



USMA Class of 1983
25-year Reunion!
(18-21 September 2008)



4 June 2008

Dear Classmates:

It's time to sign up for all events for the 25th Reunion! Enclosed find FOUR forms you need to fill out:

1) Event/Registration Form for meals and events; **2) Golf** outing; **3) Memorabilia** order form; **4) Football ticket** order form (you can also order tickets online if you prefer)

Additionally, please find copies of the current lists of classmates registered and a copy of the Agenda. We will post a menu sheet on the class web page to assist in making your meal decisions. **If you did not register for the reunion earlier, you must do so now (last chance!). This is the last mailing to go out to the entire class.**

EVENT AND REGISTRATION FEES: The registration deadline is **August 1st**. Complete the enclosed **Event Registration** form and mail in the enclosed envelope to: Class of 83 Reunion, PO Box 620, Skaneateles, NY 13152. Be sure to include the required \$160 registration fee if you have not already done so. Registration refunds are available until **1 July** and event/meal money refunds will be available until **1 September**. The registration fee covers you and one guest and pays for mailings, administrative costs, down payments and some reunion mementos which will be issued at registration. Bus transportation (on and around West Point as well as round trips from the hotel) is included for you and your guest. Additional persons in your party who are riding our buses have a **\$40 registration fee**. Upon arrival, your registration packet will include tickets for the events you paid for in addition to related West Point stuff and items we thought you might enjoy. **Classmates married to an 83 classmate need only pay one registration fee.** Class widows are encouraged to attend and are not required to pay the registration fee. Ex-cadets are also welcome to attend. Checks should be made out to the Class of '83 Reunion. Please note that meal events require a ticket and only an extremely limited number if any, will be available for purchase at the door.

PARKING/TRANSPORTATION: Please note that parking on West Point is very limited and problematic. Those planning to drive to West Point will be required to clear security via the Thayer or Stoney gates and park at Buffalo Soldiers Field or the old PX parking lot—and then walk or shuttle bus to Central Area. Washington Gate is for DOD sticker holders WITH a valid Government ID card. There is **NO PARKING** for our class in Central Area. We strongly recommend taking the buses on Friday and Saturday. Please indicate on the event sign up form how many in your party will use the buses on each day so we can order the correct number of buses. Only those who sign on for buses will be issued tickets.

LODGING: The Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, NY is Reunion Central. We can guarantee our class 325 rooms so we can be together for our activities. Reservations are each classmate's responsibility and can be made by calling 1-800-228-9290 or the hotel directly at 914-631-2200. Ask for the "West Point Class of 1983 rate". The block rate at the Marriott is \$149 per night (plus tax), single or double, and will be held until 20 August although it may sell out prior to that date.

FOOTBALL TICKETS: Order deadline is **1 August**. To sit in the class section, which will be on the East side of the stands, **adjacent to the reservoir and facing the corps**, you can return the enclosed form directly to the Army Ticket Office or fax it by that date, or go online at www.goarmysports.com to order your game tickets. The ticket office phone number is 1-877-TIX ARMY. The ticket office will mail out tickets approximately two weeks prior to the game or you can request they hold them at the will call window for pickup on game day or the Friday of our reunion weekend. **The television contract allows for changes to the scheduled game start time up to twelve days out. If necessary, we will adjust our agenda accordingly.**

GOLF: Mark Sullivan has organized a class golf tournament at the West Point Club on Thursday. The outing begins at 9 AM with a shotgun start. To be counted in the tourney, please check off "Golf" on the enclosed event form and include the tear away portion of the golf info sheet along with your payment. For questions regarding golf, please contact Mark Sullivan at Mark.Sullivan@AllianceBernstein.com or 610-505-6111.

NYC OUTING: We are planning an optional trip to New York City on Thursday for those interested in riding a bus into the city, leaving the hotel at 9am. The plan is to drop people off at a Central location, have lunch on your own and meet up at approximately 4:00pm for the return to the hotel. The cost of this outing will be \$25.00 and you can sign up on the appropriate line on the enclosed event form.

MEMORABILIA : We are again offering classmates the opportunity to order additional class crest items beyond what will be in the give away packet at registration. The enclosed order form can be used to place your orders for memorabilia. For those interested in picking the items up at the reunion you will need to return the form directly to "Everywear" by 1 September. You can also go online to order at www.thecorpshas.com. Natalie Hogan is the POC and can be reached at info@the-corps-has.com with questions.

AGENDA/DRESS: The enclosed agenda lists the times and events for the weekend. Thursday evening's reception is golf casual (sport shirts and slacks) for the men and equivalent for the ladies. Friday daytime activities are casual dress with comfortable walking shoes. The Friday agenda allows time for touring the Central Area, as well as visiting Ninninger Hall, the newly renovated Arvin Gym and shopping in the usually "closed to the public" Cadet Store. The Friday Class Dinner will be business suits or sport coats for the men, equivalent attire for the ladies. On Saturday, the men are expected to wear a sports coat (per AOG request) for the Cadet Review. Those classmates who are on active duty are encouraged to wear their Class a uniform to the parade. We will accommodate those in uniform who wish to change their clothes for the luncheon and football game, by arranging a clothing drop off following the parade. Details regarding this will be in the final letter to go out four weeks prior to the reunion. As stated earlier, the game time is subject to change up until twelve days prior to the date. Watch the class web page at <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1983> to follow reunion updates. There will be a choice of return buses from West Point on Saturday to accommodate those not staying for the post game party. Please only sign on for one departure time.

For questions regarding the reunion please contact our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer, at wplaxmom@roadrunner.com; or myself at miklyo@mac.com, or cell (914) 384-8047.

We are looking forward to a terrific 25th Reunion! It will be a time to renew old friendships, see the latest Academy developments, and remember fallen classmates. Thanks to all for the great response to date. Encourage even more classmates and former classmates to join us in September.

Proud to be!



Mike Lyons
Reunion Chair

Enclosures:

1. Event Registration Sign up Form-**Return** with check by **August 1 to Joan Emmer**
2. Memorabilia Catalog Sheets
5. Memorabilia Order Form-**Return**/Reply directly to **EVEYWEAR**
6. Current Agenda
7. Golf Sign Up -**Return** bottom of form to **Joan Emmer with payment**
8. List of Classmates Registered
9. Football ticket order form. Mail or fax by August 1 to Army Ticket Office
Or order online at www.goarmysports.com