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*comradeship, teamwork, discipline and
athleticism*

Event results:

Women's 1 Mile Relay

1stPlace – Eisenhower

2ndPlace- National

Volleyball

1st Place - Air

2nd Place - Eisenhower

Men's 1 Mile Relay

1st Place- Air

2nd Place- Army

Golf

1st Place- National

2nd Place – Eisenhower

Basketball

1st place – Air

2nd Place – Eisenhower

Skeet

1st Place- National

2nd Place – Air

Trap

1st Place – National

2nd Place- Air

Tennis

1st Place – Eisenhower

2nd Place – Air

Soccer

1st Place- Army

2ndPlace- Air

Cycling

1stPlace – Air

2ndPlace- Army

5k Run

1stPlace- Air

2nd Place - Army

Softball

1stPlace- Army

2ndplace – Eisenhower

Bowling

1stplace -Army

2ndplace – Air

April 23, 2015 -- Opening ceremony was cold -- and spirited. USAWC Lt. Col. Jeff Van Cleeve started the official ceremony as MC, but the student/athletes were the focus of attention as they paraded Indian Field, named for the sports programs of the Carlisle Indian Industrial School which produced famous athletes to include but not limited to Olympic decathlete Jim Thorpe.

The Carlisle community during Jim Thorpe Sports Days includes (left to right) Bill Gollnick, guest speaker from the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin (far left); George Yuda whose dad Montreville 'Speed' Yuda played baseball with Jim Thorpe (in red); USAF Maj. Gen. Brian Bishop, Air War College Commandant (in blue), The Adjutant General, Pennsylvania, Maj Gen. James Joseph; USMC Brig. Gen. Thomas Gorry, Eisenhower School Commandant; Army Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp, Army War College Commandant, Debbie Rapp and Sharon Parrish.



The parade





of sports
teams
included



Representatives of Air War College from Maxwell Air Force Base, National War College and Eisenhower colleges from Fort McNair, and the home team Army War College. Students recruit among the student bodies and the teams themselves are 'joint' -- an Army War College team, for example, includes officers from multiple Services, countries, and federal civilians.

Marine Lt. Col. Jim Shelton, Army War College student, runs the first leg of the Olympic-style torch relay, before lighting the cauldron.

Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp formally welcomed visiting schools, family members and community friends. Bill Gollnick, a member of the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Indians, offered unique memories that tied today's athletes to the athletes of a century and more ago, at the Carlisle Indian School. Gollnick's grandfather and father-in-law both attended the Carlisle Indian School, which operated at Carlisle from 1889 - 1918; his grandfather was a runner, here.

"The story goes that he broke one of Jim Thorpe's running records ... whether he actually did it or not," he said to laughter from the crowd. Mixed feelings resonate among Native Americans about the Indian School, he said, but We appreciate what you are doing .. what they have done ... what they will do in the future. As you compete, think about all the Indian people that participated on this field and how perhaps the one thing that resonated for them was the ability to engage in a team sport that allowed them to

show their true self. If you can think of your fellow team mates as those who are aspiring the same values, this is going to be an exciting weekend."



Representing the scholar/athletes at the academically rigorous senior military schools are mascots for National War College, Eisenhower, and the Army's 'Colonel Carlisle' (left)

as of close of business 23 April --

Eisenhower won the women's 1-mile relay; Air won the men's 1-mile relay;

Soccer: Eisenhower defeated National 2-0; Army defeated Air 3-2

Softball: Army defeated Air 21-0

Basketball: Air defeated Army 62-44.

Eisenhower defeated National in volleyball.

The 108th Field Artillery Soldiers, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, offer a hand salute and a 13-gun salute to the Joint Force leaders of the war college, at Opening Ceremony (above).

Army War College Commandant Maj. Gen. Bill Rapp (below) thanks the JROTC cadets of the Cumberland Valley High School who provided the color guard.

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