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FIRST USMA GRADUATE SELECTED BOV CHAIRWOMAN – March 30, 2015

WEST POINT, N.Y. – The U.S. Military Academy Board of Visitors named Brenda Sue Fulton, Class of 1980, as its new chairwoman today during a scheduled session at West Point making her the first woman graduate to hold the position.

Fulton was selected to the board in 2011 as a Presidential appointee and most recently served as vice chair. She replaced Representative John Shimkus, Illinois, 15th Congressional District.

"It is an honor to serve as the board's leader as we advise the superintendent on a variety of issues facing the academy," said Fulton. "I'm particularly proud of the efforts made by the leadership to address and improve inclusivity opportunities for both women and minorities at West Point because those efforts make West Point and the Army stronger."

Fulton was a founder of Knights Out, founding board member of OutServe, and currently heads SPARTA, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender military organization.

The Board of Visitors is an advisory committee whose duty is to inquire about the academy's morale and discipline, curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs and academic methods. The board consists of presidential appointees and members of Congress.

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