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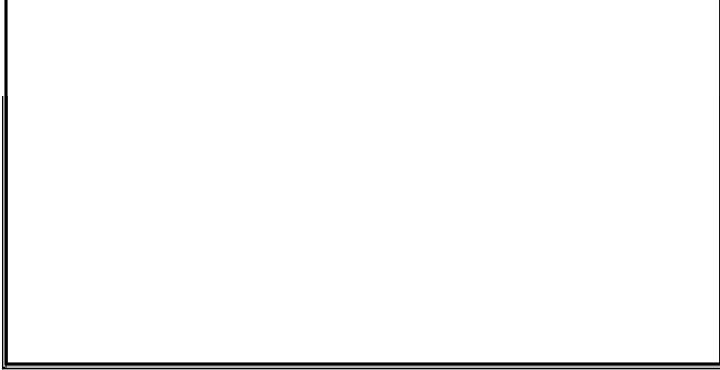
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The Commandant's Cup will be staying at the Army War College for another year. After winning seven of the 17 events in the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Jim Thorpe Sports Days, Army has, for the seventh year in a row, won the competition with an overall total of 104 points. Air War College came in second with 82 points, ICAF was third with 78, and the National War College came in last place with 76 points.

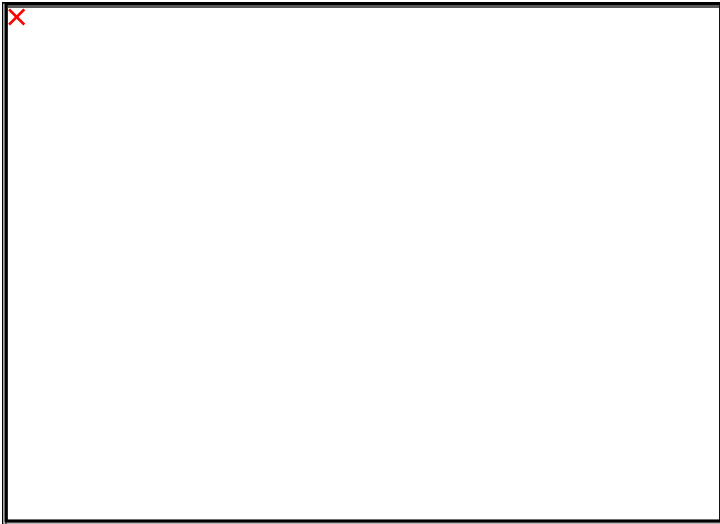


**After the Army War College was named the winner of Jim Thorpe Sports Day, Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC commandant, presents Col. Scott King, AWC Class of 2011 class president, with the Commandant's Cup. Netherlands Col. Wilfred Rietdijk, the International Fellows class president, looks on. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.**



The Jim Thorpe Sports Days competition was held from April 14 to 16, and gathered 420 athletes from the nation's senior military colleges --150 from the Air War College, 65 from the Industrial College of the Armed

Forces, 60 from the National War College, and 143 from the Army War College to include 32 volunteers – in a test of competitive team spirit and personal fitness.



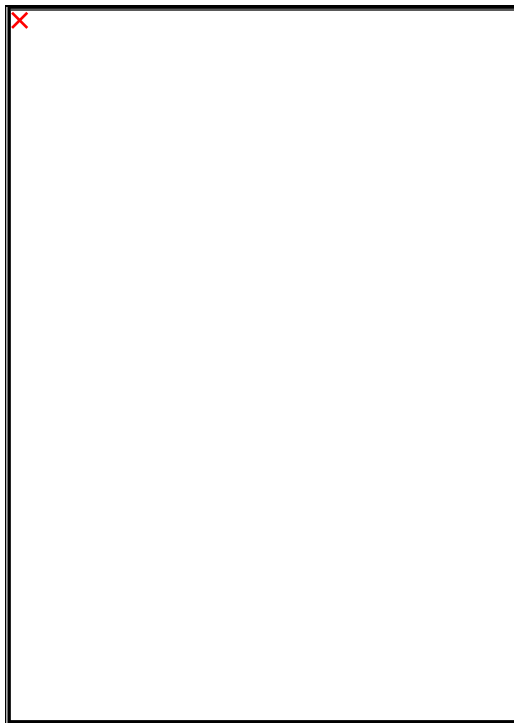
**Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, USAWC commandant, and Army War College student, Col. Fred Hannah, bump chests during the opening ceremonies of the Jim Thorpe Sports Day competition held at Carlisle Barracks. The competition featured athletes from the Army War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Air War College and the National War College. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.**

"Being in the military is like being on a sports team – we're all athletes, our leaders are our coaches, and we work as a team," said Maj. Gen. Gregg Martin, Army War College commandant.

The heart of JTSD is competition; not only competition between the various colleges to see which one is

the best, but competition between the athletes themselves for dominance.

Tracy Szcapaniak, a student at the National War College shot the first ever hole-in-one in the history of Jim Thorpe Days. She did this despite the fact that it was a pouring rain.



*Navy Cmdr. Caroline Gaghan, a student at the Army War College, cross the finish line in the woman's 1 mile relay race. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*

The winners of the men's 5-mile race and the woman's 5K race proved that just because you are in your forty's does not mean you have to slow down. Brian Floey a student at the National War College averaged a 5:51 mile to win the race in 27:58. Lt. Col. Joni Matthews, an AWC student, averaged a 7.37 mile to win the 5K race in 22:43. To put that into context, to max the run portion of the Army Physical Fitness test an 18 year-old man needs to run it in 13:00, and an 18 year-old woman would need to run the same test in 15:36.

Of course JTSD is not just about competition. It is also about family and fun.





“This competition is all about having fun, making friends and getting in shape,” said Martin.

***Jim Thorpe Sports Day officially kicked off with a torch relay around Indian Field. The relay featured Army War College students,***

***representing the five services, international fellows and civilian employees that make up the class of 2011. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.***

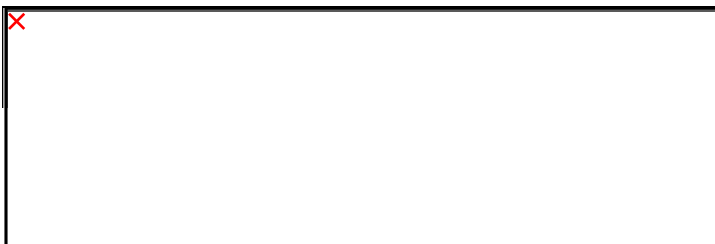
Several family friendly activities were available for the competitors and their families to enjoy. In conjunction with the Month of the Military Child the Carlisle Barracks Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Services offered kid-friendly activities such as a bouncy house, face painting, crafts and pony rides.



***An Army batter hits the ball during a softball game between the AWC and the National War College. The game was played as part of the Jim Thorpe Sports Day competition held annually at the Army War College. Photo by Tom Zimmerman.***

The Carlisle Barracks Spouses Club annual duck derby was also another highly-anticipated tradition of the JTSD celebration. The event

which has rubber ducks float down LeTort Springs raises money for charity. The driving rain and swollen spring forced many of the ducks to float sideways to victory. “Cinco de Ducky”, Seminar 5’s entry was the over-all winner.



***Even a driving rain couldn't keep fans from cheering on their ducks at the Carlisle***



**Barracks Spouses Club Duck Derby. "Cinco de Ducky", Seminar 5's entry, won the race.**

*Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*

As the Jim Thorpe Sports Days ended for another year, Hannah reminded the assembled competitors that they would look upon the days of competition for years to come.



*Travis Stodter, an employee with the Carlisle Barracks Child Development Center, helps kids with their arts-and-crafts projects during the Jim Thorpe Days events. Photo by Staff Sgt. Corey Baltos.*