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# Graduation Information Session Class of 2019

*Information to help with planning  
for graduation – but most important  
– please discuss with your cadet!*



- Timeline of events/activities
  - Check [www.westpoint.edu/parents](http://www.westpoint.edu/parents) for updated documents and information
- Very busy week for cadets
- Cadets will have commitments most days from 6 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Parking is a challenge – use the shuttle services
- Communicate handicapped needs to your cadet
- Remain flexible



## **Tuesday, May 21**

- 10:20-10:45 a.m. Alumni Wreath Ceremony - Thayer Statue
- 11 a.m.-Noon Alumni Review - The Plain

## **Wednesday, May 22**

- 9-10:30 a.m. Black Knight Awards – Robinson Auditorium
- 1-5 p.m. Constitution Island Tours – Please check the FAQ
- 1-2:30 p.m. \*\*Superintendent's Reception for 1st Regiment – *Garden at Quarters 100*
- 3-4:30 p.m. \*\*Superintendent's Reception for 2nd Regiment - *Garden at Quarters 100*
- 5:30-6:45p.m. Baccalaureate Services – services are held at the respective chapels
- 7:30-9 p.m. Glee Club Concert – Eisenhower Hall Ballroom – 4<sup>th</sup> floor



## **Thursday, May 23**

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. Superintendent's Award Streamer Review – The Plain
- 1-5 p.m. Constitution Island Tours – Please check the FAQ for information
- 1-2:30 p.m. \*\*Superintendent's Reception for 3rd Regiment – *Garden at Quarters 100*
- 3-4:30 p.m. \*\*Superintendent's Reception for 4th Regiment - *Garden at Quarters 100*
- 5 - 7 p.m. Awards Convocation Dinner (*by invitation*)
- 7 - 8:30 p.m. Superintendent's Awards for Excellence, Achievement, Distinguished Cadet & Awards Convocation

## **Friday, May 24**

- 10:30 a.m. Parachute Team Demonstration – The Plain
- 11 a.m. Graduation Parade – The Plain
- 1-3:30 p.m. Academic Awards – by Academic Department
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. Pre-banquet Reception – Eisenhower Hall – Cadets and guests
- 7 p.m. Banquet – Washington Hall  
(Please arrive at your table no later than 6:45 p.m.)



## **Saturday, May 25**

- 10 a.m. GRADUATION – Michie Stadium

Gates open at 6:30 a.m. – Due to security considerations, all guests should be seated no later than 9:10 a.m. The graduating class will march in at 9:35 a.m. (tentative time)

- 1:30-6 p.m. Commissioning/Bar Pinning Ceremonies

**\*\***In the event of inclement weather, the receptions will be moved to Eisenhower Hall.



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## Directorate of Cadet Activities



***"All for the Corps"***



Graduation Banquet Reception – starting at 4:30 p.m. in Eisenhower Hall.

Graduation Formal Dinner - in the Cadet Mess Hall at 7 p.m.

Note: Additional **satellite seating** will be available at the DCA **First Class Club** as well as the West Point Club and The Thayer Hotel.

(A video simulcast of the mess hall speeches are scheduled to be available at these locations. More detailed information from these overflow venues will be available later in the year).



## **GRANT HALL**

**Closed** - under renovation starting Jan 2019

## **JEFFERSON CAFE (LIBRARY)**

Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sat 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## **EISENHOWER HALL**

**(See Following Slides for Graduation Offerings )**

## **FIRST CLASS CLUB**

**(See Following Slides for Graduation Offerings)**

## **USMA BOOKSTORE (THAYER HALL)**

Normal Hours - Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## **CADET STORE (BLDG 606)**

Mon & Tues 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. /Weds 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. (open late)

Thurs 8 a.m. - 6 p.m./Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.





## **Graduation Week Hours of Operation**

Monday - Friday

11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. & 5 p.m.- 11:30 p.m.

### **Lunch Buffet**

Saturday

12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Reservations required

\$17 all-inclusive Buffet price



## **Lunch Buffet Reservations Opening January 2019**

For Questions Please contact

Mike Skelly 845.938.7657 – [Michael.Skelly@usma.edu](mailto:Michael.Skelly@usma.edu)

**Graduation Banquet will be live-streamed on Friday !**



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## ***Eisenhower Hall***



### **Riverside Café Open**

Tues – Fri (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)

### **Friday Graduation Reception Locations**

Riverside Café \* Crest Hall \* Ballroom



Saturday Graduation Buffet Eisenhower Hall Ballroom, 4<sup>th</sup> FL

Opens 12 p.m. Buffet Open 12:30 -3:30 Closes 4 p.m.

Reservations are per table of 10 only

All inclusive Buffet \$47.18

For All Reservations & Questions Please Call 845.938.7732 or EMAIL

Katherine Nelson - [Katherine.Nelson@usma.edu](mailto:Katherine.Nelson@usma.edu) or

Susan Hourigan [Susan.Hourigan@usma.edu](mailto:Susan.Hourigan@usma.edu)



Located in the rear of Building 606

Normal hours of operation:

Monday through Friday 8 am – 4 pm

Phone: 845-938-2121 Fax: 845-446-4516

Popular purchases by parents for their graduating cadets include the Saber, Saber Display Case, and Engraving Plaque for the Display Case. The Cadet Store carries Diploma Frames, and Commission Frames. Fax, call, or, mail your order.

**CADET STORE ORDER FORMS**, and pictures can be found on the USMA Website under Directorate of Cadet Activities .

Email orders accepted to [USMACadetStore@usma.edu](mailto:USMACadetStore@usma.edu), or fax to above number





## **2019 HOWITZER YEARBOOK IMPORTANT INFO**

Firsties will automatically RECEIVE ONE YEARBOOK

Order forms for parent ads/parent club ads/additional yearbook orders will go out in  
April/May 2019

- Deadlines for ads/orders will be Summer 2019
- 2019 Yearbooks will be delivered in December 2019

## **LEGACY STUDIOS PORTRAIT INFORMATION**

Graduate portraits will be taken in January 2019

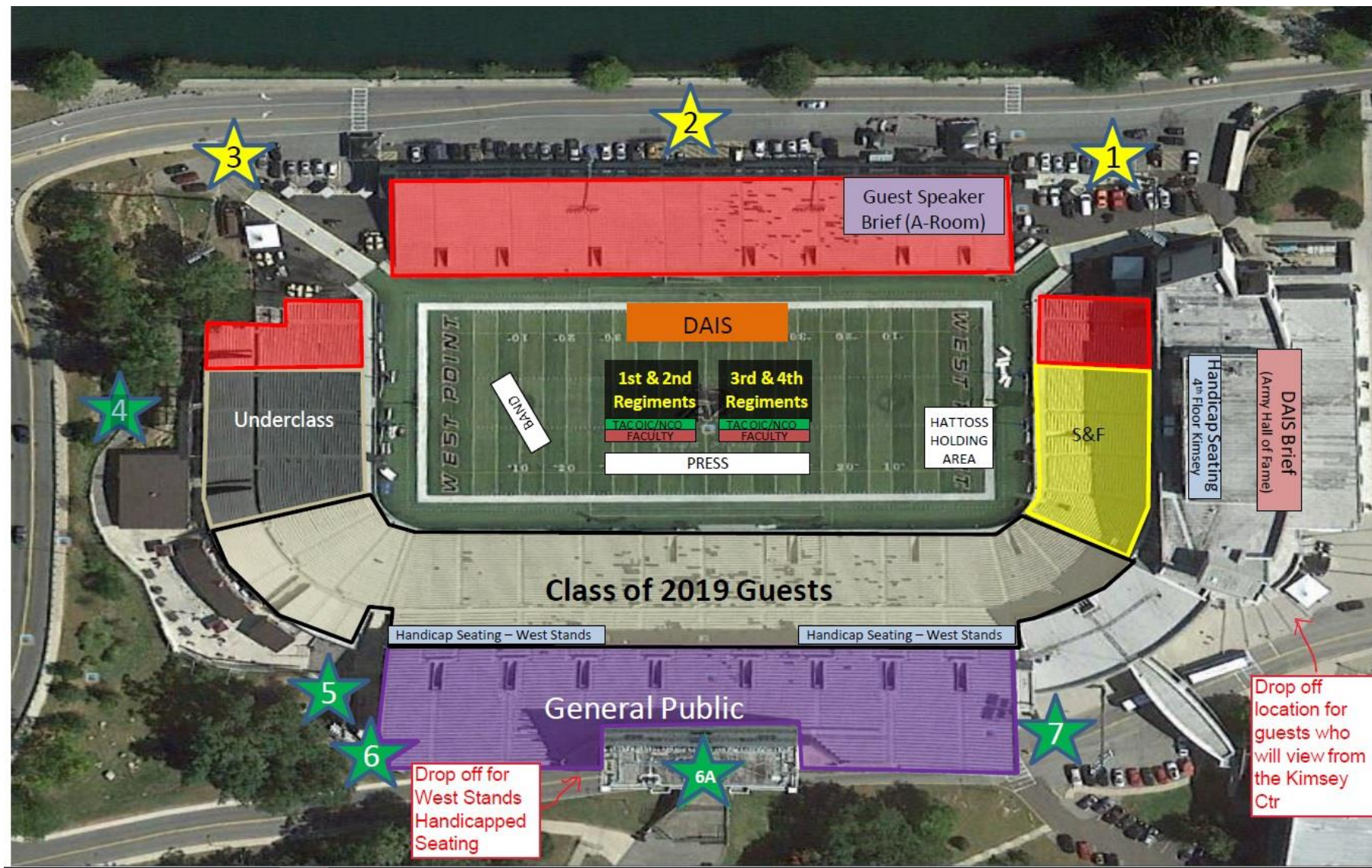
Look for email link to **photos/ordering information**

Customer Service: 1-800-348-4360





# Graduation Day – Michie Stadium Information





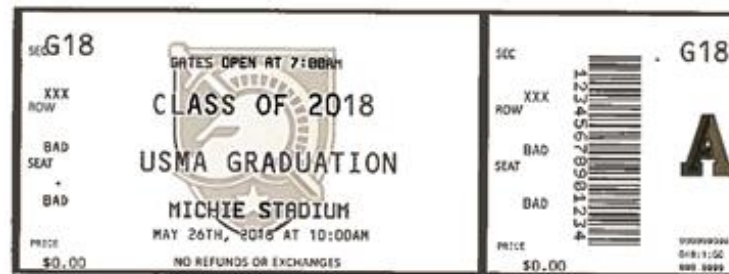
## ***Graduation Day – Michie Stadium Information***

### • **Prohibited Items**

- Alcoholic beverages
- Animals
- Artificial Noisemakers, Air Horns
- \*Beverages (excluding sealed bottled water)
- Weapons of any kind
- Fireworks
- \*\*Food\*\*
- Throwing objects (balls)
- Hazardous, Materials
- Laser Pointers
- Pepper Spray / Mace
- Razor Blades
- Scissors
- \*Signs
- *Smoking*
- *Needles*
- *Leathermans*
- *Glass bottles*
- *Tripods*
- *Coolers*
- *Aerosol Containers*
- *Soda Cans*
- *Sticks/poles*
- *Toy guns/toy weapons*
- *Trespassing/Soliciting umbrellas*
- *Noisemakers*
- *Profanity*
- *Produce*



- Parking lots open at 6 a.m.
- Shuttle Routes begin at 6 a.m.
- Stadium gates open at 6:30 a.m.
- All guests are asked to be seated by 9 a.m.
- Start time of ceremony is 10 a.m.
- Ticket Sample -





- Graduation tickets are printed and distributed by the Army West Point Ticket Office, located at Gate 3 of Michie Stadium.
- Box office hours are 8:30am-5pm Monday thru Friday.
- Contact info: by phone at 1-877-TIX-ARMY (9am-5pm Monday thru Friday), by email at [odiato@usma.edu](mailto:odiato@usma.edu)
- The Ticket Office does not take reservations for tickets by phone or email, guests must come to the box office at Michie Stadium to pick up tickets on a first come, first serve basis
- Tickets distributed out of the stadium box office are for general public areas only and do not include the initial 10 seats (lower west sideline) that each graduate receives directly from USCC.
- General Public tickets are available for pick up beginning in early May and will be distributed up until the Friday before the day of graduation, depending on availability
- All Wheelchair seating is distributed by USCC and will not be available at the stadium box office. Please request wheelchair seating thru your cadet/USCC.





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# West Point Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR)

Graduation Services 2019



# Family and MWR Overview

- Graduation Banquet Overflow
- Private Party Locations
- Catering
- Commemorative Gifts
- Recreational Accommodations



# West Point Club Graduation Banquet

- The Graduation Banquet held at the West Point Club is overflow seating for the Cadet Mess Halls' Graduation Banquet.
- Features live simulcasting from the Cadet Mess Hall via television



# Private Party Locations

- West Point Club
  - Located across from the Library
- Buffalo Soldier Field
  - 22 sites available
  - Located adjacent to the Thayer Gate.
- South Dock
  - 15 sites available
  - Located on the Hudson River, below Central Area
- Daly Field
  - 7 sites available
  - Located adjacent to Trophy Point
- Round Pond
  - Includes Pavilions and Picnic Areas



# Catering

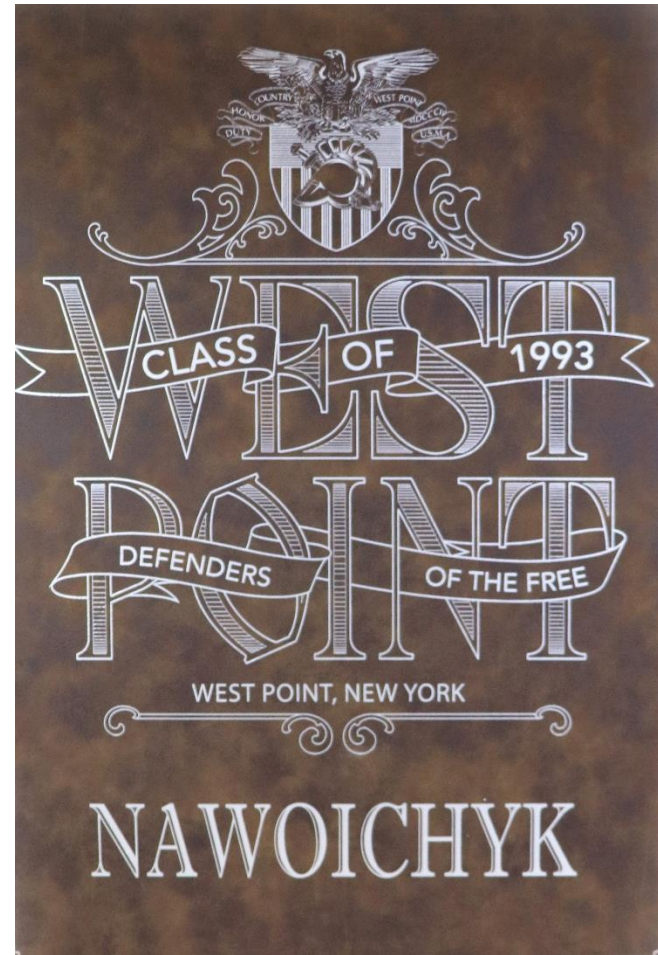
- Three Great Options
  - West Point Club Catering
  - Lil' Skeeters BBQ by the West Point Bowling Center
  - West Point Golf Course Catering
- Each features a specific graduation menu
- Menus will be posted online
- Book early!



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## Commemorative Gifts

- Custom framing, engraving, and gifts can be ordered through the West Point Arts & Crafts
- Great for all occasions





# Recreational Accommodations

- North Dock
  - On post by the water
  - Available from Sunday to Sunday
- Round Pond Recreation Area
  - Located just off post on Route 293
  - Features RV Campsites, Cabins and Tent Camping
- Lake Frederick Recreation Area
  - Located near Woodbury Commons
  - Features Cabins and Tent Camping
- Reservations begin Tuesday, 15 January 2019 between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) via telephone [+1 \(845\)938-8811](tel:+18459388811) or online.



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# Website

**West Point Morale Welfare and Recreation**

***link to graduation services***

**<https://go.usa.gov/xUzsP>**





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# US Army Garrison-West Point

Parking and Tailgating



# Parking Guidelines

- **Bus Service:** Highly recommend use of established bus service from Buffalo Soldier Field and A-Lot throughout the week.
- **Parking in Central Area** near parade field reserved for staff and faculty parking MON-FRI (6 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.)
- **Graduation Parade and Graduation Day:** Clinton Parking Lot reserved for Handicap only. Lots controlled by Cadets and contracted parking officials
- **Post Graduation.** Do not drive vehicles down into central area; it creates a traffic jam with buses moving throughout that area. There is no parking in the central area.



# Tailgating

**Reference:** USAG-WP Policy #41, “Conduct of Outdoor Functions on West Point”, dated 15 FEB 2018.

- Use of West Point (WP) property is restricted to persons who reside, work at or are WP guests
- Use of athletic fields for outdoor functions is strictly forbidden and must be coordinated in advance
- Persons planning an outside function during graduation involving catering, tables tentage etc... must coordinate through DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Division



# Tailgating

## Restrictions/Prohibitions:

- **Use of charcoal is prohibited on grass surfaces;** recommend using propane
- **No open flames** i.e. bonfires
- **No commercial tents** above 10'x10' will be contracted for without coordinating with DFMWR, DPW, DES, and DPTMS (on post agencies)
- **No pop-up tentage or functions on athletic fields** without authorization from the responsible agency
- **Glass bottles are prohibited** on all athletic fields



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For West Point Harborcraft Information –  
Graduation Day Ferry service to/from Garrison Train  
Station/Yacht Club Dock, please see separate document  
posted on the Parent Information page.  
Or visit @West Point Harborcraft on Facebook.  
Thank you!





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