



# West Point

## Class of 1980

June 30, 2015

Dear Classmates:

**Hopefully, you have registered for the 35<sup>th</sup> already** (if not, you can still do so; read on) **Now, it's time to sign up for all events for the 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion!** Enclosed you will find forms you need:

- 1) Event/Registration Form** for meals and events;
- 2) Golf outing** sign up;
- 3) Memorabilia** order form;
- 4) Football ticket** order form.
- 5) Additionally, there is a copy of the Agenda.**

In addition to a class photo order form, we will post a menu sheet on the class web page to assist in making your meal decisions. **If you did not register for the reunion earlier, you must do so now (last chance!).** You may pay by credit card if you sign up online. Go to <https://secure.west-point.org/usma1980/reunion/>.

Online sign ups incur a 5% fee for the credit card transaction.

**EVENT AND REGISTRATION FEES:** The **registration deadline** is **August 1st** (to let us know you are coming so we can order the giveaway items for you) and the deadline to let us know which **events** you are ordering is **September 1st**. Go online or complete the enclosed **Event /Registration** form and mail to: Class of 80 Reunion, PO Box 620, Skaneateles, NY 13152. The registration fee is \$175 for a single or \$225 which covers you and a guest. Additional persons in your party who are riding our buses have a **\$50 registration fee**. Registration refunds are available until **August 1** and event/meal money refunds will be available until **September 1st**. If you need to cancel events after this date, every effort will be made to resell your tickets to late registrants.

Reunion event tickets will NOT be mailed in advance. Upon arrival, your registration packet will include a tote bag, ball cap, golf shirt, name badges and lanyards along with tickets for the events you paid for. **Classmates married to an 80 classmate need only pay one registration fee.** 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 if any, will be available for purchase at the door.

**LODGING:** Reunion Central is the Park Ridge Marriott, 300 Brae Blvd in Park Ridge, NJ 07656.

You must make your own room reservations; do so as soon as possible to ensure you get a spot in our block of rooms that are reserved from Wednesday through Saturday night. Contact them to make your reservation under the West Point Class of '80 block at \$139.00 per night. You can call Marriott Reservations at 800-882-1038 or the hotel directly at 1-201-307-0800. If booking online via [www.parkridgemarriott.com](http://www.parkridgemarriott.com), you can use the online code **WCPWCPA**. Our room block is almost sold out. Please reserve only the number of rooms you yourself will be using so all members of the class can benefit from our room block. Take care to reserve only the number of nights you definitely will need at the hotel.

This will help you avoid no-show, double booking, or early checkout fees. Additionally, it will help us accommodate every classmate who needs a room at this popular hotel. The hotel manager will keep our rooms blocked until August 26, but it is possible they will fill completely before then. If you need to cancel after August 26, please contact our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer, who may be able to substitute another classmate into your booking. We have arranged overflow space at the Montvale Courtyard, a short distance from the Park Ridge. Contact them directly at 201-391-7700 for the Class of 1980 rate of \$149.00. The class buses to and from West Point on Friday and Saturday will pick up and drop off at the Courtyard. We do not have transportation between hotels for the events at this time.

**PARKING/TRANSPORTATION: Please note that parking on West Point is very limited and problematic.**

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. Only those who sign on for buses will be issued tickets. Please note there is no class transportation to West Point on Thursday for the optional events.

If needed, transfer service from the airport could be secured by contacting **AirBrook** at 1-800-800-1990 or 1-201-483-6100 and use code **CC 6200**. They can also be found at [www.Airbrook.com](http://www.Airbrook.com)

**FOOTBALL TICKETS:** Football tickets may be ordered on line until July 28 at [GoArmySports.com](http://GoArmySports.com) (**the code for our reunion is WF80**) or by returning the enclosed form to the Army Ticket Office, to be received NLT 1 August. Tickets for the game are \$45 each. We have a block of seats in Section 31 next to Gate 1 **adjacent to Lusk** Reservoir and Kimsey Center. You might want to bring shades and sunscreen! We posted the online sign up **directions on the class website**.

**GOLF:** Jim Clifford has organized a class golf tournament at the West Point Club on Thursday, September 17th. The outing begins at 12:30 pm with a shotgun start. To be counted in the tourney, please check off "Golf" on the enclosed event form and include the tear away portion of the golf info sheet along with your payment. For questions regarding golf, please contact Jim at [ocmer6@aol.com](mailto:ocmer6@aol.com). Our class will combine with the '85 reunion group who is sharing the weekend with us.

**OUTINGS:** We have planned a number of events outside the normal range of reunion activities. On Thursday, there will be a **Hudson River Boat Ride** on the Superintendent's ferry (125 -person limit), as well as a bus trip to New York City (50-person limit) to either self-tour the city or use the NYC Water Taxi system to travel from the bus drop off at Pier 69 next to the Intrepid Museum, down to the Battery Park terminal where it is a short walk to the 9/11 site. You could also make reservations on your own to tour the newly opened 9/11 Museum prior to getting the return water taxi to the class bus which will be leaving the city from Pier 69. A full description of this NYC Water Taxi trip has been posted to the class web site.

These two events will provide an interesting alternative for the spouses of classmates participating in the Thursday Golf outing. On Friday morning, there will be a tour of the new USMA Prep School campus at the north end of post. Finally, we have arranged for Sunday brunch in the Cadet Mess, which is a great opportunity to visit with cadets and discuss the "current state of affairs" at West Point. Normally this event requires you to be invited by a cadet, but we are now able to sign up for this event as part of our reunion activities.

**MEMORABILIA:** We are again offering classmates the opportunity to order additional class crest items beyond what will be in the giveaway packet at registration. The enclosed order form can be used to place your orders for memorabilia. We are giving away a Class Golf Shirt as part of the registration fee. PLEASE be sure to indicate your shirt size so we can plan our purchase accordingly.

For those interested in picking the items up at the reunion you will need to return the enclosed form directly to "Everywear" by 1 September. You can also go online to order at [www.thecorpshas.com](http://www.thecorpshas.com). Natalie Hogan is the POC and can be reached at [info@the-corps-has.com](mailto:info@the-corps-has.com) with questions.

**AGENDA/DRESS:** The enclosed agenda lists the times and events for the weekend. Thursday evening's 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 Friday agenda allows time for touring the Central Area, as well as visiting Ninninger Hall, Arvin Gym and shopping in the usually "closed to the public" Cadet Store. Our class memorial service is on Friday, so in addition to comfortable walking shoes, you are advised that appropriate attire is expected for this event. The Friday Class Dinner (seating by cadet company) will be business suits or sport coats for the men and equivalent attire for the ladies (Sunday dress or short cocktail attire). On Saturday, the men are expected to wear a sports coat (no jeans) for the Cadet Review. There will be an early return bus from West Point on Saturday to accommodate those not staying for the post game party. Be sure to indicate on the form if you need this bus.

Watch the class web page at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1980/index.htm>

For questions regarding the reunion please contact our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer, at [wplaxmom@roadrunner.com](mailto:wplaxmom@roadrunner.com); or myself, Bret Dalton, [bretdalton80@gmail.com](mailto:bretdalton80@gmail.com); or cell @ 719.232.4839

We are looking forward to a terrific 35th Reunion!

Pride and Excellence



Bret Dalton

**Enclosures:**

1. Event Registration Sign up Form- Return to Joan Emmer by **August 1** (register only)  
or NLT **September 1** (events)
2. Memorabilia Catalog Sheet/Order Form-Return directly to Everywear **before 1 September**
3. Football Ticket Order- **Return the form to AAA before 1 August or go to [www.goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com)--by 28 July**
4. Current Agenda
5. Golf Sign Up -tear off bottom info form and return with event form/payment