Details for the final exercise of
Task Force Zhu - Cadet Basic Training

What: MARCH BACK – March Back from Camp Buckner – 12.2 mile ruck march signifying the end of Cadet Basic Training. The exercise consists of a ruck march through the training area to the Victor Constant Ski Slope, stopping for a brief rest and breakfast before reforming and advancing down Washington Road.

When: Monday, Aug. 12 – The formation will pass in front of the Superintendent’s House – Quarters 100 by approximately 10:45 a.m.

Who: The Class of 2023, cadet cadre and Academy leadership, Graduates of West Point (alumni – also known affectionately as Old Grads), members of the 50-year affiliation class and members of the staff and faculty.

Where: Washington Road – sidewalks between Thayer Statue and West Point Cemetery. Please enter West Point via Thayer or Stony Lonesome Gates.

Details: The formation – similar to a parade down Main Street – will enter through Washington Gate. The honor company (best overall company for CBT) will lead the way, carrying the banner with the Class Motto, followed in alphabetical order by the remainder of the Cadet Basic Training regiment.

Please park in the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot or the south end of Thayer Road, just inside Thayer Gate and take the shuttle bus to Washington Road. The bus will drop off between Thayer Statue and the north end of the West Point Cemetery. The bus will circulate beginning at 7 a.m. The bus will stop during the road closure and will run again when the road opens at the conclusion of the march. The bus is recommended for your convenience due to parking restrictions in the cadet area.

There is limited parking in K Lot, near Subway and Starbucks – north of the cemetery.

At the conclusion of the march, the cadets will have lunch, clean and turn in weapons and prepare to move to their academic companies. Diagonal Walk will be closed to all parents/guests. Parents/guests will be asked to go to the bleachers across the Plain if you would like to cheer, wave and offer congratulations. Parents/visitors are asked to depart shortly after the arrival of the formation. We thank you in advance for your support as the new cadets get ready to begin Reorganization Week and prepare for the academic year.

Photos – yes please! Take lots of photos. Posting is encouraged so those who are not able to be at WP, can “see” the event unfold.

Posters are allowed and encouraged! Congratulate the Class (and cadre) on a successful summer!

Sorry – but no interaction with your cadet other than a wave, a cheer and lots of smiles.

Acceptance Day will be here before you know it!

Reminder - Please use the shuttle bus. Thank you!