USMA 1969 Data Courtesy of classmate George Albrecht and AOG's Lindsay Gunnarsen								
Pay Grade	Highest Rank Achieved	Count of Lookup IDs	Notified us that they retired from service	various stats:				
01	2LT	4	2	361	(45%)	in the class have been noted as retiring from	military sen	vice.
02	1LT	15	1	lo a				
О3	CPT	24	12	19	(2%)	Vietnam War Deaths		
04	MAJ	35	34	N X				
O5	LTC	181	177	12	received awards while attending USMA			
06	COL	125	121	S 8	4	National Science Foundation Scholarship		
07	BG	6	5	(a)	2	Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship		
08	MG	9	8	lo 8	2	Olmsted Scholar		
010	GEN	1	1	b 8	1	Hertz Scholarship		
w.	Total:	400	361	b 8	1	Marshall Scholarship		
	8			b 8	1	Rhodes Scholar		
	Civilian Titles	Count	of Lookup IDs		1	Daedalian Scholarship		
×	Dr.	28) B	12			
×	Judge	2						
w .	Mr.	367						
w .	Reverend	1						
	The Honorable	2						
w	Total:	400		y .				
Grand	Total in class:	800		Also che	ck http://www.	west-point.org/class/usma1969/WhoWeAre.h	ıtm	

Information below provided earlier by Jim McDonough from info from KC Brown.

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Admitted 1137 Graduated 800

24 went Air Force, 3 Navy, 3 Marine Corps 4 Foreign Cadets from Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador and the Philippines

The Class of 1969 entered West Point on 1 July 1965 shortly after the first large U.S. ground force deployed to Vietnam and graduated 4 June 1969, only weeks before America landed men on the moon. In the intervening years, both we and the world changed dramatically. The Vietnam War had grown to massive proportions. By the time we graduated, over 500,000 American troops were in Vietnam. 242 were killed in action during our Graduation Week alone. American society was experiencing tectonic shifts in the intersecting milieus of race relations, the feminist movement, political activism, sexual and cultural mores and anti-war fervor. For four years we had stood apart from all this, cloistered away in our rockbound, highland home. We emerged to confront rebellion in the ranks, riots in our cities, and rejection by our civilian peers who viewed the war and all associated with it as villains, fools, or both.

West Point prepared us well for all of this instilling a bedrock of core values to live by, taught us how to think under pressure, had driven home the importance of both organization and prioritization, and developed in us the essence of leadership. It had also given us a strong sense of camaraderic in the bonds we shared with one another, a cohort of courageous, patriotic young men bound together for life by the shared experiences of four challenging years and dedicated to the values of Duty. Honor, and Country. We would need all of that and more.

Over the years, 550 of us would serve in our nation's warst 503 went to Vietnam, others saw combat in Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. We lost nineteen to combat-related deaths, dozens would carry physical wounds for life, and scores more wounds of another kind. As a class, we would amass 188 awards for valor and heroism and 97 Purple Hearts. We would experience in our early years an Army broken by a long war and contribute to its rebuilding. We would serve on the front lines of the Cold War in Europe and Asia and do our duty in remote and forgotten places of the globe. We would raise families, pursue our chosen professions and cultivate our interests. Forty-four percent of the Class completed a full career in the Armed Forces. Two hundred and eighty-one would serve 20 years or more on active duty; another 62 would retire as reservists.

As a class we served the nation with distinction in and out of uniform producing 14 general officers including a TRADOC commander, two division commanders, and the Army & Judge Advocate General. Giving back, we provided a Commandant of Cadets, 4 Professors USMA, 4 Academy Professors and 178 classmates who returned as instructors, Tacs or coaches. From our ranks came 3 Distinguished Graduates including the nation's top basketball coach, 4 Army Sports Hall of Fame inductees, a Rhodes Scholar, a cabinet member, 2 ambassadors, an astronaut, two military aides to the President of the United States, 3 senior White House staff members, 3 state cabinet officials, 3 clergymen, 3 judges, and a host of lawyers, physicians, dentists, veterinarians, captains of industry, business executives, 2 college presidents, 2 college deans, 16 college professors, 2 athletic directors, 2 college coaches, a renowned author, several nuclear scientists, and a score of construction engineers. Academically, we would earn 38 PhDs and 540 advanced degrees. Forty-five class sons and daughters and one grandson have followed us into the Long Gray Line. Along the way we would learn the meaning of perseverance, courage, humility, decency, and grace in the face of all that life could throw at us. What remains of uppermost importance is not the successes achieved, but the manner in which we lived our lives along with the values and principles which guided our efforts.

Through all of this we never forgot one another or the cadet years that forged our character. West Point grew ever stronger in our hearts enriching us morally, spiritually and intellectually. Increasingly, we viewed being part of its heritage as a distinct honor and we treasure the link to its sons of the past and the sons and daughters of its future. We are proud to have served our nation and our families as we were taught. As we continue to draw strength from the ironclad set of ideals and common experiences that bind us to West Point and to one another, we salute and look with pride upon those who follow in our footsteps.