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Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT: West Point Graduation Week 2006

The U.S. Military Academy's Class of 2006 will graduate and be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army at West Point's graduation on May 27 at 9 a.m. at Michie Stadium. The speaker for this event is President of the United States George W. Bush. You are cordially invited to cover the ceremony.

Due to anticipated traffic delays, you should plan to arrive at West Point no later than 7 a.m. You should enter at the Thayer Gate. A limited amount of press parking will be available, and a press center will be established at Michie Stadium in the visiting team locker room. The press entrance will be at Gate 2. A press area will be established near the graduating class and speaker's platform.

Several other graduation week events might also be of interest. Enclosed for your planning purposes is a schedule of activities and parking pass.

If you plan to cover any graduation event, please notify this office as soon as possible by phone at (845) 938-2006 to receive instructions regarding obtaining credentials. My staff looks forward to working with you and is available to answer any questions you may have.

Best wishes from West Point.

Sincerely,

Kent P. Cassella Lieutenant Colonel, US Army Director, Public Affairs

Enclosures

GRADUATION EVENTS



MAY 23, 2006 On The Plain

Alumni Review and Distinguished Graduate Award Presentation

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

MAY 25, 2006 On the Plain

Cadet Drill Team Performance 10 Superintendent's Awards Review

10:30 a.m.–10:50 a.m. 11 a.m. – Noon

MAY 26, 2006 On the Plain

Graduation Parade 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

MAY 27, 2006 Michie Stadium

Graduation Exercise For the Class of 2006 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.



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Press Information Sheet

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996 (845) 938-2006/4261 FAX: (845) 446-5820

Dear Media Representative:

Thank you for your interest in covering the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2006 graduation ceremony scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday, May 27, at Michie Stadium. Included are some instructions to assist you with planning.

Credentials:

Please fax us, on business letterhead, the name, social security number, date of birth and place of birth for each member of your organization attending. The fax number is (845) 446-5820. A press credential will be issued when you arrive at the Press Center (Gate 2).

Arrival:

Press members should enter the academy through Thayer Gate no later 7 a.m. All guests are required to present valid photo identification. Limited parking will be available at J Lot (see attached map.) From this location, the Press Center is within walking distance. For those who have equipment, it will be best to have a means to easily transport your items by foot. However, a van will be making a loop from J Lot to the nearest drop off by Michie Stadium for those who may require assistance.

Press Center:

The Press Center will be equipped with internet connections and limited phone lines that will be available on a first-come-firstserved basis to assist media members to file their stories. Phone lines will operate by toll-free number or credit card. Should you require a dedicated line, your organization can make arrangements through our current Verizon carrier at (914) 890-2550 or any service carrier of choice.

Contacts:

Please feel free to contact Mike D'Aquino, Theresa Brinkerhoff or Frank DeMaro at (845) 938-2006 for any additional questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you on May 27th.