2015
Cadet Publications

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Directorate of Cadet Activities
All for the Corps
Dear Parents and Supporters of the Corps,

This year marks the 118th edition of the West Point Howitzer. For those of you who are not familiar with the tradition called the Howitzer, it is the Corps of Cadets annual. The Howitzer is one of the most prestigious college yearbooks. The staff of the Howitzer invites you to become part of this tradition and show your support by purchasing a copy of this keepsake and, perhaps, including a personal message in the “Friends & Supporters” section or, if you are a parent of a Firstie, placing an advertisement in the Defining Excellence section.

The cost of the 2015 Howitzer: When you order the 2015 Howitzer Yearbook for $120.00, you will receive a 600+ page, professionally designed, FULL COLOR, limited edition, keepsake book. If you order BEFORE the June 26, 2015 deadline, you will have the opportunity to have your book inscribed FREE OF CHARGE.

Ordering Information: The 2015 Howitzer is a mandatory purchase for all Firsties and Plebes via their cadet accounts. All other underclassmen are given the opportunity to sign up for a copy during the spring semester. If you would like to find out if your cadet ordered, please contact the Publications Office at 845-938-7989/2780.

Information about Inscriptions: Many friends of the Corps wish to have their Howitzer professionally personalized with an inscription. An inscription is usually placed on the lower right hand side of the inside front endsheet of the Howitzer. A sample inscription might be: Parents of Sean Smith, USMA ‘15. While there is no charge for having a 26-character inscription placed in your book, all personalized orders are binding. Because of contractual obligations, inscriptions cannot be extended beyond 26 characters (including spaces). The deadline for ordering an inscribed copy of the 2015 Howitzer is June 26, 2015.

Shipping Information: The 118th edition of the Howitzer will be delivered to cadets who placed an order and mailed to graduates, parents, and friends sometime between October 2015- January 2016. When filling out the order form, please provide an address which will be valid during that period. Books are shipped via UPS; please give a street address and not a post office box as this will avoid problems with the delivery of your order. Should your address change after you have submitted your order, please notify us by August 15, 2015 so we can initiate the change. The Howitzer will not be responsible for non-delivery of yearbooks due to non-notification of your change of address. Please note that our office is not affiliated with the Association of Graduates; change of address sent to them will not be forwarded to us. Books can be traced up to six months after delivery. Please notify us promptly should you not receive your book. Should you have any questions regarding ordering a 2015 Howitzer, please feel free to contact the Publications Office in the Directorate of Cadet Activities at (845) 938-2780/7989.

Information about Friends & Supporters Messages: Not to be confused with inscriptions, Friends and Supporters messages were started in the late 1970s to allow parents, relatives, and friends to verbalize their personal support for members of the Corps of Cadets. A one-line, thirty-six character message costs $35.00; however, you may extend your message to additional lines limited to twenty characters per line for an additional $5.00. Friends & Supporters messages exceeding three lines will not be accepted unless prior approval is given by the Cadet Activities Publications office. The deadline for placing a Friends & Supporters message is June 26, 2015.

Information about Defining Excellence Advertisements: The Howitzer is proud to offer to parents and friends of cadets graduating in the Class of 2015 a unique way to recognize their cadets’ achievements. Called Defining Excellence advertisements, this program was instituted in 1998 and has become extremely popular. More information regarding Defining Excellence is contained in this brochure. The deadline for placing a Defining Excellence advertisement is June 26, 2015.

Send your completed order and any change of address information to:
Directorate of Cadet Activities
ATTN: Publications
Eisenhower Hall, Building 655
U.S. Military Academy
West Point, NY 10996-1593
Frequently Asked Questions and Other Helpful Information

What is the Howitzer?  The Howitzer is the annual yearbook produced by the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy. It has been published regularly since 1896 and has become one of the largest single-bound yearbooks in the country. The Howitzer has won numerous graphic awards over the years for its outstanding photography, layout, and cover design. The goal of the Howitzer is to accurately record an academic school year at the Academy. The Howitzer includes pictures of the graduation day of that year’s graduating class. Traditionally, the Howitzer is published six months after Graduation.

Are Cadets Afforded the Opportunity to Order a Howitzer?  In February of each year, each member of the Corps of Cadets is afforded the opportunity to sign up to receive a copy of the Howitzer. Sign-up is mandatory for all senior (first class) cadets and freshmen (4th Class) cadets and optional for all other cadets. If you would like to know if a cadet ordered a Howitzer prior to placing your order, please contact the publications office at (845) 938-2780/7989.

Are All Cadets included in the Howitzer?  The staff of the Howitzer makes every effort to include each and every member of the Corps of Cadets. The Howitzer does not exclude the underclass. Company group photographs are scheduled during the year. They are considered an official formation. However, there are times when an individual cadet will have some other approved function which may take precedence. We also include coverage of Corps Squad athletics and extracurricular club participants, although we do rely on these groups to get us photographs and articles. Each senior cadet who graduates prior to August 31st of each year will have their portrait photograph in the Graduates section.

How do I Obtain Photographs which Appear in the Howitzer?  While the Howitzer does have a small photography staff, the majority of the pictures which appear in the Howitzer were taken by people not directly connected with the yearbook. The Howitzer gladly accepts photos from cadets and other West Point agencies. The graduate portrait photographs and candid which appear in the graduate section are usually provided by a contractor. For specific information regarding specific photographs, it is suggested that you contact the Cadet Publications Office in the Directorate of Cadet Activities at (845)938-7989/2780.

What is an inscription?  Books that have been pre-ordered by the deadline can be personally inscribed. An inscription is placed on the inside front endsheet in the lower right-hand side of the page. There is no additional charge for inscriptions. Inscriptions are limited to 26 characters (including spaces). While there is no charge for having a 26-character inscription placed in your book, all personalized (inscribed) orders are binding. For Howitzers which have already been published, books cannot be inscribed.

What is a Friends & Supporters Message?  Not to be confused with inscriptions, Friends & Supporters messages were started in the late 1970’s to allow parents, relatives and friends to verbalize their support for members of the Corps of Cadets. A one-line thirty-six (36) character message costs $35.00 (for 2015 Howitzer); you may extend your message to a second line limited to 20 characters for an additional $5.00. Messages may be extended beyond 56 characters with prior permission from the Directorate of Cadet Activities. Friends & Supporters messages for the 2015 yearbook must be received by June 26, 2015.

*For Class of ’17 Parents-Mortar Magazine
Offered to Class ‘17 Parents, the Mortar Magazine is a 72 page mini-yearbook dedicated to the Class of 2017’s experiences at Camp Buckner. All companies/platoons are featured along with candid, training shots, cadet life, and much, much more. Your cadet will receive a copy, but don’t miss this opportunity to help support the Cadet Activities fund and share in your cadet’s accomplishments at West Point. Limited copies available. First come, first served! The cost of this special keepsake is $23.00 (price includes s/h).

*Circle in the Spiral
This year, over 100 members of the Corps submitted poems, artwork, narratives, and photographs to be compiled and published in a 104 page literary journal. This publication truly showcases cadet talents and can be purchased for only $23.00 (price includes s/h).

*West Point Planner
The West Point Planner runs from August 2015-August 2016 and includes the 1-day, 2-day schedule, key events and activities, cadet photos, important West Point information, and much more. The planner can be purchased for $25.00 (prices include s/h).

*West Point Wall Calendar
The West Point wall calendar is a beautiful, 12 month, 9 X 12 sized calendar, featuring picturesque photographs of West Point scenery, and including key West Point events. The calendar runs from January 2015-December 2016 and can be purchased for $20.00 (price includes s/h).

Cadet Activities Is ONLINE!!!
For information about Cadet Publications...the West Point Calendar, West Point Planner, Howitzer, Bugle Notes, Circle in the Spiral, Merchandise for sale, and much, much, more...
http://www.allforthecorps.com
Bookmark this site!!
Defining Excellence Advertisements

Your cadet will only graduate from the United States Military Academy once. Bring to the graduate your family’s message of pride and congratulations through the pages of the Howitzer yearbook. Whenever your child opens his or her book, your Defining Excellence message will serve to couple Academy life with family life, to meld the goals your child achieved at West Point with the family ties that made those goals possible. The Defining Excellence program is the perfect way to salute your child’s accomplishments—take advantage of the opportunity.

Prices:
- Eighth Page Ad: $150.00
- Quarter Page Ad: $230.00
- Half Page Ad: $405.00
- Full Page Ad: $535.00

Cadet Publications will design the advertisement for you! Just provide your text and/or photographs and the completed order form with payment to:
Directorate of Cadet Activities, Attn: 2015 Howitzer,
Eisenhower Hall, Bldg. 655, West Point, NY 10996.

DEADLINE: June 26, 2015
Questions? Please call Cadet Publications at 845-938-2780/7989.

In the area below, please PRINT or TYPE the text of your advertisement. Please be precise in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. If the space is inadequate, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Please note that should your text be excessively long, the Howitzer reserves the right to edit it.

Advertisement Specifications

Size Ad Desired
_____ Full Page (maximum of 8 photos)
_____ Half Page (maximum of 4 photos)
_____ Quarter Page (maximum of 2 photos)
_____ Eighth Page (limited to 1 photo)

Photographs
_____ # of Photographs Enclosed

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

*Please do not cut or draw any lines on your photos
*All photos can be submitted hard copy or digitally (300 dpi) in a .jpg format
*We cannot guarantee the return of photographs; please submit re-proofs.
*Do not submit color laser copies/prints; they reproduce poorly.
## My order is for:
- [ ] (1) 2015 Howitzer ($120.00)
- [ ] Friends & Supporters Message $35.00 for each 36 character line
- [ ] Continuation line to initial Friends & Supporters Message $5.00 each additional line (NTE 3 lines total)
- [ ] Defining Excellence Advertisement
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- [ ] (1) 2015 Circle in the Spiral ($23.00)
- [ ] (1) 2015-2016 Academic Year Planner ($25.00)
- [ ] (1) 2016 West Point Wall Calendar ($20.00)
- [ ] (1) 2017 Mortar Magazine ($23.00)

**All prices include S/H**

## Payment Information

The total of my order is $___________

- [ ] My check/money order payable to Cadet Activities Fund is enclosed.
- [ ] Please charge my order to:
  - [ ] Visa
  - [ ] Mastercard
  - [ ] American Express
  - [ ] Signature (Required for all charge orders)

Account #:_________________________
Expiration Date:___________________

## NOTE:
- We are unable to accept Discover card accounts.
- The charge on your credit card statement may read as “Eisenhower Hall Theatre,” “Box Office,” or “Tickets.”

Send this completed order form with your payment to:
- Directorate of Cadet Activities
- ATTN: Publications
- Eisenhower Hall, Building 655
- West Point, New York 10996-1593

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