Wading through Sandhurst

(Above) U.S. Military Academy cadets use a zodiac to cross a water obstacle at Lake Popolopen during the 49th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition April 9. (Right) Members of Company E-2 and the Chilean Academy (Escuela Militar Chile) team move to their next endeavor during Sandhurst. The Sandhurst champions were the Royal Military College of Canada, while Company H-3 clinched the first place U.S. Corps of Cadets streamer. See pages 6-7 for story, results and photos from the two-day event.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Vito Bryant/USMA Public Affairs (above) and Michelle Eberhart/Pv (Right)
Walk-a-Mile for sexual harassment and assault raises awareness

The sixth annual Walk-a-Mile for Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Month was held April 5 to recognize this year’s theme, “Eliminate Sexual Assault: Know Your Part, Do Your Part.” The motto shares its name with the West Point Sexual Assault Response Coordinators and SHARP Victim Advocates for the Garrison, U.S. Military Academy, Keller Army Community Hospital and the Cadets Against Sexual Harassment (CASH/A) organization.

The SHARP program’s sexual harassment prevention efforts are complimented by the Army’s Equal Employment Opportunity Program, which provides a sexual harassment complaint process for civilian employees.

The elimination of sexual harassment and assault is the Army’s and West Point’s primary objective and has become increasingly important now that Military Operational Specialties, such as Infantry, Armor and Special Ops, have opened up for women this year. The walk is a reminder that anyone can intervene in a situation instead of being a bystander.

“It’s not just eliminating sexual harassment in the military, but also in the work place,” Dan Toohey, Garrison Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, said. “We have the football team, coaches, and cadet rugby team and community members out walking. We also have other sexual assault awareness events throughout the month.”

West Point and the Army have included extensive training on sexual assault to address myths and facts.

The Army initiated Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP), during initial military training for Basic Combat Training, Basic Officer Leadership Course, the U.S. Military Academy and Reserve Officers’ Training Corps to establish an effective climate of prevention and to address prevention at the earliest point. The Corps of Cadets also got involved in the elimination of sexual harassment/assault by forming CASH/A in 2012-13. CASH/A is a cadet-led and cadet-designed program with four goals: to provide education and training resources to the Corps concerning sexual harassment and assault, eliminate sexual harassment and assault in the Corps of Cadets, support and develop command climates that foster respect for everyone, and motivate and support a culture of bystander intervention.

Sexual harassment and assault can begin with innuendos, demeaning behavior and hazing. The mark of an effective leader is to foster bonds of trust within the team including effective handling of sexual harassment and assault incidents where Soldiers are comfortable with reporting and ensuring appropriate accountability.

West Point Sexual Assault Response Coordinator Program Manager is Samantha Ross. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators are Maj. Damon Torres, U.S. Corps of Cadets; Dr. Stephanie Marsh, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Dan Toohey, Garrison, and Dr. Scotti Veale, Keller Army Community Hospital. Victim Advocates are Kerry Dunham, USCC, and Staff Sgt. Shannon Brabson, KACH.

The Self Helppline is 877-995-5247 or www.safeline.org. The West Point hotline is 845-659-7467.


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IN FOCUS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHICS IN AMERICA

Discussion of controversial topics at NCEA

Story and photos by Michelle Eberhart
Assistant Editor

U.S. Military Academy cadets and students from 41 other academic institutions gathered April 5-6 at Eisenhower Hall Ballroom for the National Conference on Ethics in America (NCEA).

The 31st annual conference is funded by an endowment provided by the West Point Class of 1970. This year’s conference theme was, “The Ethics of Public Discourse.”

NCEA combines guest speakers’ stories with small group activities and discussions to discuss the ethics of controversial topics in a professional way.

Guest speakers for the event included Scott Smiley, a former Army Ranger and officer who was blinded in the line of duty, and Sage Steele, a sportscaster from ABC and ESPN’s “NBA Countdown.”

Round tables were aligned throughout the ballroom, each with a U.S. Military Academy cadet facilitator and a mixture of West Point cadets, ROTC cadets and civilian students.

The topics of discussion varied from the 2016 Presidential campaigns to the legal drinking age.

All topics encouraged out-of-the-box thinking and mature conversation, regardless of viewpoint.


“The intent of the conference is to nurture the character development of cadets,” Forsythe said.

He discussed the Class of 1970 class motto, “Serve with Integrity,” and how it relates to the ethical public discourse they would be engaging in throughout the conference.

“Raise the level of public discourse about matters that matter,” Forsythe encouraged. “Our hope is that the conversations will continue.”

Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr. suggested that maintaining character is key when dealing with people of different backgrounds and viewpoints, regardless of whether you are military or civilian.

“Character development is the most important thing we do here at West Point,” Caslen said. “Talking about matters of importance is a good opportunity for your generation.”

Cadet facilitators began the discussions amongst their groups, reflecting on speakers’ notes and discussing matters of controversial importance.

“It’s been really interesting to see that even though the eight of us don’t necessarily agree on some of these issues, we’re not having a lot of the problems that we see in politics or any other forum,” Cadet facilitator Corey Lesser said. “It’s been a pretty broad mix of political views and views on the military and views on everything that we’ve been talking about, so it’s made for pretty good conversation, but it’s been a really good group dynamic.”

The guest speakers provoked in-depth discussions as well.

“Scott Smiley’s speech was absolutely amazing. I think they’re bringing up very good topics in a way that opens for good conversation. They’re not avoiding difficult issues. Scott Smiley talked about religion, quite extensively. They’re talking about things that allow for us to have conversation and kind of force us to learn how to talk about difficult things while still giving us good messages about leadership and personal growth,” Lesser added.

Sportscaster Sage Steele talked about her personal experiences and asked the audience to think about how they would handle some challenging situations she’s encountered.

“The question is, how did I handle it? Could I have handled it better? Differently? How would you handle it? And how would you handle it today?” Steele questioned.

Lauren Wade, a business student at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, enjoyed the thought-provoking questions offered by the speakers.

“The speakers have started the conversation for all of us and then we go into the small group mentality. We continued that conversation and shared stories about our personal aspects that align with what they’re talking about,” Wade said. “I think that’s the best part.”

Wade, who is a civilian, enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the NCEA.

“I’m able to apply my private sector knowledge and learn about this incredible military structure, military mindset that we’re all creating this discourse around, civil public discourse, so it’s really interesting to share communications with everybody,” Wade said.

“The primary thing that I’ve learned is that we all have different biases and we’re able to apply those and learn from each other and that is the most important thing about civil public discourse.”

Class of 2016 Cadet Tucker Van Dyke agreed.

“What we’re talking about is how to talk about controversial topics in a civil manner so that we actually have some productive results at the end of the discussion,” Van Dyke said. “This is teaching us to talk about those things while getting something accomplished.”
A 12-year-old with big dreams doing great things

Story by Michelle Eberhart
Assistant Editor

Asia Hickman will be playing at Carnegie Hall in July, she has her own nonprofit organization and she spends her free time volunteering at veterans homes.

She’s 12 years old.

This past year, Asia was nominated and ultimately became a semifinalist for the Military Child of the Year Award (MCOY).

Born in Ansbach, Germany, Asia has spent most of her life overseas. At the age of six, she took her first violin lesson and after moving to South Korea at the age of seven, Asia took up piano.

“I enrolled (Asia) in what is called a Korean ‘Hagwon,’ a specialized supplementary school that she would attend daily after the normal school day for piano, violin and math instruction,” Capt. Jamie Hickman, Asia’s mother, said.

Asia began performing in concerts and piano competitions throughout South Korea when she was just eight years old.

Now, she is enrolled in the Kaufman Special Music School in New York City, a school for gifted children.

“I first heard about Kaufman while my family and I were living in Korea, I told my mother that I would love to attend a school like that,” Asia said. “(It) really stood out to me because it is the first and only school in the United States that combines a full academic program with performance-oriented music training with the regular school day.”

Throughout the day, Asia receives private instrument lessons and classes like music theory and history. Academically, she is challenged with a learning style that promotes problem-solving skills through hands-on experience.

“It’s the best school and allows me to have the intensive academic and music training,” Asia said. “I also get to be with other kids like myself that have a love for classical music.”

Because of Asia’s passion for music, she decided to begin Asia Hickman Music (AHM), a nonprofit organization that provides music lessons for underprivileged children.

“I founded AHM at the age of 11, and began teaching family and friends at school during breaks,” Asia said. “Often being requested to play during breaks at school, I felt like I was inspiring other children and wanted to continue doing so. I believe that all children who have a love for music should be able to learn a musical instrument and not have limitations because they cannot afford lessons.”

In addition to teaching other children music, Asia enjoys performing at senior citizen and veterans homes.

“I instilled in Asia at a very young age the importance of giving back and volunteering is something that our family enjoys doing,” Hickman said. “We have a special place in our hearts for disabled and homeless veterans, so that is where a lot of our efforts assist.

“Asia really enjoys visiting the different veteran homes, providing music therapy to them and having memorable conversations with them,” Hickman added.

Aside from volunteering and winning music competitions, Asia has pretty big goals for her future.

She will be auditioning for the Manhattan School of Music Pre College, Mannes School of Music Pre College and Juilliard Music Advancement Program in May.

“She is a self-starter and has set herself clear goals of what she would like to achieve that I support,” Hickman said. “Aside from ensuring that she practices before a major performance, I allow her to be herself and set her own pace.”

That quick pace has set her to perform at Carnegie Hall on July 3.

Asia, while talented, has remained humble regardless of her numerous accomplishments.

In respect to being nominated for MCOY, Asia was grateful.

“I don’t feel like I have done anything special, I just do what I love which is inspire through teaching music to children and volunteering to raise awareness to homeless and disabled veterans as well as giving back to my community,” Asia said. “There are some amazing military children out there doing great things as well and I was honored to be recognized.”

In the future, Asia has dreams of being a concert pianist, but she could take a quick pit-stop.

“It would be a great honor to be a cadet at West Point one day,” Asia said. “I think that everyone should serve in the military at some point in some capacity.”

Look out during R-Day in 2022 for one of the most musical plebes the Corps has ever seen.

Service project offers meaningful time with homeless children

A small group of cadets planned three meaningful engagements with homeless children from New York City hosting children living in shelters as part of a cadet’s community service project through the Homes for the Homeless program.

Class of 2017 Cadets, Zachary Cohen and Chong Na, hosted 15 visiting shelter children Sunday. The children began at the park near South Dock, walked up the hill to Kosciusko Statue, walked to Trophy Point to see the cannons, great chain and Battle Monument, ate lunch in the Mess Hall and hiked up to Redoubt 4, the highest point at West Point, for the view.

“I don’t get out and do this stuff much,” Cohen said. “None of this is about me anymore. I’ve been here for three years and it’s about time I do something for someone else. I’m really enjoying this.”

Cohen said the children peppered him with questions about what he did every day in school and what ‘Army stuff’ he does.

“Overall, it was definitely a memorable experience,” Na said. “We had some of the guys on the football team join us after lunch and the kids were having a blast throwing around the football and scrimmaging with the team. A lot of questions the kids asked were about the military and the academy. They asked if I ever shot a gun and if I was roommates with Zach. Afterward, one of the kids actually told me that he wanted to be roommates with Zach and me here. Certainly a highlight to the day.”

Included in the community service project were Class of 2017 Cadets Shelby Lindsay, Nathanael Thomas and Araceli Sandoval who are participating in activities at the Saratoga Inn shelter Saturday and organizing a camp clean-up day at Harriman State Park for their summer camps in May.

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IN FOCUS: CADET CLUB ACTIVITIES

2015-16 Cadet Club Activities

Orienteering: The Army West Point Orienteering team captured its 14th consecutive national championship April 1-3 with a dominating victory at the 2016 U.S. Intercollegiate Championships in Hamilton, Ohio. The championship consisted of an urban sprint course April 1 and two classic courses on April 2 (8.4 km) and April 3 (8.2 km). Competitors’ times were aggregated across the races on Saturday and Sunday to determine the finishing order. Standout performances by Class of 2016 Cadets Nick Ives and Patrick Richardson, Class of 2017 Cadet Jett Dipalma and Class of 2018 Cadet Michael Bruce, who placed first as a team, led the way to this 14th consecutive victory. Additionally, Class of 2019 Cadets Matthew Brooks and Justin Augustine performed exceptionally well in their first intercollegiate championship, reflecting the depth of the team’s roster and the potential for future success. The 14th consecutive national championship caps off a successful season for the Army West Point Orienteering team and strong performances by the underclassmen on the team point toward continued achievement in future seasons.

Cycling: The Army Cycling team competed in the 2016 Shippensburg Scurry April 2-3 in Cleversburg, Pennsylvania. Top finishers for the weekend include Class of 2016 Cadet Jinny Yan (CAT B) who took third in the circuit and second in the road race and hill climb, and Class of 2017 Cadet Tristan Leo Manderfeld (CAT B) who finished fifth in the circuit and fourth in the hill climb. Class of 2019 Cadet Monte He (CAT C) finished first in the circuit, second in the road race and third in the hill climb, while Class of 2019 Cadet Andy Young (CAT D) placed fifth in the circuit. With four riders upgrading going into Shippensburg and more expected to upgrade going forward, the team has seen a strong improvement early in the season.

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“We run a camp for the homeless,” Cara Pace, of the HFH organization, said. “We posted information for volunteers and the cadets reached out to us and came to New York for a visit. They will visit us again for a board game tournament. We are hoping to get volunteers for our summer camps in Harriman State Park.”

Each year, HFH hosts three summer camp excursions to Camp Lanowa for children ages 7-9 and Camp Wakonda for children ages 10-13. The overnight camping sessions are two weeks long. Roughly 600 children attend each of the camping sessions.

The summer camps involve the children in the outdoors. Many of them have never been swimming in a lake, been on a hike or have seen a frog up close. Included in the camps are arts and crafts and an educational session about the environment.

HFH is a program that is family-based, child-centered and education-focused that aims to break the cycle of poverty through self-sufficiency-planning, goal-setting and achievement. Currently, there are roughly 12,000 homeless families, including 24,000 children, living in the shelter system in New York and up to 100 families a day apply for shelter.

Class of 2017 Cadet Zachary Cohen explains the Chain across the Hudson at Trophy Point to children living in shelters in New York City Sunday. Two children kept trying to lift the chain and a few cannons around Trophy Point. Homes for the Homeless program hosted the event that sent 15 children and chaperones to West Point. In the next few weeks, cadets will chaperone the shelter children at the HFH camp in Harriman State Park where roughly 600 homeless shelter children will camp out overnight for 16 days.
Camaraderie flourishes at Sandhurst Competition

A British cadet from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst looks over the gun range during the Rifle Marksmanship event April 8. The event engaged targets out to a distance of 300 meters. Photo by Michelle Eberhart/PV

Story by Michelle Eberhart
Assistant Editor

Sixty teams from around the world competed in the 49th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition at the U.S. Military Academy April 8-9.

Over the course of the two days, 36 USCC teams, a USMAPS team, eight ROTC teams, three service academies and 12 international schools maneuvered a course of over 30 miles, challenging themselves in 14 events. While the competition lasted two days, the preparation took months.

“We practiced five days a week,” Mekayla Korpinnen of Company A-2 said. “That consisted of different training like grenade throwing, as well as running. Lots and lots of running.”

Korpinnen said they would do practice rucks as well as pushups and situps to gain strength and endurance for their long-awaited journey.

“I got interested in Sandhurst because I knew it was a military skills test and it would really push me to do my best because I’ve never rucked 20 miles in one day before,” Korpinnen added.

Schools from countries all over the world had similar, intensive training schedules.

“We did training five days a week,” Irfan Meral from the Turkish Military Academy said. He noted that his team trained to increase their physical fitness and then practiced Sandhurst-specific activities.

“Detailed training, like hand grenades, the firing, the navigation, staying in the field at night, that kind of stuff,” Meral said.

Aside from the physical aspects of training, some teams had assistance from other countries, allowing them to form relationships before Sandhurst even begun. Laruis Ozolinsh from Latvia said that his team received some training from the United States Army.

“We worked with the American units that were stationed in Latvia,” Ozolinsh said. “It was 2nd Cavalry Regiment, and the guys trained us on medical training, as well as rifle marksmanship with M4’s and M16’s.

“We had really great relationships with the American medics as well as the Seargant Major from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment. They supported us throughout the event, gave us the knowledge that we need to compete here,” Ozolinsh added. “We had a great time, real fun training with them.”

Whether it be before the Sandhurst competition or during it, teams across the world grew to learn about and respect one another.

Avik Alam of Company E-2 said his company hosted the German Military Academy throughout the week, allowing him to learn about their culture and their preparation going into Sandhurst.

“I feel like everyone is kind of in the same boat,” Alam said. “Everyone works and trains hard for this competition and we all have similar goals.”

Bing Bing Xie from Company A-4 agreed.

“We all have a common bond of Sandhurst. At the end of the day, we’re all competing in the same competition and I think it’s a unifying event,” Xie said. “We have a lot of respect for all of our opponents out there because we know first-hand what kind of sacrifices we had to make to get to this point and we know every other team has put in that same work.

“There’s definitely a level of respect, and it’s really awesome seeing all the different countries here and how they operate. It’s really cool just trading information and talking to them and seeing things from a different perspective,” Xie added.

While learning about other teams, some countries were even able to pick up a couple tips.

“We’re excited specifically for the Americans, we’ve learned all of your secrets,” Cadet Wesley Walsh of the Royal Military College of Duntroon in Australia said. Walsh and his teammates spent the week at West Point with the C-4 Cowboys, who showed them the facilities and some Sandhurst tricks.

Walsh said that the weekend of camaraderie will help their future interaction with other countries.

“It’s commonly accepted back home in Australia that the multicultural presence on the battlefield today is something that is very common, if not the norm,” Walsh said. “And so acting in a coalition environment is encouraged, brought from our basic training all the way to staff officers on the senior level.”

Competitors gathered Friday morning to check their rucks and discuss a game plan with their teammates before they began their two-day trek.

During the course of the first day’s 20-mile journey, they competed in five events, each testing their military skill set.

The first day’s events were functional fitness, rifle marksmanship, conducting movement to contact to clear enemy forces, evaluating a casualty and throwing hand grenades. Teams received a score for each event with a greater emphasis on the marksmanship events.

Throughout the night, four more events ensued including reconnaissance, evaluating a casualty, moving a disabled vehicle and CFF.

On Saturday morning, the final day of Sandhurst, cadets
Members of the Air Force Academy team exhaust themselves during the functional fitness event where they performed a tire flip at the 49th annual Sandhurst Military Skills Competition April 8-9.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Vito Bryant/USMA Public Affairs

On day two of the competition, German cadets adjust their protective masks as they prepare for the next portion of the Sandhurst competition—Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear (CBRN)—moving through an area of contamination to reach their objective.

Photo by Michelle Eberhart/PV

School Board Elections at the West Point Schools in May

The West Point School Board has announced that an election will be held on May 11 to fill four vacancies on the Board. Term of office may be one to three years.

School Board members are actively involved military community members who demonstrate interest in one of the most vital aspects of our American way of life—the education of our young people.

We would like to encourage all interested community members to submit petitions to run for a position on the West Point School Board.

Currently, petitions will be available in the following locations:

- Office of the NYVAPR Superintendent, Bldg. 705;
- Office of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, Bldg. 681;
- Office of School Liaison, Bldg. 695;
- School Websites/Parent Information: o WPES: http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/elementary o WPMS: http://www.am.dodea.edu/ny_va/westpoint/middle

The completed petition, with the signature of one eligible voter, must be returned to the NY&VA DDESS Superintendent’s Office by April 22, for names to be placed on the official ballot. Candidates can turn their forms into any of the above locations.

School Board members are elected by parents of children attending school at West Point Elementary and Middle Schools and serve for a three-year term; however, a three-year commitment is not required. Voting will take place May 11 at the West Point Schools location TBD.

If you are interested in running for the School Board and would like to contact current board members, call the DSO at 938-3506 for contact information.
Emergency Preparedness Exercise to test West Point’s readiness

By Chris Hennen
Emergency Manager, DPTMS

Although West Point has served as an impregnable citadel of Army values for more than 200 years, it is not similarly invincible from natural and technological threats. As members of this community, we all must be prepared—through education and action—to respond rapidly and capably to a full-range of crisis possibilities.

The question is, “Are You Ready?”

West Point authorities are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of lives, the protection of property, and the sustainment of essential operations should an incident occur.

Routine day-to-day operations are not sufficient for assessing effective emergency preparedness and response, as extraordinary emergency measures must be implemented quickly and correctly if loss of life, property, utilities and operations are to be kept to a minimum.

A full-scale exercise provides a way to put theory to the test in a real-time, real-world environment and gain the in-depth learning that only a special experience can provide.

After almost eight months of planning, a multi-day, multi-agency exercise will occur the week of April 18-22, incorporating elements of mass notification, crude oil derailment response, chemical detection and decontamination, mutual aid, mass casualty and mass care.

This week of community protection exercises will enable West Point leaders, first responders and care-givers, host and tenant organizations, and off-post mutual aid partners to participate in an assessment of emergency preparedness procedures and capabilities in the context of a potentially catastrophic derailment of a million gallon crude oil train.

“This year’s emergency preparedness exercise will be a great test of our capabilities. Each aspect of our weeklong list of activities are designed to look at the gaps that may exist in our readiness and response strategies and to eliminate them,” Joe Colombo, Chief of Plans and Operations, DPTMS, said. “Emergency readiness at West Point must be a pro-active team effort. Preparedness and partnership are two sides of the same coin.”

While the focus is on derailment response, other protection activities are planned. On Monday and Tuesday, Random Antiterrorism Measures (RAMs) for the month of April and the Installation’s mass notification and warning systems will be assessed.

On Wednesday, the West Point Schools and Child Development Centers will conduct evacuation drills to assess their capability to safely evacuate children and staff to an alternate facility.

On Thursday morning, April 21, emergency readiness events will include an incident command and control exercise at the Kimsey Center, a multi-event fire department training exercise in the South Dock area, and a mass casualty response drill in the North Dock area.

During this simulated incident, KACH will exercise their response and care of mass casualties both at the scene and at the hospital.

To extend the value but not the duration of the 21 April exercise, the West Point Emergency Operations Center, Joint Information Center, and damage assessment and environmental remediation capabilities will be exercised on April 22.

Exercise activities—8:30 a.m. until noon—will affect parking along Williams Road and at KACH on April 21, and parking at the Visitors Center on April 22. No other operational impacts are anticipated.

While the exercise scenario and resultant consequences are based on a hypothetical situation, they do reflect the potential of a rail incident on West Point and the urgency to prepare our community.

This exercise—the most comprehensive undertaking at West Point this year—is part of West Point’s continuing commitment to obtain valuable insights to guide our future preparedness and response efforts.

At the final planning meeting, Colombo counseled those in attendance as he said, “The safety and security of the West Point community is our most sacred duty. When disaster strikes, the time to prepare has passed.”

Additional information regarding the activities for this year’s exercise can be obtained by contacting Joe Colombo at 938-2516 or Joe.colombo@usma.edu or Chris Hennen at 938-7092 or Christopher.hennen@usma.edu.
The Modern War Institute (MWI) showed “Pech River Boys: Tales from Afghanistan” and hosted a panel discussion with members of the cast and crew March 25. Roughly 300 cadets turned out for the event in Robinson Auditorium. The documentary chronicles the deployment of the 3rd Platoon, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment in the 101st Airborne Division to the Pech River Valley in northeast Afghanistan in 2010. The panel included former-Capt. Cale Genenbacher (USMA Class of 2009 and platoon leader during the deployment), former-Sgt. Anthony Ortega (gunner during the deployment), former-Spc. Blake Trahan (rifle during the deployment) and Jason Ebarb, the film's producer. Pech River Boys was developed by Ortega, Trahan and Ebarb using footage from helmet cameras many of the platoon members wore during the deployment and subsequent interviews. As a grassroots production, the film touches on themes of maintaining unit-cohesion, morale, motivation and discipline in a high-stress combat setting, and dealing with loss.
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Malaysiansensation: 2016 Sandhurst Military Skills Competition United States Corps of Cadets’ Champions. We beat China, RMAS Blue and other countries ... H-3 Hurricanes.

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EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

American Propaganda during World War I
The West Point Museum is featuring a variety of media including artwork, music, posters, newspapers, film and political cartoons created or heavily influenced by the Committee on Public Information during World War I. The exhibit called, “Championing a Nation,” features artwork by artists Lester Hornby, Norman Ritchie and Joseph Pennell, as well as original World War I music and film.

When President Woodrow Wilson declared America’s entrance into World War I, the public was primarily supportive of his decision. However, the question remained “How do we achieve universal solidarity and support for this endeavor?”

Enter the Committee on Public Information, a group that shaped the whole of American opinion about the war and America’s role in it from 1917-19.

The West Point Museum is open at no charge, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

For details, call 938-3590 or visit the Museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WestPointMuseum.

Trophy flags from the end of the American Revolution on exhibit at the West Point Museum
Congress, in grateful recognition of the invaluable services of Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution, presented him with the first British flag captured in 1775 and one of the last surrendered flags from Yorktown in 1781.

These flags descended to Washington’s step-grandson and adopted son, George Washington Parke Custis. Custis, the father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, maintained the flags and other relics of his stepfather in his estate in Arlington, Virginia. Custis called the flags the “Alpha and Omega” of the war. The West Point Museum is open at no charge, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

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OUTSIDE THE GATES

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For details, call 938-3590 or visit the Museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WestPointMuseum.

Trophy flags from the end of the American Revolution on exhibit at the West Point Museum
Congress, in grateful recognition of the invaluable services of Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution, presented him with the first British flag captured in 1775 and one of the last surrendered flags from Yorktown in 1781.

These flags descended to Washington’s step-grandson and adopted son, George Washington Parke Custis. Custis, the father-in-law of Robert E. Lee, maintained the flags and other relics of his stepfather in his estate in Arlington, Virginia. Custis called the flags the “Alpha and Omega” of the war. The West Point Museum is open at no charge, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

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For details, call Army Community Service-Jen Partridge at 938-3655 or email jennifer.partridge@usma.edu to RSVP.

ACS ERP Resume Open Houses
Stop by the Employment Readiness Program at ACS, Bldg. 622 anytime on Wednesday, May 25 or June 7 to have your resume reviewed, to prep for an interview, to practice your elevator speech or just to see what the program can offer the jobseeker.

No RSVP or appointment needed, doors are open 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For details, call or email to reserve your seat at 845-938-5658 or anne.marshall@usma.edu.

Administrative Professional Luncheon and Interactive Murder Mystery
The Cadet Theater Arts Guild and the West Point Club present “Beat the Dean” from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. April 27 in the Club’s Grand Ballroom. Doors and buffet open at 11:15 a.m.

Treat your administrative professional to a luncheon and an interactive Murder Mystery where the Dean of Students is murdered and the suspects just happen to be Department Heads. There is a minimal fee for this event.

Reservations are required. For reservations and more details, call 938-5120.

Mystery Murder Dinner Theater
The West Point Club presents “The Honeymoon Murders” Mystery Dinner Theater at 8 p.m. April 29.

Enjoy an evening of fine cuisine and crime with the Killing Company, where professional stage, TV and film actors are seated among you and where you can be part of the show.

The night includes dinner, dancing and a brand new comedy murder mystery.

This show contains adult content and adult situations, which may not be appropriate for all ages and/or tastes.

There is a minimal fee for this event. Reservations are required. For reservations and more details, call 938-5120.

ACS ERP Spring Class
Do you know about all the preferences given to transitioning military members, veterans and military spouses?

Attend the Employment Readiness Program’s Military Spouse Preference Information Session from 9:30-11:30 a.m. May 17.

The class will cover all the preferences for which you might be eligible, what they mean during the application process, and how to utilize the preference.

Classes are held at ACS, Bldg. 622.

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FOR THE FAMILIES

Arts & Crafts April class schedule
- Today—Wine & Paint, “Eiffel Tower,” 5-7 p.m. Grab a snack and a beverage and join us for a relaxed evening of art instruction and fun. Paint a 16x20 canvas;
- Today—Gastronomy for Kids, 5-7 p.m. Learn the science behind how healthy cooking (and not so healthy) cooking works. We will do a fun experiment and make a snack to eat. For children in grades K-8, Registration is required one week prior to class;
- Tuesday—Pint Sized Picasso, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Auguste Rodin-themed classes are for grades K-5.
- April 21—Cooking for Couples, 5-7 p.m. Fun and easy recipes that a couple can make together. Discussion about menu planning for an active lifestyle, ingredient use and meal planning for two. Registration is required one week prior to class.

- April 26—Pint Sized Picasso, 10:30-11:30 a.m. or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Pierre Auguste Renoir-themed classes are for grades K-5. There is a minimal fee for the above classes. For details and to register, call 938-4812.

EFMP Autism Awareness Month TLC Workshop
In honor of Autism Awareness Month, the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) invites the entire community to gather for an informative Together, Listening, Connecting workshop entitled, “Autism & Autism Evaluations” from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 21 at Army Community Services, Bldg. 622.

Advanced registration is required. To register, contact the EFMP Manager, Josephine Toohy, at 938-5655 or Josephine.tuohy@usma.edu by Monday.

Earth Day Open House
Come out to the West Point Recycling Center, located across from Round Pond, Route 293, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. April 28 to celebrate Earth Day during an Earth Day Open House. Free T-shirts, giveaways, food and much more.

Donate your old cell phone for Soldiers and shred those unwanted papers.

Don’t forget to join the Earth Day Poster Contest, visit westpointmwr.com for contest rules.

For details, call 938-8229.

Bull Pond an affordable vacation
If you’re looking for an affordable family vacation close to home, MWR has just the place for you.

The Bull Pond “complex,” located five miles from Round Pond off Route 293, on the West Point Reservation, offers a trout stocked lake, a fully-equipped cottage, a gazebo, a sand beach swim area with aluminum raft, paddle boat, canoe and V-bottom row boat moored at a boat house with pool table and boating amenities.

For details, call 938-2503.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Month of the Military Child Make and Take Craft Fair
Join Child, Youth & School Services from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday for Month of the Military Child Make and Take Craft Fair at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500. All ages are welcome.

Family activities include carnival games, craft tables, prizes, popcorn and cotton candy. Admission is free.

For details, call 938-3969.

School Age Center Summer Camp
The School Age Center offers weekly summer camp programming for children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade.

The West Point SAC provides a variety of experiences for children through planned and developmentally appropriate activities and experiences that promote learning and exploration.

Weekly sessions begin June 6 and run through Aug. 29.

For details, contact Erin Faherty, SAC Director, at 938-0086 or Jacquelyn Butler, SAC Assistant Director, at 938-0089.

Become a Family Child Care Provider
Family Child Care is a great opportunity for those who want to stay home with their children.

You can become a certified provider and supplement your family’s income by caring for children in your home.

For details, contact Erin Faherty, Family Child Care director, at erin.faherty@usma.edu or call 938-0086.
Keller Corner

Keller EDIS will be at Stony CDC today with Autism information
Keller Army Community Hospital’s Education & Developmental Intervention Services will have an Autism Awareness information table at Stony Child Development Center from 3:30-5:30 p.m. today.
This is in recognition of National Autism Awareness Month.

Keller offers Childbirth Education Classes
Keller Army Community Hospital will be offering Childbirth Education Courses during the months of May, June and August. There will be no classes offered in July.
Topics include, but are not limited to, what to expect during labor, newborn care, and breastfeeding.
The May sessions are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. May 4, 11 and 18. The June and August sessions will be all-day courses, scheduled for 8 a.m.-4 p.m. June 18 and Aug. 13. For more information and/or to arrange a seat for the classes, contact Keller’s Obstetrics Unit at 938-3210.

Now is the Time: Schedule your pediatric appointments for summer physicals
Keller Army Community Hospital’s Primary Care Department has open pediatric appointments for school physicals, and summer sports and camp physicals.
You can schedule an appointment through TRICARE online at https://www.tricareonline.com/ or by calling the appointment center at 938-7992 or 800-552-2907.

Let Us Know How We Are Doing
The mission of Keller Army Community Hospital is to provide high quality, patient-centered care with a focus on health and wellness to improve readiness of the Force and enhance the lives of all beneficiaries.
Let us know if we are achieving this by filling out the Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey when you receive it in the mail.

LifeWorks

- Inside Out movie showing: Join WPFH at our Community Center at 126 Washington Road at 4:30 p.m. Friday for the movie showing Inside Out.
  Pizza and drinks will be provided. To register, email jgellman@bbcgrrp.com. Space is limited.
- Lending Library: WPFH will be starting a book lending library at the Communities Center, 126 Washington Road.
  We are asking for your donation of new or gently used books that will be used to build up our new lending library which will be a permanent activity for all of our residents to share and enjoy.
  The types of books we need for our library are series, children’s, drama, mystery, etc. The only rule for the lending library is, once you have finished reading your book we ask that you return it so it can be enjoyed by other residents.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.
Friday—The Jungle Book, PG, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—The Jungle Book, PG, 7:30 p.m.
(For movie details and updates schedules, visit www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/West-Point-1044343.)

CHORAL TREASURES

West Point Glee Club and Connecticut Chamber Choir
Guest Artists: Daniel Corr, classical guitar and Galen Tate, organ
Choral music of many cultures and featuring Civil War poems of Walt Whitman in Jeffrey Van’s “A Procession Winding Around Me,” for chorus and classical guitar
Saturday, 16 April at 7:30pm • Free Admission • West Point Cadet Chapel

Join the EFMP Respite Care Program

By Lucia Mendez
ACS Social Services

Strategic Resources, Inc. (SRI) is honored to have been selected by IMCOM G-9 Family and MWR Programs as the contractor of choice for the Exceptional Family Member Member Respite Care Program (EFMP Respite).
SRI is actively hiring nationwide for child care professionals, nurses, RNs and LPNs that have experience working with special needs family members.
We offer four levels of compensation relative to the level of care authorized for the Respite Care Provider.
Join the team!
The Team SRI Mission is to execute the Army EFMP Respite Care Program by providing qualified personnel to deliver respite care services in the EFMP home.
Care is provided Sunday through Saturday to include evening and overnight services. Care is delivered by fully qualified and background cleared personnel who are employed directly by SRI or in the employment of a partner organization.

Strategic Resources, Inc. (SRI) Strategic Resources, Inc. (SRI) is an international full-service provider with more than 25 years experience in the federal, military and commercial markets.
SRI blends the financial stability and proven quality performance of a large business with the flexibility, responsiveness and personal attention of a small business.
Our quality processes and customer-oriented approach will make SRI your contractor of choice.
At SRI, we are in the business of creating powerful solutions, one customer at a time.

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) — Respite Care Program The Respite Care Program is a component of EFMP that provides a temporary rest period for family members responsible for regular care of persons with disabilities.
Care may be provided in the EFMP respite by SRI or in the employment of a partner organization.
Gross Anatomy appreciation

The ‘Life Science’ majors of the U.S. Military Academy’s Department of Chemistry and Life Sciences’ Human Anatomy course presented Roger Bender, assistant director of the Gross Anatomy Laboratory at New York Medical College, with a token of their appreciation April 1 at Keller Army Community Hospital. Bender provided an orientation to human cadaver studies and coordinated an opportunity for Keller Army Community Hospital physicians and USMA Cadets to work together in expanding their understanding of anatomy.

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care user’s home and other settings such as special needs camps and enrichment programs.

Respite care is important because it decreases family stress, increases family stability, and reduces costly out-of-home placements, thereby contributing to Soldier readiness.

Who qualifies for EFMP Respite Care?
There are approximately 69,000 family members enrolled in the Army Exceptional Family Member Program. About 3 percent of the enrolled individuals qualify for Respite Care Services.

These family members have special needs that require special considerations. Finding and paying for special needs services can present significant challenges to military families. Therefore, the Army maintains an Army-wide special needs respite care program.

How do I Become a Respite Care Provider?

If you are interested in becoming an SRI Respite Care Provider for the Army’s EFMP Respite Care Program you can fill out the application directly through their website at http://www.sri-hq.com/efmprespite.htm.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the ACS EFMP Manager, Josephine Toohey, at 938-5655 or at Josephine.Toohey@usma.mil or the ACS Social Services Assistant, Lucia Mendez, at 938-0232. EFMP is located at Bldg. 622.
Borer leads Men’s Rugby to win over Oklahoma

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

Senior Andrew Borer led the charge offensively with 30 points, as the Army West Point Men’s Rugby team collected a 55-10 victory over No. 20 Oklahoma in the opening round of the Penn Mutual Varsity Cup on April 9 at the Anderson Rugby Complex.

Army improves to 9-4 on the year, while Oklahoma drops to 13-4.

Borer scored the game’s first 13 points in the opening 10 minutes, with a penalty kick in the fifth minute, and tries in the seventh and 10th minutes, respectively.

Freshman Torran Raby touched down in the 18th minute to boost the Black Knight lead to 18-0 before senior Logan Weiland added Army’s fourth consecutive try seconds before the halftime whistle to give the hosts a 23-0 advantage at the break.

As he did in the first half, Borer began the second period with three straight scores, including a penalty kick, a try and a conversion, making the score 33-0 by the 47th minute.

Senior Joseph Dlugosch added the first of his two tries on the afternoon in the 52nd minute to extend Army’s margin to 38 points. Borer drilled the ensuing conversion before tallying another conversion after a try from sophomore Mitchell Sanderson in the 57th minute.

With Army leading 47-0, Oklahoma found its way onto the scoreboard after a penalty kick off the foot of Vincent Fairbairn in the 62nd minute.

Dlugosch converted another try for the Black Knights and Donovan Ronan and Fairbairn scored on a try and a conversion in the 79th and 80th minutes, respectively, for the Sooners.

Women’s Tennis tops Bucknell on Senior Day

By Joshua Gleason
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Tennis team celebrated Senior Day on Sunday morning with a 5-2 victory over Bucknell. The Black Knights record improves to 18-5 and 4-1 in the Patriot League where they currently stand second with only one conference match left to play. The Bison slip to 11-6 and 4-1 in the league.

Army honored seniors Haley O’Connor, Carolyn Pitman, Gabriella Spindler and Eva Sung before the match. The quartet was a part of the 2013 Cadets team that won the Patriot League Championships. Each played in the match today.

The Black Knights opened the match by taking the doubles point with a pair of 6-3 victories. Pitman and freshman Kirby Einck were victorious in the second doubles slot while O’Connor and junior Nancy Porter won in the number three doubles position.

Army went on to win in the second singles flight and the fourth through sixth slots. Freshman Rugile Valuniate won 6-3, 6-2 in the second position. Sophomore Bridget Guenard won in the fourth slot by a score of 6-1, 6-2. It was her first singles win since Feb. 20.

The last two singles wins were added by Spindler and Porter. The senior won by scores of 6-2, 6-4 while the junior was triumphant 6-1, 6-3.
Men’s Lacrosse clinches postseason berth

By Matt Faulkner
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Men’s Lacrosse team left no doubt it would be moving onto the Patriot League Tournament with a convincing 15-4 win over Boston University April 9 at Nickerson Field in Boston.

Army (8-3, 5-1 PL) was led by freshman attackman Nate Jones with a career-high five goals, while junior attackman Cole Johnson recorded four points on two goals and two assists. Overall the Black Knights had nine different goal scorers. Senior midfielder Luke Poulos chipped in with two goals, while senior attackman Connor Cook added two points on a goal and an assist.

Freshman goaltender AJ Barretto had another outstanding day in the cage with eight stops. He made seven in the first half and just missed the shutout in the opening 30 minutes. Sophomore goaltender Matt Isnardi came into the game late in the fourth quarter and scored his first collegiate goal with a shot from the defensive end that hit the open Boston University net. He ended up with seven saves in just over four minutes of action.

The clearing game was huge for the Black Knights as they finished 22-of-22. Army won the ground ball battle as well with a 41-36 advantage.

Terriers (8-4, 3-3 PL) saw Ryan Hilburn find the net three times in the loss, while James Burr added to the stat sheet as well. Christian Carson-Banister got the start and made seven saves. He was pulled in the first quarter, but came back in the second half.

Army couldn’t have asked for a better start. The Black Knights reeled off seven goals in the first 15 minutes, including a hat trick in under a minute. Johnson and Jones led the way with two goals apiece in the opening frame. Cook, junior midfielder Avery Littlejohn, senior midfielder Jimbo Moore and Poulos also added to the lead in the first quarter.

The game slowed down in the second quarter with Army scoring a pair of goals, while the Terriers got on the board with a minute left in the half. Jones finished off a natural hat trick in the second quarter for his sixth game with at least three goals and the Black Knights headed into the break with a 9-1 lead.

After a Terriers goal to begin the third quarter, the Black Knights went on a short four-goal run to earn an 11-goal advantage at 13-2. Jones got it started with his fourth of the game, followed by Max Kreig scoring on a fast break for his second of the year.

Johnson then netted his second of the day to make it a 12-2 game. Freshman midfielder Dalton MacAfee continued the run with a tally against his former school. MacAfee played hockey at Boston University for one season in 2013-14. The Terriers stopped the run with 1:39 left in the frame. It was a funky play where Barretto made the save on a pass, but Burr scooped up the ground ball and scored to make it a 13-3 game.

The fourth quarter was not as action-packed as the previous quarters, but Army outscored the Terriers 2-1 in the frame. Jones added to his numbers with his fifth of the year, while Isnardi fired home the first of his career to close out the scoring at 15-4.

Spring practice in full gear for Army Football

April 9 marked the one-third point of spring practice for the Army West Point Football team, as the Black Knights worked out in shells during the fifth practice of the spring at Howze Field. (Left) Senior wide receiver Edgar Poe makes a one-handed grab during receiving drills. The Black Knights worked on a number of position drills, while also spending time fine tuning in-game situations with offense vs. defense passing scenarios. Practice concluded with fourth quarter drills and one-on-one drills that pitted receivers against defensive backs and offensive linemen against defensive linemen. Army returns to the practice field today for a 4:30 p.m. session. The annual Black-Gold Spring Game is set for 1 p.m. April 30.

Photo courtesy of Army Athletic Communications
Page homers twice as Baseball splits with Bucknell

By Stephen Waldman
Army Athletic Communications

Senior center fielder Jacob Page hit solo home runs in the sixth and eighth innings to give Army a 3-2 victory in the series finale against Bucknell, earning a split in the doubleheader and series with the Bison on Sunday at Doubleday Field.

“Nothing changed from my approach in the at-bat in the eighth,” Page said. “Every time, we focus on having a middle backside approach. It’s all about identifying the pitch, trusting your hands and not doing too much with your body. The credit is due to this coaching staff working on it with us every day.”

Freshman pitcher Daniel Burggraaf was dealing early on, striking out five Bison (14-20, 5-3 PL) through the first three innings with three of them looking.

“Our pitching staff has been doing well once we get into these conference games,” said head coach Matt Reid. “Against a very good team like this you’ve got to keep locating your pitches, keep the ball down in the zone and play good defense. We were able to play better defense today than we have been, so we have to keep that up.”

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Army (12-20, 3-5 PL) got two runners on with two outs in the home half of the inning, but would not be able to bring them around to score. Junior shortstop Kris Lindner started the inning with a single to left field, and Rosoff reached due to being hit by a pitch.

The Bison would threaten in the second inning as a leadoff walk followed by a double put two runners in scoring position with no outs. Burggraaf was able to bear down after that, however, getting a pair of strikeouts before junior right fielder David Monge ranged over to the Army bullpen from right field to record the final out of the inning. The Belfair, Wash., native continued that streak by starting off his third inning of work with two more strikeouts before issuing a free pass.

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Tommy Pennington stepped up to the plate next and broke the scoreless tie with a single to center field.

Army responded in the home half of the inning to tie the game. Freshman third baseman Trey Martin singled in Rosoff to bring the score even after Rosoff led off the frame with a single of his own. Bucknell had an answer, however, as a single by Sam Clark brought Joe Ogren around to score following his one-out walk. The Black Knights were looking for another response, but fell 90 feet shy of tying the game. Lindner reached on a one-out walk before advancing to third on a wild pitch and a ground out.

Freshman pitcher Cam Opp, who came in relief of Burggraaf in the fifth, retired four of the first five batters he faced. He utilized his defense behind him, using a couple of fielder’s choices to get out of the sixth after allowing a leadoff bunt single.

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Senior pitcher Justin French came on in relief for the final three innings of the game, dealing out just one hit in his longest appearance of the season.

Army was in position to take its first lead of the night cap following the seventh inning stretch, but squandered a bases loaded, one out opportunity.

Softball bounces back, tops Bucknell in Nightcap

By Ally Kiern
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Softball team split its doubleheader with Bucknell Sunday afternoon. The Black Knights dropped a tight first game to the Bison 1-0 in nine innings before topping Bucknell 9-3 in game two.

“Overall, we have been resilient offensively,” said head coach Michelle DePolo. “In game one, we put the ball in play a lot. We just made it too easy on their defense. Our pitching staff has been doing well once we get into these conference games,” said head coach Matt Reid. “Against a very good team like this you’ve got to keep locating your pitches, keep the ball down in the zone and play good defense. We were able to play better defense today than we have been, so we have to keep that up.”

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The Bison were not able to stage a comeback in the bottom of the seventh and the Cadets secured the 9-3 win. Poitier earned the win from the circle with three strikeouts to record her 5-5 on the season.