

West Point Parents' Club
Of
Greater Kansas City
Parent Handbook



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PREFACE

This handbook is provided to assist our local parents in understanding life at West Point. It is offered as an addendum to official West Point publications.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this book, changing circumstances may make some information no longer valid. In the event any of this information conflicts with that contained in official Army or West Point publications, the official West Point information takes precedence.

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Parents Handbook Disclaimer:

Though we have striven to ensure the handbook has the most current information, due to the sheer volume there can be no guarantees – where possible, we have indicated alternate sources for updated information. Your cadet will also be a key resource for you.

BOODLERS

Boodle is good stuff to eat (and sometimes flowers for our female cadets). Cadets love boodle!!!

Below is a list of local boodlers and florists along with a brief description.

Love a Cadet

(845)-652-8569
loveacadet@aol.com

Cadet Activities Restaurant

Cadet Activities Fund
Eisenhower Hall
(845) 938-4453
Call for order form

Cadets, Cakes & Cookies

Angelica M Johnson
PO Box 188
West Point, NY 10996
(845) 446-3003
cadetscakesandcookies@yahoo.com

Most Precious Possessions

12 Evergreen Ct.
Suffern, NY 10901
(845) 368-1846
doloresb2@aol.com
Prepare Booodle for college students.
Specialize in exam packages.

Nancy's Fancies

Nancy Flowers
West Point
(845) 446-2946
Sheet cakes, delivery, homemade chocolates

The Cadet Store

Exam Care Packages or gift certificates
(845)-938-2121
(845)-446-4516 Fax

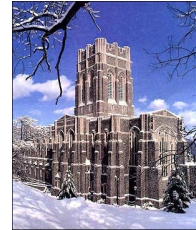
The Ice Cream Shop

Main Street
Highland Falls
(845) 446-2380
Tub of ice cream (3 gallons), ice cream cakes,
fudge and chocolates, delivery.

Other boodlers: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/boodle.html>



This prayer was written expressly for West Point cadets. It goes to the heart of what being a cadet and future officer is all about.



CADET PRAYER

O God, our Father, Thou Searcher of Men's Hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural. Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretense ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle of hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty in Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of men.

AMEN.

A TYPICAL CADET DAY

MORNING

- 6:55 Breakfast Formation
- 7:00 – 7:30 Breakfast
- 7:35 – 11:45 Class or Study

AFTERNOON

- 12:05 – 12:40 Lunch
- 12:45 – 1:40 Commandant's or Dean's Time
- 1:50 – 3:30 Class or Study Time
- 4:10 – 6:00 Intramural, Club or Intercollegiate Athletics, Extracurricular Activities Parades, or Free Time

EVENING

- 6:30 – 7:15 Optional Dinner (Mandatory on Thursday's)
- 7:15 – 7:30 Cadet Duties
- 7:30 – 8:30 Study Time or Extracurricular Activities
- 8:30 – 11:30 Study Time
- 11:30 TAPS
- 12:00 LIGHTS OUT

CADET SLANG

Cadets, like many young people, have their own language. Many of the terms used on this page are those used by cadets, sometimes referred to as Cadet Slang. Unlike teenager's slang which seems to change with generations, many of the Cadet Slang terms have been around for years but are still somewhat unique so it was felt that a Glossary of Terms should be provided for those not familiar with the Cadet "language".

Ate up – as "He's ate up but a good guy." "Ate up" means not a sharp cadet.

Bone – to study; to strive for something.

Boodlers – boodle stores.

Bugle Notes – 'Cadet Bible' – book with historical and required knowledge, issued to 4th class cadets.

Butt – The remains of anything as in the butt of a month or there are 171 and a butt days until graduation.

Cadet Classes:

First Classmen – Firsties (seniors)

Second Classmen – Cows (juniors)

Third Classmen – Yearlings or Yuks (sophomores)

Fourth Classmen – Plebes (freshmen)

CBT – Cadet Basic Training (Formerly called Beast Barracks)

Civies – Civilian Clothes

Class Godson – the first son born after graduation to a member of the class.

Goat(s) – The cadets who stand in the lower part of their class academically. The cadet standing academically last in his class is referred to as the Class Goat.

Cold – Absolutely without error, as, “a cold max”.

Com – The Commandant of Cadets.

D – D is slang for Deficient and normally refers to being deficient or not passing in Academics.

Drag – A young lady whom a cadet is escorting.

Elephant – One who can't dance. A cadet taking dancing lessons.

Fatigue Tour – One hour of punishment.

Hives – Cadets who stand in the upper 5% of their class academically. May also be referred to as Engineers since those in the category used to choose the Engineer Corps as their branch of service following graduation.

Hop – Cadet Dance

Max – A complete success; a maximum. To make a perfect grade in an academic class or recitation.

Minutes – Announcement by a plebe of time remaining before a formation.

Missouri National – A tune supposed to bring rain, normally sung before parades in the hope that they will be canceled.

New Cadet – A cadet not yet officially accepted as a member of the Corps (i.e., during CBT).

OAQ – A cadet's One And Only, the steady, the fiancée.

OC – Officer in Charge – A commissioned Officer from the Department of Tactics serving as the Officer of the Day (OD).

ODIN – Norse god of war that cadets pray to for rain to bring cancellation of parades.

P – An academic instructor or Professor

P-RADE – A parade

P.D.A. – Public Display of Affection

P.M.I. – Afternoon or evening (p.m. room inspection). A condition of the room during which closet doors and dresser drawers may be closed.

Poop – Information to be memorized.

Poop Deck – The balcony in the dining hall from which the orders are published (read to the Corps).

Pro – Pro is slang for Proficient and normally refers to being Proficient or passing in Academics. May also be used to refer to a cadet's date as being good looking.

Recognize – To place a fourth classman on a first – name basis with an upperclass cadet.

Sally port – The arched entrances into the Barracks areas.

Slug – A special punishment for a serious offense. Results in loss of privileges, special fatigue duty, confinement to room during off duty hours, and many result in walking punishment tours. ***In recent years, it has also been used to fine a lazy cadet, one out of shape, one not pulling his load, and one not doing his duty.

Spec (speck) – To memorize verbatim, as: “to spec blind”.

Spoon Up – To put in order, to clean up.

Spoony – Neat in personal appearance.

Storm – A disordered condition (said of things.) A nervous haste (said of persons.)

Supe – The superintendent of the Military Academy.

TAC – A Company Tactical Officer, the Officer assigned to supervise and guide the four classes in a Cadet Company. Cadets often nickname their TACs, unbeknownst to the TACs. Some of the nicknames have been: “Ace” for the TAC whose initials were A.S.C.; “the Wedge” because the wedge is the simplest tool known to mankind; “Spoony” because the TAC was always immaculate in his uniform; and “The Shadow” because he always knew what the cadets were doing even though they never saw him. Another was nicknamed “The Tapper” because he wore a metal tap plate on one shoe. When the cadets heard the ‘tap sound’, they thought he was walking normally up the stairs when in reality; he was walking up twice as fast since the ‘tap sound’ only echoed on every other stair.

TEE – Term End Exams

Turnback – A cadet dismissed from an earlier class and then readmitted for graduation with a subsequent class.

Walrus – Anyone who can't swim. Also known as Rocks

Wife – Used to refer to a cadet's roommate(s). Don't know what is used today with the admittance of female cadets.

WPPWE – West Point Professional Writing Examination. During Cow (Junior) year cadets must take English class, EN302. This is a class in compositional writing. The WPPWE is administered during this course and all cadets are required to pass it.

WPR – A Written Partial Review similar to a mid-term exam in civilian schools.

WGR – A Written General Review similar to a final exam in civilian schools. Now called TEE for Term End Exam.

Writ – A written examination

CLASS CRESTS

Class crests can be obtained at <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/crests.html>

CLASS MOTTOES

1962 "Can Do!"	1988 "No Task Too Great"
1964 "Stars in Store"	1989 "We Strengthen the Line"
1966 "Fame Will Mix"	1990 "The Proud and the Mighty"
1967 "None Will surpass..."	1991 "Duty Shall Be Done"
1969 "Best of the Line"	1992 "The Proud, Brave and the Few"
1970 "Serve With Integrity"	1993 "Defenders of the Free"
1971 "Professionally Done"	1994 "With Courage We Soar"
1972 "Proud and True"	1995 "With Honor We Strive"
1973 "Proud and Free"	1996 "For Freedom We Risk"
1974 "Pride of the Corps"	1997 "With Pride We Defend"
1975 "Courage and Drive"	1998 "Duty Will Not Wait"
1976 "The Spirit of '76"	1999 "With Duty in Mind"
1977 "Espirt de Corps"	2000 "With Honor in Hand"
1978 "Proud and the Great"	2001 "Til Duty Is Done"
1979 "Top of the Line"	2002 "Pride In All We Do"
1980 "Pride and Excellence"	2003 "Protectors of the Free"
1981 "Strength as One"	2004 "For Country and Corps"
1982 "The Select Few"	2005 "Keeping Freedom Alive"
1983 "Proud To Be"	2006 "Never Falter, Never Quit"
1984 "Best of the Corps"	2007 "Always Remember, Never Surrender"
1985 "For Excellence We Strive"	2008 "No Mission Too Great"
1986 "Courage Never Quits"	2009 "For Your Freedom and Mine"
1987 "Our Country We Strengthen"	2010 "Loyal To the End"
	2011 "For Freedom We Fight"
	2012 "For More Than Ourselves"

COMPANY NAMES

1st Regiment

A1 Axemen
B1 Barbarians
C1 Crusaders
D1 Ducks "Bad to the Bone"
E1 Vikings
F1 Fun1
G1 Greeks
H1 Root Hawgs

2nd Regiment

A2 Spartans "Come back with your shield or on it"
B2 Bulldogs
C2 Circus
D2 Dragons
E2 Dogs "Go Dogs"
F2 Zoo
G2 Gators
H2 Happy as Hell or "Just for the Halibut"

3rd Regiment

A3 Animal House
B3 Bandits
C3 Cocks
D3 Devils
E3 Eagles
F3 F Troop "Mount Up"
G3 Gophers
H3 Hurricanes

4th Regiment

A4 Apaches
B4 Buffaloes
C4 Cowboys "YeeeHaaa"
D4 Duke
E4 Elvis "Elvis Lives"
F4 Frogs
G4 Guppies "Terrors of the Deep"
H4 Hogs

THE CORPS

The Corps of Cadets is the largest organization of cadets. It is made up of about 4000 (+ or -) cadets. When you hear people speak of "The Corps," this is what they are speaking of. This organization is commanded by the cadet First Captain (the highest ranking cadet at WP).

Within the Corps, there are 4 Regiments – 1st Regt, 2nd Regt, 3rd Regt, and 4th Regt. Surprisingly enough, each of these organizations has about 1000 cadets. Each of the Regiments has 2 battalions. For example, 1st Regiment has both a 1st and 2nd battalion. So do the other 3 Regiments. Thus, there are a total of 8 battalions in the entire Corps. Each battalion has about 500 cadets. However, the Battalion designation (1st or 2nd) does not appear in the name of any company. Confused yet?

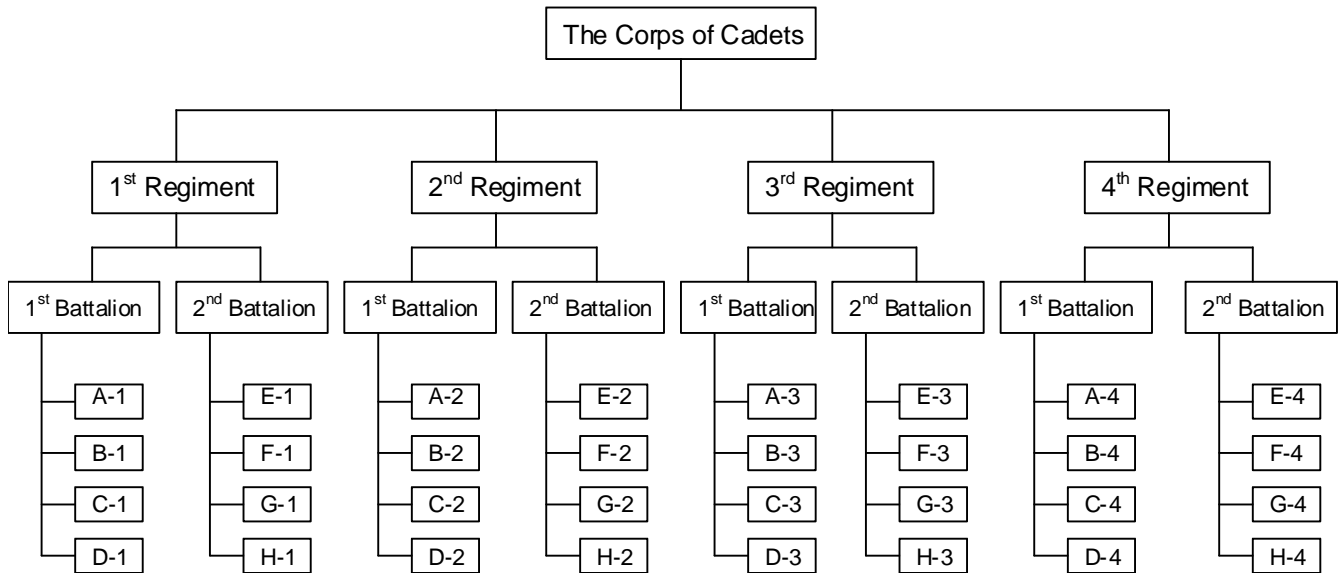
Each of the battalions has four companies. Each company has about 125 cadets (or roughly 30 from each cadet class). 1st battalion in each regiment has the companies A, B, C, and D. The 2nd battalion in each regiment has the companies E, F, G, and H. This Corps structure is derived from the old Civil War and Indian campaign era army, which used a similar designation.

Thus, companies A-1, B-1, C-1, and D-1 are all in the (1st Battalion of the) 1st Regiment. Because the battalion is not used in the company designation, you could leave out the part in (.). E-1, F-1, G-1, and H-1 are all in the (2nd Battalion of the) 1st Regiment. Thus, a cadet in D-4 (nicknamed "the Dudes"), is in the 1st Battalion of the 4th Regiment. Another example: C-3 is in the (1st Battalion of the) 3rd Regiment.

The company is the most important unit of organization at WP (and in the army). Cadets will do most things at WP with other members of his/her company. A practical way to look at this is that when the entire Corps is formed by company for parade on the plain, and you are looking at it from the stands, A-1 will be on your extreme left, and H-4 will be on your extreme right. This means A-1 will pass in review first, and H-4 will be the last company to pass in review.

The next page has a diagram of The Corps organization. It might be a little easier to understand.

The Corps



COWS (“Juniors”)

➤ Cars (ordering)

Cows are allowed to own and maintain a car at West Point after Spring Break. Many Cows purchase/obtain their cars during Christmas break. A low interest loan (“Cow loan”) is available to cadets from local banks. For many cadets, this is a much-awaited event. Along with buying a car comes purchasing insurance. Most Army Cadets/Officers get their insurance from USAA (United States Automobile Insurance), 9800 Fredricksburg Road, San Antonio, TX 78288; phone – 800-531-8111.

➤ Class Rings (ordering)

Information on class ring stones can be obtained at

<http://www.west-point.org/wp/wp-forum/>

Click on the link on the left side of the page (your cadet will be starting this process in the later part of his/her Cow year).

As far as records show, the United States Military Academy was the first school to use rings as a unified symbol. The first class to receive rings was 1835. Until 1869, ring designs were chosen informally. In that year, an organized meeting was held to decide a common class ring design. Thus began the Ring and Crest committee, the members of which are chosen by each class during Cadet Basic Training. The committee formally announces the crest they have decided upon during Plebe-Parent Weekend. See the USMA Library for a collection of rings from almost every USMA class to date.

Since the class of 1917, rings have borne a class crest on one side, representing friendships within the class, and the crest of the Academy on the other, as a constant reminder of the ideals of West Point. By current convention, each crest must contain the West Point motto, the cadet and army sabers, an eagle, “USMA”, and the class year, among other things, although their arrangement is up to the class. Traditionally, the class crest is worn closet to the heart while at USMA, and reversed afterward.

Although the bodies of the rings are uniform, the stones have always been chosen by the purchaser. Cadets choose a stone that will personalize the ring.

Firsties have always purchased their own rings. For many years, money in each cadet’s account has been accumulated during three years for the expenditure. The average price of a class ring is about \$1,200 (ranging from \$800 to \$3,000), depending on the choice of stone and the purity of the gold.

All cadets have about \$550 earmarked for a class ring in their cadet accounts. In addition, if they request, and they have available funds, they are able to draw down on their cadet account by contacting the Treasurer’s office. Of course, if they took a cadet loan, that can also be used to pay for any overage on the ring. Normally, the deposit on the ring is covered through the cadet’s ring fund and the final payment is made shortly before delivery in August of their Firstie year.

➤ **500th Night**

This celebration is the Saturday closest to the 500th night until graduation for the Cows. It is celebrated with a banquet and dance. Your cadet will have more details as the time nears.

➤ **Reaffirmation Ceremony**

This ceremony is to affirm cadet commitment to complete the next two years of study and to serve five years of active-duty military service thereafteran impressive ceremony highlighted by a renewal of the oath they took on The Plain over two years before... it is both symbolic of their commitment and representative of the goal which they are seeking to attain over the coming two years...

The ceremony is in South Auditorium of Thayer Hall or at Trophy Point the Sunday evening before classes begin. Families may attend, but seating will be limited in the rear of the auditorium. The ceremony lasts about 20-30 minutes.

➤ **Summer Training**

Usual options are Beast or Buckner detail, Airborne, Air Assault, CTLT and other lower density specialty training. Airborne School is at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Air Assault School is at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky or West Point; and CTLT is at one of the U.S. Army installations in the world.

E-MAIL

➤ **West-Point.Org**

West-Point.Org is the organization under which everything else exists. They manage A Lot – for example, over 100 lists/forums (including our three), all the personal home pages for Grads, and the Job Bank. There are over 16,000 e-mail addresses within its system. The bulk of the work is done by volunteers, with the organization currently having only one paid employee. The organization was founded by Ditus Bolanos '90. It is impressive! West-Point.Org is financially supported by donations from its members. There are two fund drives a year. The next one will be in the fall. Home Page; <http://www.west-point.org/>

➤ **Wpp-Net**

This is the master Parent list. Anyone who is on either Parent-Forum or Plebe-Net is on WPP-Net. This list is NOT a chat list. It is primarily for the distribution of information. A digest list is available. Home Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/>

➤ Parent-Forum

Parent-Forum is a chatty list. This is where you are supposed to be asking most of your questions. We do remind you to be careful about what you say, however. This is an open list. There are Parents, Active Duty personnel, Retired personnel, Grads, and Civilian USMA personnel within the membership. This enhances the ability to share information. Do not say "My Cadet said..." In fact, try not to say MY CADET at all. You are not anonymous. Your full name and class year of your Cadet will automatically appear with your post. So please work your questions and answers as generally as you can. A digest list is also available. Home Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

➤ Plebe-Net

Plebe-Net is a closed list for the exclusive benefit of the Plebe parents. It also is a much smaller list, and membership is very restricted. This is where Parents who are new to the military can learn without being so apt to create problems for their children. We encourage all new Plebe Parents to ask most of their questions here. A digest list is also available. Home-Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/>

➤ Memory Pages

The WP-ORG class memory pages can be found at:

http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2009/	for the Class of 2009
http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2010/	for the Class of 2010
http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2011/	for the Class of 2011
http://www.west-point.org/parent/mem2012/	for the Class of 2012

Check it out – you never know when you'll see a picture of your cadet there!

➤ Gray-Matter

Gray-Matter seeks to keep you informed of recent events at West Point in a brief, weekly e-mail newsletter written by local journalist talent. Subjects covered are wide-ranging but always focused on the interests of cadet and Association members.

Anyone can receive Gray Matter by sending a message to

Join-gray-matter@mail.aogusma.org

➤ Remote Email for Cadets on Leave

While your cadet is home (or away from West Point) on leave, he/she may want to check his/her email. The West Point Parent-Forum has made this possible by going to:

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

Select "RESOURCES"

Off the resource page there are actually TWO links to the email site...

One under: E-MAIL NEWS

And one under: REMOTE E-MAIL ACCESS FOR CADETS

Both take you to the following: <http://webmail.usma.army.mil/>

EMERGENCIES

In the event of a family emergency that requires your cadet's presence, contact his/her company tactical officer (see the list provided under "Telephones" in this handbook). You may be asked to contact the American Red Cross to have them verify the exact nature of the emergency for West Point. The American Red Cross routinely provides this service to the military.

FIRSTIES ("Seniors")

➤ Graduation Week

Graduation is the culmination of your cadet's four years at West Point. Therefore, we strongly recommend that as many of your relatives and friends as possible attend to support your cadet in his/her final days at West Point. Special events include: Superintendent's Garden Reception, Graduation Parade, Graduation Banquet and Ball, Graduation Ceremony, and Commissioning. Seating is limited for the parade and banquet. If the weather is good and the graduation ceremony is held in Michie Stadium, then seating is unlimited. However, in the event of inclement weather, the ceremony could be held indoors and the number of guests could be limited for each cadet. We suggest you arrive no later than Thursday for graduation week. Parents of recent graduates urge that if you wish to do any sightseeing, plan to arrive earlier in the week to allow time to play tourist. You only get a chance to experience this once, so see and do everything possible in what might be your final visit to West Point.

➤ Graduation Gift Ideas

- Black Feather Plume

Cost of Plume is \$40.00 + \$5.00 Shipping and Handling
Company Prefers a Credit Card Purchase
They try to ship out the same day as order.

Mangrove Feather Company
468 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013
212-431-5806

- Firstie "RED SASH"

Cadet Uniform Factory at 845-938-4309. Yes, the Red Sash is made right there!

There is a procedure to follow for acquiring the Red Sash, as they do not sell any uniforms or parts of uniforms directly to anyone, especially if they are not a Cadet or otherwise connected to West Point and/or the military. Have your Cadet go to the Cadet Store and request a special purchase of the Red Sash, whereupon they will implement a "Transfer Request" to the Uniform Factory for the Red Sash to be delivered to the Cadet Store. When it arrives there – a

process that takes several days – your Cadet will pick it up and pay for it there. The cost of the Red Sash is \$36.00. The Red Sash is actually two pieces – the belt and the sash that attaches to the belt.

- Cadet Saber

The saber (along with the plume) must be turned in after graduation unless your cadet has his/her own. The cadet saber is authorized to be purchased only by cadets, grads, and active duty military members stationed at West Point.

A gift certificate can be arranged so that you can pay for the item but allow your cadet to physically purchase it. To do so, call the C-Store at 845-938-2121. You can send your payment to Cadet Store/ Building 606/ West Point, NY 10997. They will notify your cadet via e-mail that it can be picked up.

The price of the saber is about \$130. They also carry an oblong oak box that is pegged to hold the saber, lined with black velvet, for about \$60.00.

- Class Pistols

Each year, the graduating class makes arrangements with a weapons manufacturer to produce a limited edition pistol for purchase by its members. The gun has markings denoting its status commemorating the class. It is sold at well below the normal retail value due to the buying power associated with a large purchase and no “middle man” profit.

Orders are normally taken toward the end of the first semester with delivery of the finished product in late spring. Recent changes in procedure now require direct shipment to a gun dealer near the cadet’s home for a “local” delivery. This can add a small cost as a “handling charge” which is assessed by the local store. Of course, all local laws must be conformed to upon delivery. The local gun dealer will be aware of them and can assist with questions in that regard.

Information about the purchase is normally distributed to the class in November. Full details including description, cost, deadlines, and ordering procedure are provided. The cost is usually in the \$800 – 900 range. A substantial deposit, currently 50%, is required to place an order.

These class pistols might make appropriate graduation gifts. However, they must be ordered well in advance. Frequently cadets not purchasing the pistols for themselves would welcome this item as a fitting graduation present for a new Army officer! More information including specific details presented to the Firsties if broadcast on the parents’ list servers when it becomes available.

- U.S. Flag

The flags that are flown over the U.S. Capitol can be obtained through your Congressman or Senator. There are several sizes available (3 x 5 is the most common), and you can get them in nylon or cotton. The cost of a 3' x 5' cotton flag is \$14.01. After you call to order the flag, send your check to your Congressman's office made out to: Your Congressman's name – Office Supply Account. You can select the day you want the flag to be flown. The flag will then be sent to you with a certificate stating it was flown over the capital on that particular day.

- Silver Dollar

They call these coins "Silver Eagles". The coins are fine silver and have a "Walking Liberty" on one side and an eagle with stars on the other side. They come in a plastic sleeve. They are beautiful coins. The cost per coin is about \$7.00. There is a \$2.00 shipping charge per order, so it might be cheaper if you consolidate your order from your club rather than each person ordering individually. Here is the information you will need to place an order. You can pay by Visa, MC, or by personal check.

Coast to Coast Coins
5570 Sterret Place
Columbia MD 21044

1-800-638-8869 MD phone 410-997-2223
24 hr FAX 410-997-7803

Military Calling Cards (business cards)

These can be ordered through the Association of Graduates Gift Shop at 800-426-4725.

- Bicentennial Coins (United States Mint)

<http://www.usmint.gov>

2002 West Point Bicentennial Proof Silver Dollar in Presentation Case (W91) \$33.00

2002 West Point Bicentennial Uncirculated Silver Dollar in Gift Box (W92) \$30.00

➤ **100th Night**

On the Friday and Saturday close to 100 nights before graduation, the Firsties produce a show which is a parody of their four years at West Point. It is developed by the class and is the last time that they do something as a class before graduation. Many class members participate and the skits recall the numerous events that have happened. Normally plebes and yearlings are allowed to attend only the Saturday night performance.

➤ **Ring Hop Weekend**

Ring Weekend is held in late August/early September (dates have changed). The weekend's activities commemorate Firsties receiving class rings, a time honored occasion that dates back to 1835. The weekend starts on Friday afternoon with the Ring Ceremony. The Firsties march out by company onto the Plain in their India white uniforms. After the First Captain presents them to the Superintendent and Commandant, the class proceeds to the amphitheater behind Trophy Point's Battle Monument.

In a private ceremony, rings are passed out by TAC officers and NCOs. Following some appropriate remarks, the rings are all put on at the same time. Afterward, a mass of proud and smiling Firsties become the center of attention. There is a reception at Eisenhower Hall in the late afternoon to allow the rings to be admired by parents and friends. Cadets are free to leave immediately after the ceremony for the evening but are encouraged to join the reception and show off their new rings.

On Saturday evening, cadets and their dates assemble in Cadet Mess for the Ring Banquet. Afterward, the Firsties and their guests go to Eisenhower Hall for a hop. The Commandant and his wife greet each cadet and guest, photographers capture beaming couples on film in front of a large model of the ring, and everyone celebrates.

Information packets concerning the weekend are distributed to first class cadets early in August. Family and friends are welcome to attend all of the events; however, this is an activity for seniors so consider your cadet's wishes regarding your attendance. Only invited guests with reservations can be included at the banquet.

➤ **Summer Training**

Usual options are Beast or Buckner detail, Airbourne, Air Assault, CTLT and other lower density specialty training. Airbourne School is at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Air Assault School is at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky or West Point; and CTLT is at one of the larger U.S. Army installations in the world.

FOOTBALL GAMES



ARMY BLACK KNIGHTS

2009 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE	
SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	
DATE	OPPONENT
9-5-09	at Eastern Michigan
9-12-09	DUKE
9-19-09	BALL STATE
9-26-09	at Iowa State
10-3-09	TULANE
10-10-09	VANDERBILT
10-17-09	at Temple
10-23-09	RUTGERS (Fri.)
11-7-09	at Air Force
11-14-09	VMI
11-21-09	at North Texas
12-12-09	vs. Navy @Philadelphia, PA

Home games at Michie Stadium / All Times Subject to Change

Away football game info can be located at:

www.aog.usma.edu/soc/football/awaygames.htm

It gives a list of the different hotels in each area, info on tailgate parties hosted by the local West Point Parents Club, and sometimes even directions how to get to the stadiums (such as Army-Navy game).

GIFTS

A multitude of West Point gifts can be found if you go through the Resources page of <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/links.html>

GRAPHICS

West Point pictures are available at <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/wallpaper.html>

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Almanac which is the publication that goes out to all new candidate parents, explains the Tri-care system.

Cadets who become ill or injured while on leave, pass or temporary duty (TDY) should go to a military treatment facility (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, or VA), if available within a reasonable distance. In the event of an emergency (life, limb, or eye saving), cadets should obtain medical care at the nearest facility (military or civilian).

Since the implementation of TRICARE in Region 1 (West Point), medical card for cadets has slightly changed. All cadets are required to carry a USMA Cadet Medical benefits card with information on the procedures to follow. Prior authorization is not required for Emergencies, but the Region 1 contractor must be notified at the toll free number, 888-999-5195, within 24 hours. The Acute Care Clinic at Keller Army Hospital must also be notified. The phone numbers are listed on the card provided to the cadets. The government will not pay for any medical or pharmacy care received in a civilian medical facility that is not an emergency or if prior authorization is not obtained. Only cadets who leave the academy because of an injury or illness suffered while on active duty may apply for medical care from the Veterans Administration. Cadets who resign or are separated from the academy for reasons other than injury or illness suffered while at West Point generally are not eligible for VA medical care.

If allowed by their health insurance carriers, parents may maintain health insurance coverage for their cadets. Doing so will ensure that if your son or daughter departs the academy for any reason, he or she will have no loss in medical insurance coverage. Some insurance carriers may not allow your cadet to remain on your policy because your cadet is a member of the active duty military.

IMPORTANT DATES (Please reconfirm with your cadet as necessary)

29 June 2009	“R” Day
10 August 2009	CBT March Back
15 August 2009	Acceptance Day Parade
17 August 2009	First Day of Classes
21-23 August 2009	Ring Weekend
7 September 2009	Labor Day
12 October 2009	Columbus Day (Observed)
11 November 2009	Veteran’s Day (Class day for cadets)
25-29 November 2009	Thanksgiving Leave (Cadets leave after last class/duty)
12 December 2009	Army-Navy
14-19 December 2009	Final Exams (TEEs)
20 December – 3 January	Winter Leave
18 January 2010	Martin Luther King (Class day for cadets)
23 January 2010	500 th Night (Junior/Cow Class Event)
30 January 2010	Yearling Winter Weekend
15 February 2010	President’s Day (Observed)
27 February 2010	100 th Night (Senior/First Class Event)
12-14 March 2010	Plebe Parent Weekend
13-21 March 2010	Spring Leave
8-15 May 2010	Final Exams (TEEs)
22 May 2010	Class of 2010 Graduation

LEAVE, PASS, OPPTS AND WALKING PRIVILEGES

➤ **LEAVE**

LEAVE is a vacation period scheduled for the entire Corps of Cadets at certain times during the year. The immediate Leave times that come to mind are Spring Break, Summer Class Leave following graduation, Thanksgiving Leave, and the Holiday (Christmas) Leave.

These periods of time off are scheduled on the calendar for the year. While on Leave the cadet is authorized to leave West Point, to go where they want to go, wear civilian clothes, and return. The main point is the LEAVE is something that is scheduled on the calendar and pertains to the Corps of Cadets.

➤ **PASS**

A PASS is a privilege. A Pass must be granted. It is a reward to be earned. Cadets with no conflicting duties who have a Pass authorization, who have achieved satisfactory standards in all areas, and who have Tactical Officer approval may take a Pass.

Passes may be granted for a 1, 2, or 3 day period. Each class is authorized a certain number of passes per semester, as follows:

Cadet Officers: Unlimited (1st Class)

Cadet Sergeants: Four per semester (2nd Class)
Cadet Corporals: Two per semester (3rd Class)
Cadet Private First Class: One per semester (4th Class)
Cadet Private: One per semester (4th Class)

Cadets must request the pass privilege and must do so by signing up in the Company Pass Book. The Tactical Officer will review the names and will annotate written approval or disapproval by each name. The main point to remember about a PASS is that an individual decision is made by each cadet about when to use his/her PASS. In addition to the number of Passes granted by virtue of cadet rank, and listed above, cadets may also earn additional passes based on performance. Being designated "Soldier of the Quarter," for example, may be a reason to grant a cadet an additional pass. There are many other performance reasons that may earn a cadet additional passes.

➤ **OFF POST PRIVILEGES (OPPs)**

OFF POST PRIVILEGES (OPPs). The first (senior), second (junior) classes, and third class (sophomore) at West Point are granted OPPs during the year. The first class has unlimited OPPs each week, the second class has OPPs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and the third class has OPPs on Saturday. OPPs allow cadets to leave post at the completion of their duties. They must return that evening no later than Taps. Good judgment should be used in determining how far a cadet travels, but there is no set distance. No overnight privilege is extended with OPPs. Civilian clothes may be worn. Fourth class (plebes) are only allowed OPPs on very specific occasions, Plebe Parent Weekend (fourth class). Last year for Plebe Parent Weekend the fourth class was limited in travel to a maximum distance of seventy-five miles from West Point when taking OPPs. Plebes must remain in the duty uniform while signed out on OPPs.

➤ **WALKING PRIVILEGES**

WALKING PRIVILEGES. This is a smaller restricted area in the vicinity of West Point that generally includes the main post area and the communities of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery. Boundary limits for Walking Privileges are:

North: Washington Gate at USMA and along Highway 218 to Highway 9W.

West: Highway 9W, except that cadets may visit establishments on the West side of Highway 9W that front directly on Highway 9W.

East: The West bank of the Hudson River.

South: Bear Mountain Traffic Circle, except that cadets may visit all of Bear Mountain State Park (which includes the Bear Mountain Inn) providing they are driven to this location).

Although specific times when cadets can exercise "Walking Privileges" are announced, the rules of thumb are that they can be exercised as follows:

- Non home football Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

- Saturdays of home football games: 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

One of the consequences of these arrangements is that by taking a motel in Highland Falls, your cadet will be able to visit in your motel room. However, this is not possible if you stay at the Hotel Thayer, since it is on the West Point grounds.

Cadets are not authorized to be in civilian clothes when taking walking privileges and cadets must be back in their rooms each night at Taps.

When taking advantage of any of these privileges the cadet must sign out in the cadet company orderly room. When changing from one type of privilege to another, say from OPPs to Walking Privileges, the cadet must return, sign in, and then sign out again stating the appropriate type of privilege being used.

All of these (LEAVE, PASS, OFF POST PRIVILEGES, WALKING PRIVILEGES) are privileges granted to cadets which can be revoked for poor academic performance or for disciplinary reasons.

LODGING

The following list come from the KC area Parents – they've either stayed or have knowledge of these accommodations!

Hotel Thayer*Recommended

674 Thayer Rd, West Point NY 10996 (800) 247-5047 / (845) 446-4731

Five Star Inn*Recommended

Parent must have a Military ID to book rooms (available to parents on a 'space available' basis) Two locations: one just south of the WP cemetery the second, next to the visitors center Main Office, Bldg 2113 (off Buckner Hill Road) Pershing Center South Post (Also Bldg 785)
(845) 938-6816 or 446-5943 or 1-(800)-GO-ARMY-1

Ft. Montgomery

Holiday Inn Express*New Recommended

1106 Route 9W Fort Montgomery, NY USA 10922 Phone: (845)-896-6281

In Highland Falls

Palisade Motel ...*Well Used

Route 218 & 9w, Highland Falls NY 10928 (845) 446-9400

Pointer's Echo Motel ...*Not Recommended

1610 Route 9w, Highland Falls NY 10928 (845) 446-2696

Econo Lodge ...*Well Used

17 Main Street Highland Falls, NY USA (845) 446-9400

U S Academy Motel ...*Used

41 Main St, Highland Falls NY 10928 (845) 446-2021

West Point Motel...*Used

156 Main St, Highland Falls NY 10928 (845) 446-4180

Near Bear Mountain Bridge (approx. 5 mi. south of West Point)

Bear Mountain Inn

Route 9w, Bear Mountain NY 10911 (845) 786-2731

Bear Mountain Bridge Motel

Route 9w, Fort Montgomery NY 10922 (845) 446-2472

New Windsor

Days Inn

845 Union Ave New Windsor, NY(I-84 and exit 17) (800) DAYS-INN / (914) 564-7550

Econo Lodge ...*Used Not Recommended

310 Windsor Hwy, New Windsor, NY (800) 55-ECONO / (914) 561-6620

Fonte's Motel

180 Route 9w, New Windsor, NY (914) 561-0284

Windsor Motel

2976 Route 9w, New Windsor, NY (914) 562-7777

Middletown

Days Inn

Route 17m, New Hampton, NY (800) DAYS-INN / (914) 374-2411

Harriman/Monroe/Goshen (at or near Rt.6/Rt.17 Close to Woodbury Commons outlet mall)

American Budget Inns

Melody Ln & Route 32, Harriman, NY (800) 836-3860 / (914) 783-3211

Harriman Motor InnUsed

Route 32, Central Valley NY 10917 (914) 928-2266

James' Motel

370 Route 17m, Monroe, NY (914) 783-9651

Anthony Dobbins Stage Coach (Bed & breakfast)

268 Main St., Goshen, NY (914) 294-5526

Orange Inn

159 Main St., Goshen, NY (914) 294-5144

Fishkill, and north

Bardo's Fishkill Motor Inn

2330 Route 9, Fishkill NY 12524 (914) 896-6767

Courtyard by Marriott

90 Westage Business Ctr., Fishkill, NY 12524 (800) 321-2211 / (914) 897-2400

Hampton Inn

2511 Route 9, Fishkill NY 12524 (800) 426-7866 / (914) 896-4000

Residence Inn

2481 Route 9, Fishkill NY 12524 (800) 331-3131 / (914) 896-5210

Wellesley Inn

2477 Route 9, Fishkill NY 12524 (800) 444-8888 / (914) 896-4995

Airport Inn

1915 State Route 376 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 (914) (914) 462-7800

Cornwall (on the Hudson)

Painter's Inn (& Tavern) *Recommended

266 Hudson St. Cornwall, NY 12520 (845) 534-2109

Cromwell Manor Inn Bed & Breakfast

174 Angola Road, Cornwall, New York 12518 (845) 534-7136

Peekskill

Colonial Terrace

119 Oregon Rd, Peekskill NY 10566 (914) 737-0400

Evergreen Manor

2003 Crompond Rd, Peekskill NY 10566 (914) 737-2509

Peekskill Motor Inn

634 Main St., Peekskill, NY 10566 (800) 526-9466 / (914) 739-1500

Town Lyne Motel

Route 202 & Crompond Rd, Peekskill NY 10566 (914) 737-8202

Union Hotel

59 Hudson Ave, Peekskill NY 10566 (914) 737-9762

Newburgh

Comfort Inn ...*Recommended

5 Lakeside Rd, Newburgh NY 12550 (I-84 and exit 6) (800) 228-5150 / (845) 567-0567

Ramada Inn ...*Recommended

1055 Union Ave, Newburgh NY 12550 (800)-2-RAMADA / (914) 564-4500

Quality Inn...*Very Used Ask for rooms on the back side. Quieter...due to entertainment activities.

90 Route 17 K Newburgh, NY USA 12550

Super 8 Motel ...*Used

1058B Union Ave, Newburgh NY 12550 (800) 800-8000 / (914) 564-5700

Hampton Inn *Very Recommended

1292 Route 300, Newburgh NY 12550 (at I-84 and exit 7 south) (800) 426-7866 / (845) 567-9100

Havarest Motel

566 Route 9w, Newburgh NY 12550 (845) 565-7330

Holiday Inn

90 State Route 17k, Newburgh NY 12550 (I-84 and exit 7 south) (800) 465-4329 / (914) 564-9020

Hotel Newburgh

111 Broadway, Newburgh NY 12550 (914) 565-7990

Howard Johnson...*Not Recommended

95 State Route 17k, Newburgh NY 12550 (800) I-GO-HOJO / (914) 564-4000

Imperial 400 Motel

316 Broadway, Newburgh NY 12550 (914) 565-3400

Inn Keepers Of Newburgh Inc

95 State Route 17k, Newburgh NY 12550 (914) 564-9010

Knights Inn

483 Route 9w, Newburgh NY 12550 (I-84 and exit 17) (800) 418-8977 / (914) 562-6170

Balmville Motel

508 Route 9w, Newburgh NY 12550 (845) 565-4949

Courtyard by Marriott

4 Governor Drive, Newburgh, NY 12550 (800) 321-2211 / (914)-567-4800

Morgan House Bed & Breakfast

12 Powelton Road, Newburgh, NY 12550 (914) 561-0326

Orange Lake Motel

Route 52, Newburgh NY 12550 (914) 564-1770

Rhoda Court Motel

528 Route 9w, Newburgh NY 12550 (914) 562-7477

Most all Hotels, Motels, Bed & Breakfasts.....

Below is a listing of the majority West Point area hotels, motels, and B&Bs. It may aid in obtaining reservations for upcoming events. The first group is arranged by name and the second by city. Please note that due to the length of the list, these numbers are not verified each year, the internet is a place to go to confirm the contact information if the information below has changed.

845 area code unless otherwise noted...

NAME	TYPE	CITY	PHONE
American Budget Inns	H/M	Harriman	783-3211
Andy's Farm House	B&B	Wallkill	895-3440
Anthony Dobbins Stage Coach Inn	B&B	Goshen	294-5526
Arrow Park, Inc.	H/M	Monroe	783-2044
Avacar Motor Lodge	H/M	New Windsor	562-4704
Balmville Motel	H/M	W. Newburgh	565-4949
Bear Mtn. Bridge Motel	H/M	Fort Montgomery	446-2472
Bear Mtn. Inn	H/M	Bear Mountain	786-2731
Best Western - All	H/M		800-528-1234
Best Western	H/M	Goshen	800-528-1234
Best Western	H/M	Poughkeepsie	462-4600
Best Western	H/M	Monticello	796-4000
Best Western Nyack	H/M	Nyack	358-8100
Best Western Palisades	H/M	Highland Falls	446-9400
Blossom Farm Motel	H/M	Middletown	795-2320
Breezy Point Inn	H/M	Greenwood Lake	477-8100
Budget Inn	H/M	Liberty	292-6620
Bykenhulle House	B&B	Hopewell Junction	221-4182
Cadet Motel	H/M	Cornwell	534-4595
Castle at Tarrytown	H/M	Tarrytown	631-1980
Christianna Hotel	H/M	Highland Falls	446-5798
Comfort Inn - All			800-228-5150
Comfort Inn	H/M	Nanuet	623-6000
Comfort Inn	H/M	Newburgh	567-0567
Comfort Inn	H/M	Port Jervis	856-6611
Concord Resort Hotel	H/M	Kiamesha Lake	800-431-3850
Country Meadows	B&B	Gardner	895-1066
Country Side Motel	H/M	Cold Spring	265-2090
Courtyard Marriott – All			800-321-2211
Courtyard Marriott	H/M	Fishkill	897-2400
Courtyard Marriott	H/M	Newburgh	567-4800
Courtyard Marriott	H/M	Poughkeepsie	485-6336
Courtyard Marriott	H/M	Tarrytown	631-1122
Cromwell Manor Inn	B&B	Cornwall	534-7136
Danbury Hilton Towers	H/M	Dunbury, CT	203-794-0600
Days Inn	H/M	Montgomery	457-3163
Days Inn	H/M	Poughkeepsie	454-1010

Days Inn	H/M	Middletown	374-2411
Days Inn	H/M	Newburg	564-7550
Days Inn (Tanglewood Motel)	H/M	Wartsboro	888-2727/2415
Days Inn	H/M	New Windsor	800-262-7073
Daystop	H/M	New Windsor	562-7661
Deer Dale Motor Court	H/M	Port Jervis	856-2635
Diana's Hotel	H/M	Middletown	341-0284
Dorchester Motor Lodge	H/M	Poughkeepsie	297-3757
Econo Lodge of New Windsor	H/M	Newburg	561-6620
			800-553-2666
Empty Nest B & B	B&B	New Windsor	496-9263
5 Star Hotel	H/M	West Point	938-6816
Fonte's Motel	H/M	New Windsor	561-7570
Friendship Inn	H/M	Monticello	794-4700
Garden Cathay	H/M	Plattekill	564-3220
Gino's Motel & Luncheonette	H/M	Middletown	343-7820
The Glenwood House	B&B	Pine Island	258-5066
Global Budge Inns of America	H/M	New Hampton	374-3020
Global Budge Inns of America	H/M	Middletown	374-6040
Globe Hotel	H/M	Middletown	341-1262
Golden Manner Motel	H/M	Hyde Park	229-2157
Green Valley Motel	H/M	Marlboro	562-7700
Greenwood Country Motel	H/M	Greenwood Lake	477-0700
Hampton Inn (8 months max. advance)	H/M	Newburg	567-9100
Hampton Inn	H/M	Fishkill	896-4000
Harriman Motor Inn	H/M	Central Valley	928-2266
Harvest Inn Motel	H/M	Pine Bash	744-5700
Havarest Motel	H/M	Newburg	565-7330
Heritage Motel	H/M	Middletown	361-1211
Hilton of Tarrytown	H/M	Tarrytown	631-5700
Hilton Garden Inn	H/M	Newburgh	567-9500
Holiday Inn – All	H/M		800-465-4329
Holiday Inn Express	H/M	Fort Montgomery	446-4277
Holiday Inn	H/M	Middletown	342-1474
Holiday Inn	H/M	Suffern	357-4800
Holiday Inn	H/M	Newburgh	564-9020
Holiday Inn Express	H/M	Poughkeepsie	473-1151
Holiday Inn	H/M	Fishkill	896-6281
Hotel Thayer	H/M	West Point	446-4731
Howard Johnson	H/M	East Middletown	342-5822
Howard Johnson	H/M	Newburgh	564-4000
Imperial 400 Motel	H/M	Newburgh	565-3400
In at 40 Oakland	B&B	Warwick	987-8269
James' Motel	H/M	Monro	783-9651
Jeronimo Farm	H/M	Bloomington	733-1219
Jeronimo Farm	H/M	Walker Valley	733-5652
Knight's Inn	H/M	Newburg	562-6170
Lake Ann CC Hotel & Apts.	H/M	Monro	783-6575
Lakewood Manor Inn	B&B	Bloomington	733-1161

Lighton Electric Inc.	H/M	West Point	446-4168
Marlo Inn	H/M	Marlboro	236-7085
Marriott – All	H/M		800-228-9290
Marriott Courtyard	H/M	Newburgh	567-4800
Marriott Hotel	H/M	Saddle Brook, NJ	800-228-9290
Marriott Hotel	H/M	Park Ridge, NJ	800-228-9290
Marriott Residence Inn	H/M	Fishkill	896-5210
Middle Hope Motel	H/M	Newburgh	561-0541
Middletown Motel	H/M	Middletown	342-2535
Morgan House	B&B	Newburgh	561-8806
Murphy's Park Inn	H/M	Greenwood Lake	477-8519
National Hotel	H/M	Montgomery	457-9590
New Continental Hotel	H/M	Greenwood Lake	477-2456
Olde Post Inn	H/M	Cold Spring	265-2510
Orange Inn	H/M	Goshen	294-5144
Orange Lakes Motel	H/M	Newburgh	564-1770
Palisade Motel	H/M	Highland Falls	446-9400
Peach Grove Inn	B&B	Warwick	986-7411
Pearl River Hilton	H/M	Pearl River	735-9000
Peekskill Inn	H/M	Peekskill	739-1500
Pig Hill	H/M	cold Spring	265-9247
Point of View B&B	B&B	Campbl Hall	294-6259
Pointer's Echo Motel	H/M	Highland Falls	446-2696
Ramada Inn	H/M	Newburgh	564-4500
Ramada Inn	H/M	Mahwah, NJ	800-228-2828
Rhoda Court Motel	H/M	Newburgh	562-7477
Ridgebury Inn & Hunt Club B&B	B&B	Slate Hill	355-4868
Roosevelt Inn	H/M	Hyde Park	229-2443
The Roscoe House	B&B	Monro	782-0442
Sheraton Civic Center	H/M	Poughkeepsie	485-5300
Sheraton Crossroads	H/M	Mahwah, NJ	201-529-1660
Spruce Lodge	H/M	Montgomery	564-1830
Sunset Knolls Motel	H/M	Wappingers Falls	297-3149
Super 8 Motel – All	H/M		800-800-8000
Super 8 Motel	H/M	East Middletown	692-5828
Super 8 Motel	H/M	Hyde Park	229-0088
Super 8 Motel	H/M	Middletown	692-5828
Super 8 Motel	H/M	Montgomery	457-3143
Super 8 Motel	H/M	Newburgh	564-5700
Susse Chalet Hotel	H/M	Spring Valley, NY	426-2000
Tarrytown House	H/M	Tarrytown	591-8200
Three Rock B&B	B&B	Cold Spring	265-2330
Toulon-Sapicourt	B&B	Montgomery	457-5770
Trading Post Hotel	H/M	Highland Falls	446-3442
US Academy Motel	H/M	Highland Falls	446-2021
Village Victorian	B&B	Cold Spring	265-9159
Warwick Motel	H/M	Warwick	986-4822
Warwick Valley B&B	B&B	Warwick	987-7255
Wellesley Inn	H/M	Fishkill	896-4995

West Point Motel	H/M	Highland Falls	800-444-8888 446-4180
Westchester Marriott	H/M	Tarrytown	631-2200
Windsor Motel	H/M	New Windsor	562-7777
Woodcliff Lake Hilton	H/M	Woodcliff Lake, NJ	201-391-3600

Sorted by City:

(Some of these have distances noted. However, if the motel is 5 miles away, it will take longer than 5 minutes to get to West Point in most cases); i.e., Woodcliff Lake, NJ is only 27 miles away, but it takes 40 – 45 minutes to get to West Point.

City	Name	Type	Phone	Notes
Bear Mountain	Bear Mtn. Inn	H/M	786-2731	
Bloomingsburg	Jeronimo Farm	H/M	733-1219	
Bloomingsburg	Lakewood Manor Inn	B&B	733-1161	
Campbl Hall	Point of View B&B	B&B	294-6259	
Central Valley	Gasho Inn	H/M	928-2266	11 miles away
Central Valley	Harriman Motor Inn	H/M	928-2266	10 miles away
Cold Spring	Country Side Motel	H/M	265-2090	
Cold Spring	Olde Post Inn	H/M	265-2510	18 miles away
Cold Spring	Pig Hill	B&B	265-9247	5 miles away
Cold Spring	Three Rock B&B	B&B	265-2330	
Cold Spring	Village Victorian	B&B	265-9159	
Cornwall	Cadet Motel	H/M	534-4595	7 miles away
Cornwall	Cromwell Manor Inn	B&B	534-7136	
Cornwall-on-Hudson	Cornwall Inn	H/M	534-2212	8 miles away
Crown-on-Hudson	Watergate Motel	H/M	271-4322	12 miles away
Danbury, CT	Danbury Hilton Towers	H/M	203-794-0600	
East Middletown	Howard Johnson	H/M	342-5822	
East Middletown	Super 8 Motel	H/M	692-5828	
Fishkill	Courtyard Marriott	H/M	897-2400 / 800-321-2211	
Fishkill	Hampton Inn	H/M	896-4000	
Fishkill	Holiday Inn	H/M	896-6281 / 800-465-4329-21	miles away
Fishkill	Marriott Residence Inn	H/M	896-5210 / 800-228-2100	
Fishkill	Wellesley Inn	H/M	896-4995 / 800-444-8888	
Fort Montgomery	Bear Mtn. Bridge Motel	H/M	446-2472	
Fort Montgomery	Holiday Inn Express	H/M	446-4277 / 800-465-4329	
Fort Montgomery	Trading Post Hotel	H/M	446-3442	
Gardner	Country Meadows	B&B	895-1066	
Garrison-on-Hudson	The Bird and Bottle Inn	H/M	424-3000	12 miles away
Goshen-Anthony	Dobbins Stage Coach Inn	B&B	294-5526	
Goshen	Best Western	H/M	800-528-1234	
Goshen	Orange Inn	H/M	294-5144	
Greenwood Lake	Breezy Point Inn	H/M	477-8100	
Greenwood Lake	Greenwood Country Motel	H/M	477-0700	
Greenwood Lake	Murphy's Park Inn	H/M	477-8519	

Greenwood Lake	New Continental Hotel	H/M	477-2456	
Harriman	American Budget Inns	H/M	783-3211	15 miles away
Highland Falls	Best Western Palisades	H/M	446-6400 / 800-528-1234	
Highland Falls	Christianna Hotel	H/M	446-5798	
Highland Falls	Palisade Motel	H/M	446-9400	
Highland Falls	Pointer's Echo Motel	H/M	446-2696	
Highland Falls	US Academy Motel	H/M	446-2021	
Highland Falls	West Point Motel	H/M	446-4180	
Hopewell Junction	Byukenhulle House	B&B	221-4182	
Hyde Park	Golden Manner Motel	H/M	229-2157	
Hyde Park	Roosevelt Inn	H/M	229-2443	
Hyde Park	Super 8 Motel	H/M	229-0088	
Kiamesha Lake	Concord Resort Hotel	H/M	800-431-3850	
Liberty	Budget Inn	H/M	292-6620	
Mahwah, NJ	Ramada Inn	H/M	800-228-2828	
Mahwah, NH	Sheraton Crossroads	H/M	201-529-1660	
Marlboro	Green Valley Motel	H/M	562-7700	
Marlboro	Marlo Inn	H/M	236-7085	
Middlehope	Ka-Jaz Motel	H/M	562-7700	14 miles away
Middletown	Blossom Farm Motel	H/M	795-2320	
Middletown	Days Inn	H/M	374-2411	
Middletown	Diana's Hotel	H/M	341-0284	
Middletown	Gino's Motel & Luncheonette	H/M	343-7820	
Middletown	Global Budge Inns of America	H/M	374-6040	
Middletown	Globe Hotel	H/M	341-1262	
Middletown	Heritage Motel	H/M	361-1211	
Middletown	Holiday Inn	H/M	342-1474 / 800-465-4329	
Middletown	Middletown Motel	H/M	342-2535	
Middletown	Super 8	H/M	692-5828	
Monroe	Arrow Park, Inc.	H/M	783-2044	
Monroe	James' Motel	H/M	783-9651	21 miles away
Monroe	Lake Ann CC Hotel & Apts	H/M	783-6575	
Monroe	The Roscoe House	B&B	782-0442	
Montgomery	Days Inn	H/M	457-3163	
Montgomery	National Hotel	H/M	457-9590	
Montgomery	Spruce Lodge	H/M	564-1830	
Montgomery	Super 8 Motel	H/M	457-3143 / 800-800-8000	
Montgomery	Toulon-Sapicourt	B&B	457-5770	
Monticello	Best Western	H/M	796-4000 / 800-528-1234	
Monticello	Friendship Inn	H/M	794-4700	
Montvale, NJ	Ramada Inn	H/M	201-391-7700	21 miles away
Nanuet	Comfort Inn	H/M	623-6000	
New Hampton	Global Budget Inns of America	H/M	374-3020	
New Windsor	Avacar Motor Lodge	H/M	562-4704	
New Windsor	Days Inn	H/M	800-262-7073	
New Windsor	Daystop	H/M	562-7661	
New Windsor	Econo Lodge	H/M	561-6620	8 miles away
New Windsor	Empty Nest B&B	B&B	496-9869	9 miles away
New Windsor	Fonte's Motel	H/M	561-9869	9 miles away

New Windsor	Windsor Motel	H/M	562-7661	8 miles away
Newburgh	Balmville Motel	H/M	565-4949	16 miles away
Newburgh	Comfort Inn	H/M	567-0567 / 800-228-5150	(365 day max)
Newburgh	Courtyard Marriott	H/M	567-4800 / 800-321-2211	(48 wk max)
Newburgh	Days Inn	H/M	564-7550	12 miles away
Newburgh	Econo Lodge of New Windsor	H/M	561-6620 / 800-553-2666	
Newburgh	Hampton Inn	H/M	567-9100	(8 months max advanced)
Newburgh	Havarest Motel	H/M	565-7330	14 miles away
Newburgh	Hilton Garden Inn	H/M	567-9500	Near airport
Newburgh	Holiday Inn	H/M	564-9020 / 800-465-4329	13 miles away
Newburgh	Howard Johnson	H/M	564-4000	13 miles away
Newburgh	Imperial 400 Motel	H/M	565-3400	14 miles away
Newburgh	Knight's Inn	H/M	562-6170	
Newburgh	Marriott Courtyard	H/M	567-4800	
Newburgh	Middlehope Motel	H/M	561-0541	
Newburgh	Morgan House	B&B	561-8806	
Newburgh	Orange Lakes Motel	H/M	564-1770	
Newburgh	Ramada Inn	H/M	564-4500	12 miles away
Newburgh	Rhoda Court Motel	H/M	562-7477	14 miles away
Newburgh	Super 8 Motel	H/M	564-5700 / 800-800-8000	13 miles away
Nyack	Best Western Nyack	H/M	358-8100 / 800-528-1234	25 miles away
Park Ridge, NJ	Marriott Hotel	H/M	800-228-9290	
Pearl River	Pearl River Hilton	H/M	735-9000	
Peekskill	Peekskill Inn	H/M	739-1500	8 miles away
Peekskill	Town Lyne Motel	H/M	737-8202	12 miles away
Pine Bash	Harvest Inn Motel	H/M	744-5700	
Pine Island	The Glenwood House	B&B	258-5066	
Plattekill	Garden Cathay	H/M	564-3220	
Port Jervis	Comfort Inn	H/M	856-6611 / 800-228-5150	
Port Jervis	Deer Dale Motor Court	H/M	856-2635	
Poughkeepsie	Best Western	H/M	462-4600 / 800-528-1234	
Poughkeepsie	Courtyard Marriott	H/M	485-6336 / 800-321-2211	
Poughkeepsie	Days Inn	H/M	454-1010	
Poughkeepsie	Dorchester Motor Lodge	/M	297-3757	
Poughkeepsie	Holiday Inn Express	H/M	473-1151 / 800-465-4329	
Poughkeepsie	Sheraton Civic Center	H/M	485-5300	
Saddle Brook, NJ	Marriott Hotel	H/M	800-228-9290	
Slate Hill	Ridgebury Inn & Hunt Club	B&B	355-4868	
Southfields	Tuxedo Motel	H/M	351-4747	15 miles away
Spring Valley	Susse Chalet Hotel	H/M	426-2000	30 minutes away
Stony Point	Stony Point Motel	H/M	942-0681 / 800-523-8384	15 miles away
Suffern	Holiday Inn	H/M	357-4800 / 800-465-4329	23 miles away
Tarrytown	Castle at Tarrytown	H/M	631-1980	
Tarrytown	Courtyard Marriott	H/M	631-1122 / 800-321-2211	
Tarrytown	Hilton of Tarrytown	H/M	631-5700	
Tarrytown	Tarrytown House	H/M	591-8200	
Tarrytown	Westchester Marriott	H/M	631-2200	
Walker Valley	Jeronimo Farm	H/M	733-5652	
Wallkill	Andy's Farm House	B&B	895-3440	

Wappingers Falls	Sunset Knolls Motel	H/M	297-3149	
Wartsboro	Days Inn (Tanglewood Motel)	H/M	888-2727/2415	
Warwick	Inn at 40 Oakland	B&B	987-8269	
Warwick	Peach Grove Inn	B&B	986-7411	
Warwick	Warwick Motel	H/M	986-4822 / 888-892-7942	
Warwick	Warwick Valley B&B	B&B	987-7255 / 888-280-1671	
West Nyack	Nyack Motor Lodge	H/M	358-4100	24 miles away
West Point	5 Star Hotel	H/M	938-6816	
West Point	Hotel Thayer	H/M	446-4731 / 800-247-5047	
West Point	Lighton Electric Inc.	H/M	446-4168	
Woodcliff Lake, NJ	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	H/M	201-391-3600	27 miles away
Yorktown Heights	Yorktown Motor Lodge	H/M	243-4000	14 miles away

For the new plebes, now is the time to get reservations for graduation! The Thayer starts taking reservations the morning of Reception day – first call, first serve. Check individually with hotels for their approach (how much down to reserve, how to cancel, etc.)

MAIL/PACKAGES

West Point has two zip codes. You will commonly see 10996 for most general West Point addresses. However for your Cadet, you would use 10997 specifically used for Cadet mail. See below for directions on sending packages to your Cadet.

For mail and overnight/quick ship packages (boodle) using the United States Postal Service (USPS), you should always use the Cadet's PO Box address:

Cadet's Name (Cadet John Smith)
 Cadet's PO Box (PO Box 1223)
 United States Military Academy
 West Point, New York 10997-Cadet's PO Box # (i.e. 10997-1223)

If a street address is insisted upon for overnight/quick delivery carriers (FedEx, UPS, DHL, and other common carriers besides USPS), the following should be used:

Cadet's Name (i.e. Cadet Jane Smith)
 Cadet's PO Box (i.e. PO Box 1222)
 745 Brewerton Road
 West Point, NY 10997-Cadet's PO # (i.e. 10997-1222)

The **preferred shipping solution** is to use the US Postal Service's (USPS) Priority mail which can be sent directly to a Box Number.

MASTER SCHEDULE

The Master Schedule for the academic year can be found at

<http://webdata.usma.army.mil/mastersc/app/rtrv.stm>

*Due to recent increased security regarding cadet activities, this site may not reflect the entire schedule.

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Cadets possess military ID cards that authorize them to use U.S. military facilities throughout the world. Major military facilities typically contain medical, dental, eye clinics, and hospitals. They also have the following: post exchange (PX) or base exchange (BX), like a department store; Commissary (grocery store); Shoppette (like a mini-mart); gas station, barber shop, beauty shop, dry cleaning and military clothing store.

The four major military installations in our general area are:

- Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas – 15 miles west of 1-29 and Platte City, Missouri
- Ft. Riley, Kansas – on I-70 west of Manhattan, Kansas
- Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri – on I-44, east of Springfield, Missouri
- Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri, near Warrensburg, Missouri

PARADES

Reviews prior to home football games normally are held 3 hours prior to kick-off. Some games have been moved up to accommodate TV and the review will be an hour earlier.

2009-2010 CADET REVIEW SCHEDULE: confirm schedule at
<http://www.usma.edu/uscc/corpsofcdts/cdtreviewschedule.htm>

The link above will take you directly to the schedule of parades/reviews. If you are on the USMA home page, go to Events & Attractions (located on list at left), then to Cadet Parades (top left of page) for latest list of parades/reviews dates.

PET BOARDING WHILE AT WEST POINT

Morgan Farms is now open to the General Public. Formerly the USMA stables were only available to army personnel. The stable is near Highland Falls High School, a few miles south of West Point. They offer trail rides, horseback riding lessons, boarding of horses and most importantly to traveling West Point families, boarding of cats and dogs. The number for info is 845-938-3926. It's a good idea to check with them before traveling since they have requirements regarding shots, etc.

PICNIC AREAS

There are some excellent picnic spots at West Point.

- South Dock area, and the Sough Athletic Fields, below Thayer Hall on the river level.
- Buffalo Soldier Field (by Thayer Gate) has some areas surrounding it that have nice shade trees.
- Lusk Reservoir across from Michie Stadium has some nice areas.
- Down by the river at Shea Stadium provides out of the way areas to picnic.
- There are small picnic areas all over the main post area – look for shaded area with a nice place to sit and good views – some by the hospital – just don't go into housing areas.
- If you don't need a table, then Trophy Point is lovely and you could sit on the grass. There are a few benches out there, too.

PUBLICATIONS

➤ **Pointer View**

POINTER VIEW is published weekly and has many interesting articles about different aspects of cadet life, cadet sports, interviews with cadets, etc. Subscription orders should be addressed to <http://www.pointerview.com/>

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If your cadet appears in any of the Pointer View's many pictures, you can request the original photo by sending an e-mail to yi9121@exmail.usma.army.mil. USMA's Pointer View staff will honor your request based upon availability. They make a limited number of copies of the photos, but they will gladly provide one for you if it is in stock.

The web page address for the paper is – <http://www.usma.army.mil/publicaffairs/PV/>

➤ **Gray Matter...**

Gray-Matter seeks to keep you informed of recent events at West Point in a brief, weekly e-mail newsletter written by local journalist talent. Subjects covered are wide-ranging but always focused on the interests of cadet and Association members.

Anyone can receive Gray Matter by sending a message to join-gray-matter@mail.aog.usma.edu

PUBLICITY

For information on how to get the word out about your Cadet's achievements, go to

http://www.usma.army.mil/PublicAffairs/helpful_information.htm

Scroll down to: Getting the Word Out About Cadet Achievement

RESTAURANTS

Schades – 54 Main Street, Highland Falls 845-446-2626

The Park – 53 Main Street, Highland Falls 845-446-8709

The restaurants listed below are all outside the walking privilege area; however, they all rank high on our list and are among the best restaurants within easy driving distance of West Point.

Gasho Japanese Steakhouse – Route 32, Central Valley, N.Y. 10917 845-928-2387

One of the cadets' favorite... authentic reassembled Japanese steakhouse – excellent food, excellent service and entertainment also. Reservations are suggested.

Schlesinger's Steakhouse – 293 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor, N.Y. 12553 845-561-1762

One of the cadets' favorites...great steaks, great seafood, hearty portions, good prices. Reservations are suggested.

Rainbow Restaurant – 16 Route 17M, Monroe, N.Y. 10950 845-783-2670

It is excellent Northern Italian cuisine, huge portions, excellent service. Reservations can be made the day before.

The Lakeview House – 205 Lakeside Rd., Newburgh 845-566-7100

House on the Lake converted into a quiet, unique restaurant. Perfect for the special occasion. Reservations are recommended.

Bella Rosa Ristorante – 9W Cold Springs (Italian) 845-265-7837

The Blue Heron – 631 Route 17K, Montgomery 845-567-0111
(Voted best in Hudson Valley) 4 x

Cosimos – Just a little south of the Hampton Inn on SR 300. It is a lovely, contemporary Italian restaurant with delicious food and reasonable prices.

Food gift certificates or credit accounts can be set up for your cadet as gifts during the academic year. These places vary in whether they deliver to West Point, have take out, etc., so call these places and see what they offer – all services may not be available at all places. All have area cod 845.

Schades	446-2626
McDonald's	446-4935
Dong Fong Chinese Restaurant	446-0763
West Point Pizza and Restaurant	446-5544
Highland Falls Market (sandwiches, soups, salad, chili, desserts)	446-3992
New World Kitchen Chinese	446-8000
Brothers Pizza	443-4988
Park Restaurant	446-8709
The Ice Cream Shoppe	446-2380
Chewens' Sub & Sandwich Shop	446-SUBS
Country Kitchen Café	446-1111
Nicole's	446-4729

SHOPPING (IN THE AREA)

Cadets often like to get away from West Point to shop.

Central Valley has one of the largest (220 stores) and most famous Shopping Outlets in the World – it's called Woodbury Common Outlets. People from all over the world travel to shop at the outlets. Take Highway 293 out of Highland Falls; follow the signs for Central Valley. Highway 293 turns into Highway 6. Take the exit for Highway 32 (you will see the outlet from the road). It is about a 15 minute drive.

About 25 miles SOUTH of West Point is the Nanuet Mall. The exit off of the Palisades Parkway is marked MIDDLETOWN ROAD. At the exit, make a left, go one block to the traffic light. Make a right and then go about two miles and the mall will be in front of you. The mall is actually located at the intersection of Middletown Road and Route 59.

If you travel about 6 miles EAST on route 59 you will come to another mall. This is the Pyramid Mall. Several large stores are open (Lord and Taylor, BJ Warehouse, etc.). This is going to be the second LARGEST mall in the US. Aren't we lucky??

All along Route 59 there are strip malls, restaurants and the like. ENJOY!

Also, you can call the Orange County Tourism Bureau at 845-291-2136 (fax is same but 2135, <http://www.orangetourism.org>). They will send you a booklet that has a great area map and includes restaurants, hotels, BB, malls -- even bird watching, ballooning and golfing. It is a great reference.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The 845 area code will serve the Hudson Valley and Catskill Region. This includes Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and a small part of Columbia, Delaware and Greene counties.

Under a Public Service Commission directive, Westchester County will keep its existing 914 area code. Other counties in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Region are assigned the 845 area code.

➤ Emergency telephone numbers

Please note, individual number below may have changed, please go to online phone number as necessary. You will receive in the mail emergency contact numbers from your cadet's TAC officer.

On the Parent Forum web site:

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

Select the RESOURCES link

From that page, see "IMPORTANT USMA PHONE NUMBERS" under the USMA LINKS.

That takes you to the phone numbers for every living should at WP.

All phones at USMA can found in the on-line phone book at:

http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/agencies_phone.htm#F

Under "C" COMMANDANT OF CADETS, OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS scroll down...you will find...

(Listed below for our members who do not have web access)

All Army installation guest houses – 1-800GOARMY1

Brigade Tactical Department (MACC-O)

Brigade Tactical Officer	938-6005
Brigade Executive Officer	938-6004
Secretary to the BTO	938-4343

Regulations & Discipline (MACC-O-RD)

Discipline Officer	938-5185
Discipline Assistant	938-3204

Center for Personal Development (MACC-O-CPD)(720)

Director of CPD	938-3022
Clinical Director	938-2360
Counselor	938-3327

Brigade Tactical Department Operations

Operations Officer 938-6004

Assistant Operations Officer 938-6004

First Regt HQ (MACC-O-1)

Regt Tactical Office 938-2901

Regt Executive Officer 938-2904

Regt Admin Supervisor 938-4117

A1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2613

A1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-3190

A1 Orderly Room (751) 938-2663

B1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2905

B1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-5004

B1 Orderly Room (751) 938-3238

C1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-3803

C1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-2125

C1 Orderly Room (751) 938-2897

D1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-3603

D1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-4555

D1 Orderly Room (602) 938-3033

E1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-2903

E1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-2102

E1 Orderly Room (602) 938-2391

F1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-3307

F1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-2551

F1 Orderly Room (602) 938-2944

G1 Co Tac Off (740) 938-2408

G1 Co Tac NCO (740) 938-4853

G1 Orderly Room (740) 938-4330

H1 Co Tac Off (740) 938-2427

H1 Co Tac NCO (740) 938-2195

H1 Orderly Room (740) 938-3260

Second Regt HQ (MACC-O-2)

Regt Tactical Officer 938-3706

Regt Executive Officer 938-2623

Regt Admin Supervisor 938-2623

A2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2725

A2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-4830

A2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3570

B2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-4119

B2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3750

B2 Orderly Room (756) 938-4431

C2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2622

C2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3043

C2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3761

D2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-3643

D2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-5444

D2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3293

E2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2824

E2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2421

E2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3195

F2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-3108

F2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3962

F2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3556

G2 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2528

G2 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-2196

G2 Orderly Room (756) 938-2983

H2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2620

H2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3557

H2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3285

Third Regt HQ (MACC-O-3)

Regt Tactical Office	938-4402
Regt Executive Officer	938-4405
Regt Admin Supervisor	938-4409
A3 Co Tac Off (745C)	938-3501
A3 Co Tac NCO (745C)	938-3935
A3 Orderly Room (745C)	938-2962
B3 Co Tac Off (745C)	938-3305
B3 Co Tac NCO (745C)	938-2823
B3 Orderly Room (745C)	938-3236
C3 Co Tac Off (745C)	938-2101
C3 Co Tac NCO (745C)	938-2694
C3 Orderly Room (745C)	938-2664
D3 Co Tac Off (745C)	938-2619
D3 Co Tac NCO (745C)	938-3289
D3 Orderly Room (745C)	938-2763
E3 Co Tac Off (745C)	938-4877
E3 Co Tac NCO (745C)	938-4116
E3 Orderly Room (745C)	938-2466
F3 Co Tac Off (745D)	938-2902
F3 Co Tac NCO (745D)	938-2089
F3 Orderly Room (745D)	938-5476
G3 Co Tac Off (745D)	938-2827
G3 Co Tac NCO (745D)	938-4393
G3 Orderly Room (745D)	938-3085
H3 Co Tac Off (745D)	938-2921
H3 Co Tac NCO (745D)	938-5993
H1 Orderly Room (745D)	938-3189

Fourth Regt HQ (MACC-O-4)

Regt Tactical Officer	938-2028
Regt Executive Officer	938-2825
Regt Admin Supervisor	938-2826
A4 Co Tac Off (745E)	938-3118
A4 Co Tac NCO (745E)	938-5265
A4 Orderly Room (745E)	938-4125
B4 Co Tac Off (745E)	938-2922
B4 Co Tac NCO (745E)	938-2468
B4 Orderly Room (745E)	938-3343
C4 Co Tac Off (745E)	938-3719
C4 Co Tac NCO (745E)	938-3089
C4 Orderly Room (745E)	938-4120
D4 Co Tac Off (745E)	938-3718
D4 Co Tac NCO (745E)	938-3034
D4 Orderly Room (745E)	938-3370
E4 Co Tac Off (735)	938-2009
E4 Co Tac Off (735)	938-2770
E4 Orderly Room (735)	938-3364
F4 Co Tac Off (735)	938-2727
F4 Co Tac NCO (735)	938-3853
F4 Orderly Room (735)	938-3776
G4 Co Tac Off (735)	938-2602
G4 Co Tac NCO (735)	938-5252
G4 Orderly Room (735)	938-2444
H4 Co Tac Off (735)	938-2627
H4 Co Tac NCO (735)	938-3577
H4 Orderly Room (735)	938-4346

TRAVEL TO WEST POINT

➤ Bus Info...

When your cadet travels, more than likely he will take a bus to the airport and back again. The schedules for these buses are linked off the Parent-Forum resource page at <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/bus.html>

➤ Driving directions from the airports to West Point....

There are three routes. The first one is direct but may get into some traffic. The second is slightly longer but is easier and there are no trucks. The third is the longest but has lower tolls and uses less hectic traffic routes.

- From Newark Airport

Route A

- A-1.** Exit Newark Airport and take Rt. 95 and New Jersey Turnpike north.
(Rt. 95 and the Turnpike are the same)
- A-2.** The Turnpike will end and you will pay your toll, about \$1.20. Follow Rt. 95 north from the Toll booth.
- A-3.** Proceed about 4 miles north on Rt. 95 from the toll booth. At this point there will be a green tinted glass building with "AGFA" in orange letters on the right. Here the highway divides into Express and Local lanes. Get into the Local lanes which are on the right.
- A-4.** Follow the Local lanes of Rt. 95 North until you come to a big arched overpass that crosses overhead. Try to be in the far left lane of the local lanes as you approach the arch. Do not enter the HOV diamond lane which originates in this area to the left of the lane that you want to be in.
- A-5.** Under the arch is a sign pointing to the Palisades Parkway. Follow this lane, which exits Rt. 95 North going up and off to the left. When you come to a stop light, make a 90 degree left turn.
- A-6.** You are now in the city traffic. Proceed 2-3 blocks past a Kentucky Fried Chicken and the Red Oak Diner until you come to a gas station on your right. Just past the gas station on your right is the entrance to the Palisades Parkway (North) which is poorly marked with a small sign on the side of the road.
- A-7.** You will be on the Palisades Parkway (not a toll road) for about 45 minutes. Go with the traffic but be alert for occasional speed traps. Speed limit is initially 50 mph, then gets up to 55. Try to use the left lane – the right lane has slow moving cars entering the parkway.
- A-8.** Follow any sign that says Bear Mountain (Rt. 6E). At the end of the Palisades Parkway is the Bear Mountain traffic circle.
- A-9.** Go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around the traffic circle and exit at 9W North to West Point. Observe all speed limit signs on 9W.
- A-10.** Stay on 9W until you get to a sign for West Point on your right. Exit from 9W and get on 218.

A-11. Follow 218 into Highland Falls and go past the Grand Union, McDonald's and right up to the main (Thayer) Gate. Observe speed limit.

Return (Southbound) directions

RA-1. Retrace the directions above, except when you are southbound on 9W from Highland Falls, you will only do ¼ of the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle to the right (you can take the traffic circle bypass to Rt. 6 and Palisades Parkway just before you get to the traffic circle.)

RA-2. Follow the Palisades Parkway south to Ft. Lee and I-95.

RA-3. As you near the end of the Parkway (where you entered it on the Northbound trip), there will be a (Sunoco) gas station on the right. Get in the ****left**** lane immediately if you haven't already done so as the left lane exits to I-95 West and the NJ Turnpike (where you want to go!). (The right lanes will put you on the George Washington Bridge!)

RA-4. Follow the signs for I-95 and the NJ Turnpike back to Newark.

RA-5. Get off at exit 14 and follow the signs to Newark Airport.

Route B

B-1. Take Interstate 78 West to Garden State Parkway North (approximately 8 miles). Pay 35-cent toll at mile marker 143.

B-2. Pay three additional 35-cent tolls at mile markers 150, 160, and 166.

B-3. Go 8 miles to Exit 14-2. Take Interstate 287 toward the Tappan Zee Bridge (East).

B-4. Go 3 miles to Exit 13N. Take Palisades Interstate Parkway North.

B-5. Go 16 miles and stay in right lane toward Route 6 East toward Bear Mt. Bridge.

B-6. Go 3 miles to third exit on circle. Take 9W North.

B-7. Go 3 miles to exit for 218 toward West Point.

B-8. Go 1 mile and bear right toward West Point.

B-9. Go 1 mile to enter West Point at Thayer Gate.

Route C

- C. This route is for you, if you are not partial to the traffic in and around the NYC area. This is another way to get to WP that only involves a 50-cent toll (one way) and is a scenic drive to boot!

From the airport, take I-78 West past the Parkway to Route 24 West. On 24, take the exit from I-287 North. That will turn into the NY State Thruway at the state line. Take the Harriman exit (50 cents) and follow the signs to WP. Until you get off the Thruway, it is all interstate-type driving. Once you get out of the airport, the drive is about an hour and a half. Traveling in NJ rush hours is NOT recommended!

- From JFK to LaGuardia

(LaGuardia is about 10 miles north of JFK, on the way to West Point from JFK). Take the Van Wyck Expressway (I-678) north then the Grand Central Parkway west following signs to LaGuardia Airport. Distance is about 10 miles.

- From LaGuardia

1. Take the Grand Central Parkway toward Manhattan and the Triboro Bridge, about 5 miles.
2. Pay the \$2.75 toll, follow signs for the Major Deagan Expressway (I-87) and take it, about 3 miles.
3. Follow signs to the Tappan Zee Bridge.
4. As soon as getting off the bridge, follow signs for and take the Palisades Parkway North, about 35 miles. Stay in the right lane after 30 miles and follow signs for the Bear Mountain Bridge.
5. At the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle, make a 270-degree sweep and take 9W north for about 3 miles.
6. Follow signs to West Point.

- Stewart and White Plains Airports

Factors to evaluate for “other” airports like Stewart and White Plains:

The apparent proximity to West Point makes Stewart seem to be a good alternative. For many situations, it can be. Frequency of service can be a problem, especially if the next flight is after your cadet’s deadline for return... not a good thing! Higher prices for tickets should also be considered when examining this as an alternative. On the plus side, a 30-minute drive from West Point is certainly attractive, even if a taxi must be used.

White Plains Airport is a good alternative in limited circumstances. The travel time is about 45 minutes, compared with over an hour for Newark. The “frequency of flight” issues are the same as for Stewart and connection to West Point via public transportation is difficult. A combination of taxi, train, and ferry must be used. Because of the low volume of use, special buses for cadets are never available to White Plains.

Of course the above comments are generalizations and you should evaluate the options with your travel agent and make an informed decision based on your own circumstances.

To speed your investigation, the following carriers provide service to Stewart:

Delta	800-221-1212
United Express	800-241-6522
US Air	800-428-4322
American	800-433-7300
Midway	800-446-4392

- Getting Between Airports

There is a New York – New Jersey web page which lists how to move between all three big airports, with pricing info and phone numbers.

Helicopter between airports (called Airporter) is actually reasonable - \$28 from Newark to LaGuardia. There are also rapid buses (\$10 - \$12).

This information can be found on <http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/ewrconframe1.htm>

- Driving directions from West Point to Camp Buckner

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A. From Michie Stadium:

- Mills Rd. down the hill toward Eisenhower Hall
- 0.5 Left at “T” on Washington Rd.
- 1.8 Left at Washington Gate onto 293
- 2.9 Bear right onto 293 at 9W – 293 fork
- Right at blinking yellow light into Camp Buckner
- 7.4 Straight into Parking Lot – it has 50 spaces and more parking is available along the side of the road.

B. From Bear Mt. Bridge:

- 0.0 “Straight” across at the circle toward the Palisades Parkway
- 3.0 Right exit onto 6 West
- 6.0 Right exit onto 293 toward West Point
- 8.9 Left at blinking yellow light into Camp Buckner

C. From Palisades Parkway:

- 0.0 North to left exit for 6 West
- 3.0 Right exit onto 293 toward West Point
- 5.9 Left at blinking yellow light into Camp Buckner

D. From Route 17:

- 0.0 Exit 130A “Bear Mountain”
- 3.3 Left exit onto 293 toward West Point
- 6.2 Left at blinking yellow light into Camp Buckner

- E. From NYS Thruway:
- 0.0 Rt. 17 exit, take 9 toward "Bear Mountain"
 - 4.3 Left exit onto 293 toward West Point
 - 6.2 Left at blinking yellow light into Camp Buckner

- West Point Map

Here's a link to an on-line topographical map.

<http://topozone.com/map.asp?lat=41.3966&size=l&s=25>

The scale, 1:25,000, so it takes a bit to load, but you will find great detail; the buildings (some even labeled), and you can move it around using the arrows in the margin to get the route to Lake Frederick.

- Army/Navy Games

Information for this year's Army/Navy game can be found at:

<http://www.usna.edu/LivExhibits/Archives/Armynavy/Armynavygames.htm>

<http://goarmysports.ocsn.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/042303aaa.html>

➤ Fort Trains & Ferries from New York City to West Point

At Grand Central Station take the Metro North train to Garrison, NY, which is located across the river from West Point. Your cadet can either take the ferry across the Hudson from Garrison to South Dock or can call a taxi from Highland Falls for the trip to West Point (see ferry and taxi info on following page). The total trip should take about three hours assuming average connections.

The charge for the train is \$13.00 (peak) and \$10.00 (off peak). The telephone number for Grand Central Information is (212) 532-4900 or you can call 1-800-MetroInfo. The schedules can be checked on the internet at:

<http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/html/planning/schedules/hudsched.htm>

There is another line that does not stop at Garrison, so don't panic if a train come through that does not stop.

It is very dark at the train stations at night, and it is not recommended that anyone be left there alone.

- Tips for Broadway Ticket Purchases

1. Check with the Cadet Hostess at WP and see what they can do.
2. The desk at the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Club (Hotel) in Manhattan. This is a little used gem of a resource with clean beds for \$35 a night and discount tickets in the lobby.
3. One of the several TKTS kiosks (the most famous one is in Times Square) on the day of the show. Up to ½ off same day shows. Decide what shows you would be willing to go to beforehand because not all shows are available and that will make selection easy. Had to wait in a line but, it moved fast (cash only, by the way) and there were street people entertaining. That was a show in itself! Tickets were \$75 - \$100 each before discounts.
4. Some cadets have bought tickets directly from the box office for the show. They just ask if they will discount with military ID and they have received a discount on a ticket.
5. Your cadet can contact the ITR office at the PX by phone or on foot. They often have cheaper tickets and they also can put him in contact with the USO office.
6. Go to the USO website at <http://members.aol.com/usonyc16/> or <http://www.usotroupeny.com> then select links and then USO Of Metro NY. They have all sorts of info there including info on FREE tickets.
7. There may be a bus that leaves the Visitors Center at West Point every morning for NYC. Also, you can take the ferry across the Hudson to Garrison and take the Train from there to NYC.

➤ Ferry

The ferry between West Point and the train station at Garrison runs during the "season" (it does not run during Winter months) continually from 1:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. on Friday's and Saturday's, and from 12:00 noon to 8:15 p.m. on Sunday's and holiday Monday's. Cost is 25 cents one way. Schedules coordinate with train arrivals and departures. Additional information is available by calling (914) 938-3011. The Ferry Service runs from 1200 to 1930 on Friday's and Saturday's and 1100 to 1830 on Sunday's. Boats depart on the hour and half hour from West Point and on the quarter hours from Garrison. The service appears to be expanded somewhat on the third weekend of May.

Harborcraft Division's
Cadet Ferry Service
West Point – Garrison

➤ Planes

Everyone has his/her own opinions of which airlines to take. If you don't want your cadet to have to change planes somewhere between NYC and KCI, the two best choices are Continental Airlines (Newark airport) or Midwest Airlines (LaGuardia airport). Check the KC Star travel section each Sunday to get an idea of lowest current fares. Price breaks are usually available by booking three weeks in advance. You might also check airplane prices online.

If your son or daughter misses his/her flight home for a weekend, have the cadet wear his/her uniform and be there early the next day. Be patient, use the best of manners and explain why they missed the previous flight. The agent has AUTHORITY to decide when a seat is available (which there usually is) whether they can go ahead and use the ticket. There is not even the \$100 charge to change ticket plans over the phone. (You cannot change the ticket for \$100 fee with one-day notice). Cadet can call from the phone on the plane to let you know which flight he/she gets on and when to be at the airport. There's nothing like the anticipation of waiting for the call that says, "Mom, I'm coming home".

TIP: Work with the airlines, be patient and explain the situation, talk to the supervisors of airlines if necessary. They'll work with you. Remember, if your cadet misses a flight, his/her return flight is canceled out. Call to confirm that he/she has a seat for the return trip back. Don't try this tip going back, just for trip coming home. They have to be back at a certain time to catch the buses to West Point.

➤ **Taxis**

The cab fare from the Garrison Train Station (across the river) to West Point is about \$20.

Highland Falls taxis –

Bosch's Taxi	845-446-4588 (office hours to request svcs are 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.)
Superior Taxi Service	845-446-1000 (They close at 6:00 p.m.)
Academy Taxi	845-466-8294

Newburgh taxis –

Bob's Taxi	845-561-8330
Family Taxi	845-585-1616
J-Ris Taxi II	845-561-3160
Orange Express Taxi	845-561-5000
Tony's Taxi	845-562-7444
Victor's Taxi	845-565-6123

Estimated cost from West Point to Newburgh is \$25.00.

Uniform Cleaning While Home

The uniforms should be dry cleaned like any good wool or blend suit. The white cotton pants should be laundered. Any spots, stains should be taken care of in the same manner as any other wood suit etc.

Webcam and Virtual West Point

<http://www.eecs.usma.edu/clubs/hams/pages/webcam.htm> (Due to current events, the webcam is currently not operational.)

West Point also has a site called Virtual West Point that has video streaming.

<http://www.virtualwp.org>

Website

Some parent clubs have websites. Ours is located at

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-kansas/>

To locate other clubs' websites, go to our "Links" page.

Weekends

The following explanation of A and B weekends can be found at:

http://www.usma.army.mil/PublicAffairs/cadet_rules_and_regulations.htm

➤ A and B Saturdays

A and B weekends refer to two types of "Saturdays" in the cadet's academic year schedule. The following explanation is from an academy regulation.

Alpha (A) Saturdays are those during which all cadets, except those participating in Corps Squad and selected club competitions at or away from West Point, are expected to be in attendance for events scheduled on Saturday morning by the Commandant (A/C) and the Dean (A/D). Operating rules for A/D include Friday formal evening study period (ESP) and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for Dean's activities. Operation hours for A/C do not include a formal ESP on Friday, but do provide Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. for Commandant's activities.

Bravo (B) Saturdays are those when cadets will pursue discretionary events. Extracurricular groups try to schedule their away events on Bravo Saturday weekends.

Plebes will have the specific schedule of Saturdays at the start of the academic year. Many parents who plan a trip to West Point often schedule it on a B Saturday weekend, which may allow them more time with their cadet. Remember that all information provided in this almanac is subject to an individual cadet's circumstances and duty requirements.

Where Did Those Names Come From??

PLEBES...YEARLINGS...COWS...FIRSTIES...

These are the names which are used at West Point to denote Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Alternatively they are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Derivation of the terms provided by Pete Gizzi is presented below.

PLEBE – Taken from ancient times, members of the lower class were referred to as plebeians. The word Plebe is just a truncated form of plebeian. Also known as fourth classmen, in their first year as cadets.

YEARLING – This term is the same as that used in referring to horses which are over one year old. Sometimes it is abbreviated as “Yuk”. Also known as third classmen, in their second year as cadets.

COW – The only term which seems to puzzle most folks (and rightly so) is the term COW. One of the stories related to this term had to do with summer activities years ago. In cadet folklore it is related that after their 3rd class year, the new 2nd classmen took a trip, or performed some activity which included much eating, and not much physical activity. Hence, after completing the first two rigorous years of the program at the academy, these cadets had a tendency to put on weight during that third summer. Upon return to the academy most had gained weight – and when the yearling spoke of the new second classmen they would warn the plebes...”Just wait till the COWS come home!” I don’t know how true this vignette is, nor do I know where I heard it first, but at least it makes a good story!!!

There is nothing “official” about the above information, and you’ll probably get as many different stories as you get responses.

Another Popular explanation for the “Cow” nickname dates back to General MacArthur’s reign as the Superintendent. In those days, cadets were restricted to post for their first two years. Further, automobiles and airplanes were not very common then either. Consequently, when the new cows returned from their first summer leave, they would ordinarily return by train. As it just so happens, the train station here is located at the bottom of an extremely steep hill. To make a long story short, apparently one summer General MacArthur was standing at the top of the hill when a trainload of returning 2nd class cadets arrived. The General observed their labored ascent up the hill carrying their baggage and is reported to have turned to his aide de camp and remarked “My God, they look more like a herd of cows coming up that hill than they do a group of West Point cadets,” or words to that effect. At any rate, the General’s aide repeated the story to several of the staff and faculty and the name was quickly adopted.

Another Cow version...The old Corps encamped on the plain each summer. The plebes, of course, had just arrived. The yearlings just finished their first year of academics. The new Firsties had just finished their third year of academics. And the Graduates had just left on graduation leave. Those cadets who had just finished two years of academics were allowed to go on leave for the FIRST time. Nobody got to go home at Christmas. Nobody got Spring leave. The first time a cadet left West Point on leave after R Day was after his yearling year. When the Second Classmen came back from visiting their families for the first time in two years they usually congregated in New York City to catch the steamboat up the river (there

were no trains yet). Thus they arrived back at South dock together. As they climbed up to the level of the plain together they looked like that familiar sight of cows coming home at the end of a day to be milked. (Most cadets 150 years ago were familiar with the typical behavior of dairy herds). When the Yearlings and Firsties saw their long absent friends, they rushed across the plain to greet them. The greetings were jubilant. Many backs were slapped. Over the years Cadets tried to outdo prior classes. The backslapping became very vigorous. Many Cadets ended up in the Hospital. The Supe had a problem and finally was able to curb the enthusiasm of the greetings. However, the name Cow stuck.

FIRSTIE – Shortened from the term First Classman. Firsties are in their final year at West Point.

YEARLINGS (YUKS)

➤ Camp Buckner

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- Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency telephone contact numbers for cadets at Camp Buckner.

The West Point switchboard can be used 24 hours per day in an emergency situation. Their number is (845) 938-4011. In addition, the Military Police number at West Point, another 24-hour contact, is (845) 938-3333 or 3312. Finally, the Staff Duty Officer at Buckner for the summer is (845) 938-7875. Of course, these numbers should “only” be used in case of bona fide emergency!

- Camp Buckner Weekend Leave

Weekend leave / visiting opportunities during Camp Buckner:

In recent years, with the exception of the July 4 holiday, weekend leave has normally not been extended. This is always at the local command’s discretion, so no firm guidelines are possible. However, since there is free time on the weekends, many families have found that bringing a picnic to the Camp provides an excellent way to have a nice visit with their cadet. There are many good picnic sites along the lake’s shore. If it is possible to leave the grounds, the picnic can be held at some other location. Of course, you should check in advance with your cadet, since individual circumstances and schedules will vary.

- Buckner Mail

The Cadet’s mailing (PO Box) address during Camp Buckner is the same as it is throughout the year (and all four years at West Point).

Mail is delivered to Camp Buckner after being sorted at West Point. Unfortunately, e-mail is not available during the summer at Buckner.

Follow the directions found above under **MAIL/PACKAGES**.

- SUPPLIES

Camp Buckner Supplies:

Send your cadet with postcards with stamps and labels to write quick notes. Give everyone you know a postcard with a stamp and label to send your cadet encouragement.

Send your cadet a throw away camera so he/she can take pictures... you’ll love them later.

They all enjoy Buckner, but it doesn’t hurt to bring a little bug spray.

Sunscreen and sunglasses will be needed for Lake Popolopen activities.

Of course, boodle is always high on all their lists.

➤ **Fort Knox, Kentucky**

In the past during the Yearlings' Buckner training, they will spend one week at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. There have been a number of changes to the summer training program and as such this too has altered. Please consult with your cadet for updated information related to the summer training program. To learn more about this post, go to the Fort Knox Web Site:

<http://147.238.101/cec/cec.htm>

For a map of Fort Knox, go to <http://www.knox.army.mil/Facilities/facilities.htm>

➤ **Yearling Winter Weekend**

This is the social highlight of the Yearling academic year. Cadets attend a formal banquet and dance with their dates. Since it is held early in the second semester, it provides a welcome break to what is called "gloom period" (the period between Christmas Break and Spring Break).

Useful Telephone Numbers

Admissions Office	938-4041	Hotel Thayer Reservations	446-4731
Athletic Ticket Office	446-4996	Information Center	938-4034
Brigade Tactical Dept	938-6004	Jewish Chapel	938-2766
Bus Transportation	938-4420	Keller Army Hospital Info	938-5169
Cadet Bookstore	938-5356	Museum	938-2203
Cadet Chapel	938-2308	Old Cadet Chapel	938-2433
Cadet Counseling Center	938-3022	Parents Club Coordinator	938-5650
Catholic Chapel	938-2784	Post Chapel	938-2959
Credit Union	446-4946	Sports Scores	446-ARMY
Ike Hall Box Office	938-4159	Visitors Center	938-2638
Central Guard Room	938-3030		

http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/faq/	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/	WPP unofficial "official" information site from USMA
http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/	West Point Parents
http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/	Plebe Parents
http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/cbtfags.html	
http://www.west-point.org/	West point Organization
http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-kansas/	Greater Kansas City Parents Club