Directorate of Cadet Activities
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2023
Cadet Publications

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Dear Parents and Supporters of the Corps,

This year marks the 126th edition of the West Point Howitzer. For those of you who are not familiar with the tradition called the Howitzer, it is the Corps of Cadets annual. The Howitzer is one of the most prestigious college yearbooks. The staff of the Howitzer invites you to become part of this tradition and show your support by purchasing a copy. We keepake and, as always, including a personal message in the "Friends & Supporters" section if, or if you are a parent of a Firstie, placing an advertisement in the Defining Excellence section.

The cost of the 2023 Howitzer: When you order the 2023 Howitzer Yearbook for $125.00, you will receive a 600 page, professionally designed, FULL COLOR, limited edition, keepake book. If you order BEFORE the August 15, 2023 deadline, you will have the opportunity to have your book signed FREE OF CHARGE.

Ordering Information: The 2023 Howitzer is a mandatory purchase for all Firsties and Plebes via their cadet accounts. All other underclassmen are given the opportunity to sign up for a copy during the spring semester. If you would like to find out if your cadet ordered, please contact the Publications Office at 845-938-7989/2780 OR evangeline.hagen@westpoint.edu

Information about Inscriptions: Many friends of the Corps wish to have their Howitzer professionally personalized with an inscription. An inscription is usually placed on the lower right hand side of the inside front endsheet of the Howitzer. A sample inscription might be: Parents of Sean Smith, USMA 21. While there is no charge for having a 25-character inscription placed in your book, all personalized orders are binding. Because of contractual obligations, inscriptions cannot be extended beyond 25 characters (including spaces). The deadline for ordering an inscribed copy of the 2023 Howitzer is August 15, 2023.

Shipping Information: The 126th edition of the Howitzer will be delivered to cadets who ordered and mailed to the Academy. This book is shipped via UPS; please give a street address to graduates, parents, and friends sometime between December 2023 - January 2024. When filling out the order form, you will have the opportunity to have your book shipped at an additional cost.

Information about Friends & Supporters Messages: Not to be confused with inscriptions, Friends & Supporters messages were started in the late 1970's to allow parents, relatives and friends to verbalize their support for members of the Corps of Cadets. A one-line thirty-six (36) character message costs $35.00 (for 2021 Howitzer); you may extend your message to a second line limited to 20 characters for an additional $5.00. Messages exceeding three lines will not be accepted unless prior approval is given by the Cadet Activities Publications office. Should you have any questions regarding ordering a 2023 Howitzer, please feel free to contact the Publications Office in the Directorate of Cadet Activities at (845) 938-2780/7989.

Information about Defining Excellence Advertisements: The Howitzer is proud to offer to parents and friends of cadets graduating in the Class of 2023 a unique way to recognize their cadets' achievements. Called Defining Excellence advertisements, this program was instituted in 1998 and has become extremely popular. More information regarding Defining Excellence is contained in this brochure. The deadline for placing a Defining Excellence advertisement is August 15, 2023.

Send your completed order and any change of address information to:

Directorate of Cadet Activities
ATTN: Publications
Eisenhower Hall, Building 655
West Point, NY 10996

Frequently Asked Questions and Other Helpful Information

What is the Howitzer? The Howitzer is the annual yearbook produced by the Corps of Cadets at the United States Military Academy. It has been published regularly since 1896 and has become one of the largest single-source yearbooks in the country. The Howitzer has won numerous graphic awards over the years for its outstanding photography, layout, and design. The goal of the Howitzer is to accurately record an academic school year at the Academy. The Howitzer includes pictures of the graduation day of that year's graduating class. Traditionally, the Howitzer is published six months after Graduation.

Are Cadets Allowed the Opportunity to Order a Howitzer? In February of each year, each member of the Corps of Cadets is afforded the opportunity to sign up to receive a copy of the Howitzer. Sign-up is mandatory for all senior (first class) cadets and freshmen (4th Class) cadets and optional for all other cadets. If you would like to know if a cadet ordered a Howitzer prior to placing your order, please contact the publications office at (845) 938-2780/7989.

Are All Cadets included in the Howitzer? The staff of the Howitzer makes every effort to include each and every member of the Corps of Cadets. The Howitzer does not include the underclass. Company group photographs are scheduled during the year. They are considered an official formaiton. However, there are times when an individual cadet will have some other approved function which may take precedence. We also include coverage of Corps Squad athletics and extracurricular club participants, although we do rely on these groups to get photograph and articles. Each senior cadet who graduates prior to August 31st of each year will have their portrait photograph in the Graduates section.

How do I Obtain Photographs which Appear in the Howitzer? While the Howitzer does have a small photography staff, the majority of the pictures which appear in the Howitzer were taken by people not directly connected with the yearbook. The Howitzer gladly accepts photos from cadets and other West Point agencies. The graduate portrait photographs and candid which appear in the graduate section are usually supplied by a photographer. For specific information regarding specific photographs, it is suggested that you contact the Cadet Publications Office in the Directorate of Cadet Activities at (845) 938-7989/2780.

What is an inscription? Books that have been pre-ordered by the deadline can be personally inscribed. An inscription is placed on the inside front endsheet in the lower right-hand side of the page. There is no additional charge for inscriptions. Inscriptions are limited to 26 characters (including spaces). While there is no charge for having a 26-character inscription placed in your book, all personalized (inscribed) orders are binding. For Howitzers which have already been published, books cannot be inscribed.

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For Class of '26 Parents-Mortar Magazine Offered to Class '26 Parents, the Mortar Magazine is a 80 page mini-yearbook dedicated to the Class of 2026 and produced especially for Class of '26 Parents only. Each class of Parents should receive a copy, but don't miss this opportunity to help support the Cadet Activities fund and share in your cadet's accomplishments at West Point. Limited supply available. First come, first served! The cost of this special keepsake is $25.00 (price includes s/h).

West Point Planner The West Point Planner runs from August 2023.August 2024 and includes the 1-day, 2-day schedule, key events and activities, cadet photos, important West Point information, and much more. The planner can be purchased for $27.00 (price includes s/h).

Bugle Notes: Bugle Notes are the official knowledge books of the Corps of Cadets and make a wonderful gift for cadets and other West Point agencies. The Bugle Notes come in colors and are available for easy storage; these books contain all you need to know about West Point! Extra copies of the Bugle Notes for the Classes of 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 are available for sale. The Bugle Notes can be purchased for $18.00 (price includes s/h).

West Point Wall Calendar The West Point Wall calendar is a beautiful, 12-month, 9 x 12-sized calendar, featuring picturesque photographs of West Point scenery, and including key West Point events. The calendars run from January 2024-December 2024 and can be purchased for $12.00 (price includes s/h).

Cradet Activities Is ONLINE!!! For information about Cadet Publications...the West Point Calendar, West Point Planner, Howitzer, Bugle Notes, Circle in the Spiral, Merchandise for sale, and much, much more...
**Defining Excellence Advertisements**

Your cadet will only graduate from the United States Military Academy once. Bring to the graduate your family’s message of pride and congratulations through the pages of the Howitzer yearbook. Whenever your child opens his or her book, your Defining Excellence message will serve to couple Academy life with family life, to meld the goals your child achieved at West Point with the family ties that made those goals possible. The Defining Excellence program is the perfect way to salute your child’s accomplishments—take advantage of the opportunity.

**Class of 2023 Cadet’s Name:**

Parent Name: __________________________

Home Address: __________________________

Daytime Phone #: _______________________

E-Mail Address: __________________________

In the area below, please PRINT or TYPE the text of your advertisement. Please be precise in spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. If the space is inadequate, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Please note that should your text be excessively long, the Howitzer reserves the right to edit it.

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**IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER**

*Please send your photos in one of three ways: 1) hard copy 2) Email 3) CD
*All photos can be submitted hard copy or digitally (300 dpi) in a .jpg format
*We cannot guarantee the return of photographs; please submit re-proofs.
*Do not submit color laser copies/prints; they reproduce poorly.
*For additional questions, please email evangeline.hager@westpoint.edu or anne.drew@westpoint.edu

**Prices:**

- Eighth Page Ad: $200.00
- Quarter Page Ad: $305.00
- Half Page Ad: $460.00
- Full Page Ad: $650.00

**DEADLINE:**

August 15, 2023

**REMINDER:**

Cancellation of any Howitzer order must be made prior to September 30, 2023. After that date, NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

DCA Publications is not responsible for lost or undelivered yearbooks due to non-notification of address changes. Please notify us NLT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023.