



***USMA Class of 1989
We Strengthen the Line
25th Reunion
30 Oct – 2 Nov 2014***



Dear Classmates and Family,

Welcome back for our long awaited and action-packed 25th Reunion! It's great to have you with us as we gather to renew old friendships, our ties to one another as a class, and to West Point. We have a tremendous turnout with over 335 returning classmates and over 660 people participating in some portion of the weekend's activities. The accompanying information is intended to make your reunion more enjoyable, so please review it carefully and keep it handy throughout the weekend. There are some additions:

Please read this information and the attached agenda carefully.

REGISTRATION: At the registration table you will receive an envelope containing your name badges as well as the bus and meal tickets you ordered. Additionally you will receive a tote bag containing the class hat to wear at the parade, lanyards, a class coin and updated schedule. Please review the agenda carefully. Should any changes occur, these will be announced. You will also find a map and graduate guide from the AOG.

- a. **Memorabilia.** If you ordered class memorabilia for pick up at the reunion, you'll find it at the adjacent ***Everywear*** table. They will also have additional items for sale, as well as ones that you can order for delivery after the reunion. You may also shop at the various gift shops on post (AOG Gift Shop in Herbert Hall, USMA Bookstore, the Cadet Store, DUSA Gift Shop at the Museum, and the ODIA Gift Shop in the Visitor's Center [old Ladycliff campus]).
- b. **Special Assistance.** Our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer, together with our three class aides, MAJ Karl Olson, MAJ Jose Lavalley-Rivera and CPT David Zgonc are available throughout the weekend to assist with any questions or special needs. Anyone needing special on-post transportation assistance who has not yet coordinated with Joan should do so upon check-in at the registration table.
- c. **Non-Hotel Registration.** We will be operating a "moving" registration which means anyone who has not registered at the hotel on Thursday can pick up their packet at the entrance to Ike Hall at the luncheon on Friday afternoon. Items not claimed at Ike Hall will be at the hotel Friday night prior to the dinner. Also, for those not registering until Saturday morning at West Point they will be available inside the Mess Hall following the parade. Look for Joan under the poop deck in front of the class seating section.

TICKETS: Tickets are required for admission to all events. **Remember to bring your meal tickets to all functions as they will be collected at the entrance to all events. On Friday and Saturday remember to wear your nametag and bring along your bus and meal tickets. On Saturday, be certain to have your football tickets with you.** There are no tickets for the tailgate. Instead, colored wristbands have been issued to all who ordered tickets. These should be worn at the event in order to be served food and alcohol (green band). A limited amount of extra meal and football tickets may be available for purchase at the registration table. Should you have any to sell back, please write your name on the reverse side and turn them in to the registration table. In the event they are re-purchased, refunds will be mailed to you after the reunion.

TRANSPORTATION: Bus service is provided to all events at West Point from the Westchester Marriott only. Tickets are provided to those who signed up for the bus service and the number of buses ordered was based on that sign-up. If you are not using your bus tickets please turn them in to the registration table. We will "convoy" from the hotel to West Point and returns to the hotel from West Point will be on a "load-and-go" basis. If you are driving yourself to West Point on Thursday or Friday, plan on leaving early enough to **allow for security delays** at the gates **and have photo ID available for all passengers.**

Thayer Gate: Open 24 hours per day, 7 days
Stony Lonesome Gate: Open 24 hours per day, 7 days
Washington Gate: **0600-2200, only** for vehicles with DOD decals driven by DOD ID card holders, except on football Saturdays.

Please note that there is **no parking for reunion classes on the level of the Plain or the Cadet Chapel at any time during the weekend.** Military Police will direct you to park either at **Buffalo Soldier Field** or the **Old PX lot** (beyond the Cemetery). Anyone driving to West Point on Saturday must either have a parking pass from the Army Ticket Office or purchase one on the spot for \$20. **Saturday, if you are driving onto post, remember, there is NO transportation to your vehicle following the class tailgate at Buffalo Soldiers Field. If you have a general parking (GP) pass, and are attending the tailgate, it is best to enter Thayer Gate.**

THURSDAY:

GOLF Golf info has previously been sent to those participating

SELF TOURS/SUPE'S BOAT For those arriving early and planning to self tour West Point or attend the boat ride, there is no class bus transportation from the class hotel on Thursday. You can enter post by announcing to the gate guard that you are participating in alumni events; passes are no longer needed to enter. You **MUST** have picture ID for all individuals in the vehicle who are 16 years old and over. We suggest you simply state the AOG building (Herbert Hall) as your destination vs. saying "I am going to wander around post".

If attending the 89 boat ride, the best gate to enter is the Thayer Gate where, after going through the check point, you will take the first right turn down the hill to South Dock. Those who have prepaid will not need a ticket to board as we will have your name on our list. Walk-ons would be welcome to board after those who are prepaid. The cost is \$10 pp and we still have seats available.

NYC BUS Those individuals signed who paid for the bus transportation to New York City should plan to meet in the **FRONT LOBBY of the Westchester Marriott NLT 7:45am.** The bus will leave from the Front lobby at 8am with a drop off planned at Pier 79 which is at West 39th Street and the Hudson River. The first water taxi departs at 10am. You need to plan to be back to Pier 79 NLT 3:45pm in order to board the bus for the 4pm departure. Classmate Jeff Anderson will serve as the POC for this trip.

REGISTRATION 3pm -9pm on the upper Marriott lobby level (first floor). Claim your packet of tickets and memorabilia. Extra tickets may be available to some events if others have turned them in for resale. Those not able to register until Saturday can meet Joan Emmer (reunion coordinator) inside the Mess Hall following the parade. Additionally, you can have a classmate pick up your items for you as that allows you to have your badges and ball cap for the parade. The giveaway tote bag is much smaller than in years past and will be allowed in the stadium.

WELCOME RECEPTION A no fee reception will be held at the Westchester Marriott between 7 and 10pm. This event is **NOT MEANT TO BE DINNER** or serve as a meal but a place to gather when you arrive in order to meet old friends and plan your weekend. Cash bars will be available.

HOSPITALITY SUITE New for this reunion is the use of a special area of the hotel (Duchess/Rockland Rooms on the second floor) for a hospitality suite. This area will be open during the times of non scheduled reunion events. Paper products, snacks, ice and some beverages will be available. If you have any class memorabilia you would like share we will have tables set up to display these items. **BYOB**

FRIDAY:

Remember to wear your reunion nametag as well as to bring your bus and Friday luncheon meal tickets. Security measures at West Point require all individuals to have picture ID available, so please come prepared. Those displaying their Class of 89 lanyard and name badge will be allowed to access some cadet areas. Attire for the day should be appropriate for the memorial service in the Cadet Chapel. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Weather dependent, you may want to carry an umbrella.

- a. **Early Bus/Prep School Tour** Those who signed up for the Prep School Tour should plan to board one of the first two buses staged at 7:45am at the REAR Hotel entrance, next to the Ballroom. Buses to West Point will depart the Marriott at 8am and make two stops on post following the Prep School drop off: (1) behind the reviewing stand on the level of the Plain (2) in front of Michie Stadium for access to Herbert Hall, the Kimsey, Foley & Hollender Centers. A bus from Gate 1 of the stadium will depart at 11:40am to transport those who would like to ride to Ike Hall for the luncheon.

Following the Prep School Tour, those participants will be taken by bus to the parade field where they can self tour and then walk to Ike Hall for the luncheon. Access to Ike is through the Crest Hall doors, below the clock tower steps. Those requesting their football tickets be claimed at WILL CALL on game day may want to take the early bus to the stadium to pick up your tickets early in order to avoid the crowd on Saturday. Anyone who may have forgotten their football tickets at home will be able to have them replicated at the ticket office at the stadium.

- b. **Class Meeting** We will hold a class business meeting at 9am at the Westchester Marriott. The main order of business is for the Class Committee to appoint a new Class President. All classmates are welcome to attend, but the voting will be done by your Class Committee rep. Attending the business meeting will cut off 2 ½ hours from your self-touring time at West Point.
- c. **Self-Touring** Accessible areas for reunion classes include the USMA Bookstore (4th floor, Thayer Hall); the Cadet Store – open 8am-4pm on Friday, not open on Saturday (to the rear of the old Hospital, enter via the south ramp to New South); the Honor Library in Nininger Hall (old 1st Division); Cullum Hall; Grant Hall; the New Library, Arvin Gym, and the West Point Club.
- d. **Late Bus** The late departure for West Point on Friday is at 10:30am, again leaving from the REAR entrance doors next to the ballroom and will drop off in the tunnel of Ike Hall for elevator or stair access to Ike's Cafe.
- e. **Luncheon** The Class Luncheon will be held from 11:45am -1:15pm in Ike's Cafe on the second floor of Eisenhower Hall. Those not able to claim their registration items at the hotel can pick them up from 11:30-2:30 at the registration table in front of Ike's Cafe. *EVERWEAR* will be set up adjacent to the registration table for you to purchase class memorabilia or claim items you may have preordered. Additional shopping through DUSA and other gift shops on post will be available outside of the auditorium doors on level 4 where the briefing will be held.
- f. **Superintendent's Address** Following the luncheon, we will move to the Eisenhower Hall Auditorium (4th Floor--must be seated by 1:30pm) for a State of the Academy update from the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Caslen, USMA '75. Spouses and guests are most welcome to attend this session. Alternatively, facilities on the level of the Plain are open for those spouses and guests who wish to visit them during this time. Immediately following the briefing we need walk or move quickly to the buses in the tunnel in order to board and drop off at the Cadet Chapel for the Memorial service. Early buses(prior to the end of the briefing) to the chapel will depart as filled.
- g. **Memorial Service** Our memorial service will begin promptly at 3:15pm. Nate LaMar has arranged a fitting service to honor the memory of our departed classmates. We ask you PLEASE do NOT park any POV's in the chapel lot as we need to pull our reunion buses into this space and stage them during the service. Buses for the hotel depart from the chapel lot following the service .
- h. **Class Dinner Party** Registration again is available at the hotel starting at 6:30pm for those not claiming packets as of yet, and the dinner party begins at 7:30pm. This is a grand reception style buffet with cash bars and no assigned seating. We will continue until 11:30pm (remember - we have an early wake-up on Saturday). Dress is suit or coat & tie for men and cocktail or Sunday dress for ladies. Throughout the evening, we will be dancing to the music of DJ Guy, who will be spinning tunes from our cadet days until now.

SATURDAY: Breakfast is EARLY! 05:30-7:00 Those purchasing tickets should look for signage as to the location for the breakfast. Prior to Adjutant's Call for the parade at 8:30am, we have a 6:45am departure from the hotel in order to arrive for the review. **Please be on time.** A weather call will be made at 05:30. IF the parade is canceled we will depart approximately one hour later and proceed to our next event which is the pregame luncheon in the Mess hall. Watch for signage and announcements in the hotel and via distro.

- a. **Dress/Clothing Exchange** The Academy stipulates that the class be attired in **sport jackets or class A's (green or blue) for the parade**; ties are not required and they request no jeans. Alumni are encouraged to wear their uniforms if they are still serving. Plan to wear the ball cap from the registration packet. We have made the following arrangements to change clothes – **only** to those wearing military uniform to the parade. Prior to departing from the hotel you can store your civilian clothes in the class aide driven vans. After the parade you can pick up your bags from the vans which will be parked in the Doubleday lot and move a spot to be announced to change into civilian attire. Return your tagged military uniform to the class aide van and the clothes can be claimed at the early bus departure and tailgate site (in front of the bowling alley). This should all be completed prior to the luncheon at the Mess Hall.

- b. **Parade/Lunch** From the hotel, buses will drop us at Clinton Field where the graduates will form up behind the bleachers of section A and B. Spouses and guests move into the bleachers to sit in Section B and C. No tickets are required for this seating as your 89 name badges suffice. Restrooms are available at nearby Doubleday Field (vicinity of third base line). Following the parade we will proceed to Washington Hall for lunch in the Cadet Mess for those who purchased meal tickets. Those needing assistance to get to the Mess Hall should meet the class aides behind the review stand for transport to the ramp in North Area, next to A wing of the Mess Hall. If you have a large party to be seated in the Mess Hall, please plan to get there early to obtain full tables.
- Also, we ask that you place your ticket at your plate and help to fill the tables from back to front and to fill them completely as we have limited holes and would like very much to be able to keep families sitting together. Restrooms are available on either side of the front doors of the Mess Hall with much larger ones down one flight of stairs, below the poop deck.
- c. **Football** After lunch, we will make our way individually to Michie Stadium for the 11:30am kickoff, either by walking up the steps past the Cadet Chapel or by riding the post shuttle bus from Thayer Extension behind the Supt's review stand.(drops at gate 3). Those needing special assistance who have coordinated in advance should meet next to the ramp along side A Wing of the Mess Hall for transport to Herbert Hall where a limited number of golf carts are available to transport to Gate 1. This transportation is not intended for family members of those needing assistance. **At the stadium gate, we ask those with military ID to "sponsor" groups of 4-6 classmates through the fast-track lanes into the stands.** No umbrellas or other large bags are allowed in the stadium. Following the March On, National Anthem and a possible sky diving demonstration, the Army Team will take the field to Beat Air Force.
- d. **Early Return Bus** Thirty minutes after the game, the early bus back to the hotel will leave from Buffalo Soldiers Field (staged in front of the Bowling Alley). Walk down to BSF or those needing assistance should flag a golf cart to Herbert Hall where the class aide vans can transport you to BSF.
- e. **Post-Game Party** Following the Alma Mater, we will make our way on foot to the Buffalo Soldiers Field for our post-game party for those who have pre-purchased tickets. (Beer, wine, soda, snacks)There are no tickets for this event but YOU MUST WEAR THE WRIST BAND you were issued to obtain food /drink. Green wrist bands are the adults; yellow are for children. Buses to the hotel will depart between 5:00pm and 6:15pm (as filled)with the last bus leaving approximately 6:15pm. Those who drove to post on Saturday and plan to attend the post game party need to remember there is NO transportation to parking lots after the party. You may want to take the public shuttles to the parking lot after the game and reposition your vehicle in the vicinity of Buffalo Soldiers Field for the post game party.

SUNDAY:

Our Reunion weekend will conclude with a Sunday breakfast buffet at the Marriott or the Brunch in the Cadet Mess Hall (no class transportation) before bidding farewell and starting the journey home.

Thanks to each of you for making the effort to join us for this reunion. It is your presence here that makes the celebration of this milestone in our class history so significant. We hope that you enjoy this weekend to the fullest, renewing old friendships and forging stronger ties with one another, as we commemorate the 25th anniversary of our graduation by rededicating ourselves to our Alma Mater and to the ideals of West Point.

Sincerely,
Your 25th Reunion Committee

PHONE NUMBERS

The following numbers may prove helpful during the weekend.

USMA Provost Marshal – (845) 938-3333	WP Traffic Patterns – (845) 938-7000
Central Guard Room - (845) 938-2555/3030	Cadet Chapel - (845) 938-2308
Westchester Marriott Hotel- (914)-631-2200	WP Golf Course (845) 938-2435
Eisenhower Hall - (845) 938-7733	AOG Gift Shop – (845) 446-1670
WP Museum- (845) 938-3671/ 446-0566	Cadet Store – (845) 938-2121
USMA Bookstore – (845) 938-5193	DAA -845-938-3600
Keller Army Hospital Emergency – 911 or (845) 938-4004/4005	
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