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Top 3-5 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings UPCOMING in the next 30 days.

1. 18th December: BS&L Annual Waffle and Egg Cook Off Breakfast. COL Spain and COL Reed will continue the BS&L tradition by making a delicious breakfast for the staff and faculty as the fall semester comes to an end.

Top 3 events, activities, and newsworthy happenings FROM THE PREVIOUS 7 days.

1. 12th December: Fall Colloquium VII. BS&L held the end of semester colloquium to award faculty and staff on APFT excellence and various other achievements. BS&L took this time to celebrate MAJ Samuel Perlik who will be leaving after this semester.

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1. From 5-6 Dec 2019, Dr. Brian DiSalle from Picatinny Arsenal was a guest lecturer to 584 cadets on the topic of explosives chemistry. As an explosives research chemist, he was able to bring practical experiences into the course. His lecture included explanations across a wide spectrum of explosive topics (including correct ratios for complete combustion to a discussion behind the child's toy *Snap-Pops* as a primary explosive). He ended these lectures with a discussion on scientific literacy and its importance.
2. CH101 held its annual Military Chemistry (MILCHEM) class from 9-10 Dec 2019, which included experts across numerous aspects of the chemistry curriculum (multiple services and commands to include RDECOM, FUTURES Command, Combat Capabilities and Development Command, and Naval Surface Warfare Center presented). Topics included gun tube research, low temperature gases, solar fusion, insensitive munitions, explosives, and 3D printing. At one point during the event, cadet volunteers were allowed to "feel quantum mechanics".

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1. On 5 DEC 2019, the Department of English and Philosophy held its monthly “Works in Progress” meeting. The sessions allow for instructors in the department to share their current scholarly work for discussion and feedback. In this session, MAJ Tony Baker presented his paper, “Curiosity as Rebellion: A Corollary of Pragmatism,” in which he argued that curiosity, normally understood as an epistemic value or vice, should be understood as a melioristic attitude that accepts the world as unfinished. He argued that furthermore, activism and rebellion can be a form of curiosity understood this way. The paper was well received by those faculty members in attendance and a lively and interesting conversation followed.

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1. On 14 December, the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering (G&EnE) will celebrate the holidays and the 2019 Army Victory over Navy with a holiday/watch party at the Firstie Club with friends, family, and a visit from Santa Claus.

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1. On 06 December, Mr. Mike Campbell from the Army Geospatial Center discussed remote sensing in the force to the 57 cadets presently enrolled in Remote Sensing (EV377).
2. On 10 December (0740-1440hrs), CPT Anees Merzi (G&EnE) led the 2nd Annual Cartography map Exhibit. Currently enrolled cartography students showcased their academic excellence with a display of their final projects on the 5th floor of Washington Hall.
3. On 11 December (E1 hour), Environmental Engineering Cadets enrolled in EV402 led by LTC Andrew Pfluger (G&EnE), presented their culminating laboratory report. Projects

included anaerobic co-digestion of organic wastes, improvements to the motor pool wastewater treatment facility, and biological fuel cells for electrical energy generation.

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1. December 16th: Security Policy and Gender OPD: Junior rotating faculty will attend an OPD session to discuss the history of American security policy as it relates to gender and on the role of gender advisors in the Army. Faculty members will read United States Strategy on Women, Peace, And Security as a read ahead.

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1. December 11th: Department Holiday Party: Department Staff and Faculty gathered at the Peekskill Brewery to celebrate the end of the semester and the upcoming holidays.

DEPARTMENT: Mathematical Sciences
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On 05 December, The Department of Mathematical Sciences posted their second episode of “P-Tea Session” on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/westpointmath/>. This is a new initiative where Cadets in the math department have a chance to interview faculty members to get to know them a little better over tea and math themed cookies. This episode stars CDT Charles Harrington Class of 2021, Operations Research Major, interviewing COL Joseph Lindquist.

On 09 December, the Center for Diversity and Leadership in STEM activated the application process for the West Point 2020 Middle School and High School summer workshops, scheduled for 26-29 May and 1-5 June 2020, respectively. The workshops bring in roughly 120 middle school and 80 high school students from across the nation, with most of the academic

departments participating in some fashion. The application deadline of 21 February has been provided to the Admissions office and many of the West Point societies for their social media platforms.

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1. CPT Joseph Fasone is traveling with CDT Dylan Lapore to Sunnyvale, CA 11-12 December, where CDT Lapore will formally present results and conclusions from independent research to Lockheed Martin in fulfillment of course requirements.

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1. MAJ Sarah Sublett and CDT AnnaMaria Dear represented the United States Military Academy and the Department of Physics and Nuclear Engineering at the 2019 Reagan National Defense Forum. The event took place at the Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, CA, from the 6th to the 7th of December. MAJ Sublett and CDT Dear observed panel discussions on a myriad of national defense topics including: Strengthening Nuclear Deterrence, Harnessing Innovation, Training and Equipping the Force, Launching the Space Force, US-China Relations, and an interview with Jeff Bezos. The 700 attendees included sitting and former members of congress, foreign dignitaries, the head of the NNSA, representatives from various large companies supporting the national defense mission, current and retired military service members, as well as the Joint Chiefs of Staff and current and former Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. The Honorable Mark T. Esper, the US Secretary of Defense, gave the keynote address, and the Honorable Robert C. Obrien, the US National Security Advisor, made the closing remarks.

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1. 16 & 18 December. SOSH will conduct a **Course Directors Conference** in order to share best practices among current and future course directors. Spread across two

afternoons, the conference will take place in Jefferson Hall and include panel and break-out sessions.

2. 6 January. The **SOSH Research Lab** will host a book conference intended to strengthen a near complete manuscript titled *The Islamic State in Africa: Emergence, Evolution, and Future of the Next Jihadist Battlefield*, co-authored by **Dr. Jason Warner of the CTC**. Directed largely toward an academic audience, the book explores how the Islamic State, an insurgent movement originating in Iraq and Syria, found adherent followers and formed cells across the African continent. The book takes a comparative look at Islamic State cells across Africa and ultimately takes on questions pertaining to the future of these cells in Africa, and the future of the Islamic State as a whole.

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1. 3 December. SOSH conducted a joint seminar via Skype with students in Bard College Berlin's Civic Engagement Institute. Two SOSH faculty members, **Dr. Hugh Liebert** and **MAJ George Fust**, teamed up with two faculty from DFL, **LTC DeMelo Franco** and **CPT Elizondo**, to lead a discussion on the relationship between citizenship and military service. The Bard students hailed from a diverse range of countries including Syria, India, and the United States.