



HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES AUTHORIZED TO REPORT FOR ADMISSION TO
THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY IN 1964 - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

1. REPORTING

Report at West Point between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time) on Wednesday, 1 July. Should you arrive at West Point prior to 1 July, ensure you have sufficient funds to stay at the U.S. Hotel Thayer at West Point or at one of the hotels or motels in the local area listed on pages 8 and 9 of these instructions. You should bring a minimum of clothing and baggage with you. (See paragraphs 5 and 6 below.)

2. TRAVEL

a. DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING WEST POINT

(1) By bus from New York City: The Mohawk Coach Lines, Inc. operates from the following terminals - Port Authority Terminal - 41st Street and 8th Avenue, and 181st Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

(2) By train from the West: Candidates traveling by train from the West will find the most convenient route to be via the main line of the New York Central Railroad. You should get off the train at Beacon, New York, take the bus to Newburgh, thence by Mohawk Bus from Newburgh directly to West Point.

(3) By automobile:

From the North: New York Thruway, Exit No. 17 at Newburgh. Travel 9W South to West Point.

From New York City: For travel on east side of Hudson River, use either U.S. Route 9 or the Taconic State Parkway to Peekskill-connecting with Bear Mountain Bridge. For travel on west side of Hudson River, cross George Washington Bridge connecting with Palisades Interstate Pkwy.

From the West: Travel U.S. Route 6 to Route 9W, joining at Bear Mountain Circle. North on Route 9W to West Point

From New Jersey and South: Travel New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Pkwy to Palisades-Interstate Pkwy, North. Follow Parkway to Bear Mountain Circle. Proceed North on Route 9W to West Point.

From the East: Travel Taconic Pkwy to Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, then South on 9W to West Point.

(4) By Air: The nearest city served by regularly scheduled commercial air transportation is New York City -- 55 miles south of West Point. Kennedy, LaGuardia, and Newark Airports serve the New York City area, thence by bus to Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City. (See paragraph 2, a(1)).

b. ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

On admission to the Military Academy you will receive a mileage allowance at the rate of 6¢ per mile for all travel within the continental limits of the United States which you actually perform, at your own expense, while proceeding to the Military Academy. Such allowance, however, will not be in excess of official distance between West Point and the place which you will later be required to certify was your actual permanent place of abode, home, school, or duty station at the time such travel was commenced.

c. ALLOWANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

In addition to a mileage allowance of 6¢ per mile for travel within the United States, you are also entitled to either 6¢ per mile or 5¢ per mile plus per diem allowance, depending upon the mode of transportation utilized for the travel performed at own expense outside the continental United States. For that portion of the travel required to be performed by commercial ship and/or air, you will be allowed the actual cost of such passage only in the event government transportation is not available. Accordingly, you should contact the commanding officer of the port of embarkation from which government water or air transportation would be furnished incident to overseas travel, or communicate with the United States Military Attache of the country in which you are located regarding availability of government transportation to the United States. In the event government transportation is not available, a certificate to that effect must be secured from the authorities to support your claim for reimbursement for the actual cost of commercial passage. Receipt for commercial cost of sea or air travel should be retained by you for submission with your claim for reimbursement.

d. REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL

Settlement of travel allowances will be made to your account by the Finance and Accounting Officer, U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, after your arrival at the Military Academy.

3. DEPOSIT BEFORE ADMISSION

Each New Cadet, immediately after admission, must be provided with uniforms and equipment. Therefore, prior to 15 June 1964, you should deposit \$300.00, or a lesser amount which, when added to the mileage allowance described in paragraph 2 above, will equal \$300.00. Checks, drafts, or money orders, made payable to THE TREASURER, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, should be sent direct to the Treasurer at West Point, New York, together with your full name and the name and address of the person making the deposit so that its receipt can be acknowledged. The deposit is credited immediately to your account. Only the amount in excess of \$300.00 is returnable for any reason, and this only upon request of the individual cadet concerned. Funds deposited with the Treasurer cannot be withdrawn to liquidate any indebtedness incurred prior to admission, such as repaying loans or paying for articles purchased. If you are now carrying insurance, you should arrange to have the premiums paid by your parents, or the premiums may be paid out of your monthly cadet pay.

4. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

a. All New Cadets are required to take the following Oath of Allegiance at a formal ceremony on the day of admission.

"I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and bear allegiance to the National Government; that I will maintain and defend the sovereignty of the United States paramount to any and all allegiance, sovereignty, or fealty I may owe to any state, county, or country whatsoever; and that I will at all times obey the legal orders of my superior officers and the rules and articles governing the Armies of the United States."

b. It is imperative that candidates be familiar with the provisions of the Constitution of the United States before taking the Oath.

5. BAGGAGE

It is advisable that you bring only one piece of hand luggage. If you desire to bring a trunk, it should be of the Army footlocker type, 31 x 17 x 13½ inches in size, tagged with your full name and shipped via Railway Express directly to West Point. However, during your Fourth Class (Plebe) year you will be issued a footlocker.

6. CADET CLOTHING

Uniforms and equipment, including bedding, shoes, and underwear are of a designated pattern, and will be sold to you at West Point at regulated prices. No special clothing or equipment is necessary except that it is highly recommended that you purchase and break in one pair of black low-quarter plain-toe shoes prior to your arrival at West Point. The shoes should be properly fitted while you are wearing medium-weight cotton socks. It is suggested that these shoes be of sturdy construction with leather soles and rubber heels. It is of primary importance that they be well fitted and well broken in. These shoes will be worn alternately with the regulation cadet shoes for the first few weeks in order to prevent sore feet during the early phases of training. Articles of civilian attire are placed in the trunk rooms after admission. You are advised to leave at home all outside clothing, except that which is necessary for your journey. Personal items which you will be permitted to retain but which are neither required nor absolutely needed include: electric razor, portable typewriter, desk-type picture folders, camera, or musical instruments.

7. IMMUNIZATIONS

New Cadets will furnish the Surgeon, USMA, by mail, on the inclosed DD Form 737 (1Sep53), Immunization Certificate, evidence of successful smallpox vaccination, including type of reaction, given within previous six months, prior to entrance to the U. S. Military Academy. A list of other vaccinations or inoculations received, and their dates, should also be included. Additional required immunizations will be administered to New Cadets by the U. S. Army Hospital, USMA, after their arrival at West Point; the required immunizations include typhus, tetanus, typhoid, and yellow fever. Candidates are encouraged to complete these immunizations prior to reporting to West Point to avoid the discomfort of undergoing them during a period of vigorous physical exertion. Candidates must bring with them a validated medical record, if not previously mailed to the Surgeon, USMA, containing all vaccinations or inoculations administered, in order to have them recorded in their health records and to avoid having them unnecessarily repeated.

8. TEETH

New Cadets must bring with them a validated record of all dental work performed during the past six months, in order to have these records incorporated in their cadet dental records.

9. PHYSICAL CONDITION

The summer training given New Cadets is very rigorous and for most represents an abrupt change in physical exertion. It is strongly recommended that you anticipate this change and undertake extensive daily physical training of about one hour per day including such exercises as pushups, pullups, situps, and cross country type running for a mile or more. Past experience indicates that inadequate physical condition is among the greatest sources of trouble and discomfort (especially sore feet) to New Cadets during the first few weeks. If, since your physical examination for entrance, you have had a serious illness, operation or injury, please bring with you a medical summary from your family physician.

10. SOCIAL SECURITY

Cadets are covered by the Social Security Act which means that the pay you will receive as a cadet will be subject to deduction of FICA Tax. For this reason, it will be necessary that you have a Social Security Card. This card should be brought with you to West Point. If you have not yet applied for your card, it is suggested that you make application to the Social Security Administration as soon as possible.

11. EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

Those candidates who are completing the regular high school course should request their Principal or Headmaster to forward to the Director of Admissions and Registrar, USMA, a certificate showing final grades earned, rank in graduating class and statement of graduation. Candidates currently enrolled in college should request the Registrar to forward a final transcript of their academic record to the Director of Admissions and Registrar, USMA, as soon as the current term record is available. It is important that your complete educational record be on file in the Office of the Director of Admissions and Registrar, USMA, prior to your admission as a cadet.

12. ENGAGEMENT FOR SERVICE

Upon admission each cadet (except a foreign cadet) with the consent of his parents or guardian, if he is a minor, must sign articles by which he shall engage, unless sooner separated by competent authority. As a result of recent legislation beginning this year, all cadets admitted to the Military Academy accept an appointment to serve for not less than 5 consecutive years immediately following the date of graduation.

13. PARENTS

Parents are always welcome at West Point, however, your time will be completely occupied in intensive training during your first month and your opportunity for visiting, except under extenuating circumstances, is lacking. After your first month of training, you will have limited privileges on an earned basis and may see your parents for short periods of time after noon on Saturday and on Sunday. However, it is suggested that you request your parents to delay visits until after the close of your first summer. It is also suggested that you request your parents to refrain from sending items of sweets, cookies, candies, etc., during the first two months of New Cadet training. You will receive sufficient food in the dining hall, and it has been found that it is unwise for cadets to eat large quantities of sweets during hot weather while being subjected to a vigorous training program.

14. ACADEMIC TESTING

During the first few days at West Point several tests and questionnaires will be administered to determine your qualifications for validation in some courses and placement in the advanced program in others. You should review any college courses you have had which seem similar to those in the USMA Catalogue in order that you may do your best on the examinations upon arrival.

15. RECOMMENDED READINGS IN ENGLISH

We recommend that you read as many of the following books as possible before you enter West Point. As a member of the new generation you should be conscious of the possibilities for discovery and creation that lie before you. Much of this can be gleaned from books.

You will find that the reading of these books will help you in your English course and, indirectly, in your other work at the Military Academy.

Franklin, Benjamin. Autobiography
Koch, Adrienne, and William Peden, eds. The Life and Selected Writings of Jefferson
Poe, Edgar Allen. Selected Poetry and Short Stories
Thoreau, Henry David. Walden
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter
Melville, Herman. Moby Dick
Whitman, Walt. Leaves of Grass
Clemens, Samuel. Huckleberry Finn
Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby
Faulkner, William. Light in August
Steinbeck, John. Grapes of Wrath
Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea
Cozzens, James. Guard of Honor
Frost, Robert. In the Clearing
Durant, Will. The Story of Philosophy

16. A FINAL WORD TO CANDIDATES AND THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Now is the time for you to reconsider your decision to become a member of the Corps of Cadets. Reread pages 16 through 21 of the USMA Catalogue (sent to you previously) for a review of the academic program. You should reassess your ambitions most conscientiously in the light of the mission of the Academy, which is the training of young men for careers as officers in the Regular Army of the United States. Without strong determination to achieve such a career, many of the demands of cadet life will be irksome and difficult. "Plebe Year," particularly, is a continuously rigorous test of character, mind and body - and especially of motivation. Each year a number of New Cadets resign from the Corps. Experience has shown that most of these are young men who had never fully accepted the goal of entering the military profession. The candidates who enter the Academy "to try it out for a few weeks to see if they will like it" begin their cadet careers under a serious handicap. In contrast, a great asset is wholehearted acceptance of the mission of the Academy. Given the required abilities, a strong ambition to succeed in the military profession is the surest guarantee of success and satisfaction as a cadet and an officer.

PARTIAL LIST OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND INNS
IN THE VICINITY OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

NORTH OF WEST POINT

Balmville Courts Motel
Route 9-W (1 mile north of Newburgh)
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-9657

Cadet Motor Court
Route 9-W
Cornwall, New York
Tel. Kellogg 4-4595

Cornwall Inn
266 Hudson Street
Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York
Tel. Kellogg 4-2212

Fontes Motor Court
Route 9-W
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-9869

Havarest Motel (3 miles north of
Route 9-W, MD #25 Newburgh)
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 2-7249

Ka-Jax Motel
Route 9-W (5 miles north of
Newburgh, N. Y. Newburgh)
Tel. John 2-7700

La Palina
Route 9-W
Cornwall, New York
Tel. Kellogg 4-8855

Newburgh Hotel
111 Broadway
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-4815

Newburgh Motel
Route 9-W, MD #25
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-9620

Rhoda Courts Motel
Route 9-W (north of Newburgh)
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-8634

The Homestead
Route 94, MD #33
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-5260

Washington Hotel
90 Grand Street
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 1-4200

Windsor Court Motel
Route 32 (1 mile south of
Newburgh, N.Y. Newburgh)
Tel. John 2-4704

Windsor Motel
Route 9-W
Newburgh, New York
Tel. John 2-7661

WEST OF WEST POINT

Central Valley Inn
Central Valley, New York
Tel. Wabash 8-7875 or 8-2061

Green Acres Lodge
Central Valley, New York
Tel. Wabash 8-2291 or 8-7835

Harriman Travel Lodge
Thruway Exit 16
¼ mile north on Route 32
Central Valley, New York
Tel. WABash 8-6801

Peppy and Eddy's Motel
Route 32 (1 mile from Central
Highland Mills, N.Y. Valley)
Tel. WABash 8-7765

Spruce Lake Lodge
Route 6
Central Valley, New York
WABash, 8-6718

West Point Farms
Smith's Clove Road
Central Valley, New York
Tel. WABash 8-6081

SOUTH OF WEST POINT

Bit O'Sweden
Route 9-W
Stony Point, New York
Tel. STony Point 6-8795

Boulderberg Steak House
Tompkins Cove, New York
Tel. STony Point 6-8733

ByPass Motel
Route 9-W
Highland Falls, New York
Tel. Highland Falls 6-2696

Dwarf Glen Cabins
Fort Montgomery, New York
Tel. Highland Falls 6-4589

Greystone Mansion Inn
Old State Road
Highland Falls, New York
Tel. Highland Falls 6-8197

Hudson View Terrace Motel
Route 9-W (bet. Highland Falls
& Ft. Montgomery)
Highland Falls, New York
Tel. Highland Falls 6-4723

Old Oak Hotel
Route 9-W
Fort Montgomery, New York
Tel. Highland Falls 6-4202

Stony Point Motel
(18 miles south of West Point)
Stony Point, New York
Tel. STony Point 6-8721

ACROSS THE RIVER

The Cummings Old Stone on
the Hudson
Bear Mt. Bridge Rd. (Rt. 6 & 202)
(2 miles south of Bear Mt. Bridge)
Peekskill, New York
Tel. PEEkskill 9-5000

Peekskill Motor Inn
Corner Rt. 9, 202 and 6
Peekskill, New York
Tel. PEEkskill 9-1500

Note: All telephone numbers listed above are located within
AREA CODE 914.