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## USMA Class of 1958 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

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Classmates, many of you have been asking about some aspects of the upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to give you a heads up on many of the aspects of the reunion so you can make appropriate plans.

The reunion will take place from Saturday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 28, 2008. Our reunion hotel is the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. We stayed at this facility for our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion. This was the only hotel in the area that would allow us to reserve 300 rooms. As the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion is the largest attended reunion for most schools and colleges, we needed this many rooms and more. As an example, the USMA class of 1957 had over 700 people attending their recent 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. The Sheraton Tarrytown which is within walking distance to the Marriott is our overflow hotel. Rates at both hotels are \$134 per night.

To book a room at the Westchester Marriott online, go to their website (Westchester Marriott) and use the group code WPFWPFA or call 1-800-228-9290. For Sheraton reservations call 1-888-627-8523 and state that you are with the West Point Group.

The theme for our 50<sup>th</sup> will be Seeing West Point Today. The Academy has seen many changes from extensive renovations of old facilities to new construction of classrooms, barracks, athletic and other buildings. We will spend as much time as possible at West Point so that you will have the opportunity to visit as many of the facilities as possible.

The First Class Club is no exception to some of the renovations going on. While the FCC is too small to have any class functions there, the FCC will be open for us to visit while we are at West Point. This is our class gift to the Academy and has been a big success. The renovations paid for by our class will make it even better.

Our uniform for the reunion will for the most part be casual except for Tuesday, May 27 when we participate in the Alumni Review and have our dinner dance. As is in the past, our uniform for the parade will be blue blazer, light gray trousers and our white hat. The type of shoes, shirt and tie are your choice. You will be pleased to know that since we adopted that uniform several reunions ago, classes are now asked to use a similar uniform for their alumni exercise and review. If you do not have the white hat or need a new one, contact Clark Bailey at [cbpb36@comcast.net](mailto:cbpb36@comcast.net) or 315-265-9268. The dinner dance will be coat and tie for the men and appropriate attire for the ladies.

Some of us may require assistance in moving around. If you need the use of a wheel chair and or other assistance, please contact me so the appropriate arrangements can be made. My e-mail address is [groosma@earthlink.net](mailto:groosma@earthlink.net) or telephone is 802-375-1374.

Registration will be done on line through the AOG. The registration web site will be open in December 2007. This letter will be the only one sent via regular (snail mail). For those of you not on the net AOG will send you a letter and form via regular mail.

Attached to this letter is a tentative schedule for you to use for planning purposes. Times may change as the schedule is refined. Tours are being designed and a separate more detailed schedule will be available including a map. There will also be a map of the cemetery and a list of classmates interred there and where they are buried.

As you look over the draft schedule, you will note that we are traveling to West Point three times. This has been done to give you as much time at West Point as possible as noted earlier in the letter. Also, you will see that we have two dinners at West Point split up by regiments. Unfortunately, West Point does not have a facility large enough for groups as large as we anticipate. By using both the Kimsey Center and the West Point Club we can see these facilities and we can have the opportunity to use them.

There are tours of the Superintendent's Quarters, Q100 scheduled on Monday, May 26th. This tour is limited and will not be part of our tours. We will be allocated tickets on a prioritized basis with the other reunion classes. The tours will be 1030 to 1055 and 1500 to 1555. If you are interested e-mail me at [groosma@earthlink.net](mailto:groosma@earthlink.net) or call me at 802-375-1374. Your name and number of tickets will put on a list. There will then be a drawing to see who receives tickets.

As you are well aware, we will have a 50<sup>th</sup> reunion book emulating our Howitzer which is being prepared by Alan Salisbury and his committee. This will be a wonderful way to remember our 50 years and the reunion.

The AOG gift shop will have items for sale at Eisenhower (Ike) Hall with our class crest. The gift shop itself located at the Alumni Center will also be open during our visits to West Point. The Alumni Center is located just south of Michie Stadium. You will also receive a letter from the gift shop with selected items for you to order a head of time.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Garry Roosma , Chairman, Class of 1958 50<sup>th</sup> reunion