



April 18, 2013

Dear West Point Class of 1967:

I hope that this letter finds all of you and your families in the best of health.

The United States Military Academy Preparatory School has been immensely blessed by your participation in the **Vanguard Project**. Thank you for your hundreds of letters of encouragement throughout this school year and your most recent contributions to the **Class Messaging Program: "Captains of Industry"**. Mr. James Balkcom, George Dials, and Tom Petrie provided some very insightful perspectives, highlighting the value of their West Point experience in the Army and in the business world. This has given the Cadets a more holistic appreciation for what they are learning and its relevance for their future.

Last month, we celebrated **West Point Founders Day** and were fortunate to have Mr. Ed "Papa" Beck as our Keynote Speaker. Mr. Beck really gave a moving speech that brilliantly captured West Point's illustrious history and creatively portrayed the Class of '67 contributions to our Nation over the past 46 years. What an amazing legacy and the best Founders Day Ceremony that I have ever witnessed! Congratulations again to all of you!

As this academic year comes to a close, we would be honored to have members of the Class of 1967 attend our **USMAPS Graduation Week Activities** from 17-18 MAY 2013:

Graduation Review: 17 MAY at 0900hrs., USMAPS Football Field **(NEED Class of '67 Reviewing Officers)**

Graduation Awards Ceremony: 17 MAY at 1030hrs., USMAPS Auditorium **(welcomed to attend)**

Graduation Ball: 17 MAY at 1700hrs., IKE Hall Ballroom **(welcomed to attend)**

Graduation Ceremony: 18 MAY at 0900hrs., IKE Hall Auditorium **(NEED Class of '67 Rep on stage and members to meet with parents after the ceremony at the reception)**

Once again, thank you for your outstanding support in preparing another generation to become productive members of the Long Gray Line!


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