WELCOME to the West Point Cemetery, America’s oldest military post cemetery and a national historic landmark.

Located within the gates of the United States Military Academy, the cemetery provides a serene locale for the thousands of visitors who walk the grounds each year.

Prior to its designation as a military cemetery in 1817, the grounds were used by local residents for burials, and the graves of Soldiers from as far back as the Revolutionary War can be found here.

The interred include distinguished Soldiers, Medal of Honor recipients, astronauts, athletes, and family members.

THE OLD CADET CHAPEL stood across from the clock tower at Bartlett Hall until 1910, when, instead of demolition, it was moved to the cemetery at the request of the cadets who wished to save it for posterity.

VISITORS are welcome seven days a week, year-round, from sunrise to sunset. Parking is available on-site at the cemetery.

INTERMENT REQUIREMENTS
- West Point graduates and cadets
- Soldiers who die while assigned to West Point
- Immediate family members of the interred.

"THIS Monument Sacred to the Memory of the deceased Officers and Cadets of the Military Academy."
- Inscription on the Cadet Monument, erected in 1818.
For the West Point cemetery provides the final resting place for many distinguishedSoldiers, including men and women from every major conflict in our nation’s history. Listed below are some notable individuals:

1. **GEN Lucius D. Clay (USMA, 1918):** WW II Allied Commander in Europe. Architect of the Berlin Airlift, which is still hailed as an amazing feat of logistics. XVII-G-079
2. **GEN Alexander “Sandy” Patch (USMA, 1913):** Commanded the invasion forces at Guadalcanal and the Seventh Army in Europe for the invasion of France. I-C-058
3. **GEN William Westmoreland (USMA, 1936):** Commander of US military forces in Vietnam War and later 25th Chief of Staff, US Army. XVIII-F-066
4. **MG David “Mickey” Marcus (USMA, 1924):** Served with distinction during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, then was recruited to become Israel’s first modern general and was the Commander of Jerusalem. VI-B-125
5. **MG George Sykes (USMA, 1842):** Division Commander during the Second Battle of Bull Run; thwarted enemy attempts to take Little Round Top during the Battle of Gettysburg. XXVI-A-001
6. **MG George Goethals (USMA, 1880):** Oversed the construction and the opening of the Panama Canal. XVIII-G-082
7. **MG Robert Anderson (USMA, 1825):** Commander of Fort Sumter at the start of the Civil War. The fountain by the cemetery caretaker’s cottage is a memorial to him. XXVII-A-004
8. **MG Wesley Merritt (USMA, 1860):** Distinguished officer during the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. XXI-A-009
9. **MG Daniel Butterfield: **Medal of Honor recipient and composer of the bugle call, “Taps.” His monument is the most ornate in the cemetery and it documents thirty-eight battles and engagements of his career. XV-D-050
10. **MG John Buford (USMA, 1848):** Distinguished and meritorious service at the Battle of Gettysburg. XXVII-A-006
11. **MG Robert Howze (USMA, 1920):** “Jumpin’ Jim” was the youngest Division Commander in Europe during WWII. Served as ambassador to France under President Kennedy. X-M-36
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