

*United States Military Academy
West Point, NY*

Graduation Week

*May 27 -31,
2008*

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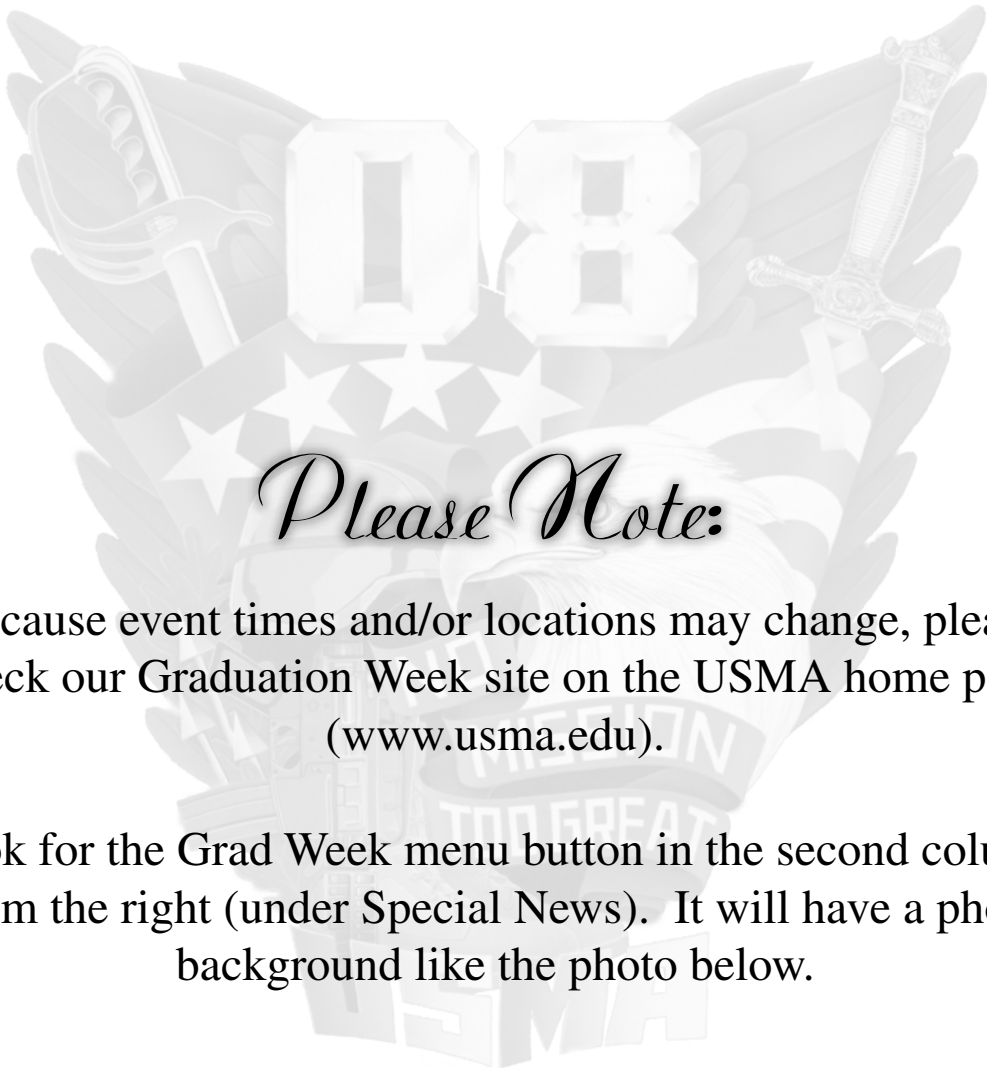


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Parents Guide





Please Note:

Because event times and/or locations may change, please check our Graduation Week site on the USMA home page (www.usma.edu).

Look for the Grad Week menu button in the second column from the right (under Special News). It will have a photo background like the photo below.





OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

Dear Parents of Cadets in the Class of 2008:

I am pleased to invite you, your family, and friends to West Point for the Class of 2008 Graduation Week. This very special event is an opportunity for you to share in the excitement of your cadet's achievements and to see the Class of 2008 join the commissioned Officer Corps.

The week's activities begin on Tuesday, May 27, culminating in the graduation ceremony at Michie Stadium on Saturday, May 31. The ceremony begins promptly at 10 a.m. Please be prepared for possible inclement weather.

This booklet will help you plan for all Graduation Week events. Our post newspaper, *The Pointer View*, will publish a special event update, available free of charge at locations throughout West Point. Additionally, we will maintain a current schedule of all events on our home page on the World Wide Web at www.usma.edu.

For your safety, as well as that of our cadets and community, we conduct routine vehicle security checks at our entry gates. We also limit parking near the cadet area. Please take full advantage of the post shuttle bus service established for your convenience during this week. Additionally, allow yourselves ample time to get through the gates and remember that all guests ages 16 and over must possess photo identification at all times.

Best wishes from West Point. We look forward to seeing you for a most pleasant and memorable event!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F.L. Hagenbeck".

F.L. Hagenbeck
Lieutenant General, US Army
Superintendent

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Schedule of Events

TUESDAY, MAY 27

10:20 a.m.-Noon	Alumni Exercise and Review	Thayer Statue/The Plain
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Commandant's Award Ceremony	Eisenhower Hall, Crest Hall
7:30 p.m.	Cadet Glee Club Concert	Eisenhower Hall Theatre

All are invited to attend the Cadet Glee Club Concert.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

1-4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception for Parents and Guests of the Class of 2008	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
1-2:30 p.m.	1st Regiment	
2:30-3 p.m.	Break	
3-4:30 p.m.	2nd Regiment	
1-4 p.m.	Academic Departments Awards Ceremonies	Various Locations
1-6 p.m.	Cadet Club Open Houses	Various Locations
5-7 p.m.	Gospel Choir Concert	Arnold Hall
8-9 p.m.	Combined Choirs Concert	Cadet Chapel

All are invited to attend the Gospel and Combined Choirs Concerts.

Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, MAY 29

10:50-11 a.m.	Cadet Drill Team Performance	The Plain
11 a.m.-Noon	Superintendent's Awards Review <i>Inclement weather location</i>	The Plain <i>Robinson Auditorium, Thayer Hall</i>
Noon-12:15 p.m.	Cadet Parachute Team Demonstration	The Plain
1-4:30 p.m.	Superintendent's Reception for Parents and Guests of the Class 2008	Superintendent's Garden Quarters 100
1-2:30 p.m.	3rd Regiment	
2:30-3 p.m.	Break	
3-4:30 p.m.	4th Regiment	
1-4 p.m.	Academic Departments Awards Ceremonies	Various Locations
7 p.m.	Catholic Baccalaureate Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
7 p.m.	Protestant Baccalaureate Service	Cadet Chapel
7 p.m.	Jewish Baccalaureate Service	Jewish Chapel
7 p.m.	Eastern Orthodox Baccalaureate Service	St. Martin's Chapel

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, MAY 30

10:30 a.m.	Graduation Parade <i>This event will be cancelled only in the event of severe weather.</i>	The Plain
2-2:45 p.m.	Awards Convocation	Eisenhower Hall
7-8:30 p.m.	Graduation Banquet	Cadet Mess
8:30 p.m.-1 a.m.	Graduation Hop	Eisenhower Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 31 GRADUATION DAY

7 a.m.	Stadium Open to the Public	Michie Stadium
9:35 a.m.	Entrance of Graduating Class	Michie Stadium
10 a.m.	Graduation Exercises <i>In the event of inclement weather, Graduation will go on as scheduled. In the event of severe weather, it will take place in Eisenhower Hall. Limited seating; ticket required.</i>	Michie Stadium
After Graduation Until 5 p.m.	Bar Pinning Ceremonies	Various Locations

Additional Schedule Information

Tuesday, May 27:

The **Commandant's Award Ceremony** will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall.

The **Alumni Exercise and Review** will be at the Thayer Statue/The Plain from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The **Cadet Glee Club Concert** will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Eisenhower Hall Theatre.

All are invited to attend the Cadet Glee Club Concert.

Wednesday, May 28:

The **Superintendent's Reception** is for parents and friends of graduating cadets and will be held in the Superintendent's Garden, Quarters 100.

Constitution Island is open for tours from 1-5:30 p.m. Boat service from South Dock is every half hour.

The **Gospel Choir Concert** at Mahan Hall will be from 5-6:30 p.m.

The **Combined Choirs Concert** is at the Cadet Chapel from 8-9 p.m.

All are invited to attend the Gospel and Combined Choir Concerts.

Thursday, May 29:

The **Annual Graduation Week Brides Coffee** is open to future brides of members of the Class of 2008. It will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Hudson Room, West Point Club. Invitations will be provided in advance.

The awards presented by the Superintendent at the **Awards Review** give recognition for the outstanding achievements by cadet companies in military training, athletics and extracurricular activities.

The **Superintendent's Reception** is for parents and friends of graduating cadets and will be held in the Superintendent's Garden, Quarters 100.

Constitution Island is open for tours from 1-5:30 p.m. Boat service from South Dock is every half hour.

Friday, May 30:

Graduation Parade is the last parade for the members of the Class of 2008. The class will officially depart the ranks of the Corps of Cadets. Bleacher seating is by ticket only. Tickets are available through members of the Class of 2008. There will be ample standing room available for those without tickets. The designated area for **individuals in wheelchairs** will be on the south side of the Plain (far left). This area is on the Plain side of the sidewalk that goes from Johnson Stadium towards the Central Post Area. The designated area for those needing a sign language interpreter will be in Section F. Those in wheelchairs who also need a **sign language interpreter** will be in front of Section F. Tickets for cadet guests who require a sign language interpreter may only be obtained via members of the Class of 2008 through their chain of command.

Additional Schedule Information

Friday, May 30 cont:

The **Awards Convocation** is in the Eisenhower Hall Theatre. Outstanding achievements by cadets in academics, military training, athletics and extracurricular activities are recognized at this event. The **designated wheelchair area** for this event is along the central aisle that divides the upper and lower seating areas, on the far left side of the theatre. Those requiring sign language interpreters should sit directly behind the wheelchair area, upper seating area, far left side, lower two rows.

The **Graduation Banquet** is held in the Cadet Mess Hall. The banquet is followed by a formal hop in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom. Only three guest seats are allocated to each cadet for the banquet; limited overflow seating with a video link to the banquet is available in the West Point Club and the Thayer Hotel by ticket only. Tickets are available through members of the Class of 2008. Parents and friends attending the Awards Convocation, Graduation Banquet, and the Graduation Parade should park at lettered lots (A-C). Shuttle services will provide transportation to and from all events.

Saturday, May 31, Graduation Day:

The **Graduation Ceremony** is held at Michie Stadium regardless of weather conditions (with the exception of severe weather). The severe weather site will be Eisenhower Hall with limited seating; tickets are required.

On Graduation Day, Saturday, May 31, from 6:30 a.m. to approximately 1:30 p.m., only cars belonging to residents and employees of West Point and shuttle buses will be allowed in the Central Post Area .

Parking for parents and guests of the 2008 USMA Graduating Class will be in the lettered lots (A-F) around Michie Stadium and also at Buffalo Soldier Field. Please enter through the Stony Lonesome gate.

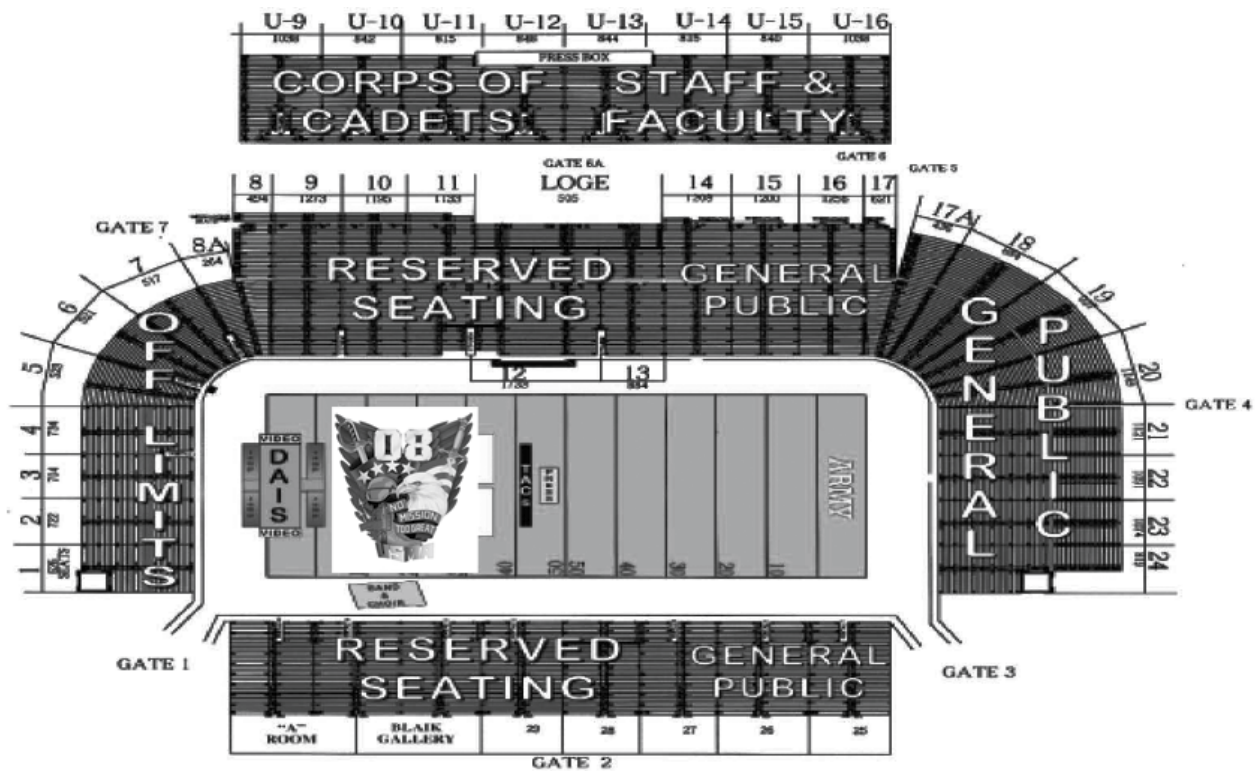
Free shuttle bus service will be provided from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. from all parking areas to Michie Stadium. After graduation, shuttle buses will return parents and guests to the parking areas.

Handicapped passes are available via members of the Class of 2008 through their chain of command. Handicapped parking will be located at "A" and "B" Lots just off Stony Lonesome Road, near the stadium.

Handicapped accessible buses will provide shuttle service to the handicapped entrance at the stadium.

Due to increased security restrictions, items such as large bags, backpacks, umbrellas, coolers, glass and can containers will NOT be allowed in Michie Stadium, so please plan accordingly. Additionally, please plan on arriving for the ceremony as early as possible to avoid delays. All drivers and passengers are subject to identification checks and vehicles may be searched.

Graduation 2008



MICHIE STADIUM

Reserved seating is available for guests of the Class of 2008. Tickets can be obtained from members of the Class of 2008.

Tickets for individuals with disabilities or special needs can only be obtained via members of the Class of 2008 through their chain of command.

The designated entrance for individuals in wheelchairs is Gate 6. The designated seating area for wheelchairs will be at the top of sections 8 through 12, along the main walkway, behind the railings. The designated seating areas for individuals needing a sign language interpreter (SLI) will be at the bottom rows of sections 12 and 13, along the inner wall.

Tickets for General Public Seating can be obtained at the ticket booths at Gates 1, 3 and 6 of Michie Stadium from 7 am-10 am on Saturday, May 31. There is NO cost for tickets.

Restroom facilities (to include handicapped) are located at Gates 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.

Lost & Found items can be picked up at the Military Police booth, Gate 3.

Graduation Week Parking

The West Point Military Reservation continues to operate under heightened security. All visitors should use Stony Lonesome Gate or Thayer Gate to enter the installation. Visitors are required to use the shuttle bus service from the upper parking lots for Graduation Week 2008 events.

Visitors can expect possible traffic delays while entering the installation. All adult visitors ages 16 and older must have valid photo identification in their possession at all times while on West Point.

The recommended Recreational Vehicle area is located at Round Pond. However, during Graduation Week, North Dock, located by Gillis Field House, has been identified as an additional RV area to handle overflow. These vehicles are inspected upon entering the installation. The RVs must be self-contained units, as there are no hook-ups at North Dock.

DATE/EVENT	GENERAL PARKING	HANDICAPPED PARKING *	SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
Tuesday, May 27	Not designated	Clinton Lot	Daily Shuttle
Wednesday, May 28 Superintendent's Reception <i>Superintendent's Garden, 1st and 2nd Regiments only</i>	A-C Lots	Arvin Physical Development Center	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Thursday, May 29 Superintendent's Award Review- The Plain	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Superintendent's Reception <i>Superintendent's Garden 3rd and 4th Regiments only</i>	A-C Lots	Arvin Physical Development Center	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Friday, May 30 Graduation Parade, <i>The Plain</i>	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Awards Convocation <i>Eisenhower Hall Theatre</i>	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Graduation Banquet, <i>Washington Hall</i>	A-C Lots	Clinton Lot	Shuttle Bus from A-lot **
Graduation Hop <i>Eisenhower Hall Theatre</i>	A-C Lots	Eisenhower Hall Parking Lot	Shuttle Bus from MacArthur Statue to Eisenhower Hall Tunnel
Saturday, May 31 Graduation Exercises <i>Michie Stadium</i>	A-F Lots, Buffalo Soldier Field (BSF)	A & B-lots with shuttle service to Gates 3 & 6	Shuttle Bus from BSF to AOG building. Shuttle from H-lot & D-lot to A-lot

*Special Handicapped pass required for handicapped parking. Handicapped passes are available through members of the Class of 2008 via their chain of command. ** See daily and graduation shuttles for times, pg. 10-11.

LEGEND

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| 1. Visitors Center/Gift Shop | 11. Eisenhower Barracks |
| 2. Museum/Gift Shop | 12. Bradley Barracks |
| 3. Hotel Thayer | 13. Washington Hall |
| 4. Mahan Hall | 14. Scott Barracks |
| 5. Lee Barracks | 15. MacArthur Barracks |
| 6. Sherman Barracks | 16. Superintendent's Quarters |
| 7. Grant Hall | 17. Commandant's Quarters |
| 8. Grant Barracks | 18. Dean's Quarters |
| 9. Bartlett Hall | 19. Amphitheater |
| 10. Pershing Barracks | 20. Herbert Hall |
- A. Patton Monument
 B. Eisenhower Monument
 C. Washington Monument
 D. MacArthur Monument
 E. Thayer Monument
 F. Battle Monument
 G. Sedgwick Monument
 H. Kosciuszko/Fort Clinton
 I. The American Soldier Statue
 J. Air Cadet Memorial
 K. Memorial to the Army Athlete
 L. Southeast Asia Memorial

PRIMARY ENTRANCE

STONY LONESOME GATE
 LOTS A-F

LOT H

HIGHLAND FALLS MAIN STREET
 - MANY FINE EATING ESTABLISHMENTS

VILLAGE OF
 HIGHLAND FALLS

MILITARY
 POLICE
 STATION

LIL' SKEETERS

TRUXTON
 LACROSSE
 CENTER

HOWZE
 FIELD

MICHIE
 STADIUM

HERBERT
 ALUMNI
 CENTER

LUSK
 RESERVOIR

CAD
 CHA

TO ROUTE 9W
 VISITORS
 CENTER/
 GIFT SHOP

BUFFALO
 SOLDIER
 FIELD

HOTEL
 THAYER

POST OFFICE

FENTON PL
 MILLS ROAD

THAYER ROAD

THAYER ROAD
 WILLIAMS ROAD

SOUTH
 DOCK

ADMISSIONS
 OFFICE

TAYLOR
 HALL

WP MUSEUM

THAYER HOTEL

HERBERT HALL -
 ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

GRANT HALL

WEST POINT CLUB

HUDSON
 RIVER

WASHINGTON GATE

ONLY for cars with DoD stickers AND at least one person in car must have DoD identification.

RESTAURANT INFORMATION

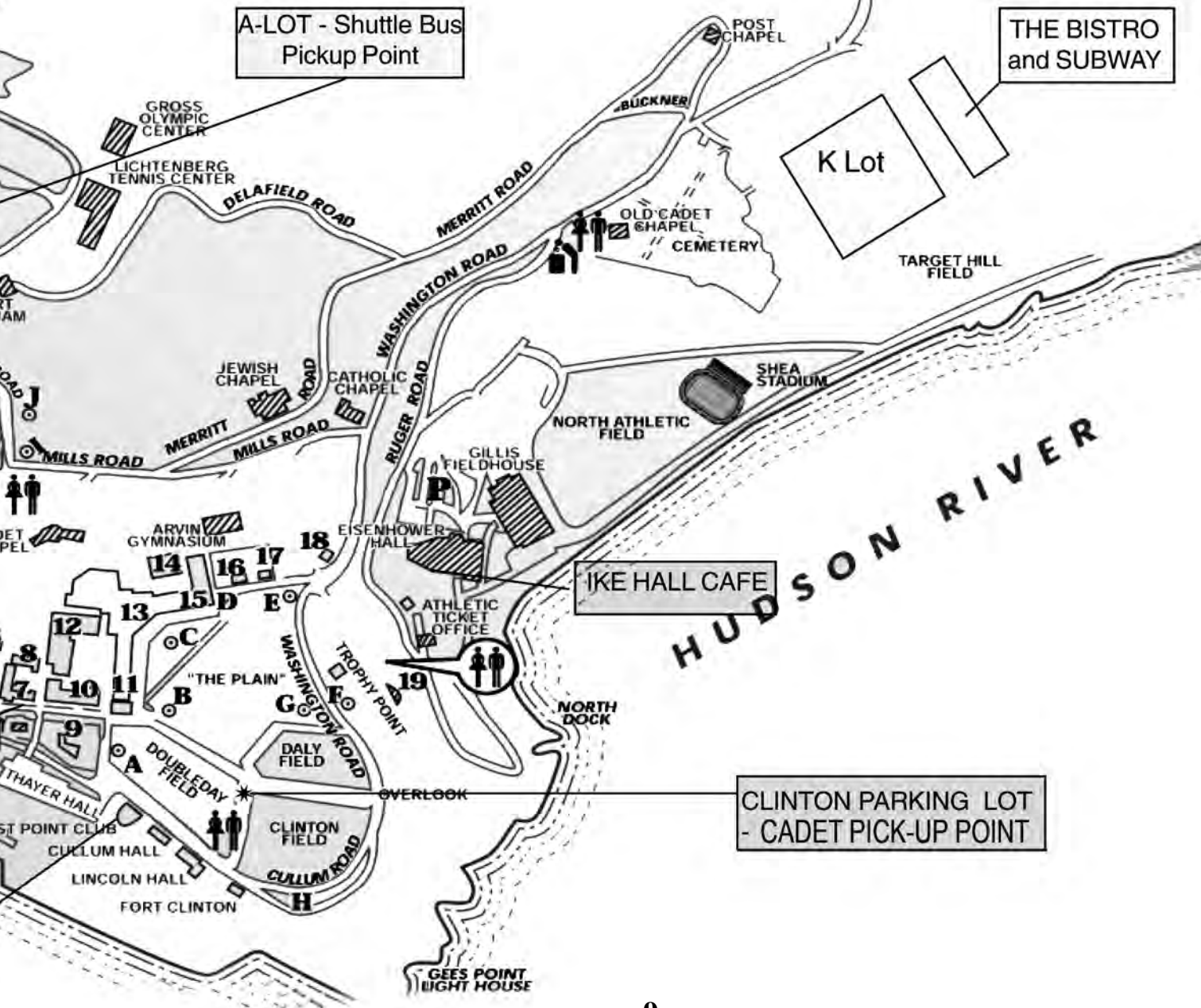
Ike Hall Café – cafeteria style/ seating available
 West Point Club – luncheon buffet/ seating available
 Grant Hall – cafeteria style/ seating available
 Thayer Hotel – buffet luncheon/formal dining room
 Burger King/ Post Exchange – fast food/ seating available
 The Bistro – gourmet coffees/sandwiches/ take-out (K Lot)
 Subway – subs and salads (K Lot)
 Lil' Skeeters - barbecue



POST EXCHANGE/BURGER KING

A-LOT - Shuttle Bus
 Pickup Point

THE BISTRO
 and SUBWAY



CLINTON PARKING LOT
 - CADET PICK-UP POINT

Shuttle Bus Schedules

Free shuttle bus service is provided throughout Graduation Week to all main post areas. Parking in the central area of West Point near the parade ground is not available during normal weekday working hours. Please park in the lettered parking lots (A-C) around Michie Stadium and use the free shuttle bus service.

DAILY SHUTTLE BUS Monday through Friday

NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., last at 4:45 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE

First bus-6:15 a.m., last at 4:45 p.m.

	Minutes after the Hour			Minutes after the Hour	
Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	15	45	CDC/H Lot (Commissary & PX)	15	45
Hotel Thayer (Exit ramp)	17	47	Motor Pool-Rest Stop	29	59
Mills/Thayer Road	18	48	Post Laundry	30	60
Thayer/Cullum Road	19	49	Keller Hospital	31	01
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50	Washington/Buckner	34	04
Library Corner	21	51	Bldg. 681	35	05
Thayer Statue	22	52	Bldg 667A	36	06
Bldg. 667A	23	53	Thayer Statue	37	07
Bldg. 681	24	54	Library Corner	38	08
Washington/Buckner	26	56	Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	09
Keller Hospital	29	59	Thayer/Cullum Road	40	10
Post Laundry	30	01	Buffalo Soldier Field	41	11
Motor Pool	28	58	Bldg. 622/626	42	12
Child Development Center (CDC)	45	15	Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	45	15

Last scheduled bus will service northbound stops.

ADDITIONAL GRADUATION WEEK SHUTTLE

A special Graduation Week shuttle will run Wednesday to Friday to provide transportation between A-lot and all major West Point areas. This service will augment the daily shuttle listed above. Additional Graduation Day shuttle bus service on page 11.

Wednesday, May 28 from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Thursday, May 29 from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday, May 30 from 8 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. (Sat)

A-lot (pick-up and drop off inside the lot)	0	30	West Point Club	10	40
Holleder Center	1	31	Eisenhower Hall	12	42
Herbert Hall	2	32	K-Lot	14	44
Buffalo Soldier Field	3	33	H-Lot (Commissary and PX)	29	59
Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	5	35			
Hotel Thayer (exit Ramp)	7	37			
Thayer and Mills intersection	8	38			
Mahan Hall	9	39			

Note: Additional stops are added to the Graduation Week Shuttle in support of the Baccalaureate Chapel Services on Thursday evening. This is subject to change. Please visit www.usma.edu for the most updated information.

Additional Shuttle Bus Schedule

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION SHUTTLE:

Special shuttle service will provide direct service between A-Lot and the Superintendent's Garden Receptions. This service will run from noon until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29.

GRADUATION PARADE SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Special shuttle service will provide direct service between A-Lot and The Plain for the Graduation Parade. This service will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 30.

GRADUATION BANQUET SHUTTLE SERVICE:

Special shuttle service will provide direct service between A-Lot and the Graduation Banquet and Hop. This service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 30.

GRADUATION DAY SHUTTLE SERVICE:

PRE-GRADUATION SERVICE:

Handicapped Parking is in A & B-Lots: Park at H-Lot (commissary lot), drop off at Gate 6 and Gate 3.

Blue Routes:

Thayer Extension: Bus Stop: Depart Thayer Extension and transport passengers to the vicinity of the Flight Memorial near Michie Stadium.

K-Lot- old PX (and points north as needed): Bus Stop: Depart K-Lot and transport passengers to the vicinity of the Flight Memorial near Michie Stadium.

Target Field: Bus Stop: Depart Upton Road, next to the field exit ramp and transport passengers to the vicinity of the Flight Memorial near Michie Stadium.

Red Route: Depart H-Lot (commissary lot) and stop at upper lots. Transport passengers to A-Lot.

Green Route: Depart Buffalo Soldier Field with transport of passengers to the intersection of Mills Road and Howze Place. PLEASE NOTE: Guests will be required to walk a short distance uphill to Michie Stadium.

POST GRADUATION SERVICE:

Blue Route: Depart from the vicinity of Flight Memorial and transport passengers to Thayer Extension for bar pinning ceremonies, (behind Superintendent's Review Box), continue to Target Field, K-Lot, Elementary School, Keller Hospital, and the Ski Slope for return to parking areas and for bar pinning ceremonies located in the Central Area and Trophy Point.

Red Route: Depart A-Lot and stop at upper lots. Transport passengers to H-Lot (commissary lot).

Green Route: Depart intersection of Mills and Howze Place to transport passengers to Buffalo Soldier Field and South Dock.

Bar Pinning Ceremony Shuttle Bus Service until 4:00 p.m. Depart Thayer Extension (behind Superintendent's Review Box) with continuous shuttle to parking lots: Buffalo Soldier Field, H-lot, K-lot (Old PX), and Target Field.

Handicapped A & B-Lots: Depart Gate 6 to A & B-Lots and depart Gate 6 to Central Area and Trophy Point Bar Pinnings.

Hours of Operation



USMA Bookstore (4th floor, Thayer Hall)

Weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cadet Store (Building 606 - rear)

Weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Association of Graduates Gift Shop (Herbert Hall)

Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

7 am- 4:30 p.m. Graduation Day ONLY

The following are specifically Graduation Week Hours of Operation:

Visitors Center/West Point Gift Shop (Building 2107, Pershing Center)

9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. - Daily

9 a.m.-6 p.m. – Graduation Day only

West Point Museum (Pershing Center, Olmsted Hall)

10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., May 25

9:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m. May 26-29

9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., May 30 and June 1

DUSA Gift Shop (Located in West Point Museum)

10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., May 25

9:30 a.m.- 4:15 p.m. May 26-29

9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., May 30 and June 1

Fort Putnam

Open 11 a.m.-4 p.m., May 26-June 1

Constitution Island Open

Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday, May 29

1-5:30 p.m.

Harborcraft will provide continuous service every half hour.

Period Rooms (2nd and 3rd Floor, Building 747)

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Nininger Hall -(4th Floor Building 747)

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Cadet Library

Sun/Mon - CLOSED, Tuesday-Thursday 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m.; Friday 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; CLOSED on Graduation Day

Restaurants at West Point

CADET RESTAURANTS: The Cadet Restaurants will be open throughout the week, serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They include Eisenhower Hall, Grant Hall, (and Coffee Cafe), and the Firstie Club.

Eisenhower Hall (Bldg. 655)

Saturday-Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Grant Hall (Bldg 602)

Monday(Holiday)	3 p.m.-10 p.m.
Monday-Friday	7 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Firstie Club (Bldg. 635)

Wednesday-Friday	11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
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Grant Hall Coffee Cafe (Bldg 602)

Monday	3 p.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday	7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday	7 a.m.-4 p.m.

West Point Club

Monday-Friday	11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Dinner Thursday Only*	
Pierce Dining Room	5 p.m.-9 p.m.
Benny Havens Lounge	4:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.
Sunday Brunch*	10 a.m. seating & Noon seating*
*Reservations strongly suggested for Thursday Dinner and Sunday Brunch. Customer Service Window (Basement Level) is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.	

Bistro (Bldg 683, Adjacent to West Point Cemetery)

Monday-Friday	6 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Burger King (Bldg 1204, PX Mall)

Monday-Saturday	10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sunday	10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Subway (Bldg 683, Adjacent to West Point Cemetery)

Monday-Sunday	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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Lil' Skeeters Smoke House BBQ at the Bowling Center (Bldg 622)

Sunday	1 a.m.-6 p.m.
Monday	4:30 p.m.-9 pm
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Closed between 1 and 2 p.m.)	
	2 p.m.-7 p.m.
Friday	11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.
Saturday	11:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Thayer Hotel

Breakfast	7-10:30 a.m.	Sunday Brunch	9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lunch	11:30 am-2:30 p.m.	Saturday*	Noon-3 p.m.
Dinner	5:30-9:30 p.m.		Post Graduation Lunch
			*(Reservations required)



Recommended Dress

During Graduation Week, the weather conditions at West Point can range from warm and humid to cool and rainy. The temperature in May ranges from 65 to 80 degrees. Remember that the Graduation Exercises will take place outdoors in Michie Stadium, rain or shine and NO umbrellas are allowed in the stadium. For your information, the following is a suggested dress guide.

OCCASION	DRESS
General Daytime and Nighttime	Casual
Reviews/Parades	Casual
Superintendent's Reception	Informal
Awards Convocation and Donors' Reception	Informal
Graduation Banquet and Hop	Formal
Graduation Ceremony	Informal

DEFINITION OF DRESS BY CATEGORY

FORMAL:

Military:	Army blue with black bow tie or mess blue uniform
Civilian:	Men - Tuxedo or conservative business suit Ladies - Long or short formal dress

INFORMAL:

Military:	Army blue or Army Class A green uniform
Civilian:	Men - Business Suit or Coat and Tie Ladies - Afternoon dress or suit

CASUAL:

Military:	Duty uniform
Civilian:	Men - Slacks with a collared shirt, sweater or sport coat Ladies - Slacks with blouse, skirt and blouse or pantsuit

Chapel Services

FRIDAY

Noon	Muslim Service	Bldg. 147, InterFaith Building
7 p.m.	Sabbath Service	Jewish Chapel

SATURDAY

5 p.m.	Episcopal	Holy Innocents, Highland Falls
5:15 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel

SUNDAY

8 a.m.	Episcopal	St. Mark's Chapel, Ft. Montgomery
9 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
10 a.m.	Church of Christ	First Floor, Building 147
10 a.m.	Episcopal	Holy Innocents, Highland Falls
10 a.m.	Church of Jesus Christ (LDS)	Room 144, Thayer Hall
10 a.m.	Assembly of God	Lighthouse Christian Assembly, Highland Falls
10:30 a.m.	Protestant	Post Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Lutheran	Old Cadet Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Southern Baptist	Arnold Auditorium, Mahan Hall
10:30 a.m.	Protestant	Cadet Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Eastern Orthodox	St. Martin's Chapel, downstairs Cadet Chapel
11 a.m.	Catholic Mass	Most Holy Trinity Chapel
12:30 p.m.	Gospel	Post Chapel



Accommodations

Guests to West Point are responsible for making their own lodging reservations. Listed below are several organizations that may assist you:

Orange County Tourism, (800) 762-8687 or (845) 291-2136, www.orangetourism.org
The Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, Inc. (845) 567-6229, www.orangenyc.com
The Town of Highlands Vision, www.visiontownofhighlands.com
Dutchess County Tourism Promotion Agency, (800) 445-3131, www.dutchesstourism.com
Putnam County Visitors Bureau, (800) 470-4854, www.visitputnam.org
Rockland County, (845) 708-7300, www.rockland.org
Westchester County Office of Tourism (800) 833-9282, www.westchestertourism.com
Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce, (201) 529-5566, www.mahwah.com

Transportation

GROUND:

Public transportation between West Point and the major area airports is available. The Short-line Bus Service, (800) 631-8405, provides limited bus transportation between West Point and the Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT), (212) 564-8484, at 41st Street and 8th Avenue, New York City. Travel time from Port Authority to West Point is approximately two hours.

Helpful websites: www.ny.com/transportation/port_authority.html
www.coachusa.com/shortline

CAR RENTAL AGENCIES

The below listed rental agencies are all located in the local area. Reservations should be made prior to departing your home for West Point. Remember, there is normally a substantial drop-off fee if the rental is not returned to the same location where it is picked-up.

AVIS

Stewart International Airport
New Windsor, New York
(845) 564-4400
1-800-331-1212

ENTERPRISE

1204 Stony Lonesome Rd.
West Point, NY
(845) 446-2475
1-800-736-8222

HERTZ

Stewart International Airport
New Windsor, New York
(845) 567-0180
1-800-654-3131

Transportation (Con't)

AIR:

There are four major airports that service the West Point area: Stewart International Airport, Newburgh, N.Y.; Newark Liberty International Airport, Newark, N.J.; John F. Kennedy (JFK) and LaGuardia International Airports, New York City.

For visitors not familiar with the New York Metropolitan area, the route from Stewart Airport to West Point is the least complicated. NOTE: If you choose to fly into one of the NY Metropolitan airports, allow sufficient time to travel from that area to West Point.

DIRECTIONS

Stewart International Airport to West Point:

Take 207 East to 300 South, then to the first major intersection in Vails Gate (Five Corners). Take Route 32 South to the Cornwall/Hospital sign, make a left. Turn right at the Bear Mountain entrance to Route 9W South. Take 9W South over the mountain. Follow the West Point/Graduation Ceremony signs.

La Guardia Airport/John F. Kennedy International Airport to West Point

Throgs Neck Bridge or Whitestone Bridge to Cross Bronx Expressway. An alternate route is the Grand Central Parkway to Triborough Bridge to Major Deegan Expressway.

Follow signs to the upper level of the George Washington Bridge. Stay in RIGHT lane on the Bridge.

Take exit to the Palisades Interstate Parkway North. Stay on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, approximately 40 miles, until its end at the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle.

From the circle, take third cutoff to Route 9W (Newburgh/West Point) and follow signs.

Newark Liberty International Airport to West Point:

Take 95N/New Jersey Turnpike NORTH to EXIT 18 (Fort Lee, New Jersey). After final toll continue on the expressway, but be on the lookout for a large sign for George Washington Bridge LOCAL Exits. Look for Palisades Interstate Parkway signs. (DO NOT TAKE THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE.)

Follow signs for Palisades Parkway North. Exit for the Palisades from the Expressway is a left turn exit near the top of a large hill near the George Washington Bridge

Take the exit to Palisades Interstate Parkway North. Stay on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, approximately 40 miles, until its end at the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle.

From the circle, take third cutoff to Route 9W (Newburgh/West Point) and follow signs.

CADET COMPANY ORDERLY ROOMS: (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	-4346
F1	-2944	F2	-3556	F3	-5476	F4	-3776
G1	-4330	G2	-2983	G3	-3085	G4	-2444
H1	-3260	H2	-3285	H3	-3189	H4	-3364

If you need to contact a specific tactical officer, you can either call the company orderly room listed above and be transferred or you can access a complete list on the web at www.usma.edu/uscc/btd/btdindex.htm.

OTHER USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Pentagon Credit Union	446-4946	Association of Graduates	446-6988
Athletic Association Gift Shop	446-3085	DUSA Gift Shop/Museum	446-0566
Alumni Affairs	938-3700	Thayer Hotel Switchboard	446-4731
Post Office	446-8749	West Point Club	446-5504/5506
AOG Gift Shop	446-1670	Academy Photo	938-3448
Admissions	938-4041		

AAFES FACILITIES

Post Exchange (PX)	446-5446	Barber Shop (PX)	446-2425
Beauty Shop	446-2900	Dry Cleaners	446-0046
Flower shop	446-3848	Optical Shop	446-6565
Bistro Coffee Shop	446-2168	Burger King	446-0260/0261
USA Subway	446-2096	Shoppette/Class Six	446-3666
GNC	446-2986	Service Station	
West Point Gallery	446-4230		

ARMY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Football Office	938-2323	Gift Shop	446-3085
Athletic Communications	938-3303	Sports Scores Recording	938-2769
Ticket Office	1-877-TIX ARMY or 446-4996		

MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

Bookstore (@ Thayer Hall)	938-5193	Cadet Hostess	938-3104
Cadet Store (Bldg 606)	938-2121	Central Guard Room	938-3030
Fine Arts Forum	938-4159	Hospital (Admin	938-5169
Cadet Activities	938-2715	Non-Emergency)	
Laundry/Dry Cleaning Plant	938-4191	Hospital Emergency Room	938-4004
Military Police	938-3333	West Point Museum	938-3590
Parents Club Coordinator	938-5650	Community Chaplain	938-3504
Red Cross	938-4100	South Dock Harbormaster	938-3011
Ticket Office Eisenhower Hall	938-4159	Info/Ticket/Registration (ITR)	938-3601
Visitors Center	938-2638	West Point Club	938-5120

CHAPEL NUMBERS

Cadet Chapel	938-3412	Catholic Chapel	938-3721
Community Chapel	938-2003	Jewish	938-2710



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