, the general who commanded the coalition force ground offensive was laid to rest at West Point.

A memorial service for retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, a U.S. Military Academy Class of 1956 graduate, was held at the Cadet Chapel Feb. 28, with family, friends and colleagues in attendance.

Following the service, Schwarzkopf was buried near his father, Maj. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf Sr., at the West Point Cemetery. His father, a 1917 U.S. Military Academy graduate and cavalry officer, was a World War I veteran and founder of the New Jersey State Police and served as its first superintendent. A contingent of N.J. State Police officers, along with more than 100 USMA cadets, senior leaders and staff and faculty, attended the services.

Retired Maj. Gen. Leroy Suddath delivered the first memorial tribute, having met Schwarzkopf at the academy 61 years ago.

At 21, Suddath had three years of college but admitted to not being so academically inclined when he entered West Point. Having Schwarzkopf for a roommate was truly fortunate.

At 17, Schwarzkopf was among the youngest in the Corps of Cadets and his classmates benefited from his

knowledge of Middle Eastern culture and his dedication to the motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

"He was a leader in the Corps of Cadets and, for Norman, academics were a piece of cake," Suddath said. "He spent more time helping his roommates than on his own studies."

Schwarzkopf graduated 43rd among 480 cadets in the Class of 1956 and commissioned from West Point as an infantry second lieutenant.

After earning his master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Southern California, Schwarzkopf returned to West Point where he instructed cadets for two years in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Schwarzkopf served two tours in Vietnam, served in Grenada as an Army adviser to the Navy and later became commander-in-chief of the U.S. Army Central Command.

But it was his presence during the Gulf War as he commanded a coalition force of more than 700,000 troops from 34 nations that captured the world's attention. Schwarzkopf became famous for his engaging personality during televised press conferences from Kuwait—a command performance of firsts in the dawn of a 24-hour news cycle.

(Editor's Note: Read the full story online at the USMA website, www.usma.edu/news/SitePages/Schwarzkopf%20Service.aspx.)

First Sgt. Michael Salazar, West Point Military Police Company, escorts the remains of retired Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf following the memorial service in the Cadet Chapel Feb. 28

PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS CHRISTOPHER FINCHAM/USMA PAO



Sequestration

As you are aware, sequestration went into effect on Friday, March 1st.

Over the past several years, we have faced a lack of predictability and flexibility in our budget cycle and a series of cuts. This fiscal year alone, we face the potential of at least an \$18 billion dollar shortfall in our Operations and Maintenance accounts, due to the combined impacts of sequestration, the continuing resolution and contingency funding. These are the funds that allow us to support operations, maintain readiness and pay our civilian workforce.

While our attention here in Washington is on the fiscal situation and the difficult decisions that will shape our force into the future, we need you to remain focused on the fundamentals: develop your Soldiers, Civilians and our future Army leaders; conduct tough, realistic mission-focused training; maintain and account for your equipment; be good stewards of your resources; and sustain the high level of esprit de corps in your organization. Our top priority is to ensure that our forces defending the homeland, those in Afghanistan and Korea, and those next to deploy and rotate into theater, have the resources required to execute their missions. We also recognize that along with risks to readiness, sequestration will also bring particular hardship to our Civilian workforce.

We will share information through official Army channels on the impacts of sequestration as soon as it becomes available. You can also expect your Army leadership to visit major installations in the months ahead to facilitate a dialogue and listen to your concerns and those of your Family members.

Our current fiscal situation is challenging, but we must approach this as an opportunity to demonstrate, once again, our commitment to selfless service and our profession. Our Army will always remain, in every respect, the Strength of the Nation. *Army Strong!*

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Army Emergency Relief Campaign is underway

By David Vergun
 Army News Service

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign began March 1, and continues through May 15, with this year's campaign slogan being "Supporting Soldiers and their families, yesterday, today and tomorrow."

The slogan, according to Army Emergency Relief, is meant to create a greater awareness among Soldiers that AER offers benefits for those who are in need.

And of course, the campaign also hopes to replenish its resources through donations. The campaign provides an opportunity for Soldiers to look out for each other, continuing the AER legacy of "helping the Army take care of its own."

Last year, AER disbursed \$76.8 million in assistance to more than 59,000 Soldiers and their families.

Some 38 percent of that assistance was obtained through the command referral program, which gives company commanders and first sergeants the authority to approve up to \$1,500 in interest-free loans for their Soldiers.

There is no limit on the amount of assistance that can be provided and no limit on the number of times a Soldier may make requests for assistance. Loans and grants are all

based on need.

AER assistance includes:

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- Children and spouse scholarships;
- Grants to Soldiers medically evacuated from Afghanistan;
- Support to families of fallen Soldiers;
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- Travel funds for permanent change of station when advances are not forthcoming;
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- Purchase of child car seats —purchase of cranial helmets when prescribed by medical authority and not authorized by TRICARE.

AER is a private, non-profit organization, founded in 1942, that provides financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers and their families. Since AER's beginnings, some 3.5 million Soldiers and families have received more than \$1.5 billion in support.

Soldiers requiring AER assistance at West Point should contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or email amy.weyhrauch@usma.edu.

More information is available at www.aerhq.org.

Sequestration updates for military and DOD civilians

For the latest news on the current sequestration, visit http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0213_sequestration/. For more information on DOD civilian furloughs that will be enforced in late April to appropriated fund civilians, if there isn't a congressional resolution, visit www.opm.gov/furlough/.

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Crest unveiling to highlight Plebe-Parent Weekend

Story and photo by Mike Strasser
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The members of the Class of 2016—having calibrated themselves to the rigors of West Point over their first several months here—are taking charge of the academy. At least for one weekend.

Plebe-Parent Weekend, scheduled Friday-Sunday, is a time when cadets show their families the academic, physical and military progress they've made at the U.S. Military Academy.

It's a milestone event for the class, considering there are no upperclass cadets to contend with, but it is more so for the leadership opportunities.

"This gives plebes a chance to take on more important leadership roles, being the platoon leaders, company commander, all the way up to regimental staff," Class of 2016 Cadet E.J. Coleman, class president, said. "It gives us all a chance to try out different forms of leadership and see what works and what doesn't work."

Debra Dalton knows how special the weekend is for families, not just because of her job but as mother to a West Point graduate. The West Point Parents Club director in the Office of Admissions said it's the one time when parents can get a real sense of what life is like for their cadets at the academy.

"We open all the doors and let the parents have a peek at what goes on at the academy," Dalton said.

For many it is the first time back since Acceptance Day.

"It's sometimes hard for families to make the trek to West Point so this gives them a reason to want to come and see more of what the academy is offering their sons and daughters," Dalton said.

The changes they've seen in cadets since A-Day gets new perspective within the environment that fostered those changes.

"From A-Day until Plebe-Parent Weekend, there is going to be huge changes in the



A highlight of Plebe-Parent Weekend is the review along the apron in front of Washington Hall.

cadets," Dalton said. "Parents will hopefully see how their cadets have developed some confidence in their surroundings and a certain comfort level that parents can pick up on."

Coleman said a typical visit home to Alexandria, Va., often leads to a thousand questions about West Point. Now they get to find the answers for themselves, he said.

"It's a great experience for plebes to showcase their abilities here and what they've learned to our family and friends," Coleman said.

Families can tour the academic buildings with instructors and professors available to explain the curriculum. Tactical officers and noncommissioned officers will also discuss the chain of command and how TACs function with the Corps of Cadets. An open house at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center will offer demonstrations of the plebe courses like boxing and combatives. People may have heard the grueling stories about the Indoor Obstacle Course Test, but it's entirely different to see the course firsthand.

"That was a must-see tour for me last year," Dalton said. "I would recommend going to Arvin Gym and see those demonstrations because it's truly amazing what the Department of Physical Education does."

Coleman is particularly interested in showing his family, especially his younger brother, what goes on at Arvin.

"I talk about that nonstop when I'm home. I really like boxing and did well in that, but not so well in military movement," Coleman said.

Dalton said the Cadet Uniform Factory is a fascinating place to visit.

"We know that cadets wear some type of uniform every day and most of what they wear is made at the Cadet Uniform Factory," Dalton said. "You can actually watch the people who make the braid on their dress uniforms and see them sewing it onto the sleeve. It's meticulous work and not something you will see in a store off the rack. They take a lot of pride and put a lot of effort into making cadet uniforms."

There are options to choose from and the schedule offers enough leeway to pick out preferences, Dalton said.

"Not everybody is going to want to see the uniform factory, but they may have interest in the architecture of the Cadet Mess," Dalton said. "So we'll have a little walk through there to point out some of the historical features. Sherman Fleek, the USMA historian, helps out with that."

The Class of 2016 will demonstrate drill and ceremony skills with a short review along the apron in front of Washington Hall.

"Cadets take a lot of pride in that, and I think they stand a little straighter and taller when they're out there on their own in front of their families," Dalton said.

"The review is a showcase of the discipline we've learned, the attention to detail and our transformation into becoming Soldiers and leaders," Coleman said.

That evening, cadets will escort their guests to a formal banquet where social etiquette is required.

"The cadet hostess (Sharyn Amoroso) has instructed them on how to introduce their parents to the chain of command and how to go through a receiving line," Dalton said. "That's part of the social experience of Plebe-Parent Weekend. There are so many

things when they left home that their parents didn't realize cadets would acquire in this short time."

Coleman said it's been daunting at times, all the coordination, planning and timing involved to create Plebe-Parent Weekend.

"But it's a good learning experience because you rarely get to see things from that perspective," he said.

For the first time in the history of Plebe-Parent Weekend, the class crest will be unveiled at the banquet. Class of 2016 Cadet Nicholas Greene, the ring and crest committee chairman, will take the podium at the Cadet Mess to talk about the development of the class crest.

"I think we went through nine different versions of it, critiquing every little detail," Greene said. "What we've done with the crest is something that hasn't been seen in 30 years. It's very unique but it still maintains those traditional elements found on each crest."

The early unveiling meant shorter deadlines but Greene is confident the class will be pleased with the crest.

"I think it really represents what our class is and what our class is going to be," Greene said.

Greene's family visited him one weekend when he attended the Preparatory School next to the academy. This is much different, he said, given the amount of experience he's gained since then.

"This weekend is dedicated to the parents and they get to go through our life here and see everything," Greene said. "For me, eating at the mess hall is nothing special anymore, but my mom is excited to go eat there. So it kind of opens their eyes to what I go through every day."

Along with his parents and grandparents, the weekend will hopefully inspire his 10-year-old sister too.

"She's really smart and likes learning new things, so I think just pointing out all the history that happened here will be fun," Greene said. "I'm excited to show her what her brother has been going through here."

New approach to lecture series introduced in MX400

Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

The U.S. Military Academy has long provided cadets with leadership lessons through variations on guest speaker lectures.

Col. Tony Burgess, Center for the Advancement of Leader Development and Organizational Learning director, said the MX400 course is breaking new ground with an altogether unique format that was introduced March 1 at Robinson Auditorium.

“Our team has been asking ourselves this past year how can we do something new that will provide a different kind of engagement for cadets,” Burgess said.

The team from CALDOL has been working with the MX400 staff to make its speaker series more interactive and, frankly, less like attending an advice-dispensing lecture.

The focus instead is on storytelling as a teaching mechanism. Each speaker begins with a three-minute crucible story, a vignette from their deployment that would trigger further discussion and questions later on. To facilitate interactivity, an online application was incorporated into the panel event.

The speakers arrived to West Point a day early to rehearse their stories and practice the interactive format with the CALDOL team. Every Soldier brings home stories from downrange, Burgess said, but not everyone is able to be engaging in front of an audience.

Engaging is the operative word. Just minutes before the cadets entered the auditorium, Maj. Jason Wayne gave the junior officers a simple reminder: “Engage them.”

There were rehearsals a day earlier for that purpose. The panel featured five junior officers—four of them West Point graduates—and they practiced what they wanted to say within the allotted time, and then how they would draw cadets in during the panel discussion.

Interacting with each other wasn’t going to be an issue. They had all recently returned from Afghanistan, having served together in the same task force at the same forward operating base and could talk plainly about their shared experiences.

After each speaker addressed the audience, a short discussion period among cadets followed, with one from each



First Lt. Patrick Sioson, a Class of 2011 graduate, talks with the Commandant of Cadets Brig. Gen. Richard Clarke following the MX400 Guest Speaker Panel at Robinson Auditorium March 1. Sioson shared with cadets the moment he learned early in his deployment to Afghanistan that he was going to take charge of a platoon in the A/1-23 Infantry.



First Lt. Patrick Sioson, 1st Lt. Laura Meade, 1st Lt. Joseph Langella, 1st Lt. James Hall and Capt. Darrell Fawley speak to cadets in the MX400 Course at Robinson Auditorium March 1. All the officers served with the 3-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team in the Panjwai District in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. With the exception of Meade, the junior officers all graduated from the U.S. Military Academy.

of the 33 MX400 sections given access to the Glassboard app. “We want them to discuss the key insights coming from the stories told and then as a group come up with questions to ask the officers,” Burgess said. “The benefit of that is they can pick out a question they can thoughtfully respond to and think about what they want to say.”

In all, 44 questions were posted—with some overlap, and 33 of those received at least one response. Maj. Jonathan Silk, CALDOL operations officer, said many had received more than one response from the panel which added depth to the input.

Burgess said this format should be an improvement over the typical Q&A where the questions may not be so forthcoming from an audience, and the responses themselves may not be fully articulated.

“But what’s great about this whole thing is for 24 hours after the event, the speakers continue to engage in the online app responding to questions,” Burgess said. “The next class meeting is designed to reflect on this event and they’ll have a lot more content to reflect on by revisiting the online app.”

Class of 2013 Cadet Luke Hutchison found it informative to hear the perspectives of different branch officers serving together.

“Listening to their stories gave me a good reminder of why we are here and the importance of doing everything we can now so we are ready to lead Soldiers in combat,” he said. “It also provided a good perspective on the intensity of combat we will face. One story in particular of a staff sergeant who had found over 300 IEDs in three months was particularly incredible.”

Class of 2013 Cadet Chad Vessell picked up a theme that ran parallel to much of the conversation—competence.

“Through consistently demonstrating competence, an individual can gain respect from and build trust with the individuals in his or her unit,” Vessell said. “Perhaps most importantly, competence allows leaders to decisively perform their duties in extremely stressful and dangerous situations.”

Class of 2013 Cadet Chris Broderick, Company I-1

commander, appreciated how the speakers’ stories were able to weave together into one narrative.

“They all worked hard at their job, recognized the importance of relationships within their job and completed their mission to the best of their ability,” Broderick said. “Their stories also brought to light some issues we will encounter as new LTs entering the Army in a few short months.”

Burgess said the amount of practical information being generated by this type of engagement is a quantum difference from any other speaker panel session he is aware of. On the surface, many panel discussions tend to generate a lot of advice, but absent any personal connection between speaker and audience. In this format, the junior officers were able to share stories that had practical advice built into them but not force fed to the cadets.

“They’ve heard these same things over and over again. I told the speakers the focus isn’t on the advice but on the story,” Burgess said. “In some cases we coached them not to even give the advice, just the story. We know if the cadets make those connections for themselves, that’s learning.”

MX400 is West Point’s capstone course for officership through the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic. The course director is Lt. Col. Eric Weis and the senior mentor for the course is retired Gen. Fred Franks.

“My team has the privilege of being involved with MX400, to include taking lead on the guest speaker sessions,” Burgess said. “But the only reason we are able to do those sessions is because of Gen. Franks’ vision and the support of the Simon Center.”

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CADET ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Women's Boxing: The West Point Women's Boxing Team traveled to College Park, Md., March 2 where they dominated in the ring with the following victories: Class of 2014 Cadet Jocelyn Lewis (E-1) vs. Toni Eubank from Shippensburg fighting at 115 pounds. Class of 2016 Cadet Joyce Wu (B-1) vs. Jules Squire from Maryland fighting at 145 pounds. Class of 2015 Cadet Molly Box (A-3) vs. Kelsey Kenealy from Maryland fighting at 152 pounds. Class of 2014 Cadet Megan Coley (G-1) vs. Rachel Aponte from Maryland fighting at 140 pounds. Class of 2013 Cadet Giovanna Camacho (E-1) vs. Catherine Breslin from Maryland fighting at 112 pounds.

Racquetball: The Cadet Racquetball Team had a successful trip to the Regional Championships for Eastern Collegiate Racquetball Conference in Bethlehem, Pa, Feb. 22. The Women's Racquetball Team took home third-place honors overall. Additionally, Class of 2013 Cadet Megan Maurer, team captain, was honored with the Daren Hidalgo Award for sportsmanship.

Model UN Forum: The Model United Nations team traveled to Princeton University to compete in the Princeton Interactive Crisis Simulation Feb. 21. The West Point delegation won first place, having been awarded the title of Best Delegation for the conference. This continues the record of having won Best Delegation each time the West Point team has attended the conference at Princeton University.

Over Presidents' Day weekend, the team competed in the Harvard National Model UN, which featured more than 3,000 delegates from throughout the world. The West Point team won the national championship as the Best Small Delegation for the fifth time in eight years.

Women's Team Handball: West Point Women's Team Handball took fourth place at Los Angeles Team Handball Club's first tournament Feb. 22-25.

West Point came just short of victory in two key games, losing each 18-17. West Point Women's Team Handball will host its annual Laura Walker Tournament March 30-31 at Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center in honor of 1st Lt. Laura Walker, a former West Point handball player who died in Afghanistan in 2005.

Snowboarding: The Snowboard Club competed in its first Slopestyle event Feb. 24 at Hunter Mountain, marking the debut for two members, Class of 2015 Cadet Wesley Sickman and Class of 2014 Cadet Michael Pasque. Sickman took first place, Class of 2013 Cadet Chris Beatty placed second and Class of 2013 Cadet Matt Clidas finished third. All three are one step closer to qualifying for Snowboard Nationals in Copper, Colo.



USCC
welcomes
new CSM

Command Sgt. Maj. Robin Duane becomes the U.S. Corps of Cadets' new command sergeant major March 1 at the Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony in Cullum Hall Ballroom. TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO PHOTOGRAPHER

Lessons on Outpost Keating told from those who fought there, author who wrote its history



(Above) Jake Tapper, author of "The Outpost," explains his motivation to write the story about Combat Outpost Keating during a group discussion with cadets enrolled in the MX400 course. (Left) Capt. Stoney Portis, a Class of 2004 graduate and the last troop commander at Outpost Keating in the Nuristan Province, tells his story in detail in the final chapters of "The Outpost."

**Story and photos by Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor**

Jake Tapper, CNN chief Washington correspondent, reunited with some of the Soldiers featured in his book "The Outpost" during two classroom forums Feb. 26.

The book tells the history of Combat Outpost Keating and the events surrounding the fateful attack by 400 Taliban insurgents on roughly 53 Soldiers stationed there.

Tapper said he generally covered the politics of war from the White House and Pentagon, but that changed when he saw the report on the attack at Combat Outpost Keating on television.

"It was a poignant moment where I was holding my newborn son while hearing about eight other sons taken from this earth and I wanted to know more," Tapper said.

This was a life-changing moment, though he didn't know at the time, and Tapper would spend the next two-and-a-half years pursuing the story.

"First it was just going to be a story about the battle, but it became the whole history of the camp," Tapper said. "It became a very important project for me emotionally and professionally."

Capt. Chris Cordova, from Keller Army Community Hospital, was a squadron physician assistant at Combat Outpost Keating and said reading the book was a surreal experience.

"I lived it, and to read it in the third person is a different experience," Cordova said. "While reading I kept thinking to myself, 'I can't believe this happened,' but I had seen it myself so it felt surreal."

Having experienced much of the latter part of the book, Cordova was captivated by the history in the first two sections he hadn't known.

"For me that was the most gripping and intriguing accounts," he said.

Cordova was interviewed and consulted several times by Tapper during the writing process, and like the author, was concerned by how graphic the retelling would be.

"I had that concern because I became close with some of the mothers who lost their sons. Reading the details of the wounds and discussing that sort of thing could be too much for a grieving mother to read," Cordova said.

Ultimately, Cordova said Tapper got a full account with surprising accuracy.

"In my mind, Jake is probably the single most knowledgeable person about Combat Outpost Keating on this planet," Cordova said. "While he was writing it, Jake would call and ask, 'Did I get this right, is that right?' I was actually surprised by how accurate he was."

During the first class, Tapper provided an oversight into how he developed the book, which was followed by a Q&A with the officers.

The second class, held at the Center for the Advancement of Leader Development and Organizational Learning, was designed to answer three broad questions, but this agenda was kept hidden from the cadets.

The result made it seem more like an informal conversation among the battlefield officers, reliving events and offering field-tested advice which the cadets hurriedly scribbled into notebooks.

"For me it was a rewarding experience to see the light switch turned on when some of the cadets see the consequence of poor decisions," Cordova said.

Along with Cordova and Tapper, the discussion included Maj. Aaron Swain, Maj. Jason Wayne, Capt. Michael Harrison and Maj. Jonathan Silk. Capt. Stoney Portis, a Class of 2004 graduate, was the only member not currently instructing at West Point. He will join the faculty in the Department of English after completing graduate studies next year.

"I'm very honored to be here on behalf of my Soldiers for their sacrifices and everything they've done," Portis said. "It makes it more meaningful having achieved a level of success that is worth sharing and all the more so when others can learn from your mistakes."

Like Cordova, Portis said being interviewed and then reading the book was an emotional experience.

"On one hand it was almost painful to relive, but on the other it was a bit cathartic; helping the healing process," Portis, who was the last troop commander at Outpost Keating, said.

To hear the stories of Soldiers from different units all contributing their own part of history at the same outpost was eye-opening for Class of 2013 Cadet Chad Vessell and his classmates.

"Mr. Tapper's book and presence at the forum drew these individuals' stories together and provided our class with a broader understanding of how the success or failure of a mission depends on all of the actions and decisions made by each unit that took part," Vessell said.

Class of 2013 Cadet Chris Broderick said the advantage cadets get from the MX400 course is that it focuses entirely on leadership, and the forum complemented those studies.

"There were many insights on multiple levels," Broderick said. "This happens often in MX400, Jake Tapper and the panel took it to another level though. It happens less frequently in other classes as there are other academic priorities."

Bucknall tells Class of 2014 to prepare for role in multinational affairs, be familiar with allies

By Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Lt. Gen. Sir James Jeffery C. Bucknall, commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and the Order of the British Empire, was the guest speaker at the 66th annual Kermit Roosevelt Lecture Series attended by the Class of 2014 Feb. 27 at Robinson Auditorium.

Bucknall spoke on leadership and leadership qualities, especially for those who will be working with multinational partners.

“Here you have a role to play,” Bucknall said. “We all must understand our allies and have some understanding of their political context. Understand what the pressures are. Always remember they are Soldiers and not politicians. My first advice to you is to treat all like Soldiers.”

Leading a multinational force presents some challenges to leaders and leaders need to gain the respect of their Soldiers in any leadership situation.

“Match the capabilities of your Soldiers to the task,” he said. “Play to their strength and guard against weakness. Soldiers’ will not be 10 feet tall. Encourage and develop (your Soldiers.)”

Bucknall said platoon leaders should understand that not only are Soldiers in their hands, but also their families.

“Look after them and they will look after you,” he said. “People and personal relationships are vital.”

Another area in leadership is the Soldier’s relationship with noncommissioned officers. Bucknall said leaders should demonstrate professionalism, confidence and trust.

“There is no such thing as a bad Soldier, only bad officers,” he said. “The holy grail of leadership is that a platoon or troop wants you to succeed as much as you want each of them to succeed.”

The purpose of this lecture series is to foster better understanding between the U.S. military and the United Kingdom, and to educate cadets in international affairs and relations.

The lecture series started in 1947, and has been at West Point since 1997. The series is also held at the U.S. Army War College, Armed Forces Staff College and the Command and General Staff College. A lecturer from the U.S. speaks at the Military College of Sciences, the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, the Joint Services Defense College and the Ministry of Defense in the U.K.



Lt. Gen. Sir James Jeffery C. Bucknall (right), commander of the Allied Rapid Reaction Corps and the Order of the British Empire, walks with Superintendent Lt. Gen. David H. Huntoon Jr. before the 66th annual Kermit Roosevelt Lecture Series Feb. 27. Bucknall, who was the guest speaker, is a 1978 graduate of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst and has served in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Afghanistan and Bosnia.
TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO PHOTOGRAPHER

Never too young to learn proper etiquette



Cadet Hostess Sharyn Amoroso shows Maggie Findlay, Paige Cheney, Elizabeth Wood and Jade Crowell how to use a knife properly during the last of three etiquette classes to help prepare the girls for the Father and Daughter Dance.

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The Lee Child Development Center held etiquette classes sponsored by the Child, Youth and School Services SKIES Instructional Program for young ladies in February. The classes were designed to prepare the youths for the Father and Daughter Dance on March 2.

"This is the third year we have held the etiquette classes, just before the Father and Daughter Dance," Kim Tague, CYSS Parent Central director, said.

Cadet Hostess Sharyn Amoroso taught the class how to set the table properly, how to sit, how to make proper introductions and how to stand and walk.

"Manners are a great foundation for children," Amoroso said. "They learn how to be polite and understand about taking turns. You can always tell the children who know how to behave. They are the ones who are

less fidgety and more confident because they know what is expected of them."

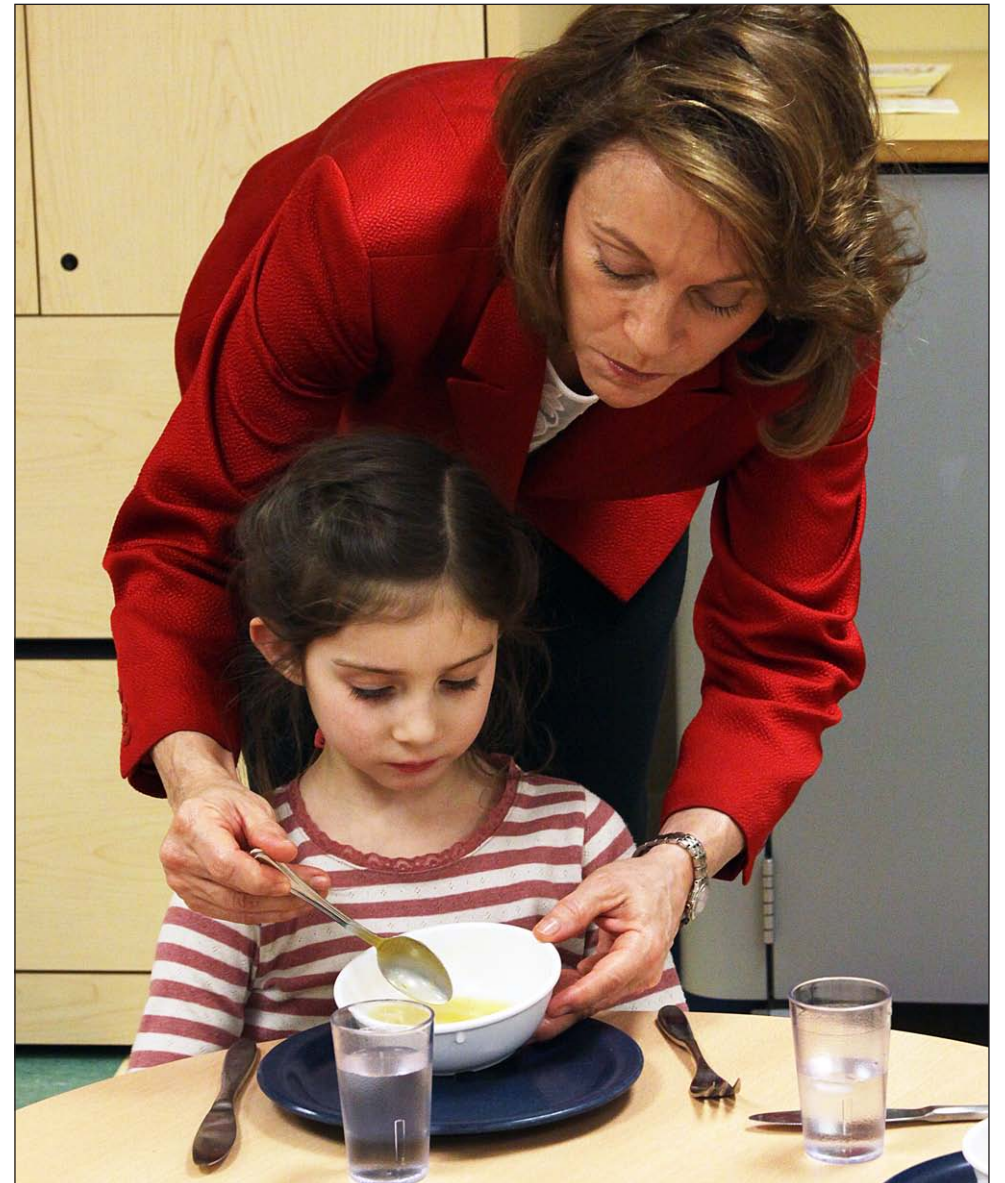
The etiquette class also taught children to be happy helpers when offering to help clear the table. Children learned the important manner words, such as thank you, saying please or if you dropped something, saying excuse me. They learned proper dining conversations and what to do when sitting with people you don't know.

Amoroso asked the youths about some other manners they may know.

Jade Crowel raised her hand and answered. "You shouldn't talk with your mouth full because no one wants to see what you are eating and no one can understand you," Crowel said.

Manners are not just important while eating dinner.

"After dinner, place the knife and fork on the plate," Amoroso said. "Do the same thing with a soup spoon, but place that in your bowl and place the napkin next to the plate."



Cadet Hostess Sharyn Amoroso shows Samantha Starling how to dip the soup to the side when coming to the end of it to get the last bite instead of drinking it from the bowl Feb. 27 at the Lee Child Development Center.

What's Happening

Legal announcement/notice of availability

There is a notice of availability on a Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact that was prepared for addressing the proposed construction of the New Cadet Barracks Building within central area at the U.S. Military Academy.

The documents are available for public review at the West Point Community Library, Bldg. 622 and the Highland Falls Public Library, 298 Main Street.

The deadline for public comments on the proposed action is Monday.

Send all comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District; Nancy Brighton, chief of Watershed section and NEPA coordinator; at Nancy.J.Brighton@usace.army.mil or call 917-790-8703.

PTO involvement

Would you like to have a more active role in the Parent Teacher Organization next year?

The West Point School PTO is looking for volunteers to serve on the executive board and as committee chairs.

If you are interested or would like more information, email westpointschoolspto@hotmail.com no later than March 18.

Fish Fry Fridays

Holy Innocents Church at 401 Main Street, Highland Falls, invites the West Point community to a fish fry every Friday night during Lent through March 22.

The fish fry time is 5-8 p.m. to sit down and eat. Take-out orders start at 5 p.m.

The food menu includes fried fish, chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, rolls and beverage. There is a cost for the meal while children under the age of 3 years eat for free.

There is also a free children's movie shown from 6-8 p.m.

Transition Assistance Program workshop

The Transition Assistance Program workshop is a five-day event designed to assist separating or retiring servicemembers in preparing for a smooth transition to civilian life.

The next TAP workshop is March 25-29.

The workshops provide information on entitlements and services available, including the Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans' Benefits Briefing.

The N.Y. Department of Labor also conducts an extensive Job Assistance Workshop.

For ACAP eligibility information, visit www.acap.army.mil/eligibility.aspx.htm.

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

Flights of Imagination

Exploring the world of things that fly in the air will inspire lots of fun and discovery for children in grades 3-5 at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's educational five-week after-school program through April 3.

This program is scheduled for five consecutive Wednesdays from 3:45-5 p.m. at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall, NY.

The Winds of March will be an inspiration as youngsters join Environmental Educator Carl Heitmuller to create things that fly through the air.

There is a cost to participate and space is limited. Pre-paid registration is required by either registering online at www.hhnaturemuseum.org or calling 845-534-5506, ext. 204.

West Point Spring Yard Sale

The West Point Spring Yard Sale is scheduled from 8:30

a.m.-4 p.m. April 13, rain or shine.

West Point History Virtual Walking Tour

The Lower Hudson Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is privileged to have Lt. Col. Craig Morrow present some of the more interesting historical aspects of West Point.

Morrow received his degree in military history from West Point in 1991. Morrow will speak at the Pershing Room of Cullum Hall from noon-2:30 p.m. April 21.

The event is catered and for a cost includes hors d'oeuvres, soda, beer or wine for all who wish to attend.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Matt Clark at mgclarkphd@gmail.com or call 301-613-2416 no later than April 15.

Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson membership drive

Anyone, Notre Dame alums and subway alums, interested in learning more about the Notre Dame Club of the Mid-Hudson—what the club does and possibly joining—should contact Co-Presidents Linda Legault Quinn at lquinn@earthlink.net or Matt Wopperer at matthewopperer@gmail.com.

To learn more about the club, visit the website at www.mhv.undclub.org.

Town of Highlands Ponytail Softball League registration

The Town of Highlands Ponytail Softball League is now open for registration for the upcoming season. There are two divisions—girls ages 6-9 and ages 10-13.

Age is based on a May 1 cutoff. Pony League teams start practicing in mid-March and play games April-June.

For more information, call Damion Williams at 914-403-2671 or the Town of Highlands Recreation Department at 446-4280, ext 319.

Youth Wrestling sign-up

The West Point youth wrestling season has started.

Practices are 6:15-7:15 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays in the wrestling room on the second floor of Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

If interested, contact Youth Services at 938-3550 or Coach Enock Francois at 561-319-6717.

Mass Transit Benefit Program

The rising cost of gasoline and increased commuter traffic on the roadways have many people considering mass transportation alternatives, including bus transportation, rail travel and vanpooling.

With the aid of the Mass Transit Benefit Program, federal employees can receive up to \$125 a month to supplement their commuting costs.

The funds are managed monthly on a personal debit card and can be used like cash for bus tickets, train rides or vanpooling related costs.

Interested employees should contact Rosanne Chess at 938-2873 or by email for information about Mass Transportation Benefit Program.

Visit www.militaryvanpool.com or www.vride.com to learn more about vanpooling and take a tour of the vans.

West Point Community Diving Club

The West Point Community Diving Club is offering learn-to-dive lessons at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. All ages and experience levels are

welcome. The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or 938-4207.

NEW INFO

Volkssport Club at West Point walk

Celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day walk with the Volkssport Club at West Point in historic Rhinebeck, N.Y., Saturday.

Register at 10:15 a.m. at Delamater Inn, 101 Garden Street. Parking is available behind the building. Trails of 5 km and 10 km are on village sidewalks.

This walk qualifies for six AVA special programs. The walk is free with AVA credit. Dogs on a leash are welcomed.

The trail is suitable for strollers, but uneven sidewalks would be difficult for wheelchairs.

For more information, call Joan Kimmel at 845-462-6845 or visit www.avaclubs.org/WestPoint.

Veteran/Civilian Dialogue discussion

There will be a Veteran/Civilian Dialogue from 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday at the Mount St. Mary College Desmond Campus, 6 Albany Post Road, Newburgh, N.Y.

The event is free. Veterans and active duty are invited.

The Veteran/Civilian Dialogue began on Veterans Day 2009. It was started by two vets, one a Vietnam combat marine.

The dialogue began as a small group discussion of the consequences of war. Today, thousands of veterans and civilians have met in dozens of dialogues in cities and college campuses across the country.

For more information, call Everett Cox at 845-544-1341.

West Point ID Card Office closure

The West Point ID Card Office will be closed March 20-21 for software upgrade. No ID Cards to include CAC, DEERS updates or pin resets can be processed during this time.

West Point badge issuance will be closed March 22 for software upgrade.

For information on alternate ID Card issuing sites, call 938-4736 or 938-3746.

For more information, call Earl Vass at 938-8474 or email Earl.Vass@usma.edu.

Engineer Dinner

There will be a West Point Engineer Dinner and social event in honor of the Class of 2013 from 6-9 p.m. March 28 in Crest Hall of Eisenhower Hall.

The guest speaker for the event will be Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick, chief of engineers and commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

For more information, contact Maj. Matt Chase, Engineer Dinner OIC, at 938-8726. RSVP for the event no later than Friday.

Managing Engineering Projects lecture

Tim Pillsworth of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, West Point Area Office, will present a lecture to cadets enrolled in EV490, Advanced Environmental Process Design, titled "Managing Engineering Projects at West Point," from 9:50-11:55 a.m. April 10 in Washington Hall, Room 5327.

Cadets, staff and faculty are invited to attend.

The event POC is Dr. Michael Butkus, Environmental Engineering professor, at 938-2820.

FMWR Blurbs

Arts and Crafts Shop March classes

The West Point Arts and Crafts Shop offers a sewing class with Jana every Tuesday evening in March from 5-7 p.m.

During the month of March, arts and crafts classes include:

- Italian cooking class with Sue, 5-7 p.m. tonight at the Lee CDC;
 - Ladies Night Out scrapbooking, 4-7 p.m. March 14.
 - Stop in between 10 a.m.-noon March 16 for a free craft in celebration of St Patrick's Day;
 - Free jewelry making class with Jamie, 5-7 p.m. March 21 (bring your own supplies). Registration and payment required.
- For more information, call 938-4812.

Black and Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony

You are invited to attend the second quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Award Ceremony, which will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at ACS, Bldg. 622.

ACS will recognize community volunteers for their contributions and will announce the Volunteer of the Quarter.

Nominations for third quarter Black and Gold Volunteer Awards are due May 3. Additional information and nomination forms can be found online at www.westpointmwr.com/avc/index.htm.

If you have additional questions, contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 938-3655 or email christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

Wine and Cheese Tasting

Join the West Point Club for a night of Wine and Cheese Tasting from 6-9 p.m. March 14. Wine is available for purchase from the vendor (with proper ID).

For more information, call 938-5120.

Shamrock 5K/Green Eggs and Ham Irish Breakfast

The Shamrock 5K and Green Eggs and Ham Irish Breakfast, presented by the FMWR Fitness Center and West Point Club, is scheduled for March 16.

Race day registration at the West Point Club starts at 7 a.m. Shotgun start at 8 a.m.

The start and finish of the race is at the West Point Club.

Pre-registration begins Friday at the FMWR Fitness Center. The first 100 pre-registered runners receive a free T-shirt.

Awards are given to the best dressed Ms. and Mr. Leprechaun. Cost of race is one FMWR Fitness Center coupon.

Race package rates available (pre-registration only). Race packets include race entry and Irish breakfast. Enjoy the green eggs and ham from 8:30-10 a.m. at the West Point Club.

For more information, call 938-6490 or westpointmwr.com.

West Point Career Expo

Join ACS from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 19 at the West Point Club for the West Point Career Expo.

ACS wants West Point's transitioning U.S. Military servicemembers, veterans and military spouses to participate.

Meet with top companies to discuss career opportunities. Learn how to advance your career by meeting with top colleges and universities. This event is free to job seekers.

To pre-register, please visit www.military.com/career-expo.

For more information, call 938-5658.

Membership Appreciation Night Dinner & Membership Drive

We want to thank our West Point Club members from 5-8 p.m. March 22 in the Hudson Room.

Bring a new member who joins and receive a gift. Not a member? No problem. Become a member and your dinner is on the club.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Post Library Spring Story Hour

The West Point Post Library Story Hour program runs through April 30 with two story hours at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

This program is open to all West Point community children ages 3-5.

Pre-registration is required since space is limited.

Children must be signed up each week.

For more information, call 938-2974.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

As the calendar turns to March, this also begins the 2013 Army Emergency Relief Campaign.

This year, Army Community Service is hoping to reach a goal of \$75,000 as a West Point community total contribution.

Consider donating to the campaign that runs through May 15.

For more information, contact Amy Weyhrauch at 938-5839 or email amy.weyhrauch@usma.edu.

CYSS Hired! Program

The CYSS Hired! Program is for teens 15-18 years of age to work 12 weeks, 15 hours a week and get paid.

Available Hired! placement sites include the West Point Bowling Center, Post Library, Arts & Crafts Shop, School Age Center and Victor Constant Ski Slope.

For more information, contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

Private yoga lesson at the FMWR Fitness Center

Ring in the New Year with private yoga lessons with Angie. Give yourself the gift of better health and mental fitness through yoga.

For more information, call 938-6490.

ACS Yarn Club

Are you new to knitting or crocheting? Would you like to learn? Are you a seasoned knitter or crocheter with lots of experience to lend? ACS is hosting a brand new yarn group called "ACS Yarn Club."

The group will meet from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Wednesday at ACS, Bldg. 622 for fellowship, knitting and crocheting.

You may also bring a brown bag lunch and eat while you knit or crochet.

To join the group, call Monica Orecchio at 938-3487 or email monica.orecchio@usma.edu.

Volunteering at West Point

Do you volunteer at West Point? If so, did you know you should be registered and logging hours in the Army's online Volunteer Management Information System?

There are numerous benefits to tracking your hours, both for you and for the community.

In addition, registration in VMIS is an eligibility requirement for installation-level volunteer recognition, including Black and Gold Awards and attendance at the Annual Volunteer Recognition event during National Volunteer Week.

Step-by-step instructions for registering and logging hours can be found online at www.westpointmwr.com/avc/volunteers_how_to_guide.pdf.

If you have additional questions, contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 938-3655 or email christina.overstreet@usma.edu.

NEW INFO

Plebe-Parent Luncheon and Dinner

Plebe parents and their cadets are invited to the West Point Club for a special dinner buffet from 5-8 p.m. Friday and a special luncheon from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The West Point Club is located at Bldg. 603 Cullum Rd., across from the Jefferson Library.

For more information, call 845-938-5120.

Easter Brunch

Join the West Point Club March 31 for a traditional Easter Brunch. Two seatings are available. The first seating is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pierce Dining Room.

The second seating is from 2-4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom.

Reservations are required by March 18.

For reservations and information, call 938-5120.

Parent's Night Out

Drop your child off at 6 p.m. April 5 and pick them up by 11 p.m. to enjoy a night out on the town.

Childcare will be provided at the Stony Child Development Center for a minimal fee.

Reservations are due by March 27.

For more information, call Kim Tague at 938-3921.

2013 Bull Pond lottery

If you're looking for an affordable family vacation close to home, FMWR has just the place for you.

The Bull Pond recreation area, located off Route 293 on the West Point reservation, offers fully-equipped cottages for rent and they are available through a lottery for active duty servicemembers.

The Bull Pond lottery is scheduled at 9 a.m. April 6 at the Victor Constant Ski Slope Lodge. Any remaining dates will be open to other eligible personnel at 8 a.m. April 8 at the Round Pond Office.

Register by calling 938-2503 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. starting March 18.

Visit FMWR's website at westpointmwr.com/outdoor for more information and available dates.

Selected moulding sale

There is a 40 percent off selected moulding sale at the West Point Arts & Crafts Shop.

The offer is not valid toward ready-made frames and packages. Limit is three custom frames per customer.

Not valid with any other offers or discounts.

For more information, call 938-4812.

New Kennel programs at Morgan Farm

Morgan Farm is offering multi-pet discounts. Board your first dog at its regular price per night, while each additional dog boards for half price.

For cat owners, board your first cat at regular price per night, then each additional cat boards are for half price.

These rates are available to active duty, retired military and DOD employees only.

Also premiering is Morgan Farm's new "Kennel Buddies" program. This program is a thank you for customers who use the kennel frequently.

For every 10 days that your pet stays, you will receive one free day of boarding on your next stay.

For more information, call 938-3926.

**Command
Channel
8/23**

March 7-14

**Army Newswatch
Thursday, Friday and Monday
through March 14
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

Keller Corner

TRICARE Prime Service Area closures

Beginning Oct. 1, the TRICARE Prime Option will be available only within a 40-mile radius of military treatment facilities and in designated Base Realignment and Closure areas in the United States.

All other PSAs will be closed and mailings will begin going out to affected beneficiaries.

This change will not affect active duty servicemembers and their family members.

To see if you're affected by this change, enter your zip code in the TRICARE.mil PSA tool at www.tricare.mil/psazip.

Seeking research volunteers (shoulder surgery rehabilitation)

If you had shoulder surgery in the past year or are scheduled to have shoulder surgery, excluding rotator cuff repairs, then you may qualify for this study.

Participants will be asked to perform the upper quarter Y-balance test and other assessments for strength, function and motion on both shoulders.

In doing so, participants will learn how operative shoulder function compares to your non-operative shoulder.

For more information, contact the Arvin Sports Physical Therapy Clinic at 938-3067.

West Point Career Expo, 35 companies coming March 19

Story by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

Approximately 250,000 servicemembers transition out of service every year. Veterans and military spouses also seek employment, especially in the current economic challenges we all are experiencing.

If you are searching for employment, come to the free West Point Career Expo from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 19 at the West Point Club hosted by the **Military.com** website, Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the West Point Army Community Service.

At this time, there are 35 companies, including local companies like Balfour Beatty Communities, Association of Graduates and Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Schools who will discuss career opportunities. Other companies such as the New York Police Department, Northrop Grumman, Target, Bank of America and New York Life, to name a few, will also attend.

"This event targets transitioning military, veterans and military spouses, but it is open to the public," Christina Overstreet, interim employment readiness program manager and installation volunteer coordinator, said.

The Career Expo will offer workshops and resources to job seekers.

Networking Success workshop with In Gear Career will be offered at 11 a.m. and Resume Success, with the Army Career and Alumni Program, at 1 p.m.

Because there is limited parking at the West Point Club, there will be coordinated shuttles that will run between the Buffalo Soldier Field parking area and the West Point Club for the duration of the event.

Participants should register at www.military.com/career-expo, to receive a full listing of participating employers before the event.

"I am excited to be part of coordinating this event," Overstreet said. "As a military spouse who works full-time and always has, employment is an important part of my life, (which is why) I enjoy helping others attain their employment goals."

For more information, contact Christina Overstreet at 938-5658 or email her at Christina.Overstreet@usma.edu.

Life Works

at Balfour Beatty Communities

- **Women's History Scavenger Hunt**—March is Women's History Month and to mark the occasion the West Point Museum will host a Women's History Scavenger Hunt from 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

Explore the Museum's six galleries and see if you can't find answers to questions about women and the U.S. Army.

Afterward, the attendees will meet in the Large Weapons Gallery for a show-and-tell of replica uniforms, hats, armor and weapons.

This would make a great photo moment as the children can try on the clothes.

Register by Friday at jgellman@bbcgrp.com with the number of adults and children will be going in your group.

- **St. Patrick's Day celebration**—Join BBC for a St. Patrick's celebration at the Harness Racing Museum in Goshen, N.Y., from 10:30 a.m.-noon March 15.

Children will construct and decorate a lucky horseshoe leprechaun hat. Afterward, participants will travel through the museum and enjoy horse-themed games and a ride on the 3D-harness racing simulator.

Transportation is on your own, please carpool. Register via email to jgellman@bbcgrp.com with the number of adults and children, names and ages of everyone attending before Tuesday as space is limited.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Easy

"The Mikado"

James I. O'Neill High School is presenting the musical play "The Mikado" by W. S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. There are three viewings of the play at 7:30 p.m. March 15, 7:30 p.m. March 16 and 2 p.m. March 17 at the James I. O'Neill High School Auditorium.

For more information, visit www.hffmcsd.org/HighSchool.cfm.

NOW SHOWING

Movies playing at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—Les Miserables, PG-13,

7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Mama, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Gangster Squad, R,

9:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND

AT WWW.SHOPMYEXCHANGE.COM.

Army erases 13-point second-half deficit, tops Lehigh

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Down 13 with 12 minutes to play, Army Women's Basketball went on a 31-9 run to wrap up regular-season play with a 62-52 win against Lehigh March 2 at Christl Arena. Guard Anna Simmers celebrated Senior Day with her second consecutive 20-plus point game as she tallied a game-high 21, including 16 in the Black Knights' explosive second half in what was Army's largest comeback win in over three years.

Simmers was one of two Black Knights in double figures as freshman guard Kelsey Minato chipped in 17, including 13 in the final 20 minutes.

Army (22-7, 11-3 Patriot League) finished in first place in the Patriot League standings while Lehigh (14-15, 6-8 PL) solidified its spot at No. 5.

The Black Knights finish tied with Navy for first place after the

Midshipmen lost to sixth-place Bucknell March 2. Army won the regular-season title due to a tiebreaker after beating Navy twice during the regular season.

It was a tale of two halves as the Black Knights sputtered through the first 20 minutes, leading for a mere 25 seconds (9:06-8:41) thanks to shooting just 7-of-30 from the floor, including a shoddy 2-of-15 mark from outside. Conversely, Lehigh shot above its season average, making 39.1 percent of its tries, including 4-of-8 from three. The Mountain Hawks took a 26-19 lead into the intermission. Army entered the game just 2-5 in contests which it trailed at halftime.

Lehigh cushioned its lead up to double figures (31-21) shortly into the second half before the Black Knights made their first run, 8-0, to cut the deficit to five with 15:20 to play as Simmers and Minato drained back-to-back threes.

The Mountain Hawks responded with an 8-0 run of their own as their

lead ballooned back up to 13 (43-30) with 13 minutes left on the clock. Lehigh kept a double-digit lead until junior Jen Hazlett knocked down a triple with 10:40 remaining, as the Black Knights began knocking on the Mountain Hawks' door. Hazlett's three marked the start of a 26-7 run through the final 10 minutes of the contest which included eight points by Simmers.

Army took its first lead since the 9:06 mark in the first half with just 4:44 to play as the Black Knights used the momentum caused from a Lehigh offensive foul to fuel a three-pointer by Minato. The Mountain Hawks tied the score, 52-52, with 3:49 to play, but Army regained the lead just 21 seconds later which it would never relinquish.

Lehigh scored just one point in the final six minutes to Army's 15, as Simmers locked down the Black Knight defense, forcing five Mountain Hawk turnovers during that span.

Lehigh shot 38 percent in the second, but Army's 50-percent clip from three, six long-range buckets and 43 points sealed the come-from-behind victory for the Black Knights.

The 13-point comeback was Army's largest since Nov. 21, 2009, when the Black Knights found themselves down 13 to Delaware State and collected a 57-50 win over the Hornets.

Kelly Peterson led the Lehigh offense with 17 points and five rebounds, while freshman Kerry Kinek chipped in 10 points and



Senior guard Anna Simmers' game-high 21 points aids in Army's 62-52 win over Lehigh March 2. TOMMY GILLIGAN/USMA PAO (FILE PHOTO)

three blocks, but was hamstrung by six turnovers. The Mountain Hawks coughed the ball up 19 times, marking the fourth consecutive game Army has caused 17 or more miscues. The Black Knights scored 26 points off those turnovers, just three days after forcing 31 miscues by Holy Cross which also resulted

in 26 points.

Army outrebounded Lehigh 38-34 as Hazlett was just one board and one point shy of her second double-double of the season. Hazlett and freshman Aimee Oertner snagged four offensive rebounds apiece, as Army led off the offensive glass 16-8.

Army ties Navy for first, gets No. 1 seed

By Pamela Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

Hours after earning a comeback win over Lehigh to cap the regular season with an 11-3 record, Army Women's Basketball watched first-place Navy fall at Bucknell to put the Black Knights and Midshipmen in a tie for first place at regular-season's end.

By virtue of sweeping Navy in the regular season, Army has earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Patriot League Championship and home-court advantage through the title game.

The Black Knights (22-7, 11-3 PL) will host No. 8 Colgate (9-20, 3-11 PL) at 7 p.m. Thursday, in the Patriot League Tournament Quarterfinal round.

For tickets, visit www.goARMYsports.com or call 1-877-TIX-ARMY. Fans can also stop by the ticket office at its new location at Gate 3 of Michie Stadium during its regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.).

The Holleder Center ticket office, located just

outside Christl Arena, opens for sales 90 minutes prior to home contests.

"I'm so proud of our kids for bouncing back from that tough loss to Colgate and taking care of business," Army head coach Dave Magarity said. "These last three wins were against very good teams and we're playing great basketball right now."

"Colgate is one of the three teams that beat us so we knew we're in for a tough game," Magarity continued. "We have to really focus and prepare for their pressure and quickness. They had a rough loss today, that game went down to the wire, so I'm sure they're disappointed. A team like Colgate has nothing to lose so they're dangerous."

Army's regular-season title is its second in Patriot League history and first since the 2005-06 season.

The 2005-06 squad also went 11-3 and won three games in the conference tournament to capture the Black Knights' lone Patriot League Tournament title and accompanying NCAA Championship bid in program history.

ARMY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME TONIGHT

PATRIOT LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS
7:00 PM
CHRISTL ARENA

SEMIFINALS: MONDAY, MARCH 11
TENTATIVE ON WINNING

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goARMYsports.com

Junta wins 5K title by breaking 25-year academy record



Sophomore Lisa Junta runs for an academy record in the 5,000 meters at the ECAC and IC4A Championships in Boston March 2. MIKE STRASSER/PV (FILE PHOTO)

By Pam Flenke
Army Athletic Communications

The Black Knights competed in 16 events, highlighted by four record-setting performances in the 5,000-meter run, 500-meter dash and both the men's and women's 4x400-meter relays at the second day of the ECAC and IC4A Championships at the Boston University Track and Field Pavilion in Boston March 2.

Two weeks after smashing the 3,000-meter run record, sophomore Lisa Junta bettered the 5,000-meter record set on Dec. 4, 1987 by Army Hall of Fame member Teresa Sobiesk.

Junta shaved over two seconds off Sobiesk's time by capturing her second ECAC Championship title in 16:31.03. Junta became Army's first ECAC track champion last spring when she won the 10,000-meter outdoor crown.

Sophomore Katrina Donarski demolished her own 500-meter record, which she previously established against Navy on Feb. 3, by besting that time by over two seconds with a third-place time of 1:13.63.

Rounding out the women's record-setting performances was the 4x400-meter relay,

comprised of Donarski, seniors Ashley Gordon and Kaitlyn Love and freshman Haley Winters.

Despite not qualifying for Sunday's finals, the Army unit took over a second and a half off the West Point standard by finishing in 3:48.14.

Juniors Matt Green and Chris Smith, sophomore Patrick Taylor and freshman Stevyn Spees set the academy standard in the 4x400-meter relay when they finished third of 25 teams in the prelims with a time of 3:12.63.

Smith was on the relay unit which set the record broken on Saturday, originally recorded at the 2011 IC4A Championships alongside Jordan Cayton, Taylor Kensy and Michael Hutchins.

Smith also qualified individually in the 500-meter dash, recording the seventh-fastest time in program history with a personal-best 1:03.81.

Smith finished eighth of 28 to earn the final invite to Sunday's finals which are set for 1:20 p.m.

Despite not advancing, Taylor ran the fifth-fastest 400-meter dash time in Army history, placing 16th of 30 with a time of 48.55 seconds.

Thul breaks all-time goal record, Army crushes Michigan

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Senior attackman Garrett Thul led all players with seven goals en route to breaking Army's all-time goals record in a 12-1 win over Michigan March 2 at the Orange Bowl Lacrosse Classic at Sun Life Stadium in Miami. Thul's effort brought his career total to 141 career goals and broke Scott Finlay's mark, which was set from 1975-78.

In the first meeting between the two programs, Army (3-2) dominated the Wolverines from the start and held an

opponent to one goal for the first time since 2011.

For his standout efforts, Thul took home the game's Most Valuable Player award and gave all credit to his teammates in a speech following the game.

"The record stood for a very long time and that's a credit to Scott Finlay's play," Thul said. "To break it right now is pretty incredible. It's not just about me; it's about all the guys I've played with through the years. If it hadn't been for them, I wouldn't have half of those goals."

Thul added one assist to lead all players

with eight points on the night. Sophomore attackman John Glesener finished with five points (1 goal, 4 assists), while sophomore midfielder Alex Newsome added a pair of goals.

Freshman attackman Will Mazzone and senior midfielder Andrew Boyd each added single goals in the Black Knights' third victory of the season.

Peter Kraus scored Michigan's (0-4) lone goal of the game with 10:27 left in the second quarter.

The Black Knights scored all three goals of the first quarter and rattled off nine

unanswered after Kraus' goal to secure the win.

During that scoring surge, Thul scored a natural hat trick with a trio of second-quarter goals spanning from 9:21-5:22.

"I'm tremendously proud of Garrett," Army head coach Joe Alberici said. "He has been a pillar in our program from the day he walked onto campus. I have so much respect for the Army tradition and the great players who have come before him. For him to have that goal-scoring record is something very special and says a lot about him. It also says a lot about the great players he's played with."

Army Sports home schedule March 7-14

Thursday — Women's Basketball vs. TBD/PL Semifinal, Christl Arena, Time TBA. (Note: If the Black Knights win the quarterfinal, they will host.)
vs. Colgate in PL Quarterfinal, Christl Arena, 7 p.m.

Saturday — Gymnastics vs. Stanford and Springfield College, Gross Sports Center, 1 p.m.
Attention: Tickets are still available for basketball. Stop by Gate 3 of Michie Stadium (8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri.), visit goarmysports.com or call 1-877-TIX-ARMY.

Monday — Women's Basketball



Senior attackman Garrett Thul scores seven goals in Army's 12-1 victory over Michigan March 2 at the Orange Bowl Lacrosse Classic in Miami.

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