

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

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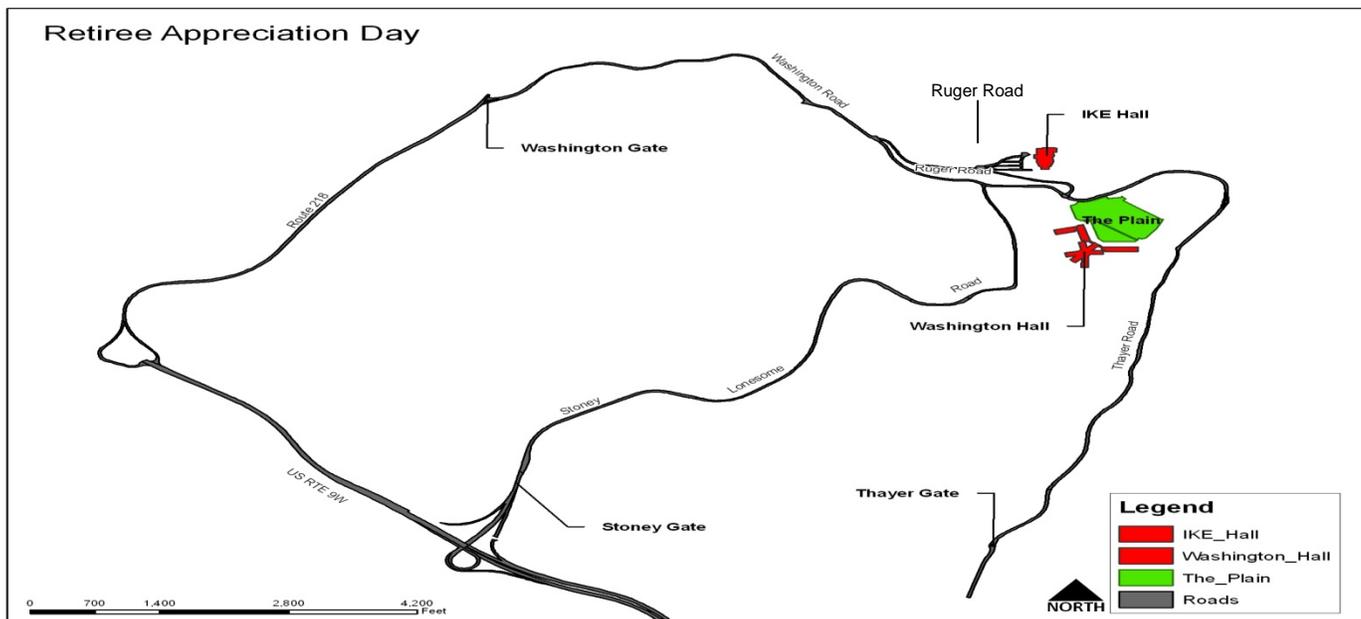
38th ANNUAL WEST POINT MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

April 28, 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 0700** West Point Chapter AUSA Breakfast at Eisenhower Hall
- 0715 - 0930** Shuttle Bus Service from designated parking areas to Eisenhower Hall
- 0715 - 0945** Reception and Registration at Eisenhower Hall
- 0805 - 0820** Music performed by the "Hellcats," United States Military Academy Band
- 0820 - 0830** Post Colors and National Anthem
- 0830 - 0840** Welcome by LTG David Huntoon, Superintendent, USMA
- 0840 - 0900** Address by Mr. John W. Radke
Chief, Army Retirement Services - Alexandria, VA
- 0900 - 0915** Address by COL Thomas McKenna, Director, Retired and Annuity Pay,
Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Cleveland Center, Cleveland, OH
- 0915 - 0930** Address by Mr. Doug Schobel, Delta Dental Senior Marketing Representative,
Marketing and Communications, Northeast Region and Overseas, Warwick, RI
- 0930 - 1040** Visit with Post and Civilian Agencies
- 1040 - 1120** Walk/Shuttle Bus to Reviewing Stand on The Plain
- *1120 - 1130** Cadet Drill Team Performance on The Plain
- *1130** Cadet Review
- *1200** Cadet Sports Parachute Club Demonstration on The Plain
- 1230 - 1400** Luncheon USMA Cadet Mess
- 1230 - 1500** Shuttle Bus Service to Luncheon and designated parking areas

** Inclement Weather Schedule: These events will be canceled if weather is inclement*





REPLY TO
ATTENTION
OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON WEST POINT
681 HARDEE PLACE
WEST POINT, NY 10996-1554
March 2012

Dear Retirees and Family Members:

I want to welcome you to the Thirty-Eighth Annual West Point Retiree Appreciation Day on April 28, 2012. This day has been set aside to honor Military Retirees and Family members for their selfless service and support to our Nation.

When entering West Point, all vehicles with DoD decals are permitted to enter through any gate, however without a DoD decal, you should enter through Thayer Gate or Stony Lonesome Gate. To expedite the process please have picture ID readily available. Designated parking is available in the vicinity of Eisenhower Hall, North Dock, and west of Gillis Field House. Shuttle buses will be available from 0715 - 0930 to transport you to Eisenhower Hall. Limited parking will be available for handicapped vehicles in the Eisenhower Hall Tunnel Area. Please display the enclosed parking pass in your driver's side windshield.

Upon arriving at Eisenhower Hall, please proceed to the Ballroom Level to complete registration at the Reception Desks. There will be two separate registration areas, one for those with luncheon reservations and one for those without. Name tags must be worn by all participants for movement into the Cadet area. Take advantage of the "county fair" in the Eisenhower Hall Ballroom to visit with participating service agencies from 0730 - 1100. At 0830, the Superintendent, LTG Huntoon, will welcome all Retirees and guests in the Theater. Following the guest speakers and the formal portion of the program, between 1040 and 1120 you will proceed to The Plain

At 1120, ten minutes prior to the Review, the Cadet Drill Team will perform on The Plain. The Review will begin at 1130 and the luncheon in the USMA Cadet Mess will begin promptly at 1230. The luncheon is open to all participants; however, **reservations are required** (reservation form is on page 5). Buses will be available at the conclusion of the program to return those not attending the luncheon to the designated parking areas. Pickup will be on Thayer Road Extension, directly behind the bleachers. Buses will also be available in the same location to take those unable to make the walk to the USMA Cadet Mess for the luncheon. Immediately following the luncheon, shuttle buses will again be available from the Mess Hall to the designated parking areas.

We strive each year to host a world class event for you. Enjoy your day and thank you again for your service. Please do not hesitate to contact the Retirement Services Office at (845) 938-4217/2355 or email at rso@usma.army.mil should you have any additional questions. I look forward to seeing you on 28 April.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Tarsa
Colonel, US Army
Commanding

The ID Card Office and Vehicle Registration for DoD Decals will be open 1130 - 1500, in Bldg 622 on Saturday, 28 April.

WEST POINT ID CARD OFFICE (Bldg 622)

HOURS OF OPERATION: Mon-Fri 0800-1600

Closed 0800-1230 on the third Wednesday of each month

Two valid forms of identification, one of which must contain a photo, are required for issuance of any and all military ID cards to all personnel 21 years of age and older. Valid IDs mean that the card is NOT expired. There are numerous ID Card Issuing facilities in the New England area. Please call (845) 938-4736 for the contact information for the nearest facility. Appointments are made on-line at <https://www.rapids-appointments@dmdc.osd.mil>.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION FOR DoD DECALS (Bldg 616)

Mon-Fri 1300 -1600 (845) 938-2208.

Must bring: Military ID, Vehicle Registration, Insurance Card, Driver's License.

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY ??

Your Retiree Account Statement lists the person or persons you designated to receive your prorated final pay known as Arrears of Pay (AOP). Entitlement to retired pay stops on the date of a retiree's death, leaving unpaid pay depending on the date of death, for example, if a retiree dies on the 25th of the month, 25 days worth of unpaid pay would be payable to your beneficiary. The AOP may include overpaid SBP premiums and returned allotment payments for the final month. *Be sure your information is current!!* The Beneficiary Designation Form (DD Form 2894) allows you to elect one or more beneficiaries, assigning a percentage of the total to each. You can designate anyone to be your beneficiary; family, friends or associates. You will need the name, address, social security number and relationship of each designated beneficiary. The form is available online at: www.dfas.mil under Retired Pay or call your RSO at (845) 938-4217/2355.

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY MEMBERS (Bldg 622)

The West Point Casualty Operations Office provides Casualty Assistance for families of Army retirees who reside in the New York counties of Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster, Greene, Delaware, Putnam and northern Westchester. The phone number is (845) 938-4217. The Fort Drum Casualty Assistance Center supports residents of the other New York counties and the states of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. The phone number is (888) 325-1601 or (315) 772-6465. Immediate notification of a retiree death will enable the Casualty Assistance Office to notify the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in a timely manner to stop the retired pay. The sooner this is done the sooner benefits can be received by the surviving spouse. Checklists are published periodically in the Army Echoes. Be sure to update your checklist and let your family know where it is located.

WEST POINT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many volunteer opportunities on and around West Point. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact ACS at (845) 938-3655 or christina.overstreet@usma.army.mil for more information and to be added to our volunteer opportunities email list. You may also visit our website at <http://www.westpointmwr.com/ACTIVITY/IVC/index.HTM> for additional information.

WEST POINT MILITARY RETIREE COUNCIL

The Council meets quarterly, in Bldg 622, ACS Training Room, to receive information and discuss any issues raised by members of the retired community. The Council is chaired by COL Basil N. Apostle, USA Retired. It consists of 14 members, both officer and enlisted retirees, all representing our geographic area of responsibility. The meetings are held the second Saturday of March, June, September and December. If you have any issues that you would like to have the Council look into, please contact COL (Ret) Basil Apostle at apostlecol@gmail.com.

CONNECTICUT ARMY RETIREE COUNCIL NEWS

The Connecticut Army Retiree Council (CARC) is composed of 24 retired Army members, 12 officers and 12 enlisted. Quarterly meetings are scheduled at the Newington (CT) Veterans Administration Healthcare Center. The sessions feature guest presenters; dissemination of information provided by the West Point, the New England Army Retiree Council (NEARC), from CARC members, as well as distribution of literature pertinent to the retiree. Some of this past years topics by guest speakers included "The US/Vietnam Experience," "The Role of VA Special Services and its Clinical Coordinators," and "Connecticut's Select Committee on Veterans Affairs." We were made aware of all current Connecticut legislatures that benefits retired veterans and Guard and Reserve Soldiers returning from active duty. An observation was noted of an obscure federal program known as the Aid and Attendance Pension Program that may be the lifeline some veterans need to continue living in nursing facilities without depleting their savings. The Fort Devens (MA) Museum had opened this past year to preserve the history of the base after it was officially deactivated in 1996. On-going information is frequently provided by one of our members on activities of the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve Program. Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) activities are conducted throughout our area at West Point (NY), Hanscom Air Force Base (MA), New London Submarine Base (CT), Fort Drum (NY) and the upper tier of New England states. The intent of these RADs is to keep retired military and their families up-to-date on any changes in their retirement rights, benefits and privileges. Should Connecticut Army retirees be interested in attending or becoming a member of CARC, please contact either, COL (RET) Severio Fodero, Officer Co-Chair at (203) 795-6948 or SGM (RET) Nathan Zimmerman, Enlisted Co-Chair at (860) 567-8722.

American Red Cross (Bldg 2104) Programs and services include training in Disaster Preparedness and CPR/First Aid; Armed Forces Emergency Services; Blood Drives; Community Outreach Programs and more. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, please visit nyredcross.org or contact the West Point Red Cross office directly at (845) 938-4100.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER) HELPING FELLOW SOLDIERS

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a nonprofit charitable organization solely dedicated to needs of both Active and Retired Army personnel and their eligible Family members. The goal of AER has always been to maintain high standards while providing assistance in a dignified manner. There are 86 AER Sections located at U.S. Army installations worldwide. Since its inception in 1942, AER has provided over \$1.2 billion in assistance meeting a variety of needs to include emergency financial assistance, children and spouse scholarships, grants to Wounded Warriors and benefits for surviving Family members. The annual AER Campaign will be held at West Point 1 March through 15 May 2012. The West Point area Retirees are a vital part of the West Point community, each year contributing thousands of dollars towards the campaign. For the 2011 AER campaign the West Point Retirees made up 44% of the West Point donation total. Each year Soldiers and Cadets are left in admiration by the generous contribution made by the Retiree community members. The West Point Retiree community sets the model for our young Army members in their legacy of service to our nation inspiring them to achieve the same tradition of excellence. This year's campaign slogan solidifies the importance of our Retiree community "A Strong Tradition of Soldiers Helping Soldiers." Please consider contributing to the 2012 AER Campaign. Donations can be made in either cash, check or by allotment. Questions concerning the AER Campaign can be directed to West Point's AER Officer Amy Weyhrauch, (845) 938-5839/4621 or amy.weyhrauch@us.army.mil. Contributions can be mailed to: Army Community Services (IMML-MWA), ATTN: AER Office, 622 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996-1926.

WEST POINT COMMISSARY

Monday Closed; Tuesday thru Sunday 0900-1900 (0830 early bird hours Tuesday-Friday) (Closed Sunday, April 8th). For special orders, questions or concerns, call Managers at (845) 938-3663:

Customer Service 2	Bakery & Deli 3	Grocery 6	Secretary 8
Store Administrator 2	Meat 4	Produce 5	Deli 3

Case Lot Sales are held in May and September. The May sale will be held on the 16th-18th. For additional information on Commissary Stores in your area check www.commissaries.com.

KELLER ARMY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

<http://kach.amedd.army.mil>

Front Desk/Information Line	(845) 938-5169
Appointments	(845) 938-7992/800-552-2907
Emergency Room	(845) 938-4004
Patient Advocate	(845) 938-5874
Health Benefits Advisors/Debt Collection Officers	(845) 938-4838
Health Net Federal Services	(877) 874-2273
Pathology/Lab Services	(845) 938-4209
Radiology	(845) 938-4840
Pharmacy	(845) 938-2271
Call in Refill System	(845) 938-2527 Allow 2 working days to process refill.

Pharmacy Hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri	0800-1700	Sat	0800-1000 refill pickup only
Thu	0800-1700*	Sat	1000-1200 full service
*Closed 1330-1530 for training		Sun & Holidays	Closed

Before you drive to West Point before or after Federal Holidays, call our information line or check the website to check for hospital closures. Check local road conditions by calling (845) 938-7000.

Keller Hospital has undertaken a 3-year multi-phase renovation and construction project. Parking is extremely limited in the immediate hospital area. Visit our website for updates on parking restrictions and for shuttle bus instructions and schedules.

SPACE A TRAVEL AT STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE

The 105th Airlift Wing Alumni Association operates a Space Availability (Space A) Terminal at Stewart Air National Guard Base, New Windsor, NY. The Passenger Agents can explain the requirements of the Space A Program as well as identify scheduled Space A flights from Stewart. The office is manned Mon-Fri, 0900-1200 except holidays. The contact number is (845) 563-2226 or (845) 563-2369. The FAX number is (845) 563-2398. You can sign up by sending an email to: spacea@ang.af.mil or email to takeahop.com. Travelers can sign up in person or by FAX. Stewart uses C-5A Galaxy cargo airplanes to transport cargo, troops and whatever is needed some place else. We have two scheduled flights a week that go to Germany and Spain and if you call Stewart Passenger Service desk they can tell you about the Guard Lifts that go elsewhere. The Marines at Stewart have KC-130 refueling cargo aircrafts that have Space A flights. Call USMC OPS at: (845) 563-2965/2968 for flight information.

WEST POINT POST EXCHANGE FACILITIES (Bldg 1204)

Main Store	(845) 446-5404	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 1000-1900
	(845) 446-5406	Thurs 1000-2000 Sat 0900-1900 Sun 1000-1800
Military Clothing Sales	(845) 446-1019	Same as Main Store hours
Barber Shop	(845) 446-1070	Mon-Sat 0900-1800/Sun 1000-1800
Dry Cleaners	(845) 446-0046	Mon-Sat 1000-1800/Sun 1000-1600
Flower Shop	(845) 446-3848	Mon-Sat 1000-1800/Sun 1000-1600
GNC	(845) 446-2989	Mon-Sat 1000-1800/Sun 1000-1800
Optical Shop	(845) 446-6565	Mon-Sat 1000-1800/Sun 1000-1600
Frame Shop	(845) 446-4230	Mon-Sat 1000-1800/Sun 1000-1600
Burger King	(845) 446-2027	Mon-Sat 1030-1900/Sun 1030-1800
Taco Bell	(845) 446-2027	Mon-Sat 1000-1900/Sun 1100-1800
Enterprise Rent-a-Car	(845) 446-2475	Mon-Fri 0900-1800/Sat-Sun 1000-1400
Shoppette/Class Six/Service Station, Bldg. 1202		Mon-Sat 0700-2200
	(845) 446-3666	Sun 0800-1900
Stewart Field Army Nat'l Guard Branch Store		Sun & Mon Closed/Tue-Fri 1000-1800/Sat 1000-1700
Bldg 271, Bruenig Rd, New Windsor, NY	(845) 564-7600	
Barber Shop	(845) 567-0905	Wed-Fri 1000-1800
Dry Cleaners	(845) 564-7600	Tue-Fri 0900-1700/Sat 0900-1500

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

PRINT CLEARLY AND MAIL TO:	Retirement Services Office 622 Swift Road West Point NY 10996-1926	
NAME _____	RANK _____	
ADDRESS _____		
CITY/ST _____	ZIP _____ PHONE _____	
FULL NAMES OF ALL ATTENDEES: _____/_____/_____ _____/_____/_____		
NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUESTED _____ x \$14.00 = \$ _____		
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TREASURER USMA		
DATE _____	TICKET # _____	TABLE # _____

The Luncheon will be held in the USMA Cadet Mess beginning at 1230, 28 April 2012. Luncheon accommodations have been made for 800 people. All military retirees, family members and guests are welcome. Cadets will be invited to dine with you. **NO MORE THAN EIGHT PEOPLE CAN BE SEATED AT EACH TABLE. GROUPS LARGER THAN EIGHT WILL BE SEATED AT NEIGHBORING TABLES.** The names of all ticket holders are required for admittance into the Mess Hall. Tickets can be picked up on 28 April in Eisenhower Hall at the Luncheon Reservation/Registration Table on the Ballroom Level from 0715-1100. The cost of the luncheon is **\$14.00** per person.

*Tickets **WILL NOT** be available the day of the event.* Complete the Reservation Form above, enclose your check or money order (NO CASH) and mail them to the address above. **Reservations must be received by 18 April 2012.**

LUNCHEON MENU

- Steak Sandwich w/Garlic Bread
- Mashed Sweet Potatoes
- Petite Green Beans
- Green Salad with Dressing
- Apple Pie
- Coffee, Tea & Iced Tea

PICK UP TICKETS AT THE REGISTRATION/LUNCHEON TICKET TABLE FROM 0715-1100 IN EISENHOWER HALL, BALLROOM LEVEL, ON 28 APRIL.

SPRING CADET REVIEW SCHEDULE

Tuesday	22 May 2012	1100	Alumni Review
Thursday	24 May 2012	1100	Superintendent's Award Review
Friday	25 May 2012	1030	Graduation Parade

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule. All of these reviews take place on The Plain. They are part of the West Point tradition and instill discipline and order within the Corps of Cadets while fostering esprit de corps and camaraderie. Call (845) 938-2638 to confirm review times. Reviews may be subject to change or cancelled without prior notice. In the event of inclement weather, reviews will be cancelled.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY GARRISON WEST POINT
DIRECTORATE OF HUMAN RESOURCES (IMML-HRMT)
622 SWIFT ROAD
WEST POINT NY 10996-1926

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

38TH ANNUAL WEST POINT RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY PARKING PASS

DoD DECAL ENTER ANY GATE
NON-DoD DECAL ENTER THAYER OR STONY LONESOME GATE

DISPLAY IN DRIVER'S SIDE WINDSHIELD



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