



West Point

Parents Almanac

“Leaders for a Lifetime”



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Dear Parent:

Congratulations on your son's or daughter's acceptance to the United States Military Academy at West Point. The next four years will be an exciting and rewarding time for you as your cadet is educated and trained to become a leader of character for our Army.

The Parents Almanac has been compiled to provide you a source of information about West Point and the cadet experience. Please keep in mind that information about cadet schedules and activities are general in nature and vary from year to year. It is always necessary to confirm specifics with your cadet before making any final plans.

You may wish to join a West Point Parents Club. Membership provides an opportunity for mutual support, fellowship and insight into the coming years from other parents who have gone through the West Point experience. A list of clubs is included in this Almanac.

I extend my warmest welcome to you from West Point and look forward to meeting you on June 28.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Lennox, Jr.".

William J. Lennox, Jr.
Lieutenant General, US Army
Superintendent

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West Point Parents Club of Maryland, D.C. and Virginia

Joining a Parents Club

Membership in a West Point Parents Club offers valuable opportunities for mutual support, fellowship and access to useful information about the academy and cadet life. Although each club is an independent, autonomous organization, clubs are officially recognized and supported by the academy.

The parents club network offers a dynamic line of communication between the academy and cadet parents. The Parents Club Coordinator at West Point passes on current information to club presidents, who then communicate with their members through e-mails, newsletters, telephone chains, etc. Typical club activities are meetings, informal get-togethers, tailgates, holiday balls, new cadet picnics, luncheons or dinners and other events at which cadet families gather.

Parents clubs are not a substitute for communication between you and your cadet's Company Tactical (TAC) officer. Specific concerns or information regarding your cadet should be addressed to the TAC.

Some clubs become more involved by working with the Admissions Office in spreading the word about USMA to their local communities and high schools. Many also work with the West Point Societies by coordinating events at away football games and Founders Day activities.

There are West Point Parents Clubs in most states and in Europe. To join a parents club near you, simply locate the club in your region on the Parents Club Roster and contact the president. (Please note the roster reflects club presidents as of March 2004.)

If there isn't a club in your area and you would like information about forming one, please call the Parents Club Coordinator at (845) 938-5650, write the Public Affairs Office, U.S. Military Academy, Mail & Distribution Center, 646 Swift Road, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1905 or e-mail dolores.salvatore@usma.edu

The Public Affairs Office also maintains a list server that posts official computer information via e-mail. To sign up for this free service, go to USMA's homepage at www.usma.edu; then *News* then *West Point Parents Club and USMA News mailing lists* then *WPPC-NEWS* then *Join (or leave) the list*. From there follow the directions listed.

Cadet Life



The West Point Experience

When cadets enter the academy, they become active duty members of the U.S. Army. They are taking the first steps toward joining the *Long Gray Line*, one of the proudest traditions in the Army and in the nation.

At the U.S. Military Academy, your cadet will be developed as a leader of character to serve our Army and country for a lifetime. The active duty service obligation is five years after graduation, but whether cadets remain in uniform for a career or select other fields of endeavor, they will always be recognized as West Point graduates.

The demanding 47-month West Point experience transforms cadets into leaders. This experience includes academic, military and physical development. A strong emphasis on moral-ethical standards is woven into each developmental area.

You can be enormously proud of the accomplishments of your cadet. West Point is extremely selective, enrolling only the most promising young men and women. They are bright, eager and enthusiastic; and they demonstrate a high degree of extraordinary leadership potential. They are among the finest young people in America, and we are proud that they have chosen to come to West Point.

Academics

During their first two years, the program of study consists of a core curriculum of science, English, mathematics, history, information technology and behavioral and social sciences. This broad base of knowledge forms the foundation for a higher level core curriculum, a minimum of three engineering courses, and specialization in an academic major.

Your cadets are responsible for keeping you informed about how they are doing. If they experience difficulty in a course, they should seek help immediately. Additional instruction (AI) is offered in every course. Cadets may also request a tutor through their company.

Academic requirements, coupled with the many other demands upon their time, place a great need for self-discipline on cadets. The Center For Enhanced Performance (CEP) offers a *Student Success Course* and a *Critical Thinking and Information Literacy Course* through the Reading and Study Skills Program (RSSP). It also offers individual and team performance enhancement training through the Performance Enhancement Program (PEP) to help cadets adjust to academy life. Academy counseling is provided throughout a cadet's four years. Teams of faculty counselors assigned to each cadet company work with cadets during their first two years. In addition to assisting with individual study challenges, the counselors help cadets clarify the areas of specialization in the curriculum best suited to their individual abilities and goals.

Early in their second year, departmental academic counselors assist cadets in selecting their major. The counselors are assigned to cadets according to the cadets chosen major and provide counseling to the junior and senior classes. Individual course instructors are always willing to help cadets, and the academic counselors in the Dean's Office are available for academic guidance on a walk-in basis.

Military Program

When new cadets arrive on R-Day, they begin to experience the military environment ever present at the academy. They are required to conduct themselves according to military standards. The first phase of military training is given during the six-week program known as Cadet Basic Training (CBT). CBT, or



Beast Barracks, is one of the most strenuous and intense periods of training that cadets encounter while at the academy.

During CBT, upperclass cadets, tactical officers and noncommissioned officers (TAC Teams) train, inspire and mentor new cadets in basic soldier skills and prepare them for acceptance into the Corps of Cadets. In addition, the program is designed to inspire each new cadet to internalize the ideals of West Point and the Army. Along with instruction in military subjects, new cadets participate in drills, marches and overnight field training.

CBT culminates in a week of training and living in a field environment and a 15-mile march back to West Point. Once they enter the gate, new cadets, led by the USMA Band, are greeted by well-wishers lining the streets as they pass-in-review before the Superintendent and senior members of the staff. Soon after, they are accepted into the Corps and acknowledged as cadets in a brigade review on the Plain.

Throughout the academic year, cadets receive instruction in military subjects. Military Science instruction during their first academic year includes two courses: MS101 *Introduction to the Army* and MS103 *Introduction to Warfighting*. MS101 introduces cadets to the Army, its heritage and its organization. In this course, cadets learn the seven Army values, the identities and principles of Officership, and basic Army customs and traditions to properly prepare them to begin their study of Military Science. MS103 is designed to provide cadets a foundation of tactical knowledge necessary for success during Cadet Field Training (CFT). Tactical instruction includes map reading, Troop Leading Procedures and an introduction to military planning. Cadets are also introduced to dismantled platoon operations, patrolling, organization of a light infantry squad/platoon, and the characteristics of organic weapons.



Physical Development

“Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory.” These words of General Douglas MacArthur express a fundamental part of the West Point philosophy. In addition to the required physical education courses and periodic assessments of physical fitness, every cadet must engage in intramural, competitive club or intercollegiate athletics.

This physical education program is based on the principle that each cadet will develop a desire and knowledge to maintain a high degree of physical fitness throughout a lifetime of service and that physically capable Army officers will perform more effectively. Plebes pursue a rigorous physical education curriculum that includes Combatives I (conducted during Cadet Basic Training), Combatives II (boxing for men and self-defense for women), survival swimming and military movement. Their physical development continues as upper-class cadets with Combatives III (conducted during Cadet Field Training), Combatives IV, lifetime sports and Fitness Leader I and II.

The Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), administered semi-annually, consists of pushups, sit-ups and a two-mile run. Additionally, all cadets take the Indoor Obstacle Course Test (IOCT) annually. This 11-event test is used to assess coordination, balance, anaerobic ability, muscular endurance and agility.



The slogan “every cadet an athlete and every athlete challenged” reflects the spirit of the intramural

program, which consists of cadet companies competing against each other. The majority of cadets compete at this level. The program’s objectives are to ensure a broad sports experience for each cadet, to develop lifelong sports skills, to instill the habit of physical activity and, most importantly, to provide the opportunity for leadership development. Adhering to the principles of fair play is an essential part of the program.

Cadets who desire to participate at a higher level of competition are offered the opportunity to compete against other clubs, colleges and universities in



numerous competitive club sports, such as rugby, crew and marathon running.

The intercollegiate (varsity) program includes a wide variety of men’s and women’s sports. More than one-quarter of the cadets compete at this level.



Moral-Ethical Development

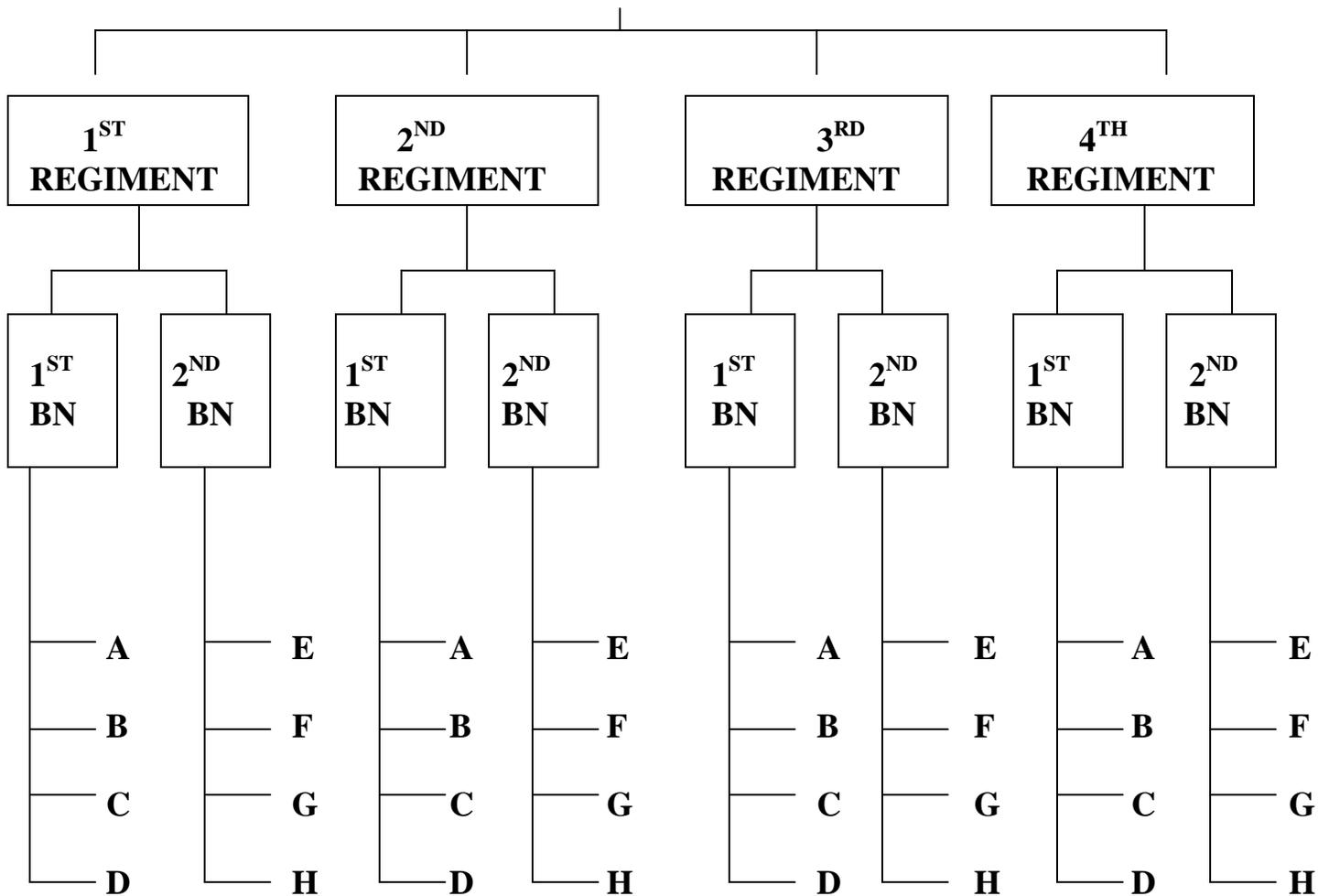
Moral-ethical development is central to the West Point experience. It is integral to the academic program and embedded throughout the military and physical programs. The Honor Code — “A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal, or tolerate those who do”— sets the minimum standard for integrity, but the Military Academy seeks to inspire adherence to the spirit of the code. The academy develops leaders of character, men and women who revere honesty, pursue justice and practice respect for others and their property. Cadets are guided by the timeless creed “Duty, Honor, Country” with “Respect” and “Integrity” as central fundamental values.

Who’s Who

- Plebe** – freshman/member of the Fourth Class
- Yearling** – sophomore/member of the Third Class
- Cow** – junior/member of the Second Class
- Firstie** – senior/member of the First Class

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**ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPS OF CADETS
 DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR**

CADET FIRST CAPTAIN



BN = Battalion

Letters denote cadet companies

Cadet Company Orderly Room Telephone Numbers

(845) 938-XXXX

A1-2663	A2-3570	A3-2962	A4-4125
B1-3238	B2-4431	B3-3236	B4-3343
C1-2897	C2-3761	C3-2664	C4-4120
D1-3033	D2-3293	D3-2763	D4-3370
E1-2391	E2-3195	E3-2466	E4-3364
F1-2944	F2-3556	F3-5476	F4-3776
G1-4330	G2-2983	G3-3085	G4-2444
H1-3260	H2-3285	H3-3189	H4-4346

Cadet Rules and Regulations

A and B Saturdays

A and B Saturdays refer to two kinds of Saturdays in the cadet 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 a Friday formal evening study period (ESP) and Saturday from 7:35 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. for Dean's activities. Operating hours for A/C do not include a formal ESP on Friday, but do provide Saturday from 7:35 a.m. until 11:45 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.

Cadets will receive 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. **Reminder: All information provided in this almanac is subject to an individual cadet's circumstances and duty requirements.**

Leaves and Passes

Information about leaves and passes is contained in the USCC Standing Operating Procedures (SOP). Cadets are responsible for submitting all requests and obtaining approval for leaves or passes. Approval must be obtained before making any travel arrangements.

A **pass** is a privilege that may be earned. It is approved or disapproved by the company tactical officer (TAC). Plebes are eligible for one pass during their first semester.

Generally, all cadets are authorized **leave** as a part of the curriculum and as a respite from academic and military duties. Unless otherwise notified, cadets may take leave from West Point during Thanksgiving, December holiday leave period, spring break and during the summer.

In the event of an immediate family emergency, TACs, and in their absence the USCC Officer-in-Charge, may approve emergency leave requests. If parents cannot reach their cadet, they should call the cadet's Tactical Officer or TAC NCO. Parents may also call the Central Guard Room (845-938-3030) which is staffed 24 hours a day or the Brigade Tactical Department Headquarters at 845-938-6005.

Walking Privileges

At the conclusion of CBT and the Acceptance Parade, New Cadets are welcomed into the ranks as cadet privates or plebes. They are then allowed walking privileges in accordance with the guidelines in the USCC SOP.

Cadets in good standing have walking privileges on the weekend once they have completed all duties. On normal weekends, cadets may take walking privileges on Saturday after their last duty until 11 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. There are additional allowances for holiday weekends specified in the USCC SOP.

As is the case in any explanation of cadet regulations, these are general guidelines that are subject to an individual cadet's circumstances. It is the cadet's responsibility to know the regulations and how to apply them to each particular case.

Historic Cadet Mess Hall in Washington Hall



The neo-Gothic Cadet Mess Hall at West Point is an impressive structure configured like an enormous spoked wheel with six dining wings radiating from a central elevated “poop deck.” The Mess Hall seats and feeds the entire Corps of approximately 4,000 cadets in less than 25 minutes. It provides well-balanced nutritional meals that support the cadets very active daily life. To maintain the unity of the Corps, the use of the Mess Hall by others is highly regulated. Family members may eat in the Mess Hall with their cadet under the following guidelines:

Official Guests: Cadets of any class may invite and escort an official guest (official as deemed by Protocol or Public Affairs) or a member of the Armed Forces during any meal with minor exceptions listed in the USCC SOP.

Unofficial Guest: Cadets in their second through fourth year may invite and escort guests to informal meals only, with a maximum of five guests. The exception for first year cadets is during Plebe Parent Weekend when they may escort guests to informal meals. Other exceptions are listed in the USCC SOP.

Informal Meals: Saturday lunch and dinner or Sunday brunch.

Official Weekends: Special events are scheduled throughout the year for different classes. At such times guest meal tickets are not authorized.

Meal Hours: Meal hours are posted on the cadet schedule and are strictly enforced.

Plebe-Parent Weekend

Plebe parents are invited to USMA to spend time with their cadets to see what they have accomplished since their entrance into the academy. Other family members and friends are also welcome to visit at this time.

There are many events for parents to participate in during Plebe-Parent Weekend, which will be Oct. 15-17, 2004.

The USMA Operations Office will send out a Plebe-Parent Weekend Information Booklet providing more details about this unique event planned for plebes and their families. A banquet in the Cadet Mess and dance in Eisenhower Hall are traditional weekend events. Plebes normally have sufficient free time and walking privileges to make this a quality family experience.

If you plan on visiting West Point, you should make hotel/motel reservations as early as possible for this well-attended event.

Yearling Winter Weekend

This weekend occasion is planned for yearlings and their guests. Winter sports activities at West Point are highlighted, along with a Saturday evening banquet and formal dance. Yearling Winter Weekend for the Class of 2007 is January 28-30, 2005.

500th Night Weekend

The date marking the 500th night before graduation prompts a January weekend of festivities for cows or juniors. This milestone in a cadet’s schooling is typically celebrated with a Saturday night banquet, followed by a formal dance. The Class of 2006 will hold its 500th night weekend events on January 21-23, 2005.

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Ring Weekend

Firstie cadets receive their class rings in late August of their final year at the academy. This firstie occasion is celebrated with a weekend of events, including a presentation ceremony after the Friday afternoon retreat. The cadets march in front of Washington Hall and cross the street to the Amphitheater (band shell area on Trophy Point) where they receive their rings. There is a banquet and dance to top off the festivities on Saturday night. This year's Ring Weekend will be August 27-29, 2004.

100th Night Weekend

This late winter weekend marks the 100th night before graduation. It is a time of anticipation for these future officers and also an occasion for looking back at the humorous and unforgettable experiences they have shared during their time at West Point.

The 100th Night show is usually presented by the firsties at Eisenhower Hall on Friday and Saturday nights. This musical show is written, directed and performed by members of the senior class and is usually based on their class's unique perception of the West Point experience. A formal banquet and hop are also planned for this special weekend. The Class of 2005's 100th Night is February 25-27, 2005.

Graduation Week

Many special activities are planned during the week preceding the Saturday morning graduation ceremony. The USMA Operations Office sends firstie parents a Parents Guide for Graduation Week outlining the week's events. This is mailed in April of the cadet's senior year. Although some events begin as early as Wednesday; Friday is when the graduation parade, banquet and hop occur. Please remember: if you are planning to attend, you will need to make arrangements for lodging well in advance. Graduation Day for the Class of 2004 is May 29, 2004, and for the Class of 2005, it is May 28, 2005.

Army Football

Choose from the following options to purchase tickets.

Season Tickets
(\$133 per season ticket)

Cadet Season Tickets
A cadet may purchase season tickets for family and friends. That seating will be with other guests behind the Corps on the lower level. Each year, seating is reassigned based on each cadet's class year. Only cadets may purchase these tickets at the Army Ticket Office.

"A" Club Season Tickets
Parents may wish to purchase their own season seats in different areas of Michie Stadium. All seating and parking assignments are based on donation level.



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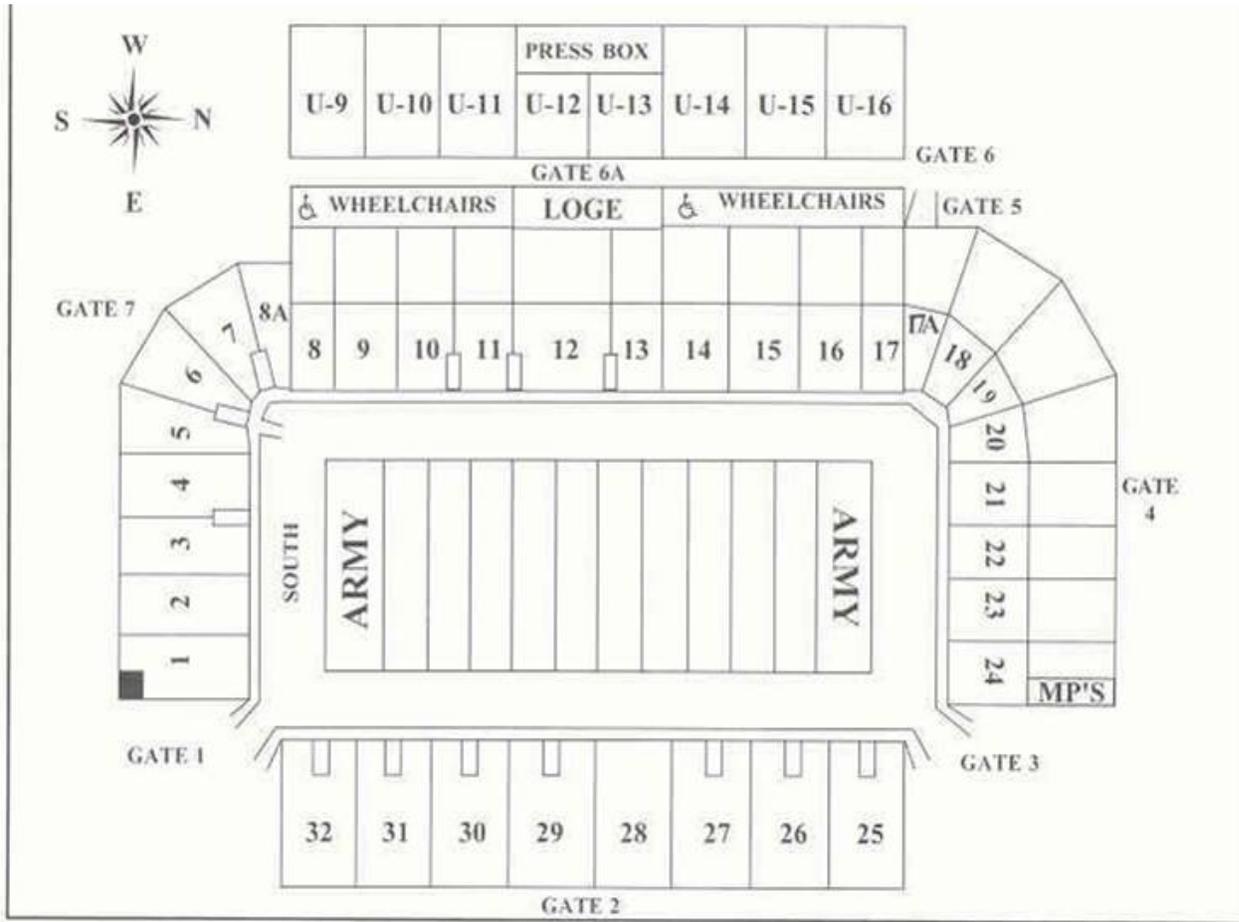


2004 Army Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Location
Sept. 11	LOUISVILLE*	MICHIE STADIUM	WEST POINT, NY
Sept. 18	at Houston	Robertson Stadium	Houston, TX
Sept. 25	at Connecticut	Rentschler Field	Hartford, CT
Oct. 2	TCU*	MICHIE STADIUM	WEST POINT, NY
Oct. 9	CINCINNATI*	MICHIE STADIUM	WEST POINT, NY
Oct. 16	at USF*	Raymond James Stadium	Tampa, FL
Oct. 30	at East Carolina	Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium	Greenville, NC
Nov. 6	AIR FORCE	MICHIE STADIUM	WEST POINT, NY
Nov. 13	at Tulane*	Louisiana Superdome	New Orleans, LA
Nov. 20	UAB*	MICHIE STADIUM	WEST POINT, NY
DEC. 4	NAVY	LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD	PHILADELPHIA, PA

(*) denotes Conference USA Games

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

ARMY TICKET OFFICE

Holleder Center
West Point, New York 10996
877-TIX-ARMY
www.goARMYsports.com

ARMY 'A' CLUB

639 Howard Road
West Point, New York 10996
845-938-2322 or 845-938-4444
ArmyAClub@usma.edu

Reception Day (R-Day)

If it's feasible, attend Reception Day. It will help you to better understand the academy and what your new cadet will experience during CBT. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and clothing. The weather can be hot, humid or rainy.

Activities/conveniences for parents:

- Initial briefing and farewell (with your cadet)
- Shuttle bus service and guided bus tours around West Point
- Parents Reception Center
- Afternoon briefing by the Superintendent and Commandant, followed by question and answer period
- New cadet Swearing-In Ceremony

Handy Items for Cadets to Bring:

- Inexpensive watch
- Small overnight bag
- Stamped, pre-addressed envelopes to family and friends

Communicating with your Cadet

Mail to Cadets

Individual post office box numbers are sent to new cadets as part of a mailing from the Director of Admissions and are also available during R-Day. Cadets can send their address within a day or two to parents who are unable to attend R-Day.

Suggestions for parents:

- Bring a stamped envelope/card with you, place your cadet's new address on it, and drop it in the mailbox before leaving West Point. Your cadet will enjoy having mail right away.
- Write your cadet encouraging words as frequently as possible.
- Emphasize taking one day at a time and keeping a sense of humor.
- Send hometown news, cartoons, inspirational cards and a few pre-addressed and stamped post cards to your new cadet.

TAC Team

The academy is often a cadet's first introduction to a military environment. TAC teams are instrumental in the cadet's transition to the military lifestyle. A Company TAC Team is composed of an active duty officer and senior non-commissioned officer (NCO). TACs are the program integrators of the Academy. They have the requisite military and civilian education and experiences to facilitate an ability to lead, coach and mentor cadets, ensuring an easy and thorough integration into the Corps of Cadets.

If you have any questions or concerns about any programs, events or your cadet, the TAC or TAC NCO should be your initial contact point. If you are unable to contact the TAC Team, you may call the Brigade Tactical Department at 845-938-6005 to coordinate the connection/contact.

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E-mail and the Worldwide Web

West Point has long realized that it is good for cadets to use electronic mail for both official and personal correspondence. This also fits the needs of the Army as officers must be capable and comfortable with electronic communications. E-mail is also a simple and inexpensive way to support the morale and welfare of cadets and their families. Cadets are prohibited from using the government computer network for profit-making activities. Cadets receive their personal laptops during Reorganization Week, Aug. 8-15. The simplest way to initiate an e-mail conversation is to have your cadet send an e-mail to your address. E-mail is not available for new cadets during Cadet Basic Training. The U.S. Military Academy has its own website on the worldwide web. The address is: <http://www.usma.edu>.

Packages and “Boodle Boxes”

Unless it's an emergency item (for example, eyeglasses), packages are not to be sent to new cadets during Cadet Basic Training.

“Boodle” is the cadets' expression for goodies from home, and it's a very effective morale-booster after CBT. Do not send boodle during CBT. When you send boodle, use an airtight container that will provide storage for future mailings.

All commercial mail delivery services (UPS, FEDEX, etc.) must first go to the USMA Mail and Distribution Center to be scanned for security reasons. The Mail and Distribution Center normally will deliver packages to the Central Guard Room in the afternoon. If mail is delivered on a Friday afternoon, it will not be scanned or delivered to the Central Guard Room until the next work day. All mail to the Central Guard Room should include the cadet's name and company. Address it as follows:

Cadet John Smith, Company C4
c/o Cadet Central Guard Room
Building 745C
West Point, New York 10997

(The zip code 10997 is used exclusively for mail delivered to cadets.)

The cadet-in-charge of quarters takes the package to the recipient's company area, and it is picked up there.

Telephone Calls

Most new cadets will not be able to call home for 2-3 weeks after R-Day, although this changes from year to year. There are pay phones in all cadet barracks and new cadets will be allowed to use these phones to call home, time permitting. During Reorganization Week (Aug 8-15), all new cadets will be issued their personal phones.

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Cadet Home Address

If you move while your cadet is at the academy, the cadet must go to the Cadet Personnel Office to fill out a change of address form. The cadet is the only person authorized to do this.

If parents do not reside at the same location, remind your cadet to provide addresses for both parents. Each parent will then receive information sent out by the academy as authorized by the cadet.

Medical Treatment

Cadets are members of the Army on active duty and are eligible for military medical care. This entitlement continues as long as they remain on active duty.

Don't panic if you hear your cadet is in the hospital. You may call the TAC Team at any time to get information. Cadets who have an illness that requires bed rest, such as the flu, are often hospitalized because they do not have the option of missing classes and resting in their rooms. Because of Privacy Act restrictions, the cadets are responsible for notifying their parents. If a serious injury occurs, the TAC officer will notify the parents.

- Your cadet can call you by using a telephone credit card or dialing collect from the hospital.
- They can be reached by calling the nurses' station at (845) 938-3004/3045. Your call will be transferred to the cadet's room.
- Parents of cadets with significant illness/injury may speak with their son/daughter's attending physician. Understand, though, the doctor cannot discuss medical information unless permission is granted by the cadet.

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. The government will not pay for non-emergency medical or pharmacy care, without prior authorization.

In the event of an emergency (life, limb, or eye saving), cadets should obtain medical care at the nearest facility (military or civilian). 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, or 845-938-4004 within 24 hours. The Emergency Room at Keller Army Hospital must also be notified. The phone numbers are listed on the card provided to the cadets. If billed, forward the statement to Keller Army Hospital, West Point, New York 10996-1197.

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 should maintain health insurance coverage for their cadets. Doing so will ensure that your cadet can depart the academy for any reason with 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.

Leave and Pass Transportation

During major holiday and leave periods, USMA contracts bus transportation for cadets to various airports. Announcements about these buses are made in the Mess Hall and on the cadet computer bulletin board. Cadets need to buy bus tickets in advance.

Cadets should allow themselves at least **three hours** for travel to LaGuardia, JFK and Newark airports since traffic can cause significant delays. Travel from Stewart Airport may be more convenient if flights go to your home area from there.

Cadets are encouraged to make their own arrangements. Parents **must** check with their cadet regarding leave dates before making reservations.

Getting the Word Out About Cadet Achievements

There are a number of ways for cadets and their parents to inform their local press about cadet achievements and the U.S. Military Academy.

The Academy's Public Affairs Office (PAO) sends Hometown News Release forms electronically to all new cadets at the completion of CBT, to all senior cadets just prior to graduation, to cadets earning academic achievement and to those who are appointed to chain of command positions.

PAO can also prepare releases for other activities such as club sports and military training schools (e.g. airborne, air assault). However, these forms are not sent automatically and must be initiated by the cadet either by e-mail or in person to the PAO located in Taylor Hall (Building 600).

PAO will then send the completed releases directly to cadet parents to submit to their hometown papers. This system has proven to be very effective.

Another media opportunity offered to cadets and their parents occurs during Plebe-Parent Weekend. PAO sets up a Hometown News Release booth where photographs are taken of the Plebes with their visiting guests. Shortly after the visit, the photo and a suggested news release are sent to the parents, which they may then submit to their local newspapers. This service is provided free of charge.

Parents may also submit information about their cadet or USMA-related events that occur in their community directly to their local media. If something unique or particularly newsworthy occurs, parents may inform the PAO, which may be able to interest the media in covering the story.

**Public Affairs Office
United States Military Academy
West Point, New York 10996
845-938-2006/4261**



Visiting West Point

General Suggestions

When visiting your plebe, plan on remaining on post or staying within the confines of their walking privileges. (Limits are explained in section, “Cadet Life.”)

Wear comfortable shoes.

- West Point has many picnic areas to enjoy.
- Home football game weekends are a lot of fun. The fall season is beautiful in the Hudson Valley.
- There is a cadet review, and the game usually begins around 1 p.m. The games are exciting and tailgating at West Point is a unique experience.
- Visiting West Point when no special events are scheduled has the advantage of more free time with your cadets and fewer crowds.

Visitors Center

This facility, located outside of Thayer Gate, in the Pershing Center, is open from 9 a.m. until 4:45 p.m. daily, except for New Year’s Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Receptionists are available to provide information about West Point and the surrounding area.

A commercial tour company operates from this facility, providing regularly scheduled bus tours that include points of interest like the Cadet Chapel and Trophy Point. Telephone: (845) 938-2638 or visit our website at www.usma.edu/PublicAffairs/vic.htm The U.S. Military Academy is a military reservation and is under heightened security. When entering the Academy you will need to have photo ID for all adult members in the vehicle. All vehicles are subject to inspection. When making plans to visit the Academy allow extra time for possible delays at the gates. Parking is restricted throughout the academy, but is generally available at Buffalo Soldier Field, with shuttle bus service for special events. Gate guards will also assist you with parking instructions.

West Point Museum

The West Point Museum, the oldest museum in the Department of Defense, opened in 1854. It is located at Pershing Center behind the Visitors Center. It consists of six galleries which focus on West Point and its history, the history of warfare, the history of the U.S. Army in both war and peace, and a history of military small arms and large weapons. The collections are diverse and contain military arms, uniforms and flags, as well as military battle art, portraiture and other memorabilia related to West Point and the Corps of Cadets. The earliest exhibits date to 3000 B.C. with artifacts from Egypt’s Old Kingdom. The most current objects are from the Gulf War. Galleries are designed by theme and then chronologically to facilitate self-guided tours. For more information about the Museum, call (845) 938-3590/2203 or visit the museum’s website at www.usma.edu/Museum.

Gift Shops

The West Point Gift Shop, located in the same building as the Visitors Center, offers a full line of West Point-related clothing and souvenir items. The facility is open during the same hours as the Visitors Center. For more information, call (845) 446-3085 and 800-315-USMA.

The Daughters of the United States Army Gift Shops, located in the museum and the lobby of the Hotel Thayer, have a variety of museum-related items, West Point souvenirs and other specialty products. For more information, call the Museum Gift Shop at (845) 446-0566 or the Hotel Thayer Gift Shop at (845) 446-8681.

The Association of Graduates Gift Shop, located in the James K. Herbert Alumni Center, offers a wide variety of fine West Point-related gift items, including china, crystal, pewter, prints and jewelry. Telephone: (845) 446-5869.

Lodging - West Point Area.

For reservations at the Hotel Thayer (located at West Point) call 800-247-5047.

For reservations at the Five Star Inn also located at West Point call (845) 446-1028.

The following organizations can provide information about hotels/motels in the West Point area:

**The Chamber of Commerce of
Orange County, Inc.,**
(845) 567-6229 or (Fax) (845) 567-6271
www.orangenyc.org

Orange County Tourism
(845) 291-2136
www.orangetourism.org

Westchester Convention & Visitors Bureau
(800) 833-9282 or (914) 948-0047
www.westchester.com

Dutchess County Tourism Promotion Agency
(800) 445-3131
www.dutchesstourism.com

Putnam County Visitors Bureau
Fax: (845) 225-0381
www.visitputnam.org

Chamber of Commerce of the Nyacks
(914) 353-2221
(800) 762-8687 or (845) 291-2136
www.nyackny.com

The Town of Highlands
www.visiontownofhighlands.com

- Make reservations early
- Parents Club members are a good source of information. Clubs often reserve blocks of rooms for special cadet events.
- Remember to inquire about the hotel-motel's reservation and refund policy.



Directions From Airports

The West Point area has five major airports-LaGuardia, JFK, Newark, Albany and Stewart International Airport (Newburgh). Stewart is the closest to West Point. Newark and Albany are generally regarded as the next best choices. Driving directions from the airports are as follows:

Stewart to West Point

From the main entrance to Stewart, turn left onto Route 207, which merges with Route 300 at the first traffic light. Continue on Routes 207/300. Remain on Route 300 until it intersects with Routes 32 and 94 at the Five Corners intersection in Vail's Gate. Continue on Route 32 to the second traffic light. Turn left toward Cornwall. Enter Route 9W (South - Bear Mountain Bridge exit) before entering Cornwall. Take 9W South to signs for West Point.

Newark to West Point

Take Interstate 78 West to the Garden State Parkway. Take the GSP north to the end and follow signs for the New York State Thruway (I-87) south. Exit Thruway at exit 13N onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway heading north. Take the PIP north till its end. (Bear Mountain Traffic Circle). Follow signs for Route 9W North (third exit off traffic circle). Take the first "West Point, Highland Falls" exit. This will lead you into Highland Falls, pass the Visitors Center and Museum, and through to Thayer Gate.

Albany to West Point

Go Southeast on Airport Access Road towards NY-155 E by turning left. Turn slight left onto NY-155 E. Take I-87 S to I-90 E/I-87 S/I-90 W (Exit 1 towards Albany, Boston, New York, Buffalo). Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto I-87 S. Take the I-87 S (Exit 23 to 1) towards New York, merge onto NY State Thruway toll road. NY State Thruway becomes I-87 S. Take NY State Thruway to Exit 16 Harriman to US 6 East to Rte. 293 north to 218.

LaGuardia and JFK to West Point

Take Throgs Neck Bridge or Whitestone Bridge to Cross Bronx Expressway or Grand Central Parkway to Triborough Bridge to Major Deegan Expressway. Follow signs to George Washington Bridge upper level. Stay in right lane on George Washington Bridge. Take exit to Palisades Parkway North. Drive about 40 miles to the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle. In the circle, take the third cutoff to Route 9W Northbound (Newburgh/West Point).

Take the first West Point exit after passing through Fort Montgomery. You will be in Highland Falls—stay on this road (about 1.5 miles).

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Other Useful Numbers

Note: The area code for the following numbers is 845

Admissions Office	938-4041	Hotel Thayer Reservations	446-4731
Athletic Ticket Office	446-4996	Information Center Operator	938-4034
Brigade Tactical Dept.	938-6004	Jewish Chapel	938-2766
Bus Transportation	938-2018/2047	Keller Army Hospital	
Cadet Bookstore	938-5356	Information Desk	938-5169
Cadet Chapel	938-2308	Museum	938-2203
Center for Personal Dev.	938-3022	Old Cadet Chapel	938-4106
Catholic Chapel	938-8760	Parents Club Coordinator	938-5650
Credit Union	446-4946	Post Chapel	938-6404
Ike Hall Box Office	938-4159	Sports Scores	938-ARMY
Central Guard Room	938-3030	Visitors Center	938-2638

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REGIMENTAL TACTICAL ROSTER

As of 20 January 2004

HQ (MACC-O)

Brigade Tactical Officer	x6005
Secretary, Ms. Christine Guerriero	x6004
Brigade Executive Officer/Regs & Discipline Officer, MAJ Matthew C. Ballard	x4029

1ST REGIMENT (M/ACC-O-1) (Class 2005) Phone

RTO, LTC Pamela L. Martis	x2901
XO, CPT Erik N. Anderson	x2904

TACTICAL OFFICERS AND NCO'S

A1 CPT Paul L. Carroll {Axemen}	x2613
SFC John M. Lucas	x3190
B1 CPT Marc D. Young {Barbarians}	x2905
SFC Jesse A. Moore	x5004
C1 CPT Thomas M. Gilleran {Crusaders}	x3803
SFC Lula M. Grundy	x2125
D1 CPT David B. Cushen {Ducks}	x3603
SFC Richard O. Jones	x4555
E1 CPT Eileen J. Aljoe {Vikings}	x2903
SFC Warren D. Youngblood	x2102
F1 MAJ William J. McClary {Firehouse}	x3307
SFC Walter A. Navarro	x2551
G1 CPT Daniel C. Kingston {Greeks}	x2408
SFC Randy B. Collins	x4853
H1 CPT John D. Ring {Root Hawgs}	x2427
SFC Allan G. Thorpe	x2195
Chaplain, Edson J. Wood	x2784

3RD REGIMENT (MACC-O-3) (Class 2006) Phone

RTO, LTC Lauren M. Barone	x4402
XO, MAJ John J. Strange, Jr.	x4405

TACTICAL OFFICERS AND NCO'S

A3 CPT Steven C. Hunter {Anacondas}	x3501
SFC Anthony C. Holley	x3935
B3 MAJ John K. Goertemiller {Bandits}	x3302
SFC John A. Murray	x2823
C3 CPT Tanya L. Kabel-Ballard {Cocks}	x2101
SFC Christopher T. Gilman	x2694
D3 CPT Mark S. Parker {Devils}	x2619
SFC Roderick L. Prioleau	x3289
E3 CPT Kevin J. Petro {Eagles}	x4877
SFC Gloria A. Josey	x4116
F3 CPT Robert B. Morris II {F-Troop}	x2902
VACANT	x2089
G3 CPT Richard D. Berry {Gopher}	x2827
SFC Gregory A. Travis	x4393
H3 CPT Sean E. Farrar {Hurricanes}	x2921
SFC John R. Knight, Jr.	x5993
Chaplain, James R. Carter	x3412

2ND REGIMENT (MACC-O-2) (Class 2004) Phone

RTO, LTC Michael X. Garrett	x3706
XO, MAJ Kyle E. Feger	x2623

TACTICAL OFFICERS AND NCO'S

A2 CPT James P. Dyke {Spartans}	x2725
SFC Douglas W. Strom	x4830
B2 CPT Schawn L. Branch {Bulldogs}	x4119
SFC James E. Ruesch	x3750
C2 CPT Richard T. Ramsey {Circus}	x2622
MSG Eddie Jackson	x3043
D2 CPT Chad A. Bagley {Dragons}	x3643
SFC Terry R. Hancock	x5444
E2 CPT Christopher R. Forsythe {Dawgs}	x2824
SFC Charles L. Blakey, Jr.	x2421
F2 CPT Heather L. Reed {Zoo}	x3108
SFC Raymond H. Loyst, Jr.	x3962
G2 MAJ Kevin M. Klopccic {Gators}	x2528
VACANT	x2196
H2 CPT Frank J. Walton {Hammer}	x2620
SFC Donnie L. Little	x3557
Chaplain, Gregory L. Cruell	x3412

4TH REGIMENT (MACC-O-4) (Class 2007) Phone

RTO, LTC Christopher J. Putko	x2028
XO, CPT Stuart D. Furner	x2825

TACTICAL OFFICERS AND NCO'S

A4 MAJ Vincent R. Lindenmeyer {Apaches}	x3118
SFC Ronnie E. Bush	x5265
B4 MAJ Darren P Fitzgerald {Bufs}	x2922
SFC John M. Dudas	x2468
C4 CPT Dana C. Allmond {Cowboys}	x3719
SFC Bill D. Barth	x3089
D4 CPT Jason C. Ward {Dukes}	x3718
SFC Kevin L. Briody	x3034
E4 MAJ T. Bradley Ninness {Highlanders}	x2009
SFC William Silva	x2770
F4 CPT Henry T. Wilkens, Jr. {Frogs}	x2727
SFC Whitney M. Bailey	x3853
G4 CPT Michael T. Rittenhouse {Guppies}	x2602
SSG Wanda G. Bonds	x5252
H4 CPT Brent E. Novak {Hogs}	x2627
SFC Kevin M. Alley	x3577
Chaplain, VACANT	x2784

