

# West Point®

The United States Military Academy



Class of 2011 Graduation Guide  
May 17-21



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Tuesday, May 17

- 10:20 a.m. Alumni Wreath Ceremony - Thayer Statue
- 11 a.m. Alumni Review - The Plain
- 2:30 p.m. Commandant's Award Ceremony - Crest Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Glee Club Concert – Eisenhower Hall

## Wednesday, May 18

- 1 – 2:30 p.m. \*Superintendent's Reception for 1st Regiment
- 3 – 4:30 p.m. \*Superintendent's Reception for 2nd Regiment
- 5:15 p.m. Twilight Tattoo - Trophy Point
- 7 – 8 p.m. Gospel Choir Concert - Mahan Hall
- 8 p.m. Combined Choir Concert – Cadet Chapel

## Thursday, May 19

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- 10:50 - 11 a.m. Cadet Drill Team Performance - The Plain
- 11 a.m. Superintendent's Award Review - The Plain
- Noon – 4 p.m. Academic Department Awards – Various locations
- 1 – 2:30 p.m. \*Superintendent's Reception for 3rd Regiment
- 3 – 4:30 p.m. \*Superintendent's Reception for 4th Regiment
- 7 p.m. Baccalaureate Services – Respective chapels  
*Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Eastern Orthodox*

## Friday, May 20

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- 10:30 a.m. Graduation Parade - The Plain  
***Tickets required for bleacher seating***
- 2 p.m. Awards Convocation – Eisenhower Hall
- 4:30 - 6 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception - Eisenhower Hall
- 7 p.m. Banquet - Washington Hall /West Point Club/Thayer Hotel  
Please arrive at your seats **no later than 6:45 p.m.**  
Be prepared for additional security when entering Washington Hall.

## Saturday, May 21

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- 7 a.m. Stadium gates open
- 9:30 a.m. Arrival of graduating class
- 10 a.m. GRADUATION CEREMONY

\* Reception will be held in the garden at Quarters 100. In the event of inclement weather, the location will be Ike Hall.

## TRANSPORTATION & INFORMATION

**Parking** – Lots A-F (in the vicinity of Michie Stadium), Buffalo Soldier Field or as directed, are designated parking areas for graduation week activities. Visitors are encouraged to use shuttle buses as parking in central post is very limited.

**Shuttle buses** will run consistently Wed. & Thurs. between the hours of 8 a.m. -11 p.m. & Friday 8 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Buses will depart from A Lot. Please walk to the designated stop in A Lot to pick up the shuttle. Additional stops are added on Thursday evening for the Baccalaureate services.

Families/guests can also park at Buffalo Soldier Field and access shuttle bus service from there. (located inside Thayer Gate)

Additional stops are listed below – numbers indicate time after the hour:

Commissary and PX (H Lot)	0	30
Exit Stony Lonesome Gate		
Enter Washington Gate		
North Dock	5	35
Eisenhower Hall Tunnel	7	37
West Point Club	10	40
Mahan Hall Tunnel	12	42
Thayer and Mills Intersection	13	43
Buffalo Soldier Field	15	45
Exit Thayer Gate		
Visitor Center (off post)	19	49
Hotel Thayer (exit ramp)	22	52
Reenter Thayer Gate		
Herbert Hall	24	54
Holleder Center	25	55
A-Lot (pick up/drop off)	26	56

### **Restrooms:**

Old Cadet Chapel, Trophy Point, Visitors Center, Cadet Chapel area - see map

### **Telephone Numbers: (845 area code)**

Post Directory: 938-4011	West Point Museum: 938-3590
Central Guard Rm: 938-3030	West Point Club: 446-5504
Hospital ER: 938-4004	South Dock: 938-3011
Thayer Hotel: 446-4731	Visitors Center: 938-2638
Military Police: 938-3333	Round Pond: 938-2503
AAFES Gas Station: 446-3666	AAFES (PX): 446-5404

**In the case of inclement weather,  
call (845) 938-7000 for event status and location.**

## **Hours of Operation For Restaurants and Gift Shops**

### **Restaurants**

**Bistro:** (Bldg 683, adjacent to the MWR Fitness Center):

Mon -Fri 6 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Burger King:** (Bldg 1204, PX Mall):

Mon -Sat, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Sun 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Eisenhower Hall - Ike's Riverside Café:** Thurs - Fri, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**First Class Club:** Mon - Thurs, 6 - 10 p.m. Fri, 6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

**Grant Hall Café:** (Bldg. 602): Mon - Fri, 7 a.m.- 10 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Grant Hall Chock Café:** (Bldg 602): Mon - Fri, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. ,  
Sat 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Lil' Skeeters BBQ at the Bowling Center (Bldg. 622):**

Sun 12 - 8 p.m., Mon - Thurs 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., Fri - Sat 11:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Subway (Bldg 683, adjacent to the MWR Fitness Center):**

9 a.m.-8 p.m.

**The Thayer Hotel:** Daily 7-10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 5:30-9:30 p.m., Sat Post  
Graduation Lunch (Reservations Required), Noon - 3 p.m., Sun Brunch 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**West Point Club:** Mon - Fri, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Buffet Lunch,  
Thursday, Benny Havens Lounge 4:30 - 11 p.m.

**Village of Highland Falls:** Hours vary but a variety of options

### **Gift Shops**

**Cadet Store (Building 606 - follow ramp to back of building):**

Mon - Wed 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thurs - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**USMA Bookstore (4th floor, Thayer Hall):**

Mon - Wed 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thurs - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Association of Graduates Gift Shop (Herbert Alumni Center):** Mon - Thurs 9:30 a.m. - 5:30  
p.m., Fri 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sat 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Graduation Only)

**Visitors Center/Gift Shop (Bldg. 2107, Pershing Center)** Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.  
Sat 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Graduation Only)

**DUSA Gift Shop - West Point Museum:** Mon - Thurs 9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Fri - Sun 9:30 a.m.  
- 6 p.m.

**West Point Women's Club Gift Shop** - Tables will be set up at Q100 for the regimental  
receptions 12-5 p.m.

Shop (see map) open Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

## Other Information of Interest

**West Point Tours** is offering tours for cadet guests only Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; One hour tours at 12:45, 1:30, 2, 3:15 and 4:30 p.m.

Two-hour tour (includes cemetery) at 2:45 p.m.

For pricing and additional information, please call the Visitors Center (845) 938-2638.

**West Point Museum (located behind the Visitors Center)** will be open daily 9:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

**Constitution Island** is open for tours on Wednesday and Thursday from 1-5:30 p.m. Boat service from South Dock departs every half hour. Buses will shuttle guests between the Superintendent's Review Box (behind the bleachers on the Plain) to S. Dock. Bus service Noon - 6 p.m. both days.

**Fort Putnam** is open daily 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Sunday.

**Nininger Hall** (1st Division Barracks) is open for tours daily 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Good things to know for Graduation Day

Gates to the stadium will open at 7 a.m.

Large bags will not be permitted.

Shuttle buses will run throughout the day. Please see back of guide for routes and schedule.

Only **ONE** person allowed to accompany handicapped family member for shuttle transportation.

The WP Ferry will shuttle guests from Garrison train station to South Dock on graduation day; 6:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. (Must know cadet's name and company.)

Concessions will be available - to include breakfast items.

The graduating class will begin their march on at 9:30 a.m.

Once the ceremony is complete, the stadium will remain closed until the guest speaker has departed.

Identify a meeting location for your graduate, family and guests following the ceremony.

**Hat Toss** – At the end of the graduation ceremony, the graduates will toss their hats into the air in celebration. Children must be between the ages of 6 and 10 years old and height must be between 42 and 54 inches tall. Hats are limited to one per child.

**Post Graduation shuttle buses will be available to transport guests to central post area for commissioning ceremonies. Buses will run continuously from the Superintendent's Review Box to the various parking lots until 4 p.m.**

## **Graduation Day Shuttle Service - Four Main Routes**

**RED:** Pick up point - H (Commissary/PX) and D Lot, drop-off at A lot.

Access stadium via Gates 6/6A

**GREEN:** Pick up point - Buffalo Soldier Field (inside Thayer Gate), drop-off at intersection of Howze Place and Fenton Road (near Truxtun Lacrosse Ctr.)

Access stadium via Gate 7, 6 and 6A

**BLUE:** Pick up points - Target Hill Field, Thayer Extension, K-Lot (near WP cemetery), Elementary School and Keller Army Community Hospital, drop off in A Lot.

Access stadium via Gates 7, 6 and 6A.

**Handicapped Shuttle:** H Lot (Commissary/PX lot) to Gate 6 (seating is on upper level of lower stands) and Gate 1 (seating is on the field).

For guests with mobility challenges, there will be golf carts circulating that can assist with travel to the stadium gates.

### **Security Message**

West Point is operating under a heightened security posture. All visitors must enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates only and should expect minor delays. All persons 16 and older are required to show the security guards at the gates a valid, gov't issued photo ID and must keep the ID in their possession at all times. All vehicles entering the installation are subject to being searched, this includes those with DoD decals. Visitors planning to attend events associated with grad week are strongly encouraged to use the shuttle bus system as parking is limited.

On graduation day all visitors must pass through additional security measures prior to entering Michie Stadium. Please arrive early. The following items will not be allowed into the stadium: large bags, backpacks, coolers, umbrellas and all beverage containers (glass or plastic). Please plan accordingly.

As guests at West Point we ask for your vigilance. Your help in the detection and reporting of criminal activities will help ensure that this year's graduation is a success. Anyone observing suspicious behavior or activity is urged to promptly report it to the Military Police at the number below.

***REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!***

### **Emergency contact numbers**

Military Police (845) 938-3333

Highland Falls Police Department (845) 446-4911

### **Graduation Day only**

West Point Emergency Operations Center (845) 938 -6909

\* If calling 911 on West Point you must tell the operator that you are on West Point.

The operator will divert your call to the Military Police.

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