



United States Military Academy
Class of 1980
25th Reunion
September 15-18 , 2005

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Dear Classmates:

It's now time to sign up for all events for the 25th Reunion of the Class of 1980! Enclosed find the **Event/Registration Form** you must return to sign up for meals and events. To sign up for **Golf** or to order **Memorabilia** and **Football Tickets** refer to the enclosures. Additionally, please find copies of the current lists of **Classmates Registered** and **Lost Classmates** and a copy of the **Agenda** for the weekend. We have also included a **Menu Sheet** to assist in making your meal decisions. Note: If you did not register for the reunion earlier, you may do so now (last chance!). **This is the last mailing to go out to the entire class.**

EVENT AND REGISTRATION FEES: The registration deadline is **August 12th**. Complete the enclosed **Event Registration** form and mail in the enclosed envelope to: Class of 80 Reunion, PO Box 23, West Point, NY 10996. Be sure to include the required \$150 registration fee if you have not already done so. You can also sign up online at the class web site. Refunds of this fee are available until 1 July and event/meal money refunds will not be available after 26 August. The registration fee covers mailings, Friday and Saturday bus transportation (on and around West Point as well as round trip from the hotel), administrative costs, down payments and certain reunion mementos, which will be issued at registration. Upon arrival, your registration packet will include tickets for the events you paid for in addition to a tote bag, hat, name badges, lanyards, a ladies pin and a lapel pin. **Class widows are encouraged to attend and are not required to pay the registration fee.** Ex-cadets are also welcome to attend. Checks should be made out to the Class of '80 Reunion. Please note that meal events require a ticket and only an extremely limited number will be available for purchase at the door. Check out actual event menus on the web at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1980/index.htm>. Also, see on the web a list of area restaurants in the vicinity that can be used for cadet company events or other group gatherings.

PARKING/TRANSPORTATION: Please note that parking on West Point is very limited. Those planning to drive to West Point will be required to clear security via the Thayer or Stoney gates and park at Buffalo Soldiers Field or the old PX parking lot—and then walk or shuttle bus to Central Area. Washington Gate is for DOD sticker holders WITH a valid Government ID card. There is NO PARKING for our class in Central Area. We strongly recommend taking the buses on Friday and Saturday. Please indicate on the event sign up form how many in your party will use the buses on each day so we can order the correct number of buses.

FOOTBALL TICKETS: Order by **12 August** using the separate form to order seats in the class reunion section. Mail the form directly to the Army Ticket Office, Holleder Center, West Point, NY 10996. Orders may also be placed by calling the ticket office directly at 845-446-4996 or at the AAA web site, www.goarmysports.com and click on tickets. Payment can be made by credit card and checks made payable to "Army Athletic Association". The ticket office will mail out tickets approximately two weeks prior to the game or you can request they hold them at the will call window for pickup on game day or the Friday of our reunion weekend. **Please be advised that the new ESPN television contract allows them to change the currently scheduled 1pm game start time up to twelve days out. We will adjust our agenda accordingly if necessary.**

MEMORABILIA: Use the enclosed form to place your orders for memorabilia. A credit card can be used as well as checks payable to the AOG Gift Shop. Mail the form to AOG Gift Shop, Bldg. 698 Mills Rd. West Point, and NY 10996. Our contact for questions is Mike Geraghty at 800-426-4725 or e-mail at mike.geraghty@usma.edu. Additional items can be found on the AOG gift shop web site at www.westpoint.giftstore.com/

LODGING: The Woodcliff Lakes Hilton in Woodcliff Lakes, NJ is our Reunion Center. We can guarantee our class over 225 rooms so we can be together for our reunion activities. Reservations are each classmate's responsibility and can be made by calling 1-800-HILTONS or the hotel directly at 201-391-3600. Ask for the "West Point Class of 1980 rate". The reserved block rate at the Hilton is \$115 per night (plus tax), single or double, and will only be held until 15 August at 5pm. Group code at this hotel for booking online is NBA. If the Hilton block is sold out you may also try our alternate hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn which is on 59 West in Nanuet, New York. The Class of 80 rate there is \$109.00 and the reservation block will be held at the Garden Inn will be held until August 20th.

GOLF: Bob Smith has agreed to organize a class golf tournament at the West Point Club on Thursday morning of our reunion weekend. The outing begins with a light continental breakfast followed by an 8am shotgun start. Lunch and beer will also be served. You must return the enclosed form (bottom portion only) with your payment in order to be included in the tourney. Contact Bob at oculosmith@hvc.rr.com if you have any questions.

AGENDA/DRESS: The enclosed agenda lists the times and events for the weekend. Thursday evening's supper reception is golf casual (sport shirts and slacks) for the men and equivalent for the ladies. Friday daytime activities are casual dress with comfortable walking shoes. The agenda allows time for touring the Central Area, as well as visiting Ninninger Hall, the newly renovated Arvin Gym and shopping in the usually "closed to the public" Cadet Store. The Friday Class Dinner will be a dressy affair (business suits or sport coats for the men, equivalent attire for the ladies). On Saturday, the men are expected to wear a sports coat (per AOG request) for the Cadet Review. We'll also wear the class ball cap included in the registration packet to the parade. As stated earlier, the game time is subject to change up until twelve days prior to the date. Watch the class web page at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1980/index.htm> to follow reunion updates. There will be a choice of return buses from West Point on Saturday. Please only sign on for one departure time.

The class web site will also have a list of restaurants close to the hotel so those who want to arrange company or small group gatherings on your own on Saturday night can do so.

We are looking forward to a terrific 25th Reunion. It will be a time to renew old friendships, see the latest Academy developments, and remember fallen classmates. Thanks to all for the great response to date. Encourage even more classmates to join us in September.

The Reunion Committee

Enclosures:

1. Event Registration Sign up Form-**Return** with check by **August 12** to **Joan Emmer**
2. Football Ticket Order-**Return/Reply** by **12 August** to the **Army Ticket Office**
3. Memorabilia Catalog Sheet
4. Memorabilia Order Form-**Return/Reply** directly to *the AOG Gift Shop*
5. Current Agenda
6. Menu Sheet
7. Golf Sign Up -**Return** bottom of form to **Joan Emmer with payment**
8. List of Classmates Registered
9. Return envelope