The Graduate March Back is only open to West Point Graduates!

You should not participate in the Graduate March Back if you are not physically fit. If you are out of shape or if you have medical concerns do not register for this event!

Concept of Operation  
Graduates can march back from Camp Buckner or the Ski Slope.

Camp Buckner Marchers – There is a limited number of slots available for graduates who can march from Camp Buckner. (Total Distance is approximately 12 Miles; 10 miles from Camp Buckner to the Ski Slope and 2 miles from the Ski Slope to the Superintendent’s Quarters). Graduates march side-by-side with the New Cadets from Camp Buckner to the Ski Slope. The route will be posted in Herbert Hall at registration. For the last two miles of the march, Graduates march in formation behind all the New Cadet Companies. There are two options for lodging on Sunday night, 7 August.

1. Lodging at Camp Buckner – Graduates sleep in Barth Hall. We will provide an Army cot and a sleeping bag. You must sign-up to stay at Barth Hall when you register online.
2. Lodging on your own – Graduates assemble at Buffalo Soldier Field early Monday morning, 8 August and bus to Camp Buckner. Note, if you choose this option you can still attend the events on Sunday night at Camp Buckner. Buses will return marchers and guests to Herbert Alumni Center.

Ski Slope Marchers – No limit on the number of Grads. You will join the Camp Buckner marchers and New Cadets at the Ski Slope for the last two miles of the march. Graduates march in formation behind all the New Cadet Companies from the Ski Slope to the Superintendent’s Quarters.

Cost

Graduates - $250 (Camp Buckner Marchers) or $236 (Ski Slope Marchers), which covers the following:
- Grad March Back Uniform – Polo shirt, hat, and lanyard with name tag
- Old Grad T-shirt (Suggested attire for Sunday Evening)
- Duffle bag (for your change of clothes after the march)
- Water Bottle (to use during the march)
- Meals and Snacks (see meals and snacks below)
- Commemorative Pin
- Grad March Back DVD (Mailed after the event)

Optional Events on Sunday night:
- Attend the BBQ Dinner and return to Herbert Hall - $19
- Attend the BBQ Dinner and remain overnight in Barth Hall (Only for those marching from Camp Buckner Marchers) - $27

Family Members and guests - $59, which covers the following:
- Lanyard with name tag
- BBQ Dinner (Sunday) at Camp Buckner (see meals and snacks below)
- Luncheon (Monday) at Ike Hall
- Note, for children ages 4-10 the cost is $37. Children under 4 are free.
- Family members and guests attending only the luncheon in Ike Hall are $35 each. Children ages 4-10 are $22.50. Children under 4 are free.
Registration, Three Step Process:

1. Register On-line. You will be directed to the WPAOG website to register. You must know your user ID and password to register. If you do not know your user ID or password click on the Forgotten Password link.

2. Complete your liability form. All marchers must complete a liability form! You are not registered until we receive your liability form. Send completed liability forms via email or regular mail.

3. Check-in at Herbert Hall. All marchers must check-in at Herbert Hall on Sunday, 7 August, 1200-1430, including those marching from the Ski Slope. No exceptions. At check-in you will receive your registration items and any additional merchandise ordered online.

Schedule of events (See the last page of this document)

Check our website frequently for updates -- http://www.usma.edu/daa
Note, there is no Talent Show this year!

Uniform
All graduates must wear the polo shirt and hat that you will receive at registration and black shorts or hiking pants (bring these with you). Women may wear a black skort. No Exceptions!
A good quality, lightweight, pair of hiking shoes or boots is recommended.
Graduates are not allowed to carry a banner, sign, or guidon during the march. The only authorized banner is for the 50-Year Affiliation Class, which can only be carried during the last 2 miles of the march from the Ski Slope.
We recommend everyone bring a small back pack or waist pack to carry a change of socks, water, rain gear, sunscreen, insect repellent, and any other essentials.

Optional Events, Sunday Night at Camp Buckner
All graduates and paid guests are invited. You must register for this online.
Includes a briefing from USCC on Cadet Summer Training, a BBQ Dinner, and the Cadet Basic Training Awards Ceremony. There is no talent show this year.
Buses will shuttle graduates and paid guests to Camp Buckner from Herbert Hall and then back to Herbert Hall. No POVs at Camp Buckner.
Attire is civilian casual. Graduates are encouraged to wear their “Old Grad” t-shirt.
Seating – There will be a limited amount of seating in the bleachers.
Graduates and their guests CANNOT visit with the New Cadets on Sunday.
2016 Graduate March Back
Poop Sheet, FAQs, and Schedule of Events (As of 10 June 16)

Meals/Snacks

**Sunday, 7 August**

**Dinner** – BBQ dinner at Camp Buckner for all graduates and paid guests.
This is an optional event, you must register on-line to attend.

**Ice Cream Social** – Only for graduates marching from Camp Buckner and if you signed-up to remain overnight in Barth Hall.

**Monday, 8 August**

**Breakfast** – Graduates marching from Camp Buckner, to include those who did not stay overnight in Barth Hall.

**Snacks** - Graduates marching from Camp Buckner receive the same snacks and drinks as the New Cadets during the march. Additionally, snacks and drinks will be available at the Class of 1948 Ski Lodge for all marchers.

**Lunch** – Graduates and paid guests in Eisenhower Hall after the march.

Water

We will issue each Graduate/marcher one water bottle that you can refill during the march. Water is available at Barth Hall, at the rest stops during the march from Camp Buckner to the Ski Slope, and the Ski Lodge. However, we recommend that everyone bring a Camelbak or other hydration device. You can purchase a Camelbak when you register. Make sure you keep yourself well hydrated during the march.

New Cadet Company Assignments (Camp Buckner Marchers Only)

Approximately 20 graduates are assigned to each New Cadet Company. When you register you will be asked who you want to march with. Your options are as follows:

- March with a particular New Cadet
- March with a particular New Cadet Company
- March with another Graduate

*First priority* is parents and family members of New Cadets.

Change of clothes for after the march

You will receive a duffle bag at registration for your change of clothes and toiletries. A towel, soap, and shampoo will be provided at Arvin. You may also want to bring a toothbrush, toothpaste, a shaving kit (males), and shower shoes. We will transport your duffle bag to Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. Depending on where you march back from you will leave your duffle bag as follows:

- **Camp Buckner Marchers** - Bring the duffle bag with you to Camp Buckner. We will collect them Monday morning at Barth Hall.
- **Ski Slope Marchers** – We will collect the duffle bags at Buffalo Soldier Field in the morning before you depart for the Ski Slope.

Personal Hygiene after the March

Graduates can use the showers in Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center. There is no air-conditioning in the shower area. **It will be hot!** A towel, soap, and shampoo will be provided at Arvin. You may want to bring a toothbrush, toothpaste, a shaving kit (males), and shower shoes.

Lodging

Check the West Point website for information on lodging in the area, see link below.

For more information please call Vince McDermott
Directorate of Academy Advancement (DAA), 845-938-3700/3024
**Additional Merchandise Available**  [Click here to view these items]

As part of your registration fee, every graduate receives a polo shirt, hat, duffle bag, water bottle, commemorative pin, and “Old Grad” t-shirt

Additional or extra items for sale include:
- Grad March Back Polo Shirt, $50.50 (Issue Item)
- Old Grad T-Shirt, $22.50 (Issue Item)
- March Back Hat, $18 (Issue Item)
- Duffle bag, $43 (Issue Item)
- Water Bottle, $28.00 (Issue Item)
- Commemorative Pin, $6.75 (Issue Item)
- Camelbak, $62.00 (3L, ACU color)

**Cancellation Policy**
No refunds for cancellations after 1 August.

**Post-event Survey**
We will send you a link to an online survey after the march. Please take the time to complete the survey. Your feedback is important!

**Useful Links**

- Directorate of Academy Advancement Website
- WPAOG Registration Page

**SAFETY**

**Physical Fitness** - You should not participate in the Graduate March Back if you are not physically fit. If you are out of shape or if you have medical concerns do not register for this event!

**Water** – Make sure you keep yourself well hydrated during the march. We will issue each Graduate/marcher one water bottle that you can refill during the march. However, we recommend that everyone bring a Camelbak or other hydration device.

**Sleep** - Please remember that you will get a limited amount of sleep on Sunday night and you are participating in a long march over difficult terrain. As a result, you will be very tired on Monday afternoon. Therefore, plan to have someone else drive you home or to the airport or please make arrangements to stay another night.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

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How can I add a guest or purchase additional merchandise after I already registered?
You can add another guest(s) and purchase additional merchandise on the registration website. Simply select the item(s) you want to add. Do not click on the “radio style buttons”, again, next to marching from – Camp Buckner or the Ski Slope. However, you will have to enter all the other information again.

Why are the New Cadets marching back from Camp Buckner?
The last week of Cadet Basic Training is now held at Camp Buckner.

When should I check in at Herbert Hall if I am not going to Camp Buckner on Sunday?
Registration for all marchers is 1200-1430 on Sunday. No exceptions!

Will the WPAOG gift shop be open on Sunday?
Yes, 1100-1600. All marchers receive 10% off your purchase with your nametag.

Will Herbert Hall remain open all night?
No, Herbert Hall will only open during normal business hours, 0830-1630. If you are not staying at Camp Buckner, you are responsible for your own lodging on Sunday night.

What should I wear to the Camp Buckner on Sunday night?
Attire is civilian casual. Graduates are encouraged to wear their “Old Grad” t-shirt. Please wear a comfortable pair of walking shoes and bring some wet weather gear. The New Cadets and Academy Staff will be in ACUs or OCPs.

If we registered for the optional events at Camp Buckner on Sunday what should we plan for dinner?
There will be a BBQ dinner at Barth Hall for all graduates and paid guests. Again, you must sign-up for this when you register online.

Can I visit with the New Cadets on Sunday at Camp Buckner?
No, Graduates and their guests CANNOT visit with the New Cadets on Sunday.

When can I meet with the New Cadets?
Graduates can talk with the New Cadets during the march back from Camp Buckner. Graduates will march in the New Cadet formations. When we reach the Ski Slope the new Cadets will form up by Company; graduates will move to the Class of 1948 Ski Lodge.

I am staying overnight at Camp Buckner, what can I expect?
This is only available for those marching from Camp Buckner. When you register online you must request to stay overnight at Barth Hall. Everyone will ride the buses to Camp Buckner. No POVs. After the Awards Ceremony, we will walk to Barth Hall. You will receive an Army cot and a sleeping bag. It will get cool at night. If you bring anything else to sleep with (snivel gear/pillow), please pack these items in the duffle bag that
you will receive at registration. We will collect the duffle bags Monday morning at Barth Hall and take them to Arvin for after the march.

If you have forgotten, the Army cot is not comfortable! We will issue a thin foam sleeping pad, but you may want to bring your own sleeping pad/mat.

Everyone must remain in Barth Hall, no tours of Camp Buckner or swimming in Lake Popolopen. Lights out at 2200. Please be considerate of others if they go to sleep earlier.

Breakfast and coffee will be served in the morning.
Remember, Barth Hall is not air conditioned.

Where can I eat dinner on West Point on Sunday night?
For those who signed-up online to go to Camp Buckner there will be a BBQ dinner at Barth Hall. Your other options are Burger King or Taco Bell (AAFES PX food court), Grant Hall (Cadet Restaurant), Lil’ Skeeters BBQ and Primo Pizza (WP Bowling Center, Buffalo Soldier Field), Subway restaurant (near the cemetery), or the Thayer Hotel.

Can I carry a back pack during the march?
Yes, we recommend you bring a small back pack or waist pack to carry a change of socks, water, rain gear, sunscreen, insect repellent, and any other essentials.

What is the rate of march from Camp Buckner to the Ski Slope?
The rate of march is 20 minute miles or 3 miles per hour. We will march on trails and paved roads with steep rises and descents. The trails are unimproved with loose stones and rocks. There is only one scheduled stop or rest during the march from Buckner. This stop is at about the 6.5 mile mark. There are water points and portable bathrooms along the route.

What time will the march begin and what is the route?
For security reasons the times and route are not available on-line. We will have the times and route posted in Herbert Hall at registration and at Camp Buckner in Barth Hall. Expect a two hour difference between the start time of the first New Cadet Company and the last.

Are there any rest areas or breaks during the march from Camp Buckner?
Yes, there are typically two rest areas called Tactical Assembly Areas (TAAs). The last one is at the Ski Slope. The rest time is 5-10 minutes. There are portable latrines and water at each TAA. Additionally, there are snacks, fruit, and power bars.

Can I carry a banner, sign, or guidon during the march?
No, the only authorized banner, sign, or guidon is for the 50-Year Affiliation Class. The 50-Year Affiliation Class can carry a banner during the last two miles of the march from the Ski Slope.

What should I do about a change of clothes for after the march?
We will provide a duffle bag at registration for your change of clothes and toiletries. We will provide everyone a towel, soap, and shampoo at Arvin. You may also want to bring a toothbrush, toothpaste, a shaving kit (males), and shower shoes.
Depending on where you march back from you will leave your duffle bag as follows:
Camp Buckner Marchers - Take the duffle bag with you to Camp Buckner. We will collect them Monday morning at Barth Hall.
Ski Slope Marchers – We will collect the duffle bags at Buffalo Soldier Field in the morning before you depart for the Ski Slope.
What do I need to enter West Point?
Effective 7 June 2016, all visitors to West Point must have a Department of Defense identification card or they must be escorted by someone with a Department of Defense identification card. If not, please report to the Visitor Control Center located outside Thayer Gate in the Visitors Center. Hours of operation are 0800-1800, Monday-Friday. For more information, please visit the West Point Garrison webpage -- www.westpoint.army.mil/visitus.html

Where can I park my Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) on post?
1. Buffalo Soldier Field – Graduates marching from Camp Buckner or the Ski Slope will park at Buffalo Soldier Field. There is no parking at Camp Buckner, Herbert Hall, or the Ski Slope.
2. Herbert Hall - Park at Herbert Alumni Center, only if you will return Sunday night after the Awards Ceremony. Overflow parking is at Buffalo Soldier Field.

Where can family members watch the march back?
Family members can watch the last two miles of the march from the Ski Slope anywhere along Washington Road from Washington Gate to Thayer Statue. The Military Police will close the road about 30 minutes prior to the start of the march; plan to arrive early. Please remember that you can only use Washington Gate if you have a DOD identification card and a DOD sticker on your POV.

What is the attire for lunch at Eisenhower Hall?
Attire for lunch is casual. Most individuals wear khaki slacks or shorts and a West Point or Class polo shirt. Graduates and paid guests please wear your lanyard and nametag. This will expedite your entry into the ballroom.

What Religious services are offered at West Point?

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
As of 10 June 16

Sunday, 7 August
1200-1430  Registration, Herbert Hall (Everyone must register during this time)
1500  Grads & Guests attending the BBQ Dinner assemble at Herbert Hall
1515  Buses depart for Camp Buckner, NO POVs
1530-1630  Cadet Summer Training Brief, Camp Buckner Theater
1645-1800  BBQ Dinner, Barth Hall
1830-1900  Award Ceremony, Cadet Basic Training Regiment, Parade Field
1930  Buses return to Herbert Hall
       Camp Buckner marchers who registered to remain overnight at Buckner move to Barth Hall

Monday, 8 August
TBP  Remaining Camp Buckner marchers assemble, Buffalo Soldier Field
TBP  Buses Depart for Camp Buckner, NO POVs
TBP  Breakfast, Camp Buckner (Camp Buckner marchers only)
TBP  March from Camp Buckner begins (Times & route posted at Herbert Hall)
TBP  Ski Slope marchers assemble, Buffalo Soldier Field
TBP  Bus departs for Ski Lodge, Ski Slope Marchers
TBP  March to Superintendent’s Quarters begins
TBP  Pass in Review, Superintendent’s Quarters
TBP  Personal Hygiene, Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center
1115-1245  Lunch, Eisenhower Hall Ballroom
TBD  Superintendent’s Welcome Remarks
1230-1315  Buses shuttle to Herbert Hall and Buffalo Soldier Field from Eisenhower Hall

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