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Maj. Gen. Robert Lennox, Fort Bliss commanding general, presents Col. Jeffery Underhill, left, 108th ADA Brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Clem with the installation's Commander's Cup.

## 108th ADA presented with 2006 Bliss Commanders Cup

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108th ADA Bde. Public Affairs

The "Spartans" of 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade were recognized for their athletic accomplishments of 2006 as Fort Bliss Commanding General, Maj. Gen. Robert Lennox, presented Col. Jeffery Underhill, 108th ADA Bde. commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Clem, brigade command sergeant major, with the 2006 Fort Bliss Commander's Cup. Lennox and Fort Bliss command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Rodgers, presented the trophy to 108th ADA, with almost every Soldier in the brigade present, in a ceremony held at Stayton Theater Jan. 16.

Lennox congratulated the Soldiers for their achievement of

winning the Commander's Cup.

"Since I was a battalion commander in 108th, [108th] has been winning the Commander's Cup. My hat's off to you because you've done it again this year."

Clem thanked all the 108th ADA Soldiers for participating and bringing the Commander's Cup back to 108th ADA after an absence of a few years.

Rodgers also congratulated the Soldiers for winning the cup.

"I've been at Fort Bliss a few times and I've competed for the Commander's Cup and this is as close as I've ever got."

The brigade was also formally presented with the Turkey Bowl trophy, which the 108th ADA officers won in November.

## Army edges Navy 53-50 on hard court

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Special to The Monitor

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Matt Bell hit three three-pointers and scored a team-high 16 points to help lead the Army men's basketball team past Navy, 53-50, in front of 3,904 spectators Sunday afternoon at Christl Arena. The victory, Army's third in a row, ups the Black Knights' record to 13-7 (3-2 Patriot League). Navy falls to 11-9 (1-4 Patriot League).

In the 105th meeting between the two rival service academies, Jarell Brown, Corban Bates and Doug Williams all added eight points apiece to help Army to its first 13-win season since the 1986-87 team compiled a final record of 14-15.

Williams, who produced a couple of rim-rattling dunks, added a career-high 10 rebounds for the Black Knights, who have reeled off three consecutive Patriot League victories for the first time since 1998-99 squad accomplished that feat.

"It was a hard-fought game, and I thought both teams played well defensively," said Army head coach Jim Crews. "I thought Doug Williams did a great job defensively for us. He was instrumental in this victory. Our whole team stepped up today."

Army, which led 25-23 at halftime, began the second half on a 12-4 run to open up a 37-27 advantage at the 14:47 mark. Bell scored eight of the Black Knights' points during the spurt, which gave Army its largest lead of the game.

Three-pointers by T.J. Topercer, Adam Teague and Greg Sprink ignited an 11-0 Navy run that gave the Midshipmen their first lead of the second half at 38-37 with 9:34 to play.

The teams traded baskets until a conventional three-point play by Sprink gave Navy a 43-41 advantage at the 5:08 mark.

Army answered right back as Bates scored the Black Knights' next six points, producing a conventional three-point play and hitting a three-pointer from the left corner to give Army a 47-43 lead that it would not relinquish.

After a couple of Sprink free throws made the score 47-45, Williams took an interior feed from Bates and threw down a slam dunk with the right hand to push Army's lead back up to four points at 49-45 with 2:38 showing on the clock.

After two free throws by Trey Stanton trimmed Army's lead to 49-47, Brown knocked down a jumper to put the Black Knights up 51-47. Navy was able to cut Army's lead to two points one last time at 52-50 after a three-pointer by Sprink with six seconds to go. A Bell free throw increased Army's lead to 53-50 and Sprink's three-point attempt from the left wing clanged off the rim as the buzzer sounded.

The first half was a back and forth affair that featured two ties and two lead changes. Cory Sinning scored



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Matt Bell pushes the ball up court leading Army's basketball team's offense against Navy during a Jan. 21 matchup on the Black Knight's home court at West Point, N.Y.

Army's first four points, helping the Black Knights to an 8-2 lead at the 13:36 mark.

Sprink jump-started Navy's offense, scoring eight of the team's points during a 15-6 scoring run that gave the Midshipmen a 17-14 lead with just under five minutes remaining in the opening stanza.

Bell hit two three-pointers as Army answered with an 8-0 spurt of its own to regain the lead at 22-17 at the 2:33 mark. Navy battled back to tie the score at 23-23 with 51 seconds remaining, but two Marcus Nelson free throws gave Army a 25-23 half-time lead.

Nelson finished the game with a game-high four assists to go along with nine rebounds and four points. Bates added seven rebounds, as Army held a 39-36 edge on the glass.

Army shot 39.2 percent from the floor, while holding Navy to 28.6 percent shooting. The Midshipmen were able to knock down just 22.6 percent of their field goal attempts in the second half. While the contest was a defensive struggle throughout, neither team turned the ball over very much. Army finished with eight miscues, while Navy had nine.

Sprink finished with a game-high 19 points, while Topercer added 11 points. Stanton chipped in eight points and a team-high eight rebounds.

After arriving at the arena, Crews changed out of his suit and into Army BDUs to coach the game.

Crews, who, along with several other Division I men's basketball coaches, spent a week this past summer in Kuwait coaching basketball to U.S. Soldiers as part of Operation Hardwood, wanted to honor them as well.

"I wanted to honor all of the men and women in the military overseas, who do so much for us," added Crews. "This is my small way of letting them know that I remember them."

### Sports briefs

#### Water aerobics

The Replica Aquatic Center is offering water aerobics classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost \$3 per lesson or \$25 per month. For more information, call 568-7431.

#### B-Ball tourney

Fort Bliss MWR-Sports is sponsoring the 11th annual Black History Month Basketball Tournament. Tournament dates are Feb. 16 through 18. Entries deadline is Feb. 9 and is open to men's teams civilian and military. The tournament format will be double elimination with first, second and third team trophies and first and second place individuals. T-shirts will be given to team players (12) and one coach. For more information, call 568-5995 or 568-5198.

#### Martial arts

Veterans Recreation Center Fitness Program is now accepting new students for their martial arts program. Cost is \$20 per month. Children and adults are eligible to participate. Students are assigned to groups based on age and experience levels. Each session includes karate skills instruction and practice. Instruction focus is on discipline, concentration and fitness for all ages. Class schedule is Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ages three through five year olds practice from 5:30 to 6 p.m., six through nine year olds practice from

6 to 6:30 p.m. and 10 years to adults 6:30 to 7:20 p.m. Students should wear comfortable athletic or workout clothing to each session. Students may engage in testing from time to time for belt promotion. Students may combine martial arts classes with aerobics and use of the fitness center for one low monthly fee of \$29. For more information, call 821-8909 or 821-8911.

#### Jim's Outback Odyssey

Jim Eckles will conduct a 41-mile, point to point route in the San Andres Mountains Feb. 24. This is probably a one-in-a-lifetime event over rugged and rough rocky roads that will have limited availability. MWR has to take you and your bike from the end point to the start point, and only 28 people can participate. Since the back roads will more than likely be impassible for vehicles, MWR is not planning any kind of sag wagon or other support on the route. Participants will ride together as a group so they can support each other. Each person will have to carry their own water, food and emergency gear.

Each rider needs to be self-supporting in being able to do basic repairs to their bike. MWR requires that you carry a spare tube and the means to inflate it. You might also bring the tools and acquire the knowledge to fix a broken chain or spoke on the route. For more information call (505) 678-1713 or (505) 678-1134.