

First Class Club Fund Rabble Rousers

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"Our major gift to West Point, the First Class Club, is, in the eyes of many, the most impactful gift ever given to West Point. Other gifts have been far greater in monetary cost, but none has been greater in its impact on the Corps of Cadets. The Class of 1958 has established a reputation as having exceptionally strong class bonds, forged during our four years as cadets and maintained over these 60 years through our continuing reunions, including an enviable record of world-wide mini-reunions and even "micros" where companies and smaller groups have gathered. And so it is particularly fitting and important that our gift be a legacy of, not so much brick and mortar, but rather a facility and environment in which future classes can forge their own strong bonds that transcend even the brotherhood of arms. By founding this club as we have done, we have touched and will touch the lives of every single cadet as they enter into the glory of becoming "firsties" and begin the final transition phase of becoming officers in the United States Army. Many of their memories of their cadet lives will be influenced and shaped by the camaraderie they experience in the FCC. What other gift has had or will have such an impact?"