



USMA Class of 1989
25-year Reunion
October 30-November 2, 2014



August 20, 2014

Dear Classmates:

It's time to sign up for all events for the 25th Reunion! In addition to the current agenda we have posted, there are THREE forms you need to fill out: (either by downloading and mailing back with your check or online using a credit card)

1) Event/Registration Form to sign up for meals and events; **2) Memorabilia** order form to purchase optional class items; **3) Golf Outing Info Sheet** if playing in the Thursday golf outing.

EVENT AND REGISTRATION FEES: Please sign up for the 89 reunion with either a credit card at our online site (<https://secure.west-point.org/usma1989/reunion>) or by returning the event form with your check to the EMR Agency, PO Box 620, Skaneateles, NY 13152. The registration fee \$175 covers **you and one guest** and pays for mailings, administrative costs, down payments and some reunion mementos which will be issued at registration. Bus transportation (on and around West Point as well as round trips from the hotel) is included for you and your guest. If you are attending as a single classmate, the registration fee is \$135. Additional persons in your party who are riding our buses have a **\$50 fee** or **\$25** if only riding one day. Tickets will not be mailed but will be in your registration packet upon arrival at the reunion. **Classmates married to an 89 classmate need only pay one registration fee.** Class widows are encouraged to attend and are not required to pay the registration fee. Ex-cadets who have maintained a relationship with the AOG are also welcome to attend. Please note that meal events require a ticket and only an extremely limited number if any, will be available for purchase at the door.

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 of buses. Only those who sign on for buses will be issued tickets.

TRAVEL/LODGING:

Stewart Newburgh Airport (SWF), north of West Point, may be the closest to West Point, but White Plains (HPN) is closest to the Class Hotel. Newark, NJ (EWR) may have the most flights available for those flying to the reunion. Kennedy (JFK) and LaGuardia (LGA) are on the East side of the river as is the Westchester Marriott but may involve a longer ride (and higher rental car prices).

For those interested in securing a transfer vs. a rental car, AIRBROOK has special rates for your class but you must use the discount code of **CC6200**. Call them at their toll-free number (800-800-1990).

The Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY is Reunion Central. We can guarantee our class many rooms so we can be together for our activities. Reservations are each classmate's responsibility and can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290 or the hotel directly at 914-631-2200. Ask for the "West Point Class of 1989 rate". The block rate at the Marriott is \$144 per night (plus tax), single or double, and will be held until October 1, 2014 although it may sell out prior to that date. Please only reserve the number of rooms that you yourself will use.

FOOTBALL TICKETS . If you missed the June deadline to order football tickets in the class section, please contact AAA directly 1-877-TIX-ARMY to see if there are any left. If you are unable to get into the class section, please contact our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer (wplaxmom@roadrunner.com) as she may have some extras.

MEMORABILIA : We are again offering classmates the opportunity to order additional class crest items beyond what will be in the give away packet at registration. The order form can be used to place your orders for memorabilia. For those interested in picking the items up at the reunion you will need to return the form directly to “Everywear” by 15 October. You can also go online to order at www.thecorpshas.com. Natalie Hogan is the POC and can be reached at info@the-corps-has.com with questions.

AGENDA/DRESS: The agenda lists the times and events for the weekend. Those attending the Thursday boat ride on the Supe's Ferry (no buses from the hotel) can drive directly to South Dock, advising the guards at the gate that you are attending a class reunion event. Parking is available at the dock and we will have a list of those who are pre registered. Also, there is no bus from the class hotel to the golf outing but you will be able to note on your sign up that you can either drive others or need a ride from the Class Hotel.

We have arranged an optional trip to New York on Thursday for those interested in riding a bus into the city, leaving the hotel at 8:30am and dropping off at Pier 79 (39th St. and the Hudson River-vicinity of the Intrepid) There are two cost options for this trip; the first is \$25 for transportation only and the ability to self tour the city. The second costs \$55 and includes a water taxi ticket that will allow you to hop on and off any of the eight stops, beginning at 79th Street. Battery Park is one of the stops on this narrated ride and it is a two block walk to the 9/11 Ground Zero Memorial. Visit <http://www.nywatertaxi.com/> for more information. You could self tour the Memorial at your leisure as they no longer require a reservation. If you are interested in viewing the newly opened 9/11 Museum, you could contact <http://visit.911memorial.org> to reserve a tour of the museum at additional cost.

Thursday evening's reception is golf casual (sport shirts and slacks) for the men and equivalent for the ladies. Snack food only will be served and while there is no charge to come (class funds will pay for the event) we do need you to let us know if you are coming or not. Please let us know on the sign up if you will be stopping in at this icebreaker event. Friday daytime activities are casual dress with comfortable walking shoes. The Friday agenda allows time for touring the Prep School, now housed on post inside the entrance to Washington Gate, 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 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. Those classmates who are on active duty are encouraged to wear their Class a uniform to the parade. We will accommodate those in uniform who wish to change their clothes for the luncheon and football game, by arranging a clothing drop off following the parade. There will be a choice of return buses from West Point on Saturday to accommodate those not staying for the post game party which this year is a tailgate at Buffalo Soldiers Field. Please only sign on for one departure time.

WEB SITE

Correspondence regarding the reunion will be sent via distros only. Please check the class page at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1989/> for updates to the attendee list, menu offerings to assist in your meal sign up, and for additional important reunion information. For questions please contact our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer, at wplaxmom@roadrunner.com; Additionally, if you require special assistance during the reunion, please notify Joan so she can arrange any special transportation if necessary.

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 and former classmates to join us in September.

“We Strengthen the Line”

The 89 Reunion Committee