



# Understanding Ethics



(Inset photos, clockwise from top left) Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler, Lt. Gen. Robert Brown, Combined Arms Center commanding general, U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. and Lt. Gen. Thomas Bostick, Corps of Engineers commanding general, participate in the inaugural Army Profession Annual Symposium at Eisenhower Hall July 30-31. (Right) Presented by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno, the symposium was hosted by the U.S. Military Academy and organized by the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic. See Pages 6-7 for story and photos.

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# Thanks to all for a successful summer



Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr.

## From the Office of the Superintendent

Thank you to the West Point community for your support and cooperation last week during the first Army Profession Annual Symposium hosted by Gen. Raymond Odierno, the U.S. Army's Chief of Staff.

We appreciate the great effort shown by CAPE and faculty members as facilitators, DPTMS and our IT staffs, the Eisenhower Hall's staff, our USCC members and the headquarters professionals who ensured this inaugural event was a success.

This event was an important

opportunity for the Army's senior leaders to discuss our profession and to develop a shared vision, reinforce guidance and generate dialogue on "Living the Army Ethic" in all aspects of our lives.

We would also like to thank the entire West Point team for your hard work throughout the summer. Your efforts ensured we were able to provide our cadets with valuable military training and individual development opportunities, host students from around the country at our various sports camps executed by our Athletic Department, the Admissions Department's Summer Leader Experience for high school students, the Dean's team for the

professional development programs for college and university faculty members, and thank you to West Point Garrison for the pristine grounds as we share this national treasure with thousands of visitors from around the world.

With the Corps' return next week, I want to be sure you are ready for the start of the new academic year. We are all responsible for establishing, maintaining and enforcing high standards for the cadets and each one of us. In every way, we are role models and mentors for this next generation of Army leaders, and it is important that we take this task seriously with the excellence expected of each and every one of us.

Thank you for all you do here at West Point with our mission to educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the United States Army. Each of you make a difference whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, on the parade field, or even in your home mentoring cadets whom you sponsor. I am grateful for all you do and will continue to do this coming year.

Thank you again for all of your support and for a great summer. Go Army!

## Garrison announces August as Antiterrorism Month

Whereas, the vitality of West Point and our surrounding communities depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces and communities;

Whereas, terrorist acts create fear and destroy our trust in civic institutions, threatening the communities' health, prosperity and quality of life;

Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of what they can do to prevent themselves and their families, neighbors and co-workers from being harmed by terrorists;

Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of

terrorist activities and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims of terrorism;

Whereas, the personal injury, financial loss and impact to communities from terrorists' attacks are intolerable and require investment from the whole community;

Whereas, preventing and defeating terrorism includes community protection and security, we must go beyond these to promote self-awareness and self-protection to make Army communities safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities and a bright future for young people;

Whereas, adults must invest time and resources to understand and support effective antiterrorism prevention, deterrence, detection and defense; adults must also engage our youth to ensure they adopt a proactive mindset of personal protection;

Whereas, effective antiterrorism plans and programs succeed because of partnerships with law enforcement, security, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, business and individuals as they help to raise community awareness and responsibility and install pride and

## From the Office of the Garrison Commander

sustained vigilance;

Now, therefore, I, Col. Landy D. Dunham, garrison commander, do hereby proclaim August 2014 as Antiterrorism Awareness Month in the West Point community and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make West Point and our surrounding communities a safer and stronger place to live.



Col. Landy Dunham



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(Above) A rendering of the new cadet barracks, currently under construction at West Point. (Below, right) The sounds of construction and presence of workers has long been familiar to the Corps of Cadets as multiple projects are ongoing at the U.S. Military Academy.

PHOTO BY HECTOR MOSELY, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NEW YORK DISTRICT

# Rooms with a view, coming soon

By JoAnne Castagna  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, N.Y. District

Not too long ago, dozens of cadets at the U.S. Military Academy became very ill and missed classes.

According to the academy, what caused this is the fact that almost half of the cadets are living in uncomfortable, crowded dorm rooms and that additional barracks are needed to relieve this situation.

They tapped the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, to construct a new barracks since the agency has already successfully built numerous structures on the historic campus.

Presently, the District is blasting over 100,000 cubic yards of rock to make way for the new barracks. The look of the new structure will fit in well with the rest of the 200-year-old campus, will be energy efficient, and will save taxpayers approximately \$44,000 annually.

“A new barracks that meets current Army standards is needed to relieve overcrowding in the existing barracks,” Richard Mandra, project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District, said. “Right now, the entire first-year class and part of the second-year class are housed with three cadets in rooms designed for two cadets. This project will allow assignment of two cadets per room.”

The new cadet barracks is being designed and constructed by Army Corps contractor Walsh Construction Company of Chicago, and its subcontractor, Clark Nexsen.

The barracks will be 287,000 square feet in size and have six floors. Each floor will accommodate 130 cadets in two-person rooms. The entire barracks will provide living space for 650 cadets.

Cadets will be provided with latrines and showers, a laundry area, day rooms, office areas, study and collaboration rooms, trash and recycling areas and offices and storage rooms for the cadets.

The barracks, like the surrounding buildings, will be constructed in military Gothic revival architecture.

The design will include granite veneers or overlays, Gothic arches, sally ports or secure entryways and crenellated parapets with embrasures and limestone accents. Parapets are structures that were constructed on the tops of castles and forts centuries ago that have openings for shooting from the top of the structure.

“The project is located at the Central Post of the main campus which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960. The barracks will be constructed of granite from a local supplier to match the existing buildings,” Matthew A. Ludwig, team leader, U.S. Army



Corps of Engineers, New York District, said.

In addition, the design will also incorporate modern architectural features such as a curtain wall in the center of the façade.

A curtain wall is an outer covering of a building that keeps the weather out, such as precipitation.

Unlike the other buildings constructed at West Point, the barracks will be leading the way in Energy and Environmental Design Silver certified. What will make it energy efficient are a solar hot water system and a radiant heating

and cooling system.

During the heating season, the radiant system that is being installed at the new barracks works by circulating heated water through tubing in the floor, while during the cooling season the radiant system works very much the same way, except the water is chilled and circulated through the same tubing.

The construction of the barracks is expected to be completed in the summer of 2016 and cadets will be able to use the new facility by the end of December 2016.

# USMA cadre lead cadet candidates through CCBT

*More than 200 committed to complete summer training at USMAPS for Class of 2015*

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood  
Staff Writer

Two hundred thirty-four cadet candidates entered the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School July 21 for Cadet Candidate Basic Training and committed to a one-year program of basic military training, military science and academics.

Out of the 234 cadet candidates, 44 are prior service and 15 of those are combat veterans. Nearly 200 are male, 37 female, 112 African-American, 12 Hispanic and three Native Americans. One hundred three cadet candidates are recruited athletes.

USMAPS prepares selected candidates from the U.S. Military Academy Admissions Office with a foundation to help guide the candidates through the rigors of the academic, physical and military challenges of West Point. Cadet candidates are either high school graduates or enlisted personnel from the active, reserve or National Guard forces.

“I was in the Reserve Officer Training Corps in high school,” Cadet Candidate Austin Neumann from Fort Bliss, Texas, said. Neumann is also a prior service Soldier, but Reception Day at USMAPS was something of a surprise to him.

“It was a shocker, compared to reception week,” Neumann said, “I liked the military and wanted to go further and I’m enjoying getting back into it.”

Cadet Candidate Robert Gipson II from Las Vegas said he always wanted to go into the military.

“I was inspired by my father who is a retired Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant,” Gipson said. “He likes the idea of me going into the Army, but he’s expecting me to transition into the Marines after graduation, but I don’t think I will. West Point has the most traditions and even though I respect all the services, being at USMAPS is a great opportunity and I wanted to take advantage of that. West Point is a special place; I can already feel it.”

Cadet candidates began their three-week CCBT July 26 at the LZ Owl for medical readiness training. The CCBT battalion commander, Class of 2015 Cadet Leo St. Amour, and his cadre spent three weeks training cadet candidates on land navigation, medical readiness and other military-related training.

As a battalion commander, St. Amour not only had responsibility for training cadet candidates, he was also responsible for his cadre.

“This is by far the largest number of people who I have personally been responsible for,” St. Amour said. “When the cadet candidates first reported, I was a bit overwhelmed about maintaining accountability and making sure that everyone is



**Cadet candidates practice medical evacuations at LZ Owl during Cadet Candidate Basic Training July 26.**

being safe. However, when we got into the groove of things, I felt confident that my cadre would be able to train them effectively.”

St. Amour said it is his and his cadre’s hope that they have exposed the cadet candidates to a military lifestyle, improved their confidence and self-discipline and have set them up for success this academic year.

“As a leader, I gave my subordinates the freedom to run their companies how they see fit,” St. Amour said. “I gave them my guidance and intent and let them make their own decisions on how to execute. I did intervene when necessary to make sure that the battalion is still able to function and that everyone is operating safely.”

Maj. Peter Salfeety, battalion tactical officer and Class of 2004 West Point graduate, was at the training field to see how everything was going.

“It’s going well,” Salfeety said. “They start with a clean slate and the cadre helps them learn what right looks like and different Soldier skills to help them prepare for West Point.”

USMAPS Commandant Lt. Col. John Cross was also impressed with the cadre. Although July 26 was the first day of training, the cadre ran Reception Day, which took hours to prepare and even longer to process the cadet candidates, teaching

them to march, take orders and study from the Cadet Candidate Handbook.

The long day culminated with the oath ceremony on the USMAPS football field.

“The cadre has been doing this since July 6 and they hit the ground running,” Cross said.

It’s a two-way street with the cadre because they not only teach and mentor the cadet candidates, but they also learn leadership skills.

“The cadre also assesses leadership qualities for leader positions (within the cadet candidates,)” Cross said.

After completion of the three-week CCBT, the cadre and cadet candidates will compete in the annual crucible challenge today, a military event that evaluates the teamwork, physical grit and military knowledge of the candidates.

“There has always been a culminating challenge at the end of CCBT,” Salfeety said. “However, last year was the first time the crucible event was named in honor of a fallen 50-year affiliate alumnus.”

“This year, the crucible event is named the Smith Challenge,” Salfeety explained. “It is named after 1st Lt. James L. Smith, a 1965 USMAPS graduate and a 1969 West Point graduate.”

## BACK TO SCHOOL

# Backpacks should be functional and safe

Submitted by the Garrison Safety Office

As summer winds down, back to school shopping moves to the forefront for most parents. In addition to new clothes or the latest gear, parents should not forget to think about how their child will carry books and other materials back and forth to school. Normally, this involves the use of a backpack.

Backpacks come in many shapes, sizes and colors, but perhaps the most important feature is the functionality of the backpack. Selecting the proper backpack may significantly reduce the risk of injury to your child.

Overloaded backpacks used by children have recently received a considerable amount of attention from parents, doctors and school administrators. The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates there are more than 7,000 backpack-related injuries annually treated by hospitals and doctors. Injuries include bruises, sprains and strains to the back and shoulder, and even fractures.

When selecting a backpack for your child to take to school, consider the following:

- Look for ergonomically designed features to enhance safety and comfort;
- A padded back reduces pressure on the back, shoulders and under arm areas of the body;
- Hip and chest belts transfer some of the backpack weight from the back and shoulders to the hips and torso;
- Multiple compartments better distribute the weight in the backpack, keep items secure and make it easier to access the contents;
- Look for compression straps on the sides or bottom of the backpack. Tighten side straps to stabilize articles and compress contents so that all items are as close to the wearer's back as possible;
- Reflective material enhances visibility of the wearer during periods of decreased lighting;

Once the backpack is selected, it is important to wear it properly. Parents are encouraged to consider the following with their children;

- Lighten the load—Choose to carry only those items that are required for the day. Each night remove articles that can be left at home the next day;
- Wear both straps—By wearing two shoulder straps, the weight of the backpack is better distributed and it will help a child's posture;
- Wear the backpack over the strongest mid-back muscles—The size of the backpack should match the size of the child. The backpack should rest evenly in the middle of the back and shoulder straps should be adjusted to allow the child to put on and take off the backpack without difficulty and allow free movement of the arms.

Backpacks are a practical way to carry books and supplies to, from and around school. By considering the design and features of a backpack before making a final purchase, parents can help make sure their child's backpack is both functional and safe.



## Farewell to the Comm

The 74th Commandant of Cadets, Brig. Gen. Richard D. Clarke, relinquishes command by presenting the guidon to the U.S. Military Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. on the steps of Washington Hall Aug. 1.

KATHY EASTWOOD/PV

# Army ethic is central to the profession

By Mike Strasser  
Assistant Editor

The inaugural theme at the Army Profession Annual Symposium was “Living the Army Ethic” with more than 200 general officers, senior enlisted and DA civilians in attendance July 30-31 at West Point.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno presented this symposium with the Combined Arms Center to further the dialogue on the Army Profession and what it means to live honorably. The upper echelon of Army leadership examined white papers and heard from a list of plenary speakers while discussing collectively and in working groups on how to communicate, educate and inspire this message Armywide.

“We are stewards of the Army profession. There are those who came before us who established standards of what the profession should be and there will be those who come after us and establish new standards of what the Army should be,” Odierno said. “There has to be some consistency in that because that’s who we are; that the foundation of the Army is the profession.”

It’s been little more than a year since the release of ADRP-1, the doctrine that defines the Army as a profession, and though it has long been considered one it was never articulated at length or indoctrinated. The Army Ethic, however, was found lacking in that document. The recent publication of a 14-page white paper by the Center for the Army Profession and Ethic attempts to amplify its meaning and relevance.

Lt. Gen. Robert Brown, the commanding general at the U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth, said for as long as the nation has had an Army, its members served by an ethic. His job ahead is to ensure everyone within the profession not only understands its principles but why it exists.

“That’s really exciting and I’d have to agree with Gen. Odierno that it’s probably the most important discussion I’ve been involved with in my 33 years—where we took the time to flesh out the issues,” Brown said. “It’s in our moral and legal foundations, but here, we’ve really addressed how do we capture it in writing and then make sure we can inspire those to inculcate that ethic at all levels, from private to general officer.”



**Dr. Don Snider, the primary author of ADRP-1 The Army Profession, speaks about the history of the Army profession and its current status after more than a decade of war.**

PHOTOS BY JOHN PELLINO/DPTMS-VI

Odierno said it isn’t sufficient to teach concepts and principles alone.

“We’ve got to spend time understanding why this is important,” he said. “I believe it’s important for our country and it’s important for our Army that we understand that and we have a very large responsibility—we’re asked to defend the nation and we’re asked to do some very difficult things. But we must always

do those understanding what our nation’s moral and ethical values are, and we must represent those and we can never forget that.”

By swearing the oath of enlistment or commissioning oath, Soldiers are duty-bound to obey their leaders. Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. said it needs to go beyond blind loyalty, Soldiers need to understand it.

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**At the head table, retired Gen. Frederick Franks, Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler discuss one of topics presented at the two-day Army Profession Annual Symposium July 30 at Eisenhower Hall.**



Former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joints Chief of Staff, retired Gen. Colin Powell, shared the stage with Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond Odierno for a discussion on the Army Profession.

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“What the ethic did was give us a set of principles, and the purpose of the principles is to inspire us to honorable service, and, of course, with the Army’s values,” Caslen said. “The alternative is this: that we have a regulatory set of rules that we’ll follow, and we’ll do them only because we have to; because of the consequences. So you perform based on the consequences of the rules and regulations or you’re inspired to serve and to serve honorably. The alternative of serving honorably is ideally where you want the profession to go.”

As the U.S. Military Academy superintendent, he’s seen civilians-turned-cadets-turned officers adopt the academy’s honor code into their DNA—“A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.”

A recent USMA graduate had this to say about the honor code: “When I first arrived at West Point, the honor code was just a set of rules that I abided by; but, now the honor code is a way of life.” The academy’s ability to inculcate its code and the Army values into its students is what makes the institution unique. The Army is looking for similar results with its ethic; getting Soldiers to choose the harder right every time.

A good portion of the discussion was centered on getting the Army ethics to its troops early—at basic training and the school houses, in unit training and beyond. Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond Chandler said that junior Soldiers graduating basic training won’t have a complete understanding of ethics, but will be able to correlate it with much of their learning.

“It’s the answer to the why,” Chandler said. “Why is it important never to leave a fallen comrade? Because we’ve got something that says we’ll serve honorably and not leave someone behind.

He also said it is the responsibility of young leaders “to understand how this honorable service and stewardship impacts the entire organization and maintains the trust of the American people.”

Reaching millennials in meaningful and inspirational ways will be a challenge. Odierno said they must realize the environment and culture young people have grown up in is much

different from other generations. Access to instant information and new ways of communication have changed the way people interact. Merging new technologies with the fundamentals of knowing your Soldiers and direct communication will still be required of leaders.

“When you’re involved in the business that we are involved with, it is important that we continue to emphasize personal interaction,” Odierno said. “We have to understand and utilize the improvements being made in communications capabilities but also recognize, ultimately, the work we do is about the human dimension and the human domain.”

Social media has posed problems for some who find it difficult to maintain a personal profile with the public image of a Soldier. Caslen said people can’t act with a different set of values online.

“Obviously if you’re going to be a leader you’re going to be a leader 24/7 and be transparent,” he said. “It just shows those of us who have the responsibility to not only teach these values but use the ethic to inspire behavior. We have to know where they’re coming from and then where we have to go.”

A handful of millennials, courtesy of the Corps of Cadets, were invited to provide their perspective at the symposium. Class of 2015 Cadet Jordan Blanchard appeared at ease sharing her opinions among the Army’s top leaders.

“This has been a wonderful opportunity for me to talk with officers and senior enlisted who have so much experience and are willing to share—this has been a really open environment, which was actually surprising to me,” Blanchard said.

Blanchard said the ethic program at the academy is highly structured and the Professional Military Ethic program provided her with a strong ethical foundation to contribute during the working group session.

“It’s been interesting getting to contribute my thoughts,” she said. “A lot of our focus has been on the millennial generation, so they definitely appreciated our input in those conversations.”

The Army Profession doctrine provided in each participants’ welcome packet doesn’t tell the story of the staggering amount of

## In Case You Missed This ...

### West Point on Forbes Top 10 list

The U.S. Military Academy was placed ninth in Forbes list of the top colleges for 2014. The academy listed at seventh among schools in the Northeast and fourth among best liberal arts colleges.

For details, visit <http://www.forbes.com/top-colleges/>.

### USMA scores high in Princeton Review

The Princeton Review ranked West Point in its “Top 10” in nine categories and “Top 20” in five others, including first in “Most Accessible Professors” and “Everybody Plays Intramural Sports” in their annual college guide “The Best 379 Colleges.”

Other notables include: third in “Best College Library” and “Most Politically Active Students,” fifth in “Best Health Services” and sixth in “Best Athletic Facilities.”

The new 2015 edition profiles only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and four outside the U.S.

### Licensed to drive

All drivers operating a government owned or leased vehicle will need a government driver’s license.

To obtain this license (OF-346), operators must have a current state issued drivers license and complete the Army Accident Avoidance Course, at <https://safety.army.mil/training/ARMYACCIDENTAVOIDANCECOURSE/tabid/982/Default.aspx>.

All West Point personnel must make an appointment with the Motor Pool Licensing office by calling 938-3680 and bring a current state drivers license and a copy of the “Army Accident Avoidance Course certificate.

### Army statement on new uniform

The Army is rolling out a new camouflage uniform, which is expected to be available by next summer. The new design is said to offer “exceptional concealment, which directly enhances force protection and survivability for Soldiers.”

Read the full statement at <http://www.army.mil/article/130999/>.

### Allyn named Army vice chief of staff

Gen. Daniel B. Allyn, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, has been confirmed by the Senate as the next Army vice chief of staff, succeeding Gen. John Campbell, who will serve as the next commander of the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

Read the full story at [www.army.mil/article/130707/](http://www.army.mil/article/130707/).

work; the months of workshops, focus groups and surveys needed to create that document. Blanchard could see how this symposium could likewise serve to advance the Army’s thinking on ethics.

“I never felt like I was in a more important room than I do right now,” Blanchard said. “It’s intimidating, but also inspiring that the discussions of this event could have an impact Armywide, and I think it’s great to be a part of it.”

The dialogue on ethics and the profession will continue, Odierno assured from the start—which is why the symposium was deemed annual. With one complete, he felt it achieved his overall intent.

“I think that’s why we met this week—to reinvigorate the thought about how important this profession is, and I believe we had some really great discussions over the last couple days and had the opportunity to talk about many other difficult issues,” Odierno said. “But also, to chart the course ahead on how we really define the Army Ethic as we move forward. So, for me, it’s about bringing the senior leadership of the Army together—the enlisted and officer—to talk about probably the most important issue that there is in the Army profession.”

To view downloadable resources on the Army Profession and Ethics, visit the CAPE website at <http://cape.army.mil/>.



The group poses atop one of the massive pyramids at the Teotihuacan Complex, a pre-Aztec sight north of Mexico City. A group of six West Point cadets traveled to Mexico for an Advanced Individual Academic Development opportunity.

COURTESY PHOTOS

# Pyramids in Mexico? Cadets explore on AIAD

By Cadet Djeunie Saint Louis  
Contributing Writer

Those who have not traveled south of the border are often surprised by the discovery of pyramids left by ancient civilizations of the Americas, such as the Mayan and Aztec. Ancient pyramids are often exclusively associated with Egypt.

A group of six cadets had the opportunity to experience life and culture in Mexico from June 24-July 14, everything from exotic foods to astounding pyramids.

Cadets Evan Caval, Collin Crane, Joshua Olivas, Daniel Park, Djeunie Saint Louis and Gregory Wiggins traveled to various Mexican states and explored many ancient ruins under the guidance of Dr. Jonathan Steigman, officer-in-charge and associate professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages.

The journey began in Mexico City where World Cup fever was palpable throughout the city. There, the cadets had the chance to visit the U.S. Embassy and were inspired to become FAOs, Foreign Area Officers. The cadets visited Teotihuacan and stood in awe of the pre-Columbian city boasting an abundance of pyramids.

The cadets traveled to the state of Guanajuato, visiting Centro Fox, in the town of San Cristobal, where they met former Mexican President Vicente Fox and learned about contemporary Mexican politics, foreign policy and social issues such as the burden caused by migration from Central America to Mexico. In San Cristobal, the cadets were also able to engage with the local community

through a community-development project.

The cadets then journeyed to Puebla where “La Batalla de Puebla,” commonly known as “Cinco de Mayo” was fought, repelling an invading French army in 1862. Here, the group was able to learn the “real” background behind the famous Corona marketing tool.

They also enjoyed the history and colonial ambience of the ancient city, including a local theater group that performed Golden Age Spanish plays in the open air, using the colonial architecture as their set.

In the state of Oaxaca, they visited Monte Alban, another impressive pre-Columbian archeological site. They also visited a rug workshop where they witnessed the art of Zapotec rug making with natural dyes to create Native-American patterns.

After nearly two weeks of travel, the cadets departed Oaxaca for San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, the southern-most state in Mexico. In Chiapas, they visited Mayan villages where indigenous people live a more traditional lifestyle.

The cadets were also able to enjoy some ecological excursions, such as touring the Cañon del Sumidero, a geological wonder on the scale of the Grand Canyon.

They concluded their journey in the state of Quintana Roo, where they relaxed in the Cancún sun and reflected on what they had learned throughout their experience.

This trip was a valuable developmental experience for these cadets as they learned about a different culture, current events which connect the U.S. and Mexico, and improve their Spanish language abilities through a variety of interactive tasks.



Cadet Joshua Olivas attempts some traditional Zapotec rug making, in Oaxaca.

## FEATURED EVENTS

### Welcoming the new commandant's wife

The West Point Women's Club and the Daughters of the U.S. Army extend a warm welcome to Holly Thomson, the wife of the new commandant, Brig. Gen. John Thomson.

The welcoming party is scheduled 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Superintendent's residence, Quarters 100.

RSVP by Sunday to [WPWCreservations@gmail.com](mailto:WPWCreservations@gmail.com).

### Functional Academic Skills Training

Raise your General Technical score on the Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) by attending a Functional Academic Skills (FAST) class at the Army Education Center, 683 Buckner Loop.

The class will meet 12:30-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday from Sept. 8-25.

Contact Nancy Judd at 938-3464 or Neil Sakumoto at 938-5389 to obtain an enrollment form for commander approval.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Motorcycle training

The Garrison Safety Office is offering a Motorcycle Safety Course at A Lot through September.

There are various classes for both experienced and novice riders, and classes for staff and faculty and cadets.

The upcoming training schedule is:

- Sept. 19-21, Cadets (Novice riders).

For details, call Aubrey Posey, Garrison safety specialist, at 938-6131.

### Protestant Women of the Chapel Summer Schedule

Get out of the house and join the Protestant Women of the Chapel at parks around West Point for a time of fellowship and playtime for your kids, or come for the fellowship even without kids.

The next play date is 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Grey Ghost Park on Alexander Place.

There is a Bible Studies session 9-11 a.m. Aug. 27 at the playground next to Post Chapel Annex, 692 Biddle Loop. Sign your children up for free childcare. The inclement weather site is the Post Chapel Basement.

For our Summer Bible Studies and more details, like us on Facebook West Point PWOC or email [wp.pwoc@gmail.com](mailto:wp.pwoc@gmail.com).

### Mini Job Fair

A Mini Job Fair is scheduled 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Aug. 15 in ACS, Bldg. 622, Swift Road. The fair will include several employers and is open to active duty service members, veterans, DOD civilians, retired service members and their family members.

For details, contact the Soldier for Life: Transition Assistance Program Office at 938-0634 or the ACS Employment Readiness Program Manager at 938-5658.

A final list of employers expected to attend will be posted to the West Point SFL: TAP Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WestPointACAP>.

### WPWC's Cookbook and Gift Shoppe Hours

The West Point Women's Club's newest cookbook, "Eat, Drink & Beat Navy" is available at the West Point Women's Club Gift Shoppe.

The Gift Shoppe is doing special openings in August for A-Day and Ring Weekend. The Gift Shoppe will be open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 22 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 23.

The Gift Shoppe is closed all other days in August.

The Gift Shoppe is located inside Bldg. 695, the white building in the parking lot behind the Cemetery off Washington Road.

### Most Holy Trinity celebration

The parish of Most Holy Trinity will celebrate its annual Parish Mass and Picnic 11 a.m. Aug. 24 at Camp Buckner. Bring a side dish to share.

There will be no Mass at the MHT Chapel Aug. 24.

### WPWC's Super Sign Up event

The West Point Women's Club will be holding its annual Super Sign Up event 6:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the West Point Club.

This is a great way for those new and old to the U.S. Military Academy to get familiarized with community organizations and vendors, as well as a great way to shop and have fun. Bring your friends and neighbors.

There will be hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, shopping and plenty of door prizes.

Tables are now available for vendors, home-based businesses and non-profit organizations.

For details, visit [www.westpointwomensclub.com](http://www.westpointwomensclub.com), WPWC's Facebook page at West Point Women's Club or email [westpointwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:westpointwomensclub@gmail.com).

### Representation of National Guard in the 9/11 Memorial Museum

Active and retired (including reserve) U.S. military members can access the 9/11 Memorial Museum for free. To reserve a free ticket, contact the museum 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at 212-266-5211 or email [reservations@911memorial.org](mailto:reservations@911memorial.org).

Have your military ID card on hand when making a reservation. Advance reservations are recommended, but there are a limited number of tickets available each day at the museum entrance windows for walkups.

U.S. veterans can purchase tickets at a discounted rate.

### Watchcare workers needed

Bids are being accepted for FY15 to provide childcare services in support of Chapel Worship Services and Religious Education Programs.

Tasks include the set-up and recovery of the watchcare space, the sanitization of all toys and other items following each activity and to provide authorized snacks, food and drinks to the children.

Must be at least 18 and pass a federal background check. For details, call Sgt. 1st Class David Kress at 938-8813 or email [david.kress@usma.edu](mailto:david.kress@usma.edu).

### Watchcare coordinator needed

Bids are being accepted for the FY15 watchcare coordinator in support of Chapel Worship Services and Religious Education Programs.

Tasks include coordinating and scheduling providers for all regularly scheduled and special activities, assisting in providing watchcare as needed, ensuring the set-up and recovery of the watchcare space, the sanitization of all toys and other items following each activity and ensuring authorized snacks, food and drinks to the children are available.

Must be at least 18 and commit to and pass a federal background check.

For details, call Sgt. 1st Class David Kress at 938-8813 or email [david.kress@usma.edu](mailto:david.kress@usma.edu).

## EDUCATION and WORKSHOPS

### Civilian Education Program

The USAG-West Point Command supports efforts by employees to improve their "educational fitness" by releasing employees for three hours/week to attend college classes.

These hours are in conjunction with lunch twice a week.

The Army Education Center will be offering courses at 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. as part of the Civilian Education Program.

The program is designed to optimize organizational readiness and work performance by improving educational achievement.

The following classes will run in two calendar sessions:

- Session 1—Aug. 18-Oct. 10:

ENG 200 Fiction: Fantasy, Horror and Science Fiction—(Mon., Wed.) St. Thomas Aquinas;

CMA 2170 Public Speaking—(Tues., Thurs.) Mount St. Mary College.

- Session 2—Oct. 14-Dec. 12:

MGT 210 Entrepreneurship: Building a Business—(Mon., Wed.) St. Thomas Aquinas;

BUS 3180 Developing Leadership Skills—(Tues., Thurs.) Mount St. Mary College.

For details, contact Erica Rodriguez (STAC) at 845-446-2555 or [Erodrigu@stac.edu](mailto:Erodrigu@stac.edu) or Shari Seidule at 845-446-0535 or [Sharon.seidule@msmc.edu](mailto:Sharon.seidule@msmc.edu).

### Army Education Center Speaker Series and Open House

Barry Fixler, author of "Semper Cool" and a Vietnam War veteran, will give a presentation immediately followed by a book signing.

College representatives will be available to discuss educational opportunities here at West Point.

Join the Army Education Center counselors at the Army Education Center at 683 Buckner Loop (located between Starbucks and Subway) 5-7 p.m. Aug. 28.

For details, contact Mary Beth Leggett at 845-446-3818 or [marybeth.leggett@liu.edu](mailto:marybeth.leggett@liu.edu).

All proceeds from book sales will be donated to wounded veterans.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES

### Snapping Turtle Program at Nature Museum

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will be hosting Snapping Turtles 10 a.m. Saturday.

Come join environmental educator Alicia Ocana at the Museum's Outdoor Discovery Center, on Muser Drive, across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall, for a program about Snapping Turtles.

New York State's largest native turtle species, the Snapping Turtle, is a common inhabitant of ponds throughout our state. Learn more about this ancient, adaptable reptile. After the program take a guided walk to the wetlands to observe snapper habitats.

There is a fee for this event.

For details, visit [hlnaturemuseum.org](http://hlnaturemuseum.org) or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204.

### Military families get free admission to Boscobel

Active duty military and their families can enjoy free admission at Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, plus more than 2,000 other museums nationwide, through Labor Day through the Blue Star Museums program.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across America.

For a complete list of participating museums, visit [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

For details, visit [Boscobel.org](http://Boscobel.org) or call 845-265-3638.

### West Point-Town of Highlands Farmers Market

The West Point-Town of Highlands Farmers Market is open every Sunday through October, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Vendors will be selling vegetables, fruits, breads, baked goods, flowers, local crafts and more.

The market is located just outside the gates of the U.S. Military Academy, across from the West Point Visitors Center in Highland Falls.

### New church open in New Windsor

A new church opened in New Windsor, His Promised Covenant, at 270 Breunig Road.

Services are scheduled 11 a.m. Saturday (Sabbaths) and 11 a.m. Sunday.

For details, call 845-541-4369.



# WEST POINT MWR CALENDAR

[www.westpointmwr.com](http://www.westpointmwr.com)

## JUST ANNOUNCED

### August Trips with Leisure Travel Services (updated)

• Friday, Destination: Lower Manhattan—leave West Point at 8:30 a.m., leave NYC at 4 p.m. More to see than any other square mile.

• Aug. 22, 50 Shades! The Musical—leave West Point at 4:30 p.m., leave NYC at 10:30 p.m. 50 Shades! delivers the goods great seats Row B and C Center, at the Electra Theater NYC.

• Aug. 24, Tour New York City—leave West Point at 8 a.m., leave NYC at 5 p.m. See the Big Apple like never before, making stops throughout the tour at New York's famous landmarks.

There is a minimal fee for these trips. For details, call LTS at 938-3601.

### Junior Black Knights Advanced Golf Camp cancelled (updated)

The Junior Black Knights Advanced Golf Camp from Tuesday-Aug. 15 has been cancelled.

### Superintendent's Scramble

Join Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen Jr. on Aug. 21 for the Superintendent's Golf Scramble. This is a four-person scramble with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m.

There is a minimal cost for this event that includes cart, prizes and dinner.

Open to all authorized users and their guests. For details and to register, call 938-2435.

### Club Championship

Join the West Point Golf Course Aug. 23-24 for its Club Championship. Tee times start at 8 a.m.

This is a two-day individual stroke play tournament. An award ceremony and dinner will be held on Sunday after the round.

There is an entry fee per person, plus applicable green and cart fees.

For details and to register, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

### Staff and Faculty Flag Football Leagues

The MWR Sports Office will conduct the 2014 Staff and Faculty Flag Football League. You may enter a team by contacting Jim McGuinness at 938-3066 or [Jim.Mcguinness@usma.edu](mailto:Jim.Mcguinness@usma.edu). Deadline for entries will be Aug. 25. League play will start on Sept. 3.

For details, call the MWR Sports Office at 938-3066.

### ACS Relocation Readiness class schedule

• Moving with Kids—Learn how to prepare your children for the transition, 9-10 a.m. Aug. 21;

• Smooth Moves—Whether you're facing your first real PCS or whether you have moved numerous times already, this workshop will help you prepare for what's ahead, 9-10 a.m. Sept. 18.

All classes take place at ACS, Bldg. 622 and are free of charge. For details and to register, call 938-3487.

### Go Army Spirit Lunches

Join the West Point Club every Thursday before Army Football's weekend game for a pep rally luncheon. Doors open at 11:15 a.m., while the luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Club's Grand Ballroom.

Tickets are on sale now through the Club's Administrative Office, open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Buy early for reserved seating. There is a minimal fee for each luncheon. For ticket sales and details, call 938-5120.

## FOR THE FAMILIES

### August classes with Arts and Crafts

• Sewing Class: Tote Bag—10 a.m.-1 p.m. today. Beginners class. Bring one yard of fabric, fabric cannot be stretchy.

Bring matching thread. You must bring your own machine.

• Cookies and Canvas: Cupcake—4-6 p.m. Tuesday. Children will paint and create a mix media 11x14 canvas project.

All painting supplies are included. We will serve cookies and milk. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There is a fee for all the classes. For details, call 938-4812.

### Summer events with the Outdoor Recreation Equipment Center

• Kayak to Constitution Island—9 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 9;

• Wilkins Pond Hike—2-4 p.m. Aug. 17.

There is a minimal fee for these events.

For details, call 938-0123.

### ACS Family Readiness Group classes

Army Community Service presents Family Readiness Group classes in a monthly series intended to span the spectrum of topics.

Attendees discuss all aspects of family readiness groups from having an effective FRG, the role of FRGS in today's army, the role of volunteers in the FRG, or how to keep and raise funds legally and within the army's regulatory guidance and local procedures.

The sessions will be held at the Army Community Service offices in Bldg. 622 4-5 p.m. Aug. 28 and Sept. 25.

For details or to reserve your seat, contact Michelle Bradley at 938-4621 or [Michelle.Bradley@usma.edu](mailto:Michelle.Bradley@usma.edu).

## FOR THE ADULTS

### Membership Appreciation Night and Membership Drive

The West Point Club Membership Night is scheduled 6-8 p.m. today at the Club's Pierce Dining Room.

Come join WPC and reap the benefits of being a Club member. Not a member? No problem. Become a member and your dinner is on the Club.

Gifts for all the Club's members and a roulette wheel for chances to win great prizes. For details, call 938-5120.

### New Parent Support Group

The Family Advocacy Program invites you to attend the New Parent Support Group, a supportive program for new and expecting parents.

A lactation consultant from Keller Army Community Hospital and child development specialists are available to answer your questions about breastfeeding, sleep issues, crying and calming, baby proofing, safety and much more.

Join the group 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and Aug. 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 18 and Dec. 9. For details, call 845-938-3369 or 845-938-0629.

### Wine and Cheese Tasting

Join the West Point Club 6-9 p.m. Aug. 15 for its annual wine and cheese tasting evening.

There is a minimal fee for this event. For details, call 938-5120.

### BOSS Camping Trip

Join Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers on its first camping trip to Kittatinny Campground Aug. 15.

There is a fee for attending this trip—cost includes

transportation, campsite, food and multiple activities.

You will be required to bring your own camping gear.

For details, call 938-6497.

### Nine, Wine and Dine

Join the West Point Golf Course for 30 minutes of instruction, followed by 3-9 holes of golf Aug. 15. Finish the evening at the "19th hole" for a glass of wine and a light dinner.

There is a fee for this event—price includes rentals and range balls, if needed. Lesson begins at 4:45 p.m., with a shotgun start at 5:30 p.m. Check in begins at 4 p.m.

For details, call the Pro Shop at 938-2435.

### ACS Ready and Resilient Family Resiliency Training

The Army Community Service Ready and Resilient offers Family Resiliency Training. The training events and dates are:

• Energy Management—Aug. 21, 3-4:30 p.m.;

• Avoid Thinking Traps—Sept. 18, 3-4:30 p.m.

Classes will be held at ACS, Bldg. 622 Swift Road.

Resiliency classes are open to the entire West Point Community. Resiliency training can be tailored to meet the needs of your group or organization.

For details and to RSVP, call 938-2519.

### Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

The West Point Club Presents: "Murder By Marriage" 7-10:30 p.m. Aug. 22. Here comes the bride and she's all dressed to kill. It's till death do us part at the Club.

Enjoy dinner, dessert, dancing, cash bars and mystery with The Killing Kompany, where professional Broadway, TV and film actors are seated among you and where you can be part of the show.

There is fee for this event. Reservations are required. For details, call 938-5120.

### Oktoberfest

The annual West Point Oktoberfest is scheduled 4-9 p.m. Sept. 19 and noon-7 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Victor Constant Ski Area, off of Route 218.

For details, call 938-4690.

## FOR THE YOUTHS

### Junior Black Knights Soccer Tryouts

Tryouts for boys and girls soccer under 10, under 12 and under 14 teams is scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m. Aug. 19 at H-Lot.

Selected players will need to complete registration by Aug. 22 at the Lee CDC.

For details, call Brian Szeli at 938-3550.

### Teen summer boat trip

All teens entering ninth grade at O'Neill in 2014, can join CYS Services for a summer boat ride and meet your classmates.

Board the Superintendent's Boat at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 27 at South Dock and cruise the Hudson River from 2-4 p.m.

Admission is one two-liter bottle of soda, a bag of chips or package of cookies to share and signed permission slip. Remember to bring your signed permission slip to board the boat.

For details, call 938-2092/0829.

## ONGOING

### CYSS Youth Sports

Youth sports registration for fall soccer is ongoing for military families and starts today for civilian families.

For details, contact the youth sports office at 938-3350/8896.

# Keller Corner

## New York Blood Center's Kickoff Campaign meeting

There will be a kickoff campaign meeting at 2 p.m. today in the Army Education Center, Bldg. 683, Training Room #10 in preparation for the upcoming New York Blood Center's Blood Drive Aug. 25-28.

We request that appointed key personnel from each activity be in attendance at this meeting.

## KACH Pharmacy closure

The KACH Pharmacy will be closing at 12:15 p.m. Aug. 15 for Organizational Day.

## School Physicals

The Primary Care Department is opening a dedicated clinic Aug. 21 for school physicals.

Don't wait—call 845-938-7992 to request an appointment.

## Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service (AMSMS), powered by RelayHealth, brings your healthcare team to you, wherever you are, any time of day.

It allows you to communicate with your

doctor through secure email about non-urgent healthcare matters, so your doctor or another care team member can respond during business hours.

Through AMSMS, you can contact your primary care clinic to:

- Ask questions and receive advice about non-urgent health concerns at your convenience;
- Request appointments and referrals, even when your doctor's office is closed, so your clinic can respond and/or schedule them during business hours;
- Renew medication prescriptions easily, request prescriptions be sent to your preferred pharmacy and specify pick-up or mail-order delivery;
- Request laboratory and other test results, with an explanation from your doctor or other care team member attached, when appropriate;
- Avoid unnecessary office visits and telephone calls.

To learn more, talk to your primary care clinic about getting connected to Army Medicine Secure Messaging Service by calling 1-800-TRICARE (874-2273).

## MOVIES at MAHAN

Theatre schedule at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, PG, 7:30 p.m.

(For movie details, visit [www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-WestPoint.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/Movies-WestPoint.htm).)



## Life Works

• **Home Depot Kids Workshop**—The Home Depot Kids Workshop is a great event for children 3-12 years at 132 Bartlett Loop from 1-2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Balfour Beatty Communities supplies everything for your children to make a creative wood project.

To register, email [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com) by Friday.

• **Tour of Constitution Island**—A tour of Constitution Island is scheduled 10 a.m.-noon Aug. 15. Boarding begins at 9:30 a.m.

Explore the Island and walk trails and pack a picnic lunch as there is no food on

## West Point Command Channel Channels 8/23

For the week of Aug. 7-14

Army Newswatch  
Thursday, Friday and Monday  
through Aug. 14

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

the island.

Balfour Beatty Communities will provide soft drinks and snacks.

Email [jgellman@bbcgrp.com](mailto:jgellman@bbcgrp.com) with total number of adults and children that will be attending by Friday.

# Summer Blood Drive helps local community, wounded Soldiers

Submitted by Keller Army Community Hospital

West Point will hold its summer blood drive with the New York Blood Center 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 25-28 at Eisenhower Hall.

The New York Blood Center has an urgent need for blood donations this summer and is especially thankful to the USMA West Point community for hosting the summer blood drive just prior to the Labor Day holiday when blood inventories are likely to be the lowest of the summer.

"It's simple—hospital patient demand for blood during the summer often outpaces our best efforts to recruit donors and

schedule blood drives," NYBC Executive Director of Donor Recruitment Andrea Cefarelli said. "There are always reasons—most schools are out, people are on vacation—but we have to overcome that for the sake of hospital patients who need us.

"This is one of the toughest times of the year," Cefarelli added. "We're asking for our dedicated supporters to roll up their sleeves to make sure we're able to provide our hospital partners with whatever they need to take care of their patients."

Blood products have a short shelf life—from five to 42 days, so constant replenishment is necessary.

Each and every day there are patients who depend on the

transfusion of red blood cells, platelets and plasma to stay alive. But blood and blood products can't be manufactured. They can only come from volunteer blood donors who take an hour to attend a blood drive or visit a donor center.

The New York Blood Center is proud to be the exclusive supplier of blood and blood products to Keller Army Community Hospital in addition to nearly 200 hospitals in our community.

But what you may not know is that New York Blood Center also provides blood and blood products to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center. In June alone, 41 rare B- Red Blood Cells were provided.

# Army Athletic Association adds Rugby to its sports staple

By Kelly Dumrauf  
Army Athletic Communications

The men's and women's rugby teams at the U.S. Military Academy will now fall under the Army Athletic Association, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Boo Corrigan announced Aug. 1.

A club sport since 1961, both rugby teams have been elevated effective immediately.

"The Directorate of Cadet Activities did a great job with rugby," Corrigan said. "Now, being under the athletic department, our rugby teams will have the support needed as they continue to compete for championships. Rugby, especially on the women's side, is a fast growing sport. The addition of men's and women's rugby is two additional sports we can offer our cadets."

Mike Mahan, a West Point graduate, will serve as men's head coach, his second stint overseeing the men's program. Bill LeClerc, currently on the coaching staff of the United States Women's National Team, will serve as women's mentor.

Both teams will play home contests at the sprawling Anderson Rugby Complex, near the Hudson River.

The men's team will open its season Sept. 6 against American International College, while the women are set to begin Sept. 13 against Norwich.

Mahan, one of the nation's most successful coaches, has served both the men's and women's rugby teams for more than 25 years.

He guided the Army men's team as head coach from 1988-2002 and then returned in 2013. He was the first head coach of the Army women's team in 2003 and served as women's coach emeritus from 2005-07.

During Mahan's 15 years as a head coach, he led his squads to 10 Collegiate National Championship Final Fours and none of his team's finished below ninth in the country.

Of Army's 12 appearances in the Collegiate Rugby National Championship Final Four, Mahan was the head coach for 10 of those seasons.

In addition to his rugby coaching duties, Mahan served as an Airborne, Ranger and Infantryman for 21 years of active duty service. Mahan has worked at West Point as a military instructor, senior vice president with the Association of Graduates and coach. He retired from the military with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Mahan graduated from West Point with an engineering degree and later collected his master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

LeClerc, with international experience as both a player and coach, is in his third season as Army's women's rugby head coach.

LeClerc, who started with Army in 2012, boasts a 24-8 mark as the 15's head coach and a 6-3-1 mark with the sevens. He is 3-0 opposite service academy rival Navy.

Army advanced to the "Elite Eight," in both of LeClerc's seasons running the program.

He began coaching at Army in 2011, serving as an assistant



**Army Men's and Women's Rugby now falls under the Army Athletic Association. A club sport since 1961, although the women's team started in 2003, both rugby teams have been elevated immediately to corps squad status. The teams will continue to play at the Anderson Rugby Complex. ERIC S. BARTELT/PV (FILE PHOTO)**

coach to both the men's and women's programs.

LeClerc also serves as assistant coach to the United States Women's National Team, a position he has held since 2013. LeClerc is the scrum coach and provides tactical and strategic analysis for training and game management.

The 2014 squad was among the 12 teams that qualified for the Women's Rugby World Cup, held in Paris.

LeClerc guided USA Rugby as national scrum coach from 2006-11. He implemented the National Standards for the Scrumming at all levels, managed regional clinics throughout the country and produced an instructional video for coaches and players.

He helped USA Rugby qualify for the Men's Rugby World Cup in 2007 and 2011, the Women's Rugby World Cup in 2010 and was part of the staff for the 2009 Under 20s team that reached the finals of the IRB World Trophy.

LeClerc began his coaching career with the San Francisco

Golden Gate Men's Club from 2002-05 before moving to Stanford as an assistant coach in 2006.

A 19-year playing veteran, LeClerc started competing at Durban High School in South Africa, followed by 89 caps with Northland Provincial.

He suited up for Merloma for a season in Canada, followed by a stint as both player and coach for Athletic Club Boulogne Billancourt in Paris.

LeClerc collected 12 caps with the USA Men's National Team from 1996-99 and concluded his playing career with the Gentlemen of Aspen.

One of the most successful club sports at West Point, the men compete in the Division IA East Coast Rugby Conference, while the women play in the American Collegiate Rugby Association of Division I.

Fans can follow the Army men's rugby team @Army\_MRugby and the women at @Army\_WRugby on Twitter.

# Former Coach of Year Kevin Ward named Army Wrestling coach

By Nick Lantz  
Army Athletic Communications

Kevin Ward, who turned a wrestling program built from scratch at Ouachita Baptist University into a national contender, has been named Army's new head wrestling coach, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Boo Corrigan announced Aug. 1.

Ward, the 2014 NCAA Division II Coach of the Year, becomes the 10th head coach in program history.

"We are very excited to welcome Kevin to West Point," Corrigan said. "We had a tremendous pool of candidates and Kevin's success building a program, his leadership and passion made him our top choice. Kevin blew away me and the search committee when he visited. He is an overachiever that knows how to win. His accomplishments as a coach are many. We look forward to working with him in this next chapter of our wrestling program."

"I am honored to be selected as the next head wrestling coach at West Point," Ward said. "I would like to express my appreciation to Boo Corrigan and the search committee for giving me this opportunity. It's quite a privilege to lead such a proud program with as much tradition as Army wrestling. The cadet-athletes at West Point are the best of the best, and I look forward helping develop them as leaders of character in the United States Army and champions on the wrestling mat. Army wrestling is in a great spot with a nationally ranked recruiting class coming in and multiple NCAA Qualifiers on the team. We will continue to look for and recruit wrestlers who truly want to be leaders of character and have goals of winning NCAA titles. I am ready to get to work and continue to build on the proud tradition of Army wrestling"

As the first and only head coach of Ouachita Baptist's wrestling program, Ward led the Tigers to top-15 finishes at the NCAA Tournament in each of the last three seasons. Ward coached 10 All-Americans and two NCAA finalists, Dallas Smith and Josh Myers, during his time at Ouachita.

Ward was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Year after guiding the Tigers to a fourth-place finish at the NAAs and an 8-5 dual match record last season. Five of Ward's wrestlers

claimed All-America honors in 2014, including Myers, who was the national runner-up at the 141-pound weight class.

"I would also like to thank the many great people, and, most importantly, the student-athletes I was fortunate enough to coach at Ouachita Baptist University," Ward said. "Without their hard work and discipline, none of this would have been made possible. They are a great group of young men and we wish them the very best."

After the program's inaugural 2010-11 campaign, Ward coached three All-Americans and steered the Tigers to a 15th-place showing at the NCAA Tournament the following season. The program took another step forward during the 2012-13 season with its first-ever national runner-up in Smith, while the team placed 12th overall at the NAAs.

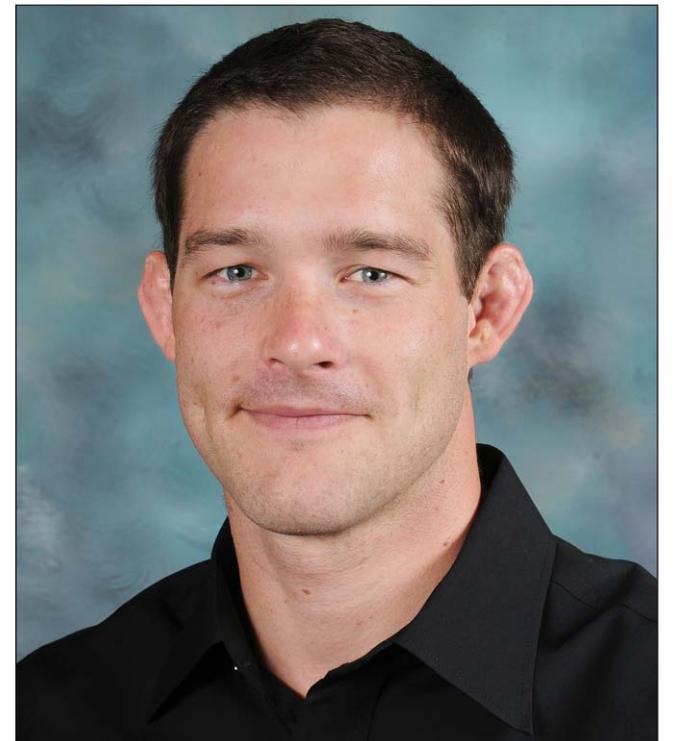
Ward was also a major factor in fundraising for the wrestling squad. He helped raise more than \$300,000 in donations to the up-and-coming program during his four-year stint. Over his first two months at Ouachita, Ward led the renovation effort of the team's weight room, which hadn't been updated in nearly 30 years.

An accomplished wrestler at Oklahoma State, Ward started his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Cowboys during the 2006-07 season, while earning his master's degree in health and human performance. He assisted legendary head coach John Smith with drill sessions and preparing the team for competitions, as well as coaching at open tournaments.

Oklahoma State posted a 14-5 overall record and took third place at the Big 12 Championships with Ward on staff. The Cowboys placed fifth at the NCAA Championships and had four All-Americans, including two national runner-ups, Coleman Scott and Johnny Hendricks.

As a member of one of the most storied programs in the country, Ward had a tremendous amount of success as a wrestler at Oklahoma State. Ward was on four NCAA National Championship teams (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006) and two undefeated squads (2002-03 and 2004-05).

In 2005, Ward beat three opponents to grab the Big 12 title at the 157-pound weight class. He won 12 of his first 14 matches that season and posted a 23-12 record overall. Ward returned to the conference championship the following season, earning a



New Army Wrestling head coach Kevin Ward

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runner-up finish.

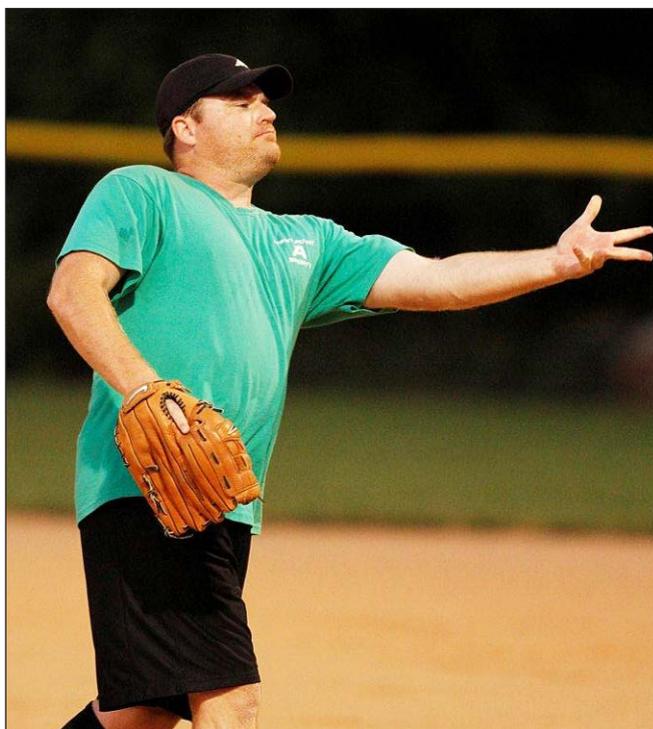
Ward qualified for the NCAA Tournament twice and was a three-time National Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-American. The Cowboys won four Big 12 championships in a row during Ward's time in Stillwater. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Along with his coaching duties over the years, Ward has served on the NWCA Executive Committee and Board of Directors, as well as handling the role of vice president-elect of the Division II Coaches Association.

## West Point Summer Softball League Standings

| STANDINGS        | W  | - | L  |
|------------------|----|---|----|
| 1. USMA BAND     | 21 | - | 3  |
| 2. ODIA #1       | 21 | - | 3  |
| 3. ODIA #2       | 16 | - | 8  |
| 4. ENGINEERS     | 15 | - | 9  |
| 5. MATH          | 15 | - | 9  |
| 6. DPW           | 14 | - | 10 |
| 7. MEDDAC        | 13 | - | 11 |
| 8. MPs           | 13 | - | 11 |
| 9. DMI           | 9  | - | 15 |
| 10. CLS          | 6  | - | 18 |
| 11. KACH         | 6  | - | 18 |
| 12. SOC./HISTORY | 5  | - | 19 |
| 13. ODIA #3      | 2  | - | 22 |

The final regular season standings are above. The playoffs are single elimination and began Wednesday. See playoff results on the right.



Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics Team #1 pitcher Jason Heiar gave up five runs in the fifth inning, but he kept the Directorate of Public Works off the board the other six innings during ODIA #1's 11-5 semifinal playoff victory over DPW Monday at the MWR Softball Complex. PHOTO BY MADY SALVANI

Upper bracket games (quarterfinals): July 30  
#1 seed USMA Band has bye;  
#2 seed ODIA #1 defeats #7 seed MEDDAC, 21-2;  
#6 seed DPW defeats #3 seed ODIA 2, 8-7;  
#5 seed Math defeats #4 seed Engineers, 10-9.

Lower bracket games (quarterfinals): July 30  
#8 seed MP's and #9 seed DMI have byes;  
#10 seed CLS defeats #13 seed ODIA 3, 6-5;  
#12 seed Soc./History defeats #11 seed KACH, 18-7;

Upper bracket games (semifinals): Monday  
#2 seed ODIA #1 defeats #6 seed DPW, 11-5.

Lower bracket games (semifinals): Monday  
#12 seed Soc./History defeats #8 seed MP's, 14-4.  
#10 seed CLS defeats #9 seed DMI, 11-8.

All other semifinal, championship series and women's all-star game results after Monday will be in the next Pointer View.