Will my cadet receive any of these publications?
Yes, here is the breakdown:
- Howitzer Yearbook—Firsties and Plebes
- Bugle Notes—New Cadets
- Cadet Planner—Plebes
- Mortar Magazine—Yearlings

If my cadet receives the publication, can I also order as a souvenir/keepsake/resource?
Yes, please look for ordering info on our directory page.

What is the timeline of publishing these publications?
- Howitzer Yearbook—December
- Bugle Notes—June
- Cadet Planner—August
- Mortar Magazine—April
- Circle in the Spiral—April
- West Point Wall Calendar—November

Will all graduating seniors be featured in the Howitzer Yearbook?
May, June, and August graduates are featured. Due to our deadlines, December graduates are featured in the following year’s book in a special December Graduate section.

Can parents purchase ads in the Howitzer?
Yes, there are parent personal ads and parent club ads. Information about both will be sent out through our West Point parents coordinator or you may email our office for more information. Ad info is typically available in later March/early April.

Why is the book published six months after graduation?
We include May, June, and August graduates and the large size of the book contribute to longer publishing times.
Are underclass cadets featured in the yearbook?
Though we only include firstie portraits, all cadets are featured in company group photos and may possibly be featured in cadet life, corps sports, club sports, and clubs/activities.

Can yearbooks be shipped to post office boxes, to foreign addresses?
Yearbooks must be shipped to street addresses only. We unfortunately cannot ship to PO Boxes or foreign addresses. Other arrangements must be made to receive your book.

Can I order a yearbook after books have been shipped?
We do order a select number of extras of each yearbook year, but once our inventory is exhausted, we cannot order more, Pre-ordered are the only way to guarantee your yearling or cow will receive a yearbook.

Can we purchase Bugle Notes ahead of our new cadet’s entry to West Point?
Current editions of Bugle Notes are not available until R-Day. However, we may have extra copies of a previous year for sale. Please email our office for availability and pricing.

Can parents purchase Bugle Notes?
Yes, Bugle Notes will be available for in-person sales on R-Day and via mail order after R-Day.

Do Bugle Notes change from year to year?
While most of the content of Bugle Notes is historical and traditional in nature, (and does not significantly change), there are chain of command, uniform, and other minor changes from year to year.

Why would I want a copy of Bugle Notes?
Bugle Notes is a fantastic little keepsake book with everything you need to know or would want to know about West Point-history, traditions, cadet slang, monuments, unit organization, clubs, departmental info and much much more!

Is the West Point Wall Calendar a military or civilian calendar?
The wall calendar is available for parents, grads, and the general public and is a beautiful, traditional wall calendar, and it is not military in nature. It also makes a great gift!

Can I order the cadet planner for my cadet and how will he/she receive it?
Yes, pre-ordering will be in late March/early April via an online link or by mail-in order with a check. Orders for cadets can be picked up on post. We will provide the info directly to the cadets for pick-up dates and times.
Why would I want a cadet planner for myself?
The cadet planner is a valuable resource for much West Point information along with being a handy desk planner.

Can I purchase any of these publications at West Point?
Our wall calendar, Bugle Notes, and cadet planner will be available in our Academy Store at certain times of the year. All other publications must be purchased online or via mail order.

Who takes portrait photos of my cadet and how often are they photographed?
Cadets are photographed all four years. West Point currently works with Legacy Studios, who comes on post, sets up appointments, and takes all photos in Eisenhower Hall. Photos are available for purchase and are used for official purposes.

Who do I contact if I have questions about my son/daughter’s portrait photos?
Please contact Legacy photos directly at 1-716-512-6336 or email customercare@legacystudios.com

What is the best way to reach the Publications office with questions?
Please email us at evangeline.hager@westpoint.edu or anne.drew@westpoint.edu