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

1. 30<sup>th</sup> January -1<sup>st</sup> February: Ms. Indra Nooyi will be visiting in her role as the West Point Leadership Center's Class of 1951 Distinguished Chair. The theme for this visit is "*Profile of a Leader.*"
2. 28<sup>th</sup> February: BS&L is having their biennial GatherRING, RING stands for "Return, Innovate, Network, Grow". The overall intent of the event is to unite past, present, and future members of our department, and enable us to enjoy an evening of fellowship and socializing. As part of the event, we will also be awarding BG(R) Tom Kolditz (former head of BS&L from 2001-2012) with our department's distinguished faculty award.

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

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> January: The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and West Point Leadership Center hosted the Purpose to Impact Program. Nick Craig, author of *Leading From Purpose* and President of the Core Leadership Institute, joined us for a transformational leadership development program. Mr. Craig was accompanied by David Hopley, the Affiliate Ambassador for the OCRE Leadership Institute.
2. 27<sup>th</sup> January: On Monday the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) conducted its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), a citywide community volunteer effort to count every New Yorker sleeping on the street across the five boroughs during the coldest time of the year. HOPE relies on thousands of volunteers to make this large-scale canvass a reality. This year we had our highest number of cadet volunteers including 70 students along with 5 staff & faculty. The Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership (BS&L) has facilitated cadet participation in the HOPE Count annually since 2008. This experience is a powerful opportunity for our cadets to volunteer, learn, and engage with the NYC community. Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YYqe75ZzWfeR7myi7>
3. 29<sup>th</sup> January: Class of 1983 Distinguished Leader Series hosted David Miliband, current CEO of the [International Rescue Committee](#) and former British Foreign Secretary. Milibands discussion was titled "The Changing Nature of Conflict: Challenges for Humanitarians and the Military."

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1. Cadets and officers in the German section will attend the annual Quadrille Ball in New York City on February 1 to maintain the long-standing relationship between the Academy and the greater German-American community. Cadets Jason Brodeur and Andrew Clegg will join the German Liaison Officer, LTC Christian Klein, and his wife, as well as CPT Casey Moyer and Mrs. Moyer.
2. LTC Annmarie Ruppert and 17 Cadets will travel to Quebec City, Canada from February 14-17 for a Francophone cultural trip with the French Forum.

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1. On January 15, Cadet Tyler Cooper participated in a discussion of Middle East issues at the headquarters of the Christian Social Union in Bavaria, Germany. The discussion was hosted by the Foreign and Security Policy Working Group and attended by the Consuls General of both the United States and Israel.
2. Eight Cadets currently studying abroad in Germany attended the Austrian Officers Ball in Vienna on January 25. The Cadets experienced the strong Austrian military tradition and had the opportunity to engage with Cadets and officers from around the world.
3. On January 28, Persian Forum's "Media Monitoring" group held their first meeting at the Jefferson Library. This Cadet-initiated project, led by the Persian Program Director, Dr. Irani-Tehrani, is made up of five First Class Cadets (Cadets Lee Cox, Dante D'Agostaro, Chloe Diestel, Aidan Kees and Mary Monnard) with advanced-level Persian. The group will meet once a week on Club Nights to analyze the reaction of Persian-language media sources—both official and social media—to the death of Qasem Soleimani and its repercussions.

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1. On 8 FEB, the DEP's own faculty will be competing in a Powerlifting competition in Lexington, KY. MAJ Justin Cunningham and CPT (P) Steven Thomas have been training to represent the department and themselves in this event.

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DEPARTMENT: G&EnE

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1. On 19 February, Cadet Madeline Easter will present her research on the “Rwandan Genocide” at the Esri Federal Users Conference in Washington, D.C. This is a collaborative research project between G&EnE and History (Dr. David Frey, Dr. Michael Gehren, COL Chris Oxendine, & LTC Will Wright).
2. On 19 February, cadets enrolled in Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa (EV376) will travel to NYC on a Culture Day to put their knowledge in practice for African Geopolitics. The trip will include a visit to the Middle Eastern Institute at Columbia University where they will receive a lecture on the Middle Eastern Politics. After that they will conduct a tour of Morgan Stanley’s offices and receive a lunchtime briefing from the Investment Banks leaders for portfolios in the Middle East and North Africa in order to gain an understanding of how the global world views volatility and economics in the region.
3. On 24 February, 26 cadets currently enrolled in EV379 (Photogrammetry) will be led by Dr. Matt O’Banion (G&EnE) to visit Keystone Aerial Surveys, Inc. located at the Northeast Philadelphia Airport in Pennsylvania. Cadets will spend the day learning about various aspects of airborne imagery and LIDAR acquisition, explore sensor equipped manned and unmanned aircraft, and gain exposure to data processing and product development techniques.

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1. On 27 January, CPT Andy Ng (G&EnE) published a paper in the journal *Carbon* regarding the optimization of structure and performance of a membrane material that can be used for water purification; [located here](#).
2. LTC Benjamin Wallen and COL Mindy Kimball (G&EnE) published the article, “The World as Classroom: G&EnE Revives the Geology Field Course” in this quarter’s AOG (Association of Graduates) West Point magazine [located on pages 36-39](#).
3. On 24 January, G&EnE recognized and celebrated LTC(P) Mindy Kimball as she was promoted to COL at Ike’s Riverside Café.
4. This past week, Cadet Deborah Majkowicz, Dr. Michael Boyce (BS&L), with G&EnE leadership: LTC William C. Wright, COL Christopher E. Oxendine & MAJ Nicholas

Lewis published an article in *Surveying and Land Information Science*, 79(1), titled “Evaluating Immersive Visualization Technology for Use in Geospatial Science Education.”

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1. On 27 January, Dr. Enoch Nagelli of the Chemistry and Life Sciences and Dr. Becky Coulson of the Mathematical Sciences led a STEM workshop for 25 high school students out of New York City. The workshop, organized by the West Point Admissions office, provided the students with knowledge of both electrical engineering concepts and computer programming. Five cadets from one of the diversity and inclusion clubs, the National Society of Black Engineers, also assisted in administering the workshop as designated mentors for the students.

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1. 4 February. **Dr. Thomas Sherlock** will serve as a panelist in a Department of Defense Strategic Multilayer Assessment of Global Competition and Conflict focused on *Chinese Outreach Activities*. **Dr. Sherlock’s** specific focus is on “How Russia and China view each other and America: The Perceptions of Students at Elite Universities.” His portion of the study is designed to determine if China-Russia relations are better understood as contingent “hedging” or more durable norms-based partnership.
2. 10 February. The Department of Social Sciences will host **Secretary Robert Gates and Retired General Peter Chiarelli** for this year’s Class of 1952 Distinguished Lecture titled, “*American Civil-Military Relations: A Conversation with the Honorable Robert Gates and General (Ret) Peter Chiarelli.*” The lecture will be held in Robinson Auditorium from 1235-1350, to be followed by a reception with members of the Class of 1952, their families, and select faculty and cadets. Secretary Gates and GEN(R) Chiarelli

will also participate in a faculty colloquium in Lincoln Hall for department faculty later that afternoon before departing West Point.

3. 26 February. The Department of Social Sciences will conduct the first unit-level **diagnostic Army Combat Fitness Test** of the quarter at USMAPS. Prior to this test, we will have conducted three separate ACFT familiarization and certification events. On 26 February, we will test not only half of SOSH, but 20 military faculty members from across other areas of the directorate and following the test we will share lessons-learned with other departments conducting ACFTs later in the quarter.

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1. 21 January. The International Affairs Forum hosted **Professor Sarwar Kashmeri** for a discussion on China. **MAJ Tom Fox** of SOSH moderated the evening event held at the West Point Club before opening the floor for cadet questions of Professor Kashmeri. Cadet turnout was great and questions were consistently incisive.
2. 21 January. The Combating Terrorism Center was honored to host former Acting Secretary of Homeland Security **Kevin McAleenan**. In addition to engaging with CTC faculty, Mr. McAleenan also guest lectured to cadets in SS464: Homeland Security.
3. 24 January. The Department of Social Sciences hosted the annual Winter Formal at Falkirk Estates and Country Club. The event was a great opportunity to gather and celebrate with the SOSH family. We were also honored to have **Dr. Casey Wardynski**, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and his wife Karen join us for the event.