

## Army War College wins Jim Thorpe Sports Days

By Curt Keester 28 April 2019



Army War College Commandant Maj. Gen. John Kem (right) and Command Sgt. Maj. Alan Hummel (left) present Lt. Col. Tony Verenna (center) with the Commandant's Cup. Verenna accepted the Cup on behalf of the Army War College Class of 2019.



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**CARLISLE, Pa. (April 27, 2019)** – Sportsmanship and camaraderie carried the day as representatives from five Department of Defense senior service war colleges faced off during the 40th Jim Thorpe Sports Days competition April 25-27, 2019.

This year's Army War College Class welcomed competitors from the Marine Corps War College, Air War College, National War College and Navy War College. The Sports Days event ran April 25-27 and reinforced a spirit of competition and fellowship that honored the legacy of one of the great American athletes of the past century, Jim Thorpe.

"Being a good sport is an important part of this. Win, lose or draw, when the weekend is over, we know we're back to being a joint force," said event host Maj. Gen. John Kem, Army War College Commandant, before



Army Col. Eric Frutchev, Army War College, participates in the first ever Functional Fitness competition during Jim Thorpe Sports Days.



introducing this year's honored guest, Congresswoman Deb Haaland, U.S. Representative from New Mexico. She is the first of two Native American women to be elected to Congress, and a descendant of a Carlisle Indian Industrial School student.

"Today we celebrate the legacy of excellence that Jim Thorpe displayed on and off the field," said Rep. Haaland. "Excellence and representation that never made it officially into the history books. He is a story of true strength overcoming so many obstacles and adversity that should inspire us all to work harder and be proud of where we came from because that is what true greatness is.

"Over the next couple of days as each of you work toward winning the Commandant's Cup, I leave you with a direct quote from Jim Thorpe. He stated, 'I am no more proud of my career as an athlete than I am of the fact that I am a direct descendant of that noble warrior Chief Blackhawk.' I believe this is where he derived the strength to become one of the most successful athletes of all time. He never forgot who he was or where he came from, which is the story that I hope all of us will carry as we move forward.

"I thank everyone here for your continued service to make our county a better place for everyone, and I respect you deeply for your efforts in continuing the legacy of athletic excellence that this institution has instilled.

"Last, regardless of which team comes out on top, your service to our country makes every single one of you a winner," said Haaland.

Following Rep. Haaland's remarks, students of the Army War College carried a torch once around the track to bring joint, interagency and coalition firepower to the events and light the Jim Thorpe Sports Days Cauldron. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Paul Beeman, ran the first leg of the relay. While lapping the Indian Field track, each passed the torch to another member of the joint, international and interagency student body: Navy Cmdr. Scott Wilson, Air Force Col. Stacy Walser, Coast Guard Cmdr. Randy Brown, Norwegian Fellow Col. Elisabeth Michelson, DoD civilian Jae Kim and Army Col. Joel Verneti. Verneti completed the relay by lighting the cauldron for this year's Jim Thorpe Sports Days. As the cauldron's flame grew, Kem gave the order to, "Let the games begin," and the Pennsylvania National Guard provided a 13-gun salute to officially start the games of the 2019 Jim Thorpe Sports Days.



*Congresswoman Deb Haaland*



*Opening Ceremony*



*1 Mile Relay*



*Congresswoman Deb Haaland greets Breona Brogan who she delivered a fantastic rendition of the National Anthem to kick off this year's Jim Thorpe Sports Days April 25.*



## UPDATED: Jim Thorpe Sports Days Schedule and Scores

*(right to left) Marine Corps Lt. Col. Paul Beeman, Navy Cmdr. Scott Wilson, Air Force Col. Stacy Walser, Coast Guard Cmdr. Randy Brown, Norwegian Fellow Col. Elisabeth Michelson, DoD civilian Jae Kim and Army Col. Joel Verneti. Verneti.*

### Thursday April 25, 2019

Opening Ceremony – 5 p.m.

Men and Women's One Mile Relay – 5:30 p.m.:

Men's Relay:

1st – Air Force

2nd – Navy

3rd – Marine Corps

4th – National

5th – Army (disqualified)

Women's Relay:

1st – Army

2nd – National

3rd – Navy

4th – Air Force

Softball – 6 p.m. Army vs Air Force: Army 18-5

Soccer – 6 p.m. Navy vs National: National 2-0

Tennis – 6 p.m. Army vs National: Army 2-1

Functional Fitness – All Teams (not for points)

1st – National: 30:11

2nd – Air: 31:13

3rd – Army: 33:23

Basketball – 7:15 p.m. Army vs Air Force: Army 39-30

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Volleyball – 8:30 p.m. National vs Navy: National 2-0

**Friday April 26, 2019**

Softball – Cancelled due to weather.

Volleyball – 8 a.m. Army vs Air Force: Army 2-0

Soccer – 8 a.m. Army vs Air Force: Army 7-6

Tennis – 8 a.m. Air Force vs Navy: Air Force 3-0

Cycling – 8 a.m. All cyclists at King's Gap:

1st – Army 1:18:21

2nd – Air Force –1:29:04

Bowling – 9 a.m. All bowlers:

1st – Army 2,022

2nd – Air Force 1,636

3rd – Eisenhower 1,614

4th – National 1,564

5th – Navy 1,502

6th – Marine Corps (disqualified)

Trap Shoot – 9 a.m. All Skeet:

1st – Army 209

2nd – Air 160

3rd – Navy 110

4th – National 108

Basketball – 9:30 a.m. Navy vs National: National 49-33

Soccer – 9:30 a.m. Navy vs Air. All 0-2

Softball – 11 a.m. Cancelled due to weather.

Volleyball – 11 a.m. Air Force vs Navy: Air Force 2-0

Tennis – 11 a.m. National vs Navy: National

Trap Shoot – 12 noon All trap:

1st – Army 216

2nd – Air 193

3rd – National 162

4th – Navy 148

Basketball – 12:30 p.m. Air vs Navy: Air 60-28

Soccer – 12:30 p.m. Cancelled due to weather.

Golf – 12:30 p.m. All golfers:

1st – Army 441

2nd – Navy 469

3rd – National 489

4th – Air Force 503

Softball – 2 p.m. Cancelled due to weather.

Volleyball – 2 p.m. National vs Army: Army 2-0

Tennis – 2 p.m. Army vs Air: Air 2-1

Basketball – 3:30 p.m. Army vs National: Army 56-38

Soccer – 3:30 p.m. Cancelled due to weather.

Softball – 5 p.m. Cancelled due to weather.

Volleyball – 5 p.m. Air vs National: National 2-1

Tennis – 5 p.m. Army vs National: Army 2-1

Basketball – 6:30 p.m. Air Force vs National: Air 33-47

\*Championship Volleyball – 8 p.m Army vs National: Army 2-0

\*Championship Basketball – 9:30 p.m. Army vs Air Force: Air Force 36-30

## **Saturday May 5, 2018**

5K Run – 6:15 a.m.

1st – Army

2nd – Air Force

3rd – National

4th – Navy

Cycling – 7 a.m. All Cyclist:

1st – Army 2:10:36

2nd – Air Force 2:21:14

Softball – 8 a.m. Navy vs National: National 18-7

Tennis – 8 a.m. Army vs Air Force: Army 3-0

\*Championship Soccer - 9:30 a.m. National vs Army

Tennis – 10 a.m. Army vs Air Force: Air 2-1

Championship Softball – 10:30 a.m. Army vs National: Army 18-13

\*2nd Place Soccer – 12 noon Army vs Air Force: Army 7-6

Closing/Awards Ceremony – 1 p.m.