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CLASS OF 2011 ENTERS ACADEMY – June 22, 2007

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Approximately 1,310 cadet candidates, including more than 310 minority candidates, ten international cadets and 20 combat veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or both, are expected to report to West Point on Monday, July 2, Reception Day for the Class of 2011.

The incoming class was selected from a pool of more than 10,800 applicants. There are 225 women, who comprise 17 percent of the class. Minority enrollment includes 81 African-Americans, 104 Asian-Americans, 124 Hispanic-Americans and ten Native Americans.

West Point Admissions Director Col. Michael Jones said the entering class represents the promise of the future.

“Once again, our entering class is comprised of stellar young people,” Jones said. “Their overall performance in academics, leadership and athletics is outstanding and provides the foundation for successful completion of the challenging West Point experience.

“These young patriots are coming here to devote themselves to becoming guardians of Duty, Honor, Country and our United States Constitution. They represent our nation’s promise of the future.”

Members of the Class of 2011 include cadets from every state in the nation and ten international cadets entering the class under the sponsorship of their respective countries. The countries represented include Albania, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Georgia, Kenya, Korea, Paraguay and Tonga. Upon graduation, these cadets will return to their countries as officers in their armed forces.

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During R-Day, the new cadets begin the process of becoming U.S. Military Academy cadets and future U.S. Army officers. They undergo administrative processing, are fitted with their initial issue of military clothing; receive haircuts, medical and physical evaluations; and begin their first lessons in marching, military courtesy and discipline. As their first day ends, the Class of 2011 will stand before many of their parents and friends at Trophy Point to take the Oath of Allegiance from the U.S. Military Academy Commandant Brig. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, Jr.

New cadets will complete six and one-half weeks of Cadet Basic Training, learning the basic skills of the Soldier. They will participate in rigorous physical training, long foot marches, tactical maneuvers and rifle marksmanship; they will learn to respond quickly and accurately to their commanders under conditions of mental and physical stress. At the end of this initial training period, new cadets will be formally accepted into the Corps of Cadets. The Acceptance Day Parade for the Class of 2011 is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m.