Gilland assumes USCC command

Brig. Gen. Steve Gilland accepts the passing of the colors from U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr. during the assumption of command ceremony June 23 in Jefferson Hall. Gilland assumed command as the 77th Commandant of Cadets. Gilland most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General, Operations, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., and has also served in the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry Division (Mechanized), 75th Ranger Regiment, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, and the 1st Cavalry Division. See Page 3 for story and photo.

PHOTO BY JOHN PELLINO/DPTMS VID
More than 1,230 U.S. citizens and 13 international students will report to West Point Monday, Reception Day, for the West Point Class of 2021. (Above) The Class of 2020 cadets read from their New Cadet Handbooks on R-Day last year. 

Photo by Michelle Eberhart/PV

Class of 2021 enters West Point Monday

By U.S. Military Academy Public Affairs Office

More than 1,230 U.S. citizens and 13 international students, including 450 minorities and seven combat veterans will report to West Point Monday, Reception Day, for the West Point Class of 2021.

The incoming class was selected from a pool of nearly 13,000 applicants. This year’s class eclipses historic highs for both women and African-Americans with 301 women and 207 African-Americans joining the Corps of Cadets.

Minority enrollment, roughly 36 percent, also includes 121 Hispanic Americans, 108 Asian-Americans and 14 Native Americans.

“The quality and rich diversity of our students entering with the Class of 2021 is exceptional and representative of our nation’s best,” Col. Deborah McDonald, director of Admissions, said.

“Theyir strong performances in academics, leadership, athletics, and as respected members of their communities provides the necessary foundation for successful completion of a challenging 47-month West Point experience and for future service to our nation as commissioned leaders of character,” McDonald continued.

The Class of 2021 includes cadets from every state in the nation and 13 international cadets entering the class under the sponsorship of their respective countries.

The countries represented include Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Liberia, Malaysia, Moldova, Mongolia (two cadets), Poland, Romania, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. Upon graduation, these cadets will return to their respective countries as officers in their armed forces.

During Reception Day, the new cadets begin the process of becoming West Point cadets and future U.S. Army officers. They undergo administrative processing, are fitted with their initial issue of military clothing, receive haircuts, medical and physical evaluations, and begin their first lessons in marching, military courtesy and discipline.

As their first day ends, the Class of 2021 will stand before many of their parents and friends on the Plain to take the Oath of Allegiance from the U.S. Military Academy Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Steve Gilland.

New cadets will complete six weeks of Cadet Basic Training, learning the basic skills of being a Soldier.

They will participate in rigorous physical training, small-unit tactical training, and rifle marksmanship, as well as learning to respond quickly and accurately to their commanders under conditions of mental and physical stress.

At the end of this initial training period, new cadets will be formally accepted into the Corps of Cadets.

The Acceptance Day Parade for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 19.

Volunteer for New Cadet Visitation Day

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT OF CADETS
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

Dear Members of the West Point Community,

One of the most important events during Cadet Basic Training takes place on July 23, 2017, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This event is the New Cadet Visitation Day, commonly referred to as the “Ice Cream Social.” The New Cadet Visitation Day is one of West Point’s time-honored traditions. West Point graduates remember the significant impact that this event had on their morale, social development, and integration into the Army Family.

On this day, volunteers from across the West Point Community will pick up New Cadets from the barracks, listen to their stories, allow them to communicate with friends and family, and share light refreshments. It is a heart-warming event for both the volunteers and New Cadets.

It takes the entire community to make New Cadet Visitation Day a success. This is especially true this year, as the Class of 2021 will have over 1,200 New Cadets. If you volunteered in the past, I ask that you participate again this year. If you are new to the community or have not participated in the past, I ask you to strongly consider supporting this year’s event.

There are a few important guidelines and expectations for New Cadet Visitation Day. Volunteers should review the important information on the sign up page at the Academy Management System (AMS) website at https://apps.usma.edu/. You can find additional information in the Pointer View and on the Command Channel.

By hosting a New Cadet from the Class of 2021, you play a key role in their early development. Thank you for all you do for the United States Military Academy and the United States Army.

Sincerely,

Joseph D. Davidson
Colonel, AR
Deputy Commandant
**IN FOCUS: ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND**

### Gilland assumes command as 77th Commandant

**Story by Michelle Eberhart**

Assistant Editor

Brig. Gen. Steve Gilland assumed command as the 77th Commandant of Cadets during a ceremony in Jefferson Hall's Haig Room, June 23.

No stranger to West Point, Gilland graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1990 as an infantry officer and later graduated from the Air Force Command and Staff College with a master's degree in Military Operational Art and Science.

Gilland most recently served as the Deputy Commanding General, Operations, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and has also served in the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 2nd Infantry Division (Mechanized), 75th Ranger Regiment, U.S. Army Special Operations Command and the 1st Cavalry Division.


“I think it’s rather fitting that, 200 years after Lieutenant Gardiner’s appointment, we welcome Steve Gilland to this important post,” Caslen said. “And while a lot has certainly changed over the past 200 years and 76 commandants, the essence of what the Commandant does has stayed the same—that is, simply put, put the ‘Military’ in the United States Military Academy.”

Caslen told the audience that Gilland is “as good as they get” as he has proven himself as a leader in combat with a great reputation through the Army as a commander.

Upon closing, Caslen gave Gilland some advice.

“Steve—speaking as one who’s been the Comm., you’re in for one heck of a ride!” he said. “There’s no greater feeling than training and preparing these young men and women to lead in the world’s greatest Army. This is one of the most challenging experiences you’ll find, but one of the most rewarding, too. These future leaders will inspire you, and I know that you will inspire them as well.”

Caslen then gave the podium to Gilland who started by saying he was honored to be here.

The new Commandant went on to firstly thank his family, “Team Gilland,” his wife Betsy, also a USMA Class of 1990 graduate, and his three children, Alex, Grace and Chloe. He said they were humbled by the opportunity to serve at West Point.

“USMA is an incredible institution, it’s got a rich history of producing leaders of character,” Gilland said of the academy, noting that he, as a leader, plans to set a good example for the cadets. “I look at it this way, it’s a team effort, by all of us to demonstrate what ‘right’ looks like on a daily basis for those who we are developing here. Those are our cadets. It’s an organization that clearly, throughout time, is bigger than any one person.”

Gilland also stated that throughout his 27 years of service, the values of the academy have always stuck with him.

“I’m wed to the values of the academy and our Army,” he said. “We’ll set conditions for success for our cadets because they are the future leaders of our nation.”

Gilland also thanked service members, civil servants and our nation’s families.

“They entrust us to lead our nation’s treasure, who are our sons and daughters,” he said. “Also, to fight and win our nation’s wars in any environment against any foe.”

As he begins a new chapter of his career, Gilland said he looks forward to following in the footsteps of the 76 Commandants who came before him, helping to put the “M” in USMA.

“We have an obligation to our nation, to inspire our future leaders of our nation,” he said. “To prepare them for success as they assume leadership positions in the United States Army.”

### Parking, force protection measures for Reception Day

**By the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security**

The following parking and force protection measures will be in effect on Monday in support of Reception Day on West Point:

**Traffic:**

A. On R-Day, Monday, parents of incoming new cadets are instructed to park near Michie Stadium in either A-Lot or at Buffalo Soldier Field. Increased traffic is expected at Stony Lonesome and Thayer gates from 5:30 a.m. until approximately 10 a.m.; expect delays and plan accordingly.

Everyone entering the installation is reminded that all pedestrians and/or passengers in vehicles over the age of 16 must show a valid photo ID.

B. Drivers with DOD stickers, and either their CAC or military ID card, are encouraged to enter the installation through Washington Gate on R-Day.

**Parking:**

A. The upper top-tier parking lot and loading dock area of Eisenhower Hall, along with 10 parking spaces on Thayer Roof, will be blocked off for R-Day rehearsal on Friday.

B. The following parking areas will be blocked-off on Monday, R-Day:

1.) Eisenhower Hall lots.

2.) The Eisenhower Hall loading dock.

3.) 25 parking spaces on Thayer Roof.

C. All other lots are available for parking.

D. Handicap parking is available at Eisenhower Hall for R-Day only.

As with all special events that take place on the installation, safety and security are of paramount concern. Remain vigilant, maintain situational awareness and immediately report any suspicious activity to the Provost Marshal’s Office at 845-938-3333.

Rising WPMS fifth grader builds Little Free Library

Hazel Calway, a rising fifth grader at West Point Middle School and an avid reader, held a grand opening ceremony Sunday unveiling her Little Free Library she built for her neighborhood and the community designed to promote reading for the summer months for both adults and children.

Calway enjoys reading and has read Harry Potter and loved the book “Wonder” about a boy who was different and was home-schooled for a time. He entered public school for the first time where he was teased and bullied.

“It’s not a true story, but things like this happen all the time,” Calway said.

Calway donated many of her books for the library’s opening day—just to get started. The books are held in a container in her front yard, actually an antique bread box that has been decorated.

“People can check the books out,” Calway said. “If you find a book you like, take one, and then you can take an old book you don’t want anymore and exchange it.”

Calway thought it would be a good idea to open a LFL because she didn’t see anything like it around the area.

Calway was helped by her friend Katherine Hutchison, who held reading activities for the children. She hand-braided yarn into a circle and had the children sit inside it.

Each child had to make up a sentence, which she wrote down in a notebook, which will then go into a special edition section of the library.

The LFL is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization that is designed to inspire a love of reading, help to build the community and helps the creative process by fostering neighborhood book exchanges.

To date, there are 50,000 registered LFL-worldwide, in all 50 states and 70 countries. Millions of books are exchanged each year, which increases access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.

LFL has easy access to books from anyone passing by because they can either take a book to read or leave a book for someone else to check out.

LFL owners are known as stewards and can either purchase a library box or build one from scratch and register the library on their website at http://littlefreelibrary.org. All registered LFLs are placed on the Little Free Library World Map, which lists locations with GPS coordinates and other information.

Interested people can find Calway’s LFL on Hazel Little Free Library on Instagram.

The new Little Free Library is located at 306D Alexander Place on West Point to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers. To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

Hazel Calway, a rising fifth grader at the West Point Middle School opened a Little Free Library Sunday for people to come and take out a book to read. The books can be returned or borrowers can take a book and donate a book. Calway began by donating most of her books to start off the Little Free Library.

Hazel Calway (right) and friend Katherine Hutchison present the Little Free Library Sunday at the grand opening. The Little Free Libraries are small, front-yard book exchanges numbering 50,000 around the world in 70 countries. The mission of the Little Free Library is to encourage children to read during the summer months. Hazel's LFL is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Katherine Hutchison (in black) directed a game for children attending the grand opening of the Little Free Library hosted by her friend Hazel Calway, a rising fifth grader at West Point Middle School, Sunday. Hutchison had the children make up a sentence which she wrote down in a notebook. The sentences will then be placed as a ‘special edition’ to the little library.
Corbin Forum receives excellence in leadership award

Submitted by Sea Service Leadership Association

On June 15, servicemen and women, international dignitaries and civilians gathered at the Hilton Norfolk The Main Hotel in Norfolk, Virginia for the annual awards luncheon during the 30th annual Joint Women’s Leadership Symposium.

Awards were presented to 20 service members and civilian employees from all service branches recognizing their leadership and accomplishments.

The U.S. Military Academy’s Corbin Forum received the Leadership through Excellence Award, presented by Army Brig. Gen. Lisa Doumont.

Col. Diane Ryan, officer in charge of the Corbin Forum, said that while Sea Service Leadership Association Awards are typically presented to individuals, the Corbin Forum received the award as an organization.

“The Corbin Forum isn’t just a women’s organization. Cadets, faculty and staff, as a group, are all about building community and recognizing the unique contributions each person brings to the table,” Ryan said. “Sharing ideas helps us to expand our horizons and lift each other up.”

West Point established the Corbin Forum in 1976, the first year women attended West Point, to provide an opportunity for female cadets to discuss their experiences as they assimilated into the Corps of Cadets.

Today, the Corbin Forum is instrumental in the promotion of the Army value “Respect for Others.”

Its mission is educate, empower and inspire the Corps of Cadets to serve as commissioned leaders of character by facilitating discussions of officership, leadership and gender-related issues within the Corps, the Army and society, as well as to foster a sense of pride in the accomplishments and contributions of military women past, present and future.

The annual two-day symposium, which was based around this year’s theme, “Charting Your Course; Navigating the Future!,” welcomed more than 750 attendees and offered professional development and leadership seminars preparing women to excel in the military of today and tomorrow.

(Editor’s note: Established in 1978, SSLA is the only non-profit, non-political organization recognized by the United States Sea Services and dedicated to providing professional development through networking, education and mentorship of women from the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. SSLA is a member of the Navy & Marine Corps Council, which advises the Secretary of the Navy on issues affecting Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Each year, SSLA hosts the Joint Women’s Leadership Symposium for all five military services, making it the largest gathering of women in uniform nationwide.)

Army Brig. Gen. Lisa Doumont (third from right) presents cadets and mentors from the U.S. Military Academy with the “Leadership through Excellence” Award at the 30th Annual Joint Women’s Leadership Symposium June 15 in Norfolk, Va. The U.S. Military Academy’s Corbin Forum received the award. This was the first time West Point received this award.

Courtesy Photo
Cadets from the Class of 2020 participate in the Water Obstacle Course during the first iteration of Cadet Field Training, June 16. The course, which consists of the Beam Walk/Rope Drop and the Slide for Life, is one of the final challenges the rising yearlings faced before running back to USMA from Camp Buckner on June 18.

Class of 2020 cadets end CFT I with a splash

By Michelle Eberhart
Assistant Editor

While Cadet Field Training II (CFT II) begins tomorrow, CFT I started at the end of the academic year and ended with a graduation and runback June 17 and 18. This first group of Class of 2020 cadets tested the waters, quite literally, for the incoming group, with the Water Obstacle Course June 16.

The Water Obstacle Course is comprised of two components; the Balance Beam Walk/Rope Drop and the Slide for Life. For the Balance Beam Walk and Rope Drop, cadets will traverse an 80 foot I-beam, 25 feet above water.

After crossing the beam, cadets will navigate a horizontal rope using their hands and feet until they reach the mark. Upon doing so, they will request permission to hang, assume a two handed grip and then request permission to drop. When given the command, they drop into the water.

During the Slide for Life, cadets climb a 53-foot tower, request permission to execute, and then ride down a steel cable on a trolley for 150 feet.

Then, when approaching the landing area, flags are raised by the flagman and they assume the landing position. When the flags drop, they must drop into the water.

Upon the conclusion of the Water Obstacle Course, cadets had to complete the dryland obstacle course, marking their final stepping stone toward CFT I graduation.

“This is the last thing we have to do that’s a graduation requirement, and after this we’re done and we get to graduate tomorrow, so I’m excited,” Cadet Adaya Queen said. “There’s been a lot of challenging stuff (leading up to this), a lot of rucking and running, but my teammates and my squad pushed through and now we’re almost done!”

Cadet William Huff had a similar outlook.

“We’ve been out in the field a lot learning about the new tactics, shooting guns and having a lot of fun out there, camping in the woods, and now we’re finishing up,” he said. “I’ve been looking forward to (the Water Obstacle Course), but a lot of guys have been worried because they’ve heard rumors of how it’s scary, but when you get up there it’s a lot of fun.”

Cadet Malik Hancock said the Water Obstacle Course has helped him to overcome stress.

“It was really a mind game with me and to be able to push myself through and actually achieve that, it was a great relief knowing I could surpass stressful situations,” he said of the Balance Beam.

Hancock went on to explain that the training during CFT had given him similar feelings.

“Throughout this entire detail, even when we’re in the field, you’re in a stressful situation,” he began. “Reacting to contact, even here, something simple like an obstacle course, there’s always different types of approaches to put us into stressful situations and how to overcome that. As Army officers, I believe that we are going to be faced with multiple stressful situations and we don’t know what they’ll be.

“So, I think that going through all these different aspects of training will definitely help us,” Hancock added.

CFT II begins tomorrow and goes through July 30.
Laser weapons bring sharp advantages to the battlefield

Story and photo by David Vergun
Army News Service

The Army and Navy are increasingly incorporating laser weapons on a limited number of platforms and training exercises, according to Matthew Ketner, branch chief of the High Energy Laser Controls and Integration Directorate at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Virginia.

Ketner spoke on these emerging laser technologies last month during Lab Day at the Pentagon.

For its part, the Navy placed a 30-kilowatt laser on board the USS Ponce, an amphibious transport dock ship, in 2014. The laser has been tested extensively and is authorized for defensive use.

The Army, meanwhile, is testing lasers to bring down unmanned aerial vehicles, according to Ketner.

In one training instance, a 10-kilowatt laser was placed on a Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck and tested during a Maneuver Fires Integrated Experiment at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in April 2016. The laser successfully shot down a number of unmanned aerial vehicles, also known as UAVs.

In February and March of this year, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Command shot down a number of UAVs with a 5-kilowatt laser mounted on a Stryker during the Hard Kill Challenge at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

The purpose of the Hard Kill Challenge “was to assess and look at technology... to do a ‘hard-kill’ shoot down of Group 1 (UAVs) and inform decision-makers on the current state of technology and how it can deal with single and multiple targets,” Adam Aberle, SMDC High Energy Laser Division technology development and demonstration lead, said.

The Army recognizes that high energy lasers have the potential to be a low-cost, effective complement to kinetic energy, he said. Lasers have the potential to be more effective at addressing rocket, artillery, mortar or RAM threats, as well as unmanned aircraft systems and cruise missiles.

On the plus side, lasers are silent and invisible to the human eye and thus are hard to detect by the enemy, Ketner said.

Also, a laser has a near-perfectly straight trajectory, unlike the arc of an artillery round, which allows the laser to be much more accurate in finding its target. Ketner also pointed out that a laser beam can also be scaled to the object in question, as was shown in a display of items hit by a laser. The objects included steel plating, aluminum, copper, carbon fiber and Kevlar. Other display items included a fried circuit board, a destroyed fixed-wing UAV and quadcopter, all victims of the laser beam.

“The power of the beam can be adjusted for any material,” he said. “There’s even a non-lethal adjustment for human targets.”

“So far, lasers have taken out cruise missiles, mortars and other projectiles during testing,” Ketner added.

One downside, he noted, is that lasers take a lot of energy and have difficulty penetrating haze, dust, smoke, and materials with anti-laser coatings. But overall, lasers remain a valuable tool in the military’s arsenal.

“Unlike a traditional gun,” Ketner said, “lasers don’t run out of bullets.”

Matthew Ketner, branch chief of the High Energy Laser Controls and Integration Directorate at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division, Va., shows the effects of laser hits on materials during Lab Day in the Pentagon, May 18.
Summer Playdates

Join us for some summer fun on Thursdays from 9am to 11am!
Everyone is welcome!
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Dates and Locations
June 22 – at Lee “Yellow” Playground
July 6 – at Dragon Park
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August 17 – at Dragon Park

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Volunteers Needed
USMAPS R-Day Rehearsal
Thursday, 13 July 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Come out and volunteer to be a Cadet Candidate for the day!

Each summer the USMAPS Cadet Leader Development Program requires a complex process that transforms civilians and prior service Soldiers into Cadet Candidates. In order to achieve this, USMAPS needs volunteers from the community to serve as “Cadet Candidates” and go through the process as if they were arriving on "R-Day".

Volunteers should report to USMAPS at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 13 July. You are arriving from off-post, you must utilize the West Point Gate and present valid identification. Participants should dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire, bring a water bottle and a black bag or duffle bag.

At the completion of the rehearsal, a small lunch will be available at the USMAPS Dining Facility. Additional instructions will be provided upon registration.

All participants must be at least 12 years of age and in good health.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact PFC Corbin at:
Work: 845-938-1905
or Email: Emily.Corbin@usma.edu

If you were a member of the incoming USMAPS class of 2018, you may not participate in this event.
jonmpaul: Thanks so much to this awesome crew for making my 21st birthday a blast! Air Assault has been a great leadership detail and couldn’t have asked for a better fam to do it with.
**Community**

**Featured Item**

**Road closures due to training**

Due to military training, the following locations will be closed during the months of June and July:
- Mine Torne Road—Monday, Wednesday, July 6, 7, 10, 12-18 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.;
- Stilwell Lake—Monday, Wednesday, July 6, 7, 10, 12-18 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

For details on the closures, contact Alec L. Lazore, range officer, at alec.lazore@usma.edu or 845-938-3007/3930.

**Announcements**

**Protestant Women of the Chapel**

The West Point Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC) will resume regular classes in September. This summer there will be “Meet & Greet” events on most Wednesdays. Email questions to wp.pwoc@gmail.com and check out PWOC’s Facebook page at West Point PWOC for the complete schedule with locations and times.

**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.

**AWANA Program**

The 2017-18 West Point AWANA program will kick off at the end of August. AWANA is a global, nonprofit ministry committed to the belief that the greatest impact for Christ starts with kids knowing, loving and serving Him. The West Point AWANA program is currently looking for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with AWANA, all volunteers should begin the process now. Contact the AWANA commander at jkmumacita@gmail.com about the steps you need to take to begin the volunteer process.

**West Point Commissary open Tuesday**

The West Point Commissary will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday on the Fourth of July.

For details, call 845-938-3663, ext. 3004.

**Cadet Chapel Organ Recital events for fall 2017**

The upcoming organ recital fall 2017 events at the Cadet Chapel:
- Sept. 24, 3:30 p.m.—Craig Williams (USMA Organist/Choirmaster);
- Oct. 1, 3:30 p.m.—Eun Ha Chung (former organist at West Point Post Chapel);
- Oct. 8, 3:30 p.m.—Justan Foster (organist at Greenbush Church);
- Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m.—Bruce and Reilly Xu (Winners, AGO Competitions);
- Oct. 22, 3:30 p.m.—500th Anniversary Reformation Service;
- Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m.—Katherine Mlohan (U.S. Merchant Marine Academy);
- Nov. 5, 3:30 p.m.—Marko Pranic (St. John’s, Rochester, N.Y.);
- Nov. 12, 3:30 p.m.—Ryan Kennedy (The Juilliard School);
- Nov. 19, 3 p.m.—Craig Williams;
- Dec. 3, 2017, 3:30 p.m.—59th annual Handel’s Messiah Cadet Choir, Combined Choirs and Orchestra.

**Education and Workshops**

**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 Shari.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 Heiney at 845-446-5959 or email jfiewestpoint@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, DLP, SIPT 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**

**Constitution Island Association events**

The Constitution Island Association has the following events scheduled on Constitution Island this summer:
- July 29—Garden Day;
- Aug. 26—Reenactment Day;
- Sept. 23—Family Day.

For more details, contact Hilary Dyson, Constitution Island Association office manager, at 845-265-2501 or visit www.constitutionisland.org.

**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. 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.

**Vacation Bible School**

The Grace Baptist Church of Highland Falls will hold a Vacation Bible School for children up through 6th grade, free of charge at 6:15-8:45 p.m. July 10-14. A separate program for teenagers will be held at 6:15-8:45 p.m. July 17-21. The church is located at 54 Old State Road, in Highland Falls. The church is close to Thayer Gate.

Register at www.gracebaptistny.org, or in person the week of VBS.

**2017 Farmers Market**

The West Point-Town of Highlands 2017 Farmers Market opens from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday in Highland Falls.

The market includes many items for purchase including fresh produce, specialty items, books and more. See Page 8 for color advertisement.
WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

FEATURED EVENT

Night on the Hudson Dinner Cruise
Join the West Point Club from 6-9 p.m. July 28 for a dinner cruise on the Hudson River.
Boarding begins promptly at 5:45 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing scenic boat ride on the Hudson with a delicious buffet and live entertainment. A cash bar will be available.
Reservations required. Register online and purchase your tickets at WestPointClub.com.
For more details, call 938-5120.

JUST ANNOUNCED

See the Point!
If you are a new fifth-eighth grader in the West Point community, join us and experience the many opportunities offered at West Point, to include:
• A guided tour of West Point Middle School;
• A visit to Morgan Farm to see the Army mules;
• An inside look of many MWR facilities including: Bowling Center, Arts & Crafts Center, Golf Course and more;
• Complimentary ice cream cone at the MWR Bowling Center.
Choose your date of July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3 at 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Bldg. 695. Bring your lunch, ID, comfortable walking shoes and a positive attitude to register, call 938-2092

JBK Girls and Boys Soccer Tryouts
The soccer tryouts will be held from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 23 at H-Lot Sports Complex.
The tryouts are open to CYS Services children. For more details, call 938-8896.

FOR THE ADULTS

SUP Yoga is back
Experience the serene, yet invigorating joy of yoga on a paddleboard. Suitable for any level skill level.
Classes take place from 5:30-7 p.m. (Fridays) Friday and July 28 and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Saturdays) Saturday and July 8 at Round Pond Recreation Area. For details, call 938-0123.

Korean Traditional Martial Art Soo Bahk Do Classes
The MWR Fitness Center is offering the opportunity to try the traditional Korean martial art, Soo Bahk Do. This is a classical martial art, which develops every aspect of the self.
If you’ve ever thought of learning how to defend yourself more effectively, now is the time.
In each 50-minute class, master-level experts in the traditional Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do will teach you highly effective self-defense techniques and guide you in stretching, breathing, relaxation, balance, endurance and more.
The classes are adults only. Register via webtrac at http://tiny.cc/SooBahkDo.
June classes meet at 7:10 p.m. Tuesdays and 6:10 p.m. Thursdays (no class June 29). For more details, call 938-6490.

Road Ride Wednesdays
Road Ride Wednesday classes will be held at 5:40 a.m. at the MWR Fitness Center.
Road Ride is an indoor spin-bike class focused on channeling the sport of road cycling.
A warmup and cool down complete the workout. SPD clipless shoes are welcome. Bike fit and set-up are starting at 5:30 a.m. For details, call 938-6490.

Murder at the Military Ball
Join us at the West Point Club from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 25 for a murder mystery dinner theater.
There is a minimal fee for this event which includes a dinner buffet, show, dessert and one free drink (beer, wine or soda).
A cash bar will be available as well. Cash bar and hors d’oeuvres start at 7 p.m. while the dinner and show starts at 7:45 p.m. Reservations are required.
Register on line and purchase your tickets at tiny.cc/wpcmilitarymystery. For more details, call 938-5120.

Strong B.A.N.D.S.
Strong B.A.N.D.S. was created to energize and inspire communities Army-wide about healthy lifestyles that support resiliency. Strong B.A.N.D.S. signifies the importance of Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination and Strength.
Show your support by attending the Strong B.A.N.D.S. events and commit to living a healthier lifestyle.
These Strong B.A.N.D.S. MWR events can be found at westpoint.armymwr.com.

FOR THE FAMILIES

Birthday Party locations
Choose one of three MWR locations for a birthday party.
• West Point Bowling Center—10 lanes, pizza, ice cream, music and more. Call 938-2140;
• Morgan Farm Horse Party—Pony ride party on the farm. Call 938-3926;
• West Point Arts and Crafts—Multiple projects to choose. Call 938-4812.
For details, visit westpoint.armymwr.com.

Leisure Travel Services events
• July 13—Theater Van to Broadway. Leave West Point at 4:30 p.m., leave NYC after the show. Purchase half-price theater tickets at the TKTS discount ticket booth in Time Square.
There is a minimal fee for transportation with LTS.
For more details and pricing, call 938-3601.

Round Pond’s new summer hours
Round Pond has new summer hours—9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
The Round Pond Recreation Area offers 28 RV camping spaces, 20 tent sites, four pop-up sites, eight mini log cabins, two ADA mini log cabins, one rental cottage and five party pavilions.
There are trout stocked in the mountain lake, one ADA fishing pier, a swimming beach and hiking trails are all within walking distance from your site. The main office offers services to include: equipment rental center, firewood, bait, ice, ice cream, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, mountain bikes, West Point fishing and hunting permits and much more.
The office also serves as the fishing boat control point.
Additional services include: Propane gas refills, a playground, volleyball courts and a basketball court.
For details, visit https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/round-pond-recreation-area or call 938-2503.

Horseback Riding Lessons
The Morgan Farm Horseback Riding Lesson Program is now open. Lessons are available for beginners through advanced, ages 5 and up. Lesson packages are available. For more details, call 845-938-3926.

Summer Riding Camps
Morgan Farm offers three- and five-day camps for ages 5 and up. Camps are offered for all levels during each week.
The Morgan Farm instructors will place children in appropriate groups based on age, experience and ability.
The camps run in five-week sessions teaching English and Western riding.
Week one is sold out. Week two runs July 5-7 (three-day camp only). Week three runs July 10-14. Week four runs July 17-21. Week five is sold out and week six runs July 31-Aug. 4. Registration forms are available at Morgan Farm or online at westpoint.armymwr.com. For more details, call 938-3926.

FOR THE YOUTHS

Little Golfers
Children will learn beginners golf skills through play and exercise at the West Point Golf Course. Sessions will be held July 8, 22 and 29. The clinic is for children ages 4-6. There is a minimal cost per each session.
For details, call 938-2435 or visit golfatwestpoint.com.

Kids Golf Clinics
Kids Golf Clinics will be held Friday, July 7 and July 28. Children can attend one or all four clinics.
Children will learn golf skills for the beginner to advanced player in a fun setting for ages 7 to 14 year-olds. There is a minimal fee per child/per clinic. For more details, call 938-2435.

West Point School Age Center Summer Camp
The School Age Center offers weekly summer camp programming for children in 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 continue through the summer.
To request summer camp care, log on to militarychildcare.com anytime. For more details, call 845-938-4458/0939.

Artopia Art Camps 2017
Summer Art Camps will be held at the West Point Arts & Crafts Center in June and July from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. The classes teach children to explore, inspire and create.
Registration is now open. An art show will be held every Friday. Parents provide lunch, drink and snack.
There is a minimal payment per child/per week. Payment is required in full at time of registration. Registration must be done in person. For more details, call 938-4812.

CYS Sports Summer Intramurals
Registration is ongoing for the 2017 CYS Sports Summer Intramurals season.
Open to CYS Services children in grades fifth and up.
All games are free and will be played weekdays from 5-6 p.m. For more details, call 938-8896.

Junior Golf Camp
A new summer golf camp for children ages 7-14 is offered at the West Point Golf Course. Session one is July 12, 13 and 14. Session two is Aug. 16, 17 and 18.
There is a minimal fee for the camp.
For details and to register, call 938-2435.
Benny Havens Band presents West Point Block Party

By the West Point Band

The West Point Band’s Benny Havens Band will continue the Music Under the Stars concert series with a performance titled “West Point Block Party,” featuring the best of rock, hip-hop, R&B and country at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Trophy Point Amphitheater.

The Benny Havens Band invites West Point families and the surrounding community to come out and enjoy an evening of summer fun with live music by the official party band of the United States Corps of Cadets.

This concert is free and open to all.

The Benny Havens Band will kick off the summer with their own A-list playlist of current hit music by artists such as Justin Timberlake, Ariana Grande, Bruno Mars, Pitbull, Brad Paisley, Carrie Underwood, and Meghan Trainor, as well as all-time summer favorites from names like Billy Joel, Tower of Power, Blood Sweat and Tears, Michael Jackson, Huey Lewis and Stevie Wonder. Bring your family and friends and a picnic for an evening of carefree summer fun under the stars.

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

For concert information, cancellations and updates, call 845-938-2617 or visit www.westpointband.com. West Point Band news can also be found by following us on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter.

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Keller Corner

Optometry sick call to be held at Allgood Clinic in June

Optometry Sick Call will be held at the Brian D. Allgood Clinic during the month of June.

Building 606 will not conduct optometry sick call during the month of June and will resume sick call beginning Wednesday.

Physical therapy sick call to be held at Arvin

The physical therapy sick call for the West Point community will be held at Arvin Physical Development Center at 8 a.m. through Aug. 11.

PT sick call will not be held at Keller/Allgood during this time period.

The PT sick call is for acute injuries only.

The intent of the program is for members of the West Point community who sustain new injuries to be able to quickly receive an evaluation, diagnosis and plan of care as soon as possible and without the need for a referral.

For details, call 845-938-3324.

KACH’s General Surgery provides surgical consultations and care

Did you know…the General Surgery Clinic is staffed by two full-time Board Certified General Surgeons who specialize in breast care, colon and rectal disorders, hernia repair, endoscopy, laparoscopic surgery and the surgical management of gastroesophageal reflux disease.

We provide care to the Corps of Cadets, active duty, retired military members and their respective families throughout the Hudson Valley.

Surgeons are on continuous call for Emergency Room consultation as well.

The General Surgery Clinic is located on the first floor of the main hospital and open during regular business hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday–Friday.

If you have questions or a referral, call 845-938-6624.
2013 Grad Chris Rowley called up to Buffalo Bisons

By Kat Castner
Army Athletic Communications

Former Army Baseball pitching standout Chris Rowley (USMA Class of 2013) earned a well-deserved promotion June 19.

The right hander was called up to the Buffalo Bisons, who are the Triple-A affiliate for the Toronto Blue Jays. Rowley leaves the New Hampshire Fisher Cats (Double-A) with a record of 3-2 and a 1.73 ERA in 52 innings pitched. He also posted 49 strikeouts, a 0.81 WHIP and a .179 opponent batting average.

The Duluth, Georgia, native quickly jumped into things as he saw his first game action with the team June 19 after coming in for relief in their game at Rochester.

Rowley allowed six hits, one run and three walks in his 4 2/3 innings of work. He also managed to fan a team-best five batters during his time on the hill. Rowley posted four groundouts and three fly outs in 22 batters faced. When he first came in he inherited two runners, but did not allow either of them to score.

Rowley then faced Syracuse and pitched another 4 2/3 innings giving up three hits, two earned runs while striking out four and walking three batters.

After two Triple-A appearances, Rowley has thrown 9 1/3 innings giving up nine hits, three earned runs, six walks and striking out nine batters. His earned run average is 2.89.

Photo by Joe Territo/Rochester Red Wings

West Point Summer Softball League Standings

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**Games as of Tuesday. All games at MWR Softball Fields.

SHARP Resources
- West Point Sexual Assault/Harassment Response Hotline: 845-659-7467
- USMA SHARP Program Manager, Samantha Ross—call 845-938-0508
- USCC SARC, Capt. Kathryn Hermon—call 845-938-7479 or email kathryn.hermon@usma.edu
- USMAPS SARC, Dr. Stephanie Marsh—call 845-938-1950 or email stephanie.marsh@usma.edu
- Garrison SARC, Dan Toohey—call 845-938-5657 or email dan.toohey@usma.edu
- KACH SARC, Sgt. 1st Class Cheri Safford—call 938-4150 or cheri.k.safford.mil@mail.mil
- USCC Victim Advocate, Kerry Dunham—call 845-938-3532 or email kerry.dunham@usma.edu

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