Dear Members of the West Point Community,

One of the most important events during Cadet Basic Training will take place on 21 July 2019, from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. This event is the New Cadet Visitation Day, commonly referred to as the Ice Cream Social. The New Cadet Visitation Day is one of West Point's time-honored traditions. West Point graduates often recall the significance this event had on their morale, social development and integration into the Army Family.

During New Cadet Visitation Day, volunteers from across the West Point Community will pick up New Cadets from The Plain, allow them to communicate with friends and family and share light refreshments. It is a heart-warming event for both the volunteers and New Cadets.

It takes the entire community to make New Cadet Visitation Day a success. This is especially true this year, as the Class of 2023 will have over 1,200 New Cadets. If you volunteered in the past, I ask that you participate again this year. If you are new to the community or have not participated in the past, I strongly encourage you to consider supporting this year’s event.

There are a few important guidelines and expectations for New Cadet Visitation Day that must be reviewed during the sign-up process. Volunteers will be able to review the important information on the sign-up page at the Academy Management System (AMS) website that will active on 5 July 2019. You can find additional information in the Pointer View and on the Command Channel.

By hosting members of the Class of 2023, you play a key role in their early development as future leaders of character. Thank you for all you do for the United States Military Academy and the United States Army.

JASON M. HALLOREN
Colonel, Aviation
Acting Commandant of Cadets
New Cadet Visitation Day Host Requirements:

- Military in the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) to Sergeant Major (E-9), Warrant Officer (WO1 and above), and Captain (O-3) and above
- Civilian Title X instructors, GS9 and above and coaches
- Hosts must be assigned to the West Point Community and live within the NCVD Boundaries
- Parents of cadets are not authorized to host their sons / daughters
- Hosts will sign up for a minimum of two New Cadets to ensure enforcement of the “Battle Buddy” system
- It is the Host’s responsibility to ensure compliance with the USCC SOP and the New Cadet’s responsibility to ensure that the Host does not intentionally violate any Army / USMA / USCC REG

Request of Exception to Policy must be approved by the D/CMDT

Instructions for picking up New Cadets:

a) Report to the Parade Field bleachers, located in front of Washington Hall, NLT 1245 and ensure you are seated in alphabetical order based on your last name. Placards will be located on the bleachers to assist Hosts when the located their seating areas. CBT Cadre will assist with seating.

b) Cadet Cadre will prompt the hosts to come forward and link up with the Cadets.

c) Host that want to take additional New Cadets will move to the holding area in sections L & M to received additional cadets.

Rules and Regulations:

a) No alcohol will be served to any New Cadets (regardless of age)

b) New Cadets must remain in uniform at all times

c) New Cadets must be returned NLT 1730

d) All New Cadets must be accompanied back to the cadet area by their hosts. The designated drop-off locations are Arvin Gym, Clinton Lot or 606 Turn-Around.

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