Got Game!? By CDT Max Peezick '13

If you were to ask a cadet what was the first thing that came to mind when you mention the Army-Air Force football game, you would probably get a responses about wearing ACUs for the week, walking through Drop Zones, or seeing Air Force Cadets and their furniture moved out onto The Plain or other cadet areas without their consent. But these are just the superficial aspects of a rivalry that is almost 60 years old.

The true significance behind the game, is the chance to rally around the Army Team for a game of inter-academy and inter-service competition. If the Service Academies were siblings — which in a way, they are — USAFA would be the sibling that USMA likes, can relate to, and hangs out with the most, while USNA is that other sibling we sometimes like, but often just have to learn to tolerate. Not only is this because the Air Force provides the Army with logistical and close air support overseas and in combat; but, because the Air Force used to be a part of the U.S. Army. Due to our shared history, the Air Force and Army are services similar in organization and USAFA is no different, adopting and adapting many traditions of West Point; the academy that forged many of the Air Force’s first leaders.

This game between siblings may not be as old or seem as vicious as that of the Army-Navy game, but it is just as hard fought and important, providing the victor pride in their school, their uniform, and bragging rights for an entire year and the next time these two teams meet again. The rivalry continues November 3. Go Army – Beat Air Force!
What do we do now 2LT? ... by Eric W. Kelly ‘91

As a young 2LT, my first assignment was in a combat zone; where, I got the Liberation of Kuwait medal, specifically serving in Saudi Arabia, in 1992. The Patriot Missile system was my "weapon." I went back to Towers (Dhahran), 10 days before we deployed to Saudi Arabia.

When you cadets graduate, you will be expected to know everything. The best way to learn how to be a leader is by setting the example. You will have to get dirt on your hands and sweat on your brow. Prove that you are not better than anyone else by helping your platoon. If you have a tent, help your platoon put up that tent. Ask your platoon sergeant to teach you about your weapon. Run crew drills with your platoon, and stand close enough to learn how to do their jobs. Don't just bark out orders. Explain what needs to be done and why it has to be done. Attend your battery/company meetings every time.

Saudi Arabia in 1996. That trip was more dangerous as shown through terrorists who blew up a barracks in Khobar.
Take notes from the company meetings and pass that information down to your platoon sergeant. Information management is very important, in order to be an effective leader.

A brand new 2LT will be given a lot of additional duties. Some examples are: Alternate Arms Room Key Custodian, Arms Room Officer, Battery Safety Officer, Alternate Income Tax Control Officer, Safe Custodian, Alternate Key Control Officer, Classified Document Custodian (Primary), Hazardous Cargo Certification Officer, Unit Information Security OIC, RSOP Officer, Unit Status Reporting Officer, Unit Training Officer, Unit Fund Custodian, and Report of Survey Officer. As you can see, there are a lot of duties that have to be done. Do your duties, but always make time to spend with your platoon.
It’s very easy to get caught up with the demands of daily life at the academy and fail to stop and smell the roses, turkey, or whatever scent the season may bring. Cadet life forces you to trudge through the day checking off each class, graded event, physical demand, or stressful happening the calendar brings. Rarely do we have time to sit, ponder life, and to simply be grateful for the amazing opportunities, people, and things that surround us. I don’t believe this attitude is independent of the classes going through the academy at this point. Cynicism at West Point was not invented by the class of 2011, I can tell you that much. Though it is completely normal for cadets, being the ages we are, to loathe the military demands that are forced upon us each day and weekend, because we want more sleep, hate the weather (it’s never a comfortable temperature), despite the lack of free time (due to those damned classes), and all of the other additions to the list which make us cynical. However challenging the academy is on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, it is important to stop and do a reality check. Stop and look at yourself, where you are in your life, and at what a remarkable path you have chosen. So after my reflection, here is a list of things I am thankful for, which I know a lot of cadets can agree with:

1. The amazing amount of opportunities that are constantly presented to us to do things that our friends from home would never imagine doing
2. The hundreds of instructors that act as mentors, guiding lights, and an outstanding example of what right looks and will always lend a helping hand
3. The fact that we have all of our necessities taken care of paid for and we get PAID to go to school and get an incredible education
4. We are literally walking in the same footsteps of some of the nation’s greatest that have ever lived
5. Cadets have the opportunity to be challenged each and every day while some people go throughout their lives without testing their true abilities
6. Let’s face it, the academy is BEAUTIFUL, especially in the fall with the change of colors
7. The resources that are presented to us to be successful are endless and are very easily accessible
8. The people we meet and are surrounded by are the cream of the crop, though we can all agree there are some which don’t fit that description. I have met countless amazing people here which I am delighted to call some of my best and truest friends
9. The chance to make our family, friends, hometown, state, and country proud by serving our country
10. And finally, as painful, exhausting, awful, and time consuming some of the experiences here are, we are not going it alone. The many people that have gone before us and those who are next to us can definitely relate. We all enjoy and embrace the suck together, what more could you ask for?

And the list goes on. It is the season to be thankful for what we have in our lives; may it be things the academy brings or from our family that awaits us at home. Each day we have the opportunity to realize what amazing things we have before us; it’s just a matter of penciling that time into our busy agendas. This is extremely important, especially during the coming of the “Grey Period,” to keep the cynicism at bay and keep the smiles on our friends’ faces. So stop, take a look around, and smell the scents of the seasons!
As the eleventh year of the Global War on Terrorism begins, the significance of Veterans Day becomes more important in American society. It is typical for the average American to know at least one veteran if not many. Surprisingly though, under one percent of the American population currently serves in the armed forces; which, according to 2011 Department of Labor Statistics, is roughly one and a half million Americans serving.

While our serving members make great sacrifices daily not only for our nation, but also for the betterment of the entire world, according to Department of Veterans Affairs, over ten million veterans from WWII to Desert Storm are currently living in the U.S. It is the hard work and sacrifice of such a small portion of our nation’s population that we celebrate on Veterans Day each year.

In fact, Veterans Day’s origins can be traced back to 1919 when President Wilson recognized Armistice Day stating that, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations…” In 1954 after the bloodshed and sacrifice of our nations veterans in WWII and the Korean War, Congress passed an act changing the holiday to Veterans Day to recognize all who have served the nation.

In true recognition, we must recall those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who continue to put their lives in danger which, according to the Defense Manpower Data Center, as of May 29, 2012 has been 54,830 casualties in all theaters of operation during the current War on Terrorism. Additionally, according to ABC News on the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks 2,333,972 military personnel have deployed in support of these operations. As of August 2011, there are currently 2,317,761 serving members in our armed forces, 58.2% of which who have served a deployment overseas.

Therefore, this year as Americans pay tribute on Veterans Day, everyone should take time to reflect back on the wars and battles fought by our veterans and their selfless service to the nation, not only of past, but of the present as well.
The United States Corps of Cadets participated in the 11th annual Tunnel to Towers Run this year on September 30, 2012. Despite the early Sunday morning formation at 0430 on Daly field, not a single complaint was heard. Cadets gathered early, loaded onto the buses, and traveled to New York City to run the race.

The T2T run commemorates the 343 New York City firefighters and various other first responders who risked their lives and all those who perished on September 11, 2001. The run goes from the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the site of the World Trade Center and is the path that firefighters took on foot when the fire trucks were stuck in traffic. They ran the 3.1 miles from the tunnel to the towers in an attempt to save as many lives as possible. The race retraces the steps of these heroes and honors their heroic actions and ensures that they will never be forgotten.

Many West Point cadets were driven to serve their country and to go to West Point because of the terrorist attacks on this day. Cadet Shannon Rogers, class of 2016, is one of these cadets. “I can’t remember much of that specific day, I was still in elementary school, but I do remember my parents being really upset. As I got older, I began to understand the significance of the attack and knew I wanted to serve my country just as those brave Americans did on that day,” stated Rogers.

The run and overall atmosphere served a reminder for many cadets of why they came to West Point. The camaraderie and patriotism felt during the race was incredible. The Corps was being cheered for every step of the race and the Corps was also cheering for the wounded warriors, NYPD, NY firefighters, and other service members participating in the run.

The Corps of Cadets formed an even greater bond during the run. We have all decided to serve our country and will support each other through hard times and events. Those in service to the country now and those who have given their lives in service will never be forgotten.
Election Day is just around the corner, and it’s nearly time to hit the polls to vote for the myriad of items on the ballot. The Gamecock Gazette recently questioned a sample of voters for this year and found some very interesting trends.

For first time voters, this year has been a special one to start your civic duty of going out and voting. The presidential election race currently going has C3 split down the middle. Not in terms of candidate preference, but in drawing people’s interest. Some are bored by the debates, while others find excitement in the jabs flying back and forth.

The new voters have found their experiences to differ this year in getting an absentee ballot. Some have found it very difficult or confusing and some have had an easy time of it. The largest contributor to people’s success was assistance from parents or the voting assistance officer and NCO. This means if you had a hard time this year, get some help next time, it doesn’t hurt. Another trend highlighted by a few of the prior service cadets is that USMA has provided more support than elsewhere. While it is unclear if this is the cause of the presidential election, or just west point trying to be helpful, take advantage of the resources provided.
The Funnies:
Finding the comedy in every situation... even cadet life.

What's Up West Point?:
Find out what's going on at West Point. From Ike Hall productions, to cadet activities, if you're visiting West Point or a permanent resident, this is the place to look and see what is going on at our "Stony Castle" on the hill.
What’s Up West Point? A look at what’s happening in November...

To get further information about what is happening at West Point visit:
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/WestPointUSMA and Twitter: http://twitter.com/WestPoint_USMA

OPEN SKATING!
Tate Rink
Every Sunday
NOV 7-FEB 27

Ski & Snowboard Swap
November 11 & 12
12-6pm, Ski

Information: 845.938.2991

Thanksgiving Day Feast
Thursday, November 22nd
10:30am - 4pm
West Point Club
Call 938-5120 for reservations

Sunday Brunch, 11am-1:30pm
Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 4, 18, Dec. 16
$19.95 per adult age 13 and up
$12.95 per child 5-12 (Children 5 and under free)
Club Members & Families of deployed save 15%

Holiday Tree Lighting.
6-8pm, Daly Field
DEC 3 rd

Breakfast with Santa
Sunday, December 2nd, 10am - 1pm
in the Grand Ballroom
Come join us and meet Santa! Enjoy a traditional breakfast buffet, visit with Santa, and have your photo taken.
Reservations recommended.
Adults $15.95  Children $12.95
Visit and Photos with Santa are for Breakfast with Santa guest only.

WOD for Warriors,
4-10pm
Call 938-8185 for info!
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As we start out a new volume, The Gamecock Gazette solicits you to share more of your stories about your cadet, military, and civilian experiences. The Gamecock Gazette connects current C-3 Cadets with the Old Graduates of C-3, keeping people informed with a few good laughs. This newsletter will also document C-3’s history in the making.

For December’s issue, in honor of the holiday season, we ask graduates to send in articles about Christmas Dinner, crazy room decorations, Army vs. Navy Football, and anything else you remember about West Point and the season. All stories are welcome!

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for the newsletter, please get in touch with C-3 through any of the contacts to the left.

Thank you for all of your contributions and stories. This newsletter couldn’t have worked without your help and support. We hope you’ve enjoyed another issue of the Gamecock Gazette!

Thank you all for enjoying this issue of the Gamecock Gazette. This edition focused on all things November, from Veterans’ Day to Thanksgiving, we wanted to highlight all the events, and their meaning to the Corps and C-3.

This edition we also changed the layout of the gazette a little, adding another page specifically for sports. We normally only list home games, but after a few grads inquired about games outside of USMA, we have decided to post a full schedule of all games during the month (see pg. 10). I hope this makes attending games a little more easier to those living outside our rock-bound highland home.

Thank you to all the Old Grads who shared their pictures, news, and memories. We appreciate all of your stories. Your words give us an understanding of the tasks before us when we graduate.

Again, I hope you enjoyed the latest issue of the Gamecock Gazette. If you have any comments, recommendations, or if you would like to submit an article/picture, please feel free to contact me through the information listed above. Remember, keep a look out for the December issue of the Gamecock Gazette! Game On!

Respectfully,

CDT Alexis Salmon
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Class of 2014, USMA