

## Re-Orgy Week

Cadets and personnel should be aware that upon their return to the Military Academy during Reorganization Week (Re-Orgy Week), that the leaving of personal property unsecured and/or unattended may result in theft. Reasonable and prudent care in protecting your personal property is to be exercised. For example, secure all high-value items and clearly label them with your name, company, and class.

It is recommended that Cadets and personnel report any missing property through their chain of command as soon as possible after checking the area where it was left to determine if the property was moved. Also, please check with the Cadet internal communication system to verify if the property was found.

If the property is held in government storage such as a trunk room or other facility and incurs water damage, attempt to dry and salvage the items. Do not dispose of them unless there is a health hazard such as mold or mildew. If disposal is necessary, take pictures of the damage, and contact the local Claims Office who will provide appropriate claim forms and any additional guidance, before any disposal.

The local Claims Office is located in Building 626 (by Buffalo Soldier Field). Please keep in mind that claims under Personnel Claims Act (PCA) are not insurance payments for personal property, but rather part of a payment statute intended to lessen the hardships of military life. Claims may be paid only if certain conditions are met, including proper security

precautions, an attempt to salvage any damaged items, and timely reporting of the loss; thus, timely filing of a claim is imperative. Failing to file your claim in a timely manner may result in the denial of your claim. If you need assistance, please call the United States Military Academy Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Office at (845) 938-2016 or [claims@usma.edu](mailto:claims@usma.edu).