



United States Military Academy
Class of 1960
55th Reunion

January 29, 2015

Dear Classmates:

Our 55-year class reunion, scheduled for April 29th to May 3rd, is fast approaching. We hope you can join us in celebrating this milestone in the life of the Class of 1960!

The purpose of this letter is to get you and those who will come with you signed up for the events and meals we have scheduled and, if interested, for class memorabilia that is being sold. Additionally, we have enclosed the current lists of *Classmates Registered* and a copy of the *Agenda* for the weekend. We have also included a *Menu Sheet* to assist in making your event attendance decisions. **Note: If you did not register for the reunion earlier, you may do so now as this letter is going to everyone on our current class roster.**

EVENT AND REGISTRATION FEES AND SIGN-UP: The deadline to sign up for events is March 15. Due to a lack of usage, the online signup for registration and events has been shut down. To pay for events please complete the enclosed *Event and Registration* form and mail to: Class of 60 Reunion, PO Box 620, Skaneateles, NY 13152. Be sure to include the required registration fee if you have not already done so. This cost is \$250 for a classmate and spouse or significant other, or \$150 for a classmate or widow. If you are bringing additional guests who will be riding our bus on Saturday, we are requiring a \$25 per person fee which covers the cost of round trip transportation and name badges. The registration fees cover reunion mementos and special items, bus transportation, use of a well-stocked hospitality suite, and reunion administrative expenses for graduates and their spouses or significant others. Checks should be made out to the Class of '60 Reunion. Please note that meal events require a ticket and enable us to plan for the correct number of meals; only an extremely limited number will be available for purchase at the door.

PARKING/TRANSPORTATION: Please note that parking on West Point is very limited. Those planning to drive to West Point will be required to clear security via the Thayer or Stoney Lonesome gates and park at Buffalo Soldiers Field or the old PX parking lot—and then walk or shuttle bus to Central Area. Washington Gate is for DOD sticker holders with Government ID card. There is NO PARKING for our class in Central Area. We strongly recommend taking the buses offered for optional trips to West Point on Thursday and Friday." Please indicate on the event sign up form how many in your party will use the buses each day so we can order the correct number of buses. Only those signing up for them will receive tickets.

MEMORABILIA: The Everywear Company is offering Class of 1960 items for individual purchase. See the enclosed *Order Form* that contains pictures and descriptions of the items. You can order by phone, mail, fax, or on-line. See the instructions on the order form. Payment can be made by credit card or by check made payable to *Everywear*. If you order by April 15, the items will be available for pick up during registration at the reunion hotel. There will also be a limited stock of these shirts and jackets available for purchase during the reunion.

LODGING: Our block of rooms for \$139/159.00 per night before taxes is still available. Contact the Sheraton Mahwah Hotel, to reserve a room in the Class of 1960 block by calling 1-888-627-8146 or the hotel directly at 201-529-1660. The hotel address is 1 International Boulevard, Route 17 North, Mahwah, NJ 07430. The group code for these rates is WP0429. The block rates for our class will be in effect until **Wednesday 8 April** but the rooms may sell out before that date.

WEBSITE

Please visit our class website at <http://www.usma60.com/> and keep up to date between mailings by checking into the "55th Reunion" link. We will post updates periodically on some of the details as they are worked out. Detailed information regarding the tour options are posted at this site as well as a menu sheet.

AGENDA The enclosed agenda lists the times and events for the reunion. We reserve the right to cancel any event which may not have enough participants. All will be notified well in advance.

Thursday: If enough people are interested in a bus to West Point on Thursday (sign up on the enclosed event form) we will offer it for a day of optional self touring and the Supts Ferry Boat Ride. The Cadet Senior Projects day is scheduled for this day with the locations of these projects to be published later in the Spring. The West Point Club and Grant Hall can accommodate the public for lunch which is "on your own" Thursday.

Friday: A variety of optional activities are being offered on Friday and each includes the cost of bus transportation. Additional info on events is available on the class web site.

A. *Breakfast With the Track Team*-This event includes an early bus departure from the hotel, sharing a pre-contest meal with the Army Track Team prior to their participation in Friday's Patriot League Track Championships which is being held throughout our weekend. Lunch and an opportunity to attend the track events, self tour or attend the Supe's Briefing is also included in this event.

B. *The New Facilities Tour*--leaves the hotel at approximately 8:30am and returns before 5pm. A visit to the USMA Prep School which is now located at West Point will be followed by a drive- around tour of the New Facilities located on Post. A lunch will be organized prior to the Superintendent's briefing and you will have an opportunity to attend the track meet or shop at the "usually closed to the public" Cadet Store as well as the Cadet Bookstore in Washington Hall during the time allowed for self touring.

C. *New York City-Water Taxi to 9/11 Site* this event includes a round trip bus from the hotel to Pier 79 in New York City. (39th Street and the Hudson River) where you will arrive in time to board the 10am NYC water taxi, which is a narrated trip and includes five hop on, hop off stops. Additional info on this comfortable, enclosed, 140 passenger boat is located at <http://www.nywatertaxi.com/>. The second taxi stop is at Battery Park which is about a 15 minute walk to the 9/11 site where you can self tour the Memorial. Lunch is on your own. A second option for this trip is a "bus only" cost for anyone wishing to disembark at Pier 79 and self tour NYC.

D. *Spirit Luncheon Cruise-New York Harbor*. Those who had hoped to attend the now cancelled Kykuit Tour may be interested in another added event. The Class of 1970 who is sharing the reunion weekend with us, is sponsoring a luncheon cruise around the Manhattan Harbor, similar to the one we had for our 50th reunion. They have invited our class to join them. For anyone who might have missed that wonderful event or may be interested in going again, the \$98 cost will include a round trip bus from the hotel, a luncheon with open beer, wine and soft drinks, and two and a half hour luncheon cruise around the Manhattan Harbor. You can visit the website for more information. <http://www.spiritcruises.com>.

Saturday: Classmates, please plan to dress in dark blue blazer and tan trousers for the day at West Point...especially the parade. We will have a cap for you to wear that will be included in the registration give away packet.

The cost of the round trip bus to West Point on Saturday is included in the registration fee. Following breakfast we will depart for the Cadet Parade to be followed by a luncheon in the Cadet Mess Hall. The afternoon events consist of the Class Memorial Service followed by early buses to the hotel or time to self tour or attend the various athletic contests on post. The Patriot League Track Tourney will be held at Shea Stadium and Army is hosting Notre Dame in Lacrosse at Michie Stadium. If interested in the lacrosse game, \$12 advance tickets are available through our reunion coordinator, Joan Emmer. These tickets are located in the lower level of section 11, behind the team bench. Additionally, the Army Baseball team is playing against the Air Force Academy at Doubleday Field.

Sunday: The class business meeting will follow breakfast at the hotel. Those wishing to spend more time with cadets may be interested in selecting the Sunday brunch event at West Point .

Questions/Updates: If you have specific questions or comments please contact Charley Otstott at cotstott@aol.com or Joan Emmer, Reunion Coordinator at wplaxmom@roadrunner.com or 315-685-3765. Watch the class web page at <http://www.usma60.com> to follow reunion updates. We will post to the web page a list of area restaurants which are close to the hotel in an effort to assist those arriving early who hope to get together in small groups or have company events as well as for your site selection for cadet company dinner gatherings on Saturday night.

We are looking forward to a terrific 55th Reunion. It will be a time to renew old friendships, see the latest Academy developments, and remember fallen classmates. Thanks to all for the great response to date.

Go Like '60,

Charley Otstott
Chairman, 55th Reunion Committee