



ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater, Dear!
To us be ever near.
Help us thy motto bear
Through all the years.
Let duty be well performed,
Honor be e'er untarn'd,
Country be ever armed,
West Point, by thee!

Guide us, thine own, aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thine honor bright,
For thee to fight.
When we depart from thee,
Serving on land or sea,
May we still loyal be,
West Point, to thee!

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done",
Be thou at peace.
E'er may that line of gray
Increase from day to day,
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee!

*Words by Paul S. Reinecke
USMA Class of 1911*

Class of 1945 United States Military Academy 77th Reunion



Memorial Service

May 16, 2022

9:30am

**Most Holy Trinity Catholic Chapel
West Point, New York**



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-5000

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Dear Members of the Class of 1945,

On June 5, 1945, General Omar Bradley stood before your graduating class - 852 strong – and, as you prepared to assume the mantle of leadership as the United States Army's newest officers, charged you to do so with "...a sense of duty and the will to succeed ... to live in honor and with devotion to your country."

Like so many graduates who came before you and so many who followed in your footsteps since you joined to serve a nation at war, willingly coming forward to stand in the gap between the American people and any who would threaten them. Although commissioned in the waning days of the Second World War, you would soon be called upon to lead in the crucible of ground combat in Korea and Vietnam, and to stand guard against the threat of Communism on the front lines of the Cold War.


Your class served and led our Army and Nation with distinction, producing a Medal of Honor recipient, three West Point Distinguished Graduates, 52 general officers and even a United States Ambassador. More than 30 of your classmates would give the "last, full measure of devotion" in combat in Korea and Vietnam. You are exemplars of selfless service, Army Values and the ideals that are the bedrock of this institution and the Long Gray Line: Duty, Honor, and Country.

As you return to your "Rockbound Highland Home" to celebrate your 75th class reunion, the entire West Point team joins me in welcoming you back and thanking you for all you have done – and continue to do – for West Point and our great Nation. You truly represent the true strength of the Long Gray Line: its resilience and timelessness. We are grateful for your many years of honorable and selfless service to our Army and our great Nation, as well as for your legacy of personal and professional excellence.


Thank you for gripping hands with so many generations of Army leaders of character. Furthermore, thank you for continuing to grip hands with today's Corps of Cadets. They stand on your shoulders and will carry your legacy forward to pass along to future generations.

Welcome home and have a great reunion!

Sincerely,



Darryl A. Williams, '83
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent



CADET PRAYER

O GOD, OUR FATHER, Thou Searcher of human hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity, and truth. May our religion be filled with glad-ness and may our worship of Thee be natural.

Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretense ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won.

Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy.

Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle our hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer.

Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of all. Amen.

*Written by Colonel C. E. Wheat
Professor of English
and former Chaplain, U.S.M.A.*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

*Words by Katharine Lee Bates,
Melody by Samuel Ward*

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife.
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE	Emily Lapisardi
WELCOME	COL Amos L. Wright
OPENING HYMN <i>America the Beautiful</i>	Congregation
INVOCATION	CH (COL) Matt Pawlikowski '86
SCRIPTURE READING <i>23rd Psalm</i>	BG Samuel K. Lessey
BRIEF REMARKS <i>Current religious activities at West Point</i>	CH (COL) Matt Pawlikowski '86
ORGAN SOLO	Emily Lapisardi
EULOGY	COL Amos L. Wright
TAPS*	USMA Bugler
MOMENT OF SILENCE*	
CADET PRAYER	Congregation
CLOSING HYMN <i>Alma Mater</i>	Congregation
BENEDICTION	CH (COL) Matt Pawlikowski '86

* Please stand during these portions of the service

DEPARTED 1945 CLASSMATES

Since 2015

"Be thou at peace."

George E. Dexter	A1	Jose L. Carrion	E1
Bernard E. Johnsrud	A1	Gabriel J. De La Guardia	E1
James A. Munson	A1	Melvin E. Gustafson	E1
Robert E. Stetekluh	A1	Francis B. Kane Jr.	E1
James W. Gilland	B1	Robert F. Zeidner	E1
Richard J. Hesse	B1	Levin B. Broughton	F1
William H. Holcombe Jr.	B1	George M. Bush	F1
Francis H. Klabouch	B1	Leon A. Cookman	F1
Ralph S. Kristoferson	B1	A. Theodore Flum	F1
Herman S. Napier	B1	John W. Graham	F1
Daniel C. Perry	B1	John K. Houssels Jr.	F1
Homer S. Pitzer Jr.	B1	John D. Ludlow	F1
Marion W. Trotti	B1	William M. Ryan	F1
Richard P. Wallsten	B1	Louis J. Schelster Jr.	F1
Lamar Weaver Jr.	B1	Robert F. Tansey	F1
Robert E. Woods	B1	William C. Trefz	F1
Samuel B. Adams Jr.	C1	Charles S. Adler	G1
George O. Adkisson Jr.	C1	Harry O. Amos Jr.	G1
Chester V. Braun	C1	Leon C. Byrd	G1
Robert E. Dingeman	C1	James T. Neal	G1
James A. Herbert	C1	Bickford E. Sawyer Jr.	G1
Jack N. Hoffman	C1	Harry J. Shaw	G1
Thomas G. McCunniff	C1	Richard Van Houten	G1
Harold G. Moore Jr.	C1	Richard C. Williams	G1
James W. Morris	C1	Walter G. Allen	H1
James A. Reints	C1	James G. Christiansen	H1
George L. Withey	C1	George A. Churchill	H1
Rupert W. Jernigan Jr.	D1	William D. Clark	H1
William O. Perry Jr.	D1	Robert R. Lochry	H1
Donald V. Rattan	D1	William K. Moran Jr.	H1
Paul C. Whelan	D1	James A. Salter	H1
Howard A. Baldwin	E1	Earl M. Thompson	H1

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Robert R. Batson	A2	Harold D. Wolaver	D2
Walter J. Cain	A2	George C. Berger	E2
Vergil C. Givens	A2	John K. Boyce Jr.	E2
Walter R. Hylander Jr.	A2	John W. Fehrs	E2
Karl R. Liewer	A2	Donald E. Fowler	E2
Houghton Lohn	A2	Thomas J. Godwin	E2
Frank A. Smith	A2	John J. McDonald	E2
Yale F. Trustin	A2	Russell E. Taliaferro	E2
John B. Bennet Jr.	B2	Donald R. Bissell	F2
Joseph P. Berg Jr.	B2	Arthur L. Doyle Jr.	F2
Andrew G. Favret	B2	Rabun W. Griffith	F2
John W. Fletcher Jr.	B2	Henry E. Kelly Jr.	F2
Edwin G. Kellum	B2	Robert A. Evans	G2
Edgar W. Nichols	B2	Theodore M. Fite	G2
Harry G. Walker Jr.	B2	Alfred H. Jones	G2
George E. Wyatt Jr.	B2	Everett E. Love	G2
Ross W. Campbell Jr.	C2	Frank E. Mehner	G2
Raymond L. Clark	C2	William V. Millman	G2
Harry R. Patrick	C2	Edward N. Robinson Sr.	G2
John W. Reynolds	C2	J. F. Allen Jr.	H2
Kendall Russell	C2	Forrest A. Carhartt	H2
Warren R. Stumpe	C2	John E. Coulahan Sr.	H2
Donal J. Wolf	C2	William A. Ekberg	H2
Colin M. Carter Jr.	D2	Jesse C. Gatlin Jr.	H2
William B. Hankins Jr.	D2	John B. MacWherter	H2
Joseph P. O'Hanlon	D2	Putnam W. Monroe	H2
Joseph T. O'Neal	D2	Edmund A. Rafalko	H2
Vernon W. Pinkey	D2	Albert K. Stebbins III	H2