Honoring FDR

U.S. Military Academy Dean of the Academic Board Brig. Gen. Cindy Jebb placed a Presidential Wreath (above) and a U.S. Corps of Cadets Honor Guard performed honor guard duties (right) at the gravesite of Franklin D. Roosevelt during the commemoration of the 136th birthday of the 32nd President of the United States Jan. 30 in Hyde Park, N.Y. The Military Police Honor Guard performed the 21-gun salute and two members of the West Point Band played taps during the ceremony.

Photos by Michael Lopez/DPTMS
Know your rights to reclaim loss or damage of real, personal property

By West Point Claims Office

Article 139 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice provides “redress for property willfully damaged or destroyed, or wrongfully taken” by military personnel subject to the UCMJ."

Any individual, state or local government, or business may file an Article 139 claim for loss or damage to real or personal property that has been willfully damaged or wrongfully taken by a military member.

Willful damage includes “damage caused intentionally without justification” and damage from “riotous, violent, or disorderly acts, acts of depredation or acts showing a reckless and wanton disregard for the property rights of others.” A wrongful action taken includes “larceny, wrongful appropriation, forgery, embezzlement and fraud.”

Article 139 does not apply to claims: (1) Resulting from negligent acts; (2) For personal injury, death or theft of services; (3) From acts or omissions of military personnel acting within the scope of their employment; (4) Resulting from the conduct of Reserve Component personnel who are not subject to the UCMJ at the time of the offense; (5) Subrogated claims (including insurers); (6) Involving only contractual and fiduciary disputes; and (7) For consequential damages.

A claim must be submitted to a Claims Office within 90 days of the incident that gave rise to the claim, unless the claimant can show good cause for their failure to submit the claim within the prescribed time period.

An Article 139 claim may be submitted either orally or in writing. An oral claim must be reduced to writing and signed by the claimant within 10 days of making the claim. An oral claim not reduced to writing within 10 days may be dismissed. The claim must state a definite amount.

After submission, an Article 139 claim is forwarded to the appropriate court-martial convening authority. A Special Court-Martial Convening Authority (typically a brigade commander) may act on claims for $5,000 or less.

If the claim if $5,001 to $10,000, a General Court-Martial Convening Authority may act on the matter.

The pertinent court-martial convening authority will determine whether the claim is timely filed or, if not timely filed, whether good cause exists.

If the court-martial convening authority believes the claim to be cognizable, they will appoint an investigating officer (IO) to investigate the matter.

Generally, the IO is given 10 working days to complete the claims investigation. Upon conclusion of his investigation, the IO will submit his findings and recommendation to the servicing judge advocate for legal review.

Upon completion of the legal review, the IO will forward his findings and recommendation to the appointing convening authority for decision.

The convening authority may disapprove the findings (regardless of amount) or approve the findings in an amount equal to or less than the amount recommended by the IO.

Claims recommended for approval in an amount in excess of $10,000 will be forwarded to the United States Army Claims Service for action.

If you have questions about an Article 139 claim, call the Claims Office at 845-938-2016 or send us an email at claims@usma.edu.

We have and will provide you with an Article 139 claim form.

Ribbon cutting kicks off tax season at West Point Tax Centers

Col. Andrew Hanson, West Point garrison commander, presided over the official ribbon cutting for the opening of the West Point Tax Center Monday at Building 626. With Hanson (holding the scissors to the far right) were Capt. David Presley, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate attorney; Col. Erik L. Christiansen, West Point SJA; and Sara Lansberg, West Point Tax Center tax preparer, to help cut the ribbon at the ceremony. See page 8 for details on all appropriate documents/items needed to complete your taxes at the West Point Tax Center, which is located on the first floor of Building 626, and the West Point Cadet Tax Center, which is located on the fourth floor of Building 606. Both centers are open from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Monday-Friday through April 6. To schedule an appointment, call 845-938-5920.

Photo by Sgt. Trumaine Hunter
Class of 2020 celebrates a milestone with Yearling Winter Weekend

Story and photos by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

While the Cows recently celebrated 500 nights before graduation Jan. 13 at their banquet, the Yearlings celebrated one of their milestones Feb. 3 at the annual Yearling Winter Weekend banquet in Washington Hall. This banquet celebrates surviving and thriving a year and a half of hard work and the first year with more privileges and leadership responsibilities. It is also the first event entirely planned and executed by yearlings.

Class of 2020 Class President Kyle Summa spoke to his classmates about what they have done in the year and half and where all this will lead in the future.

“For some, it is a mere 840 days when we will be throwing our white caps off in unison and finally hear the words ‘Class dismissed.’ For others, it may take a bit of time to show our girlfriends or boyfriends or friends from home how we live our daily lives,” Summa said. “We celebrate tonight for the time we first came to the academy 548 days ago surviving and thriving at West Point.

“Be the most you can be, whether we made it, so long. We are celebrating the great Class of 2020, ‘Through Vision We Lead’ (class motto),” Caslen said. “As you are celebrating tonight, it marks one and a half years at West Point. Some of you are following how quick the time goes by and others are wondering why it is taking so long.

“You are celebrating the victories on the field of friendly strive. Especially your victory over Navy, and after 21 years, bringing the Commander-in-Chief trophy back here where it belongs,” he added.

Caslen reminded the yearlings that they are becoming team leaders, successfully completing Cadet Field Training, and the memories of Air Assault School, airborne school, the nights with rain pouring down the back of their neck and mosquito bites so big even a tall can of Raid doesn’t help.

“It’s memories like this, the memories of your friends and classmates, the brotherhood and sisterhood celebrating the bonds that are running even deeper,” Caslen said. “This I know for sure, the Class of 2020 is doing well and you have a lot to accomplish.”

Guest speaker for the evening was Lt. Gen. William C. Mayville Jr., deputy commander of Operations, United States Cyber Command.

Mayville is a USMA 1982 graduate. He is the former commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy and commanded the brigade during its airborne assault in northern Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

Following brigade command, he served as Chief of Staff for U.S. Army Southern European Command and the combined Joint Task Force 76, Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mayville’s awards and decorations include the Distinguish Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Valor and Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters, Master Parachutist Badge (with two Bronze Stars) Pathfinder Badge and the Ranger Tab.

“You are a great team here,” Mayville said.

“My wife and I were at Trophy Point near a place I consider hollowed grounds, and if any of you have been academically challenged, you know where I was.

“Take the time to celebrate what you are going to accomplish, where you are and where you are going. And looking back, I don’t think I fully appreciated this milestone,” he continued. “Let me explain why I think this night is an important celebration. First, let’s talk about you as a class, more importantly, it is the friendships you have made. These friendships are important. These friendships are going to sustain you and challenge the situation throughout your career and life. These are the memories that are going to be with you, memories that are going to keep you together and confront your fear. So, place your chips on the relationships you have now. Don’t take them for granted. The memories of these buddies will sustain you through tough times.

“Thrown together by circumstances you did not control,” Mayville added. “You were forced to work together, create bonds of trust, and build teams so you can be successful and overcome challenges. Whatever superficialities and minor differences you had, you had the incentive to get past them. When you return from this summer’s training and go into your cow year and even into your firstie year, you will be put into leadership positions where you will build the bonds of experience and skills. From this day forward, leadership development, experience and training will build the bonds to prepare you to join the profession of arms.”
USMAPS honors Black History Month

Capt. Kendrick Vaughn, diversity officer in the Department of Admissions and USMA Class of 2008 graduate, was the guest speaker at the United States Military Academy Preparatory School Black History Month Observance Feb. 6. Vaughn spoke about humility, strength and mentors. PHOTO BY KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

The Pine Tree Patriot Club supports the troops and veterans. The club is made up of students impacted by deployment and students who are committed to supporting military families. During the month of January, the club held its annual Valentine’s Day Card Campaign at the Pine Tree Elementary School. The club made posters and promoted this effort to the whole school encouraging all students to make a Valentine’s Day Card. This group of children were able to organize another successful campaign by collecting more than 500 cards. The cards were split up and sent to Maj. Scott Christman’s 201st Train Advise Assist Command-East men and women currently serving in Afghanistan. The other cards were delivered to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney’s Valentine’s for Veterans Campaign supporting local VA Hospitals in the Hudson Valley. Pictured are some of the members of the Pine Tree Patriot Club.

Valentine’s for troops, veterans
2017-18 cadet club activities

Alpine Skiing: The Army West Point Ski and Snowboard team showed strong in its second weekend of competition this season Jan. 20-21 at the National Winter Activity Center in Vernon Township, New Jersey.

The team competed against nine other teams in the Atlantic Highlands division of the U.S. Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Association.

Taking part in the giant slalom and boarder cross, the men’s team finished third and the women’s team placed sixth. The team’s top finisher on Jan. 20 was senior Sawyer Harkins, who placed third in the grand slalom in a field of 51 other skiers.

On Jan. 21, the team traveled to Mountain Creek in New Jersey to compete in the slalom race, where the men’s alpine team took the top place in a field of nine teams.

The first-place team finish was capped by an individual first-place finish in the slalom race by sophomore Yale Flanagan and a fourth-place finish from Harkins.

The women’s team also did well, placing fourth of eight teams, led by junior Catherine Hall, who placed ninth of 28 competitors.

Pistol: The Army West Point Pistol team hosted the Naval Academy Pistol team for their annual Army-Navy Pistol match Feb. 3-4. Army won the overall match with a three-event aggregate score of 6,343 to Navy’s 6,162.

Army won the first event, Air Pistol, with a four-person team score of 2,209 to Navy’s 2,192. Junior Garrett Plant shot the team high score of 556 out of a possible 600.

Army won the second event, Standard Pistol, with a four-person team score of 2,108 to Navy’s 2,019. Junior Quin Cochran shot the match high score of 540 out of a possible 600.

The final event, Free Pistol, was fired Sunday morning. Army won the event with a four-person team score of 2,026 to Navy’s 1,951. Junior Caleb Roth shot the match high score of 516 out of a possible 600.

Army did not have enough women to field a women’s team but junior Liz Irving shot the match high score of 558 out of a possible 600 in Women’s Sport Pistol.

USMA hosts ‘It’s On Us’ basketball event Feb. 10

By Class of 2018 Cadets Robert Moser and Alex Werden

The U.S. Military Academy will host its annual “It’s On Us” basketball game Saturday as the men’s and women’s Army West Point Basketball teams take on Navy at Christl Arena. It’s On Us, the national initiative targeting the elimination of sexual harassment and assault, was spearheaded by former Vice President Joe Biden upon the recommendation of the White House Task Force to Prevent Sexual Assault.

Since its launch in 2014, the It’s On Us Foundation has developed a national footprint, and West Point hosts IOU-sponsored sporting events every season.

This year, the Cadets Against Sexual Harassment and Assault (CASH/A) committee has partnered with the IOU Foundation and the Office of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics (ODIA) to bring awareness to the academy’s overall mission to eliminate sexual violence from its ranks.

Earlier this year, the entire Corps of Cadets received custom-made West Point It’s On Us T-shirts for Army West Point Football’s game against Temple, an initiative promoted by USMA leadership and made possible by the cadets and officers devoted to the cause.

While all the cadets cheered in their IOU shirts, the men’s and women’s lacrosse teams manned the “Pushing Against Relationship Abuse” tent in Black Knights Alley, completing more than 25,000 pushups to bring awareness to the issue.

This winter, the Army-Navy Basketball game will be sponsored by It’s On Us as cadets will wear their official T-shirts to cheer Army on to a victory over Navy.

During the week leading up to the game, corps squad athletes from select teams will come together to participate in the “Knock Out Sexual Assault Knight,” where they will make posters for the game and engage in discussions concerning relationship abuse and other forms of sexual violence.

There will also be the “Knocking Out Sexual Assault” knock-out tournament during halftime of the men’s game, during which cadets and midshipmen from USMA and USNA will compete against each other to be the last person standing.

During halftime of the women’s game, children from the crowd will be picked to compete in their very own knock-out tournament.

The women’s tip-off is at 11 a.m. and the men’s tip-off is at 1:30 p.m. Feb. 10. Admission is open to the general public, and tickets can be purchased from the Army West Point Ticket Office at Christl Arena or visit www.goarmywestpoint.com/tickets. Don’t wait—the game will sell out fast!

Be on the look out for the lacrosse It’s On Us game as Army takes on Navy on April 14. More details will be published in the Pointer View in early April.
U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner of Virginia invited U.S. Military Academy First Captain Simone Askew and Brigade Executive Officer John Montgomery to the Capitol building for the State of the Union address Jan. 30 in Washington, D.C. (Below) Askew and Montgomery joined Warner for a Facebook Live interview of the two cadets who were congressional nominees and how West Point has influenced them as future leaders of the Army.

Photos by Wyatt Larkin/Senator staff member
Cadet First Captain addresses ‘Old Grads’ at WPSDC Winter Luncheon

By Maj. Tania P. Donovan

The West Point Society of Washington D.C. (WPSDC) hosted its annual Winter Luncheon Jan. 24 at Patton Hall, Fort Myer, Virginia. The guest speaker was First Captain Simone Askew. Approximately 120 old graduates were in attendance.

Askew took her opportunity to address the room full of grads to deliver, a much appreciated, “state of the Academy” report. She began by explaining that some classes are being extended from 55 minutes to 75 in order to have more time to dig deeper into the subjects. Plebes were choosing their majors the same day as the luncheon, which is a lot sooner than it has ever been, in an attempt to allow cadets to decide on their major and start taking classes earlier, she said to the crowd.

Cadets are still devoted and very much engaged on the fields on friendly strife through physical training on Saturdays followed by rigorous military training like Sandhurst.

The Army Physical Fitness Test is not conducted at the brigade level anymore and the Corps was taking the Indoor Obstacle Course Test (IOCT) Jan. 26. The graduates wished them all luck on this annual tradition and show of grit and strength.

Askew laid out some of the priorities of the Superintendent and explained that character development is at the top. Some of the focus areas within character development are: building honorable leaders of character, respect, sexual harassment/assault prevention, and the work of the honor committee.

“How can we be the best version of ourselves? And how can we embody professionalism,” asked Askew about the academies focus on character development.

The report Askew delivered was followed with a question and answer session, giving graduates an opportunity to focus on more specific areas of interest.

“As alumni and graduates, what can we do to help?” asked one graduate. Askew explained there are many ways of reaching out like through the Association of Graduates (AOG), among others, but that personally reaching to potential cadets in their communities is one thing she would highly encourage graduates to do. Educating their communities on what West Point is and everything that it has to offer is a critical thing for the future of the academy.

It was another successful event for the WPSDC. They are incredibly proud of the cadets and faculty who represent the academy every day and look forward to the upcoming Founder’s Day dinner at the Marriott at Crystal City Gateway March 10, for another event of camaraderie, good conversation and fun.
WEST POINT TAX CENTER

The West Point Tax Center is now open and located on the first floor of Building 626 across from Buffalo Soldiers Field.

Tax preparers will be available to answer your questions and file your tax return from 8 a.m.-noon and from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call 845-938-5920 to schedule an appointment. Services are by appointment only. Please call early to schedule your appointment. The Tax Center closes on April 6.

The West Point Tax Center is free and exclusively available to Cadets, Active Duty Service Members, Retirees, and eligible dependents.

The Tax Center is not authorized to prepare business or corporate tax returns.

To have your taxes prepared, you will need the following information and forms (as applicable):

- W2 (Wage and Earnings Statement)
- W-2 (W-2)
- Voided Check w/ Bank Routing and Account #s
- Children’s SSNs and Dates of Birth
- 1099DIV (Dividend Statement)
- 1099INT (Interest Statement)
- 1099B (Sale of Stock and Mutual Funds)
- Tuition Receipts + 1098T
- Itemized Deduction Receipts
- Form 1095-A (Proof of Medical Insurance)
- Copy of Driver’s License
- HUD-1 settlement statements for new home purchase and sales.
- Sales Tax receipts for the purchase of a new automobile.
- Power of Attorney (if you are filing for a spouse who will not be present to sign the return)

WEST POINT CADET TAX CENTER

The West Point Tax Center is now open and located on the fourth floor of Building 606.

Tax preparers will be available to answer your questions and file your tax return from 8 a.m.-noon and from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call 845-938-5920 to schedule an appointment.

The Tax Assistance Center closes on April 6.

Federal and State income tax preparation is free of charge.

Bring the following information and forms (as applicable) to your appointment:

- W2 (Wage and Earnings Statement)
- Voided Check w/ Bank Routing and Account #s
- Copy of Driver’s License
- Copy of Social Security Card
- 1099DIV (Dividend Statement)
- 1099INT (Interest Statement)
- 1099B (Sale of Stock and Mutual Funds)
- 1099Q (Qualified Education Program)
- Tuition Receipts + 1098T
- Form 1095-A (Proof of Medical Insurance)
- 2016 Tax Return (if tax return was NOT completed by the Tax Center)
FEATURED ITEM

We need dealers! Can you help?

The West Point Spouses’ Club Casino Night fundraiser will take place from 6-11 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom. The theme of the event this year is “Masquerade,” so masks are encouraged.

It will once again be a fun evening of gaming, food, live entertainment, prizes and a silent auction.

However, to make that work, the WPSC is in search of volunteer dealers for blackjack, craps and roulette.

The Spouses’ Club hopes to raise money through this event for grants and scholarships, which will later be allocated to members of the West Point and the local communities.

Volunteers can choose one or multiple hours to work. Sign up for one or as many time slots as you would like to at http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409d4e6ada82ba15f8-casino.

No experience? There are online training videos, game rules and a live training session/refresher from 5-6 p.m. the night of the event.

All attendees, including volunteers, need to purchase a ticket. Ticket purchase includes gaming chips, one game credit, live entertainment, food and non-alcoholic drinks—just for one or more hours of volunteer work.

Ticket purchases can be made at http://westpointspousesclub.com/casino-night/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUSA Community Grants application available

Daughters of the United States Army is currently accepting applications for the 2018 Community Grants program.

Applications are available at the DUSA Gift Shop in the West Point Museum. The applications must be completed and returned to the Gift Shop no later than Feb. 16. You may also mail them, with a postmark no later than Feb. 16, to 2110 New South Post Road, West Point, NY 10996.

Details, contact Kerri Hajjar, dusawpgrants@gmail.com.

Department of Physical Education community fitness sessions

The Department of Physical Education is continuing its community fitness sessions during the winter.

The next general fitness activities and locations are Olympic Weight Lifting, Feb. 22 at the Buckner Functional Fitness Room, basement of Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center; and Weight Lifting, Feb. 22 at the Buckner Functional Fitness Room, Olympic Weight Lifting, Feb. 22 at the Buckner Functional Fitness Room, February 2018.

West Point Half Marathon

The Army West Point Marathon team is hosting the annual West Point Half Marathon Fallen Comrades Run at 9 a.m. March 25 at West Point. A Kids Run is scheduled for 9:20 a.m.

The race includes chip timing, a technical race shirt, finisher’s medal, post-race snacks and category prizes.

To register, visit https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/WestPoint/FallenComradesHalfMarathon.

Tax Center seeking volunteers

The West Point Tax Center is looking for volunteers to assist with tax return preparation and administrative assistance during the tax season (January-April 2018).

Volunteers are asked to work at least two half-days each week. Volunteers receive all necessary training and obtain valuable work experience.

The center is also seeking volunteers to assist with administrative support during the tax season. No tax training is required.

For more details, contact david.presley@usma.edu or call 845-938-6507.

Substitute teachers needed in HFFM District

The Highland Falls–Fort Montgomery Central School District seeks substitute teachers in all content areas and grade levels to work in the 2017-18 school year.

New York State certification is preferred, but not mandatory.

Applications should have at a minimum, a high school degree.

Applicants should have a happy, positive, nurturing personality and enjoy working with students.

Candidates will also be required to provide New York State TEACH fingerprint clearance.

Applicants should apply through the online application system at www.osls.org.

Instrument drive

Have instruments that you don’t use or need anymore? The Highland Falls Intermediate School Band program needs your help. Contact musicalinstrumentdrive2017@gmail.com if you have a used instrument that you would like to donate.

Instruments needed include flute, trumpet, clarinet, tuba, trombone, any saxophone, bassoon, bass clarinet, oboe, French horn or percussion instruments.

West Point Lending Library

The West Point Community Lending Library at 126 Washington Road is located on the second floor.

WPFL library has a variety of books to choose from, such as children’s books, drama, history, mystery, best sellers, biographies, etc. The library is now open during business hours everyday and is ready for visitors to come check out books, study, do homework or stay and enjoy its tranquil reading room.

Little Free Library

Hazel Calway, a fifth grader at West Point Middle School and an avid reader, started a Little Free Library, located at 306D Alexander Place on West Point.

The purpose of the LFL is to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

The Little Free Libraries are small, front-yard book exchanges numbering 50,000 around the world in 70 countries.

The mission of the LFL is to encourage children to read during the fall months. Hazel’s LFL is open 24 hours, seven days a week. To learn more, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

Army Education Center Open House

The Army Education Center will host an open house from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 20.

School representatives will be available to discuss available programs. Contact Nancy Judd, AEC counselor, at 845-938-3464 with questions or concerns.

Army Career Skills Program

The Army’s Career Skills Program (CSP) prepares Soldiers for civilian employment through first-class apprenticeships, on-the-job training, job shadowing, internships and employment skills training.

Soldiers are eligible to participate in an Army CSP up to 180 days prior to separation from the Army and after completion of the mandatory five-day SFL-TAP workshop.

The use of permissive temporary duty (PTD) to attend a CSP more than 50 miles away from the Soldier’s duty station may be granted at the commander’s discretion.

Interested transitioning service members can contact Drew Mierwa at drew.mierwa@usma.edu or stop by the Army Education Center from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Army Career Tracker ‘Lunch and Learn Sessions’

HQDA G3/5/7 is conducting virtual Army Career Tracker (ACT) “Lunch and Learn Sessions” every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

The sessions are designed to benefit careerists in all professional careers at all levels and grades, enabling them to better leverage ACT for professional development.

Visit the CP29 page in ACT for training, education and professional development opportunities at https://actnow.army.mil. “Like” CP29’s new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ArmyCP29/

Résumé Writing classes

The SFL-TAP Center at West Point is planning to offer résumé writing classes monthly beginning from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Feb. 20.

This class will be in addition to the class given by the Department of Labor during the five-day SFL-TAP workshop. Confirm your interest and availability by calling 845-938-0634 or 845-938-6782.

Army Education Center

College courses are offered through the Army Education Center at West Point, located at 683 Buckner Loop.

Undergraduate classes:

• Mount Saint Mary College—Call Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or email sharon.seidule@msmc.edu.

• Saint Thomas Aquinas—Call Ashley Scales at 845-398-4108 or email acales@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 jheiney@jjay.cuny.edu.

• 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 programs such as the AFCT, DLAB, DLPT, SIFT through the DA and DLI.

Tests are free of charge to Soldiers.

Call the Testing Center at 845-938-3360 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 845-938-1039.

OUTSIDE THE GATES

Holy Innocents Thrift Shop in Highland Falls

The Highland Falls Holy Innocents Thrift Shop at 401 Main Street, Highland Falls, is open to the public.

Come find a great selection of clothes, books, sports equipment, jewelry and other household items. The shop is open Wednesdays (3:30-5:30 p.m.), Thursdays (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) and Saturdays (10 a.m.-1 p.m).

Additionally, the shop accepts gently used clothes, DVDs, jewelry, and small household and kitchen items.

Lighthouse Christian Assembly

The Lighthouse Christian Assembly cordially invites the West Point community to join its family of fellowship and worship at 10 a.m. Sundays at 134 Old State Road, Highland Falls.

The church has served the Fort Montgomery/Highland Falls and West Point communities for more than 30 years.

It provides a family atmosphere for cadets, Soldiers, family members and the community. Additionally, the church is affiliated with the Walter Hoving Home, founded by John and Elsie Benton in 1967. This Christ-centered home provides a safe space for women in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse.

If you are in need of transportation, contact Robby at 845-661-0339 by 9 a.m. on the Sunday morning you plan to attend. The van picks up at Grant Circle.
Dinner To-Go menu in addition to the West Point Club’s regular menu. The deadline for entries will be Monday.

**Ski special cadet discount weeks**
- First week discount—Feb. 15-21.
- Plebe week discount—March 8-14.

**Champagne Sunday Brunch**
The Champagne Sunday Brunch returns to the West Point Club from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. starting Feb. 18.

Each week the club’s executive chef and his team present a different menu including action stations and desserts. For details, call 845-938-5120 or visit www.thewestpointclub.com.

**Noontime Volleyball sign-ups**
The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2018 Staff & Faculty Noontime Volleyball league. Individuals and/or teams wishing to enter may by emailing Jim McGuinness at jim.mcguinness@usma.edu or by calling the MWR Sports Office at 845-938-3066.

League play will be at the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center beginning the week of Feb. 19. For details on special discounts, call 845-938-8810.

**Vets ERP**
- March 15 — The Morgan Farm horseback riding lesson program is now underway. ALL weeks are being filled, so sign up early to secure your spot.
- For more details, call 845-938-8810.

**SAC Summer Camp registration**
West Point School Age Center’s Summer Camp Care registration will begin at 6 a.m. Tuesday. You can register your children through militarychildcare.com. Children in grades K-5 registered with CYS Services are eligible to for the West Point School Age Program.

**CYS babysitter training**
CYS will be offering the next CYS Sitters class April 7. This course is designed to familiarize teens with the responsibilities of babysitting and also teach skills and techniques needed for sitters to become competent and caring.

Students will receive training materials and a certificate of completion. This program is designed to help middle school and teenaged youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable and safe babysitter.

Students are also placed on the garrison-wide babysitting referral list so that parents requesting a babysitter from the CYS Services referral list can feel comfortable knowing that their babysitters are adequately trained to CYS Services standards. For more details, call 845-938-4458/0939.

**Wee Ones Open Play Group**
Wee Ones Open Play Group welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent from 9:30-11 a.m. every Monday at the Youth Center Gymnasium, Building 500, across from West Point Schools. It is a time for the children to play, learn and make new friends. Pre-registration is not required. There’s always something fun happening at Wee Ones.

For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-3369 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

**Wee Read**
Wee Read welcomes children (infants through 4 years old) and a parent at 9-10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Army Community Service (ACS) Resiliency Center, second floor of Building 626, near Buffalo Soldier Field.

Wee Read introduces children to basic literacy skills, books and reading. Pre-registration is not required.

For the most up-to-date details, call Family Advocacy at 845-938-3369 or go to www.facebook.com/WestPointArmyCommunityService.

**Part Day Preschool openings**
Spaces are still available in the Stony Child Development Center Tuesday and Thursday session of Part Day Preschool. The class hours are 9 a.m.-noon.

The program utilizes the creative curriculum to facilitate the development of social, emotional, literacy, fine and gross motor skills. Fees are based upon total family income. A USDA CACFP approved snack is served each day.

For details, contact Parent and Outreach Services at 845-938-4458.

**School Age Center’s After School Programs**
The School Age Center offers programs with several different themes and activities for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. If you are interested in a before and after school program for your school age child, please sign up today.

The School Age Center also offers hourly activities for children who would like to come on an hourly or daily basis. For details, call the Lee Area CYS Facility front desk at 845-938-8530.
Keller Corner

TRICARE Pharmacy co-payments changed on Feb. 1

New TRICARE prescription costs went into effect on Feb. 1, 2018. TRICARE Pharmacy continues to offer you three ways to fill your prescriptions—military pharmacies, home delivery or retail pharmacies.

To learn more about your new prescription costs, visit https://www.tricare.mil/Payment/Payments.

KACH Nutrition Care provides ‘Fit for Performance’ weight management courses

Keller Army Community Hospital’s Nutrition Care Department will continue the “Fit for Performance” series, focusing on weight management.

The comprehensive weight management program is open to all TRICARE beneficiaries, with a goal of assisting with making permanent changes to your diet, sleeping and activity habits to promote long-term weight loss success.

Program dates/subjects are:
• Friday—Mindful Eating;
• Feb. 23 – Stress and Weight Loss.
All classes are held at Keller’s second floor classroom from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Call 845-938-7992 (KACH appointment line) or 845-938-2374 (Nutrition Care Department) to reserve your seat.

KACH OBU to provide Childbirth Education Courses

The Keller Army Community Hospital Obstetric Unit will be providing Childbirth Education Courses—February/March 2018 session.

Topics include, but are not limited to, what to expect during labor, newborn care and breastfeeding.

The courses are scheduled from 6-9:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 28, and March 7 in KACH’s fourth floor classroom.

To register and/or get more information, contact Keller’s Obstetrics Unit at 845-938-3210.

KACH main entrance to close; temp entrance through Allgood

The main entrance into Keller Army Community Hospital is scheduled to close on Monday, due to hospital renovations.

The Brian D. Allgood Ambulatory Clinic’s entrance will temporarily be the primary entrance into the hospital during the renovations, between 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

The front desk in the Allgood Clinic will be staffed, during the designated times, to provide assistance to our beneficiaries.

From 6 p.m.-6 a.m., Monday through Friday, and during the weekends, the primary entrance to the hospital—or to the Pharmacy—will be through the Emergency Department doors.

Due to this temporary entrance change, patient parking will be shifted to the back parking area—closest to the Allgood Clinic.

All parking beyond the Allgood turnaround will be for patients, permit and handicapped parking.

Signage will be provided to assist with identifying patient parking.

MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—“Insidious: The Last Key,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday—“All the Money in the World,” R, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 16—“Black Panther,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 17—“Black Panther,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 23—“Black Panther,” PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

(For movie details and updated schedules, visit http://www.aafes.com/exchange-stores/Movie-Guide/showtimes-West-Point.htm.)
Vaccinate, prevent the spread of germs, take meds—Fight the Flu

By Robert Lanier
Keller Army Community Hospital Public Affairs Specialist

New York just had its worst week of the flu since the state began tracking the weekly figures in 2004. The week ending Jan. 20, 2018, saw 7,779 lab-confirmed cases of influenza across the state, causing Gov. Andrew Cuomo to declare a statewide emergency disaster to broaden access to flu shots.

In Orange County, from Oct. 1, 2017, to Jan. 20, 2018, there have been 432 lab-confirmed cases of flu; including 163 cases during the week ending January 20. (Source: http://rochester.nydatabases.com/database/how-bad-flu-your-county)

The national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports there is widespread flu activity in all U.S. states, with the exception of Hawaii.

There have been 37 flu-related pediatric deaths reported thus far, and with the flu activity expected to continue for several more weeks, the numbers may rise even higher.

The time to take action is now. CDC continues to recommend influenza vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older as flu viruses are likely to continue circulating for weeks.

In addition, in the context of widespread influenza activity, CDC is reminding clinicians and the public about the importance of antiviral medications for treatment of influenza in people who are severely ill and people who are at high risk of serious flu complications.

For additional information, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm; visit the Keller Army Community Hospital (walk-in) Immunization Clinic to receive the influenza vaccine; or contact your primary care manager if you have flu symptoms (https://www.cdc.gov/flu/consumer/symptoms.htm)—which include but are not limited to:

- Fever or feeling feverish/chills;
- Cough;
- Sore throat;
- Runny or stuffy nose;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headaches;
- Fatigue (tiredness);
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea.

The Keller appointment line is 845-938-7992 or 800-552-2907. Beneficiaries enrolled at Keller in TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Plus may make online appointments for primary care at www.tricareonline.com.

Let’s stop the spread of influenza by taking the three steps provided in the graphic: #stopthespreadofflu
Army Rifle defeats Navy for ninth consecutive year

By Ana Garrigo
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Rifle team defeated Navy at the annual Army-Navy “Star” Meet Feb. 3 in Annapolis, Maryland. Army won the academy score at 5,832-5,813, and the final NCAA score at 4,671-4,653.

This was rifle’s ninth consecutive year over the Midshipmen.

This match used a unique scoring format in which eight shooters are listed as starters with the top-five scores counting for the final results.

The setup is used to test the depth of the rival service academy programs. For NCAA-scoring purposes five-up, four-count scores were kept as well.

Army won both with the academy score at 5,832-5,813, and the final NCAA score at 4,671-4,653.

Coach’s Quotes:
““This win feels really good,” head coach Web Wright said. “We worked hard, did things right and it paid off.”

“Payne led the way for us with the high aggregate score, then everyone else tailed right behind him. Great performance by all. And if you look at the roster, we are comprised of a bunch of underclassmen. Great growth opportunities.”

“Navy shot really well and hosted a great match. They were very hospitable, as they always are. But it is, probably the single biggest competition of the year for us and we stepped up to the challenge.”

“Congratulations to the team. I’m really proud of them.”

Aggregate (4,671)
• Payne Nunn lead overall as an individual with an aggregate score of 1,173.
• He was followed by Nathan Brewer who scored 1,168, and Clayton Hanson with 1,166.
• Kaitlyn Kutz scored 1,163 and Matt Lovre finished with 1,159.

Smallbore (2,317)
• Hanson scored 581 in smallbore with Nunn one point behind with 580 points.
• Brewer followed with a score of 579 and Kaitlyn Kutz shot 577 in this discipline.
• Lovre closed out the scoring squad, shooting 576 for the day.

Air Rifle (2354)
• Nunn shot a score of 593 in air rifle, setting a new season best for the team, beating the previous score of 591.
• Brewer shot 589 with Kutz and Erikson close behind, both shooting a score of 586.
• Hanson closed out the scoring squad, shooting 585 in this discipline.
Women's Track & Field defeats Navy for 'Star'

By Ana Garrigo
Army Athletic Communications

The Army West Point Women’s Track and Field team has won the indoor “Star” meet over Navy for the fourth year in a row Feb. 3 at Annapolis, Maryland.

This is the first time since a nine meet streak from 1987-1995, that Army has won the indoor meet four times in a row, making this the team’s best performance in the past 23 years. The final score was Army 94.5, Navy 86.5.

At this meet, Samantha Coletti broke a school record in the 1,000 meters clocking in at 2:51.07. This broke the previous record set last year of 2:52.97, by Abby Halbrook at this same meet. Lynne Mooradian finished first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds, matching the school record time in this event.

Coach’s Quotes:

“I think our women today were as good as we’ve been all year, and in fact, we’ve won four of these indoor star meets in a row,” head coach Mike Smith said. “This one we had the best individual performances and team performance that we’ve had since I’ve been here. We broke some school records, we had some outstanding marks, and we were really tough today. Navy competed well and had some very nice marks and surprises, but they just didn’t have enough of them to beat us.”

“We have some people that stepped up in a way that we weren’t expecting. We had some freshmen preform at a level that they have not performed at before, and that combined with what our veterans did was enough for us to win.

“We had Calli McMullen win two events, and run two lifetime bests. We had a plebe win the women’s pole vault which was a huge surprise. Jennifer Reis in the women’s vault was a lifetime best for her, and she beat all of the Navy girls, which was astonishing, really. That group of Navy women has dominated the conference for the last couple of years, and Jennifer came in and beat them all handily.

Lynne Mooradian was a star today, matching a school record in the hurdles and having a great long jump. Bonvie Fosam, another freshman, was incredible.

“These marks are coming in a competition where they have to come, and that is the thing that separates some of these performances. We had someone like Bonvie do the high jump today for the first time ever because we needed her to, and she tied for third. In the women’s triple jump going into her final attempt, we were being swept. Navy had the top two positions going in to the final, and Bonvie on her last attempt wins the triple jump and records a lifetime best by a foot and a half. That’s hard to do for anyone, but for a freshman to know the meet is on the line and to do it that way, that just shows you what type of kid she is.

“We have the people we take for granted sometimes because they always get it done. Briyah Brown in the shot put and weight throw and Kamryn Brinson in the weight throw. Those women were expected to be successful and they were.

“Then there is Abby Halbrook. She has competed on the track in six indoor individual events and has won five of them. Today she won her two events. We played the game a little today and we really strategized with where we needed to put her in order to get the most bang for our buck. We took some risks and some gambles and they paid off. It was a gamble to guess where the opponent was going to put their people, but it wasn’t a gamble to put Abby in those spots. There are very few risks with Abby, and she knows how to win and she did that today in dominating fashion.

“Just great veteran leadership throughout the season and really getting it done today at the meet from our two female captains in Briyah and Abby. We know they are going to get it done, and they do.”

“We also had performances from some people who we knew were capable, but hadn’t done it yet and they just had breakthroughs today. Samantha Coletti set a school record in the 1,000 meters, and just led wire-to-wire. Bethany Nunnery in the 3K, just waited and then threw down a vicious 200 that no one could respond to, and all of our young women who showed up and got points for us in events without winning. Like Sarah Donaldson in the hurdles, a huge lifetime best. Kate Sanborn with a very competitive run in the mile, and Hannah Deines in the 800. It was just one after the other where we had people step up and filling rolls that they haven’t filled before. We were able to win because we had that happening everywhere.

“It was a great team effort today, and a lot of young performers that we will have with us for a couple more years. I’m really proud of what they did.

“The two seniors that we have, we were plebes together because when I got here four years ago, between the three of us, we didn’t know what was going on. But we’ve never lost an indoor star meet. I’m really happy for them and I’m really proud of what this women’s team has done. I think the future is pretty bright here.”

Women's Track Events

• Abby Halbrook won the mile event with a time of 5:03.24. She was followed by Kate Sanborn (5:07.44) in third and Andrea Karlen (5:07.56) in fourth.

• Lynne Mooradian finished first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.73 seconds, matching the school record time in this event.

• Sarah Donaldson set a school record, clocking in at 2:51.07. This broke the previous record set last year of 2:52.97, by Abby Halbrook at this same meet. She also beat the meet record of 2:52.24.

• Calli McMullen won the 200 meters with a time of 24.68. This broke the meet record of 25.25 and was a personal record for the sophomore. Emily Malone earned third with a time of 25.09.

• Bethany Nunnery won the 3000 meters with a time of 10:03.26. She was followed by Kate Sanborn in fifth with a time of 10:09.86.

Women's Field Events

• Army took first and second in the weight throw with Kamryn Brinson throwing a distance of 17.68 meters, and Briyah Brown clearing a distance of 17.46 meters.

• In the shot put, Brown finished first with a distance of 15.28 meters, beating the previous meet record of 14.80. Carrie Wadsdyke claimed fourth with a distance of 13.13 meters.

• Army took second and third in the high jump. Olivia Gervan cleared a height of 1.70 meters and Bonvie Fosam jumped for 1.55 meters.

• Jennifer Reis claimed first place in the pole vault clearing a height of 3.65 meters, a season best for herself and the team. Maddie Schneider finished fifth with a height of 3.35 meters.

• In the long jump, Mooradian jumped for a distance of 5.56 meters, which was good for second place. This was a personal record and a season best for Army. Jade Robinson finished fourth with a distance of 5.51 meters.

• Fosam finished first in the triple jump with a distance of 12.47 meters. This was a personal record and season best for the team. Tya’tianna Johnson took fourth with 11.35 meters.

Sports calendar

**View the upcoming Army West Point Black Knights Schedule at www.goarmywestedpoint.com/calendar.aspx?vType=LIST.