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Installation

Installation Overview

For more information on this subject:
United States Military Academy at West Point
<http://www.usma.edu/>

Welcome to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. West Point is located on the west bank of the Hudson River, approximately 50 miles north of New York City and 15 miles south of Newburgh, New York. Given the nature of the United States Military Academy, your assignment promises to be a unique, rewarding and enjoyable one. In addition to being a college campus with the entire academic, social and athletic activities associated with such, West Point is a military installation and a National Historical Landmark, a national tourist attraction. Since 1802 when President Jefferson signed legislation establishing the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, the United States Military Academy has produced graduates who have contributed to our country in peace and war. Lee, Grant, Pershing, Borman, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Omar Bradley, George Patton, Swartzkopf, ... Academy graduates are known as members of the Long Gray Line.

The Major Command is the United States Military Academy. Cadets are the reason for everyone else being here. Today the Corps of Cadets numbers almost 4,000 men and women from every state in the Union as well as several foreign countries and U.S. territories. Almost every facet of life at West Point revolves around the Corps. From providing the role models for our nation's future leaders to supporting Army teams to sharing a home away from home, the West Point community is an essential ingredient in each cadet's West Point experience.

The Superintendent of the United States Military Academy is also the Commander of the West Point community. The Dean of the Academic Board is responsible for the academic instruction of the cadets. Upon successful completion of an academically rigorous program, cadets are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree. The Commandant of Cadets is responsible for the training of the cadets to include discipline, schooling of the soldier, leadership training, physical training, instruction in tactics and conducting a highly competitive, broad intercollegiate athletic program encompassing female and male team sports. They, and all soldiers working with them, are concerned with developing within the

cadet those character and moral-ethical traits essential to successful service as a regular Army officer, epitomized by the Academy's motto: Duty, Honor, Country.

The purpose of the United States Military Academy is "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." In order to achieve its purpose, the mission of the United States Military Academy is "To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation."

The USMA Superintendent is
LTG Daniel Christman.

The Commandant of Cadets is
BG Eric T. Olson.

The Dean of the Academic Board is
BG Fletcher Lamkin.

The Garrison Commander is
COL Arnold Smith.

See specific directions for driving or airport arrival under this Category INSTALLATION, related subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS.

NOTE ANNOUNCED CHANGE:
THE COMMERCIAL AREA CODE FOR ORANGE COUNTY INCLUDING WEST POINT WILL CHANGE FROM 914 TO 845 IN THE SUMMER OF 2000.

TELEPHONE ACCESS (Operator):
914-938-4011
DSN 688-1110

STAFF DUTY OFFICER (non-duty hours):
914-938-3500
DSN 688-3500

As the oldest continually occupied post in our country's history, West Point is home for more than 1,400 military personnel. Although most military personnel are members of the Academy's staff and faculty and assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, there are several tenant units and activities to which you may be assigned.

Located just 50 miles north of New York City along the west bank of the Hudson River, the Academy has long been a popular place to visit. By walking around the grounds of West Point, visitors can actually walk where history was made and a nation was born. West Point was officially recognized for its historical

significance and contributions to the country in 1960 when this rocky highland was declared a National Historic Landmark. It is estimated that almost 3 million tourists from around the world visit here every year to walk the grounds, observe cadets and enjoy a day at West Point.

Name: Garrison Commander
POC: COL Arnold Smith
Address: 681 Hardee Place
City: West Point, NY 10996--1985
Phone: 914-938-2022
FAX: 914-938-7644
DSN Phone: 688-2022
DSN FAX: 688-7644
E-Mail: ya0135@usma.edu
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Name: Printable Installation Map
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/guidemap.pdf

Must Know Items

For more information on this subject:
USMA at West Point
http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/visiting.htm

The Relocation Readiness Director at West Point, Becky Rosen, yb0182@usma.edu, compiled and regularly updates all of the West Point SITES information in this file, online or in print. Please contact her with any questions or comments regarding this SITES or any additional information you may need for West Point.

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MOVING YOURSELF(DITY):
If you are moving yourself or in a large rental vehicle, be advised that many highways are for passenger cars only and trucks are prohibited (not allowed). Some of the older highways have low overpasses creating the very real possibility of danger. Therefore, if you are moving yourself in a moving type van or truck, be advised to enter NY on I-84 through Pennsylvania. Proceed on I-84 to the

Newburgh exit 7 south. This will allow you to connect with Route 9W south toward West Point.

ARRIVING BY AIR AT STEWART AIRPORT:
Take a taxi to West Point (approximately \$25). See below for driving instructions from Stewart to West Point.

ARRIVING AT LAGUARDIA, KENNEDY or NEWARK AIRPORTS:
Take public transportation to Grand Central Station, Metro North Railroad to Croton-on-Harmon station and taxi to West Point. Stewart/Newburgh International Airport is the most convenient to West Point.

USO-AIRPORT SERVICES:
At JFK International Airport (Kennedy), the USO provides 2 centers to assist those traveling into or out of this hub airport. The DELTA FLIGHT CENTER is open from 1200-1900 Mon-Fri, and 1400-1900 on Sat, Sun, and holidays. This center can be reached at 718-656-4616. The TWA CENTER, located in Bldg. 58 in the TWA Domestic Arrivals Area, is open from 1200-1900 Mon-Fri, and 1400-1900 on Sat, Sun, and holidays. This center can be reached at 718-995-5539.

DRIVING FROM THE SOUTH:
Travel north on the New Jersey Turnpike to Exit 11. After exiting and paying the toll, get onto the Garden State Parkway North. Stay on the Parkway until it becomes the Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in New York State. Shortly after crossing the New York State border, follow signs for Interstate 87 South (Tappan Zee Bridge). You will stay on Interstate 87 South for several miles until exiting onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound. Take the Parkway north all the way until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge circle. Proceed 3/4 of the way around the circle, following signs for West Point. You are now on Route 9W north. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 3 miles then exit onto Route 218 north. As you enter the village of Highland Falls (after traveling approximately 2 miles on Rt. 218), continue to bear right on the road you are on, which will bring you to the Thayer Gate of West Point.

DRIVING FROM NEW YORK CITY:
Follow signs to the George Washington Bridge. Cross the bridge by way of the upper deck or level, getting into the right lane. Immediately after crossing the bridge, follow signs to the Palisades Interstate Parkway. Take the Parkway north until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge circle (approximately 37 miles). Proceed 3/4 of the way around the circle,

following signs for West Point. You are now on Route 9W North. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 3 miles then exit onto Route 218 North. As you enter the village of Highland Falls (travel approximately 2 miles) on Rt. 218, continue to bear right, which will bring you to the Thayer Gate of West Point.

DRIVING FROM THE WEST:

Travel east on Interstate 80 to the Garden State Parkway exit (just past Patterson, New Jersey). Get on the Parkway North and proceed until it becomes the Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in New York State. Shortly after crossing the New York State border, follow signs for Interstate 87 South (Tappan Zee Bridge). You will stay on 87 South for several miles until exiting onto the Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound. Take the Parkway north all the way until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge circle (approximately 20 miles). Proceed 3/4 of the way around the circle, following signs for West Point. You are now on Route 9W north. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 3 miles then exit onto Route 218 north. As you enter the village of Highland Falls (after traveling approximately 2 miles on Rt. 218), continue to bear right on the road you are on, which will bring you to the Thayer Gate of West Point.

DRIVING FROM NEW ENGLAND:

Travel west on Interstate 84 until you cross the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. Follow signs for Route 9W South. Stay on Route 9W for approximately 12 miles until you cross a large mountain. At the bottom of the mountain, exit onto Route 218/293 North and immediately loop back under Route 9W traveling on Rt. 218. Proceed on Rt. 218 for less than 2 miles (past the golf course on the right) until you reach the Washington Gate of West Point.

FROM WEST POINT (Washington Gate)

TO STEWART by way of 9W:

Turn left onto Route 218 after passing through Washington Gate. Follow this road along the West Point golf course. At a "Y" intersection you will note a green sign denoting "Newburgh" or "New York City". Take the road leading to Newburgh. This road leads you onto Route 9W North. Follow 9W over several mountains for approximately 5 miles. After you descend off the final mountain you will look for the exit just AFTER the "Angola Road" exit. At the end of the exit you will turn left onto Quaker Avenue (also marked as County Route 107). You will travel on Quaker Avenue not more than 1 mile at which time it will end at the traffic light at the intersection with Route 32. Turn right and travel about 1.7 miles on Rt. 32 arriving at the intersection known as "Five

Corners" (this is the intersection of Routes 300, 94 and 32). At this point you should be in the leftmost lane to travel across the intersection going between Dunkin' Donuts and a Hess gas station. You will now be on Route 300 (also known as Temple Hill Road). Travel on Route 300 about 3 miles through three traffic lights. At the third traffic light, Route 300 will turn to the right. Ignore this. Continue going straight on Rt. 207 (Little Britain Road) passing under the Interstate 87/New York Thruway. Within a mile on the right, you will see the first of two entrances into Stewart Airport.

FROM STEWART AIRPORT

TO WEST POINT:

Turn left onto Route 207 East (Little Britain Road). Follow Route 207 through the first light at the intersection with Union Avenue (Route 300). At this point, Route 207 becomes Route 300/207 and is called Temple Hill Road. Follow Route 300 for approximately 3 miles until you come to the third traffic light. This intersection is known as "Five Corners". This is the intersection of Routes 300, 94 and 32. You will go across the intersection toward McDonald's and be on Route 32 South. Travel on Route 32 for a total of 1.7 miles. Immediately after passing over a trestle-type bridge, you will turn left off Route 32 onto Quaker Avenue toward Cornwall. You will see a green sign pointing to Bear Mountain and 9W South. Take this right hand exit. At this point you will merge with 9W South. Travel on Route 9W for 5.7 miles over mountainous terrain. As you are in your final descent, you will encounter the first of three exits for West Point. The first exit RT. 218/293 (not labeled West Point; after looping back under 9W onto Route 218) will take you by the golf course, through Washington Gate and to Keller Army Community Hospital, the Post Exchange, West Point School, Eisenhower Hall and the area known as "The Plain". The second exit off Route 9W is the most direct exit to take you to the commissary, Stony Lonesome housing, the football stadium, and the Central Post Area. The third exit will lead you through Highland Falls and bring you past Pershing Center (Visitors Center and West Point Museum), through Thayer Gate to the Hotel Thayer, 1-1 HQ, the bowling center, Army Community Service, the West Point Post Office and eventually the Central Area.

INPROCESSING PROCEDURES

Inprocessing procedures are different depending upon the unit to which you are assigned. When reporting in, you must be in uniform and have Department of the Army Form 31, SEP 93 edition (leave form) and a

copy of your orders. If you are delayed, call your unit you are to report to immediately.

1st of the 1st INPROCESSING

1st Battalion 1st Infantry Headquarters
621 Wilson Road

PHONE:

(duty hours): 914-938-8866/8867

DSN 688-8866/8867

(after duty hours): 914-938-8846

DSN 688-8846

FAX: 914-938-2097

DSN 688-2097

Hours: 0900-1600 Mon, Wed, and Fri

0800-1600 Tues and Thurs

All inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the United States Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to the 1st Battalion 1st Infantry Headquarters. In the event of an emergency or if you are delayed and are not able to report by the correct date, please call 914-938-4509/2516 during duty hours and 914-938-8846 (SDNCO) during non-duty hours.

MEDDAC INPROCESSING

MEDDAC Personnel Division
Keller Army Community Hospital
900 Washington Road, Room 2E2

PHONE: Enlisted Actions:

914-938-2511

DSN 688-2511

PHONE: Officer Actions:

914-938-4398

DSN 688-4398

PHONE: After duty hours, All Ranks:

914-938-4004/4005

DSN 688-4004/4005

FAX: 914-938-5164

DSN 688-5164

All MEDDAC personnel will report prior to 2100 hours or call 914-938-5169. Soldiers arriving after duty hours or on weekends must report to Bldg 900, Keller Army Community Hospital, AOD Desk, main lobby. In the event of an emergency, please call 914-938-4004/4005.

DENTAC INPROCESSING

HQ Commander
Saunders Dental Clinic
606 Thayer Road

PHONE: 914-938-4212

DSN 688-4212

FAX: 914-938-7688

DSN 688-7688

All DENTAC personnel arriving during duty hours will report to Saunders Dental Clinic, Bldg 606. Soldiers arriving after duty hours must report to Bldg 620 or call 914-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 914-446-3245.

BAND INPROCESSING

USMA Band
Band Bldg, Egner Hall
685 Hardee Place

PHONE: 914-938-2445

DSN 688-2445

FAX: 914-938-2617

DSN 688-2617

Newly assigned personnel with USMA Band will report to the Band Building, Bldg 685 during duty hours. After duty hours call HQ at 914-938-2445 to access the SDNCO message machine. The message will include the emergency contact phone number for the SDNCO of the day to call to check in and receive further instructions.

NORTHEAST VETERINARY SERVICE

SUPPORT DISTRICT

Chief Veterinary Services,
West Point Branch
630 Hodges Place

PHONE: 914-938-3817

DSN 688-3817

FAX: 914-938-2205

DSN 688-2205

HAND CARRY:

It is important to hand carry those papers for the entire family that you will need upon arrival or soon after. Copies of orders and leave forms are required to sign into the gaining unit. Medical and dental records for the entire family, passports, birth and marriage certificates, school records, spouse employment records and references, copies of wills, divorce decree, adoption decree, naturalization papers, social security cards, car title and shipping papers if coming from overseas, car insurance policy information, driver's license, car registration, household goods shipping inventory sheets, pet records, and any other important documents should also be hand carried for easy access upon arrival. It is also a good idea to carry with you the last statements from all you bills.

TEMPORARY LODGING, BILLETING:

The Five Star Inn (1-800-GO ARMY1 or 914-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816 or 914-446-1028/1034) serves as the guesthouse for West Point. The Five Star Inn DOES NOT allow pets. Five Star

accommodations range from efficiency apartments to single suites to family suites. After the initial 10-day period of TLE, the Five Star room rate is dependent upon rank and whether or not his/her family accompanies the service member. These PCS rates are set in accordance with the BAH. (In other words, take your BAH rate for this area and divide by 30 to get a daily PCS rate at the Five Star.) The Five Star Office is located at 785 Buckner Hill (near the PX) with rooms also at Bldg 2113 behind the Visitors Center. Reservations can be made up to 60 before your arrival.

PCS RATES
BASED UPON 1999 BAH RATES
(after 10 days TLE)

Although the Guest House will provide PCS quarters for up to 30 days (with extensions of 30-day periods), Finance and Accounting will only pay 10 days of Temporary Living Entitlement (TLE) from the PCS out-unit to the PCS in-unit. This means that after the initial 10 days of TLE, the service member must pay the guest house bill from his/her own pay and allowances that will include BAH for this area. For the reasons of cost and possible long waits for quarters (maybe one month or as long as nine months), it is advised that the service member arrive without dependents until a realistic assessment of the housing situation is made. There are a very limited number of rooms available with reservations made through the Five Star Inn.

See also Category **RELOCATION SERVICES**, subject areas, **FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS** and **BILLETING** for more information and a selection of nearby motels.

COST OF LIVING:

The cost of living is high in this area. The BAH rates are higher here than in other parts of the country. If you have to wait from 30 days to 9 months for quarters, this can create a financial hardship, especially if you have a family. Having your family "stay put" at your last duty station or wait with family until housing is obtained is preferable. It is much better to **PLAN TO** stay in the guesthouse or a local motel for months and then be pleasantly surprised that the wait is less. A big expense for families can be boarding of pets. As the guesthouse does not accept pets, they must be put in a kennel until housing is obtained. Boarding of pets can necessitate that any family spends a great deal more than their BAH for West Point, especially if there is more than one family pet.

CHILD CARE:

The Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) for Child Development office (phone 914-938-4458, DSN 688-4458) handles registration for ALL Child Development services. If eligible for care, you may **CALL** ahead and request to be placed on the Waiting List as soon as you are notified of your assignment to West Point. Placement on the Waiting List does **NOT** guarantee care when needed. Placement in a program depends on openings available at the time you require care.

- West Point's Child Development Services offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years under these branches:
- > Child Development Center: 914-938-4798,
DSN 688-4798
 - > Family Child Care: 914-938-3921
DSN 688-3921
 - > School Age Services: 914-938-8898
DSN 688-8898
 - > Supplemental Programs and Services:
914-938-4458
DSN 688-4458

An annual \$20 family registration fee provides for a Child and Youth Card for **SEAMLESS SERVICE**. Your family will then be entitled to enroll in the Child Development Center, CDS Part Day Pre-School, Family Child Care (FCC), School Age Services (SAS) and Youth Service programs.

HOME-ALONE Policy:

Remember, children may be left alone at nine years of age for "reasonable periods of time." Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. **NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR.** For further information please call Family Advocacy Program at 914-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy number 39-98.

SCHOOLS:

WEST POINT SCHOOLS
REGISTRATION INFORMATION
SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001

HOURS OF REGISTRATION:

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Due to vacation schedules in the summer, please call to confirm that the office is open.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to reside in post housing assigned on the United States Military Academy at

West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact the DDESS General Counsel's Office for determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/ separated parents are required.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before 1 September.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

<> Birth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.

<> Child's Social Security Number

<> School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998, New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)

<> Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.

<> Report Card: from previous year

West Point School, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. School year 00-01 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 17 August 00. WPS normally ends the year about the first week in June.

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.)

Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

O'Neill High School academic year normally begins around Labor Day and ends around the third week of June.

Contact the O'Neill High School guidance department at 914-446-4916 or the principal's office at 914-446-4914 with any questions, especially those concerning Special Education Services.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(21 credits):

English, 4 Units

Social Studies, 4 Units

Mathematics, 2 Units

Foreign Language, 1 Unit

Science, 2 Units

Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit

Health, 1/2 Unit

Art/Music, 1 Unit

Sequence/Electives, 4-5 Units

Physical Education, 2 Units

For information on local schools, see the category, EDUCATION.

PETS:

The Five Star Inn does not accept pets. If traveling with animals, PLAN AHEAD for their care as many motels do NOT allow pets. If space is not available in the post kennel, Morgan Farm Kennel 914-938-3926 or DSN 688-3926, privately owned kennels are available in nearby communities. A few suggestions are: Affordable Grooming and Boarding at 914-564-3597, Newburgh; Flanery Animal Hospital and Kennel at 914-564-6760, Newburgh; Colby Kennels at 914-562-5275, Vails Gate; and Newburgh Veterinary Hospital and Kennel at 914-564-2660, Newburgh.

NEWCOMERS BRIEFINGS:

The 1-1 HQ conducts Newly Assigned Soldiers Orientations, NASO, to acquaint the soldier and his/her family with the services available at West Point. MEDDAC conduct monthly briefings for the newly arrived. ACS (Relocation Readiness) conducts Welcome Briefings on Wednesdays at 1000. The entire community welcomes all the newcomers at the Annual Community Fair the first Wednesday evening in August in the ballroom of Ike Hall. The superintendent addresses the newcomers (mandatory) and the community displays the services,

organizations, agencies, home businesses and local businesses to welcome the newcomers and provide information and points of contact (not mandatory). It is a wonderful evening, enjoyed by all and it is free ... no one can sell anything. The CDC provides free child care to those who are registered and make a reservation. Mark your calendar now!

MAIL WHILE EN-ROUTE:

You can use the address on your orders as your temporary mailing address or the address of your unit.

CAR RENTAL:

A new addition to West Point is Enterprise Car Rental on site. Enterprise is located by the PX, 695 Buckner Loop (with CRD and ITR); hours of operation are 0800-1000 and 1400-1600; phone 914-446-2506. Phone 1-800-rent-a-car.

Other car rentals are at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, NY.

Avis: 1-800-331-1212

Budget: 1-800-367-0522

Hertz: 1-800-654-3131

DEERS UPDATE:

To expedite your inprocessing with MEDDAC and TRICARE, contact your local DEERS office (as you outprocess) and change your address to West Point. You can utilize the address printed on your orders as your new address until you obtain local housing in New York.

TELEPHONES and INTERNET ACCESS:

Bell Atlantic is the telephone service provider for this area. Call 890-2550, a local, toll-free number, to establish service.

Phone calls outside the West Point, Highland Falls or Fort Montgomery area are local toll calls. Calling outside the 446-XXXX area will result in per minute charges. Bell Atlantic does offer a special per call rate of approximately 10.6 cents per call. Discuss your calling plan with Bell Atlantic and be certain that you thoroughly understand the local toll call charges for all calls outside the (446- housing prefix, 938- office prefix, and 515- cadet prefix) area. This is

especially true for computer internet users. Even dialing in to AOL is a toll call (no local 446- number for AOLNET) with per minute charges on your phone bill (and hotel bill). This can put a strain on your budget if you are unaware of local toll for calls outside the 446-XXXX area. BestWeb, 1-877-777-BWEB, is the first and only internet service provider to offer a dial-up number of 446-XXXX.

The area code for this portion of NY is 914; it is expected to change this summer to the announced 845 area code. The DSN prefix 688 is used for West Point. The mailing address for residents of West Point is West Point, NY 10996. The emergency assistance number of 911 is in effect for all phones on West Point.

WEATHER/CLIMATE:

West Point has hot and humid summers with cold, snowy winters. The area has four seasons.

West Point is currently undergoing an extensive Revitalization Program that will greatly improve the quality of life when completed. West Point gives the impression of being geographically isolated because of the river and mountains that must be crossed to reach communities and services other than those found in the Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery area. An automobile is an advantage, as public transportation is very limited. Parking at West Point, however, is quite limited; bicycle and on-post shuttle bus use between quarters and office is encouraged.

Most quarters are not air-conditioned, with the exception being the recently constructed and recently renovated quarters. United States Military Academy Regulation 210-3 restricts certain types and sizes of appliances that may be placed in government housing. Prospective purchasers of air-conditioners should ensure that appliances meet United States Military Academy requirements. It is a good idea to have your sponsor check for used air conditioners as the PCS from West Point begins in the spring and summer. Air conditioners must have minimum energy efficiency rating (EER) of 8.5 BTU/watt for 110-volt units and 8.2 BTU/watt for 208/220-volt units.

Must Know Items

<i>--Installation--</i>	
Site Name	United States Military Academy at West Point
Last Updated	April 13, 2000
State/Territory	New York
County	Orange
ZIP Code	10996
Service	USA
Host Command	
Physical Size	16483
<i>--Personnel--</i>	
FSC/ACS Director	REBECCA KAPLAN, Acting
Relocation Assistance Manager	BECKY ROSEN
Relocation Assistance Specialist	
<i>--Phones--</i>	
DSN Country Code	
DSN Number	688-5654
Commercial Country Code	
Commercial Area Code	914
Commercial Number	938-5654
FAX DSN Country Code	
FAX DSN Number	688-3019
FAX Commercial Country Code	
FAX Commercial Area Code	914
FAX Commercial Number	938-3019
<i>--Official Mailing Address--</i>	
Street Line 1	Attn: MAPA-FS-A (Relocation)
Street Line 2	622 Swift Road
City	West Point
State/Territory	NY
ZIP Code	10996-1985
<i>--Deliverable Address--</i>	
Street Line 1	Relocation Readiness, ACS
Street Line 2	622 Swift Road
City	West Point
State/Territory	NY
ZIP Code	10996-1985
E-Mail	yb0182@usma.edu

Geographically Separated or Satellite Locations

The United States Military Academy has divested itself of Stewart Army Subpost in New Windsor, NY. The Town of New Windsor, the Marine Corps (MAG 49), the Army Reserve and the NY Air National Guard has taken control of various areas of the subpost as USMA moved out. The bulk of STAS will go to the Town of New Windsor. The 2nd Aviation Detachment, the "Wings of West Point", will

continue to operate from one of its two hangars at the Stewart airport. The detachment's personnel will be assigned housing at West Point. The Marines continue to operate a small exchange facility. The Marines have control of the 300 housing units, Stewart Terrace. Marine families currently occupy the majority of the terrace housing. The Marines will use approximately 200 of the units to house their personnel and the remainder will either be rented out to civilians, other military branches or demolished. There are approximately 125 Marine families in housing and 75 Marines in the barracks. Other

quarters house Guard, Reserve and other active-duty families.

MAG 49 DET B (USMC):

914-563-2902/2904/2905

DSN 636-2902

2D AVIATION DET:

914-567-1088/1164/1209

HQ 105th AIRLIFT WING (AIR GD):

914-563-2001/2002

DSN 636-2001/2002

Nearby Installations (Listed Separately in SITES)

For more information on this subject:

Installation SITES

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites3/>

Fort Monmouth, NJ is about 110 miles south of West Point. Take the Garden State Parkway South to exit 105. At the exit you will see a sign for Ft. Monmouth that directs you to take a right turn. You will make a loop and continue to follow signs, stay to the right and after one more turn you will come to the main gate straight ahead.

Fort Hamilton is located on the southwestern tip of Brooklyn, New York at the base of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. It is about 70 miles or one and a half hours away from West Point. Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway to the I-87 exit and cross the Tappan Zee Bridge. Stay to the right after crossing the Tappan Zee Bridge, get off Saw Mill River Parkway (the name changes to Henry Hudson Parkway then to the West Side Highway). Go through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and take route 278 toward Staten Island. Take the last exit before the Verrazano Narrows Bridge-92nd Street. Turn right at the traffic light and go one block. Turn left onto Fort Hamilton Parkway (FHP). Follow FHP to the Main Gate that will be on your left at the end of the street.

Regulations

VEHICLE INSURANCE (NY STATE):

In New York State, anyone, even a non-resident, who permits his or her vehicle to be driven in New York, must be able to prove that he or she has adequate liability insurance on that vehicle. If you are a non-resident and cannot provide such proof, your privilege to drive in New York may be revoked for at least one year. Your vehicle must be covered by liability insurance as long as it is registered, even if you do not drive it.

Minimum liability coverage of \$50,000 against the death of one person and \$100,000 against the death of two or more persons, \$10,000 against injury to one person and \$20,000 against injury to two or more persons, and \$5,000 against property damage is required. Coverage limits refer to death, injury or damage related to any one accident. "No-fault" auto insurance is issued in New York State. For more information on no-fault insurance, contact the New York State Department of Insurance, Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12257.

When you buy auto insurance, the insurance agent or broker gives you two insurance identification cards. The name(s) on these cards must match exactly the name(s) on your registration.

It is always important to contact your insurance agent and change the location of your car since your rates (costs) depend on the area in which you reside. Once you have adequate liability coverage, the following strategies can be used to save money on auto insurance: take as large a deductible as you can afford on collision and comprehensive coverage; if your car is over five years old and paid for, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage; take advantage of any discounts for which you are eligible such as for anti-theft devices, air bags, and Defensive Driving Class Certificate. The Defensive Driving Class with a \$30 fee is offered about twice a month through Community Recreation Division (914-938-2401 or DSN 688-2401). Successfully attending the 6-hour course can both lower your insurance rates and reduce your points, plus it is good for three years. Don't forget to SHOP AROUND since premiums for identical coverage vary widely from company to company. For additional information, contact the Army Community Service, Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program at 914-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

DRIVERS LICENSING, NY State:

The cost of an operator's license is about \$45. See listings below for Newburgh and West Haverstraw NY State Division of Motor Vehicles. These offices are where you get drivers licenses and register your motor vehicles and obtain NY State plates for your vehicles.

You must have a New York State license to drive in New York State unless you are a resident of another state or Canadian province and have a valid drivers license from there. Residents of most other countries may also drive in New York with a valid license from their home nations. You may not drive in New York

State if you are under the age of 16, even if licensed elsewhere.

If you become a permanent resident of New York, the law requires you to obtain a New York license within 30 days and turn in your out-of-state license. With a few exceptions, it is illegal to hold both a New York license and a license from another state.

If you are a new resident licensed in a United States state, territory or possession, or Canadian province, you need only turn in your out-of-state license and pass the vision test to get a New York license. However, if your out-of-state license expired more than one year ago, you must also take written and road tests, and the safe driving course.

If you are a new resident licensed in a country other than Canada, you must take the vision, written and road tests, the safe driving course and turn in your foreign license. Foreign licenses turned into the Department of Motor Vehicles are destroyed. Apply for a New York license only if you become a resident of the state.

Before making a road test appointment, you must first complete an approved safe driving course, a five-hour course costing about \$25. You must have a learner's permit obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Driving schools are found in the telephone yellow pages under "Driving Instruction."

SEAT BELTS and CAR SEATS:

1. All PASSENGERS and the DRIVER in the front seat of a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt [Section 1229-c(3), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].
2. All children under the age of TEN must wear a SEAT BELT in the back seat [Section 1229-c(1), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].
3. All children under the age of TEN are required to be BUCKLED UP when traveling in recreation vehicles, mobile homes and campers.
4. The law states that children under the age of FOUR must be restrained in a federally approved CAR SEAT while riding on a school bus [Section 1229-c(11), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law].
5. The law requires children under the age of FOUR to be restrained in a federally approved CAR SEAT [Section 1229-c(1), NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law]. The law does not specify weight.
6. Children under the age of FOUR riding in campers, recreation vehicles or mobile homes are required to be in a CAR SEAT.

BICYCLE and HELMETS:

It is a NY State law that all bicyclists are required to wear an Ansi Z approved helmet. Children under the age of five not operating a bicycle must be in an approved carrier. NO child under the age of one is allowed on a bicycle. Any violation of these laws may result in a fine up to \$50. West Point registration, helmet and reflective vest are highly recommended for all personnel operating bicycles. Helmets must be worn by all when on a bike, skateboard or in line skates, regardless of age.

Bicycle laws require headlamps on front (white light visible during darkness), reflectors mounted front and rear of bicycle, reflective tires or reflex reflector mounted on spokes of each wheel and a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet.

*** OTHER REGULATIONS: ***

Remember, children may be left alone at nine years of age for "reasonable periods of time." Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR. For further information please call Family Advocacy Program at 914-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy number 39-98.

It is a NY State law that when operating a vehicle and the WINDSHEILD WIPERS are in use, HEADLIGHTS (not park lights) must be also be used at the same time.

Rollerblades (in line skates) can be used in empty parking lots or on side streets. Rollerblading is not allowed on the main roads/streets.

PETS:

All cats and dogs outside a fenced yard must be restrained on a leash while in the residential areas at West Point. Owners are required to clean up after their pets.

If you are unsure of the regulations, contact the MP station (914-938-3333/3312, DSN 688-3333/3312). The NCOIC can answer your questions and/or refer you to the proper agency.

HUNTING/FISHING LICENSES:

Fishing and Hunting License, NY State
Town Hall
213 Main Street
Highland Falls, NY 10928
914-446-4280
Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS:

County Clerk's Offices in
 83 Broadway; Newburgh; 914-565-3209
 555 Union Avenue; New Windsor; 914-563-4613
 180 Main Street; Cornwall; 914-534-9100
 In addition to a State License, you will need a fishing or hunting permit to fish or hunt at West Point. These may be obtained from the Community Recreation Division (see below).

Fishing and Hunting Permits, West Point
 Community Recreation Division
 Bldg 695
 914-938-4455, DSN 688-4455

Fax 914-446-5503

In addition to a West Point Permit, you will first need a NY State license (see Fishing and Hunting License, NY State, above).

Listed below are some of the locations, point of contacts for permits, licenses, Identification Cards (ID), and vehicle licenses and registration.

Name: Identification Card, ID, and Pass
POC: Office of the Adjutant General (AG)
Address: MAAG-AG
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-3746
FAX: 914-938-2736
DSN Phone: 688-3746
DSN FAX: 688-2736
Comments: 0745-1130 and 1300-1600 Mon-Fri To obtain family member identification (ID) cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) registration, the sponsor must accompany family members. Birth and marriage certificates with raised seals are required.

Name: NY State W. Haverstraw - NYSDMV
POC: New York State Dept of Motor Vehicles
Address: 50 Samsondale Plaza
City: West Haverstraw, NY 10993
Phone: 1-800-DIAL-DMV
Comments: Hours: 0830-1600 Mon, Wed, Tues & Fri Thursday 1000-1800 This office handles NY driver's licenses, learner's permits and vehicle registration and plates.

Name: Newburgh Branch - NYSDMV
POC: New York State Dept of Motor Vehicles
Address: 136 Lake St, Suite 5
City: Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 914-561-4077
Comments: Hours: 0900-1700 Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri Thursday 0900-1930 This office handles NY driver's licenses, learner's permits and vehicle registration and plates.

Name: Vehicle, Bicycle and Weapon Registration
POC: Provost Marshal's Office
Address: MAPM PMO
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-2208/3119
FAX: 914-938-5845
DSN Phone: 688-2208
DSN FAX: 688-5845
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/pmo/
Comments: Hours: 0730-1700 Mon-Fri This office handles Vehicle, Bicycle and Weapon Registration for all residents. Valid registration and insurance card are required for each vehicle, as well as a valid driver's license. All vehicles and personal weapons must be registered with the Provost Marshall's office. Bicycle registration is recommended.

Commonly Referenced Numbers

For more information on this subject:
 Online USMA Phone Book
http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/agencies_phone.htm

NOTE ANNOUNCED CHANGE:
 THE COMMERCIAL AREA CODE FOR ORANGE COUNTY INCLUDING WEST POINT WILL CHANGE FROM 914 TO 845 IN THE SUMMER OF 2000.

The USMA TELEPHONE ACCESS (Operator) can be reached at 914-938-4011 with DSN 688-1110.

The commercial area code is 914.
 The DSN prefix 688 is for West Point.
 Marine Duty Desk at Stewart can be reached at 914-563-2905 or DSN 636-2905.

Emergency 911 is in effect for all telephones.

Banks in the immediate area:
 Bank of New York.....914-446-4981

Highland Falls Federal...914-446-4711
Marine Midland Bank.....914-446-4773
West Point Federal C U...914-446-4946

Loan Closet

914-938-5654 DSN 688-5654

Relocation Assistance

914-938-5654 DSN 688-5654

American Red Cross

914-938-4100 DSN 688-4100

1-877-272-7337 after duty & Fri & holidays

Appointments, Medical -- TRICARE

1-888-999-5195

Army Community Service

914-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621

Chaplain, Post Chapel-CH Robert Helton

914-938-2003/3504 DSN 688-2003/3504

Club, West Point

914-938-5120 DSN 688-5120

Commissary

914-938-2512 DSN 688-2512

Emergency - Military Police

911 or 914-938-3333 DSN 688-3333

Education Center

914-938-3762 DSN 688-3762

Exchange, Main PX

914-446-5406

ER/Hospital Acute Care Clinic
and Ambulance

914-938-4004/4005 DSN 688-4004

Guesthouse - Five Star Inn

1-800-GO ARMY1

DSN 688-6816

914-446-1028/1034

914-938-6816

FAX 914-446-1038

Housing Office

914-938-4500 DSN 688-4500

TOLL FREE 1-800-654-8845

Internet Service Provider, BestWeb

914-271-4500

Legal Office, Staff Judge Advocate

914-938-3205 DSN 688-3205

Telephone Access

(Operator and Information)

914-938-4011 DSN 688-1110

Transportation Division, In Bound

914-938-3568 DSN 688-3568

Telephone Repair

(except StoneyII & GreyGhost)

914-938-3911 DSN 688-3911

Telephone Service, BELL ATLANTIC

890-2550 toll free

TV Cable, TIME WARNER CABLE

1-800-431-8878

Major Unit Listing

For more information on this subject:

USMA Agencies

<http://www.usma.edu>

West Point is home for more than 1,400 military personnel. Although most military personnel are members of the Academy's Staff and Faculty and assigned to the 1st Battalion of the 1st Infantry, there are several tenant units and activities to which you may be assigned.

UNIT: 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry

COMMAND: USMA

POC: Personnel Services NCO

914-938-8867 (-8846 after duty hours)

DSN 688-8867 (-8846 after duty hours)

FAX: 914-938-2097, DSN 688-2097

UNIT: Medical Activity (MEDDAC)

COMMAND: MEDCOM

914-938-4836

DSN 688-4836

FAX: 914-938-5164, DSN 688-5164

UNIT: Dental Activity (DENTAC)

COMMAND: DENCOM

POC: Commander

914-938-4212

DSN 688-4212

FAX: 914-938-4302, DSN 688-4302

UNIT: United States Army

Information Systems Command

COMMAND: USAISC

POC: Commander

914-938-7300

DSN 688-7300

FAX: 914-938-4870, DSN 688-4870

UNIT: Northeast Veterinary Service

Support District

COMMAND: VETCOM

POC: Chief of Veterinary Services,

West Point Branch

914-938-3817

DSN 688-3817

FAX 914-938-2205, DSN 688-2205

UNIT: U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School

LOCATION: FT Monmouth, NJ

POC: Commandant, USMAPS

732-532-5307/5308

DSN 992-5307/5308

FAX 914-938-4870, DSN 688-4870

TENANT UNITS include:

MAG 49 DET B (USMC):

914-563-2902/2904/2905

DSN 636-2902

2nd AVIATION DET:

914-567-1088/1164/1209

HQ 105th AIRLIFT WING (AIR GD):

914-563-2001/2002

DSN 636-2001/2002

411TH ENGR BDE (USAR):

914-567-0855/0730/0978

BEAR MOUNTAIN RCTG CO:

914-567-3441/3442

AMSA #4G (AR):

914-567-1093/4212

FBI: 914-567-1566/564-0277

EMAIL:

1st BN 1st INF: 8inf@trotter.usma.edu

MEDDAC: 8med@trotter.usma.edu

DENTAC: 8dds@trotter.usma.edu

Band: 8band@trotter.usma.edu

USIASC: 8doim@trotter.usma.edu

MPs: 8pmo@trotter.usma.edu

2nd Avn: 82avn@trotter.usma.edu

Transportation

For more information on this subject:

Transportation in Orange County, NY

<http://www.co.orange.ny.us/transportation.html>

The United States Military Academy at West Point is located adjacent to Highland Falls, a village with a population of approximately 4000. West Point is geographically isolated. Public transportation, as such, does not exist. There is an on-post shuttle bus that operates Monday through Friday (duty hours only) at 30-minute intervals. It services the barracks and West Point housing areas.

There are numerous taxicab companies in the Newburgh area and two that service the Highland Falls area. A taxi ride from West Point to Stewart International Airport costs approximately \$25. See listings below for taxis.

CAR RENTAL:

A new addition to West Point is Enterprise Car Rental on site. Enterprise is located by the PX in Bldg 695 (with CRD and ITR); hours of operation are 0800-1000 and 1400-1600; phone 914-446-2506. Phone 1-800-rent-a-car.

Other car rentals are at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, NY.

Avis: 1-800-331-1212

Budget: 1-800-367-0522

Hertz: 1-800-654-3131

For SPACE A TRAVEL out of Stewart Airport call 914-563-2226 or DSN 636-2226 for a RECORDED message and current information on this service. If you have questions, call on Thursday between the hours of 0800 and 1000.

Trains, planes and automobiles -- all serve to get you around the area and beyond. A rather inexpensive mode of transportation in the area is the Shortline Bus Service. If your trip is a little further away, try Stewart International Airport. Do not forget to check with ITR (Information, Ticketing and Registration) Bldg 695, at 914-938-3601/2070, DSN 688-3601/2070, to see when they have a trip to NYC or other excursion planned (at maybe a lower cost than you could do on your own).

AMTRAK: Croton-on-Harmon, 1-800-872-7245; 15 miles

JFK (Kennedy) Airport: Jamaica, NY, 718-244-4444; 65 miles

LaGuardia Airport: Flushing, NY, 718-533-3400; 55 miles

Metro North Railroad: Garrison, NY, 212-532-4900; 10 miles

Newark International Airport: Newark, NJ, 201-961-6000; 70 miles

SHORTLINE BUS

914-561-0734 or 1-800-631-8405

Shortline provides bus service from Newburgh to New York City 7 days a week with stops at West Point. A current schedule may be obtained at ACS Relocation, Bldg 622. Buses stop on West Point at the Visitors' Center, Thayer Gate and Washington Gate. Cost from Highland Falls to New York (Port Authority Bus Terminal) is approximately \$12 one-way and \$22 round trip.

STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

1035 First St.

New Windsor, NY 12553

914-564-7200

Proximity to site: Stewart International Airport (also listed as Newburgh, New York) is located at the intersection of New York Interstates 84 & 87 (New York State Thruway) about 15 miles from West Point. A number of large scheduled airlines serve Stewart. The convenience of flying out of Stewart speaks for itself. It allows you to avoid the

frustrations of city traffic as well as being a much shorter drive to West Point. For airline reservations or information, contact AirTrans Airways at 1-800-247-8726; American Airlines at 1-800-433-7300; Midway Air Lines at 1-800-446-4392; ASA/Delta Air Lines at 1-800-282-3424; Comair/Delta Connection at 1-800-354-9822; United Express at 1-800-241-6522; or USAir Express at 1-800-428-4322. SPACE A FROM STEWART: Call 914-563-2226 or DSN 636-2226 for a RECORDED message and current information on this service. If you have questions, call on Thursday between the hours of 0800 and 1000.

TAXI SERVICE:
Highland Falls: 914-446-8294 (Academy Livery) and 914-446-3887 (Joyce's Taxi)

Newburgh/Stewart Airport Area: 914-561-5000 (Orange Express) and 914-562-7444 (Tony's)

Name: Metro-North Railroad
WWW Link: http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/index.html

Name: West Point printable map
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/guidemap.pdf

Commissary and Exchange Operations

Due to recent time changes and limited time trials for many of the AAFES operations, hours of operation are not given here. Home football Saturdays will see the Commissary and AAFES operations closed for the day.

COMMISSARY, WEST POINT
Bldg 1200, Stony Lonesome Area
914-938-3663, DSN 688-3663
Hours: Closed Mon
0900-1800 Tues, Wed & Fri
0900-1900 Thurs
0800-1700 Sat
1000-1700 Sun

Hours are subject to change. It has a delicatessen, bakery, and farm fresh produce in season. The commissary takes credit cards and WIC checks. NOTE: The commissary is CLOSED on home football Saturdays.

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**ATTENTION!!!**

The Main Exchange is projected to

move into the new building in June.

The NEW PX will be adjacent to the commissary and the shoppette in the Stony Lonesome Area.

All AAFES concessions will also be moved to the new PX location.

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AAFES MAIN EXCHANGE
Bldg 683
West Point, NY 10996
914-446-5406/5405/5404

NOTE: Closed home football Saturdays.
The Main Exchange is presently located on Washington Rd. beside the cemetery. The following concessions are located with the main PX, Bldg 683:

- Military Clothing Sales - 938-2126/4146
DSN 688-2126/4146
- Anthony's Pizza - 446-5755
- Barber Shop - 446-6727
- Beauty Shop - 446-5774
- Bistro's Gourmet Coffee - 446-0866
- Dry Cleaner/Tailor - 446-0046
- Flower Shop - 446-3848
- Frame Shop - 446-7633
- Optical Shop - 446-5786

AAFES SERVICE STATION
CLASS VI and SHOPPETTE
Bldg 1202 Stony Lonesome Area
914-446-5556

The Service Station is located adjacent to the Commissary in the Stony Lonesome Area. The gas station is co-located with the Class VI and a Shoppette. The repair service operates on an appointment basis. NOTE: Closed home football Saturdays.

Local Community

Local Community Overview

For more information on this subject:
Town of Highlands
<http://www.vision2002.com/>

Highland Falls is the great little village just outside Thayer Gate, across the street from the West Point Visitors Center. Highland Falls has beautiful churches and architecture steeped in history, as well as unique shops, places to stay and places to eat. It is within walking distance of the barracks and most housing areas. It offers many of the unique elements of the small town environment. The community

consists of the Village of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery. While shopping for the back to school wardrobe can be accomplished in a trip to the mall, day to day shopping, religious activities, eating out, sight seeing, and socializing are just outside the gate. The local high school, James I. O'Neill, provides an excellent education for West Point's grades 9-12.

The earliest settlers of the Hudson Highlands were the Indians of the Alogonquin tribe. Early Dutch settlers named the area "Buttermilk Falls," after the dashing brook that fell into the Hudson River. The Town of Highland now consists of Fort Montgomery (pop. 1500) and Highland Falls (pop. 4000). Many of the names in the area come from the Revolutionary War period. The first land grants her were established as early as 1723. The U. S. Government purchased privately owned land for its military post in 1790. In 1802, Congress decided upon West Point for the location of a school for training artillerists and engineers and by 1812 established it.

The Town of Highlands was originally part of the Town of Cornwall. In 1873, the towns agreed to become separate bodies. It was not until 1906 that the Village of Buttermilk Falls was incorporated officially as Highland Falls.

Ladycliff College was four-year, women's liberal arts college, established in 1933 by the Roman Catholic Church. It became coed in 1970 and was closed by the church in 1980. At the present time it serves as West Point's South Post, which includes its Visitors Center and the West Point Museum with an extensive display of military history.

To the south of Highland Falls lies Bear Mountain State Park. Together with Harriman State Park, there are almost 54,000 acres of land set aside for hiking, camping and recreational activities. The Bear Mountain Bridge, built in 1924, spans the Hudson at one of its narrowest points.

Orange County located in southeastern New York State, covers eight hundred and fifty square miles. Bounded by the Delaware River on the west and the Hudson River on the east, its northern and southern boundaries have been established by various political and historical events. The landscape is beautiful and varied, from the dramatic bluffs overlooking the Hudson River to the lush forests of the Hudson Highlands and Ramapo Mountains.

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Name: Dutchess County Tourism
WWW Link: http://www.dutchesstourism.com/

Name: Enjoy the Hudson Valley
WWW Link: http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/index.htm

Name: Hudson Highlands
WWW Link: http://www.highlands.com/

Name: New York State Travel and Tourism Web site
WWW Link: http://www.iloveny.state.ny.us/

Name: Orange County Tourism
WWW Link: http://www.orangetourism.org/

Name: Rockland County
WWW Link: http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/

Time Zone Chart

The Local Time Zone is Eastern Standard with spring through fall operating on Eastern Daylight Saving Time.

Time Zone Chart

<i>Location</i>	<i>Adjustment for GMT</i>
Pacific	-8
Mountain	-7
Central	-6
Eastern (United States Military Academy at West Point)	-5
Greenwich (United Kingdom)	0
Central European (Germany)	1
East Asia (Japan)	9

Climate

This area has four seasons. Summers are humid and very warm to hot; winters can be very cold with snow and ice storms.

Events Calendar

For more information on this subject:
Events Calendar
http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/events.htm

There is almost always something happening in the surrounding area. One of the best sources of "what's happening" around the Hudson Valley can be found in a free publication, "THE HUDSON VALLEY GUIDE". It is small with a yellow cover and can be picked up at any tourist office, the Relocation Office, ITR (by the PX) or almost anywhere you might be looking for NY travel information. Follow the many links provided in the weblink given for this section.

ANNUAL MAIN STREET FALL FESTIVAL

POC: Town of Highlands Community
Development Council
ADDRESS: Main Street
CITY: Highland Falls, NY 10928
PHONE: 914-446-4280
PROXIMITY TO SITE: less than 1 mile
COMMENTS: Date: Saturday before/after Columbus Day Weekend with sidewalk sales, food, antiques, crafts and farmer's market.

CATSKILL GAME FARM

CITY: Catskill, NY
PHONE: 518-678-9595
PROXIMITY TO SITE: 74 miles
COMMENTS: Date(s): 1 May - 31 October; Hours: 0900-1800. See wild and tame animals as well as a petting zoo. There is a picnic area if you would like to bring your own food. There are food stands

available. Admission Fee: Adults - \$12; children - \$8 (ages 4-11); children 3 and under - free.

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL AT BEAR MOUNTAIN

POC: Bear Mountain Inn
ADDRESS: Route 9W
CITY: Bear Mountain, NY 10911
PHONE: 914-786-2701
PROXIMITY TO SITE: 5 miles
COMMENTS: Date(s): 1 Dec - 1 Jan; Hours: 0900-2100. Charming, family-oriented Christmas festival with many gingerbread houses on display, an enchanted forest of decorated trees, music, caroling and special events.

INTERNATIONAL WATERFRONT

ADDRESS: Waterfront of Hudson River
CITY: Newburgh, NY 12550
PROXIMITY TO SITE: 15 miles
COMMENTS: Date(s): Labor Day Weekend; Hours: 1200-2400 Sat and Sun; 1200-2300 Mon. Ethnic foods, continuous entertainment, flea market, arts and crafts, and rides, call for more information.

MUSEUM OF THE HUDSON HIGHLANDS

ADDRESS: off Rt 218
CITY: Cornwall, NY
PHONE: 914-534-7781
PROXIMITY TO SITE: 9 miles
COMMENTS:
Hours: (Summer) (Winter)
1100-1700 Mon-Thurs 1400-1700 Mon-Thurs
1200-1700 Sat 1200-1700 Sat
1330-1700 Sun 1330-1700 Sun
Natural history exhibits and nature walks.

NEW YORK RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

ADDRESS: Sterling Forest, Route 17A
CITY: Tuxedo Park, NY 10987
PHONE: 914-351-5171, after 1 June
PROXIMITY TO SITE: 23 miles

COMMENTS: Gates Open at 1100 and close at 1800. Weekends ONLY, end of July to mid-Sept & Labor Day - Over 65 acres of landscaped fairgrounds, featuring hundreds of costumed performers plus a Tudor style marketplace filled with crafts, games, food and drink. It is a recreation of 16th century English country faire with authentic period characters. There is entertainment for the whole family to include music, dance, Shakespeare, swordplay, children's theater, a living chess game, and a thrilling joust on horseback.

OLD RHINEBECK AERODROME

ADDRESS: 42 Stone Church Road
 CITY: Rhinebeck, NY 12572
 PHONE: 914-758-8610
 PROXIMITY TO SITE: 48 miles
 COMMENTS: Air Museum is open 15 May-31 October from 1000-1700 daily. Saturdays and Sundays, mid-June through mid-October, there is an air show at 1400. Admission is free. The aerodrome presents antique aeroplanes in their natural setting and recaptures the thrill and excitement of old-time flying from the period of 1900-1937. Rides are also available on weekends.

SUGAR LOAF FALL & SPRING CRAFT FAIRS

ADDRESS: Sugar Loaf Craft Village
 CITY: Sugar Loaf, NY 10981
 PHONE: 914-469-9181
 PROXIMITY TO SITE: 28 miles
 COMMENTS: Date: Memorial Day Weekend & a Weekend in October

Name: Guide to the Hudson Valley
WWW Link: http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/index.htm

Cultural Attractions

For more information on this subject:
 Attractions and Events
http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/events.htm

Information, Ticketing and Registration, ITR, provides an extensive schedule of trips and minivacations to local and regional attractions. Special interest tours are arranged upon request. Vans provide transportation to New York City to museums and theater district and for sightseeing. Discount tickets and hotel reservations can be arranged. Information about local/nearby attractions and events is available. An annual event for ITR is a bus excursion to see the holiday show at RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL each December. Contact ITR at 914-

938-3601/2070, DSN 688-3601/2070, for current information. The following list is but a starting point -- there are many cultural outlets in New York City. Don't forget about all the museums, exhibitions, and shows in "THE CITY".

EISENHOWER HALL THEATER

655 Pitcher Road
 914-938-4159, DSN 688-4159

Eisenhower Hall, the Cadet Activities Center at the United States Military Academy, houses a two-balcony 4,500 seat auditorium. The hall's auditorium is considered to be the second largest theater of its type on the East Coast, second only to Radio City Music Hall. It has provided the stage for such plays as "Phantom of the Opera," "Annie," and "Les Miserables," as well as Luciano Pavarotti, The Oak Ridge Boys and Bill Cosby. Season subscriptions as well as individual ticket sales are available.

BOX OFFICE:

0800-1130 and 1230-1600 Mon-Fri
 The Box Office is open prior to performances for same-day sales. It is closed on weekends and holidays. However, for your convenience, there is a self-service ticket desk with order forms. The hours for the self-service desk are generally Monday through Friday, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm, and most weekends.

INFORMATION, TICKETING AND REGISTRATION (ITR)

695 Buckner Loop
 914-938-3601/2070,
 DSN 688-3601/2070

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri
 ITR is the first stop you should make for information on Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, and Empire State Building tours. Special interest tours are arranged upon request. ITR also takes vans to the METS and Yankees home games where active duty military and family members with IDs are admitted free. ITR offers summer condo rentals at Myrtle Beach, SC, and reduced rate reservations at several major motel chains. Travel information on military recreation areas, Space A air travel and military lodging, as well as maps, brochures and train schedules are available. Vans provide transportation to New York City to museums and theater district and for sightseeing. Discount tickets and hotel reservations can be arranged. Information about local/nearby attractions and events is available. Join ITR for the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, Dec 1 or 16; cost \$35 - \$40 from West Point.

Name: Eisenhower Hall Theatre
WWW Link: http://www.eisenhowerhall.com/

Name: Information, Ticketing & Registration (ITR)
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/itr/itr.htm

Recreation Opportunities

For more information on this subject:
Recreation in the Hudson Valley
<http://www.pojonews.com/enjoy/rec.htm>

Whether it is a cruise on the Hudson or a stroll through the Academy grounds, West Point is full of history and beauty. The post theater located in Mahan Hall in the central area provides an inexpensive evening of entertainment that most can walk to from the barracks or quarters. Take a look at the following list of recreation opportunities.

**WEST POINT VISITORS CENTER,
MUSEUM and TOURS**
2107 and 2110 Pershing Center
(outside Thayer Gate)
914-938-2638, DSN 688-2638

Visitors Center Hours: 0900-1645 Mon-Sun

Museum Hours: 1030-1615 Mon-Sun

With almost three million visitors to West Point each year, this site is a busy place! The Visitors' Center houses displays depicting Cadet life and activities, including a model of a Cadet room. A video of academic life is shown regularly. A gift shop operated by Daughters of the United States Army carries a large variety of souvenir and sports items. Bus tours with a guide are available for a nominal fee. The site also houses the West Point Museum, a large collection of military memorabilia.

BEAR MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
Route 9W South
Bear Mountain, NY 10911
914-786-2701

Proximity to Site: approx. 5 miles

Small nature museum and zoo. There is swimming in the pool in the summer and also ice skating during the winter months with hiking paths and special activities throughout the year.

COMMUNITY OPERATIONS DIVISION
603 Cullum Road
914-938-5120, DSN 688-5120

Fax: 914-446-5503

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Community Operations Division operates the West Point Club, and the bowling center. The following party facilities may be rented through the West Point Club: the Train Station at South Dock, the 49er Lodge at Delafield Pond, the Golf Course Clubhouse, and the Ski Lodge.

COMMUNITY RECREATION DIVISION

695 Buckner Loop
914-938-2401/4455,
DSN 688-2401/4455

Fax: 914-446-5503

Hours: 0800-1615 Mon-Fri

Community Recreation Division Administration Office accepts registration for all exercise, dance and defensive driving classes, and Boy Scout reservations for Lake Frederick. Hunting and fishing permits for use on the West Point Reservation. Reservations, and season passes for ski, skate, swim, and golf are also sold. Camping and hiking permits, along with garden plot assignments are coordinated through this office. Among the many recreational activities coordinated through this division include Arts & Crafts Centers, Automotive Centers, the Golf Course, Ice Skating, Morgan Farms Stables, and the outdoor recreation areas of Round Pond, Bull Pond, Lake Frederick and Victor Constant Ski Slope.

CONSTITUTION ISLAND TOURS

Mr. Richard DeKoster
2104 Pershing Center
914-446-8676

Proximity to Site: depart South Dock

Tours: 1300 & 1400 Wed & Thurs, mid-June through Oct

Office hours: 0900-1200 Tues-Thurs

Constitution Island is located across the Hudson River from West Point. It is part of the United States Military Academy, a National Registered Landmark. The Warner House and ruins of the Revolutionary War fortification are points of interest. The two-hour tour includes a boat ride on the Hudson, an escorted tour of 15 rooms of Warner House and a short walk to the ruins of Revolutionary War fortifications. Reservations recommended. Adult \$8, Seniors and children (6-16) \$7, child 5 and under \$2 with group rates available. The boat leaves promptly at 1300 and 1400 from West Point's South Dock. Mailing address: Constitution Island Association; Box 41; West Point, NY

HUDSON HIGHLAND CRUISES & TOURS

PO Box 265
Highland Falls, NY 10928
914-446-7171

From May to October the Commander cruises the scenic Hudson River from West Point, Peekskill and West Haverstraw. Charters, dinners and luncheons, historic narrations are available. Rates: Adult: \$10-\$17; Seniors & Children: \$8-\$15. Light refreshments sold on board but full meals must be ordered in advance.

MOVIE THEATER - DESTINA NEW WINDSOR

215 Quassaick Ave.
New Windsor, NY 12553
914-569-0300

Proximity to Site: approx. 15 miles

POST MOVIE THEATER, AAFES

Mahan Hall
914-446-5446

Ticket prices are \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. The facility is open to all military identification card holders. Show times are generally 1930. A schedule appears on Channel 8, West Point's community information channel, and can be read on the e-mail bulletin board.

Name: Activities, Orange County Tourism
WWW Link: http://www.orangetourism.org/Activities.html

Name: Area Attractions (from Hotel Thayer)
WWW Link: http://www.hotelthayer.com/things/index.html

Name: New York's Hudson Valley
WWW Link: http://www.hudsonriver.com/

Military Related and Civic Organizations

For more information on this subject:
Soldiers' Sailors' Marines' and Airmen's Club
<http://www.ssmclub.org>

A list of military and civic organizations follows:

Association of Graduates, AOG
Herbert Alumni Center
698 Mills Road

Phone: 914-938-1500, DSN 688-4600

The AOG operates on a duty hours schedule Mon-Fri. There is an Alumni AOG Gift Shop located within the building that offers USMA and Army gifts and souvenirs. Hours for the Gift Shop: Mon - Friday, 0900 - 1630; Football Saturdays, 0900 - 1800; phone 914-446-1670.

Boy Scouts of America and Cub Scouts
COL Michael Jones
Admissions Office
Phone: Home: 914-446-7573, Duty: 914-938-5709
Fax: 914-938-3021
Local scouting information can also be obtained by calling West Point Youth Services at 914-938-3550/3727, DSN 688-3550/3727.

Girl Scouts of USA
Contact Youth Services
500 Washington Road
Phone: 914-938-3727/3550, DSN 688-3727/3550
Fax: 914-938-7572, DSN 688-7572

Rotary Club
COL John Wheeler, President
West Point Club
Phone: 914-938-2275
Rotary Club meets for breakfast at the West Point Club each Thursday morning at 0730.

Soldiers', Sailors', Marines'
and Airmen's Club (NYC)
COL John T. Barber
283 Lexington Ave.
(at 37th Street)
New York, NY 10016-3540
Phone: 212-683-4353 or 800-678-8443
Fax: 212-683-4374
Proximity To Site: 65 miles

The Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club is a not-for-profit organization providing affordable rooms for members, former members, federal employees, and retirees of the armed forces. Enlisted personnel pay \$25 per night, officers and retirees (all ranks) \$35, Veterans (all ranks) and federal employees \$40 per night. Established in 1919, it is a place where service members can congregate and have clean, safe and comfortable sleeping quarters. The SSMAC is located in the historic Murray Hill section of New York City. In lower midtown Manhattan, it is close to famous sites and within walking distance to the theater district, Fifth Avenue and Grand Central Station (easily reached by Metro North train in Garrison). To make a reservation to stay at the SSMAC or for price information call 212-683-4353 or toll free at 800-678-8443.

USO (Manhattan)
MacARTHUR USO
Port Authority Bus Station
8th Avenue and 42nd St.
New York, NY
Phone: 212-695-6160
Fax: 212-695-5734

Proximity To Site: 65 miles

Hours: 1130-1930 Mon-Sat

The USO is the place to get information on New York City -- tour ideas, discount on hotels and on tickets to cultural events -- as well as a hot cup of coffee or a soda and a friendly ear in the middle of one of the world's busiest cities. The USO is located on the second floor near the post office in the Port Authority Bus Station. The USO can make reservations at a discount rate at some local hotels for any eligible patron. While these are not free, they are usually less expensive than rooms you may reserve on your own. Check with the USO for information on tours. FREE tickets to a variety of On- and Off-Broadway productions as well as various cultural affairs, sporting events and clubs, are available on a same-day basis from the USO after 1700. They are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, except for matinees, which are distributed in the morning until show time. The USO has discount exchange coupons (save up to 40%) available for Broadway and Off-Broadway shows that can be taken to the box office for purchase, or used to purchase tickets by phone (with credit card). Call the USO for dates and times available on each show coupon. Occasionally, they have passes to various talk shows taping in NYC. Great Adventure Theme Park (NJ) discount tickets are also available.

Veterans Service Agency

361 Broadway

Newburgh, NY 12550

Phone: 914-562-1446

Proximity To Site: 15 miles

For a more complete list of services for veterans, also call Army Community Service at 914-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621/2519. NATIONAL TOLL FREE TELE Phone SERVICE 1-800-827-1000.

Name: Association of Graduates of West Point
WWW Link: http://www.aog.usma.edu/

Shopping

Highland Falls is the town adjacent to West Point. There are several gift shops, two hardware stores, supermarkets, a pet supply store, a veterinarian, several dentists, several small grocery stores, delis, video rental shop and an ice cream shop. There is a McDonald's and a variety of restaurants. It is well worth becoming acquainted with services in this village because of its convenient location.

Vails Gate is a community about 15 miles north of West Point and about 10 minutes from Stewart

Airport. It is reached by taking 9W North. In the area known as "Five Corners", there are several strip-type shopping centers. This is also the closest location with an assortment of fast-food restaurants. (See Category INSTALLATION, subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS for directions on To DRIVE FROM WEST POINT TO STEWART and FROM STEWART TO WEST POINT. You will find "Five Corners" in these directions.)

WALMART is on Union Ave in New Windsor/Newburgh close to Stewart Airport. Also across the Newburgh Beacon Bridge on RT 9 North at Exit 13 off I-84, there is another Walmart and a Sam's Club; a Cracker Barrel Restaurant and Denny's all within 1/8 mile of interstate 84.

Some nearby shopping malls are:

Galleria at Crystal Run; Middletown; 40 min

Galleria at Poughkeepsie; 35 min

Nanuet Mall; 35 min

Newburgh Mall; 30 min

Palisades Park Center; Nyack; 35 min

Woodbury Commons Designer Outlet Mall;

Central Valley; 25 min

Several of the most popular malls in New Jersey and Connecticut take not much longer to drive to than malls in New York.

State and Community Social Service Agencies

For more information on this subject:

Orange County Services, Index

<http://www.mhaorangeny.com>

Your first line of information and referral can be the staff at the Army Community Service, 622 Swift Road. Call 914-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621 for assistance in locating the agency or program to address your needs or concerns before and after your move.

Listed below are but a sampling of social service agencies. Contact the Exceptional Family Member Program Manager or the Family Advocacy Manager at Army Community Service for details and a resource directory of local, state and national agencies and support groups. The FAP and EFMP operate on an appointment basis.

American Red Cross

Agnes Adamczyk, Red Cross Coordinator

622 Swift Rd.

Phone: 914-938-4100, DSN 688-4100

fax: 914-938-8284, DSN 688-8284
Hours: 1030-1530 Mon-Thurs; closed Fridays
After Hours & Holidays Toll Free 1-877-272-7337.

Army Community Service/Family Advocacy
Rebecca Kaplan, FAP Manager
622 Swift Road
Phone: 914-938-4621/2519
DSN 688-4621/2519
fax: 914-938-3019
DSN 688-3019
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Child Welfare Services
Margaret Kirchner,
Dir. of Human Services
1 Corwin Court
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 914-561-8882
Proximity To Site: 17 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri
Child Abuse Hotline:
1-800-342-3720 Toll Free
Services offered include Child Protective Services,
foster placement, and information and referral.

Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
Mrs. Dee Light, Application for Military
26 Federal Plaza
(located at Worth and Broadway)
New York, NY 10278
Phone: 212-264-5864
Proximity To Site: 65 miles

Mental Health Association,
Orange County
Craig Weiss, Head of Hotline
99 Main Street
Goshen, NY 10924
Phone: 914-294-7411
fax: 914-294-7348
Proximity To Site: 35 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri
Services Offered include crisis prevention and
intervention, support groups, counseling, and
information and referral. On post, contact
Community Mental Health, Keller Army Community
Hospital at 914-938-3441/4705, DSN 688-
3441/4705.

Social Services, Orange County Dept
Mrs. Ana Finkle
104 2nd Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 914-294-4395
fax: 914-294-2690

Proximity To Site: 17 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri
Hours: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Mon-Fri
SERVICES:

- * Child Protective Services
- * Protective Services to Adults
- * Public Assistance
- * Food Stamps
- * Medical Assistance
- * Child & Family Services
- * Child Support
- * Day Care
- * Foster Care
- * Adoption
- * Information & Referral

Eligibility:
Public Assistance, food stamps, medical assistance
programs are subject to meeting income eligibility
requirements.

Services such as Protective and Preventive Services
to Children and Adults, and Information and Referral
are available without regard to income.

Contact Family Advocacy Program at Army
Community Service at 914-938-2519/4621 for family
assistance providers, services and agencies both local
and country wide.

United Way of Orange County
Dorothy Naylor
35 Matthew Street
Goshen, NY 10924
Phone: 914-294-5100
fax: 914-294-1419
Proximity To Site: 35 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri

Veterans' Affairs, NY State Division
Veterans' Affairs Counselor
290 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 914-562-1446
Proximity To Site: 17 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri
NATIONAL TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE
1 800-827-1000
Contact Army Community Service at 914-938-
2519/4621 for a list of veterans services. See also
Veterans' Service Agency, Orange County listing
below.

Veterans' Service Agency,
Orange County
Thomas Agnew, Director

7577 Western Avenue
Goshen, NY 10924
Phone: 914-294-5151, ext. 1216
fax: 914-294-9746
Proximity To Site: 35 miles
NATIONAL TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE SERVICE
1-800-827-1000
Contact Army Community Service at 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621 for a list of veteran's services. See also Veterans' Affairs listing above.

Women, Infant and Children, WIC
Mary Jackson or Marian Holdridge
Orange County Dept. of Health
141 Broadway
Newburgh, NY 12550
Phone: 914-562-5850/5832
fax: 914-561-1838
Proximity To Site: 17 miles
Hours: 0900-1700 Mon-Fri
Services offered include food, nutrition and health information for pregnant and nursing women and for children under five years of age. There are WIC coupons that provide for (free) specific foods such as formula, milk, cheese, etc. that can help to feed the children if you qualify. If you have small children or are pregnant, call to ask about this valuable program and make an appointment to visit this office.
WIC applications are also available at Army Community Service, Bldg 622 Swift Rd., (914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621) and the Relocation Assistance, (914-938-5654, DSN 688-5654).

Non-Profit Social Service Agencies

For more information on this subject:
Orange County Directory of Programs and Services
<http://www.mhaorangenyny.com/MHAPPrograms.htm>

Contact the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Manager or the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Manager for details and resources for local, state and national agencies and support groups. The EFMP manager and FAP manager can be contacted at 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621, ACS Center 622 Swift Rd., West Point.

Religious Activities

For more information on this subject:
Worship Services at USMA
<http://www.usma.edu/chaplain/>

The following is a list of nearby religious activities in Highland Falls. For more complete listings refer to the local phone directory. For a list of religious activities on West Point refer to the Category,

SUPPORT SERVICES, subject area, CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS.

Church of the Holy Innocents: 914-446-2197
Grace Baptist Church: 914-446-4086
Sacred Heart Roman Catholic: 914-446-4609
St. Marks Baptist Church: 914-446-4369
St. John AME Zion Church: 914-446-3734
United Church of the Highlands: 914-446-9444

Community Transportation

For more information on this subject:
Transportation, Orange County
<http://www.co.orange.ny.us/transportation.html>

West Point is geographically isolated. Public transportation, as such, does not exist. There are numerous taxicab companies in the Newburgh area and two that service the Highland Falls area. For a list of trains, planes, and taxis refer back to the Category INSTALLATION, subject area TRANSPORTATION.

Education

Education Overview

For more information on this subject:
Army Education Center
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/aec/aec.htm>

To further your education, contact the Army Education Center (AEC) to see what is available at your Education Center. See listing below for details. The point of contact at the Education Center is Kathy Ruggerio, 914-938-3762 or DSN 688-3762 with email of YK6607@usma.edu, for information, especially for out-of-state tuition for military and family members (and any possible exemptions).

ARMY EDUCATION CENTER, AEC
Donald Dunphy, Director
662 Eichelberger Road
914-938-3762, DSN 688-3762
Fax: 914-938-3762, DSN 688-3762

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri
Programs include: Basic Skills Education Program, Defense Language Institute Headstart, Advance Skills Education Program, college degrees (Associate in Arts degrees, Associate in Science degrees, Bachelor of Arts degrees, Bachelor of Science degrees, Master's in Public Administration, Master's in Business Administration, Master's in Counseling and Master's in Elementary Education) and teaching certification courses. Educational counseling

services, financial aid guidance, and both military and civilian testing programs are available.

Below is a list of Colleges and Universities that hold classes on West Point; all representatives are located in the Education Center, 662 Eichelberger Road (DSN numbers are not available):

C.W. Post/Long Island University
914-446-3818; 0930-1630 Tues & Thurs
John Jay College
914-446-5959; 0830-1630 Tues & Thurs
Mount Saint Mary
914-938-3360; 0900-1600 Tues & Thurs
Orange County Community College
914-446-2445; 100-1400 Tues & Thurs
St. Thomas Aquinas
914-446-2555; 0900-1600 Tues & Thurs

For either you or the children, see other subject areas in this category, PUBLIC AND DODDS SCHOOLS, PRIVATE SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, ADULT OR CONTINUING EDUCATION, and SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Public and DODDS Schools

For more information on this subject:

West Point Schools

<http://www.wphs.wpps.k12.va.us/>

Your school-aged child will attend one of the free public or paid private schools in the area, depending upon where you live. For a list of local private schools, see PRIVATE SCHOOLS, the subject area following PUBLIC AND DODDS SCHOOLS. The West Point School is located on the grounds of the United States Military Academy. Approximately 700 children in the grades of Pre-Kindergarten through eight are in attendance, all of whom live on the grounds of the Military Academy. Those students (K-12) not living on West Point will attend their school district's public schools or a private school (with tuition).

WEST POINT SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001

HOURS OF REGISTRATION:

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Due to vacation schedules in the summer, please call to confirm that the office is open.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to reside in post housing assigned on the United States Military Academy at

West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact the DDESS General Counsel's Office for determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/ separated parents are required.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before 1 September.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

<> Birth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.

<> Child's Social Security Number

<> School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998, New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)

<> Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.

<> Report Card: from previous year

West Point School, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. School year 00-01 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 17 August 00. WPS normally ends the year about the first week in June.

It is advisable for parents to hand carry important school related documents (birth certificates, social security card/numbers, immunization records, previous school records, etc.)

If you will have children attending the West Point Schools, please contact Ms. Caputo, Registrar at the schools to let the schools know when, how many and

what grades your children will be attending. This will allow the school to have a better view of the student population for the coming academic year.

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.) Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

**HIGHLAND FALLS/FORT MONTGOMERY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

(Admin Offices are located in the O'Neill High School Building)
P.O. Box 287
Highland Falls, NY 10928,
914-446-9575

Includes the Town of Highlands (Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery, and Bear Mountain.) High school students from West Point and Garrison in Putnam County also attend with 1,045 students and 65 teachers.

The academic year for Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery Central School District does not follow the USMA cadet schedule. The school year normally begins around Labor Day and ends about the third week in June. (Call the district office for exact dates as it has not been announced at the time of this update.)

Name: Highland Falls Consolidated School District
WWW Link: http://www.mhrcc.org/hfcsd/index.html

Name: JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL
Address: Route 9W
City: Highland Falls, NY 10928
Phone: 914-446-4914
Proximity to site: 3 miles
Tuition: none
Comments: MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (21 credits): English, 4 Units Social Studies, 4 Units Mathematics, 2 Units Foreign Language, 1 Unit Science, 2 Units Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit Health, 1/2 Unit Art/Music, 1 Unit Sequence/Electives, 4-5 Units Physical Education, 2 Units

Name: WEST POINT SCHOOLS, WPS
POC: Ms. Phyllis Caputo, Registrar
Address: 705 & 705-A Washington Rd.
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-3506
FAX: 914-938-3506
DSN Phone: 688-3506
DSN FAX: 688-3506
E-Mail: YP7931@usma.edu
Proximity to site: on site
Tuition: none
Comments: WPS includes Preschool through grade 8. The academic year coincides with the cadet class schedule, so school begins in mid-August and ends about the first week of June. Special programs are: Gifted and/or Enrichment class for Grades 2-6; computer classes; full-day kindergarten; self-contained learning disabilities classes; speech articulation and speech and language; and remedial reading. There is also an active parent volunteer program and Parent Teacher Organization, PTO. West Point School is part of the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, DoD DDESS. School year 99-00 ends on 9 Jun 00. The academic year 00-01 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 17 August 00. NOTE: If you will have children attending the West Point Schools, please contact Ms. Caputo, Registrar at the schools to let the schools know when, how many and what grades your children will be attending. This will allow the school to have a better view of the student population for the coming academic year.

Name: West Point Elementary School
WWW Link: http://www.quantico.odododea.edu/wpes/index.htm

Name: West Point Middle School
WWW Link: http://www.quantico.odododea.edu/wpms/index.htm

Private Schools

There are a number of private schools in the immediate area that offer education programs for a fee (tuition). In addition to choosing to attend the public schools in the area, some parents and students choose a private education. There is also an active home schooling project at West Point. See the listings below for some of the nearby private schools.

John S. Burke Catholic High School
Goshen -- 914-294-5481

New York Military Academy
Cornwall-on-Hudson -- 914-534-3710

Leptondale Christian Academy
Newburgh -- 914-446-2674 St.

Joseph's School
New Windsor -- 914-565-5110

Storm King School
Cornwall-on-Hudson -- 914-534-7892

Thevenett Montessori School
Highland Mills -- 914-928-6981

the children's place
Newburgh -- 914-567-0102

Name: Home Schooling Project
POC: Staff
Address: West Point School
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-3827
FAX: 914-938-3827
DSN Phone: 688-3827
DSN FAX: 688-3827
Proximity to site: on site
Comments: Please contact the West Point School office for the current Point of Contact, POC, for this program.

Name: Sacred Heart School
POC: Sister Carol Melsopp
Address: Cozzens Avenue
City: Highland Falls, NY 10928
Phone: 914-446-2674
WWW Link: http://pages.prodigy.net/mpm/sachear/
Proximity to site: 1 mile
Comments: There are three categories of tuition based on parish affiliation and number of children. Grades served are preschool-8 with extended day care available for K-6 (0730-1700). Religious affiliation is Roman Catholic but all denominations are accepted. Test scores are not required and applications are accepted anytime.

Colleges and Universities

For more information on this subject:
State University of New York, SUNY
<http://www.suny.edu/>

In addition to the United States Military Academy at West Point, there are many institutions of higher learning in the Mid-Hudson Valley. The following is a list of some that are close to both West Point. See also the next subject area, ADULT OR CONTINUING EDUCATION that follows COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITY listings.

BARD COLLEGE:

914-758-6822; Annandale-on-Hudson; 60 miles

B.O.C.E.S.: 914-292-5431; Goshen; 35 miles

CULINARY INSTITUTE of AMERICA:

914-451-1068; Hyde Park; 60 miles

MARIST COLLEGE:

914-575-3000; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles

MOUNT SAINT MARY COLLEGE:

914-561-0800; Newburgh; 16 miles

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

914-431-8000; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

914-343-1121; Middletown; 40 miles

ROCKLAND COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

914-574-4000; Suffern; 20 miles

ST.THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE:

914-359-9500; Sparkill; 50 miles

SUNY, New Paltz:

914-257-2121; New Paltz; 50 miles

VASSAR COLLEGE:

914-437-7300; Poughkeepsie; 40 miles

Adult or Continuing Education

For more information on this subject:
BOCES of Orange & Ulster Counties
<http://www.ouboces.mhrcc.org/index.ssi>

Refer back to the overview of this category, EDUCATION, for information on the Army Education Center. In addition to the listings in the above subject area, COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, there are also opportunities locally for continuing your education. See the listings below for some other places to further your education.

Board of Cooperative
Educational Services
(B.O.C.E.S.)

Gibson Road

Goshen, NY 10924

914-294-2259

Proximity To Site: 35 miles

Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri; Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is a pre-site for General Educational Development (GED). Anyone interested in obtaining a GED must first take a placement test. Call for an appointment or more information.

General Educational
Development, GED

Gibson Road

Goshen, NY 10924

914-294-2259

Proximity To Site: 35 miles

Adult Evening Classes, the majority, are \$185. The General Educational Development (GED) exam for Orange County is given at Middletown High School and Newburgh Free Academy. If you are prepared to take the test, you can call to schedule.

Special Education

The Exceptional Family Member Program Manager, Judy Graham, should be your first contact if you have a child that has a need for special education. The EFMP manager can provide information and referral whether you live on post or off.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY
MEMBER PROGRAM, EFMP

Judy Graham, EFMP Manager

622 Swift Road

914-936-4621/2519

email yj9279@usma.edu

DSN 688-4621/2519

Fax: 914-938-3019, DSN 688-3019

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a Department of the Army Program assisting eligible family members of active duty soldiers, DA civilians, Army National Guard, and the US Army Reserves. It is designed to identify any special educational and/or medical needs and to facilitate consideration of these needs in the personnel assignment process. Enrollment of eligible families is mandatory. An Exceptional Family Member is any family member, regardless of age, who has a disability which limits that individual's ability to function on a daily basis and requires ongoing counseling, training, education, therapy or treatment. Some examples could be: asthma, cancer, epilepsy, learning disabilities, and limitations in hearing, vision, speech or mobility. The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a comprehensive program of medical, educational and social services providing information, referral, counseling, and enrollment assistance to support Army families and family members who have special medical and/or educational needs. Enrollment in the

Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory and helps ensure that future assignments can accommodate the needs of family members. If you would like more information about this program and the enrollment procedures, contact the EFMP manager. EFMP operates on an appointment basis.

If your child has school records, evaluations or any other related materials to aid in the relocation to a new or the first school experience, be sure to have copies made of all and hand carry these important documents to the new school. Contact your local EFMP, school, and doctors to schedule a final evaluation of your child's progress and needs for the new school. As soon as you arrive, set up appointments with the West Point EFMP and your new school system.

WEST POINT SCHOOL

Diane Henderson
705-A Washington Road
914-938-3827, DSN 688-3827
email yd6679@usma.edu

Fax: 914-938-2724, DSN 688-2724

This is in the DoD school district that serves West Point residents.

Employment

Employment Overview

For more information on this subject:

Local Employment Opportunities

http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/Activity/ACS/Employ_Opp.htm

For job-hunting purposes, be certain to bring with you all employment papers and information such as resumes, Optional Form 612, Standard Form 171, transcripts, certificates, licenses, and Standard Form 50. Employment in the local areas surrounding West Point is somewhat limited and extremely competitive in all areas including secretarial, clerical, production, professional or technical positions through managerial and construction trades. If you are willing and able to commute more than 30 minutes, prospects improve.

* GOOD PROSPECTS: Secretarial or Clerical (12K-18K), Retail Sales (11K-15K), Production, Operating and Maintenance Jobs

* GOOD PROSPECTS: Professional or Technical Jobs, Food and Beverage Occupations, Construction Trades

* FAIR PROSPECTS: Managerial or Management Related Occupations, Precision Production Occupations

Spouses are encouraged to contact Employment Readiness at Army Community Service, email yj2600@usma.edu, 914-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621, as soon as possible after your arrival to make an appointment with the counselor. She will assist you in establishing career goals and objectives; give you training and education direction and information; assist you in developing and refining resumes and interviewing skills; and will direct you to job leads and resources. A Transition Assistance Program is offered through this same office for military who are transitioning out of the Army. Early contact with this office will help smooth the transition. See Category, RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area SEPARATION PROCEDURES for more information on the services for the separating service member. Refer to all subject areas in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, as your hunt for a job may not immediately fall into any one of these areas. It may be that you will begin by volunteering or working as a private contractor or maybe as a temporary hire with CPO or a private firm. Keep all your options open.

FAMILY MEMBER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, FMEAP

Josefa Mandarino, Employment Readiness Director

ACS Center, 622 Swift Road

email yj2600@usma.edu

914-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Thurs

This program operates on an appointment basis. ACS FMEAP has been established by the Department of the Army to assist family members with their employment, career and personal development needs. The program is intended to be a source of information to military family members who experience employment disruption caused by periodic relocation. Family Member Employment introduces family members to opportunities for employment in both the public and private sectors.

The program provides a variety of services to include:

- > Job Referrals
- > Job Search Assistance
- > DORS/PACS Registration
- > Pre-Separation Counseling
- > Resume Job Search and other related workshop seminars
- > Career Counseling
- > Internet Access

- > Resume/Resume Assistance
- > TAP Workshops
- > Myers-Briggs Testing and SDS

Eligible population includes active duty and retired military personnel and their family members (wife, husband and children), members of the Reserve and National Guard components on active duty, or active duty for training, and their families, others as identified in AR 608-1.

When relocating, collect and hand carry the following items:

- your resume
- Optional Form 612 and/or updated SF 171
- college transcripts
- professional certification or licenses
- three professional references
- special awards or honors
- documentation relating to past civil service employment (i.e., SF 50, last performance appraisal, spouse's PCS orders, etc.)

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

You may be eligible for unemployment benefits if you have been working and should check with your local unemployment office before you PCS to New York State. If you wish to file your claim in New York State, you may call the local Department of Labor in Newburgh at 914-563-7000 when you arrive.

Budget for a period of unemployment. Local unemployment is approximately 4.2%. The cost of living is high and local salaries are NOT proportionate.

If you are a Civil Service employee, make sure you request Leave Without Pay, LWOP, before you leave your current position. Request an exit interview at your local Civilian Personnel Office, CPO, and make sure you have the appropriate paperwork necessary to register for the Priority Placement Program.

If you are both a veteran AND a spouse seeking Civil Service employment, be sure to have a copy of your DD214 available to submit with your applications.

Addresses for information about various certification and licensing procedures (including teacher certification) can be found in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, subject area, PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING.

Federal Civilian Employment for Spouses

For more information on this subject:
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC
<http://www.usma.edu/cpo>

West Point is the largest single employer in Orange County. Although some commute to New York City or to northern New Jersey, the principal other area of employment for people located at West Point is the Hudson Valley between Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. Other Federal agencies that offer employment in the area include the Social Security Administration, the Department of Agriculture, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York Air National Guard. These agencies are not listed individually due to limited employment opportunities, but they may be contacted directly.

APPROPRIATED FUND CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC
626 Swift Road
914-938-3039, DSN 688-3039
Fax: 914-938-2363, DSN 688-2363
Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri
You can call CPAC TOLL FREE at 1-800-643-3039. Any spouse already in Civil Service or having at least 12 months work overseas should report to the Civilian Personnel office upon their arrival to discuss their priority placement option. See web link below for military spouse preference.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYMENT, NAF

Employment Resource Center
626 Swift Road
914-938-4580, DSN 688-4580
Fax: 914-938-2363, DSN 688-2363
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri
There are a number of activities at West Point that are not supported by appropriated funds. The positions are in the Hotel Thayer, Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA), and Directorate of Community and Family Activities (DCFA). There are limited numbers of managerial, technical, and professional positions, and many clerical, sales clerk, waiter/waitress, and education aide positions. Non-Appropriated Fund positions are posted on the Non-Appropriated Fund Bulletin Board in the Civilian Personnel Office Employment Resource Center. Persons interested in these positions should complete an Application for Non-Appropriated Fund

Employment (Department of the Army Form 3433), available at the CPO Employment Resource Center.

SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

VETERANS READJUSTMENT

Civilian Personnel Office, CPO

626 Swift Road

914-938-3039, DSN 688-3039

Fax: 914-938-2363, DSN 688-2363

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

This office can be reached TOLL FREE at 1-800-643-3039. Any spouse already in Civil Service or having at least 12 months work overseas should report to the Civilian Personnel Office upon their arrival to discuss their priority placement option.

FEDERAL JOB INFORMATION CENTER

Jacob Javits Federal Bldg

26 Federal Plaza

New York, NY 10278

212-264-9355

Proximity to Site: 65 miles

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

VETERANS HOSPITAL

Penny Koustouvekin,

Public Relations Officer

FDR VA Hospital, PO Box 100

Montrose, NY 10548

914-737-4400, ext. 2489

Fax: 914-734-7002

Proximity to Site: 12 miles

UNITED STATES MINT

Willow Santiago or Rich Pisano

PO Box 37, West Point, NY 10996

914-938-5202, DSN 688-5202

**UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL
MANAGEMENT**

James M. Hanley Federal Bldg,

100 South Clinton St

Syracuse, NY 13260

315-423-5650

Proximity to Site: 235 miles

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Services

VA Medical Center

Castle Point, NY 12511

914-831-2000, extension 5405

Proximity to Site: 20 miles

Name: Military Spouse Preference Program

WWW Link:

http://www.cpol.army.mil/permis/6314.html

Name: Office of Personnel Management

WWW Link: http://www.opm.gov/
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Permanent Employment Resources

- Refer to all subject areas in this Category, EMPLOYMENT, as your hunt for a job may not immediately fall into any one of these areas. Keep all your options open.

- Contact the Employment Readiness at 914-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621/2519 and the West Point Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, CPAC, at 914-938-3039, DSN 688-3039 or 1-800-643-3039. For details of the Family Member Employment Assistance Program, FMEAP, refer back to the EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, earlier in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

- Information about various certification and licensing procedures (including teacher certification) can be found in the subject area PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING in this category.

**CAREER CENTER,
NY STATE JOB SERVICE**

Veterans' Representative

Lakeside Plaza

Newburgh, NY 12550

914-563-7000

Fax: 914-562-4184

Proximity to Site: 18 miles

Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri; Information pertaining to employment opportunities is maintained by the above office. A file is maintained according to job interest and applicants are contacted for referrals. Applications are accepted daily, 0830-1700.

WEST POINT SCHOOL

Sharon Louks

705-A Washington Rd.

email ys9282@usma.edu

914-938-3506, DSN 688-3506

Fax: 914-938-2724, DSN 688-2724

The on-post school system provides education for preschool through eighth grade pupils. Teaching and administrative personnel who are regularly employed and substitute teachers must possess a certification from one of the 50 states or the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DoDDS). Applications for professional positions must include college transcripts, and a placement folder or resume.

Nonprofessional positions require a Standard Form 171. Materials for employment consideration should be mailed or delivered to the school.

POST EXCHANGE, AAFES (PX)

Personnel Office
914-446-5446

Fax: 914-446-3641

Applications for employment are accepted Mon-Fri, 0800-1600. Call for location of this office as the new exchange is due to open in this summer. Positions include retail, clerical and food service positions necessary for the operation of the PX and the Shopette. Reinstatement referrals may be made through your local PX prior to arrival at your new post.

Temporary Employment Resources

In addition to the listings that follow for private, local temporary services, be sure to visit the Employment Resource Center, 626 Swift Road, on the installation for information for both Civilian (CPO) appropriated government positions (permanent and temporary) and non-appropriated funds (NAF) positions. Both are available in one central location on the first floor of Bldg 626.

TEMPORARIES:

NORMAN TEMPORARIES 914-565-9111
CAROL TEMPORARIES 914-565-5700
MANPOWER TECHNICAL 914-898-1354

Non-Paid or Volunteer Opportunities

For more information on this subject:
Installation Volunteer Coordinator
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/ivc/ivc.htm>

West Point is a great place to become part of an increasing dynamic volunteer corps. Volunteers give of their time to improve the quality of life. There is a certain reward in being part of an effort that makes a difference. In contemporary society the problems are complex, the solutions more involved, and the satisfactions more obscure. It is these very challenges that spark the interest and involvement of volunteers. Contact the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 914-938-3655, DSN 688-3655, or come by the Volunteer Resource Center, 2104 Pershing Center (next to the Visitors Center), to find out how you can become a part of the West Point volunteer corps.

INSTALLATION VOLUNTEER
COORDINATOR, IVC
2104 Pershing Center

914-938-3655, DSN 688-3655
Fax: 914-938-7712, DSN 688-7712
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; The United States Military Academy volunteer force is a strong one with over 3,000 dedicated individuals that volunteer and support West Point. Volunteer hours are tracked and documented. Many opportunities are available. The IVC recruits, registers, refers and recognizes volunteers. The IVC provides training for volunteers and volunteer agencies. The IVC also represents volunteers' interests to the Command and volunteer agencies. The IVC is West Point's point of contact for the Army Family Action Plan, AFAP, and Army Family Team Building, AFTB.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Agnes Adamczyk,
Red Cross Coordinator
622 Swift Road
email ya6307@usma.edu
914-938-4100, DSN 688-4100
Fax: 914-446-5503, DSN 688-4365
Hours: 1030-1530 Mon-Thurs; Closed Fri;
Chairman of Volunteers: 914-938-4365, DSN 688-4365
Red Cross volunteer opportunities in various locations in the community to include: Casework Services, Blood Drives, Hospital/Clinics, and Disaster Services. Positions open to those who have gone through Red Cross Orientation.

Chambers of Commerce

The surrounding area, to include Orange County on the west side of the Hudson River and Dutchess County on the east, has active chambers of commerce. You can contact each directly for information concerning their businesses and industries and begin your search for networking opportunities with others in your field.

**EASTERN ORANGE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

47 Grand Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
914-562-5100
Fax: 914-565-6575
Proximity to Site: 15 miles
Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri

**GREATER SOUTHERN DUTCHESS
COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

300 Westage Bus. Ctr., Ste 100
Fishkill, NY 12524
914-897-2067
Fax: 914-897-3593

Proximity to Site: 30 minutes
Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri

ORANGE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
40 Matthews Street
Goshen, NY 10924
914-294-8080 or 562-5100
FAX: 914-294-6121 or 294-6121
Email info@orangeny.org
Proximity to Site: 30 miles
Hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri

POUGHKEEPSIE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
110 Main Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
914-454-1700
Fax: 914-454-1702
Proximity to Site: 45 minutes
Hours: 0830-1630 Mon-Fri

Private Sector Employment

Employment in the local areas surrounding West Point is somewhat limited and extremely competitive. If you are willing and able to commute more than 30 minutes, prospects improve. Spouses are encouraged to contact Employment Readiness at Army Community Service Center, email yj2600@usma.edu, 914-938-4621/2519 or DSN 688-4621, as soon as possible after your arrival to make an appointment with the counselor. Ms. Mandarino will assist you in establishing career goals and objectives, give you training and education direction and information, assist you in developing and refining resumes and interviewing skills and will direct you to job leads and resources. For details of the valuable Family Member Employment Assistance Program, FMEAP, refer back to the EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, earlier in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

Name: PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT LISTINGS
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/DCFA/Activity/ACS/Employ_Opp.htm

Government Employment

For more information on this subject:
CPO and National Office of Personnel Management
<http://www.usma.edu/cpo/>

West Point is the largest single employer in Orange County. Although some commute to New York City or to northern New Jersey, the principal area of employment beyond West Point is the Hudson Valley between Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. Check out the West Point CPO website at the weblink above for current information and also check the Office of Personnel Management link for national listings. For more information, please see EMPLOYMENT OVERVIEW, FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, and TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES in this same category of EMPLOYMENT.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL ADVISORY CENTER, CPAC

Employment Resource Center
626 Swift Road
914-938-3039, DSN 688-3039
Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Call Toll Free at 1-800-643-3039. For further details refer back to the subject area, FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS, NAF

Employment Resource Center
626 Swift Road
914-938-4580, DSN 688-4580
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; For further details refer back to the subject area, FEDERAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT FOR SPOUSES, in this category, EMPLOYMENT.

POST EXCHANGE or AAFES

Laura Gardner
914-446-5446
Fax: 914-446-3641
Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Call for location as the new PX is to open this summer. Applications for employment are accepted Mon-Fri, 0800-1600. Opportunities exist in retail, clerical and food service positions necessary for the operation of the PX and shoppette. Reinstatement referrals may be made through your local PX prior to arrival at your new post.

Professional or Occupational Licensing

For more information on this subject:
Office of the Professions, NY State Education Dept
<http://www.op.nysed.gov/home.html>

Department of State Licensing Services
84 Holland Ave.
Albany, NY 12208-3490

518-474-4429

The Department of State Licensing handles licensing for numerous certifications, professions, and occupations; call for a complete listing. Call for requirement and procedures specific to your profession or occupation. Be prepared when you call to provide other state's license numbers that you have, certificate numbers, education or training completed and an address for further correspondence with the Department of State Licensing office.

NY State Education Department
Division of Professional Licensing
Cultural Education Center
Albany, NY 12230
518-474-3817

This office handles licensing for numerous occupations (Nurse - Practical and Registered, Social Work, Teacher Certification, etc.); call for a complete listing. See web link above also.

**CHILD CARE in QUARTERS
FAMILY CHILD CARE, FCC**
Kim Tague
681 Hardee Place
West Point, NY 10996
email yk4997@usma.edu
914-938-3921, DSN 688-3921

Fax: 914-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

Certification is required for anyone who is caring for unrelated children (paid or unpaid) for 10 or more childcare hours per week on a regular basis while living in government quarters. Training classes are offered quarterly. Call 938-3921 for information on date and time of the next training classes.

**CHILD CARE COUNCIL
OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC**
30 Mathews St # 104
Goshen, NY 10924
914-342-6109

Services:

- * Child care referral service
- * Recruitment and required training of family day care providers
- * Training workshops and programs for child care staff
- * Community education meetings about choosing child care, and child care issues
- * Information and assistance to groups starting day care services
- * Collaboration between early intervention and child care providers

HOME BUSINESS in QUARTERS

Evelyn Kawula
Private Organizations/Solicitations
681 Hardee Place
email ye2653@usma.edu
914-938-6746, DSN 688-6746

Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri; A home business may be just what you are looking for since it can provide flexibility, independence and portability. Examples of home businesses are: Child Care, Beautician, Bookkeeping, Cake Decorating, Hobby/crafts, Manicures, and selling products such as Avon, Tupperware, Longaberger baskets, etc.

***** TO GET APPROVAL FOR ANY BUSINESS
IN GOVERNMENT QUARTERS THE LEGAL
PROCEDURES INCLUDE:**

Submit a request to the Office of the Garrison Commander for commercial solicitation. The request must include:

- a. A copy of your CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY from the NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE -- SALES TAX.
- b. A statement attesting to the fact you have read and understand AR 210-7, Commercial Solicitation on Army Installations and USMA Supplement 1 to AR 210-7.

Keep the following information in mind:

- a. Distribution of flyers by placing them on vehicle windshields, in mailboxes or between doors is prohibited.
- b. Noncompliance could lead to expulsion from government housing.

Networking Opportunities

The military spouse who is seeking to develop a personal career must tackle the problems imposed by frequent moves. Networking, before you move as well as after you arrive, can sometimes be the key to a successful job search.

SOME "TIPS" INCLUDE:

- Check to see if your present employer has a facility in the local area. A transfer may be possible.
- Talk about your move to friends, relatives or co-workers they may have some ideas that can help.
- Subscribe to local area newspapers.
- Contact local Chamber of Commerce for local business listings (see subject area, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE in this category, EMPLOYMENT).
- Contact local chapters of professional organizations.

Medical And Dental

Medical and Dental Overview

For more information on this subject:
Keller Army Community Hospital
<http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/wp/>

Medical care services are offered on a priority basis. First priority of care is to active duty military. Second priority is to family members of active duty, with retired military and family members of retired military following in the eligible chain. Dental care services are available to active duty military only. Only emergency dental care is offered to other eligible individuals. When services are unavailable, those eligible for medical care are referred to TRICARE. Participation in the Active Duty Dependents Dental Plan is encouraged. The Dental Clinic is located in Central Area, 606 Thayer Rd. See subject areas, DENTAL SERVICES / DIRECTORY-ON INSTALLATION and FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN that can be found in this category, MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

Keller Army Community Hospital, KACH, is a fully accredited, 65 inpatient bed facility. KACH contains medical, surgical, intensive care and obstetrics units. The Acute Care Clinic and the EMERGENCY ROOM can be reached at 914-938-4004/4005, 914-446-5400, or DSN 688-4004/4005 on a 24 hour-a-day basis. The hospital is located at 900 Washington Road on the left after entering Washington Gate.

KACH, HOSPITAL
INFORMATION DESK
914-938-5169; SN 688-5169

For an appointment, call TRICARE at 1-888-999-5195. This is the central appointments number for Keller. (Note: This does not ring at Keller but through the TRICARE appointment system in Maryland.)

****DEERS UPDATE:****

To expedite your inprocessing with MEDDAC and TRICARE, contact your local DEERS office (as you outprocess) and change your address to West Point. You can utilize the address printed on your orders as your new address until you obtain local housing in New York.

When you move to a different region, you will have up to 30 DAYS at the new site to enroll. Your old region will cover you for care until you enroll at the

new region. Enrolled members will start a new 12-month enrollment period.

You can get an ENROLLMENT DECISION KIT:

1. At any Keller Army Community Hospital clinic
2. At the TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls
3. By calling Sierra Military Health Services at 1-888-999-5195.

A valid ID card must be presented to receive any care except emergency care. Family members must be enrolled in DEERS and present a valid ID card.

A Primary Care Department implements the team concept of specialty health care services. There are two physician teams, the Primary Care East and the Primary Care West, comprised of doctors from each of the three former clinics (family practice, internal medicine and pediatrics). Dermatology, respiratory therapy, adolescent pediatrics, and the Exceptional Family Member Program are available to both teams.

The nearest tertiary center is Westchester County Medical Center, located about 35 miles from West Point, approximately a 45-minute drive. Nearest major Army medical treatment facility is Walter Reed Army Medical Center, located 290 miles from West Point, approximately a 5-hour drive.

Name: TRICARE Provider Region 1
WWW Link: http://www.sierramilitary.com

Name: TRICARE at Keller
WWW Link: http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/wp/tricareinfo.htm

Medical Services/Directory - on Installation

For more information on this subject:
KACH Phone Book
<http://www.wramc.amedd.army.mil/wp/phones.htm>

If you have any questions about medical services at West Point, call the Health Benefits Advisor at 914-938-4838 or DSN 688-4838.

Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, EDIS, (formerly known as Early Intervention Program) for exceptional family members can be reached at 914-938-4205/4739, DSN 688-4205/4739. Soldiers are responsible for keeping the medical and/or special education needs documentation current. A review is required as EFM

condition changes or at least every 3 years, whichever comes first.

EMERGENCY ROOM & AMBULANCE
938-4004/4005

INFORMATION DESK
938-5169

PHARMACY
938-2271

ADVICE NURSE
800-308-3518

Individual Clinics:

EARS, NOSE & THROAT- 914-938-2689

IMMUNIZATIONS- 914-938-5556

OB/GYN- 914-938-2606/4741

ORTHOPEDICS/PODIATRY- 914-938-4734

PHYSICAL THERAPY- 914-938-3324

Health Benefits Advisor, Wellness, and CHAMPUS/TRICARE Programs

For more information on this subject:

TRICARE at West Point

<http://www.wrampc.amedd.army.mil/wp/tricareindex.htm>

HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR
Keller Army Community Hospital
(First Floor)
914-938-4838, DSN 688-4838
Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

What is TRICARE?

TRICARE is the Department of Defense's program for providing healthcare to CHAMPUS-eligible beneficiaries. It uses civilian healthcare providers to provide care that the local military hospital or clinic cannot provide. It also offers three options for care to eligible beneficiaries - TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra, and TRICARE Standard.

TRICARE Prime requires users to enroll, formally agreeing to get their healthcare from a particular primary care manager. Enrollment last for a period of 12 months. At the end of this time, the enrollee has the choice of reenrolling in TRICARE Prime. While a TRICARE Prime enrollee is limited to seeing one particular primary care manager, the enrollee will experience reduced out of pocket costs, improved access to care, and enhanced health and wellness benefits.

Active duty personnel are required to enroll in TRICARE Prime at the local military hospital or clinic. Active duty family members, however, along with CHAMPUS-eligible retirees and their family members, must choose whether or not they want to enroll in TRICARE Prime.

If they choose not to enroll, beneficiaries may still use either of the two remaining TRICARE options (TRICARE Extra and TRICARE Standard). Beneficiaries using TRICARE Extra or TRICARE Standard can still use the military hospital or clinic on a space available basis, but access may be very limited. Under the TRICARE program, military hospitals and clinics must provide care for TRICARE Prime enrollees first, before serving users of the other TRICARE options.

TRICARE Standard is a new name for the traditional CHAMPUS program. Under TRICARE Standard, beneficiaries pay a deductible a percentage of allowable charges by a healthcare provider. The beneficiary may have to file paperwork with TRICARE for reimbursement of healthcare costs and may be required to pay up to 40% of the allowable charge for their care.

TRICARE Extra is similar to TRICARE Standard. Under TRICARE Extra, beneficiaries use a "TRICARE participating provider" - a healthcare provider who has agreed to abide by TRICARE rules regarding costs and quality of care. These providers will file all of the paperwork necessary. The beneficiary still must pay the TRICARE Standard deductible, but copayments are limited to 20% of the allowable charge.

West Point is in TRICARE Northeast, or TRICARE Region 1. Our Managed Care Support Contractor is Sierra Military Health Systems, Inc., with headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. The network that Sierra establishes expands the resources available to our military healthcare providers and our beneficiaries.

If you face a MEDICAL EMERGENCY - one that threatens life, limb or eyesight - please go to the nearest emergency room. Then, call your PCM after you've received treatment.

TO ENROLL IN TRICARE PRIME

You can enroll in TRICARE Prime by completing an enrollment form. The required documents are contained in the TRICARE ENROLLMENT DECISION KIT. This kit includes a TRICARE

Provider Directory, an explanation of the TRICARE program, and the necessary enrollment materials. You can get an Enrollment Decision Kit:

1. At any Keller Army Community Hospital clinic
2. The TRICARE Service Center in Highland Falls
3. By calling Sierra Military Health Services at 1-888-999-5195

Remember that to receive treatment you must be enrolled in DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) and have a valid ID card. To enroll in DEERS, you must go 622 Swift Road to the Office of the Adjutant General, AG; phone 914-938-3764 or DSN 688-3746; 0745-1130 and 1300-1600 Mon-Fri. To obtain family member identification (ID) cards and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) registration, the sponsor must accompany family members. Birth and marriage certificates with raised seal will be needed.

Community Health Nursing Service
Bldg 606 - 3M
914-938-2676, DSN 688-2676

Community Health Nursing Service has as their goal prevention through education, especially through Health Risk Appraisals, TB Surveillance, Antepartum counseling for single soldiers and high-risk mothers, Communicable Disease Control, and community classes upon request.

Name: Sierra Military Health Services, Inc.
WWW Link: http://www.sierramilitary.com

Community Hospitals

Cornwall Hospital is the closest community hospital to West Point. Remember to check with your Primary Care Manager, PCM, before receiving treatment or services at a hospital other than the military hospital. If you incur costs for such treatment or services at any hospital (except in an emergency where your life, limb or eyesight is in danger) without the being referred, you will be responsible for paying all fees and costs involved. After you have received true emergency treatment, you must call your PCM. Under TRICARE Prime, you must go to your PCM first for all routine and acute healthcare needs. Your PCM will evaluate your condition and either treat your problem, consult with a specialist, or refer you to a specialist for care.

ARDEN HILL HOSPITAL
Deborah Carr,
Professional Recruiter
Harriman Drive

Goshen, NY 10924
914-294-5441, ext. 4274
Proximity To Site: Approximately 30 miles

CORNWALL HOSPITAL
Admissions Office
Laurel Avenue
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520
914-534-7711, ext. 4300
Proximity To Site: Approximately 10 miles

ST LUKES HOSPITAL
Business Office
70 DuBois Street
Newburgh, NY 12550
914-561-4400
Proximity To Site: Approximately 15 miles

WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER
Admissions Office
Route 100
Valhalla, NY 10595
914-285-7000
Proximity To Site: Approximately 35 miles south
Westchester is the only tertiary center in the Orange, Rockland, Putnam and Westchester Counties. This facility provides most pediatric specialties (neonatology, etc.). Other specialized care is also available (heart, lung, kidney, and psychiatric).

Dental Services/Directory - on Installation

Dental care is only for active duty personnel. Only emergency care on a space available basis for relief of pain is authorized for family members. For a dental emergency during duty hours, call 914-938-2505 and after duty hours call the hospital's Acute Care Clinic at 914-938-4004/4005. See subject area FAMILY MEMBER DENTAL PLAN that can be found in this category, MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

ORAL SURGERY CLINIC
914-938-4290 DSN 688-4290

SAUNDERS DENTAL CLINIC
606 Thayer Road
Central Area
Appointments call:
914-938-2505 DSN 688-2505
Sick call hours of 0730-0830
and 1230-1330 Mon -- Fri

Family Member Dental Plan

The only space-available care for other than active duty personnel at West Point Dental Activity is emergency care for the relief of pain. Participation in

the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is encouraged. Enrolling in the TFMDP is voluntary.

The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan (TFMDP) is a comprehensive and affordable dental plan available to eligible spouses and children of active duty Uniformed Service members. The TFMDP has cost shares, benefit maximums and coverage limitations similar to typical group dental insurance plans. To be eligible for TFMDP enrollment, sponsors must intend to remain on active duty for at least 24 months and this commitment must be confirmed by their parent Uniformed Service. Enrollment and/or changes to enrollment can be accomplished by filling out a DD Form 2494 or 2494-1 at the sponsor's servicing personnel office. Please read these forms carefully as they provide detailed information on enrollment options, limitations and when TFMDP coverage begins. Upon enrollment, the sponsor must pay the monthly premium through their Uniformed Services payroll account - the Government pays 60% of monthly premiums. Before providing care to family members, some dental providers may ask to see a copy of the sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement showing the dental plan payroll deduction. Coverage is worldwide and portable between assignments. United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI) administers the TFMDP. Detailed TFMDP coverage and enrollment information can be found in the TFMDP benefit booklet. For more information about the program, visit UCCI's web site or contact them at 1-800-866-8499 for information on the TFMDP in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, or 1-717-975-5017 (toll call) for information on the TFMDP in all other locations. In overseas locations, enrolled sponsors and family members must contact their servicing overseas dental treatment facility and/or Overseas Lead Agent before seeking treatment from host-nation dental providers, except for emergency care.

Also, visit the hospital's TRICARE Health Benefits Advisor.

HEALTH BENEFITS ADVISOR
 Keller Army Community Hospital
 (First Floor)
 914-938-4838, DSN 688-4838
 Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Name: TFMDP Customer Service
POC: United Concordia Companies, Inc. (UCCI)
WWW Link: http://www.ucci.com
Comments: ADDRESSES: For the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands: United Concordia Companies, Inc. TFMDP Customer Service PO Box 898218 Camp Hill PA 17089-8218 All other locations: United Concordia Companies, Inc. TFMDP OCONUS Dental Unit PO Box 898238 Camp Hill PA 17089-8238 PHONE NUMBERS: CONUS (1-800-866-8499); OCONUS (1-717-975-5017 - toll call) COMMENTS: For more information about the TFMDP, contact your Health Benefits Advisor or in overseas locations, your servicing overseas dental treatment facility or Overseas Lead Agent point of contact. Customer Service can also help sponsors, family members, installation staff and dental providers with specifics about the TFMDP.

Housing

Housing Overview

For more information on this subject:
 PCS HouseExpress for West Point
<http://www.armyhousing.net/PCS/US.htm>

All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. Personnel will be counseled by a housing representative by appointment. Service members with accompanying dependents are required to occupy family quarters on post. An exception-to-policy is a possibility until the housing renovations and new constructions are completed. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters.

Those not assigned to West Point must call the Housing Office, 914-567-3478/3477 and speak with Jerry France or WO3 Hardie at Stewart, Bldg 2420, New Windsor NY.

Plan to stay longer in the guest house if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations, new constructions, and demolitions are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (914-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or

Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845). For the current West Point housing information go to the PCSHouse Express website given above.

There are motels nearby in the community. See Category, RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, BILLETING, for information on local hotels and more places to stay in the area while you wait for your quarters to be available.

USMA has a wide variety of areas and styles of both bachelor and family quarters. Family units range from one to six bedrooms, from apartment buildings to single-family units. Families should plan to stay in temporary housing such as the guest house, Five Star Inn (1-800-GO ARMY1 or 914-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816), while waiting for housing where accommodations range from efficiency apartments to single suites to family suites. Pets are not allowed in the Five Star Inn.

Soldiers in the grade of SFC and above and officers who collect BAH at the without dependent rate may live off-post. Others can request in writing to live off-post. However, if you are identified as key and essential personnel, you are required to occupy government quarters. Bachelor units range from one to three bedroom apartments. Bachelor quarters for bonifide bachelors are normally available within thirty to ninety days.

USMA conducts a HOUSING DRAW each summer. The draw is conducted in early June for all officers being assigned during the summer months, 1 May through 31 August. Selection of quarters is made by order of rank and bedroom requirement. Either you or your representative must be present to participate in the selection of your quarters at the draw. Senior officers, visiting professors, and those with a large bedroom requirement are preassigned quarters and do not have to go through the housing draw. The sponsor to each incoming officer will be informed in a timely fashion as to the incoming officer's number for the draw (based on date of rank) and the availability of quarters (i.e., quarters number, availability date, number of bedrooms, grade of quarters) and the dates of the draw.

Work closely with your sponsor as the sponsor is your line of communication for a successful housing draw experience. Keep your sponsor advised as to your address to allow for sufficient time for mailing of these lists to the incoming personnel; especially leave movements and moving dates prior to the draw as the lists of available quarters and the numbers for the draw are not compiled and released until usually sometime in April.

Name: Family Housing Office
POC: Ms. Robinson
Address: 626 Swift Road
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-4500
FAX: 914-938-6196
DSN Phone: 688-4500
DSN FAX: 688-6196
E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu
Comments: Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri Housing can be reached by calling 1-800-654-8845 Toll Free.

Housing Allowances

Your housing allowance (Basic Allowance for Housing, BAH) will depend upon your rank and whether or not you have dependents (a single parent, married without children or married with children would be with dependents). West Point is considered a high cost of living area. If you live in government quarters, you will NOT receive BAH. Only if you are living somewhere other than government quarters will you receive BAH. If you have been allowed to live off-post or if you are in the guest house or motel waiting to sign for quarters, you will continue to receive BAH. In other words, the housing allowance is yours only when you are NOT signed for government quarters.

In the link below "Basic Allowance for Housing" use zip of 10996 to search for your housing allowance at West Point.

Housing Allowances

Housing allowance information is available from the Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee's Web Site:	
Rates and Allowances Home Page	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html
Basic Allowance for Housing	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/bah.html
Overseas Housing Allowance	http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/allooha.html

Government Housing

For more information on this subject:
PCS HouseExpress for West Point
<http://www.armyhousing.net/Installations/WestPoint.htm>

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Single soldiers in the grades E-7 through E-9 and all single officers have the option to reside off-post (see Unaccompanied Personnel Housing). However, if you are identified as KEY AND ESSENTIAL personnel, you are REQUIRED to occupy government quarters. You may request in writing for an exception to policy to live off-post that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Those not assigned to West Point must call the Housing Office, 914-567-3478/3477 and speak with Jerry France or WO3 Hardie at Stewart, Bldg 2420, New Windsor NY.

Name: Family Housing Office
POC: Ms. Robinson
Address: 626 Swift Road
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-4500
FAX: 914-938-6196
DSN Phone: 688-4500
DSN FAX: 688-6196
E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu
Comments: Toll Free 1-800-654-8845. Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri Soldiers may send a completed "Application for Assignment to Housing", Department of Defense Form 1746, along with a copy of their orders to the Housing Division, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York 10996. Personnel will not be entered on a waiting list until they have signed in with their gaining unit. If you are assigned to West Point Staff and Faculty, the Personnel Assistance Center (PAC) will make an appointment for you once you have signed in for duty. Personnel who are not assigned to the Staff and Faculty are required to telephone the Housing Office to schedule an inprocessing appointment.

Name: Unaccompanied Personnel Housing
POC: Ms. Robinson
Address: 626 Swift Road
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-4500
FAX: 914-938-6196
DSN Phone: 688-4500
DSN FAX: 688-6196
E-Mail: YA8559@usma.edu
Comments: Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845. Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri Bachelor units range from one to three bedroom apartments. Bachelor quarters, for bonifide bachelors only, are normally available within thirty to ninety days. West Point and the surrounding communities are considered high cost of living areas. Off-post housing is both scarce and expensive.

Community Housing

For more information on this subject:
PCS HouseExpress for West Point
<http://www.armyhousing.net/Installations/WestPoint.htm>

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Single soldiers in the grades E-7 through E-9 and all single officers have the option to reside off-post. However, if you are identified as **KEY AND ESSENTIAL** personnel, you are **REQUIRED** to occupy government quarters. You may request in writing for an exception to policy to live off-post that will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. (Those not assigned to West Point must call the Housing Office, 914-567-3478/3477 and speak with Jerry France or WO3 Hardie at Stewart, Bldg 2420, New Windsor NY.)

Most landlords require a minimum of one month's rent for security in addition to the first month's rent in advance. Personnel are advised that a realtor's fee (maybe equal to one month's rent) may be required if apartments are listed with a realtor. Also, if you have pets, there can be an additional deposit for the pets.

Home sales and rental market:

The average price of a 3-bedroom house in the West Point Housing market area is somewhere between \$110,000 and \$140,000. Rental rates begin at about \$950 for a 2-bedroom house.

Apartments:

Rental units are costly. Rental units are costly. The majority of rental apartments are unfurnished, average costs are as follows: Studio \$450, 1 Bedroom \$600, 2 Bedroom \$750, 3 Bedroom \$875 - \$1400.

Mobile Homes:

Rental space for mobile homes is very limited. Mobile homes for rent are normally in established parks. There are no government mobile home spaces at this installation.

Name: Community Homefinding, Relocation & Referral
POC: Ms. Puglisi
Address: 626 Swift Road
City: West Point, NY 10996
Phone: 914-938-4500
FAX: 914-938-6196
DSN Phone: 688-4500
DSN FAX: 688-6196
E-Mail: YN3303@usma.edu
Comments: Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845 CHRRS has a list of local rentals and can provide information and assistance on renting or purchasing a home in the community. You are required to in-process with the Community Homefinding, Relocation and Referral Service, CHRRS, BEFORE SIGNING a rental agreement or entering into an agreement to purchase a home.

Utilities

NOTE ANNOUNCED CHANGE:

THE COMMERCIAL AREA CODE FOR ORANGE COUNTY INCLUDING WEST POINT WILL CHANGE FROM 914 TO 845 IN THE SUMMER OF 2000.

If you are living in government housing (including the barracks), the only utilities that you will be responsible for are your telephone and TV cable. Sprint is the phone service provider for those living in the barracks. Information on Sprint will be provided as you inprocess at USMA. Bell Atlantic (for service call 890-2550 toll free) is the telephone company that provides the phone service for all those not in the barracks in this area. Time Warner Cable is the local cable TV provider.

TELEPHONE TROUBLE and REPAIRS for all family quarters, except the newly erected Stoney II and Gray Ghost housing areas, are reported to 938-3911, on West Point -- NOT TO Bell Atlantic. Phone lines (with the exception of StoneyII and the new Gray Ghost housing area) are the property of West Point and West Point is responsible for their upkeep and repair, NOT Bell Atlantic. See the listing below for more information on Bell Atlantic.

LOCAL TOLL CALLING:

Phone calls outside the West Point, Highland Falls or Fort Montgomery area are all local toll calls. That means that calling outside the 446-XXXX area will result in per minute charges. Bell Atlantic does offer

a special per call rate of approximately 10.6 cents per call. This option instead of unlimited local calls means that calling either your neighbor down the street or a West Point office will cost 10.6 cents per call, no matter if you talk 1 sec or 1 hour. Discuss your calling plan with Bell Atlantic and be CERTAIN that you thoroughly understand the local toll call charges for all calls outside the (446- housing prefix, 938- office prefix, and 515- cadet prefix) area. This is especially true for computer INTERNET USERS. Even dialing in to AOL is a toll call (no local 446- number for AOLNET) with per minute charges on your phone bill (and hotel bill). This local toll charges can quickly add up to a hundred dollars or more each month on your phone bill. This can put a strain on your budget if you are unaware of local toll for calls outside the area. Do not be fooled with a list of access numbers for your email service (AOL, Prodigy, etc.) as a local number with an area code of 914 --- these numbers are NOT THE SAME as 914-446-XXXX. The 446-XXXX area now has one local internet service provider, ISP. Contact BestWeb customer Service at 914-271-4500 or email at support@bestweb.net.

Telephone and other nearby utility companies that you may need if you live off post are found in the following listings.

BELL ATLANTIC
phone: 890-2550 (Toll Free)
Hook-up Fee: Approx. \$60
deposit: Depends upon credit history
hours: 0800-2000 Mon-Fri, 0830-1600 Saturday
BELL ATLANTIC, is the only choice for the local service in this region. However, you may choose your own long distance service such as MCI, AT&T, Sprint, etc. NOTE: Call 938-3911 on West Point, not BELL ATLANTIC, to report telephone repairs or loss of service for all housing areas except the new Stoney II and Gray Ghost.

Time Warner Cable Television
156 Main St.
Highland Falls, NY 10928
phone: 1-800-431-8878
Hook-up Fee: Approx. \$65
hours: 0800-1630 Mon-Fri
There are many different packages available, please call for more specific information and to schedule your hook up.

BestWeb, Corp.
Internet service Provider
email support@bestweb.net
Phone 1-877-777-BWEB

or 914-271-4500
Fax 914-271-4292
\$9.95 for the first 3 months
\$19.95 after first 3 months

C.D. Parry Fuel Oil Service
21 Fort Putnam
Highland Falls, NY 10928
phone: 914-446-4539/4500
hours: 0800-1700, Mon-Fri

Central Hudson Gas and Electric
410 Little Britain Road
Newburgh, NY 12553
phone: 914-565-5600
Hook-up Fee: None
hours: 0830-1700 Mon-Fri

Orange and Rockland Utilities
75 W Route 59
Spring Valley, NY 10977
phone: 914-343-8881
fax: 914-577-3587
Hook-up Fee: none
hours: 0800-2100 (for telephone)

Panco Oil Company
P.O. Box 659
Stony Point, NY 10980
phone: 914-446-2008
fax: 914-786-3372
hours: 0800-1730, Mon-Fri

Water Department
Mountain Avenue
Highland Falls, NY 10928
phone: 914-446-3252
fax: see comments below
deposit: \$50 if not already on
The fax number is 914-446-0384. This will reach the Highland Falls Police Dept. Please address your fax ATTN: WATER DEPT.

Relocation Services

Relocation Services Overview

For more information on this subject:
Relocation Readiness Page
<http://www.bestweb.net/~reemote/>

RELOCATION READINESS provides information, guidance and assistance for both service members and DoD civilians as well as their families moving to or from the West Point community. Relocation Readiness is an ACS program, located at 622 Swift

Road. Contact Becky Rosen the Relocation Readiness Director at 914-938-5654/2519 or email yb0182@usma.edu.

One of the first stops when you arrive at West Point should be ACS's Relocation. Relocation can provide additional information and updates that have been designed to help you upon arrival. The Loan Closet is available to all those on PCS orders to and from West Point. Relocation will answer your questions and be just a phone call or email away as you relocate to the banks of the Hudson.

A FEW OF THE SERVICES OFFERED ARE:

- ^ This SITES booklet
- ^ West Point Welcome Packets
- ^ Loan Closet
- ^ Newcomer's Orientation
- ^ Pre and Post Move Counseling
- ^ Multi-cultural Referrals
- ^ Sponsorship Training
- ^ Overseas Orientation

The LOAN CLOSET is free-of-charge, lending basic household items to service members and families as they in or out process West Point. Whether you need a coffee pot, toaster or a full kitchen setup, a stroller, cots, card-type table and chairs, or fans, CHECK WITH RELOCATION before you buy what is on the way in your household goods shipment. The Loan Closet has the bare essentials, no sofas or chests of drawers -- just the bare essentials that you will allow you to occupy your housing until your household goods arrive.

Relocation also has state of the printers and computers with USMA network internet access with the capability of accessing information on all most all DoD installations worldwide. Relocation will be happy to check the West Point Bulletin Boards for the For Sale items and Rentals posted on the West Point internal folders/web. Whether it is an air-conditioner or a washer and dryer, let Relocation print out the current listings. This West Point SITES that you are now reading online or as a printout was compiled and is regularly updated by the Relocation Readiness Director. Non-military community information can also be provided.

Information for almost any program or service on West Point can be provided by Relocation. Relocation can contact other agencies or programs to help you connect with the appropriate point of contact or program to make sure that your needs are met as you relocate to the West Point community.

Name: PCS Guide
WWW Link: http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/guide.htm

Name: Relocation Websites Booklet
WWW Link: http://trol.redstone.army.mil/acslink/programs/relocation_booklet/

Relocation Assistance

For more information on this subject:
West Point Maps and Directions
http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/visiting.htm

SITES provides current, computerized information for service members, DoD civilians, and their families when they prepare for future assignments. This includes the service member on PCS orders (married or single), family members, and retirees trying to check out the area for a possible retirement location.

In fact, you do not have to have your assignment to utilize Relocation Services. The newly married, first move with kids, on overseas assignment, a deployment, first move with a family, a job possibility at another installation, and a retirement or transition into the civilian work force are all examples of Relocation Assistance customers that can and do utilize the SITES. The Relocation staff will access the information to meet the customer's needs and provide printouts. The intent is to assist the single soldier, soldier with family members, DoD civilians, and family members in becoming educated to the relocation process and aid in their planning. The SITES is cross-referenced to related subject areas to avoid unnecessary duplications. Contact your local Relocation Office at your local ACS Center or contact West Point's Relocation Staff at email yb0182@usma.edu or call 914-938-5654, DSN 688-5654, to request a copy of SITES for your next assignment.

See also the Relocation Overview section for more information on Relocation.

In Transit Emergencies

No matter how well you've planned, emergencies do happen. What should you do in case of emergency while you are traveling? If you are near a military installation of ANY service, call the post/base operator and ask to be connected with some one to help you. (The installation operator will know whom to contact in an emergency.) If you are not near an

installation, ask the local information operator for the hospital or road service.

First of all, make sure you have all your **IMPORTANT PAPERS WITH YOU** - not packed with your household goods. Your important papers should include ID cards, shot records, and many copies of your orders. You must also have the phone numbers for your (new) Commander and Orderly Room. The phone number and address of your **SPONSOR** can be invaluable in case of emergency while traveling to your next duty station.

In times of emergency need, contact West Point's American Red Cross at 914-938-4100 Monday through Thursday during the hours of 10:30-3:30. After hours, weekends and holidays please call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at 1-877-272-7337. The American Red Cross is always available for emergency aid anywhere you may be. Contact the nearest chapter (phone numbers are usually listed in the white pages of the local phone directory or just ask the operator for the number for the Red Cross). They can sometimes help with emergency financial assistance and contacting individuals that will need to know where you are and what's happening. **NOTE: PLAN FOR THE UNEXPECTED AND IT PROBABLY WON'T HAPPEN.**

Emergency Numbers:

1st BN 1st Inf: (all staff and faculty)
914-938-4509/2516 duty hours
914-938-8846 SDNCO non-duty hrs
MEDDAC: 914-938-4004/4005
DENTAC: 914-446-3245
BAND: 914-938-2445 SDNCO
SDO 914-938-3500 non-duty hours

TELEPHONE ACCESS

(Information and Operator)
914-938-4011 DSN 688-1110

The operator will be able to direct your call to the proper agency or unit during duty hours and will be able to contact the Staff Duty Officer on holidays and after duty hours.

Financial Preparedness

SAVE AND PLAN FOR YOUR MOVE

While on the road between your old and new duty station, always ask about military or government rates at motels and hotels. You can save money by getting a lower military (government) rate. Not all motels and hotels offer reduced military rates, but many do.

QUESTIONS TO ASK AND THINGS TO DO BEFORE YOU PCS

A PCS move can be one of the most exciting and most rewarding parts of an Army career -- new places, new faces, and new challenges. However, for the Soldier or Army Family who is not prepared, a PCS move can be a very unhappy time. Most of this unhappiness is caused by money problems associated with the PCS move. Whenever you PCS, you are going to be faced with some unusual expenses. Begin to plan ahead!

WHERE THE MONEY MIGHT GO

- * Travel costs: airline tickets, gasoline, food and lodging, tolls, car tune-up, new tires before the trip, emergency repairs along the way.
- * Deposits: damage and rent deposit on new apartment, utilities, telephone, and cable TV.
- * Closing costs if buying or selling a house.
- * Temporary lodging at the old post and at the new post.
- * Food: restocking the refrigerator and the food pantry.
- * Household incidentals: light bulbs, toilet paper, soaps, cleaning supplies and equipment.
- * Curtains and rods. (Have the tools you will need?)

OTHER FINANCIAL IMPACTS

There may be other financial impacts of a PCS move. Here are some examples:

- * Do you depend on the money your spouse gets from his or her job? How long will it be before he or she can get a new job? Will it pay as well? You may have to live on less money for a couple of months or longer.
- * Higher cost-of-living. This includes not only higher housing and food costs but also things like having to drive farther to work, child care costs, school costs, etc.
- * Lower BAH at the new post.

WHERE THE MONEY MIGHT COME FROM

- * Dislocation Allowance (DLA): two and one-half times BAH II. (You will not receive this until well after you arrive at your new post - don't count on it being there when you need to pay deposits on a new apartment or utilities.)
- * Travel Pay: This is mileage related and is usually not paid until after you sign in at the new post.

- * Income tax deduction: contact Army Legal Assistance and ACS.
- * Garage sale before you move and maybe again after the move.
- * Refunds on rent and damage deposits from your old home or apartment. Again, it may take a couple of months to get these.
- * Returned deposits, plus interest: apartment, utilities, etc.
- * Lower cost-of-living or increased BAH.
- * Interest on advance base pay.

CAUTION: DON'T TAKE OR SPEND ADVANCE PAY UNLESS IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. You will pay it back by monthly deductions from your pay. You will have less to live on every month until it is all paid back. Don't take advance pay just to buy something you just WANT, like a new stereo or car. Be even more cautious of considering casual pay.

**BEFORE YOU GO
PLAN AHEAD.
START SAVING NOW.**

- * Start saving now. Any PCS move is going to cost money. Experts say that 3 to 6 months pay in reserve should cover emergencies.
- * Get a sponsor at the new post. He or she will probably be able to answer a lot of the questions you are going to want to ask.
- * Contact Army Community Service (ACS) at the new post; they've got lots of useful information. Ask if they have a Family Member Employment Assistance Program if your spouse needs a new job.
- * Find out your new mailing address. Even if it is only your new unit or a postal Service Center, you'll need at least a temporary new address.
- * Send out change of address letters or cards (credit card companies, loan companies, magazines, and banks, anyone that owes you money or a deposit refund, insurance companies). Go through your address book, your bills and financial papers from the past couple of months. Make out a list of company addresses, telephone, payment dates, and account numbers, etc.
- * Leave a forwarding address with the post office and Postal Service Center, as well as with your old unit.
- * Gather all important papers, records, ID cards, wills, etc. and keep them handy throughout the move. Don't pack them in your household goods; carry them with you.
- * Get your children's school records or arrange for them to be sent to their new school.

- * Get family medical records that may be held by civilian doctors. Carry medical records with you if special needs must be met enroute.
- * Go through your household goods and get rid of all those things you no longer want or need. You'll only have to unpack them at the other end. If you are overweight, you'll have to pay for additional weight shipped. Have a garage sale!
- * Talk to the housing office about temporary lodging after you clear your current quarters and before you actually depart for your new station.
- * Talk to the folks at the finance center. They can figure out how much travel pay you will receive. Talk to them about dislocation and temporary allowances, etc.
- * If you are renting an apartment or house off-post, arrange for an inspection after your household goods are removed. Get an agreement In Writing that any damage or deposit money will be refunded.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR SPONSOR

- * What is the general cost-of-living at the new post? Will my allowances (such as BAH) go up? Down?
- * Should I live on-post or off-post?
- * What about temporary lodging on the post when you arrive?
- * What's the weather like? (Do we need special clothes?)
- * Is there a utility deposit waiver program?
- * What medical facilities are available?
- * What new laws, taxes or other requirements of this area should you know?
- * What about your new job? Hours? Weekdays only? Much TDY? Special uniforms?
- * Will your spouse be able to get a job in the area? Will that require special child care or transportation considerations?

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- * How do I get there? Fly? Drive? Two cars? What about pets?
- * Which household goods should I bring and which should I let the movers take?
- * Do I have any special needs? Gifted or learning disabled child? Special medical needs?
- * Do I need to contact my auto lender regarding my move? Car insurance company?

AFTER YOU ARRIVE

- * Contact your sponsor.
- * Visit the finance office and housing.
- * Visit the folks at ACS or other service agencies.

- * Do you need a local bank account? Compare banks and credit unions for best rates.
- * Must you change your car registration? (Cars should be registered in your home of record state or in the state in which you are stationed.)
- * Do you or your spouse need a new drivers license?

For additional information, contact your local the Army Community Service, Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program or the West Point ACS's Financial Readiness at 914-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial assistance to meet unforeseen expenses during required travel and related maintenance expenses such as car repairs, transportation, lodging and food when on PCS orders. AER assistance may also be provided for payment of initial rent and deposit, and payment of required utility deposits. Soldiers applying for AER financial assistance must use their chain of command when available. If you have a financial emergency while moving from one post to the new duty station, contact the nearest installation of any service including the Coast Guard or contact a nearby office of the American Red Cross. Any military service or the Red Cross will then contact AER. Additionally, in transit soldiers must also show orders and military ID card.

If you are a MARINE, contact the Marine Duty Desk at Stewart. The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can be contacted by the officer/NCO working the desk at MAG-49 Det B in Bldg 300, Stewart Airport, 914-563-2905 or DSN 636-2905, 24 hours a day.

Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a comprehensive program of medical, educational and social services providing information, referral, counseling, and enrollment assistance to support Army families and family members who have special medical and/or educational needs. Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is mandatory and helps ensure that future assignments can accommodate the needs of family members. Contact Judy Graham, EFMP Manager for assistance at 914-938-2519/4621 or Bldg 622 Swift Road. See also the Category, EDUCATION, subject area, SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Household Goods In-Bound Shipments

The Transportation Division, Inbound Household Goods, (914-938-4052/4053 or DSN 688-4052/4053) needs a local (work or hotel) telephone number and address where you can be reached at all times. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, promptly provide transportation with your new address. If at all possible, accept delivery of your personal property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and reduce the opportunity for possible loss or damage. It will also reduce or eliminate storage expenses. Transportation, Inbound Household Goods' hours are 0800-1600 Mon-Fri with appointments recommended.

While you are awaiting delivery of your household goods, make an appointment (914-938-5654/2519, DSN 688-5654) with Relocation Readiness to borrow items from the LOAN CLOSET TO GET YOU BY UNTIL YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS ARRIVE.

At some time during delivery of your household goods, an inspector representing the transportation office may drop by to check on how your move (including the unloading) is going. The inspector usually asks how your move has gone and if you have any related questions or problems.

When your household goods arrive, you are entitled to have the movers UNPACK ALL YOUR BOXES (and they can take the empty boxes with them). If you decide to have the carrier leave without unpacking everything, you should at least have them unpack your most valuable items and set up your beds. Ensure any damages or missing items are listed on the front of DD Form 1840 (pink form). Both you and the delivery agent should sign and date the form before the agent leaves.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AT DELIVERY:

You (or the representative you have designated in writing) must be at home on the day of delivery.

You must:

- 1) Know in advance where you want each piece of furniture placed. The mover is required to place each piece only one time.
- 2) Check each carton or item off the inventory. Make sure everything that was picked up is delivered.
- 3) List any damage or missing items with appropriate inventory numbers on the DD Form 1840, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery," to avoid problems. Make sure you look

over your property and list any missing inventory line items or noticeable damage at this time.

CARRIER'S RESPONSIBILITIES AT DESTINATION:

You can expect the carrier to begin delivery of your shipment between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM and complete service by 9 PM.

- 1) Unpack and unwrap all cartons, boxes and crates.
- 2) Place each item or carton in the room you indicate. This includes placement of unpacked articles in cabinets, cupboards or on kitchen shelves when convenient and consistent with the safety of the articles and in the order that it is unwrapped or unpacked. Have placement of furniture and carton planned out prior to the arrival of the carrier.
- 3) Assemble all furniture and equipment disassembled by the movers at origin.
- 4) Remove packing and blocking from appliances. The carrier is not required to connect appliances to electric, gas or water outlets.
- 5) Remove all packing material resulting from the unpacking.
- 6) If you decide to do some or all of your unpacking, the carrier is not required to go back to pickup any carton or trash.
- 7) Jointly with you, make a written record of any loss or damage on the DD Form 1840, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery," sign the document and obtain your signature. The carrier must leave three copies of the DD Form 1840/1840R with you.

For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES and HOUSEHOLD GOODS OUT-BOUND. In fact, read through this whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

Household Goods Out-Bound Shipments

Generally, the Permanent Change of Station (PCS) and arrangement of household goods begins once the service member receives orders from the personnel section and a destination site has been determined. Specific arrangements for personal shipments normally begin at the local transportation office. Each pay grade has its own weight allowance, which is the maximum weight that can be moved at government expense under JFTR. The allowance includes the weight of household goods shipped, placed in storage or sent as unaccompanied baggage. Anything exceeding the maximum weight allowance must be paid by the service member. All shipments

can be weighed before destination delivery and can be coordinated with the local transportation office.

MAKE SURE YOU SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OFFICE ONCE NEW PCS ORDERS ARE IN HAND.

USMA Transportation Outbound Household Goods, 626 Swift Road, can be reached at 914-938-5911/3568. Appointments are necessary for processing of applications.

See also, Category RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES for more information on how much weight you can ship at government expense and how to estimate the weight of your possessions.

Household Goods Claims

If you discover additional loss or damage not annotated on the DD Form 1840, you must use the "Notice of Loss or Damage" (DD Form 1840-R) on the reverse of the DD Form 1840. You have up to 70 days to inspect your property and record all loss or damage. In all instances the completed DD Forms 1840/1840R must be delivered to your local claims no later than 70 days from date of delivery. Failure to deliver the form or list all items may result in a reduction of the amount payable on your claim.

You have two years from the date your shipment was delivered to file your claim against the government. However, to assure prompt settlement, claims should be filed as soon as the damage or loss is apparent. Bear in mind that you cannot legally receive double payment (the government and private insurance) for the same damage. Should this happen you would be responsible for returning any over-payment to the government.

If you sustain property loss or damage, promptly contact the claims office for assistance. You must allow both the government and the carrier to inspect the damage if either request to do so. Do not dispose of damaged items until the damage has been inspected by all proper parties or you have been notified to dispose of it. In the case of mildewed or smoke-damage, you may be required to keep the articles until your claim is settled, at which time some items may have to be disposed of through salvage channel. Your claims representative can advise you.

CLAIMS OFFICE

606 Thayer Road
914-938-2016/4571 DSN 688-2016/4571
Fax 914-938-2390 DSN 688-2390

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Appointments are necessary for counseling and processing of applications. Upon delivery of your household goods, you will receive a DD Form 1840R from the carrier. Any damages that you discover subsequent to the day of delivery must be noted on the reverse side of this form and returned to the Claims Office within 70 days of delivery. Call if you have any questions.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

Permanent-change-of-station (PCS) is an ordered change to a new duty station outside the corporate limits of the city or town where the service member is now stationed. A PCS entitles the service member to certain entitlements. Among these is the transporting (shipping) and/or storage of the service member's possessions.

You, not your transportation officer or carrier, are responsible for staying within this weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped or stored exceeds that amount, you must pay all charges connected with the excess weight. For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. Estimates should start early, even before you visit your transportation office to set up the move. You should make the first estimate because the transportation office counselor will ask you how much weight you will be shipping.

An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1,000 pounds per room (not

including storage rooms or bathroom) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage, storage rooms, basement, etc. As a double check later in the movement process, count the number of items on the inventory form used by the carrier. Then multiply the number by 40 pounds. This is another rule-of-thumb method for estimating the weight of your shipment. If, while your goods are being packed and loaded, there is evidence that the shipment will exceed your weight allowance, you may want to call your transportation office. People there can estimate the costs associated with your excess weight. This way you will be somewhat prepared for charges you will have to pay. If you are separating from the service and will not remain in a pay status, excess cost must be paid in advance of this shipment.

The following table gives the weight allowance limits, in pounds, for shipping and/or storing personal household goods that the government will ship/store at no charge when there is a PCS. These weight limits are dependent upon rank and whether or not the move (PCS) is with family members (called With Dependents). The * in the table below beside E-3s, E-2s and E-1s means that the service member in these ranks when married to other E-3s, E-2s and E-1s are entitled to a combined weight allowance of 5,000 pounds when both are without dependents. The ** in the table at the E-4 row means that an E-4 with less than 2 years of service would be authorized 3,500 pounds without dependents and 7,000 pounds with dependents and the E-4 with more than 2 years of service would be authorized 7,000 pounds without dependents and 8,000 pounds with dependents.

Household Goods Weight Allowances

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Allowance w/Dependents</i>	<i>Allowance wo/Dependents</i>
E1	5,000	1,500*
E2	5,000	1,500*
E3	5,000	2,000*
E4	7,000**/8,000**	3,500**/7,000**
E5	9,000	7,000
E6	11,000	8,000
E7	12,500	10,500
E8	13,500	11,000
E9	14,500	12,000
W-1	12,000	10,000
W-2	13,500	12,500
W-3	14,500	13,000
W-4	17,000	14,000
O-1	12,000	10,000
O-2	13,500	12,500
O-3	14,500	13,000
O-4	17,000	14,000
O-5	17,500	16,000
O-6+	18,000	18,000

POV In-Bound Shipments

CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION,
 INBOUND HOUSEHOLD GOODS
 914-938-4052/53, DSN 688-4052/53,
 FOR CURRENT INFORMATION.

The closet port to West Point is:
 METRO NY/NJ VPC
 POC: Govt. Rep. American Auto
 Logistics/NJ Vehicle Processing
 Address: 301 Supor Blvd.
 Harrison, NJ 07029
 877-269-3702; 973-485-8164
 FAX: 973-485-6925
 Hours: 0800-1700

It is about a 2-hr drive from West Point. By car, take exit 15-W on the NJ Turnpike. After paying the toll, take the first exit, Kerney 508 West, that will bring you onto Harrison Ave. Follow Harrison Ave for approximately 1 mile to the second traffic light (1 flashing yellow and then 2 regular lights). Harrison Ave intersects with Supor Blvd. Make a left turn onto Supor Blvd and go four blocks where you will make a right onto Wilhelm St. The Vehicle Center is on the right.

AT DESTINATION:

◇ To avoid unnecessary trips, contact the vehicle processing center for official confirmation that the POV is on-hand and available for pickup.

◇ When you or a designated agent pick up the POV at the destination vehicle processing center, you must have:

- Proper identification i.e., military ID, driver's license;
- Your copy of DD Form 788, Private Vehicle Shipping Document ;
- Complete set of keys;
- Power of attorney if your spouse or agent picks up the POV. Please note that if your vehicle is not picked up within 45 days from the postmarked date of notification of arrival, you are subject to the vehicle being placed in storage at your expense.

LOSS and DAMAGE:

When picking up your POV:

- Carefully inspect the exterior and interior to determine if there is any new damage.
- Make sure items left in the POV at the origin terminal are still there.
- Carefully and completely list any loss and all damages to your POV on your vehicle shipping document, DD Form 788. List all loss and damage discovered and why it was not discovered at the final inspection at the pickup point.
- Failure to do this may result in no payment for this damage.

Name: Where is my POV?
WWW Link: http://www.whereismypov.com/

POV Out-Bound Shipments

For more information on this subject:

POV Shipping (requires Acrobat Reader)

<http://144.100.189.37/property/gpov/povpam.pdf>

The successful movement of your POV is not a matter of chance. It is a result of proper advance preparation and planning. It is your POV. Ask questions. Be involved. Read what you sign. Contact your local transportation office prior to making any plans to ship a POV.

NOTE: Ensure you have sufficient funds available in the event of unexpected delays or expenses to, from, or at the POV processing center. Call in advance.

WEST POINT TRANSPORTATION DIVISION,
OUTBOUND HOUSEHOLD GOODS
914-938-5911/3568, DSN 5911/3568,

The closest port is:

METRO NY/NJ VPC

POC: Govt. Rep. American Auto
Logistics/NJ Vehicle Processing

Address: 301 Supor Blvd.

Harrison, NJ 07029

877-269-3702; 973-485-8164

FAX: 973-485-6925

Hours: 0800-1700

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The METRO NY/NJ VPC stresses that your POV must be delivered with **LESS THAN ONE-FOURTH (1/4) TANK OF GAS. IF IT IS MORE THAN 1/4 FULL, IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE EXCESS FUEL DRAINED BEFORE THE POV CAN BE ACCEPTED FOR SHIPMENT.**

NUMBER OF POV_s YOU MAY SHIP:

One Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) owned by you or your dependent may be shipped at government expense. However, it must be for you or your dependent's personal use only. If you desire to make your own arrangements and ship an additional POV, consult your transportation office for any restrictions

that may apply. You may be required to pay an import duty on a second POV.

POV Claims

POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) claims for damages that occurred during the time that the vehicle was in the possession of the government for shipping purposes must be reported to the Claims Office. The Claims Office will handle both POV claims and Household Goods claims.

CLAIMS OFFICE

BLDG 606

914-938-2016/4571 DSN 688-2016/4571

Fax 914-938-2390 DSN 688-2390

Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri; Appointments are necessary for counseling and processing of applications. Upon delivery of your household goods, you will receive a DD Form 1840R from the carrier. Any damages that you discover subsequent to the day of delivery must be noted on the reverse side of this form and returned to the Claims Office within 70 days of delivery. Call if you have any questions.

Pet Boarding/Kennels

For more information on this subject:

Morgan Farm Kennel (MWR Activity)

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/kennel/Kennel.htm>

The West Point's Morgan Farm Kennel is located behind O'Neill High School on 9W in Highland Falls. Morgan Farm Kennel can be contacted at 914-938-3926 DSN 688-3926. The rates are \$12 for a dog and \$6 for a cat per day with reduced long-term rates available. This newly constructed kennel is operated by the Community Recreation Division and is open throughout the year. Their rates are competitive and are based on the weight of the animal. If traveling with animals, **PLAN AHEAD** for their care as most local motels (to include Five Star Inn guesthouse) do **NOT** allow pets.

If space is not available in the post kennel, privately owned kennels are available in nearby communities.

A few suggestions are:

Affordable Grooming and Boarding, 914-564-3597, Newburgh;

Flanery Animal Hospital and Kennel, 914-564-6760, Newburgh;

Colby Kennels, 914-562-5275, Vails Gate;

Newburgh Veterinary Hospital & Kennel, 914-564-2660, Newburgh

See also Category RELOCATION, subject areas, PET TRANSPORTATION and BILLETING for information on traveling with or shipping your pet and the check for the local hotels/motels that will accept pets.

Pet Licensing

Dogs and cats must be registered within thirty (30) days of arrival at West Point. This is accomplished on a walk-in basis by bringing proof of rabies vaccination and the animal's health record. Dogs and cats at West Point are required to have an annual rabies vaccination. All animals taken to the clinic must be on a leash or in a carrier. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed in the clinic. All cats and dogs outside a fenced yard must be restrained on a leash while in the residential areas at West Point. Owners are required to clean up after their pets. See also subject area, VETERINARY SERVICES in this category.

Veterinary Treatment Facility
630 Hodges Place
914-938-3817, DSN 688-3817
Hours: 0800-1530 Mon-Fri

Pet Quarantines

Only rabid suspect animals are quarantined at the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

Veterinary Services

Rabies vaccines are provided for both cats and dogs beginning at 8-9 weeks of age. Dogs are immunized against Distemper, Parainfluenza, Adenovirus Type 1 and 2, Coronavirus, Parvovirus and Leptosira. Bordetella vaccine and Lyme vaccine are given upon request. Cats are immunized against upper respiratory diseases, Id Est, Rhinotracheitis, Calici, Panleukopenia, Chlamydia Psittace and Feline Leukemia. Heartworm checks are routinely provided to dogs before heartworm preventative can be purchased. Health certificates will be issued to animals in preparation for travel not more than 10 days before leaving. Proof of immunization 30 days before is required. An appointment is necessary to have the animal examined at the Veterinary Treatment Facility; see listing below. All animals taken to the clinic must be on a leash or in a carrier. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed in the clinic. Private veterinary service is available in Highland Falls and other nearby communities.

VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY
630 Hodges PL, second floor

914-938-3817, DSN 688-3817
Hours: 0800-1530 Mon-Fri (by appointment only)

Pet Transportation

Once you have decided that an animal is going to be your traveling companion, PLAN FOR YOUR PET'S TRIP in the same way you plan your own -- WELL IN ADVANCE.

PET HEALTH

Nothing can waylay a trip with an animal faster than a health problem, and your pet's well-being should be of primary importance to you. Your pet will be subjected to conditions guaranteed to cause stress to your animal. A clean bill of health is an important first step in assuring your pet's ability to adjust safely to unfamiliar surroundings.

HOUSING

If you and your pet plan to stay in a hotel, motel or inn, call in advance to check if pets are allowed and to make reservations. It is not a good idea to try and "sneak" a pet in or announce upon your arrival that the reason you need a double room is that your Great Dane is staying with you. You and your pet could be left without a place to stay.

KENNEL

If you plan to board your pet at your destination point, reservations are also necessary, especially during the heavy travel periods of holidays and summers. Try to obtain a reliable recommendation for a boarding kennel.

NEVER LEAVE YOUR PET ALONE IN A PARKED CAR. In summer, it takes only minutes for the heat to climb to more than 120 degrees, even in the shade. In winter, closed cars become refrigerators on wheels and the cold is as dangerous as summer heat. (In some states it is against the law to leave an animal alone in a car.)

PCS Reporting Procedures

When you are planning your route to West Point, check out the directions for driving here that are in the Category, INSTALLATION, subject area, MUST KNOW ITEMS. If you experience an emergency while traveling to West Point, refer to IN-TRANSIT EMERGENCIES in this category for more information on what to do and whom to contact.

**** INPROCESSING PROCEDURES ****

INPROCESSING PROCEDURES are different depending upon the unit to which you are assigned.

When reporting in, you must be in uniform and have Department of the Army Form 31, SEP 93 edition (leave form) and a copy of your orders. If you are delayed, call your unit you are to report to immediately.

1st of the 1st INPROCESSING

1st BN 1st Inf HQ
621 Wilson Rd

PHONE:

(duty hours): 914-938-8866/8867

DSN 688-8866/8867

(after duty hours): 914-938-8846

DSN 688-8846

FAX: 914-938-2097

DSN 688-2097

Hours: 0900-1600 Mon, Wed, and Fri

0800-1600 Tues and Thurs

All inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the United States Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to the 1st Battalion 1st Infantry Headquarters. In the event of an emergency or if you are delayed and are not able to report by the correct date, please call 914-938-4509/2516 during duty hours and 914-938-8846 (SDNCO) during non-duty-hours.

MEDDAC INPROCESSING

MEDDAC Personnel Division
Keller Army Community Hospital
900 Washington Rd, Room 2E2

PHONE: Enlisted Actions:

914-938-2511

DSN 688-2511

PHONE: Officer Actions:

914-938-4398

DSN 688-4398

PHONE: After duty hours, All Ranks:

914-938-4004/4005

DSN 688-4004/4005

FAX: 914-938-5164

DSN 688-5164

All MEDDAC personnel will report prior to 2100 hours or call 914-938-5169. Soldiers arriving after duty hours or on weekends must report to Bldg 900, Keller Army Community Hospital, AOD Desk, main lobby. In the event of an emergency, please call 914-938-4004/4005.

DENTAC INPROCESSING

HQ Commander
Saunders Dental Clinic
606 Thayer Rd

PHONE: 914-938-4212

DSN 688-4212

FAX: 914-938-7688

DSN 688-7688

All DENTAC personnel arriving during duty hours will report to Saunders Dental Clinic, 606 Thayer Road. Soldiers arriving after duty hours must report to Bldg 620 or call 914-938-2508/2036. In the event of an emergency, please call 914-446-3245.

BAND INPROCESSING

USMA Band

685 Hardee Pl, Egnor Hall

PHONE: 914-938-2445

DSN 688-2445

FAX: 914-938-2617

DSN 688-2617

Newly assigned personnel with USMA Band will report to the Band Building, 685 Hardee Place during duty hours. After duty hours call HQ at 914-938-2445 to access the SDNCO message machine. The message will include the emergency contact phone number for the SDNCO of the day to call to check in and receive further instructions.

Northeast Veterinary Service Support District

Chief Veterinary Services, West Point Branch

630 Hodges Pl

PHONE: 914-938-3817

DSN 688-3817

FAX: 914-938-2205

DSN 688-2205

Separation Procedures

Call the Personnel Services Center at 914-938-3527, DSN 688-3527, well in advance to arrange for pre-separation counseling and procedures.

Contact the Employment Readiness and the TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, 914-938-2519/4621, 622 Swift Rd., for completion of the pre-separation counseling and pre-separation checklist. Transition Assistance planning, referrals, and counseling services are provided. Career and employment counseling, assistance with resume, cover letter preparation, completion of federal application for employment, related workshops and seminars, local and national job referrals, long distance job search, and a full range of job search related services to include internet, SDS and Myers-Briggs testing. Services are available to military personnel, DoD civilians, their family members, and retired military personnel. This office operates on an appointment basis.

Billeting

For more information on this subject:

Five Star Inn (Guesthouse)

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/5STAR/5STAR.H>
TM

All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. A housing representative will counsel personnel by appointment. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters. (Those not assigned to West Point inprocess at the housing office located at Stewart, Bldg 2420, New Windsor, NY.) Plan to stay longer in the guesthouse if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations, new constructions, and demolitions are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (914-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845).

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USMA has a wide variety of areas and styles of both bachelor and family quarters. Family units range from one to six bedrooms, from apartment buildings to single-family units. Bachelor units range from one to three bedroom apartments.

***** TEMPORARY LODGING: *****

The Five Star Inn serves as the guesthouse for West Point. (See weblink above.) Five Star accommodations range from efficiency apartments to single suites to family suites. The Five Star Inn DOES NOT allow pets. The Five Star room rate is dependent upon rank and whether or not his/her family accompanies the service member. For those

on PCS orders, the TLE rates for the first ten days are \$50 for efficiency apartment; \$60 single suite; with a family suite at \$55 + \$5 per person. After the initial 10 days of TLE, the rates are set in accordance with the BAH. Rooms are located at 785 Buckner Hill (near the PX) and in 2113 Pershing Center (near the Visitors Center outside Thayer Gate). FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL UP TO 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF YOUR ARRIVAL DSN 688-6816 OR 914-938-6816 FOR THE FIVE STAR INN OFFICE LOCATED AT 785 Buckner Hill.

The Five Star amenities include TV/VCR, toaster, coffee pot, iron, ironing board, full-size refrigerator, cooking/eating utensils and microwave. Due to the conversion to guest rooms, the range and ovens are not in service until such time as the rooms can meet the safety/fire regulations with the addition of sufficient sprinklers. Plan accordingly; bring along your CROCK-POT and ELECTRIC SKILLET.

For the reasons of cost and possible long waits for quarters (maybe one month or as long as nine months), it is advised that the service member arrive without dependents until a realistic assessment of the housing situation is made.

FIVE STAR INN (GUESTHOUSE)

785 Buckner Hill
West Point, NY
1-800-GO ARMY1
914-938-6816 DSN 688-6816
FAX 914-938-446-1038

Requests for reservations will be accepted up to 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ARRIVAL and may be made by telephone. Pets are not allowed at the Guesthouse.

HOTEL THAYER

Inside Thayer Gate
West Point
914-446-4731
800-247-5047
Fax 914-446-0338
ROOM RATE SCHEDULE
(regular rates)

River View - Single/Double \$170-\$200
Academy View - Single/Double \$150-\$180
Suites (from) \$550-\$600
All rooms are also subject to NY sales taxes (7.5%).

The Hotel Thayer is located on the grounds of West Point. The Hotel Thayer has recently reopened after undergoing extensive renovations. Even though located at West Point, it is not a military guesthouse. The Hotel Thayer DOES NOT accept pets. The Hotel

Thayer offers government rates in accordance with the per diem rate for this area. Patrons should check with the hotel as to room rate and availability, etc., prior to making travel plans.

- The listings below are the for the Summer of 2000.
- THE RATES PROVIDED ARE FOR MILITARY WITH PCS ORDERS.
- The prices do not include tax (7.5%). The Five Star Inn (Guest House) does not charge tax. Whenever making reservations (even on the road traveling), let the hotel/motel know that you are on military PCS orders.

NOTE: THE RATES PROVIDED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

The following is a list of accommodations that are within FIVE MILES of West Point WITH MILITARY PCS ORDERS:

- BEAR MOUNTAIN INN: 914-786-2731; daily \$74 single/double; no pets
- BEST WESTERN PALISADES: 914-446-9400; \$54 single, \$59 double; pets accepted
- CHRISTIANA HOTEL: 914-446-5798; call for rates; no pets
- POINTER'S ECHO MOTEL: 914-446-2696; weekly rates \$55 per night; no pets
- U.S. ACADEMY MOTEL: 914-446-2021; \$45 for one room and \$80 for two; pets accepted
- WEST POINT MOTEL: 914-446-4180;(kids 12 and under free); weekdays \$58-68, weekends \$78-99; no pets

BEYOND the immediate area WITH MILITARY PCS ORDERS:

- CADET MOTEL: 914-534-4595; Cornwall; \$39 single/double, weekly rates too; no pets
- COMFORT INN: 914-567-0567; Newburgh; \$80-95 single and \$86-95 double; no pets
- DAYS INN: 914-564-7550; Newburgh; \$49.50 single and \$58.50 double until 1 May; no pets
- ECONO LODGE: 914-561-6620; New Windsor; \$49 single and \$58 double; no pets
- HAMPTON INN: 914-567-9100; Newburgh; \$80 for 2; \$85 for 4 people; Extended stay \$60/night; no pets
- HOLIDAY INN: 914-564-9020; Newburgh; \$71 single/double; no pets
- HOLIDAY INN FISHKILL: 914-896-6281; \$74 single/double; no pets
- HOWARD JOHNSON'S: 914-564-4000; Newburgh; \$55 single/double; no pets

- NEWBURGH COURTYARD (Marriott): 914-567-4800; Toll free Reservation: 800-321-2211; \$99 single/double
- RAMADA INN OF NEWBURGH: 914-564-4500; \$69 single, \$75 double; no pets
- SUPER EIGHT MOTEL: 914-564-5700; \$49.39-58.39 single; \$54.84-62.93 double; no pets
- WINDSOR MOTEL: 914-562-7661; New Windsor; \$42 single, \$49 double; weekly rates too; no pets

OTHERS:
ROUND POND RECREATION AREA
Route 293, West Point
914-938-3860, DSN 688-3860

Hours (1 Apr-Labor Day)..... : 0700-1800 every day
Hours (Sept-15 October)..... : 0700-1700 every day
Hours (16 Oct-31 March)..... : Closed
Located in a rocky, woody area just three miles from Washington Gate. Boating, hiking, swimming, fishing, volleyball and horseshoes available. A clear mountaintop lake is surrounded by beaches, playgrounds, picnic areas and campsites. Recreational vehicle hookups and dump station available. Reservations may be made 120 days in advance. This site is closed 16 October to 31 March. Round Pond is part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Call for rates.

LAKE FREDERICK CAMP GROUNDS
Community Recreation Division
Route 293, West Point
914-938-2401/4455, DSN 688-2401/4455
Hours (1 Apr-Labor Day)..... : 0700-1800 every day
Hours (Sept-15 October)..... : 0700-1700 every day
Hours (16 Oct-31 March)..... : Closed
Recreation area located on the West Point reservation offers an opportunity for rustic experience. This area is used mainly for Scouts and USMA cadet training; however, the 18 campsites and 10 A-frame cabins are also available for family camping. Lake Frederick is part of Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Call for rates.

Check out the AOG's weblink below for their list of hotels. There are also links at the bottom of their page to the surrounding counties where you can also access lodging information a little further away.

Name: Association of Graduates (AOG) Motel List
WWW Link: http://www.aog.usma.edu/faq/hotels.htm

Name: Orange County NY
POC: Where to Stay Lists
WWW Link: http://www.orangetourism.org/Where_to_Stay.html

Unaccompanied PCS

Officers and soldiers in the grade of SFC and above who collect BAH at the without dependent rate may live off-post. Bachelor quarters are for bonifide bachelors only. West Point and the surrounding communities are considered high cost of living areas. Off-post housing is both scarce and expensive. Refer to the Category HOUSING for more detailed information on housing, rentals, and the officers' summer housing draw. Work closely with your sponsor. See also the other subject areas in this category of RELOCATION SERVICES.

Refer to the subject area BILLETING in this category, RELOCATION for details of local places to stay.

UNACCOMPANIED PESONNEL HOUSING

Ms. Robinson
626 Swift Rd.
914-938-4500, DSN 688-4500
FAX: 914-938-6196, DSN 688-6196
Housing can be called Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845.
Hours: 0800-1600 Mon-Fri

Support Services

Support Services Overview

West Point offers a wide range of support services operated by agencies both on and off post. The following listings provide program overviews. For information on services not listed, please call Relocation Assistance (with information and referral services) at 914-938-5654, DSN 688-56564; or the Army Community Service office at 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621. ACS, Army Community Service, center assists commanders in maintaining readiness of individuals, families, and communities within America's Army by developing, coordinating, and delivering services that promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability during war and peace.

Family Centers

For more information on this subject:
ACS at West Point
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/acs/wpacs.htm>

The following ACS family center provides services to single soldiers as well as military families and DoD civilians and their families.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

ACS CENTER
Rebecca Kaplan, Acting Director
622 Swift Road
PHONE: 914-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621
FAX: 914-938-3019, DSN 688-3019
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

Army Community Service programs include Financial Readiness (Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program), Information and Referral, Relocation Readiness, Employment Readiness (Transition Assistance Program, Family Member/Transition Assistance Program), Soldier and Family Readiness (Family Advocacy Program, and the Exceptional Family Member Program.) Please contact the ACS staff for information on any of these programs as they are just a phone call away or drop by the main ACS office at 622 Swift Road, room 103, located by Buffalo Soldiers Field next to the Bowling Center.

Information and Referral

Information, referral and counseling/assistance for service members and their families, before, during, and after the relocation process is available. Information and referral through the use of local resources and SITES (Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service) is available for West Point, as well as all service branches, DoD-wide. Visit ACS, 622 Swift Rd. or call 914938-2519/4621 for information and referral to address any pursuit you may be interested in or have questions about.

Financial Assistance Programs

The Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program is designed to help installation personnel improve their credit reliability and reputation, reduce levels of indebtedness and to help them make their money work for them. Clients are worked with on a one to one basis to formulate budgets. Consumer classes are also held.

Services include: budget and debt liquidation counseling, assistance with complaint resolution, check-book reconciliation, consumer advocate, seminars and classes on consumer issues such as banking and credit union services, budget development and record keeping, credit, consumer rights and obligations, and checking account maintenance.

Call ACS 914-938-2519/4621 DSN 688-2519/4621 and make an appointment with Mrs. Olivia.

Emergency Assistance

For more information on this subject:

Army Emergency Relief (AER) Homepage
<http://www.aerhq.org/>

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial emergency assistance based upon need, through either loans or, when there is a particular hardship, grants. Categories of financial assistance include: Basic living expenses (food, shelter, utilities), medical not covered by TRICARE, dental not covered by the TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan, funeral expenses, emergency transportation, essential car repairs, pay and allotment problems, disasters and assistance for widows, mothers and children. For Army Emergency Relief, the Commander or ISG will set up an appointment for you. Service members must use their chain of command. Contact AER at 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

AER CAN --

Help with emergency financial needs for:

- Food, rent or utilities
- Emergency transportation and vehicle repair
- Funeral expenses
- Medical/dental expenses
- Personal needs when pay is delayed or stolen

Also,

Give undergraduate-level education scholarships, based primarily on financial need, to children of soldiers

In times of emergency need, you can also contact West Point's American Red Cross at 914-938-4100 Monday through Thursday during the hours of 10:30-3:30. After hours, weekends and holidays please call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at 1-877-272-7337. Quick communications with home about family emergencies is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including verification of death or serious illness or immediate family; birth announcements to fathers deployed overseas; and health and welfare reports resulting from a lack of communication over a long period of time. The American Red Cross also offers financial assistance for military personnel and their immediate families in the form of interest free loans or grants when a loan would place a greater hardship on the family. Examples of need for

financial assistance are: emergency leave expenses for the service person or his/her family member; for family necessities which may result when an allotment check is not received or is delayed; for personal needs of an essential nature; and for convalescent leave expenses.

Family Advocacy

The Family Advocacy Program was developed by the Army to promote healthy positive family relations and ideals within the community. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) is designed to help protect those who are victims of abuse, and to professionally train and educate assisting personnel.

The focus of the Family Advocacy Program is on the prevention and education of domestic violence, child abuse and child neglect. Parenting skills classes are sponsored throughout the year as well as command and troop briefings. Crisis intervention counseling is available with referrals to appropriate agencies. Home visits are also available on request.

The Family Advocacy Program provides crisis information and referral to community resources. The Family Advocacy Program maintains a topic-specific library of videotapes, books, and pamphlets. Family Advocacy provides speakers for community groups interested in family services and safety. Parent and professional training sessions are held throughout the year to increase the awareness of child and spousal abuse and to educate as to the reporting procedures. There are classes available to families that include the following topics: parenting, stress management, conflict resolution, and marriage enrichment.

The Family Advocacy Program plays a key role in assessing suspected incidents of abuse. Cases involving children are coordinated with the State Child Protective Services. To report an incident of abuse or if you have any questions regarding child or spousal abuse, you can contact our personnel at Family Advocacy Program in the Army Community Service Center, 622 Swift Road, 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621.

For assistance during after duty hours, please contact the West Point Office of the Provost Marshal at 938-3333.

Single Member Services

SINGLE SOLDIER BARRACKS

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soldiers with their own fully carpeted rooms, a bathroom shared with only one other person, central air conditioning and heating with controls in every room. Each room has a closet with additional storage cages in the basement. Single NCOs have a living room and a bedroom along with a closet and their own bathroom. The barracks also have basketball courts, a volleyball court, car wash area, a laundry room, and a mailroom. The dining facility, bowling center, and a library are within easy walking distance of the barracks.

Opportunities for the single soldier are many; New York City is only 50 miles away and there is a train station across the river. Atlantic City is also nearby. ITR offers many inexpensive trips. The companies all compete with intramural sports competitions including flag football, volleyball, softball, and basketball. There is also a great need for coaches and officials in our youth programs in order to make them work. Many of the youth chapel groups and scouts need your help. Begin your search by calling Youth Services at 938-3727/8899 or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 938-3655. See also subject MILITARY RELATED CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS (under the category COMMUNITY) for the listing for "USO" and "Soldiers' Sailors' Marines' and Airmen's Club of NYC."

BOSS

(Better Opportunities
for Single Soldiers)
SGT Evangela Thomsen, PAO
Bldg 624, Room 106
914-938-4567, DSN 688-4567
email ye7303@usma.edu

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) Program supports the overall quality of single soldiers' lives. BOSS identifies real quality of life (QOL) issues and concerns recommending improvements through the chain of command. Invites participation of single soldiers in recreational activities, community service projects, and improvement of the quality of life. Provides representation for the soldiers by the soldiers at the garrison, battalion, and company level. BOSS encourages and assists single soldiers in identifying and planning for recreational and leisure activities. Additionally, it gives single soldiers the opportunity to participate in and contribute to their respective communities. Seed money is available for recreational trips.

SINGLE PARENT/STEP PARENT

Melissa Salerno
Bldg 622 Swift Road

914-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621
email ym5938@usma.edu

Single Parent Network Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of every month, 1830-2030. Call the Family Advocacy Program, 914-938-4621/2519, DSN 688-4621/2519, for additional information.

Support Groups

For more information on this subject:
Orange County Support Groups
<http://www.mhaorangeny.com/MHASupportGroups.htm>

Listed below are a few of the local support groups in the area. For more information or if you have questions, ACS's Family Advocacy Program or the Exceptional Family Member Program at 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621 will be able to refer you.

COMMUNITY HOTLINES:

Helpline: 1-800-832-1200 Someone is available 24 hours a day.
Teen Suicide: 1-800-832-1200 Rape Crisis Information (Goshen, NY): 914-294-9355 or 1-800-832-1200 New York State Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720

ALANON & ALATEEN

phone: 914-294-9999 24-hour answering service; ALANON is a non-professional self-help group of families and friends of alcoholics, who meet to share experience, strength and hope.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Daytime meetings held at Hudson House at 121-123 Broadway in Newburgh: Tues-110; Wed, Thurs, Fri-1300; Sun-1100. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Clinic at 914-938-7691, DSN 688-7691.

HOSPICE OF ORANGE IN HUDSON VALLEY

70 Dubois Street; Newburgh, New York 12550
phone: 1-800-924-0157, 914-561-6111 This is a community based program of home care treating the terminally ill and their families as a unit. Interdisciplinary teams provide physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic support. Call for more information.

ORANGE COUNTY SAFE HOMES PROJECT, INC.:

phone 914-562-5340 or 914-856-1919 Provides aid to battered women and their children.

STEPS TO EFFECTIVE PARENTING

POC: Melissa Salerno, 622 Swift Rd; ACS phone: 914-938-4621/2519 DSN: 688-4621/2519

Parenting Classes are offered through the Family Advocacy Program periodically throughout the year. Call for the next scheduled class.

Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

For more information on this subject:

West Point DCFA

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/>

West Point has a very complete Morale, Welfare and Recreation Program, MWR. At West Point the MWR program is under the direction of the Directorate of Community and Family Activities, DCFA. There are a variety of activities open to active duty military members and their families, as well as DoD Civilians working at the Academy. DCFA offers a full range of activities including such things as youth services (YS and Youth Center), arts and crafts, automotive skills center, guest house, outdoor recreation (swimming and skiing), entertainment, ACS, golf course, sporting events, exercise classes, child care (CDC), club system, bowling center, and many other enriching activities and programs. See the link above for DCFA or email 8dcfa@trotter.usma.edu for specific information on a program or activity that you might be interested in learning more about.

Residents of the Town of Highlands may patronize the following West Point activities:

- a. The West Point Golf Course is open to the public on a space available basis.
- b. The Morgan Farm and Kennel is open to the public for boarding horses, riding lessons, and kenneling pets on a space available basis.
- c. The Hotel Thayer is open for lodging and dining to the general public.
- d. On 1 September 1999, the West Point Bowling Center entered a partnership agreement with the Town of Highlands, permitting Town residents to use the facility.
- e. Youth Services announces special events that are open to O'Neill High School students.
- f. The Transfer Station on route 293 (across from Round Pond entrance) is available to Town of Highlands residents for recycling and trash disposal. Bulk items including demolition and construction debris may be disposed of for a fee set by the contractor at the transfer station.

g. Youth sports camps sponsored by the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics are open to the public.

h. Sporting events, Eisenhower Hall events, USMA Band Summer Concert series, and many other specially announced events are open to the public.

i. Since West Point is an open installation and attracts many tourists, the Visitor's Center, Museum, South Dock picnic area, and most of the grounds are accessible to the public.

j. The general public who secure New York State deer management permits may hunt on a specified area of the reservation.

Town of Highlands residents are frequently welcome guests of authorized patrons of the many other facilities and programs available at West Point.

Chapel Services and Programs

For more information on this subject:

Office of the Chaplains at USMA

<http://www.usma.edu/chaplain/>

Many denominations and Chapels have various opportunities available to those who wish to make a contribution of faith, time and effort. To become better acquainted with the possibilities, visit the service or chapel of your choice. USMA services listed below are open to the public. Contact the Office of the Chaplain, MAJ Tom Wild, at yt0993@usma.edu or call 914-938-2003, DSN 688-2003. You can also stop the Post Chapel office at 692 Biddle Loop for more information on local programs and services. For services and chapels/churches not on West Point, see Category LOCAL COMMUNITY, subject area RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

CATHOLIC MASSES

Most Holy Trinity Chapel

Phone: 914-938-3721, DSN 688-3721

MASSSES:

Sat: 1715; Sunday: 0900 & 1100

GENERAL PROTESTANT

The Cadet Chapel

Phone: 914-938-4106, DSN 688-2754

Services: 1030 Sunday

GENERAL PROTESTANT

The Post Chapel

Phone: 914-938-4106, DSN 688-2754

Services: 1030 Sunday

during the academic year

0930 Sunday

during the summer months

with GOSPEL SERVICE
1215 Sunday
during academic year

JEWISH SERVICES
Jewish Chapel
Phone: 914-938-2710, DSN 688-2710
Sabbath Services: 1915 Friday
during the academic year

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Thayer Hall, Room 144
Phone: 914-938-2031, DSN 688-2031
Meets: 1100 Sunday
during the academic year
0800 Sunday
during the summer months

EASTERN ORTHODOX
Cadet Chapel basement,
(Saint Martin's Chapel)
Phone: 914-938-2922, DSN 688-2922
Service: 1000 Sunday

LATTER DAY SAINTS
Thayer Hall, Room 144
Phone: 914-938-5514, DSN 688-5514
Services: 0830 Sunday

LUTHERAN
Old Cadet Chapel
Phone: 914-938-3415, DSN 688-3415
Holy Communion: 1030 Sunday
during the academic year

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Bartlet Hall, Second Floor
Phone: 914-938-4692, DSN 688-4692
Services: 0930 Sunday School
1030 Worship

Drug and Alcohol

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program is located in the building at 606 Thayer Road. If you or a family member has a problem or suspected problem with either alcohol or drugs, contact this program.

This office provides prevention and education classes regarding substance abuse. The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) does initial voluntary screenings for adult living problems (alcohol, drug, marital & financial issues, etc.) and offers referrals to appropriate agencies. On-post, free of charge providers are used whenever possible; civilian and CHAMPUS agencies are recommended when

necessary. The EAP is available to all civilian employees, their adult family members, and the adult family members of military personnel. Appointments may be made in person or by calling the office. Email to ya3429@usma.edu or call 914-938-2912, DSN 688-2912.

Legal Assistance

Legal assistance is located at 606 Thayer Road, 4th floor, phone 914-938-4541/5104, DSN 688-4541/5104. Services provided include basic estate planning to include the drafting of wills, testamentary trust, power of attorney, consumer type legal problems and information, divorce counseling and separation agreements, income tax preparation and assistance, adoption and custody assistance, report of survey counseling, Article 15 counseling, landlord-tenant disputes and as well as notary services. Notary services are provided on a walk-in basis. Please call to schedule an appointment for all other assistance.

Child And Teen Services

Child and Teen Services Overview

For more information on this subject:
West Point Activities
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/Activ.htm>

West Point Youth Services provides a full range of social, cultural and athletic programs for youth grades K-12. Instructional programs include ballet, tap, jazz dance, character drama, karate, cheerleading, ice skating and swim. The youth sports program offers baseball, basketball, golf, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and wrestling. An extensive recreation program is offered for youth that includes trips, outdoor adventure activities, arts & crafts, and parties. The Youth Center is open 7 days a week for walk in recreation and activities. The Youth Center is equipped with a full size gymnasium, 15-unit computer lab, high school lounge, recreation room, and food resale area. Selected programs are also available for children ages 3-5. Physical exams are required for children participating in cardiovascular Youth Services programs.

In order to ease the transition into the USMA community, Youth Services offers a Welcome Program for teenagers and preteens. These are held during the summer, generally in August after the families have completed their move. The Teen Council and the Keystone Club activities give teens opportunities to take ownership of and participate in the Youth Services Programs.

West Point's Child Development Services offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years. The new Child Development Center, Bldg 1207, opened in the spring of 1998. It houses the CDC Full Day, Part-Day Pre-School, and part-time programs as well as SAS for grades K-2.

Registration with Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, with an annual \$20 family registration fee provides for a Child and Youth Card for SEAMLESS SERVICE. Your family will then be entitled to enroll in the Child Development Center, CDS Part Day Pre-School, Family Child Care (FCC), School Age Services (SAS) and Youth Service programs.

A 10-hour child care limit has been established by the Army to protect children from being in unregulated child care settings on an on-going basis. The 10 hour limit means that any family member living in government quarters providing child care for more than 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis must be certified as a Family Child Care Provider. See Category, EMPLOYMENT, subject area, PROFESSIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING for more information on how to get certified. The 10 hour rule means that in their own quarters, adults may watch other peoples children for up to 10 child care hours per week on a regular basis without being certified Family Child Care, FCC, providers. For more information, contact Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, at 914-938-4458, DSN 688-4458.

Remember, children may be left alone at nine years of age for reasonable periods of time. Children ages 12 and up may be left to watch younger siblings. Children under five must be supervised at all times. NO CHILD MAY EVER BE LEFT ALONE IN A CAR. For further information please contact the Family Advocacy Program at 914-938-2519/4621. See also USMA Policy number 39-98.

New Parent Program

West Point is not a participant in the New Parent Program.

Child Care Programs - on Installation

For more information on this subject:
 Child Development Services
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/CDS/WPCDS.HTM>

West Point offers programs for children ages 6 weeks (4 weeks in Family Child Care) to 12 years.

- > Child Development Center, CDC
914-938-4798, DSN 688-4798
- > Family Child Care, FCC
914-938-3921, DSN 688-3921
- > School Age Services, SAS
914-938-8898, DSN 688-8898
- > Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS
914-938-4458, DSN 688-4458

PROGRAM OFFERED

Full Day	Yes
Part Day - Preschool	Yes
Part Day - School Age	Yes
Hourly Care	Yes
Special Needs Care*	Yes

*Children with SPECIAL NEEDS will be placed upon recommendation of the Special Needs Resource Team, SNRT, as well as availability of space.

CARE TYPE

Infant	Yes
Toddler	Yes
Pre-School	Yes
School-Age	Yes

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:

Resource and Referral	Yes
Before/After School	Yes
Family Child Care	Yes
Baby-sitter Training/Referral	Yes
Parent Co-ops	Yes
Private Organization Child care	Yes
Short Term Alternative Care	Yes
Volunteer Care in Unit Setting	Yes
Special Needs Resource Team	Yes
Parent Education Seminar	Yes
Referral to Off Post Care	Yes

REMEMBER THAT ALL CHILDREN MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES BEFORE ANY CHILD CARE CAN BE PROVIDED.

The Child Development Center, CDC, has a Part Day Preschool. Please call Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS, at 914-938-4458 from 0745 to 1630.

Hourly Care will be open from 0730-1630 for Intermittent care up to 24 hours per week. Some examples of those patrons that might consider this option would be those taking college classes that meet the same day(s) each week, that volunteer every

Tuesday and Friday afternoons at the school, etc. The advantage to patrons with this program is that they can make one monthly payment; it will cost less than hourly care rates; and the slot will be guaranteed to them. Anyone interested in this program should call SPS at 914-938-4458 to get on a waiting list.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Kay Roche, Director

CDC, Bldg 1207

Phone: 914-938-4523/4798, DSN 688-4523

Fax: 914-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

Hours: 0630-1730 Mon-Fri

1000-1730 Home Football Saturdays

Range of rates: \$2.50 - \$3.00 per hour or monthly rates that depend on income. It is advisable to establish placement on the waiting list for child care before your arrival. This can be done by submitting a waiting list application requested through the Supplemental Programs and Services, SPS. Family Child Care, FCC, is available in homes of certified providers living at USMA. FCC providers offer full day, part-day and hourly care. Rates are determined by parental/provider agreement. Patrons must submit a Waiting List Application through SPS to request FCC.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SPS

Contact: Kim Tague

CDC, Bldg 1207

Phone: 914-938-4458, DSN 688-4458

Fax: 914-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

The Supplemental Programs and Services (SPS) for Child Development office handles registration for ALL Child Development services. If eligible for care, you may be placed on the Waiting List as soon as you are notified of your assignment to West Point. Placement on the Waiting List does NOT guarantee care when needed. Placement in a program depends on openings available at the time you require care.

Child Care Programs - Community

For more information on this subject:

NY State Resources and Referrals (Child Care)

<http://www.dfa.state.ny.us/beccs/referralagencys.htm>

Referral to community child care is made by Supplemental Programs and Services Office.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, (SPS):

Contact: Kim Tague

Phone: 914-938-4458, DSN 688-4458

FAX: 914-938-7569, DSN 688-7569

CHILD CARE COUNCIL
OF ORANGE COUNTY, INC.
30 Matthews Street, Suite 104
Goshen, NY 10924

POC Elizabeth Kuriplach

914-294-4012, extention 23

fax: (914) 294-4045

email children@magiccarpet.com

Services:

- * Child care referral service
- * Recruitment and required training of family day care providers
- * Training workshops and programs for child care staff
- * Community education meetings about choosing child care, and child care issues
- * Information and assistance to groups starting day care services
- * Collaboration between early intervention and child care providers

Things To Do - Clubs and Social

For more information on this subject:

STARS for Youth grades 5-10

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/Stars.htm>

For information on Scouting you can call West Point Youth Services at 914-938-3727/3550, DSN 688-3727/3550. The Teen Council and the Keystone Club activities give teens opportunities to take ownership of and participate in Youth Services Programs.

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See also the subject area, RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS, in this Category, CHILD AND TEEN SERVICES. O'Neill High School offers opportunities to participate in the National Honor Society, Drama Club, Math Team, Black Culture Club, Ecology Club, and Student Council, to name a few.

Name: Youth Programs
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/wps_programs.htm

Name: Youth Services
WWW Link: http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/ACTIVITY/YOUTH/Wps.htm

Things To Do - Recreation and Sports

For more information on this subject:

Community and Family Activities

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/>

- The Arvin Gymnasium is open for all family members after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. Some of the facilities open for use are basketball courts, a weight room, squash and racquetball courts, swimming pools, and an indoor track. The gym is located in Central Area. For more information call 914-938-2338, DSN 688-2338.

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- AAFES offers a variety of recently released movies in building 752 (Mahan Hall) in the Central Area. The price of tickets is much less than that of a public movie theater. Check either the Pointer View or the post Channel 8 for schedules.

- Round Pond is an off-post family recreational area open year round for camping and hiking. During the summer, swimming, paddle boating and canoeing are available. If interested, call 914-938-2503, DSN 688-2503.

- There are other on-post swimming areas open during the summer. Delafield Pond is separated into two areas, one for beginning swimmers and the other

for more advanced swimmers. For more information call 914-938-5158, DSN 688-5158. You can swim year-round in the Arvin Gymnasium pool.

- An additional family recreation area is the Victor Constant Ski Slope. It is located right outside Washington Gate on Route 218. Four downhill trails and a triple chair lift as well as a cross-country trail are popular winter sites. Rental equipment is available for both downhill and cross-country skiing. For hours and rental information, call 914-938-2745, DSN 688-2745.

- There are playing fields located at Target Hill Field by the Hudson River. During certain hours, Academy intramural teams play on these fields but for the rest of the day, the fields are free for use.

- Tennis courts are located in various areas in West Point. Some courts are in Lee and Lusk housing areas and others can be found near Clinton Field. Plus a new addition of the indoor courts up the hill behind Michie Stadium.

- Shea Stadium is located down by the Hudson River. This facility includes a fully equipped track and spectator seating for convenient use.

- Horseback riding is available at Morgan Farm Stables, situated on the other side of Highland Falls (adjacent to James I. O'Neill High School.) It provides horses that can be rented by the hour, stalls for privately owned horses, and a kennel. For reservations and more information, call 914-938-3926, DSN 688-3926.

- For the competitive swimmer, as well as beginner, West Point offers the West Point Swim Club. The Swim Club competes with other swim clubs from the Hudson Valley region. It is available for elementary through high school ages. For information and a point of contact, call Youth Services at 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

- For the competitive gymnast, West Point offers the West Point Gymnastics Club. Members of this club include gymnasts from 4 to 18 years of age. They compete within their classes on both a local and a regional level. For more information and a contact person, call West Point Youth Services at 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

- The Youth Center, 500 Washington Road, provides meeting places for pre-teens and teens. There are opportunities to use the computer lab, full size gymnasium or play games such as ping-pong, pool,

and video games. Also, the Youth Center conducts special events and has food and drinks for sale. For further information, call the West Point Youth Center at 914-938-8897, DSN 688-8897.

Schools

WEST POINT SCHOOLS REGISTRATION INFORMATION SCHOOL YEAR 2000-2001

HOURS OF REGISTRATION:

9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Due to vacation schedules in the summer, please call to confirm that the office is open.

ELIGIBILITY:

In order to register your child/children in West Point Schools, you are required to reside in post housing assigned on the United States Military Academy at West Point. If awaiting quarters, a letter from the Housing Office indicating you will have quarters within 90 days is required. If student is a "guest", a letter from Housing approving the request for the guest to reside in quarters AND a copy of a facially legal document from a court of competent jurisdiction indicating the person has been appointed a guardian for the child that is to be enrolled are required. To make sure this policy is enforced uniformly throughout DDESS, in every instance where a person seeks to enroll a child through the use of a guardianship, the DDESS district must contact the DDESS General Counsel's Office for determination on the sufficiency of the guardianship. For all other students, if applicable, court documents indicating custody, i.e., divorced/ separated parents are required.

AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Children entering preschool must be 4 years old on or before 1 September. All students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before 1 September.

ITEMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF REGISTRATION:

<> Birth Certificate: (Pre-K, kindergarten and Grade 1) an original State birth certificate with a raised seal or original State certified copy with seal. For children born overseas an original Form FS-240, "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America" or an original Form DS-1350, "Certification of Birth Abroad" will be accepted.

<> Child's Social Security Number

<> School Physical: to be completed within 30 days from the time of enrollment. As of September, 1998,

New York State Law mandates that all kindergarten and first grade students have a completed Hepatitis B immunization series. (Form will be provided with registration packet.)

<> Child's Shot Record: to be copied and returned.

<> Report Card: from previous year

West Point School, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. School year 00-01 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 17 August 00. WPS normally ends the year about the first week in June.

It is advisable for parents to hand carry important school related documents (birth certificates, social security card/numbers, immunization records, previous school records, etc.) Expect to have a physical check up for each child that will be entering a new or first school. As all school records will be entered under the child's social security number, be prepared and have them readily available when you relocate.

West Point Schools, WPS, includes Preschool through grade 8. There are two separate buildings; one for the elementary students through fourth grade and the other for the middle school through grade 8. School year 00-01 has the first day of school for grades 1-8 on 17 August 00 and the last day of student attendance normally the first week in June.

High school students who reside at West Point attend James I. O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point School.)

Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

Contact the O'Neill High School guidance department at 914-446-4914 with any questions, especially those concerning Special Education Services.

MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(21 credits):

English, 4 Units

Social Studies, 4 Units

Mathematics, 2 Units

Foreign Language, 1 Unit

Science, 2 Units
Keyboarding, 1/2 Unit
Health, 1/2 Unit
Art/Music, 1 Unit
Sequence/Electives, 4-5 Units
Physical Education, 2 Units

WEST POINT SCHOOL, WPS
Ms. Phyllis Caputo, Registrar
705 & 705A Washington Road
914-938-3506, DSN 688-3506
Fax: 914-938-2724, DSN 688-2724

JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL
Route 9W
Highland Falls, NY 10928
914-446-4916 (Guidance Office)
Fax: 914-446-7108

For information on local schools, see the category,
EDUCATION.

Name: James I. O'Neill High School
WWW Link: http://www.mhric.org/hfcsd/jiopage.html

Name: West Point Schools
WWW Link: http://www.quantico.odododea.edu/wps/

School Age Care

For more information on this subject:
School Age Services
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/SAS/WPSAS.HTM>

West Point School-Age Services, SAS, provides before-school and after-school programs (as well as before-school or after-school only) during the academic year. SAS for grades K-2 are located in the Child Development Center with grades 3-6 in the Youth Activities Center. Full-time camp programs are available during vacation periods. Intermittent hourly service is also provided on a space available basis. Other program options include after-school homework assistance during the academic year as well as a tutoring program designed to improve/maintain skills during the summer. The computer lab and access to the internet is available after participating in an orientation class with a parent. Field trips, guest speakers, and MWR partnerships (i.e. bowling, swimming, outdoor recreation) are all incorporated into the SAS program to deliver programming in the areas of leisure and

recreation, sports and fitness, mentoring and support services, lifeskills and citizenship.

SCHOOL AGE SERVICES, SAS
Contact: Ms. Carol Diemer
500 Washington Rd, Youth Center
914-938-8898, DSN 688-8898
fax: 914-938-8887; DSN688-8887
email yc6110@usma.edu
Enrollment for SAS is done through the Supplemental Programs and Services office in the CDC (914-938-4458 or DSN 688-4458). See also CHILD CARE PROGRAMS-ON INSTALLATION.

Religious Programs

For more information on this subject:
Youth Ministry at West Point
<http://members.xoom.com/Shelburne/page4.html>

The following is a list of religious programs currently provided for the youth at West Point. In the summer there is vacation bible school. Contact the chaplain of your faith for details of these programs to include specific dates and times of the meetings or to volunteer your services with these or other chapel functions. Refer to the Category, SUPPORT SERVICES, subject area, CHAPEL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS for more details.

Youth Ministry
POC Darren Shelburne
Office of the Chaplains
914-938-7682 or DSN 688-7682
email yd0666@usma.edu
(See the web site given above.)

< Music Day Camp Location: Post Chapel: 914-938-2003, DSN: 688-2003; Children entering grades 1-8 enjoy a week of singing and fellowship each summer.

< Youth Ministries (Protestant): 914-938-2003, DSN: 688-2003

Young people have opportunities to participate in nondenominational activities and unity projects. Young Life (grades 9-12) has varied meeting times. God's Gang (grades 6-8) usually meets Saturday evenings.

< Youth Ministries (Catholic): 914-938-3721, DSN 688-3721

< God's TYM (Total Youth Ministry) is a parish program for high school teenagers which meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 1900 to 2100 in the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium in Highland Falls. Members participate in Christian unity service projects and can elect to participate in a retreat

program sponsored by the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministry Center in Garrison. Adventure trips are also offered.

< TEC (Teen and Twenties Encounter Christ): 914-938-2784, DSN: 688-2784; TEC offers young adults the opportunity to build unity through group experience with exploring the mysteries of Christianity. Four 3-day retreats are held during the academic year. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and for 0600 Mass on Wednesday mornings.

< Chapel Choirs Opportunities to serve through the ministry of music are available at the Post Chapel, 914-938-4106, DSN 688-2754, (Senior, Youth and Junior Choirs, Handbell Choir); Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel, 914-938-3721, DSN 688-372; (Adult, Youth, Handbell, Folk Group and Singers) and the Jewish Chapel, 914-938-2710, DSN 688-2710.

Special Events

For more information on this subject:

West Point Events Calendar

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/events/events.htm>

ANNUAL EVENTS AT WEST POINT

<> MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD (APRIL)

<> ARMED FORCES TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (MAY)

<> WEST POINT PONY GIRLS FASTPITCH TOURN. (JUNE)

<> WEST POINT 10K, 5K & KIDS-K RACES (AUG)

<> U.S. ARMY SOLDIER SHOW (NOV)

<> WEST POINT HOLIDAY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FESTIVAL (DEC)

<> CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (DEC)

Some others are:

-- Special Olympics - by Corp of Cadets, USCC
-- 4th of July Fireworks, 1812 Overture with live Cannons

-- Bike Rodeo - MPs

-- Family Symposium - Installation Volunteer Coordinator

-- Halloween Fest - by Youth Services

-- Red Ribbon Week - Alcohol & Drug Control

Sponsorship and Support

In order to ease the transition into the USMA community, Youth Services at West Point offers a Welcome Program for teenagers and preteens. These are held during the summer, generally in August after the families have had a chance to complete the move to West Point. The Teen Council and the Keystone Club activities give teens opportunities to take ownership of and participate in Youth Services Programs. Call or drop by the Youth Service, YS, office for current information on the Welcome Program or any of the instructional or sports programs. Contact Lynn Rice at 914-938-3550, DSN 688-3550, for the very latest on Youth Sponsorship. You can email Lynn Rice at YL2106@usma.edu.

Youth Services, Don Hulst, Director

Youth Center

500 Washington Road

914-938-3727/8899, DSN 688-3727

fax: 914-938-7572, DSN 688-7572

Office Hours: 1000-1700 Mon-Fri

Youth Employment

For more information on this subject:

Local - Non-Appropriated Fund Jobs Link

<http://www.usma.edu/cpo/local.htm>

There are many employment opportunities for young adults. For younger as well as older teens, BABY-SITTING is plentiful. The Child Development Center, Supplemental Programs at 914-938-4458 or DSN 688-4458, sponsors courses to prepare youth for baby-sitting and maintains a list of those who have completed the course. During football season, baby-sitters are especially in demand. The Army Athletic Association Gift Shops hire teenagers for Army sports activities. Call 914-446-3040 for information. For older teens, employment opportunities exist at the Hotel Thayer, the community clubs, and Eisenhower Hall restaurant. Summer jobs as lifeguards are also available. A limited number of temporary summer employment positions and co-op positions during the academic year are available on post. Applications for these summer positions are usually accepted in March. To discover these and other employment options on West Point, contact Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 914-938-3069, DSN 688-3069 and the NAF Personnel Office at 914-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822/4580. While only limited opportunities for employment are available in Highland Falls, a wide variety of employment

opportunities can be found in Newburgh and the surrounding local communities.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND EMPLOYMENT, NAF

Employment Resource Center
626 Swift Road
Phone: 914-938-2822/4580, DSN 688-2822/4580
Hours: 0745-1630 Mon-Fri

There are a number of activities at West Point that are not supported by appropriated funds (money provided from tax dollars). The positions are in the Hotel Thayer, Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA), and DCFA, (Directorate of Community and Family Activities) -- where funds are generated from fees for programs and services collected on the installations. There are limited numbers of managerial, technical, and professional positions, and many clerical, sales clerk, and waiter/waitress jobs. Non-Appropriated Fund positions are posted on the Non-Appropriated Fund Bulletin Board in the Employment Resource Center, 626 Swift Road, First Floor on the left. Persons interested in these positions should complete an Application for Non-Appropriated Fund Employment (Department of the Army Form 3433), available at the Employment Resource Center.

Youth Centers

For more information on this subject:
Youth Services and Youth Center
<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/YOUTH/Wpys.htm>

The Youth Services Activity Center, 500 Washington Road, is located across the street from the West Point Schools. The 15,000 square foot facility includes a gymnasium, snack bar, high school lounge, computer room, and other youth oriented areas.

Call or go by to get the latest on the Youth Center Hours and Computer Lab Hours as they change after the end of the school year and once again when the new academic year begins.

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Youth Center
Recreation Specialist

Liz Gilbert
914-938-8525 DSN 688-8525
Fax 914-938-7572 DSN 688-7572
email YL0403@usma.edu

For Teens Only

NOTE ANNOUNCED CHANGE:
THE COMMERCIAL AREA CODE FOR ORANGE COUNTY INCLUDING WEST POINT WILL CHANGE FROM 914 TO 845 IN THE SUMMER OF 2000.

OVERVIEW

West Point offers a variety of programs and activities for teenagers. This allows an individual to become more involved in the community and, therefore, meet new people. The following information has been provided for the benefit of teens just moving into the community. Teenagers are an integral part of the population. Because of this, there are many places and opportunities for teenagers. These activities have been compiled into a list of locations and phone numbers for personal use. High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point Middle School.) Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

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2822. While only limited opportunities for employment are available in Highland Falls, a wide variety of employment opportunities can be found in Newburgh and the surrounding local communities.

LIBRARIES

There are two libraries on West Point. The Post Library is located beside Buffalo Soldiers' Field at 622 Swift Road. A wide selection of fiction books is found here. The telephone number is 914-938-2974, DSN 688-2974. The Cadet Library is located in Central Area, 757 Cullum Road. This is a large research library with a computer network to aid in the location of books and other materials. Call 938-2330/2636 for information.

RECREATION

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- Ice skating is offered in the Holleder Center at Tate Rink. For hours and rental information call 914-938-2991, DSN 688-2991.

- AAFES offers a variety of recently released movies in 752 Cullum Road (Mahan Hall) in the Central Area. The price of tickets is much less than that of a public movie theater. Check either the Pointer View or the post Channel 8 for schedules. The schedule can also be accessed on the post e-mail bulletin board.

- Round Pond is an off-post family recreational area open year round for camping and hiking. During the summer, swimming, paddle boating and canoeing are available. If interested, call 914-938-2503, DSN 688-2503.

- There are other on-post swimming areas open during the summer. Delafield Pond is separated into two areas, one for beginning swimmers and the other for more advanced swimmers. For more information call 914-938-5158, DSN 688-5158. You can swim year-round in Arvin Gymnasium pool.

- An additional family recreation area is the Victor Constant Ski Slope. It is located right outside Washington Gate (Route 218). Four downhill trails and a triple chair lift as well as a cross-country trail are popular winter sites. Rental equipment is available for both downhill and cross-country skiing. For hours and rental information, call 914-938-2745, DSN 688-2745.

- There are playing fields located at Target Hill Field by the Hudson River. During certain hours, Academy intramural teams play on these fields but for the rest of the day, the fields are free for use. - Tennis courts are located in various areas in West Point. Some courts are in Lee and Lusk housing areas and others can be found near Clinton Field with the newest addition of an indoor court located just up the hill behind Michie Stadium.

- Shea Stadium is located down by the Hudson River. This facility includes a fully equipped track and spectator seating for convenient use.

- Horseback riding is available at Morgan Farm, situated adjacent to James O'Neill High School. It provides horses that can be rented by the hour, stalls for privately owned horses, and a kennel. For reservations and more information, call 914-938-3926, DSN 688-3926.

- For the competitive as well as beginner swimmer, West Point offers the West Point Swim Club. The Swim Club competes with other swim clubs from the Hudson Valley region. It is available for elementary through high school ages. For information and a point of contact, call Youth Services at 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

- For the competitive gymnast, West Point offers the West Point Gymnastics Club. Members of this club include gymnastics from 4 to 18 years of age. They compete within their classes on both a local and a regional level. For more information and a contact person, call Youth Services at 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

- The Youth Center, 500 Washington Road, provides meeting places for pre-teens and teens. There are opportunities to use the computer lab, full size

gymnasium or play games such as ping-pong, pool, and video games. Also, the Youth Center conducts special events and has food and drinks for sale. For further information, call the West Point Youth Center at 914-938-3727, DSN 688-3727.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The Post Chaplains Office sponsors several Christian youth groups. These groups meet weekly. They also sponsor trips to exciting places including weekend retreats where teens learn about their religion while having lots of fun. For sixth through eighth graders, there is a non-denominational program called God's Gang; another called Young Life serves high school students. In conjunction with Young Life is a Bible study group, the Campaigners. Call 914-938-2003, DSN 688-2003 for more information.

A program called God's TYM is run by the Catholic Chapel. This is a continuation of Religious education for high school students. They enjoy music, fellowship, and fun on a weekly basis. God's TYM also provides the opportunity for service and retreats. Call 938-2784 for information.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, for ages 6 and up, (Cub Scouts and Daisies are for ages 1-5) are very active at West Point. Through the Scouting programs, teenagers become involved in community service activities and are given the opportunity and encouragement to learn a multitude of interesting subjects. The Boy Scouts participate year round in many outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. The troops at West Point have consistently participated in national jamborees, adventure training, and district activities. The Girl Scouts also participate in outdoor adventures such as hiking and camping although on a much more limited basis. For more information about Scouting at West Point, call Youth Services at 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

There are many activities through which teenagers as individuals can donate time and energy serving their community. An example of the type of opportunities available is the Volunteer program of the Red Cross that enlists teens to assist with the blood drives and other special tasks. Another opportunity, popular with teenagers, is the Special Olympics held each spring at West Point. Teenagers are encouraged to serve as escorts and find this to be a very gratifying way to help others. The Army Community Service (ACS) Center is always glad to have teens volunteer to help with their programs and activities. Information about these and other volunteer

opportunities can be obtained from the Red Cross, 914-938-4365, DSN 688-4365; Army Community Service, 914-938-2519/4621, DSN 688-2519/4621; or the Installation Volunteer Coordinator 914-938-3655, DSN 688-3655.

YOUTH SERVICES

West Point Youth Services offers teenagers a wide variety of instructional and sports programs, such as ballet, basketball, Lacrosse, arts & crafts, jazz, tap, character dance, kindergym, cheerleading, drama, ice skating, golf, gymnastics, hiking, hockey, karate, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, wrestling, and an outdoor adventure program.

The Teen Council works with the staff providing input on activities such as trips to amusement parks, shopping malls, New York City, and historical sites; community service programs; and teen programs. Newly arrived teens can become oriented to West Point by hooking up with some of our Teen Council members. To inquire about these programs, call Lynn Rice at 914-938-3550, DSN 688-3550.

The Youth Center features a game room, gymnasium, teen lounge, snack bar, dance room, and patio area. The Teen Council has taken on this project to make the building a great hangout for teens. The Keystone Club and STARS programs provide teens with an opportunity to get together with other teenagers. Activities planned for weekend and weeklong excursions include Team Building, Adventure Trips and group problem solving activities. Youth Services also sponsors and supports activities such as the Halloween fest and the high school Graduation Bash. To inquire about these and any other activities, call 914-938-8899/3727, DSN 688-8899/3727.

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Youth Ministries (Protestant) call 914-938-2003, DSN: 688-2003. Young people have opportunities to participate in nondenominational activities and community projects. They enjoy the fellowship of their peers and spiritual growth. Young Life (grades 9-12) has varied meeting times. God's Gang (grades 6-8) usually meets Saturday evenings.

Youth Ministries (Catholic): 914-446-2656, DSN 688-2656 God's TYM (Total Youth Ministry) is a parish program for high school teenagers which meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 1900 to 2100 in the Sacred Heart Church gymnasium in Highland Falls. Members participate in Christian community service projects and can elect to participate in a retreat program sponsored by the Capuchin Youth

and Family Ministry Center in Garrison. Adventure trips are also offered.

TEC (Teen and Twenties Encounter Christ): 914-938-2784, DSN 688-2784 TEC offers young adults the opportunity to build community through group experience with exploring the mysteries of Jesus. Four 3-day retreats are held during the academic year. The group meets on Tuesday evenings and for 0600 Mass on Wednesday mornings.

Chapel Choirs Opportunities to serve through the ministry of music are available at the Post Chapel (Senior, Youth and Junior Choirs, Handbell Choir), Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel (Adult, Youth, Handbell, Folk Group and Singers) and the Jewish Chapel.

SCHOOLS

High school students who reside at West Point attend O'Neill High School, a four-year comprehensive public high school certified by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Annually serving approximately 500 students in grades 9-12, the school's programs also encompass Highland Falls School District grades 7-8 (West Point students in grades 7-8 attend the West Point Middle School.) Transportation to the high school is provided by the government. Contact the West Point School for transportation request forms that must be submitted before each school year.

Refer back to the subject area, SCHOOLS in the Category, EDUCATION for more detailed information on schools both public and private.

Survival Tips For First Termers

Survival Tips for First Termers Overview

For more information on this subject:

The PCS Guide

<http://www.gordon.army.mil/acs/pcsguide.pdf>

The old Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" is certainly a good one in preparation for your move to West Point and/or your transition into the military lifestyle. The more information you have, the better choices you will be able to make for yourself or you and your family. It will take time and effort on your part, but will be well worth it when things run smoothly at the other end. Listed in this section will be "SURVIVAL TIPS" to help you during this period of transition.

One of the first stops when you arrive at West Point should be to Army Community Service's Relocation Office. Their Loan Closet is available to all those on PCS orders to and from West Point. The staff will answer your questions and be just a phone call away as you relocate to the banks of the Hudson. The Relocation Program works closely with all departments and units to provide current information to the incoming personnel. The WELCOME PACKET includes up-to-date information on West Point, maps, guides to area events, school information, employment information, etc. This is also a great help to you and your sponsor. If you have not received a welcome packet, email the Relocation Readiness at yb0182@exmail.usma.edu or call 914-938-5654, DSN 688-5654 as soon as you know that you are PCSing to West Point.

Also check out the PCS Guide prepared by Relocation Readiness at Fort Gordon, Georgia in the link above.

Before You Move

Permanent-change-of station (PCS) is an ordered change to a new duty station. A PCS move entitles the service member to certain benefits. So, first things first! You must have orders, a most important document. Orders will tell you exactly what you will be entitled to and enable a variety of people to assist you, such as: PERSONNEL, ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE, TRANSPORTATION, AND FINANCE.

PERSONNEL is your next stop where you will have a counseling session; at that time be sure to request a sponsor. A sponsor is someone who is already here at West Point who will be able to help you out before you arrive. They can assist you with such things as making motel reservations, meeting you at the airport, and answering questions that you might have about your unit or the local area. The sponsor is someone who has been through what you are about to do. He or she can provide information that can answer the questions that you may not even have thought to ask.

Whether you are single or married, one of the great benefits that you have as a member of the military is your ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS). As soon as you know that you are moving, call to set up an appointment with your local Relocation Office. The Relocation staff can provide you with a booklet called SITES. This booklet will tell you everything you need to know about your new duty station, West Point (or any other installation), to include

information on housing, employment prospects, schools, and many other topics.

As soon as you receive orders, call the local TRANSPORTATION Office to set up an appointment (and the HOUSING office to schedule a premove inspection and a clearing appointment if you are in government quarters). A PCS move entitles the service member to certain entitlements. Among these is the transporting (shipping) and/or storage of the service member's possessions at government expense. You will be given a specific weight allowance determined by your rank and whether or not you have dependents. You, not the transportation officer, will be responsible for staying within this weight allowance. If the weight of items packed, shipped, or stored exceeds that amount, you must pay all charges connected with the excess weight. For this reason, estimating the weight of your household goods is very important. An easy and fairly dependable method for making this estimate is to figure 1000 pounds per room (not including storage rooms or bathroom) and then add the estimated weight of large appliances and items in the garage and storage rooms, basement, etc. If, while your goods are being packed and loaded, there is evidence that the shipment will exceed your weight allowance, you may want to call the Transportation Office. The transportation staff can estimate the costs associated with your excess weight. This way you will be somewhat prepared for charges that you will have to pay.

Gather all important documents, such as birth and marriage certificates, proof of citizenship, medical records, school and shot records, wills, ID cards, and Social Security Cards. These are things that should go with you, NOT on the moving van! You may also want to take any irreplaceable items such as photographs and jewelry.

Find out your new mailing address -- even if it is only the mailing address of your new unit. Be sure to leave it with your current post office as well as your unit. If, when you arrive at West Point, your unit changes - contact your old unit and post office so they re-route your mail.

Call the FINANCE office to schedule an appointment -- they can figure out how much travel pay you will receive. Remember to ask them about the dislocation allowance and temporary allowance when you are moving. There is an option for advance pay; however, it should be used ONLY in extreme circumstances - not for a vacation to your new duty station -- as you will have to repay it by monthly

deductions from your paycheck. Be certain that you have an adequate number of checks before you move.

Check with your auto insurance agent to be sure that you will be adequately covered for the state you will be residing in; in this case for NY state.

After You Arrive

Upon your arrival, be sure to contact both your sponsor and the West Point Relocation Readiness Director at ACS, 622 Swift Road, next to Housing/Transportation/CPO building. Relocation and ACS will be a tremendous help in getting you connected with the resources you will need.

West Point has a very high cost of living, so you will need to stretch your paycheck as far as it will go. In all likelihood, if you are a private or a specialist (with dependents), you will qualify for several social service programs such as Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and/or Food Stamps. Be sure to call the Consumer Affairs and Financial Assistance Manager at 914-938-4621 or DSN 688-4621 to request an application and to consider budget counseling.

Notify the Transportation Division, Inbound Household Goods, (914-938-4052/4053, DSN 688-4052/4053) as they will need a telephone number and address where you can be reached. As soon as you have a delivery address for your household goods, provide this information to Transportation. If at all possible, accept delivery of your personal property as soon as it arrives. This will prevent additional handling and reduce the opportunity for possible loss or damage. It will also reduce or eliminate storage expenses.

See HOUSING AND BILLETING later in this category and also in the category of RELOCATION, the subject areas, BILLETING, IN TRANSIT EMERGENCIES, and FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS. For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS OUT-BOUND, HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN-BOUND, POV OUT-BOUND SHIPMENTS, POV IN-BOUND SHIPMENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED PCS. In fact, read through the whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

Reporting Procedures

All Inprocessing officers and enlisted soldiers with orders assigning them to the United States Military Academy Staff and Faculty, Military Police, HHC, Engineer Platoon, 2nd Aviation, or the Airborne Detachment must report to HQ, 1st BN 1st Inf.

See also the category, RELOCATION, subject area, PCS REPORTING PROCEDURES for a detailed list of units and their individual procedures.

Travel Planning

When planning your move, be sure to remember that requesting advance pay should be used ONLY in extreme circumstances, as you will have to repay it by monthly deductions from your paycheck.

Soldiers, civilians, and their families are often surprised by the initial outlay of dollars required to get established in the community. Waiting time for government quarters for families will usually average from two to nine months, depending on rank, family size and number of bedrooms required. For the reasons of cost and possible long waits for quarters (maybe as long as nine months), it is advised that the service member arrive without dependents until a realistic assessment of the housing situation is made.

When traveling and staying in motels along the way, remember that most motels have government rates; if you don't ask they will not give you the lower government rate. If one motel does not have government rates check the next one. The savings are worth the effort. Locally, there are motels in the nearby communities but the Five Star Guesthouse is the most affordable in almost every case. The guesthouse, The Five Star Inn (914-938-6816 or DSN 688-6816), will accept reservations up to 60 days in advance. Be aware that the guesthouse DOES NOT accept pets and they must be kenneled at additional costs per pet! See Category, RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, BILLETING for information on local motels and more places to stay in the area.

Army Emergency Relief (AER) can provide financial assistance to meet unforeseen expenses during required travel and related maintenance expenses such as car repairs, transportation, lodging, and food when traveling on PCS orders. AER assistance may also be provided for payment of initial rent and deposit, and payment of required utility deposits. Soldiers applying for AER financial assistance must use their chain of command when available. If you have a financial emergency while moving from one

post to the new duty station, contact the nearest installation of ANY SERVICE including the Coast Guard or contact a nearby office of the American Red Cross. Any military service or the Red Cross will then contact AER. Additionally, transient soldiers must also show orders and military ID card.

Vehicle Ownership

For more information on this subject:
NY State DMV
<http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/>

In New York State anyone, even a non-resident, who permits his or her vehicle to be driven in New York must be able to prove that he or she has adequate liability insurance on that vehicle. If you are a non-resident and cannot provide such proof, your privilege to drive in New York may be revoked for at least one year. Your vehicle must be covered by liability insurance as long as it is registered, even if you do not drive it.

Minimum liability coverage of \$50,000 against the death of one person and \$100,000 against the death of two or more persons, \$10,000 against injury to one person and \$20,000 against injury to two or more persons, and \$5,000 against property damage is required. Coverage limits refer to death, injury or damage related to any one accident.

When you buy auto insurance, the insurance agent or broker gives you two insurance identification cards. The name(s) on these cards must match exactly the name(s) on your registration.

"No-fault" auto insurance is issued in New York. For more information on no-fault insurance, contact the New York State Department of Insurance, Agency Building 1, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12257.

It is always important to contact your insurance agent and change the location of your car after you move since your rates (costs) depend on the area in which you live. Once you have adequate liability coverage, the following strategies can be used to save money on auto insurance:

- * take as large a deductible as you can afford on collision and comprehensive coverage and if your car is over five years old and paid for, consider dropping collision and comprehensive coverage
- * take advantage of any discounts for which you are eligible such as for anti-theft devices, air bags, and attend a Defensive Driving Class. The Defensive Driving Class with a \$30 fee is offered about twice a

month through Community Recreation Division (914-938-2401 or DSN 688-2401).

* Don't forget to SHOP AROUND since premiums for identical coverage vary widely from company to company.

* For additional information, contact the Army Community Service, Consumer Affairs/Financial Assistance Program at 914-938-2519/4621 or DSN 688-2519/4621.

Housing and Billeting

For more information on this subject:

Five Star Inn (Guesthouse)

<http://www.usma.edu/dcfa/activity/5STAR/5STAR.H>
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All military personnel reporting to West Point are required to in-process with the USMA housing office within three working days of signing into their unit. A housing representative will counsel personnel by appointment. Service members relocating or arriving at West Point should anticipate a 2-9 months wait for family quarters. Plan to stay longer in the guesthouse if you are arriving at a time of low turnover or near full occupancy of available government quarters. This is especially the case presently as many renovations, new constructions, and demolitions are in progress as a part of the Revitalization Program at West Point. Keep in contact with your sponsor and the West Point Housing Office (914-938-4500, DSN 688-4500, or Toll Free at 1-800-654-8845).

The SINGLE SOLDIER BARRACKS sit on a hill overlooking West Point. The barracks recently underwent a \$17.8 million renovation. The barracks

provide single soldiers with their own fully carpeted rooms, a bathroom shared with only one other person, central air conditioning and heating with controls in every room. Each room has a closet with additional storage cages in the basement. Single NCOs have a living room and a bedroom along with a closet and their own bathroom. The barracks also have basketball courts, a volleyball court, car wash area, a laundry room, and a mailroom. The dining facility, bowling center, and a library are within easy walking distance of the barracks.

See also AFTER YOU ARRIVE in this category and also in the category of RELOCATION SERVICES, the subject areas, BILLETING, IN TRANSIT EMERGENCIES, and FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS. For household goods see HOUSEHOLD GOODS WEIGHT ALLOWANCES, HOUSEHOLD GOODS OUT-BOUND, HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN-BOUND, POV IN-BOUND SHIPMENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED PCS. In fact, read through the whole category of Relocation and highlight any information you may want to find easily when you are planning your move or on the road.

Money Matters

Relocation is expensive ... start saving now. Due to poor planning, the average military member loses \$2 for every \$3 they spend. Members must be prepared! Develop a financial plan with the financial manager at the ACS as soon as possible. See the category RELOCATION SERVICES, subject area, FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS for the money matters checklists.

At A Glance

Facility/Services Summary

--Officer and Enlisted Population--			
Active Duty Officer	698	Active Duty Warrant Officer	10
Guard Reserve Officer	62	Guard Reserve Warrant Officer	0
Retired (Officer and Enlisted)	7131	Foreign Service Officers	0
Active Duty Enlisted	388	Guard Reserve Enlisted	400
Foreign Service Enlisted	0		
--Civilians--			
Civil Service	2886	Wage Grade	0
Non-Appropriated Funds	0	Family Members -on and off Installation-	10683
--Family Services--			
Family Centers	1	Teen Centers	1
Child Day Care	1	Family Child Care Certified Homes	6
Total Child Capacity	303	Total Child Capacity	36
Average Waiting List Time -Months-	0		
--Other Services--			
Commissary	1	Exchanges	1
Shoppettes	1	Gas Stations	1
Movie Theaters	1	Banks and Credit Unions	0
McDonalds/Burger King	0	Other i.e. Exchange concessionaires	9

Housing Summary

--Officer Housing--			
Senior Officer Waiting	3	Senior Officer 3 Bed Room	97
Senior Officer 4 Bed Room	313	Senior Officer Other	90
Company Grade Officer Waiting	3	Company Grade Officer 2 Bed Room	45
Company Grade Officer 3 Bed Room	77	Company Grade Officer 4 Bed Room	0
Company Grade Officer Other	15	BOQ	25
--Enlisted Housing--			
Senior Enlisted Waiting	4	Senior Enlisted 3 Bed Room	34
Senior Enlisted 4 Bed Room	40	Senior Enlisted Other	5
Enlisted Waiting	4	Enlisted 2 Bed Room	50
Enlisted 3 Bed Room	36	Enlisted Other	0
BEQ	0	Transient Lodging Facilities	0

Education Summary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Numbers</i>
Elementary School	1
Jr High/Middle School	1
High School	0

Local Community Summary

<i>Type of Housing</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>High</i>
Apartment Rent	750	600	900
House Rent	1100	950	1300
House Price - Single Family	150000	125000	299000
Townhouse/Condominium Price	100000	65000	125000

Medical and Dental Summary

<i>--Medical Facilities--</i>					
Medical Treatment Facilities	Y	Number of Beds	65	Medical Clinic	24
Alcohol	Y	Allergy	Y	Audiology	Y
Cardiology	Y	Coronary care	Y	Dermatology	Y
Dietary	Y	Emergency room	Y	Endocrinology	N
Family Practice	Y	General surgery	Y	Gynecology	Y
HIV Unit	N	Hematology	N	Immunization	Y
Infect Disease	Y	Intensive Care	Y	Laboratory	Y
Mental Health	Y	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit	N	Nuclear Medicine	N
Nephrology	N	Neurology	N	Neurosurgery	N
Obstetrics	Y	Oncology	N	Ophthalmology	Y
Optometry	Y	Orthopedics	Y	Otolaryngology	N
Pathology	Y	Pediatrics	Y	Physical Therapy	Y
Podiatry	Y	Primary Care	Y	Radiology	Y
Rheumatology	N	Urology	N		
<i>--Dental Facilities--</i>					
Dental Clinics	2	Adolescent	Y	Endodontics	Y
General Dentistry	Y	Oral Surgery	Y	Orthodontics	Y
Pedodontist	N	Periodontics	Y		

Relocation and Support Services Summary

<i>--Military Clubs--</i>			
Officers Club	1	Non-Commissioned Officers Club	1
Enlisted Club	1		
<i>--Recreation--</i>			
Arts and Crafts	1	Automobile Hobby Centers	1
Bowling Centers	1	Recreational Centers	0
Libraries	2	Music and Theater Locations	2
<i>--Physical Fitness/Sports--</i>			
9 Hole Golf Courses	0	18 Hole Golf Courses	1
Gyms/Physical Fitness Centers	1	Jogging Paths	1
Tennis Clubs/Courts	8	Tennis Courts - Lighted	3
Swimming Pools - Public	0		
<i>--Nature/Outdoor Activities--</i>			
Outdoor Recreation Centers	3	Campgrounds	2
Fishing Areas	3	Horse Stables	1

APPENDIX

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