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Major General Jack Bradshaw  
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*Sir*

Dear General (Ret) Bradshaw:

Thank you for your May 2008 letter concerning the events leading up to June's two week closure of the First Class Club (FCC). I share the Class of 1958's concerns and commitment to maintain the club as a "first class" operation.

I was pleased to have had the opportunity of meeting with you and your classmates during your reunion. What a pleasure to address many members of your class and to specifically discuss the FCC. I was equally pleased to witness the 2008 Cadet Leadership formally apologize to members of the 1958 Class and accept responsibility for their actions. Since you wrote me directly, I wanted to personally close the loop with you and offer you my insight to the incident.

In recent years our FCC, made possible by you and your classmates, has become a centerpiece for cadet life. Believe it or not, we have heard cadets claim that one of the reasons they remained at West Point was to experience the FCC in their final year. A clear testament to the club and the environment your class created on campus.

I want to personally assure you that the events leading up to the closure of the FCC this spring were appropriately addressed by me, the Brigade Tactical Officer, and the cadet chain of command. The club was returned to its original state, all damages were repaired (at no cost to Cadet Activities or USCC), formal apologies were given to members of the FCC staff and appropriate "development" and punishments were quickly and adequately executed.

As the Commandant of Cadets I accept responsibility for the actions of the Corps. I also administer appropriate levels of punishment and insure proper levels of discipline and decorum are maintained. As the Superintendent's trusted agent in these areas, I take this responsibility very seriously. I trust that you and your classmates will have faith that my team and I handled the FCC incident appropriately.

Thank you for your tireless and personal support of the FCC. I personally look forward to meeting with you and your classmates again in late August. We will host the "58ers" and introduce them to the cadet leadership of 2009. The Class of 2009 is an impressive one.

All for the Corps. Go Army, Beat Navy!

Sincerely,

Michael S. Linnington  
Brigadier General, US Army  
Commandant of Cadets

*Sir -  
Again, apologize that the  
actions of a very few tarnished the image  
of so many! We're looking forward  
to seeing you all again in the fall.  
VH Mike*