

Army War College Class of 2018 'Keeps the cup here'

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A group of Army War College International Fellows and members of the Jim Thorpe Sports Days soccer team proudly raise the Commandants Cup. The Army War College Class of 2018 'Kept the cup here' following three days of competition with Eisenhower, Nat



Lt. Col. Dylan Randazzo, U.S. Army, lights the cauldron for this year's Jim Thorpe Sports Days. Students of the Army War College carried a torch once around the track to officially bring joint, interagency and coalition firepower to the events.



History considers Jim Thorpe, a member of the Sac and Fox Nation, one of the greatest athletes of the last century. He was an All-American and won gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Summer Olympics, in Stockholm, Sweden.

Sportsmanship, camaraderie carry the day at 40th Jim Thorpe Sports Days

CARLISLE, Pa. (April 17, 2018) – An atmosphere of teamwork, fitness and community greeted representatives of four Department of Defense senior service war colleges as they faced off to begin the 40th Jim Thorpe Sports Days.

This year's Army War College Class of 2018 welcomed competitors from Eisenhower School for National Security, National War College and Navy War College during a ceremony held on historic Indian Field May 3 at 5 p.m. The sports days event ran May 3-5, and reinforced a spirit of



The Army War College will host the Jim Thorpe Sports Days May 3-5.



competition and fellowship that honored the legacy of one of the great American athletes of the last century.

Army War College Commandant, Maj. Gen. John Kem welcomed competitors saying, "Jim Thorpe Sports Days is a time honored tradition bringing together competitors from our Nation's senior service colleges, affectionately known as the war colleges, to compete on the fields of friendly strife here in Central Pennsylvania.... It is great to have this opportunity to get together, with beautiful weather, in a beautiful part of our country and have some camaraderie and some friendly competition." Following Kem's remarks a color guard provided by Carson Long Military Academy led an Olympic-style walk-on with the athletes, which was followed by Heather Hooten as she delivered The National Anthem and Chaplain Kurt Mueller, Army War College Class of 2018, as he gave the invocation.

The honored guest for Jim Thorpe Sports Days was Mr. Gerald Danforth. Mr. Danforth is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin. He enlisted in the Navy Reserve in 1964, and then into the regular Navy in 1965. Mr. Danforth served a prestigious 30 year career in the Navy and retired in 1994. Danforth said, "Having been a veteran of the Navy for all those years I can leave you only with one comment and that's, 'Go Athletes!'"

Students of the Army War College carried a torch once around the track to bring joint, interagency and coalition firepower to the events. Col. Michael Bracewell, United States Marine Corps, ran the first leg of the relay. Bracewell then passed the torch to Capt. Eddie Lopez, United States Navy, who gave it to Lt.Col. Aaron French, United States Air Force, French passed the torch to Cmdr. Sean O'Brien United States Coast Guard. O'Brien to Col. Edmondus Caelen, Army War College International Fellow from the Netherlands, and Caelen to Ms. Valerie Lubin, Department of Defense Civilian. Lastly Lubin passed the torch to Lt. Col. Dylan Randazzo, U.S. Army. Randazzo 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," when the Pennsylvania National Guard provided a 13-gun salute officially starting the games of the 2018 Jim Thorpe Sports Days.

This year's sporting events included a men and women's 4 x 400 meter relay, softball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, trap & skeet and a 5k run.

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The Women's 4x400 meter relay was the first event of this year's Jim Thorpe Sports Days.



Jim Thorpe Sports Days 2018 officially begins with a bang. The Pennsylvania National Guard provided a 13-gun salute officially starting the games of the 2018 Jim Thorpe Sports Days.

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Volunteer War College families will hosted a family day near Indian Field for children of participating teams and the Carlisle Barracks community on Sat. May 5. The family day will included bounce houses, face painting, cotton candy and family games.

At an awards ceremony following the games, USAWC Commandant, Maj. Gen. John Kem presented first, second and third place medals, team trophies, and to the overall winning team of this year's Jim Thorpe Sports Days the Army War College Kem presented the Commandants Cup.

Jim Thorpe Sports Days Schedule and Scores

Thursday May 3, 2018

Opening Ceremony – 5 p.m.

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

Men's Relay: 1st Place National War College, 2nd Place Army War College, 3rd Place Eisenhower School

Women's Relay: 1st Place Eisenhower School, 2nd Place Army War College, 3rd Place National War College

Softball– 6 p.m. Army vs National: **Army over National 20-6**

Soccer – 6 p.m. Army vs Eisenhower: **Army over Eisenhower 3-0**

Tennis – 6 p.m. Army vs National: **Army over National**

1st Singles Match - Army Wins 6-1, 6-0

2nd Singles Match - Army Wins 6-2, 6-4

Doubles Match - Army Wins 6-1, 6-3

Volleyball – 7:30 p.m. Army vs Eisenhower: **Eisenhower over Army 2-0/25-13/25-19**

Basketball – 8:30 p.m. National vs Eisenhower: **Eisenhower over National 63-25**

Friday May 4, 2018

Softball – 8 a.m. Army vs Eisenhower - **Eisenhower over Army 10-9**

Volleyball – 8 a.m. National vs Eisenhower- **Eisenhower over National 2:0 (26-24, 25-13)**

Tennis – 8 a.m. Navy vs Eisenhower: **Eisenhower over Navy**

Cycling – 8 a.m. All cyclists at King's Gap: **Cycling results after Hill Climb - Army 1st, National 2nd, Eisenhower 3rd**

Bowling – 9 a.m. All bowlers: **Eisenhower 1st (2,067 points), National 2nd (1,677 points), Army 3rd (1,525 points), and Navy 4th (1,381 points).**

Skeet Shoot – 9 a.m. All Skeet: **National-195, Army-187, Eisenhower-96, Navy-84**

Basketball – 9:30 a.m. Army vs National: **Army over National 51-39**

Soccer – 9:30 a.m. Army vs National: **National over Army 2-1**

Softball – 11 a.m. National vs Eisenhower: **National over Eisenhower 16-5**

Volleyball – 11 a.m. Army vs National: **Army over National (25-4, 25-14)**

Tennis – 11 a.m. LM-1 vs LM-2: **Navy over National**

Trap Shoot – 12 noon, All trap: **National-188, Army-184, Eisenhower-121, Navy-96**

Basketball – 12:30 p.m. Army vs Eisenhower: **Eisenhower over Army 48-43**

Soccer – 12:30 p.m. National vs Eisenhower: **National over Eisenhower 1-0**

Golf – 12:30 p.m. All golfer: **Army and Eisenhower tied 455, National 456**

Tennis – 2 p.m. WM-1 vs VM-2: **Eisenhower over Army**

Evening Social at Letort View Community Center – 4 p.m.

Tennis – 5 p.m. LM-4 vs WM-3: **Army over Navy**

Saturday May 5, 2018

5K Run – 6:15 a.m: **Army: 80:13, National: 80:43, Eisenhower: 84:13, Navy: 101:02**

Cycling – 7 a.m. All Cyclist: **Cycling results after Relay - Army 1st, National 2nd, Eisenhower 3rd**

Softball Finals – 8 a.m: **Army over National 29-4**

Tennis – 8 a.m.: **Eisenhower over Army**

Volleyball Finals – 9:15 a.m.: **Eisenhower over Army (25-18) (29-27)**

Soccer Finals – 10:30 a.m.: **Army over National 2-0**

Basketball Finals – 11:45: **Eisenhower over Army 73-52**

Final Tennis Results: Eisenhower (1st place); Army (2nd place); Navy (3rd place)

Final Cycling Results: Army (1st place); National (2nd place); Eisenhower (3rd place)

Closing/Awards Ceremony – 1 p.m.