



United States Military Academy  
Class of 1967



USMAPS Class of 2013

As a member of the Class of 1967, I would like to offer my hearty congratulations to each of you who are about to enter the Class of 2017 of the United States Military Academy. You are undertaking a time-tested program that will prepare you for a lifetime of adventure and profound self-discovery. Having been fortunate to enter this great institution starting a half century ago and also a full century to the day following the commencement of the battle of Gettysburg, I could not be more pleased that you have chosen this path of service to our great nation.

The friendships you will form with fellow cadets as you meet the academic, athletic, and leadership challenges posed by West Point will be uplifting, rewarding, and incredibly lasting. You will be presented with an unimaginable range of opportunities for service to others. With the already developed military aspects of your training and education, you will undoubtedly contribute a particularly valuable perspective to your class as it navigates The Academy's early tests of persistence and strength of character that are designed to shape requisite leadership attributes.

Thank you for stepping forward to prepare to serve and protect our Country as we continue to confront the formidable challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Petrie  
Chairman  
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