

# 55th Reunion USMA Class of 1957

12 September 2011

Dear Classmates, Class Widows and Former '57 Cadets

It is hard to believe that our 50th Reunion was four years ago. Plans are well underway for our 55<sup>th</sup>, which will be held from 20-23 May 2012 (Sunday-Wednesday) at West Point and Woodcliff Lakes, NJ. A year ago we sent you the first reunion announcement and a tentative plan for reunion events. We also sought (and got back) a preliminary list of attendees and the events in which they had interest. We are happy to report that, as of today, 186 classmates and 14 widows and ex-cadets have indicated that they plan to attend the reunion and bring with them over 200 spouses, family members and friends.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you our current plans for the reunion, and remind you to make hotel reservations. In addition, we are seeking your input to help us firm up our count of those planning to attend the reunion, as well as to obtain a deposit to cover reunion administration and early expenses and down payments we must make prior to the reunion.

We continue to shape the reunion schedule we provided to you last year. The response to our proposal for a variety of optional tours on Monday and more opportunities for leisure time together was well received. The current reunion schedule is attached.

**Now, we ask that you complete the attached registration form and return it together with your deposit for the reunion activities to us by October 31st. As an alternative, you may also go to the <https://secure.west-point.org/usma1957/reunion> , complete the registration form on line, and pay by credit card (There is a 5% service charge for credit card use).**

We currently estimate that the registration fee for graduates and spouses will be approximately \$245 per couple and approximately \$25 for each additional person accompanying you to the reunion. The registration fee for widows, and unaccompanied graduates and ex-cadets will be \$180. This fee covers reunion mementos and special items for graduates and their spouses or significant others, bus transportation for the trip to West Point on Tuesday May 22, hospitality suite use, a CD of photos from the reunion, and reunion administrative expenses (mailings, nametags, class aide expenses, etc). The fee for guests is less because it does not include mementos and the other special items. We are asking you to pay the full estimated registration fees now and will provide a refund if you cancel all or any by March 1, 2012. To aid in your planning, we have also indicated the current estimated costs for the scheduled meals. We will not ask you to commit to or pay for these meals until the Spring mailing.

From 1000-1600 on Monday, May 21, we have arranged four options for your consideration:

Option 1 - On your own. The time belongs to you. You can visit local shops or other local attractions or just relax at the hotel with classmates. No cost.

Option 2 - Bus to West Point, lunch on Hudson River on Supe's Ferry and guided tour of West Point. Will involve some walking. It may be possible for those interested to attend the Superintendent's Briefing in Eisenhower Hall. Estimated cost: \$50 per person for the bus, lunch, guide, and ferry fee.

Option 3 - Bus tour to nearby Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate (Tarrytown) with light lunch at the Kykuit Museum (<http://www.hudsonvalley.org/content/view/12/42/>). Estimated cost: \$70 per person for the bus, lunch and entry fee. (Tour of Estate is 2<sup>1/4</sup> hours)

Option 4 - Bus tour to Ellis Island/Liberty State Park, NJ, ferry to Ellis Island, self-guided tour with audio system, and return. Includes box lunch. Estimated cost \$65 per person for the bus, lunch, ferry, and audio system.

We will firm up the costs as the date approaches and you will be asked to pay for the tours in the final sign-up in March. In order to make it a go for each optional tour, we will have to come up with a minimum number of participants. Conversely, we may have to limit the total number on any given tour.

As we told you in our July 15 letter, we will be using the Woodcliff Lake Hilton Hotel as our venue. On 15 August the Woodcliff Lake Hilton began accepting reservations for the reunion, on the basis of only one room reservation per classmate. This will ensure that all classmates get an opportunity to stay at the reunion hotel. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, the Hilton will accept requests for second and third rooms to accommodate other family members, space permitting.

If you have not made your reservations, please call Reservations at the Woodcliff Lake Hilton, 200 Tice Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 at 201-391-3600 or call the toll free phone number, 1-800-445-8667. The room block is in the name of the West Point Class of 1957. Rooms are \$159.00, single or double, plus taxes.

We are looking forward to being together once again next May and to reliving the memories of days when real giants strode the Plain.

On behalf of the Executive Board



Gerry Galloway  
Class President

\*\*\*\*\* **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO!** \*\*\*\*\*

1. **By October 31**, complete and return the registration form (or go on line to do it), together with a deposit to cover the registration fee for each classmate and spouse/significant other and a deposit for each additional person attending the reunion as your guest.
2. Call the Woodcliff Lake Hilton right away to make your reservation for your room. After September 15<sup>th</sup>, if desired, call the Woodcliff Lake Hilton to reserve additional rooms.

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## REGISTRATION

### NAME

First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

### SPOUSE/GUEST(s) NAME(s)

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

### ADDRESS

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### PHONE

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cadet Company \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check One or More of the Following:

A. Graduates, Ex-cadets with spouse/significant other

I will attend the reunion AND have enclosed :

Graduate and Spouse/Significant other (\$245) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. Widows, unaccompanied graduates/Ex-cadets. I will attend the reunion AND have enclosed

Widow, Unaccompanied graduate or ex-cadet (\$180) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. Guests. I will bring guests (other than spouse or significant other – covered above) who will ride the class bus on Tuesday

\_\_\_ Guests (x \$25 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. I do not plan to attend the reunion but have a great time anyway \_\_\_\_\_

E. As of today, I would plan to participate on Monday, 21 May, in the tour indicated below

Bus to West Point, lunch on Supe's Ferry and tour of West Point Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Bus tour of nearby Hudson Valley sights and lunch Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

Bus tour to Ellis Island with box lunch Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_

F. \_\_\_ I will not participate in a tour on Monday

G. \_\_\_ The address you have for me is incorrect; please correct to that shown above

H. I expect to arrive on \_\_\_ May and depart on \_\_\_ May 2012. I understand that I must make my hotel reservations directly with the hotel.

**Total Amount of Payment** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Class of 57 Reunion

**By 15 October** MAIL TO: Class of 57 Reunion, c/o Ms. Joan Emmer, P.O. Box 620, Skaneateles, NY 13152

Or

REGISTER AND PAY ON LINE at Class of 1957 website <https://secure.west-point.org/usma1957/reunion>  
(there is a 5% charge for credit card use)



**Preliminary Schedule - USMA '57 55th Reunion**



**20-23 May 2012**

<b>Date/Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b><u>Estimated Event Cost Per Person</u></b>
<b><u>Saturday, 19 May 2012</u></b>			
Self-guided tours of West Point (using Class of 57 Book/Guide)			
<b><u>Sunday 20 May 2012</u></b>			
Self-guided tours of West Point (with Class of 57 Book/Guide)			
USMA Band Concert	1500	TBD	
Registration/Check-in	1500-2000	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Hospitality Room Open	1500-1800	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Welcome reception and buffet (seated)	1800-2100	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$55
<b><u>Monday 21 May 2012</u></b>			
Continental Breakfast	0700-0830	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$18
Registration	0700-1030	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Class Business Meeting	0800-1000	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Voting for and installation of new class officers			
Remarks by Academy senior officer (Tentative)			
Ladies Networking	0900-1000	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Hospitality Room Open	1000-1600	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
Free Time	1000-1830	Golf, tennis, shop, tour	
Lunch	on own		
<i>Optional</i> Bus to West Point, lunch, and tour of West Point, 1030-1630			\$50
<i>Bus tour of nearby Hudson Valley sights and lunch, 1030-1530</i>			\$70
<i>Bus tour to Ellis Island, including lunch, 1030-1700</i>			\$65
Barbecue on Hotel Lawn (Bar Open 1830; Dinner 1930)	1800-2100	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$50
Hospitality Room Open	2130 -?	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
<b><u>Tuesday 22 May 2012</u></b>			
Continental Breakfast	0700-0830	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$18
Buses to West Point	0845	Hotel parking lot	
Assemble for March	1000	The Plain	
Alumni March to Plain	1020	The Plain	
Alumni Exercises	1050	The Plain	



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Alumni Review	1100	The Plain	
Class Photo	1130	Parade Seats	
Alumni Luncheon	1215	Cadet Mess Hall	\$22
Visit to Honor Plaza, '57 Coffee Room	1400		
and Honor Kiosk (Library), Cadet Store, Class of 57 Hallway in Arvin Gym			
Buses to Chapel	1500	Thayer Statue to Cemetery	
Memorial Service	1530	Old Cadet Chapel	
Optional visitation of grave sites			
Buses Depart to Hotel	1600-1630	Depart Cemetery or Chapel	
Drive-by new USMA prep School			
Optional quick stop at Buckner (Cadet schedule permitting)			
Reception/Dinner Dance	1900-2230	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$71
			Incl wine toast
Guest Speaker -West Point Over Time			
Light Entertainment			
Hospitality Room Open	2230 -?	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	
<b><u>Wednesday 23 May 2012</u></b>			
Hot Breakfast and Farewells	0700-1000	Woodcliff Lake Hilton	\$24
Reunion Adjourns			