FINALLY!!

(Above) Army West Point Football fans and cadets join the team on the field for the alma mater after the 117th Army-Navy Game Dec. 10 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore. The Black Knights defeated the Midshipmen 21-17 snapping Navy’s 14-year win streak. (Right) Army West Point Football running backs sophomore Jordan Asberry and senior Elijah St. Hilaire hold the Secretary’s Trophy after winning the Army-Navy Game.

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Celebrate beating Navy! Be vigilant during the Holidays

To the West Point Community,

First, my deepest thanks to the entire West Point community and the Long Gray Line for your tremendous support throughout the 2016 football season, especially this past weekend as we ended a 14-year streak and Beat Navy!

I know many of you were at the game or tuned in to watch as our team defied the odds and led Army to a 21-17 victory over the Midshipmen. The excitement on the field and in the stands as the game ended was indescribable. It’s a feeling that isn’t subsiding any time soon.

There’s a lot to celebrate and we are all extremely proud of both the Army team and the entire Corps of Cadets. They showed tremendous character and grit—exactly what we want our leaders to do leading in the crucible of ground combat.

Our football team is back at work, preparing for their appearance in the Zaxby’s Heart of Dallas Bowl in Dallas against the University of North Texas on Dec. 27 at noon (local time). I hope you’ll tune in and cheer your Army Black Knights on to another victory!

As we wrap up first semester and enter the holiday season, I also want to thank all of you for the work you do in helping us to build leaders of character for service to our Nation. This is also an important time to remember the many young men and women in uniform, and their families, who cannot be together this holiday.

As you prepare to celebrate the holidays, please enjoy yourselves, but do it safely and responsibly. If you’re traveling, please exercise caution as winter weather and holiday traffic may impact road conditions and travel times. Make sure to wear your seatbelt, drive defensively and to give yourself plenty of time to arrive at your destination.

Most importantly, don’t drink and drive. Even just one drink can impair your judgment and your ability to drive, putting yourselves and others at risk.

In addition, be vigilant and aware of your surroundings as you travel. Take precautions to avoid being a target and to keep yourselves safe.

While this is a time of joy and celebration, the holidays can also bring added stress or feelings of depression. If you find yourself in trouble, or feeling down or overwhelmed, please talk to someone or seek help from your chain of command.

We ask that all of you take care in your travels so that you and your loved ones remain out of harm’s way over the holiday season. You are all vital members of the West Point team and we are counting on your safe return, reenergized, focused and ready to take on the second semester.

Also, please remember our brothers and sisters who are deployed this holiday season, standing watch for us around the globe in the name of freedom and democracy. Please keep them, and their families and loved ones, in your thoughts and prayers.

And as always ... Beat Navy!

From our family to yours, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year.

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Do More Together helps everyone engage African American graduates, cadets

IN FOCUS: DO MORE TOGETHER

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USMA Public Affairs

In an effort to increase the African American population among cadets, staff and faculty at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, three graduates, Mary Tobin (USMA ’03), Bridgette Bell (USMA ’04) and Jamal Robinson (USMA ’10) founded Do More Together.

Do More Together is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to form a global network of U.S. Military Academy graduate supporters from all backgrounds that engages, mobilizes and empowers Black and African American graduates and cadets.

“As West Point graduates, we wanted to fully embrace the tradition and camaraderie that comes with graduating from this storied institution while acknowledging the uniqueness of the Black and African American West Point experience,” Jamal Robinson, Do More Together co-founder and U.S. Military Academy’s Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, said.

The organization’s intent aligns with the Academy’s strategic goal of leveraging diversity and fostering inclusiveness by using four pillars: Recruiting, networking, mentorship and fundraising.

“During my time in admissions, I would go out looking for cadets and I found that many minorities had no clue about West Point and it was very difficult to find African Americans within the local West Point societies.” Robinson explained. “We thought, why not create something to bridge these gaps, one with strategic initiatives and measurable outcomes.”

Robinson says Do More Together also wants to have more minority graduates return in a teaching capacity.

“Not only is it great for your career, but it can have a great impact on cadets to see someone who looks similar to them as well as promoting diversity within the Army,” Robinson said. “One of the things we’ve found is that people were willing to come back, but many did not know the process.”

The co-founders agree and hope that Do More Together will have an impact in addressing the diversity issue to the point where the organization will no longer be needed in the future. For more information on Do More Together, visit www.domoretogether.org.

Wreaths Across America at West Point

The seventh annual Wreaths Across America was held Dec. 3 at the West Point Cemetery. Jackie McNally, a community volunteer, successfully collected the donations which enabled all graves to be covered with 7,045 wreaths.

Dr. Todd Crowder, professor from the USMA Department of Physical Education, conducted the annual ceremony where Gold Star families, survivors and community members placed the wreaths on the gravesites. Started in 2010 by Jackie and Dan McNally and Crowder, the West Point Wreaths Across America (WP-WAA) is a local event that attempts to mirror the larger Wreaths Across America event, which began in 1992 centered at Arlington National Cemetery and many other cemeteries worldwide.

courtesy photos
By John Amble
The Modern War Institute

How should modern militaries adapt when they discover that their adversaries are literally tunneling beneath them? How does the pervasiveness of social media on the battlefield affect the way wars are fought? What impact will increasingly autonomous systems, 3-D printing and cutting-edge off-the-shelf technology have on tomorrow’s battlefield?

These were among the questions discussed by Brig. Gen. Nechemya Sokal, chief of staff of the Israel Defense Forces’ Technology Branch, at an event organized by the Modern War Institute (MWI) at West Point on Nov. 29.

MWI Director Col. Liam Collins first asked Sokal about Israeli Forces’ experiences with subterranean warfare.

Tunnels have long been used for smuggling purposes in the region, Sokal said. Many of the buildings in Gaza are connected by these underground passageways. But tunnels have also been used for more offensive purposes: In 2006, IDF Soldier Gilad Shalit was kidnapped by attackers who tunneled from Gaza into Israeli territory. Sokal pointed to an increase in the number of these infiltration tunnels encountered during the Israel–Gaza conflict in the summer of 2014.

Because these tunnels were deep underground, were up to 1.5 miles long, and emerged in many cases near Israeli towns, Sokal described them as a new threat for which the IDF needed to find a solution.

Seeking that solution, however, has been incremental and evolutionary. The IDF first experimented with ground penetration radars.

When the effectiveness of this tool was limited by the moist soil in the area surrounding Gaza, Israel introduced seismic technology to listen for subterranean activity—first using point sensors like microphones and later introducing fiber-optic line sensors. But the key, Sokal explained, is to create a data fusion from multiple technologies.

Once detected, heavy machinery can be used to interdict tunnels from above and robots can be deployed to map tunnels from within, providing a degree of added protection to the Soldiers that subsequently enter the tunnels.

Many of these Soldiers, according to Sokal, are part of a “special unit established mostly for this purpose, to develop the skills necessary to fight underground.”

This combination of multi-faceted technological development, special training, and a commitment to evolving doctrine allows for rapid fielding of solutions to problems like tunneling, followed by constant tactical refinement and technological improvement.

Sokal said that the IDF sees great promise in a range of other emerging and improving technologies.

While unmanned systems have been used to great effect for both surveillance and kinetic strikes, the IDF plans to introduce unmanned supply convoys in 2017.

To illustrate the utility of such convoys on the battlefield, Sokal pointed to the speed at which armored forces can move across open terrain. Such rapid movement over distance leaves stretched supply lines that remain vulnerable in the yet-uncleared, open territory. Resupplying forward armored units with unmanned convoys thus limits the exposure of logistics troops.

New technologies can also reduce a military unit’s overall logistics footprint. The technology currently exists for IDF units to use 3-D printing to manufacture pieces of equipment, spare parts, and even food, calibrated to provide levels of calories, carbohydrates and protein optimized for Soldiers’ needs in combat. Much of this is already happening, but Sokal sees a future in which almost everything can be manufactured with 3-D printing technology.

Finally, Sokal explained how social media has impacted the IDF’s battlefield operations. Israel’s adversaries already use social media to great effect for propaganda and mobilization purposes.

On the battlefield, “it’s already there and we can’t ignore it,” Sokal said. He went on to explain that the IDF’s approach is to “prepare Soldiers to operate in an environment where social media is very dominant, in which everything is exposed.”

So in exercises and training scenarios, Soldiers experience the rapidity with which information from the battlefield can be broadcast worldwide.

Sokal’s comments on social media, in particular, resonated with cadets in the audience. As Class of 2017 Cadet John Kneibel explained, this is an issue each cadet will be forced to confront soon as leaders in the Army.

“I know this is something I’ll have to deal with,” Kneibel said. With the sheer prevalence of technology and social media platforms on the battlefield, “tactical decisions have strategic implications.”

Sokal speaks on subterranean warfare and emerging technologies

Israel Defense Forces’ Brig. Gen. Nechemya Sokal (right) speaks on Subterranean Warfare and Emerging Technologies with cadets, staff and faculty during a Modern War Institute event at West Point Nov. 29. MWI Director Col. Liam Collins (left) moderated the event to detail Sokal’s Israeli Forces’ experiences. COURTESY PHOTO

Army defeats Navy in Hockey at Verizon Center, 5-3

Story and photo by David Vergun
Army News Service

A combined Army and Air Force Hockey team, coached by Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, trounced a team of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard players at the Verizon Center Dec. 5 in Washington D.C.

The game lasted almost to midnight, as it followed a Washington Capitals 3-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres that went into overtime.

After the game, Milley introduced several of the players to the media and asked each player to speak briefly.

Among the players was Under Secretary of the Army Patrick J. Murphy, who attributed the Army win to great leadership and teamwork. He called the game “a great way to start ‘Beat Navy’ week,” referring to the Army-Navy Football game that was played later in the week, Dec. 10, in Baltimore.

Milley singled out Army goaltender Air Force Capt. Lindsey Colburn for several incredible saves, naming her the most valuable player and awarding her his own personal Army puck. He reminded reporters that the Air Force was once part of the Army and joked, “We’re thinking about taking it back again.”

Asked by the chief to share a few details about herself, Colburn said she’s 32 and from Norfolk, New Hampshire, and she has served in the Air Force for six years and is currently stationed at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling.

The chief also praised retired Sgt. 1st Class Joe Bowser, 56, who played on a prosthetic leg. Milley noted that Bowser lost his leg to an improvised explosive device in Balad, Iraq, in 2004. He’s “an American hero,” the chief added.

Bowser said doctors asked him to make the call to remove the leg or live in pain with a mangled one. He chose the amputation so he could continue playing hockey. Bowser made the U.S. amputee team in 2007, which won the silver medal.

The chief then introduced Pvt. Corbin Bourque, a member of The Old Guard’s Honor Guard Company.

“We are the presidential escort platoon, so wherever the president goes, we go,” Bourque said.

Bourque said it was an honor to be chosen to play in that night’s game. “Everything felt good and it was nice to get a couple of goals in there,” he said. “It was awesome. I had a great time.”

When it was his turn to speak, Lt. Gen. James McConville, the Army G-1, said sports like hockey build teamwork and camaraderie and sow “the seeds for future victory.”

An Army player slams a backhand shot in the top corner of the net, scoring a goal for the team against Navy at the Verizon Center in Washington D.C., Dec. 5. The Army-Navy Hockey game was exciting and expressed hope that the team’s win was a precursor to victory on the gridiron Saturday.

“Winning matters, and we’re going to win,” he said.

Col. Doug Stitt, McConville’s executive officer, said sports like hockey build teamwork and camaraderie and sow “the seeds for future victory.”
IN FOCUS: CADET CLUB ACTIVITIES

U.S. Military Academy cadets take Patriot Games title over Navy

(Above) Cadets on the Obstacle Course Racing team participated in the Tug-of-War during the Patriot Games Dec. 9 at the Baltimore Inner Harbor in Baltimore. The Games consisted of five events: the Leadership Reaction Course, which took place at Fort McHenry; the Zodiac Carry, Tug-of-War and Pull-up contest, each at the Baltimore Inner Harbor; and the final Obstacle Course at M&T Bank Stadium before the Army-Navy Football Game, Dec. 10. The Cadets swept the Midshipmen, dominating in each of the five events and taking home the “win” for Army. (Right) During the second event of the Patriot Games, cadets carried a Zodiac during the Zodiac Relay Race at the Baltimore Inner Harbor. The event required each team member to complete a different exercise, like jumping jacks and planks, and eventually race to the finish while carrying the Zodiac.

Photos by Michelle Eberhart/PV

A cadet participates in final Patriot Games event Dec. 9, the pull-up competition. The Army and Navy teams completed pull-ups against each other in a relay fashion, and were given five minutes to complete as many cumulative pull-ups as possible. At the end of the event, the Cadets defeated the Midshipmen, 224-202.
Ready West Point—Are You Ready for the Winter

By the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

Be ready and prepared to stay safe this winter. Winter storms and cold temperatures can be extremely hazardous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead.

Take these steps to be prepared for the worst that winter has to offer:

**Winterize your home**
- Install weather stripping, insulation and storm windows;
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls;
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.

**Check your heating systems**
- Have your heating system serviced professionally to ensure it is clean, working properly and ventilated to the outside;
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys;
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available;
- Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies. Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of this deadly, odorless, colorless gas;
- Learn the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion.

**Prepare Your Car**
- Service the radiator and maintain the antifreeze level (Don’t mix orange and green antifreeze), check tire treads, and if necessary replace tires with all weather or snow tires;
- Keep your gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines;
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer;
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded:
  - Blankets, food and water, compass and maps;
  - Booster cables, flares, tire pump, bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
  - Flashlight, battery-powered radio and extra batteries;
  - First aid kit and plastic bags (for sanitation).

**Outdoor Precautions**
- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: layers of light, warm clothing, mittens, hats, scarves and waterproof boots;
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches;
- Carry a charged cell phone;
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.

**Travel**
- When planning travel, be aware of current and forecasted weather conditions;
- If you must travel, inform a friend or relative of your proposed route and expected time of arrival.

**If you become stranded in your car:**
- Stay with your car unless safety is close by, continue to move your arms and legs;
- Stay visible by putting a bright cloth on the antenna, turning on the inside overhead light (when engine is running), and raising the hood when snow stops falling;
- Run the engine and heater only 10 minutes every hour;
- Keep a downwind window open;
- Make sure the tailpipe is not blocked.

Check out the following websites for helpful and great information on How to Prepare for a Winter Storm:
- [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/140863655071-32eaae44ge6efef4ab2f4fecedb55f725c/PrepareAthon_WINTER%20STORMS_HTG_FINAL_508.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/140863655071-32eaae44ge6efef4ab2f4fecedb55f725c/PrepareAthon_WINTER%20STORMS_HTG_FINAL_508.pdf)
- [https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather](https://www.ready.gov/winter-weather)

Remember this coming winter: Make a Kit, Have a Plan, Be Informed.

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the most.

For instance in Korea, he said a mock bar training scenario got Soldiers really into opining what the bystanders should be doing, as well as the other players.

While there are countless tragedies that have occurred over the years regarding assaults, he said there are also uplifting stories of things that have gone right, such as two Soldiers outside of Fort Drum, New York, who witnessed a man drugging a woman with intent to sexually assault her.

The NCOs, he said, took action, and the perpetrator was apprehended. Monique Ferrell, the SHARP director, said that hearing accounts from sexual assault and sexual harassment survivors strikes a chord with Soldiers and it may have a better effect than a training module might do.
Three ways to derail sexual assault, harassment, says CSA

By David Vergun
Army News Service

“Sexual assault and sexual harassment rips apart unit trust, discipline and cohesion,” said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Mark A. Milley.

Throughout military history, it has been demonstrated that units with a high degree of trust, esprit and cohesion have beaten units with better equipment and higher levels of manning, he said.

The chief spoke to hundreds of senior Army leaders at the Army Profession Forum—SHARP Day in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

A single rape in a unit “will bring that organization to its knees for months,” destroying readiness, Milley said, comparing it directly to a blue-on-blue attack.

In addition to eroding readiness, sexual assault is just plain wrong, he said. Everyone has a fundamental right to feel secure in their person. “It’s the essence of our Constitution which we swore we’d die to protect.”

That’s why it’s important for Soldiers to know why SHARP education and training is so important.

Secretary of the Army Eric Fanning opened the conference echoing the same message.

“The culture of prevention must be adopted, understood and demonstrated by and through all of our Soldiers,” he continued to say, “at HQDA we talk about initiatives, but men and women in the field often lead the way and headquarters needs to catch policy up with what is already working.”

The chief shared his personal view on how sexual assault and sexual harassment can be dealt a blow, highlighting three ways:

Hold Leaders Accountable

First, he said, leaders need to be held accountable for the actions of their troops, particularly if there’s a pattern of misbehavior that’s not being corrected.

He gave an example. A large number of sexual assaults occur from about 10 p.m.-3 a.m. on post, particularly in the barracks and on weekends.

Company commanders and noncommissioned officers should be monitoring activity on their post, especially during the time when the risk for misbehavior is higher.

“You own the barracks and the installation,” he said. “If there’s some reg preventing you from doing that, give me a call.”

Enforce Rules Concerning Alcohol

Alcohol is involved in a sizeable number of sexual assault cases, Milley said. The majority of Soldiers are in their late teens and 20s and some are prone to high-risk behaviors. That’s a recipe for disaster.

“If you pump enough alcohol in your veins, you’re going to go stupid fast,” he said.

Instead, all of that youthful energy should be channeled into productive activities, he advised.

Buddy Up

Buddy teams are standard at Ranger School and within the Ranger regiment, Milley said. “You’re your brother’s or sister’s keeper” literally. “It’s not just a saying. It’s enforced at small unit levels.”

The chief said the buddy team idea could be effective Armywide.

“This is Milley talking, it’s my own view, but if we can do those three things, we’ll knock down the numbers (of sexual offenses) big time and fast,” he said.

Other Ideas

Other ideas for reducing the number of sexual assaults were floated as well.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Daniel A. Dailey said NCOs are in the best position to monitor the behavior of the Soldiers they’re tasked with leading. He said that at every installation he visits, he tries to include a call at a SHARP training event.

In his opinion, he said role playing gets the troops engaged

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#USMA Social Scene

Instagram & twitter: @westpoint_usma
facebook.com/westpointusma

**seanrba**: Victory has never tasted so sweet. #beatnavy #streakover #whennotif #ouryear

**vanabierman12**: Tis’ the season of tree decorating, gingerbread building, and christmas movies galore!

**kylebarnes94**: ARMY WINS!! Army beats Navy for the first time in 14 years! We sung second, finally! #goarmy #beatnavy

**gabrielle_claire8**: Secretary of the Army! #beatnavy #wedidit
**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@hffmcasd.org.

**West Point Commissary holiday hours**
- The West Point Commissary will be closed Monday;
- The West Point Commissary will be open from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. Dec. 24;
- The West Point Commissary will be closed Dec. 25;
- The West Point Commissary will be closed Dec. 26.

**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.

**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.

**Army West Point Gymnastics World Record Event**
The Army West Point Gymnastics Program wants to get the entire Corps of Cadets, local schools and gymnastics programs involved in shattering the current world record for the most people performing cartwheels simultaneously.

West Point has been selected as the site for the 2017 NCAA Men’s Division I Gymnastics Championships. This three-day competition will be held April 20-22, 2017 at Christl Arena.

This marks the third time since 2005 that West Point has hosted this championship meet.

To celebrate the occasion and demonstrate to the world that all West Point cadets are trained in activities that promote and enhance a healthy lifestyle, physical fitness and movement behavior, the Academy wants to break the current cartwheels record, which is 690.

This event can easily break this record and it’s West Point’s intent to do it in a manner that showcases the professionalism, athleticism and spirit of West Point to the Nation. The intent is to break the world record at 11:30 a.m. April 20. This is a Thursday, which is the first day of the NCAA Championships.

Groups interested in participating in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity should contact Head Gymnastics Coach, Doug Van Everen, at 845-938-3802 or email at Doug.VanEveren@usma.edu or Capt. Josh Burnett, Army West Point Gymnastics Operations Officer, at 845-938-6623 or email at Joshua.Burnett@usma.edu.

**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 today.

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 Rauchhorst at 845-938-5389.

**Navy Education Services**
In compliance with Navy policy, current Sailors are instructed to only use Navy V ol Education services.

Navy 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 ERodriguez@stac.edu.

Graduate studies:
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice—Master’s Degree in Public Administration—Call Jennifer Heiny at 845-446-5959 or email jenЙwestpoint@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.

**Special Christmas Services at Grace Baptist Church**
The congregation of Grace Baptist Church invites the community to two special programs of music and preaching during the Christmas season.

• Sunday, 6 p.m.—The Family Candlelight Service provides a unique, informal setting to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Families are given an opportunity to present their Christmas greetings to others in the audience with special selections of music and readings.

To conclude the service, the church family sings Christmas carols by candlelight, a time of intimate, personal reflection on the greatest gift God has given to mankind—the Lord Jesus Christ.

• Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.—The beauty of celebrating the birth of Christ on Christmas Day.

For more details, call Pastor Steve Snavely at 845-446-4086 or visit the church website at www.gracebaptistny.org.

**Nature Museum hosts Popular School Break Mini-Camp**
Join the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for a nature-based School Break Mini-Camp for children ages 6-9 at the Outdoor Discover Center on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road in Cornwall.

The camp will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 27-30. Campers will join Museum Educators for some seasonal fun and enjoy engaging hands-on activities, crafts, games and hikes.

Pre-paid registration is required. There is a admission fee.

For details and to register, visit hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.
**FEATURED EVENT**

**2017 Ski Passes**
Victor Constant Ski Area has season passes on sale now. More than $1,000 in savings when you buy a season pass. For rates, lessons and more, call 845-938-8810.

**JUST ANNOUNCED**

**CYS Training Day**
All CYS Facilities will be closed Monday for staff training and development. Regular hours resume on Tuesday. For questions and details, call 845-938-2023.

**MWR Facilities during holidays**
- All MWR Facilities will be closed Dec. 26 in observance of the federal holiday.
- Only the Bowling Center will be open Jan. 2 on the federal holiday.
  The Center is open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. All other facilities will be closed.

**Father and Daughter Dance**
Fathers and their daughters can enjoy a night of dinner and dancing from 6-9 p.m. on either Jan. 20 or 21 at the West Point Club.
There will be a dinner buffet with dessert and an onsite photographer to capture this special event. Dress in Sunday best.
For more details, call 938-5120

**FOR THE FAMILIES**

**Arts & Crafts December class**
- Today—Wine & Paint, 5-7 p.m. Paint a 16x20 canvas. Registration is required for all classes. There is a minimal fee for the classes. For more details, call 938-4812.

**Ski lesson Registration**
The West Point Ski Lesson registration at Victor Constant Ski Area is ongoing.
Registration continues for active duty and immediate family members and all other eligible patrons. The general public registration begins 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.

**December event with Leisure Travel Services**
Join Leisure Travel Services for its December event. The upcoming event is:
- Today—Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes. Leave West Point at 1 p.m., and the curtain opens at 5 p.m.
For ticket pricing, reservations and more details, call 938-3601.

**Community General Skate 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, Jan. 22 and 29, and Feb. 12, 19 and 26.
There will also be two Tuesdays during Christmas break 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday 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 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.

**ASBP Blood Drive Jan. 9-12**

By David Conrad
Armed Services Blood Program

The Armed Services Blood Program and the cadets of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point are joining forces to hold one of the largest blood drives of the year.
From Jan. 9-12, cadets, faculty and staff of the Academy will “sacrifice” some of their blood to help save lives.
As the official blood program of the U.S. military, the ASBP is a tri-service organization responsible for providing blood and blood products to deployed service members in the heart of the battlefield.
While ASBP blood recipients are most often thought of as deployed service members injured in the line of duty, the ASBP also provides blood for service members and their families back home and in military treatment facilities around the globe.
Anyone receiving blood or blood products in a combat area will receive blood transported by the ASBP. Therefore, the effects of this blood drive will be felt worldwide.
Mark your calendars now for the annual blood drive.
The drive takes place from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 9-12 at Eisenhower Hall.
All donors will receive a long-sleeve ASBP T-shirt, and the first 500 donors will also receive an ASBP water bottle.
The blood drive is open to all service members, their family members, U.S. Department of Defense or federal civilian employees, retirees and U.S. citizens over the age of 18. Donations from non-DOD civilians who fit the eligibility criteria and have the ability to access the blood drive location will also be greatly accepted.
To learn more about the 2017 West Point blood drive, contact David Conrad, ASBP blood donor recruiter for the Robertson Blood Donor Center at Fort Hood, Texas, at david.m.conrad4.civ@mail.mil or 254-287-3989.
Keller Corner

KACH Immunization continues to provide flu shots
The Keller’s Immunization Clinic is accepting walk-ins, for influenza immunizations, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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.

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.

West Point Command Channel

For the week of Dec. 15-22

Army Newswatch
Thursday, Friday and Monday-Dec. 22
8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

LifeWorks

• Letters to Santa: Write a letter and then drop it in our very special North Pole mailbox at B126 Washington Road before Friday 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.

• Birthday Corner: Send birthday wishes to a child in need.

• Holiday Party: The holidays are here, and what better way to celebrate than with West Point Family Homes. Join us from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday at B126 Washington Road for a Holiday Party.
Festivities will include holiday crafts, holiday sing-alongs, food and a special visit from a jolly guest.
If you plan on attending this event, register to jgellman@bbcgrp.com by today with the total number of family members attending.

• Wrapping Party: Parents do you have a bunch of gifts to wrap, but don’t want to wait until the kids are in bed? Come to B126 Washington Road from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 21-22 and finish wrapping all those presents for the kids without them seeing.
Paper, scissors, tape, boxes, string and bows are provided for free. You’re also more than welcome to bring your own supplies and join our wrapping party.

West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band performs at WAMC’s The Linda Saturday

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will continue their yearly tradition of performing at The Linda: WAMC’s Performing Arts Studio at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Linda is located at 318 Central Avenue, Albany, New York. This performance is free and open to all.
The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band is comprised of members of the U.S. Military Academy who specialize in contemporary popular music to entertain and inspire the United States Corps of Cadets.
Join the Band at The Linda to get a taste of how our Soldiers and cadets celebrate the holidays at West Point. Modern pop and R&B holiday classics such as “All I Want for Christmas” and “What Christmas Means to Me” will be performed along with original takes on traditional songs like “Winter Wonderland” and “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.”
The Benny Havens Band will also preview material from their upcoming 2017 original country album release, “The Songs That Save Our Lives.”
The West Point Band celebrates the season with appreciation for the men and women of our Armed Forces who are stationed around the world and away from home for the holidays.
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, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter.

Movies at Mahan

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—“Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“Rogue One: A Star Wars Story,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updated schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)
Soucie’s Hat Trick boosts Army past Holy Cross

By Ally Keirn
Army Athletic Communications

Led by freshman forward Brendan Soucie, the Army West Point Hockey team dominated Holy Cross 8-1 Dec. 10 at Tate Rink. Soucie recorded his first career hat trick as the Black Knights scored the most goals since the 2010 season.

Army highlights and game notes
* Army improved to 9-6-1 on the year and 9-4-0 in Atlantic Hockey. The Black Knights completed the sweep on the weekend which gave them sole possession of the top spot in the league with 18 points.
* The eight goals scored tonight, was the most by the Cadets since defeating AIC 8-6 in 2010.
* Soucie’s hat trick was Army’s first since the 2013 season by Maurice Alvarez.
* Conor Andrle, Tipper Higgins, Ryan Nick, Zach Evancho and Dalton MacAfee were the Black Knights’ goal scorers in game two of the series against the Crusaders.
* Apart from Soucie, MacAfee also netted multiple goals in the contest.
* Brendan McGuire had a team-high two assists on the night as 14 Cadets contributed in tonight’s scoring efforts.
* Parker Gahagen made 31 saves in the contest and allowed just one.

How it happened
* Building off momentum from last night’s win, the Black Knights didn’t waste time in establishing their lead.
* Andrle posted the first goal of the game 00:53 seconds in. He was on a 2-on-1 breakout alongside Trevor Fidler for the early goal. Blake Box and Nick DeCenzo assisted from the defensive end.
* Army’s second goal was scored when Ian Mansfield shot wide in the offensive zone and Higgins was able to bang it home. Alex Wilkinson added another assist, his third on the weekend.
* Soucie demonstrated his stick skills with a dangle in front.

Freshman forward Brendan Soucie recorded his first hat trick as the Black Knights scored the most goals since 2010 in a 8-1 win over Holy Cross Dec. 10 at Tate Rink. The win improved Army West Point to a 9-6-1 overall record this season.

He shot from the slot to the top left of the goal over the blocker after a Holy Cross turnover. McGuire assisted on the play.
* The Crusaders switched things up in the second stanza and replaced the starting goaltender with Nixon.
* The Black Knights continued their groove as Nick scored his second of the weekend and his first power play of the season.
* Soucie sent the puck to Andrle in the corner who gave Nick the opportunity to flick it in.
* Holy Cross scored its first of the game during a power play which brought the score to 4-1.

Up next
* The Black Knights will be off until the end of December when they play in the Ledyard Classic hosted by Dartmouth.

Balanced effort sends Army past Delaware

By Harrison Antognioni
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Basketball team got back on the winning track with a 61-47 victory over Delaware Sunday at the Bob Carpenter Center in Newark, Delaware. Army improves to 8-2 on the year following the win, while Delaware falls to 6-4.

Sophomore Madison Hovren finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds for her sixth straight double-double, with eight points and 11 rebounds.
* Murray added a team-high 11 rebounds for her second double-digit rebounding game of the season.
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* Murray totaled seven points.

Army highlights and game notes
* Sunday was the first-ever meeting between Army and Delaware.
* Hovren tailed her sixth straight double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds.
* Murray added a team-high 11 rebounds for her second double-digit rebounding game of the season.
* Hovren (16 points), Destinee Morris (11), McNeal (8), Murray (8), Lewis (7), and junior Lena’ Hicks (6) all scored at least six points to mark the third time that has happened this season.
* The feat was previously achieved during wins over Fairleigh Dickinson (Nov. 28) and Wagner (Dec. 5).
* Army owned a 36-22 advantage on points in the paint, and led 19-9 in bench scoring for the game.

Sports calendar

SATURDAY
1 p.m.—Women’s Basketball vs. Mercy, Christl Arena.
Jan. 2
7 p.m.—Women’s Basketball vs. Bucknell, Christl Arena.

WEDNESDAY
7 p.m.—Men’s Basketball vs. Binghamton, Christl Arena.
Jan. 5
7 p.m.—Men’s Basketball vs. Lafayette, Christl Arena.

Dec. 30
7 p.m.—Men’s Basketball vs. Lehigh, Christl Arena.

** To see the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights schedule, visit www.goarmywestpoint.com/calendar.aspx?vtype=list.
Streak Over, Army ends Navy’s Run with 21-17 Win

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Football team recorded a long-awaited victory over No. 25 Navy 21-17 in the 117th Army-Navy Game presented by USAA on Dec. 10 in Baltimore.

Army ended a 14-year unbeaten streak in the series in front of 71,600 fans at M&T Bank Stadium and secured its first win in America’s Game since earning a 26-17 victory in 2001.

Army finishes the regular season at 7-5, while Navy closes out its regular season with a mark of 9-4.

Army maintained a 7-0 advantage after one quarter, thanks to a one-yard touchdown run from Andy Davidson. Davidson’s rush capped a 14-play, 66-yard drive for the Black Knights that used 7:39 off the game clock.

The sophomore crossed the goal line again with another one-yard scamper midway through the second quarter and the Black Knights entered the locker room up, 14-0. This marked the first time since 2009 Army blanked the Midshipmen in the first half of play.

Navy responded with 10 unanswered points in the third quarter. The first one was a 1-yard touchdown rush from Zach Abey followed by a 28-yard field goal from Bennett Moehring.

The Midshipmen scored again, this time on a 41-yard rush from Abey, to take their first edge in the game at 17-14 with 12:42 left in the fourth quarter. But Army would ultimately have the last score, as Ahmad Bradshaw’s nine-yard run with six minutes left in the game sealed the victory.

Army highlights and game notes

• Army’s victory snapped a 14-game winning streak by Navy, dating back to 2001.
• The victory was Army’s first in the city of Baltimore since 1944.
• It was also the Black Knights’ first win at M&T Bank Stadium and brought Army to a 3-3 tie with Navy in Army-Navy games played in Baltimore.
• Army moves to 50-60-7 in the all-time Army-Navy Game presented by USAA.
• Xavier Moss forced the first fumble of his career in the first quarter, while Rhyan England scooped up his second career fumble recovery.
• Moss came down with the third interception of his career later in the third quarter. It was his second pick this year after recording an interception against Notre Dame on Nov. 12.
• Davidson ran for his 10th touchdown this season at the 4:23 mark of the first quarter before raising his total to 11 by the end of the game following his fourth multi-score effort of the year.

Career milestones

• Moss forced the first fumble of his career early in the opening quarter before England collected the fumble for the second recovery of his career.
• Davidson punched in his 10th touchdown of the season on a 1-yard carry with 4:23 remaining in the first quarter.
• Kell Walker set a career high with a game-high 94 rushing yards.

Junior quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw’s nine-yard touchdown with six minutes left in the game sealed Army West Point’s 21-17 victory over Navy Dec. 10 in Baltimore.

Key moment

• Army converted on 4th-and-inches late in the fourth quarter when Davidson ran for seven yards to move the ball to the Navy 11-yard line. Bradshaw carried the ball for a nine-yard score two plays later to give Army a 21-17 lead with exactly six minutes on the clock.

How it happened

• Army stalled Navy’s opening drive five plays in, as Moss forced a fumble by Navy’s Shawn White that was recovered by England at the Black Knights’ 34-yard line.
• The Cadets responded by scoring on a 14-play, 66-yard drive that was highlighted by a 13-yard rush from Darnell Woolfolk. The sophomore brought the ball to the four-yard line before a 1-yard carry from Davidson capped the drive. Blake Wilson converted the PAT to give the Black Knights’ 7-0 lead with 4:23 left in the first.
• Moss came up big again on the very first play of Navy’s ensuing drive after he intercepted a deep pass by Abey to give Army the ball at its own 32. The Mids would not go away though as they received the ball back with 26 seconds left in the opening quarter, when Sean Williams intercepted Bradshaw’s pass at the Navy 22-yard line.
• Midway through the second period, the Black Knights took over at Navy’s 46-yard line after a punt before Davidson crossed the goal line for his second 1-yard touchdown run of the afternoon. Davidson kept Army’s drive going with a 3-yard carry on 4th-and-2 that moved the ball to the Navy 12. From that point Walker rushed for another first down with an 11-yard carry that brought the ball to the 1-yard line. Davidson’s touchdown run finished an 11-play, 46-yard drive. Wilson’s PAT gave the Cadets a 14-0 lead.
• Later in the period, Navy took over after a fumble from Davidson with 1:38 remaining in the opening half, but the Mids gave the ball right back, as England intercepted Abey for his second pick of the year.
• Army ran out the clock with a pair of short rushes to enter the locker room with the 14-0 advantage.
• Navy forced a fumble by Bradshaw on Army’s second play from scrimmage to start the third quarter and took over the ball at the Army 32-yard line.
• The Midshipmen turned their takeaway into seven points, after Abey finished a six-play, 32-yard drive with a 1-yard touchdown run. Moehring made the PAT to pull within 14-7 with a little less than 12 minutes remaining in the third quarter.
• Army limited Navy to a 28-yard field goal after a drive that lasted 5:20. Moehring split the uprights to make the score 14-10 still in favor of Army with 3:59 left in the third period.
• Jackson Pittman forced a fumble on a carry from Davidson, and Williams recovered it to give the Mids the ball back at their own 37-yard line with 1:19 to play in the third.
• Abey then gave Navy its first lead of the contest, with a 41-yard touchdown rush with 12:42 remaining on the clock in the fourth quarter. Moehring’s successful PAT handed the Mids a 17-14 advantage.
• Davidson helped Army get another fourth-down conversion, with a 7-yard run from the Navy 18-yard line on 4th-and-inches. Bradshaw rushed for a 9-yard score two plays later and Wilson made the PAT to give the Black Knights back the advantage at 21-17 with six minutes to play. A 29-yard connection from Bradshaw to Edgar Poe helped set up the game-winning scoring drive.
• Army forced a punt on Navy’s ensuing drive and got the ball back at its own 23 with 4:07 remaining on the clock.
• The Black Knights picked up two first downs to run out the clock and seal the victory.

Up next

• Army completes its 2016 season with a trip to the Zaxby’s Heart of Dallas Bowl to face North Texas at noon Dec. 27. The bowl game will be Army’s first since 2010 and will be played at Cotton Bowl Stadium in Dallas.