



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

March 25, 2005

Members of the Distinguished Class of 1965,

Colonel Robert A. Doughty, the last member of the Class of 1965 still on active duty, will retire on 24 June 2005. His retirement (and subsequent promotion to Brigadier General) will culminate a distinguished 40-year career that began upon his graduation from West Point in 1965 and, appropriately, will end on the same hallowed ground. He served on the USMA faculty for a total of twenty-seven years, and has been Head of the Department of History for the last twenty.

Following his commissioning as an Armor officer, Bob served with distinction in a variety of command and staff positions, including two assignments in Germany and a combat tour in Vietnam. Additionally, he served as an instructor at the Command and General Staff College and was instrumental in establishing the Combat Studies Institute. His first major historical work, "The Evolution of U.S. Army Tactical Doctrine, 1946-1976," was published by CSI as Leavenworth Paper One. Bob returned to West Point in 1981 as an Academy Professor in the Department of History and served as the chief of the European History Division. He became the Deputy Head in 1984 and the Head the following year.

Under Bob's leadership the Department of History developed one of the finest undergraduate history programs in the nation. He supervised course design and content, set high standards of teaching and scholarship, recruited top-quality faculty, and established a command climate that encouraged superior performance from every member of the Department. Additionally, he was the archetypical soldier-scholar—an award-winning author of numerous original works of military history.

Bob's wife, Diane, has had no less of an impact on the spouses of the Department. She has warmly and generously welcomed them into the Department of History family and authored countless acts of thoughtfulness and support on their behalf. Likewise she has been an active and contributing member of the West Point and surrounding communities. Her hard work, good sense, and genuine goodness have helped to make the Department a wonderful place to live and work.

Together, Bob and Diane have inspired a generation of cadets, officers, and Army families. They will leave behind a legacy of truly historic significance to West Point and to the many lives they touched.

**In recognition of their many years of service, the Department of History is planning to honor Bob and Diane at a farewell banquet on 10 May 2005 at Nicole's Restaurant in Highland Falls. As a member of the Class of 1965, you are invited to attend this celebration. Information on the banquet, including an RSVP form, is attached.**

**You also are invited to attend Bob's combined retirement/promotion ceremony on Friday, 24 June, at 4:00 p.m., in the Grand Ballroom of the West Point Club. A reception will follow.**

If you would like to attend either event, please RSVP no later than 19 April 2005 to MAJ David Siry. If you plan to attend the banquet, please include the banquet RSVP form with your payment. You may reach MAJ Siry by email at [david.siry@usma.edu](mailto:david.siry@usma.edu) or by US Mail at: MAJ David Siry, Department of History, West Point, New York 10996.

I sincerely hope you can join us, and I know Bob and Diane would be deeply honored to have members of the Class of 1965 in attendance.

All the best from West Point,

Lance Betros  
Colonel, US Army  
Deputy Head  
Department of History

## Farewell Banquet for Bob and Diane Doughty

The Department of History's farewell banquet for Bob and Diane Doughty will be on 10 May 2005 at Nicole's Restaurant in Highland Falls (located next to the intersection of Routes 9W and 218). Cocktail hour begins at 1800 followed by dinner at 1900 .

**Please choose one of the following entrées and indicate your preference on the RSVP form.**

Medallions of Sirloin Bordelaise  
Chicken Marsalla  
Baked Salmon with a Mustard Dill Sauce

**All meals will include:**

Exotic Fruit Plate  
Tri-color Salad w/ Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing  
Roasted Red Skin Potatoes  
Vegetable Medley  
Parfait du'Jour

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### Farewell Banquet RSVP Form – Due by 19 Apr 05

The following people will attend Bob and Diane Doughty's farewell banquet:

| Name | Title (if appropriate) | Meal Choice              |
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|      |                        | Sirloin, Chicken, Salmon |

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Dinner Order – Please indicate meal selection with the number of desired meals in the box. Make checks payable to the History Department Reunion Fund

☐ \$28 Medallions of Sirloin Bordelaise

☐ \$28 Chicken Marsalla

☐ \$28 Baked Salmon w/ a Mustard Dill Sauce

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☐ Total amount of check. Paid to **History Department Reunion Fund**. No Refunds available after 26 Apr 05