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MEMORANDUM FOR Class of 2015 New Cadets

SUBJECT: Suggested R-Day New Cadet Supply List

1. Purpose. The purpose of this document is to highlight what each new cadet will be issued and what the Brigade Tactical Division (BTD) recommends you bring for Cadet Basic Training.
2. Issued Items. Each new cadet will be issued the necessary clothing to participate fully in Cadet Basic Training.
  - a. Bring no more than one piece of luggage. You will be issued a trunk and luggage in the future. All of your stuff needs to fit into one piece of luggage.
  - b. You will receive some personal items and toilet articles when you get to West Point. These are issued to new cadets on R-Day: deodorant (1), sewing kit (1), soap (4), soap box (1), Oral B toothbrush (1), toothbrush tube (1), toothpaste (1), brown towels (4), white towels (4), washcloth (3), Brasso cleaner (1), shampoo (1), & black shoe polish (2).
  - c. All cadet clothing except brassieres for women.
  - d. Trunk, lockers, and etc to store necessary items.
  - e. Cadets during Reorganization Week for the academic year will be afforded the opportunity to purchase the necessary items needed or will be issued items to assist with the academic program.
3. Recommended Items. These items are not mandatory; however, they are very useful and allow your cadet to manage time, expectations, and standards a little better than if they do not have them.
  - a. Electric razor, disposable razor, or depilatories and shaving cream. These items are not issued; cadets will be required to shave daily or as needed. Each cadet must bring this with them to R-Day or will purchase at the Cadet Store.
  - b. 14-day supply of female hygiene products. All cadets will be allowed to go to the Cadet Store but sometimes a certain brand is not carried.
  - c. Personal hygiene items that are not issued (highlighted in Paragraph 2) or personal preference
  - d. Wrist watch (sturdy, waterproof, with alarm, and glowing dial for reading in the dark)
  - e. Small folding multi-purpose tool/knife (Leatherman type)
  - f. Small address book (completely filled out with important dates to remind each Cadet)
  - g. Stamps (put in address book)
  - h. Steno pad with pen and pencil
  - i. Religious reading material (if desired). No other personal reading materials are authorized.
  - j. One 8x10 frame (plastic, not glass) with various photos or a collage of photos to fit. No digital photo frames are authorized.
  - k. Disposable lighter (for burning strings off uniforms, sealing 550 cord, etc)
  - l. Lip balm and small tube of sun screen

- m. Small roll of duct tape (sand color if you can find it)
  - n. 10ft of green 550 (“parachute”) cord
  - o. Band aids, blister pads, moleskin, anti-friction gel (also good for use with chafing) and gold bond foot powder
  - p. Lint free rag for shining shoes
  - q. Extra all-white crew socks (you will be issued 12 pair but if you have a certain brand you can bring them as long as they are all-white)
  - r. Extra all-black dress socks (you will be issued 16 pair but if you have a certain brand you can bring them as long as they are all-black.
  - s. Toothbrush and toothpaste, IF you prefer a particular brand of each
  - t. Extra sports bras for female cadets. Female cadets are not issued brassieres.
  - u. Sports-type wicking underwear for physical fitness events (i.e. UnderArmour type). Cotton underwear is issued to both male and female new cadets. Sports specific underwear cannot extend beyond mid-thigh and must be black or gray in color.
  - v. Extra boot socks (military). Brown or black in color.
  - w. Thin, wicking sock liners for wear under dress socks and/or boot socks
  - x. Eyeglass security strap if you wear glasses
  - y. Small desk fan, no bigger than 6” diameter
  - z. Copy of your dental and medical X-Rays
  - aa. If you are a recruited Corps Squad Player you may be asked to bring certain pieces of equipment with you.
  - bb. Musical instrument if you desire to join the Spirit Band or other musical club within DCA.
  - cc. Two each ACU "velcro" nametape for your Army Combat Uniform with last name, U.S. Army nametape (Velcro),and full color, Velcro, reverse U.S. Flag. We recommend you get two of each. You will be issued one of each as we execute R-Day but experience tells us that many cadets lose them quickly. Suggested website is <http://www.acunametape.com>
4. Footwear. New cadets will not be issued running shoes. You must bring them with you. Make certain your athletic shoes are running shoes (not cross trainers but real running shoes), fairly new, but broken in.
- a. Even though you will be issued a pair of leather low quarters we recommend you purchase these prior to R-Day and have broken these shoes in prior to arrival. Common websites to purchase these items are: <http://www.marlowwhite.com/cgi-bin/commerce.exe?preadd=action&key=80-100> or at the Army and Air Force Exchange (AAFES) as identified in the “Authorized Boot Letter” that was sent to each cadet. Both men and women will be issued leather low quarters but by purchasing early you have the opportunity to break-in and fit them in a more relaxed environment. If you purchase online you must purchase the leather shoe **not** the high-gloss shoe.
  - b. Even though you will be issued a pair of combat boots to wear with your issued Army Combat Uniform we recommend you purchase these prior to R-Day and have broken these shoes in prior to arrival. Common websites to purchase these items are: <http://www.militaryboots.com> When purchasing boots remember that there are many styles and colors. Make sure you purchase a tan/rough side out leather boot, 8-10 inch in height with plain toe and rubber sole. No three-quarter in height boot or any boot with a zipper. A great reference again is the Boot Authorization Memo for style and appropriate regulation.

5. Contraband. Items listed below will be secured during Cadet Basic Training with the New Cadet's luggage and will be reissued to them after Marchback. These items are not allowed during CBT but are allowed during the Academic Year.
  - a. Alarm clock
  - b. Personal reading material (non-religious)
  - c. Hair dryers, hair straightener, curling irons
  - d. Food of any kind (boodle)
  - e. Cell phones
  - f. Electronics of any kind (computers, media players, etc.)
  - g. Tobacco products
  - h. Knives over 4 inches
  - i. Contact Lenses and supplies
  - j. Nutritional Supplements (Protein Powder, Creatine, etc.)
  
6. **Prohibited.** Items listed below are considered prohibited for any cadet at West Point and will be confiscated and not returned.
  - a. Weapons of any kind
  - b. Ammunition
  - c. Alcohol
  - d. Illegal drugs
  - e. Hateful/ offensive materials
  - f. Prescription drugs that are not issued to the New Cadet
  - g. "Staybrite" brass of any kind
  - h. Patent-leather shoes (commonly referred as Corfam Low-Quarters)
  
7. All websites are suggestions only and do not represent the Military Academy or the Corps of Cadets. They are highlighted here only to provide a visual for you in case you want to bring a recommended item.
  
8. POC for this memorandum is the undersigned at 938-0237.

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