FAQ for Plebe-Parent Weekend
March 6-8, 2020
Any additional questions may be directed to Deb Dalton, Parent Communications Liaison for West Point (845) 938-8826 or deb.dalton@westpoint.edu

Weather – The weather can range from very cold, freezing temps to spring like conditions. Continue to check the weather forecast before departing for West Point. Always be prepared for a shower/rain/snow/ice.

Walking/transportation/parking – Shuttle buses will be available throughout, but a fair amount of walking still required. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Additional shuttle bus information can be found in the PPW Information Guide. You will be encouraged to park in Buffalo Soldier Field, and other parking areas to be shared the week of March 2 and take the shuttle bus, especially on Friday.

Attire – Business casual for most events. Dinner and dance on Saturday night require more formal attire; long dress or party pant suit; dark suit or military uniform as appropriate; cadets will be in their full-dress for the event.

When and where will the schedule be available? The schedule will be posted on the Parent Information page in late January. Hard copies will also be available at the bus pick up point, WPAOG and at the Parent Welcome/Information Center in Cullum Hall on Friday, March 6.

Is there a registration process? Yes – please register! Registration will help us to plan for your visit. Thank you! A link will be posted on the Parent Information page – www.westpoint.edu/parents in early February.

When should we plan to arrive? Plan to arrive either Thursday evening or early Friday morning. (We hope to have a Parent Gathering on Thursday evening – plans to be shared once confirmed.) The Parent Welcome Center in Cullum Hall will open at 8 a.m. There will be tours of various buildings and presentations available throughout the day. Parents/guests will be formally welcomed on Friday afternoon.

Can we bring additional family members? Yes. Additional family members are welcome; however, the cadets are allowed four seats for the banquet (one for themselves and three additional). Cadets can often find additional seats through their company. It is the cadet’s responsibility to procure any additional seats. There is often reference to “tickets” for the dinner. There are no actual “tickets” sold. It is based on a head count and cost of the meals is deducted from the cadet’s account.

Dates for cadets? Many cadets will invite dates to attend the dinner and dance. This is typically a family discussion.

Are there other restaurants on West Point that will be open to parents and guests?
West Point Club, Thayer Hotel, Subway, Lil’ Skeeters (West Point Bowling Center) and Burger King (located at the PX). Hours of operation can be found in the PPW Information Guide. Restaurants can also be found on Main Street in Highland Falls, ranging from sandwich shops to full service restaurants.

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Will there be transportation to various airports for cadets who will be departing separately from their parents or for those who do not have parents attending? YES! Transportation is available on Sunday, March 8 for those plebes who require transportation to the major airports. Tickets are sold via an online link posted to the USCC S4 internal site and on the Parent Information page.

What types of tours or activities will be available to the parents and guests? Activities and events may include, but are not limited to the following - Tours of the uniform factory (tentative), Jefferson Hall Library, Army Sports Hall of Fame, academic open houses, Department of Physical Education demonstration and open house, TAC Team open house and the opportunity to visit your cadet’s room in the barracks.

What is the Plebe-Parent Review? The Plebe-Parent Review is a parade with only plebes participating. The formation will consist of plebes from each of the 36 companies, in platoon-size formations (4 x 8). The companies will march in order (Company A1-Company I4) led by the brigade staff. The color guard marches in between the 2nd and 3rd regiments. Parents/guests will observe from the edge of the apron in front of Eisenhower and MacArthur Barracks.

What time is the dinner on Saturday evening? (Tentative) The dinner starts at 6 p.m. All cadets and guests are expected to be behind their chairs by 5:45 p.m. Remember to bring bubble wrap or socks to wrap your souvenir wine glasses. Attendance is mandatory for all members of the class of 2023 unless on an approved trip section or hospitalized. Suggested attire can be found on the Parent Information page – please look for Cadet Hostess – Formal Attire presentation.

Will there be a place to change if traveling back to the hotel is a challenge? YES! If traveling back to your hotel is a challenge, you may change in the barracks. A designated area is set up within the cadet area.

There are many events to choose from. Are there any must dos? The schedule is designed to give you options (or choices) of various activities to enjoy while attending Plebe-Parent Weekend. Please use the information as a planning guide and do not feel you have to attend EVERYTHING! Discuss with your cadet as they may have suggestions on what to see based on their experience to this point.

Questions – let us know!
This document will be updated as needed!

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