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Our Military

at The United States Military Academy, West Point

LOCATED IN THE SCENIC Hudson River Valley of Orange County — only 50 miles from New York City — The United States Military Academy, West Point is a four-year academic institution and a nationally renowned historical site that traces its roots back to 1802. The undergraduates, known as cadets, are commissioned as officers in the U.S. Army upon graduation.

In addition to being a federal service academy with a full range of academic, military and athletic activities, West Point is America's oldest continuously occupied military installation. Its long history and the critical nature of its role in developing commissioned leaders of character contribute to West Point's stature as an American "national treasure."

The entire central campus is a national landmark and home to scores of historic sites, buildings, and monuments. The campus is a popular tourist destination complete with a large visitor center and the oldest museum in the U.S. Army.

The West Point Experience is designed to prepare cadets for leadership as commissioned

officers on active duty in the U.S. Army. It is a 47-month process, which provides for the intellectual, military, physical, moral-ethical and social development of cadets and transforms them into leaders of character.

West Point is extremely selective, enrolling only the most promising men and women. When cadets enter the academy, they become active-duty members of the U.S. Army and take the first steps toward joining the Long Gray Line, one of the proudest traditions in the Army and the nation. At West Point, cadets develop as leaders prepared to serve the Army and the country for a lifetime.

Population

The West Point student body numbers approximately 4,300, from all 50 states, territories and more than 30 foreign countries. In addition to the Corps of Cadets, West Point is home to approximately 1,200 active-duty soldiers and about 3,000 family members. Supporting the academy is a civilian workforce of approximately 5,000 personnel.

Economic Impact

The U.S. Military Academy is the largest employer in Orange County, from which millions of dollars in salaries and wages are poured directly into the local economy.

HISTORY

West Point exists because of war, terrain and Gen. George Washington's cunning: The military leader of America's revolution realized that the wooded plateau commanding a tight S-bend in the Hudson River was the place to stop British warships sailing north to crush their upstart colonies' revolt.

The general's Continental Army set up camp there in January 1778, 50 miles north of Manhattan, and Washington chose a noted Polish military engineer, Tadeusz Kosciuszko, to design its forts, batteries and redoubts. His soldiers also strung a 150-ton chain, "The Great Chain," across the river to block enemy vessels long enough for them to be shelled and sunk from above.

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call 845-938-4011.

Adult Education Center	845-938-3762	Family Support.....	845-938-5655
American Red Cross at West Point	877-733-2767	Equal Opportunity Office	
American Red Cross	877-272-7337	Civilian.....	845-938-3052
Army Community Service	845-938-4621	Military and Family.....	845-938-2581
Army Emergency Relief.....	845-938-5839	Exchange	845-446-5404
Employment Readiness.....	845-938-5658	Fitness Center	845-938-6490
Family Advocacy	845-938-0633	Golf Course	845-938-2435
Financial Readiness	845-938-5653	Health Benefits Advisor	845-938-4838
Information and Referral Services	845-938-2519	Household Goods	845-938-4051
Mobilization and Deployment	845-938-2519	Housing Office	845-938-2500
Relocation Readiness.....	845-938-3487	On-post Housing.....	845-446-6407
Arts and Crafts Center	845-938-4812	Single Soldier Housing	845-938-6202
Automotive Skills Center	845-938-2074	ID/CAC Card Processing	845-938-3746
Chapel, Post Community	845-938-2003	Keller Army Community Hospital	845-938-5169
Child Care		Law Enforcement	845-938-8869
Child Development Center.....	845-938-4798	Legal Services/JAG	845-938-4541
Family Child Care	845-938-4458	Leisure Travel Services	845-938-3601
School Age Services.....	845-938-8530	Library	845-938-2230
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center	845-938-3943	Lodging Office (Five Star Inn)	845-446-5943
Commissary	845-938-3663	Middle School and Teen Program Center	845-938-3727
Credit Union (PenFed)	800-431-1404	Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Defense Military Pay Office	845-938-6134	MWR	845-938-2103
Dental Clinic	845-938-3121	New Parent Support Program	845-938-0629
Dining		Outdoor Recreation	845-938-0123
Benny Havens Lounge.....	845-938-5120	Provost Marshal's Office	845-938-3333
Lil' Skeeters BBQ & Primo's Pizza	845-938-2140	Retirement Services	845-938-4217
West Point Club.....	845-938-5120	School Liaison Office/Community Schools	845-938-2092
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247	Sexual Assault Prevention and Response	845-659-7467
DOD Schools		Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
West Point Elementary School.....	845-938-2313	Transition Assistance	845-938-0634
West Point Middle School.....	845-938-2923	Veterinary Services	845-938-3817
EFMP		Visitors Center	845-938-7049
Enrollment	845-938-6881	Youth Services	845-938-3550





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People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social

networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.

2. Don't invite people whom you do not know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information not to be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

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By 1780, the emplacement had thwarted British hopes to the point that they sought to suborn its commander, Maj. Gen. Benedict Arnold, to surrender it for a lump sum, a pension and a commission in the British Army. Arnold was an honored American patriot but not honored nearly enough, in his opinion. He was in the final stages of betrayal when three militiamen captured a British spy carrying papers that exposed the plot. Arnold fled to serve the British openly and confirm his name forever as a synonym for "traitor."

Though the fledgling nation had defeated the mother kingdom, Washington saw the continuing need for American-educated civil and military engineers, and now he joined other high U.S. officials to push for a domestic school of military strategy and engineering. But lawmakers didn't like the idea. They were afraid such an institution would be a step on the way to an elitist class system, and it wasn't until President Thomas Jefferson received assurances that the student body would be egalitarian that he signed legislation setting up the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1802.

Initially, the Academy was loose. The first class, in 1802, had two cadets, and standards were fluid over the next few years, with students ranging in age from 10 to 37 and staying between six months and six years. They did, however, adopt the gray cadet uniforms of today, inspired by the military garb of the War of 1812.

By 1817, the Academy had become so lax that the superintendent was replaced by a West Point



graduate, Col. Sylvanus Thayer, “Father of the Military Academy” from 1817 to 1833. Thayer wasted no time: He elevated academic standards, focused the curriculum on modern in-depth engineering and officer training; imposed self-study and daily homework; and instilled military discipline and an honor code. Only top scholars had any hope of admission to the Academy’s engineering program, and West Point was the first university with a class ring, emblematic of its esprit de corps.

Most of the new nation’s lands were Great Unknowns, and it was the West Point engineers, surveyors and mappers, the topographers, who deployed westward in what the Smithsonian National Museum of American History calls “part military reconnaissance, part scientific exploration, part treasure hunt.” They brought back accurate maps, specimens, records and observations that shaped scientific thought and national policy, as well as having a hand in building most of the new railroads, highways, harbors and bridges, and modernizing industrial practices.

Most Army officers were West Point graduates. Both Ulysses S. Grant (1843) and Robert E. Lee (1829) served in the Mexican War of 1846-48, and others worked to keep peace on the frontier as settlers pushing west seized land from Native Americans. Lee returned to West Point as superintendent, Col. Thayer’s old post, from 1852 to 1857.

Then came the Civil War. West Point supplied 151 Confederate and 294 Union generals; in 55 of the war’s 60 biggest battles, West Pointers commanded both sides, and commanded one side in each of the other five engagements, according to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. Among others, the Union Army had Grant and William Tecumseh Sherman (1840), and rebel forces had Lee and Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson (1846). As then-secretary of war under President Franklin Pierce, Confederate President Jefferson Davis (1828) signed Grant’s commission as a captain in the U.S. Army. In a touch of irony, Grant commanded the Union armies that overthrew the Confederacy and Davis.

Many battles were inconclusive and ended with such great loss of life on both sides that many believe it was superior West Point logisticians that ultimately gave the North the edge. Civil and railroad engineer Herman Haupt (1835), for instance, created the Union Army’s railroad transportation corps as the war began, to such effect that May 23, 1862, Abraham Lincoln noted: “That man Haupt has built a bridge across Potomac Creek, about 400 feet long and nearly 100 feet high, over which loaded trains

are running every hour, and upon my word, gentlemen, there is nothing in it but beanpoles and corn stalks.” (Fact: Haupt spanned the creek in nine days using more than 2 million feet of lumber. His bridge carried 10 to 20 military trains every day loaded with ammunition, weapons and supplies for the Army of the Potomac.)

After Gen. Lee’s 1865 surrender to Gen. Grant at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, West Point held off admitting cadets from the secessionist South until 1868. The first African-American cadet was admitted in 1870 because Congress ordered it; Henry Ossian Flipper was the first African-American to graduate in 1877, one of only three such graduates between 1870 and 1900.

The war had changed the nation, and West Point. From 1870 to the turn of the century, the curriculum shed its narrow emphasis on engineering for broader coursework, particularly military strategy and proficiency, and it was West Point graduates who supervised construction of the Washington Monument (1888), the Library of Congress (1897) and the Panama Canal (1913). Sports were added. The first Army-Navy game was at West Point in 1890 (Navy won, 24-0), but Army beat Navy at Annapolis the very next year, and the grudge was on.

The Spanish-American War (1898), “a splendid little war,” said U.S. Secretary of State John Hay, prompted Congress to increase the

Corps of Cadets and authorize new campus buildings between 1900 and 1915. So many of the corps’ most famous leaders graduated in 1915, including Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar Bradley, that it became known as “the Class the Stars Fell Upon.”

Europe was at war, World War I, and despite President Woodrow Wilson’s reluctance, the United States also declared war on Germany in 1917, mostly because German U-boats were sinking merchant and passenger ships in unrestricted submarine warfare and Americans were dying. West Point officers were in almost all the top command and staff posts. With a global front, problems posed by mobilization of personnel, weapons, ammunition and supplies to and across Europe had to be solved fast, and West Pointers headed all three agencies supplying the Army: the Quartermaster Corps, the Ordnance Corps and the Signal Corps. Three other West Pointers helped draw up and administer the 1917 Selective Service Act that provided four-fifths of the Army.

The Academy’s broad educational mission had nearly buckled during World War I, but its post-war superintendent, Douglas MacArthur (1903), restored and strengthened its academics during his tenure from 1919 to 1922, made “Every cadet an athlete” into a fitness mantra, and codified the Honor System — “A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do” — under a Cadet Honor Committee.



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In 1925, West Point was accredited by the Association of American Universities, and the Academy began awarding Bachelor of Science degrees to all graduates in 1933.

Facing a return to war and a demand for more officers, West Point absorbed additional land to embrace a reservation of almost 16,000 acres, initiated another building program just before World War II, and started a flight school that graduated more than 1,000 cadets as commissioned pilots between 1943 and 1946. Maxwell Taylor (1922) took over as superintendent in 1945 and began shaping the modern military academy by replacing such subjects as fencing and horsemanship with physics, electronics and applied psychology.

Academy graduates coming home to a grateful nation after the war included MacArthur, Eisenhower and Bradley, George S. Patton (1909), Joseph “Vinegar Joe” Stillwell (1904) and Jonathan M. Wainwright (1906).

Superintendent Garrison Hold Davidson (1927) added electives and promoted athletics for all students, and transformed and modernized the Academy’s curriculum after he took over in 1956. Eight years later, President Lyndon Johnson signed a bill raising the size of the Corps from 2,529 to 4,417, though at present the Corps is capped at 4,400 cadets who represent every state and several foreign countries.

In 1976, America’s Bicentennial Year, Congress for the first time allowed women to enroll at the federal service academies, and West Point immediately began recruiting; by the late 1980s all cadet companies included women, and women had led in every position across the Corps of Cadets.

Today, West Point academics extend to 37 arts and science majors, though graduates still receive a Bachelor of Science degree. Though West Pointers have contributed immeasurably to the U.S. military, graduates also have served as teachers, astronauts, business leaders, engineers, presidents, governors, lawmakers, mayors, intelligence directors, Cabinet members, ambassadors, judges, authors, actors, Medal of Honor recipients, scientists, inventors, physicians and sports figures.

The history of West Point is the history of the cadets it has formed under its motto, “Duty. Honor. Country.” Their history is the history of America.

ORGANIZATIONS COMMAND AND GOVERNANCE

The superintendent, like a college president, heads USMA. The chief of staff is the principal executive to the superintendent in all command matters, directing and coordinating the formation of operating policies and implementation of decisions of the superintendent.

The dean of the Academic Board, like a college dean of faculty, coordinates the activities of the academic departments and advises the superintendent on academic matters.

The commandant of cadets is the military equivalent of a dean of students, overseeing cadet government and supervising the military training of the Corps of Cadets.

The superintendent, dean and commandant join the heads of academic departments; the directors of admissions, military instruction and physical education; and the medical activity commander, to form the Academic Board, which

establishes standards for admission, academic performance and a wide range of other educational and administrative policies.

The faculty is composed of about 70 percent Army officers and 30 percent civilian professors. Since 1815, a Board of Visitors, similar in function to a board of trustees, has annually reviewed USMA’s curriculum, policies and equipment and submitted recommendations to the president of the United States.

THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The purpose of the academic program is to provide students with the intellectual foundation for service as a well-educated commissioned officer who possesses the knowledge and skills necessary for continued growth as a U.S. Army officer. In coordination with the Military and Physical programs, the Academic Program develops in cadets a professional self-concept as an officer and nurtures their competence, character and confidence to act decisively on matters of concern to the nation. The structure, content and process of education and development enables cadets to understand the interrelated roles of a commissioned officer. Soldier, servant of the nation, military professional and leader of character: The leader development process compels cadets to incorporate these roles into their emerging professional identities.

The vision of the Academic Program is to educate and inspire adaptive leaders of character to build the Army and the nation’s future. The program is challenging and distinctive, with the capacity to prepare graduates to meet challenges, opportunities and military threats with confidence in their abilities to accomplish their missions.

Providing a broad liberal education designed to develop versatile, creative and critical thinkers helps graduates anticipate and respond effectively to the uncertainties of a changing technological, social, political and economic world. West Point graduates will examine and assess the increasingly complex environment to identify new ideas and trends and imagine possible outcomes. Toward this end, the curriculum is structured to ensure a shared learning responsibility that provides students a foundation for continued intellectual development.

Academic Departments

Thirteen academic departments are offering 36 majors:

- Behavioral Sciences and Leadership
- Chemistry and Life Science
- Civil and Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering and Computer Science



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- English and Philosophy
- Foreign Languages
- Geography and Environmental Engineering
- History
- Law
- Mathematical Sciences
- Physics and Nuclear Engineering
- Social Sciences
- Systems Engineering

There are more than 35 research centers and research support centers at USMA. These centers, affiliated with and coordinated by the Institute for Innovation and Development, provide the infrastructure and support necessary to tackle the nation's and the world's most challenging problems. These research centers bring context to the classroom, are central to the vibrant and pioneering faculty, and are one way West Point connects to the Army and the nation.

USMA students are motivated, the faculty is world-class and, through these centers, scholars and scientists thrive and produce their best work. Cadets regularly win prestigious awards at national and international graduate-level conferences, the faculty hold fellowships and chairmanships in their discipline's national organizations and their products are deployed to the Soldier.

THE MILITARY PROGRAM

USMA's Military Program provides an outstanding professional foundation focused on education in the American military ethic and the Army's core values, along with training in individual and small-unit leadership skills. Cadets are inspired to make a commitment to national service as an Army officer and to adopt the ideals of the seven Army values.

Cadets receive formal military education each year in subjects that prepare them to become leaders. This knowledge complements summer military training, where cadets learn basic soldier skills, such as firing a rifle accurately, navigating in the woods with a map and compass, and rappelling off high cliffs. Also, cadets have the opportunity to spend part of one summer assigned to a unit in the field Army. These assignments often take cadets to Europe, Korea, Alaska or Hawaii. Finally, cadets lead and train junior members of the Corps of Cadets.

The Office of the Commandant of Cadets oversees all aspects of the military training and development of the corps within the context of the Military Program. This program provides a dynamic, four-year, sequential and integrated developmental process to teach, train and inculcate the fundamental military knowledge, skills and abilities expected of an Army officer.



The Office of the Commandant is organized with a supporting staff and separate departments to execute the Military Program. The United States Corps of Cadets staff provides administrative, logistic and training management in support of the Corps of Cadets. The Department of Military Instruction provides formal Military Science education and organizes the majority of military training. The Brigade Tactical Department oversees the daily activities of the cadets.

Directorate of Cadet Activities

The mission of the Directorate of Cadet Activities is to significantly enhance the development of the United States Corps of Cadets militarily, physically, academically, morally and ethically, spiritually and socially by providing organized, comprehensive and diverse programs and facilities, which provide for entertainment, extracurricular, recreational, cultural and social activities. DCA operates the Eisenhower Hall Theatre, the Cadet Restaurant, Grant Hall, the Cadet Store and the Cadet Bookstore. Within DCA, cadet publications are produced such as the award-winning Howitzer Yearbook, the West Point Calendar, Bugle Notes, the Circle in the Spiral Literary Journal and the West Point Planner. Cadet Programs sponsors weekly events such as dances and yearly traditions including Ring Weekend, Yearling Winter Weekend and Plebe-Parent Weekend.

The DCA plans and organizes traditional class and Corps weekend activities. Special functions include dining-ins, dances, special events and extracurricular activities such as athletic, recreational, academic, religious, hobby, committee and Corps support clubs and activities. The DCA provides cadets and the West Point community with comprehensive, diverse arts offerings. The program includes classical/popular music, dance, ballet, drama, musical theater and the visual arts that complement the educational experience of the USMA. The DCA also engages in the sale of food, beverages and food catering services to support the Corps of Cadets. The West Point Club has partnered with the DCA for catering services for all non-cadet-related events and is the entry point for all catering questions. Finally, the DCA manages and operates the USMA Cadet Store and Bookstore.

THE PHYSICAL PROGRAM

The Physical Program prepares cadets for the physically demanding requirements of an Army officer. It endeavors to develop in cadets the ability to maintain personal and unit fitness, fosters the warrior spirit, builds an appreciation for teamwork and inspires the will to win. Specific program activities include physical education classes, regular fitness testing and competitive athletics.

The athletic program at West Point, respected throughout the nation, includes more than 25 intercollegiate teams for men and women. There are also the competitive club and intramural sports programs in which cadet companies establish competitive rivalries. The Army football teams attract national interest by playing teams from across the country. There are also the traditional encounters against Air Force and Navy. Army basketball, wrestling, hockey, track, baseball, soccer and lacrosse have gained their share of regional and national recognition. The rifle team is a perennial finalist in NCAA competition.

Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics

The mission of the Office of the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics is to provide an extraordinary Division I athletic experience that develops leaders of character committed to the values of duty, honor and country.

The goals of the athletic department, including more than 25 varsity sports, are to recruit and develop scholar-athletes who lead the Corps; compete and win at the highest level; beat Navy and Air Force; adhere to Department of the Army, NCAA, conference and Academy rules, regulations and policies; and effect changes in legislation, policy and regulations that improve performance.

The sports offered by ODIA include baseball; football; softball; men's and women's basketball; cross country, soccer, tennis, track and field, lacrosse, rugby, swimming and diving; golf; gymnastics; rifle; wrestling; volleyball; and sprint football.

For tickets, visit www.GoArmyWestPoint.com.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

Character development is central to the 47-month West Point experience. The emphasis on personal character is to support the West Point motto — “Duty, Honor, Country” — and the ideals of the seven Army values: loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage. A powerful means of influencing character development is the day-to-day interaction with USMA staff and faculty members, who set high standards for ethical conduct, but the academy also relies upon several formal developmental means.

In the Military Program, cadets inevitably experience a wide variety of ethical dilemmas as they perform their duties as leaders and as subordinates. These dilemmas represent opportunities to make decisions that will shape their value systems and, potentially, the value systems of their peers. Officer and NCO supervision allows the cadets to make ethical choices under the guidance and mentorship of experienced,

professional Soldiers. The Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic at West Point has oversight of the instruction of Army values and the professional military ethic as well as the two programs that highlight the academy's core values: honor and respect.

Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic

The William E. Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic educates, trains and inspires leaders of character in the Corps of Cadets through the development, coordination, and integration of the Professional Military Ethic in the curriculum and activities at West Point. The center's core functions lie in five key areas: the Cadet Character Development Program, MX400 (Officership), the Cadet Honor Code and System, the Cadet Respect Program, and Cadets Against Sexual Harassment and Assault.

The Military Academy founded the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic in 1998 as the center of excellence to promote the military ethic. William E. Simon, a patriotic businessman, avid sportsman and generous philanthropist, provided a grant to establish the center.

USMAPS

Located in the vicinity of Washington Gate at West Point, New York, the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, also known as West Point Prep or simply the Prep School was formally established by Gen. Maxwell Taylor in 1946. The history of prepping soldiers for West Point, however, goes back to 1916 when Congress enacted legislation authorizing appointments for Soldiers to attend West Point.

Today, USMAPS exists as an avenue of opportunity for a select group of soldiers and civilian aspirants to attend West Point. The prep school continues to provide focused academic, military and physical instruction in a moral-ethical military environment to prepare, motivate and inspire candidates for admission to and graduation from the academy.

USMAPS is primarily an academic institution where soldiers and students from diverse backgrounds rigorously train in preparation for the challenges of West Point. It is also a military school with a career focus that develops the foundations of the professional and physical attributes needed for growth as an officer in the U.S. Army.

USMAPS opened its doors at the West Point Campus in the summer of 2011, having been at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, since 1975.



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WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

The West Point Association of Graduates is the alumni association of the U.S. Military Academy. Its mission is to serve West Point and its graduates. A nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation, its philanthropic pursuits maintain a margin of excellence for cadets attending the academy.

The WPAOG offices are in Herbert Hall on Mills Road, just south of Lusk Reservoir. In addition to housing the WPAOG staff operations, there is a gift store, and West Point cadets, staff and faculty receive a 10 percent discount. The Great Hall is available for rental for promotions, awards, retirements and other functions. For more information, visit www.WestPointAOG.org or call 845-446-1500.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY BAND (WEST POINT BAND)

The U.S. Military Academy Band traces its roots back more than 200 years. Before the Revolutionary War, fifers and drummers were stationed with companies of minutemen on Constitution Island across the Hudson River from West Point. In 1778, elements of Gen. Samuel Parsons' Connecticut Brigade crossed the Hudson River and established West Point as a permanent military post. After the American Revolution, Congress disbanded most of the Continental Army, but the 55 men at West Point, members of the Second Continental Artillery, remained. Among their ranks stood at least one drummer and one fifer who alone maintained the tradition of military music.

With the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy in 1802 came an increased demand for military music. As the academy grew, it needed fifers, drummers and buglers to drill the new cadets and provide an audible order to their duty day. By 1817, the ensemble was named the West Point Band and was performing with a full range of instruments. In 1866, it received the official title of the U.S. Military Academy Band.

Today's band consists of four components: the concert/marching band, the Hellcats (the drum and bugle field music unit), the Benny Havens Band (popular music) and the support staff. As the senior premier musical representative of the Army, the band has appeared at many historic events. It also fulfills all the official musical requirements of the academy, including military and patriotic ceremonies, radio and television broadcasts, public concerts, sporting events and social activities for the U.S. Corps of Cadets and the West Point community.

The U.S. Military Academy Band gives free concerts throughout the year at West Point and in



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the New York City area. For event information, call the Performance Hotline at 845-938-2617 or visit <https://westpointband.com>.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Orange County chapter on Page 19 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Stewart International Airport in New Windsor, about 15 miles from the academy.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable before your arrival at West Point.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for West Point. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact Army Community Service Relocation Readiness Program at 845-938-3487.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

From Stewart International Airport

Exit the airport and turn left onto Route 207 East (Little Britain Road). At the first light at

the intersection with Union Avenue (Route 300), Route 207 becomes Route 300/207 and is called Temple Hill Road. Go straight on Route 300 for approximately 3 miles until you come to "Five Corners," the intersection of Routes 300, 94 and 32. Go straight through the intersection to Route 32 South and continue for 1.7 miles. After passing over a trestle-type bridge, turn left onto Quaker Avenue toward Cornwall. Take the exit on the right for Bear Mountain and 9W South and continue 5.7 miles over mountainous terrain. Next, you will encounter three exits for West Point

From Interstate 95/New York City

Head north to the George Washington Bridge/ Interstate 95 South. Cross the bridge via the upper deck (no toll in this direction), and stay in the right lane. Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north approximately 37 miles until it ends at the Bear Mountain Bridge traffic circle. Follow signs for West Point and Route 9W North and continue for about 3 miles, then exit right onto Route 218 North toward the Village of Highland Falls. Continue 2 miles, through Highland Falls, past the West Point Visitors Center to the Thayer Gate of West Point.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Visitors Center

2107 New South Post Road

..... 845-938-2638/7049

Incoming soldiers will report to their unit of assignment to sign-in before reporting to the Military Personnel Division. All soldiers must have copies of their PCS orders and the original DA Form 31 Leave Request. In the event of an emergency or if you report after duty hours, call 845-938-3333 or your unit listed as follows.

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.

Military police and religious support personnel: Report to MP and HHC Headquarters in Building 620, 845-938-8872. After duty hours, report to Provost Marshal Office and MP Desk in Building 616, 845-938-3333.

MEDDAC: All personnel assigned to the U.S. Army MEDDAC will report to Keller Army Community Hospital (Building 900) upon arrival, 845-938-2634/6931. Soldiers arriving after duty hours, call 845-938-0677 for assistance.

DENTAC: All personnel assigned to the U.S. Army DENTAC will report to West Point Dental Activity (Building 606) upon arrival, 845-938-3121. Soldiers arriving after duty hours, call 845-938-7761.

West Point Band: Newly assigned personnel with the West Point Band will report to Building 685 upon arrival, 845-938-2445.

United States Military Academy at West Point: Report to the Office of Admissions, Building 606, 845-938-4041.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Five Star Inn

2113 New South Post Road 845-446-5943
www.ihg.com/armyhotels/hotels/us/en/west-point/zywpa/hoteldetail

The Five Star Inn is open 24/7 for reservations, check-in and checkout, information and message center and wake-up service.

A complimentary continental breakfast and ice machines, coin-operated soda/snack machines and free laundry facilities are available to all guests.

Temporary lodging is available to active-duty and retired military, National Guard and reserve personnel, their family members and DOD and retired civilian employees who are eligible to use Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities.

Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, without regard to rank. All rooms are nonsmoking and pet friendly; call the hotel at 845-446-5943 for more details on the pet policy.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

Keller Army Community Hospital
 900 Washington Road
 Appointment Center..... 845-938-7992
 Toll Free 800-552-2907

Front Desk..... 845-938-5169
 Pharmacies 845-938-2271
 Referral Assistance..... 845-938-5373
<http://kach.amedd.army.mil>

Medical care at West Point, available since the Revolutionary War era, continues today as an integral part of the installation. The Medical Department Activity provides health care for approximately 34,000 people, including cadets, active-duty personnel and their family members, and retirees. It also provides occupational health care for government employees at West Point and emergency services to tourists and other civilians here. Services range from monitoring air quality to intensive care. MEDDAC provides this care promptly, efficiently, courteously and competently.

Keller Army Community Hospital is a licensed, 65-bed facility incorporating some of the most modern and innovative hospital design features including a medical-surgical unit, an obstetric unit, an intensive-care unit and an ambulatory surgical unit in addition to outpatient clinics and supporting activities.

Preventive Medicine and Wellness (Building 606) provides occupational medical care to West Point civilian employees; conducts home visits; monitors the safety of air, water and the environment; provides health-risk appraisal screening; and sponsors classes on topics such as smoking



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cessation and HIV infection. For more information, call 845-938-5832/5834.

Mologne Cadet Health Clinic (Building 606) provides outpatient care for roughly 100 cadets a day. Physicians at MCHC admit and care for patients at KACH and refer cadets for specialist evaluation in other clinics or to the TRICARE network of civilian providers when needed. For more information, call 845-938-3003.

Routine care for family members and retirees is not available at the dental clinic. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP.

HOUSING

Residential Communities Initiative Housing Office

695 Buckner Loop..... 845-938-2500
www.westpointnyhousing.com

The West Point Residential Communities Initiative Housing Office is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at West Point, visit the housing office for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Building 695..... 845-938-2500

West Point has two apartment buildings for unaccompanied officers and enlisted personnel (E-7 and above). The RCI provides assistance in finding suitable off-post housing. Inbound personnel should contact the RCI before entering into a lease agreement. Unaccompanied personnel can also check with Balfour Beatty Communities for availability on post at 845-446-6407.

Single soldiers, E-5 and below, are required to live in the Single Soldier Barracks.

West Point Family Homes

126 Washington Road 845-446-6407
www.westpointfamilyhomes.com

At West Point, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Balfour Beatty Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the West Point privatized housing community, visit the West Point Family Housing website.



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MAIL

Cadet Post Office

..... 845-446-8750

The West Point Post Office delivers all FedEx and UPS packages as well as USPS mail.

For all USPS mail and packages, use the following address:

Cadet Name
 P.O. Box [number]
 West Point, NY 10997

For all FedEx/UPS packages, use the following address:

Cadet Name
 745 Brewerton Road # [P.O. Box number]
 West Point, NY 10996

PETS

Veterinary Services

630 Hodges Place..... 845-938-3838/3817

The West Point Veterinary Clinic provides vaccinations, microchips, health certificates and limited sick-call appointments for privately owned pets. Due to scarce resources for privately owned pets, most veterinary cases go to a full-service private veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Office of Chaplains

..... 845-938-3316
<https://westpoint.edu/about/chaplain>

Numerous chapels support the religious needs of all West Point cadets, soldiers, their families and, in some cases, the community. The chapels offer many programs, including worship, liturgy, rites and religious education. Chaplains also provide counseling. All communications with the chapel are confidential and protected by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Visit the website for more information.

SERVING YOU DINING

Benny Havens Lounge

Building 603 845-938-5120

Lil' Skeeters BBQ & Primo's Pizza

Building 622 (Bowling Center)... 845-938-2140

West Point Club

603 Cullum Road 845-938-5120

West Point Golf Course Snack Bar

Building 732..... 845-938-2435

For hours of operation, menus and special event information, visit <https://westpoint.armymwr.com>.

EDUCATION

Education Center

683 Buckner Loop..... 845-938-5389
www.goarmyed.com/public/facility_pages/West_Point_Education_Center

The Education Center provides educational opportunities to enhance the quality



of life within the entire military community and offers personal and professional growth through career development and voluntary education programs.

The center's programs include basic skills training, college degree programs, educational counseling services, financial aid guidance and military and civilian testing programs. Information is provided concerning veterans' education benefits as well.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Child Development Center

1207 Patrick Trail..... 845-938-4798
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/West-Point-Child-Care>

Stony Child Development Center is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Combined with Army standards and regulations, NAEYC guides the CDC program toward the highest quality of care for your children. CDC classrooms are mixed-age groups starting at 6 weeks old up to 36 months, preschool and a separate pre-K program. The classes include literacy, math and science, art, blocks, dramatic play, manipulative toys, and games.

Request care at the CDC at <https://militarychildcare.com> or register at Parent and Outreach Services (140 Buckner Loop). Call 845-938-0939 for more information.

Exceptional Family Member Program

622 Swift Road 845-938-5655
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services-acs>

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

Family Child Care

140 Buckner Loop..... 845-938-4458
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/West-Point-Child-Care>

Family Child Care gives an alternative to the Child Development Center for families that need evening care, weekend care, care for children with special needs or infants and school-age children, and care during the swing and mid-night shifts.

The program also offers an opportunity for spouses to contribute to the family income while caring for their children.

Middle School and Teen Program

Building 500..... 845-938-3727
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/middle-school-teen-center-mst>

The Middle School and Teen Program Center, for kids in grades six to 12, offers activities that focus on character and leadership development, academic success and mentoring, arts and creativity, sports, health and fitness. A monthly calendar of daily activities includes trips, tournaments, health and fitness activities, fine arts, cooking, recreational activities, teen development programs and volunteer opportunities for youth.

School Age Center

Building 140..... 845-938-8530
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/West-Point-Child-Care>

The School Age Center's 5,000-square-foot building has four large classrooms and a playground. Healthy food choices are planned by a nutritionist and served daily. SAC also offers sports and fitness programs and a variety of clubs.

SAC partnerships with 4-H, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, and the Josephson Institute of Ethics Character Counts! curriculum provides children with additional options and opportunities for enhanced programs.

School Support Services

Building 140..... 845-938-2092
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/school-liaison-officer>

The school liaison office is the connection between West Point families and private and public schools. It provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every available opportunity for quality education.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

PenFed Credit Union

West Point Branches 800-431-1404
 1204 Stony Lonesome Road
 600 Thayer Road
www.penfed.org

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

Info and Appointments..... 845-938-4541
 Tax-related Matters 845-938-5920
 606 Thayer Road
 626 Swift Road
<https://westpoint.edu/about/west-point-staff/staff-judge-advocate>

The Legal Assistance Office provides legal help at no cost to service members, family members, DOD civilians and retirees with a valid ID card. Clients may walk-in for powers of attorney, notarizations, bills of sale and general information. For legal advice from an attorney, call for an appointment.

LIBRARY

United States Military Academy Library

758 Cullum Road 845-938-2230
www.westpoint.edu/Library

The library serves the West Point curriculum by partnering with faculty and staff across campus to equip cadets with the skills and resources necessary to conduct serious and meaningful research and to become life-long learners. Visit the library's website for more information.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at West Point, visit Family and MWR online at <https://westpoint.armymwr.com>.

Army Community Service

Building 622..... 845-938-4621
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-services-acs>



Army Community Service is the primary resource agency delivering support services tailored to the needs of the extended West Point community. ACS offers real-life solutions for successful Army living by providing a broad range of proactive educational opportunities, individualized counseling and coaching services. ACS programs support soldiers and their families from the first assignment through separation or retirement. The following are some of the programs available:

- The Information, Referral and Follow-Up Program is a centralized point for information and referral to a comprehensive network of internal and external agencies, services and programs; crisis intervention; and in-processing.
- The Family Advocacy Program focuses on delivering services that strengthen Army families by providing the tools to maintain safe and nurturing environments. Classes include parenting, a Wee-Ones playgroup, couples communication, and stress and anger management. Services include victim advocacy and domestic violence crisis intervention.
- The Exceptional Family Member Program provides comprehensive and coordinated community support to family members with special needs.
- The Financial Readiness Program offers extensive educational programming in the following areas: successful money management, budget counseling, proper use of credit, saving and investing for the future and consumer education. The Army Emergency Relief Program provides no-interest loans and grants to active-duty and retired Soldiers and their families in times of financial distress.
- The Employment Readiness Program offers a full range of employment assistance to Soldiers and family members with job search, career development and other related services including career coaching and testing, resume writing assistance, and executive transition workshops.
- The Relocation Readiness Program supports America's mobile Army through educational training, guidance and outreach efforts. Services include welcome packets, newcomer orientation, a lending closet, cultural adaptation and English-as-a-second-language classes, sponsorship training, OCONUS orientation briefings and out-processing.
- The Army Volunteer Corps serves as a centralized source of information on opportunities to volunteer within the community. The AVC coordinates with recognized and

authorized volunteer organizations that are seeking volunteers and individuals to provide volunteer service. Volunteering offers everyone the opportunity to be involved in the community, with the potential for personal and professional growth. The AVC is in the Volunteer Resource Center, Building 622. For more information, call 845-938-3655.

- The Army Family Action Plan is a grassroots-level program that gives a voice to all members of America's Army. The annual AFAP Conference provides a forum where the Total Army Family can express quality-of-life concerns and promote effective change.
- Army Family Team Building, a volunteer-led organization, provides training to support the total Army effort. AFTB's mission is to educate and train America's Army in the knowledge, skills and behaviors designed to prepare our Army families to move successfully into the future.

Arts and Crafts Center

693 Washington Road 845-938-4812
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/arts-and-crafts-center>

Visit the Arts and Crafts Center online for information about the programs and services offered, including jewelry-making classes, matting and framing, stained glass classes, a digital photo contest and the annual Army Arts and Crafts Contest.

Automotive Center

648 Wilson Road..... 845-938-2074
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/automotive-center>

Do your own automobile maintenance at the center using its stalls, lifts and tools. It also offers auto safety training for do-it-yourselfers, and mechanics if you prefer to leave the repairs in expert hands.

Bowling Center

622 Swift Road 845-938-2140
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/bowling-center>

Strike up some family fun at the 10-lane, state-of-the-art bowling center. Shoe rental, bowling leagues, bowling lessons and dining options are available.

Bull Pond Recreation Area

1806 Bull Pond Road 845-938-2503
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/bull-pond-recreation-area>

The Bull Pond Recreation Area, off Route 293 on the West Point Reservation, offers limited fishing, boating, hiking and swimming. Bull Pond is the perfect place for a vacation close to home. Cottages, situated by the "private" lake, are available for rent in priority order by active-duty military personnel assigned to West Point, active-duty military assigned elsewhere, retired military, and civilian employees assigned to West Point. Every April a lottery is held to determine who rents the cottages.

Fitness Center

683 Buckner Loop..... 845-938-6490
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/mwr-fitness-center>

The center offers a variety of free weights, strength equipment and cardiovascular machines to help you achieve your fitness goals. Classes offered include spinning, yoga, boot camp, Les Mills BodyPump, introduction to strength



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training and more. Massage therapy and personal training are available by appointment for a fee.

Golf Course & Pro Shop

732 Victor Constant Road 845-938-2435
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/golf-course>

This 18-hole course includes a driving range, pro shop and full-service snack bar. Golf clubs, gas carts and pull carts are available for rental. The course is open to authorized users and the general public.

Lake Frederick Recreation Area

54 Lake Frederick Road 845-938-2503
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/lake-frederick-recreation-area>

Lake Frederick Recreation Area — on a catch-and-release lake just 7 miles from West Point — offers eight bunkhouses, 50 tent sites, mess hall and party pavilions. The office provides services such as an Equipment Rental Center, firewood, ice, canoes, paddleboats, rowboats, West Point fishing passes and more.

Leisure Travel Services

683 Buckner Loop 845-938-3601
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/leisure-travel-services>

Find information and get military discount tickets for area attractions including Disney World, Busch Gardens, Universal Studios,

SeaWorld, Sesame Place and many other amusement parks including some in the tristate area and California. Whatever travel destinations

you seek, the ITT staff can also help you plan your trips with assistance with airline tickets, hotels and rental cars.

Morgan Farm Stable and Kennel

206 Morgan Farm Road 845-938-3926
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/stable-and-kennel>

Beginners and experienced riders can take advantage of Western- and English-style riding lessons, guided trail rides and summer riding camps. For private owners, full-care and partial-care stalls are available for rent at reasonable rates.

Morgan Farm Kennel offers pet care for community members transitioning to or from West Point or just going on vacation. The kennel offers reservations, a climate-controlled facility, large dog runs and daily walks for a nominal fee. Updated pet vaccinations are required, and grooming services are available. Call for more information.

Outdoor Recreation

Equipment Rental Center

Building 648 845-938-0123
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation-equipment-rental-center>

Outdoor Recreation offers modern equipment for rent and sale; this activity supports all of your adventure needs. Equipment for rent includes party canopies, tables, individual and family-size tents, kayaks, canoes, barbecue grills, a dunk tank, climbing equipment, backpacking supplies and paintball equipment. The center also operates West Point's adventure programs

with activities such as paintball, archery, rock climbing and ski trips.

Round Pond Recreation Area

1348 Round Pond Road 845-938-2503
<https://westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/round-pond-recreation-area>

Beaches, playgrounds, picnic areas, log cabins and campsites surround the tranquil pond. Nearly 30 RV campsites with water and electrical hook-up are available. Boating, hiking, swimming, fishing, volleyball, basketball and horseshoes are favorite pastimes at Round Pond. You can also refill propane gas and purchase hunting and fishing licenses at the office.

SHOPPING

West Point Commissary

1200 Stony Lonesome Road 845-938-3663
www.commissaries.com

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissary. In-store amenities and specialties include a bakery, custom photo cakes, a deli, fresh sandwiches to go, a hot foods department, party cakes, plants, rotisserie chicken, sushi and a butcher shop.

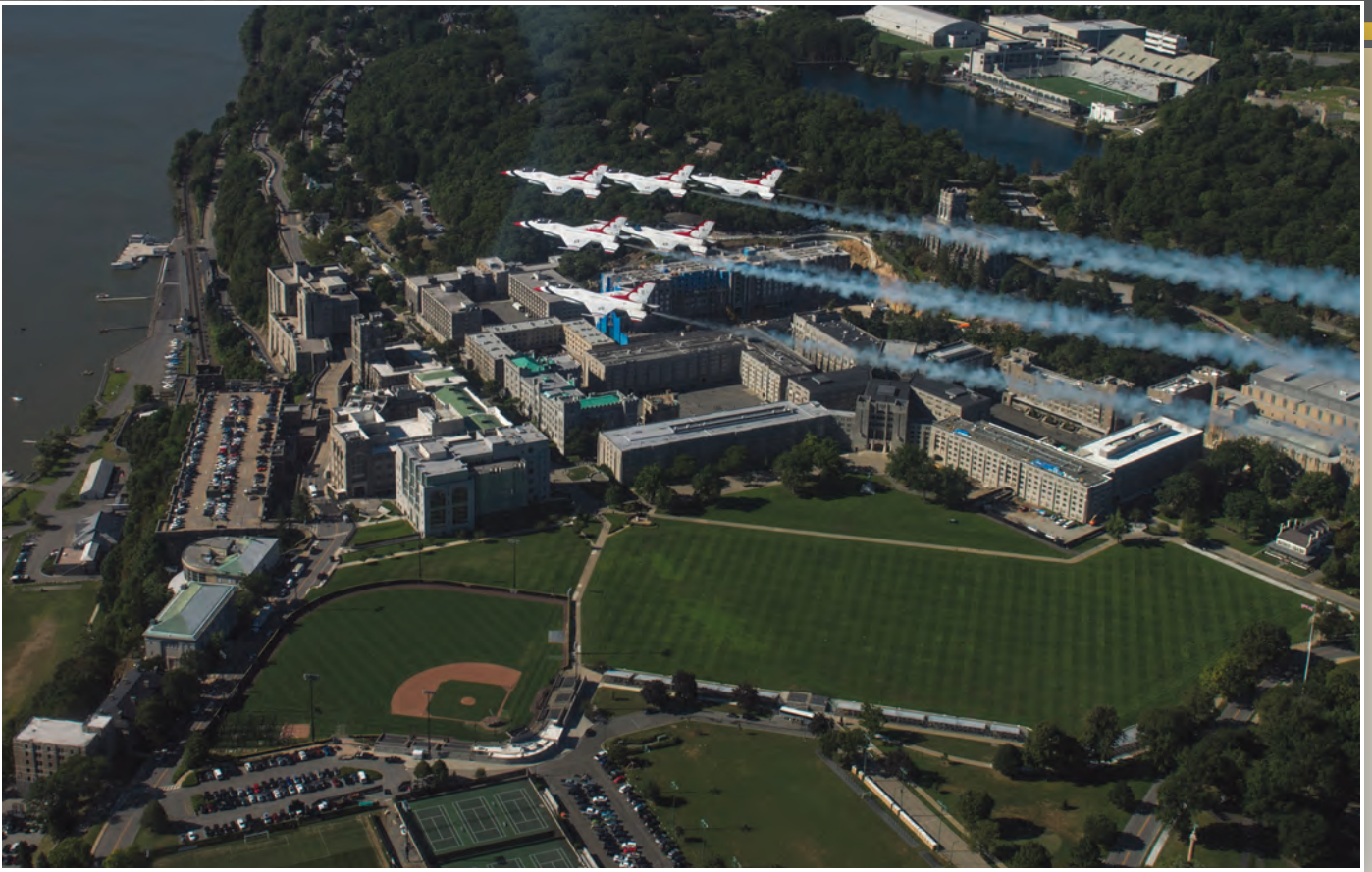
Main Exchange

1204 Stony Lonesome Road 845-446-5404
www.shopmyexchange.com

The West Point exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.



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Welcome

to Orange County

WELCOME TO THE HUDSON Valley! Orange County is the only county in the state of New York bordered by both the Hudson and Delaware rivers. Orange County is where the Great Valley of the Appalachians finally opens up and ends.

Orange County, population 381,951 in July 2018, is home to the town of Goshen, the county seat, and the United States Military Academy, West Point.

The county is rich in historical and cultural attractions — many dating to the 1700s — as well as modern amenities. In addition to sweeping landscapes, open skies and peaceful natural settings, there are archeological sites, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, among them fishing, golfing, horseback riding and camping.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities to explore: Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from apples to Oktoberfest.

HISTORY

Orange County was officially established Nov. 1, 1683, when the Province of New York

was divided into 12 counties. As originally defined, Orange County included only the southern part of its present-day territory, plus all of present-day Rockland County farther south. The northern part of the present-day county, beyond Moodna Creek, was then a part of neighboring Ulster County.

At that date, the only European inhabitants in present-day Rockland County, and the area of modern Orange County was entirely occupied by the native Munsee people. Due to its relatively small population, the original Orange County was not fully independent and was administered by New York County.

The first European settlers in the area of the present-day county arrived in 1685. They were a party of around 25 families from Scotland, led by David Toshach, the Laird of Monzievairst, and his brother-in-law Maj. Patrick McGregor, a former officer of the French Army. They settled in the Hudson Highlands at the place where the Moodna Creek enters the Hudson River, now known as New Windsor. In 1709,

a group of German Palatine refugees settled at Newburgh. They were Protestants from a part of Germany along the Rhine that had suffered during the religious wars. Queen Anne's government arranged for passage from England of nearly 3,000 Palatines in 10 ships. Many were settled along the Hudson River in work camps on property belonging to Robert Livingston. A group of Dutch and English settlers arrived at Goshen in 1712.

In 1798, after the American Revolutionary War, the boundaries of Orange County changed. Its southern corner was used to create the new Rockland County, and in exchange, an area to the north of the Moodna Creek was added, which had previously been in Ulster County. This caused a reorganization of the local administration, as the original county seat had been fixed at Orangetown in 1703, but this was now in Rockland County. Duties were subsequently shared between Goshen, which had been the center of government for the northern part of Orange County, and Newburgh, which played a similar role in the area transferred

from Ulster County. The county court was established in 1801. It was not until 1970 that Goshen was named as the sole county seat.

SAFETY

State of New York

Office of Emergency

Management 518-292-2275

www.dhSES.ny.gov/oem

The New York Office of Emergency Management plans for and responds to natural and man-made disasters. The office routinely assists local governments, voluntary organizations and private industry through a variety of emergency management programs including hazard identification, loss prevention, planning, training, operational response to emergencies, technical support and disaster recovery assistance. Visit the division's website for winter weather safety tips and other preparedness information.

Orange County

Emergency Management..... 845-615-0400

www.orangecountygov.com/345/

Emergency-Management

The Orange County Division of Emergency Management is responsible for planning and coordinating actions for disaster preparation,

response and recovery. The division works with local governments, volunteer organizations and the private sector across Orange County to develop disaster preparedness plans and mitigation projects, and provide training and exercise activities. Visit the office's website for the county's disaster planning guide and other disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Orange County enjoys all four seasons, with a slightly higher than average annual rainfall and snowfall. In the county, the warmest month is July, with an average high of 83 degrees and an average low of 63 degrees. The coldest month is January, with an average high of 35 degrees and an average low of 18 degrees. Most precipitation falls in April and October, but it generally rains at least one day per month. The average yearly rainfall is about 50 inches, with an average of 30 inches of snowfall.

Local Hazards

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The New York Office of Emergency Management provides residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools with invaluable information and resources for dealing

with calamities, from floods to fires, hurricanes, hazardous waste and terrorism, to name just a few. Visit <https://prepare.ny.gov/be-prepared> to learn how to put together an emergency kit and prepare a household emergency plan.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/disasters. Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 700

Cornwall, NY 12518 845-675-5014

www.cornwallchamber.org

Orange County Chamber of Commerce

40 Matthews St.

Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-1700

www.orangenyc.com



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Getting To & Around

Orange County

FINDING THE BEST PLACE to live in Orange County that is both affordable and commuter-friendly can be a challenge. Commute times can vary depending on how far north you find your place to call home. The balance of price, home size and distance vary from town to town. On both shores of the Hudson River, there is an abundance of towns, villages and hamlets that offer a commuter-friendly location that makes the trip worthwhile. Many of the county's residents live in the suburbs and enjoy a reasonable commute to New York City. The option to take the train, bus or drive has become a preferred way of life. Live in the suburbs with all the privacy you want to enjoy, while being close enough to NYC. The county is a one-seat ride on Metro-North to Grand Central Station in NYC from many of its train stations.

For those flying, there are two major airports within less than 40 miles, with numerous air carriers.

The county offers a bounty of public transportation, including a ferry connecting Newburgh to Beacon and trains bringing riders to NYC and elsewhere in the state.

AIRPORTS

New York Stewart International Airport

1180 First St.
New Windsor, NY 12553 845-838-8200
www.swfny.com

Stewart International Airport is approximately 16 miles from West Point. Major carriers Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and JetBlue Airways connect travelers directly to Detroit; Philadelphia; and Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and St. Pete-

Clearwater, Florida, with connections to other parts of the country from there.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, Amtrak, Metro-North train service and rental car service with car rental companies to choose from. Travelers can connect to express bus service from the airport to New York City.

Westchester County Airport

240 Airport Road
White Plains, NY 10604 914-995-4860
www.whiteplainsairport.com

Westchester County Airport is approximately 36 miles from West Point and has four major

carriers: American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways and United Airlines. Ground transportation includes rental car services, and taxi and shuttle services, with connections to Metro-North Railroad.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Metro-North Railroad

420 Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10017 212-532-4900
www.mta.info/mnr

The Metro-North Railroad provides service throughout the state. In the Hudson Valley area, trains are operated by New Jersey Transit. For more information on fares, schedule and the system's service area, visit the MTA Metro-North Railroad's website.

Transit Orange

1887 County Building
124 Main St.
Goshen, NY 10924 845-615-3850
www.transitorange.info

Orange County sponsors 16 individual transit operators providing service in four categories:

commuter bus, local bus (fixed route), dial-a-bus and paratransit services. Orange County does not have a central countywide transit operator; however, the services of the individual operators are coordinated with the name Transit Orange to identify the individual and coordinated transit services in and around Orange County.

For more information, visit Transit Orange's website.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Two major interstates and various state routes cross Orange County.

Interstate 84 enters New York near Port Jervis via a long bridge that crosses both the Delaware and Neversink rivers just above their confluence. The Middletown exit on I-84 serves state Route 17, the long freeway slowly being transformed into I-86, another mile further to the east. This junction is the western corner of Orange County's Golden Triangle of interstates, so named for its attractiveness to businesses for their distribution centers. Immediately afterward, I-84 passes between the Galleria at Crystal Run, the county's largest mall, and the eponymous office park to the south. To reach West Point from I-84, follow signs to state Route 9W South for 12 miles. As you are in your final descent off the mountain, you will encounter three exits on your right

for West Point. The first exit is for Department of Defense ID cardholders only and has limited hours.

The Metro-North Railroad lines run parallel to many of the major highways in the county. The closest station to West Point is in Peekskill where cabs are often waiting. It is a 20-minute drive to West Point from there.

The New York Department of Transportation offers commuter options at www.511ny.org. Registered users can also create a personalized profile to receive phone, text or email updates about incidents on their specified routes.

New York Department of Motor Vehicles 255 Main St.

Goshen, NY 10924..... 845-615-3960
12 King St.
Middletown, NY 10940 845-346-1180
20 Hammond St.
Port Jervis, NY 12771..... 845-858-1480
<https://dmv.ny.gov>

The New York Department of Motor Vehicles issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms at <https://dmv.ny.gov/forms>.

Driver's Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses stationed in New York from elsewhere may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their

home state, but in general, all New York residents must apply for a driver's license.

The state spells out what is required for licensing in its New York Driver Manual (<https://dmv.ny.gov/driver-license/drivers-manual-practice-tests>).

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at <https://dmv.ny.gov/registration/renew-registration>, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain DMV exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

Distracted Driving

The state of New York prohibits drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle.

Composing, sending, reading, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving or retrieving electronic data such as email, text messages or webpages while driving also is prohibited in New York, as is viewing or taking pictures.

New York State Department of Transportation

www.dot.ny.gov

Visit the New York State Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories.



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Housing & Real Estate

in Orange County

WEST POINT FAMILY HOMES is a privatized housing community managed and maintained by Balfour Beatty Communities. Information about on-post housing services is available at the Community Office (126 Washington Road), by calling 845-446-6407 or online at www.WestPointFamilyHomes.com.

West Point Family Homes offers move-in ready two- and three-, four- and five-bedroom homes in single-family, town home and apartment styles. Residents enjoy a secure and comfortable hometown environment with the convenience of 24-hour maintenance, lawn care services and community events.

Homes are furnished with garages, fully equipped kitchens, backyards, central heating and air conditioning. All average utility costs, except telephone and cable television services, are included in the monthly rent. Community amenities include a new community center, athletic courts and playgrounds, covered bus shelter and a community garden.

ORANGE COUNTY

Proximity to New York City, and dedicated public transportation to take you there, plus higher wages make Orange County an ideal place to live. In 2018, an estimated 381,951 people called Orange County home, the U.S. Census Bureau says. Population density in Orange County was 459.3 people per square mile in 2010, the census found.

Orange County, part of the New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metropolitan Statistical Area, is close to 812 square miles in the Hudson Valley of New York. The county's establishment dates back to Nov. 1, 1683, when the Province of New York was divided into 12 counties. Each was named after a member of the British royal family; Orange County took its name from the Prince of Orange, who later became King William III of England. In 1798, after the American Revolutionary War, the boundaries of Orange County changed. Its southern corner was used to create the new Rockland County, and in exchange, an area to the north of Moodna Creek

was added, which had previously been in Ulster County. Due to a boundary dispute between New York and New Jersey, the boundaries of many of the southern towns of the county were not definitively established until the 19th century.

Some of the county's major attractions include the historic West Point Cemetery, Washington's Headquarters, the home and birthplace of Velveeta and Liederkrantz Cheese, the Orange County Fair, the haunted history tour and the largest outdoor sculpture park in the U.S. Orange County offers an array of recreation options from amusement parks and bicycling to walking trails and a zoo. There are also farmers markets, antiques and discounted high-end shopping, such as Woodbury Common Premium Outlets, the largest collection of designer outlets in the U.S. Orange County was the first wine-producing area in the U.S. and features the oldest winery in the country, Brotherhood Winery, as well as many other wineries, breweries, distilleries and

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cideries. For more information on areas of local interest, visit www.orangecountygov.com.

The United States Military Academy at West Point, in Orange County, requires all cadets to reside on campus for their entire four years in one of the barracks buildings. Active-duty personnel, family members and the civilian workforce have the option of living off base in the surrounding communities or in on-post housing. Additionally, nearly 20,000 veterans live in the area.

There are historic homes dating back to the 1700s; various smaller museums and historical markers can be found throughout the city. One of the country's first planned communities, Tuxedo Park, opened in June 1886. The enclave was designed by resident architect Bruce Price whose daughter Emily (Price) Post described it as the "the most formal place in the world," thus the name "tuxedo" for the formal men's dinner jacket. The county's historic communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. New developments also exist in the county, and prices vary from the reasonable to the exorbitant.

Communities in Orange County near West Point include Cornwall, Middletown, New Windsor, Newburgh and Newburgh Town.

Cornwall

www.cornwallny.gov

Cornwall is situated a short 15 minutes from West Point. The town's 26.65 square miles are home to 12,437 residents.

New Cornwall was founded March 7, 1788. Known as the precinct of Cornwall since 1764, it was composed of the present towns of Cornwall, Highlands, Blooming Grove, Monroe, and parts of Chester and Hamptonburgh. In 1797, New Cornwall was shortened to Cornwall and, by 1872, shrunk to its present size.

The 1950s saw Cornwall as a commuter's dream community. Many housing developments sprang up to accommodate the newest residents who decided to settle in Orange County. Route 9W was completed, connecting the New York State Thruway to New York City by car.

Although the cost of living in the town is higher than the national average, residents also enjoy incomes well above average. According to the census, median household income is \$89,520 in Cornwall, more than Orange County's median household income of \$75,146.

Homes in the area range from well-established neighborhoods to brand-new housing developments. Median rent is \$1,353, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$2,767. Mean travel time to work for those living in Cornwall is 32.4 minutes.



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Middletown

www.middletown-ny.com

Middletown was incorporated as a city in 1888. Middletown grew through the 19th century, stimulated by the construction of the Erie Railroad and the New York, Ontario and Western Railway. The city was industrialized, developing factories for some industries, such as shoes, lawnmower blades and furniture. These did well through the World War II era.

Due to industrial restructuring, most of these businesses had closed by the 1960s. In the 1970s the economy of Middletown and surrounding communities suffered additional blows due to the closing of a large Ford Motor Company plant in Mahwah, New Jersey, and the downsizing of IBM operations in the area.

Responding to higher housing costs in New York City, from the 1970s, New York City police officers, firefighters and other workers began to move to the area, as local housing offered better value. These long-distance commuters helped to bolster the economy of the area. After 1986, however, New York City required its municipal employees to reside in the city, and Middletown lost this source of residential development.

Since then, the city has bounced back, and the population has held steady for the past

decade, with an estimated 27,815 residents, according to the census. Prosperous neighborhoods include Presidential Heights. Highland Avenue is lined with large Victorian houses, some of the largest of which are now used as nursing homes. The median monthly gross rent is \$1,126, and median selected monthly costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,870, the U.S. Census says. Workers' average commute time is 31 minutes.

The city of Middletown has 13 parks available that can accommodate baseball, basketball, bicycling, fishing, football, horse shows, outdoor concerts, ice skating, jogging, picnics, playground activities, soccer, swimming, tennis, walking or just relaxing with family or friends.

New Windsor

<http://town.new-windsor.ny.us>

The region was originally inhabited by the Munsee people, part of the Lenape confederation. The first European settlers were colonists from Scotland who arrived in 1685. The town of New Windsor was created in 1762. The town celebrated its 250th anniversary with a year-long celebration in 2013 that featured a parade, concert and a series of lectures on historical issues that were held throughout the year.

The town is an ideal place to live with a low level of poverty, well below the national average, an unemployment rate at 4 percent and a median household income \$20,000 higher than the national average. This residential community is 34.07 square miles with a population of 27,664, according to the Census. Mean travel time to work is about 34 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,223, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$2,297.

New Windsor is home to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor and part of Stewart International Airport.

Newburgh

www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov

Newburgh is a part of the New York metropolitan area and was first settled in the early 18th century. During the American Revolution, Newburgh was the headquarters of the Continental Army. Before its chartering in 1865, the city of Newburgh was part of the town of Newburgh; the town now borders the city to the north and west. East of the city is the Hudson River; the city of Beacon, New York, is across the river; and it is connected to Newburgh via the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. The entire southern boundary of the city is the town of New Windsor.

The city was designated a Preserve America community in 2005, and it also signed an agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office as a Certified Local Government community. Its East End Historic District, recognized by the National Register of Historic Places along with the Montgomery-Grand-Liberty Streets Historic District, has the most contributing properties of any historic district in the state. It has well-designed planned neighborhoods like Washington Heights and

Colonial Terraces. Along with a few colonial specimens, the buildings of Newburgh provide a virtual encyclopedia of 19th-century eclectic styles: Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Carpenter Gothic, Queen Anne, High Victorian, Second Empire, Romanesque Revival, Gothic Revival and Shingle style are all represented. Median rent in the city is \$1,118, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$1,909.

New York City is about 60 miles away via an easy Metro-North commute, but there is so much to do in Newburgh that the city's 28,000 residents won't need to leave. The waterfront revival project is ongoing with shops, restaurants and entertainment to choose from. It has a great scenic park in Downing and a great recreational park in Delano Hitch. Chadwick Lake and Park have a playground, boating and a skating rink in the winter. Also, the city has a growing arts community to feed the imagination, including the Newburgh Symphony, Ritz Theater, Railway Playhouse and the Newburgh Actors Studio, to name a few.

Newburgh Town

www.townofnewburgh.org

The town of Newburgh is on the northeastern border of Orange County, the fastest-growing of New York's 62 counties, and only 60 miles from New York City. The town of Newburgh has a population of about 31,000 residents, officially exceeding that of the adjacent but totally separate municipality known as the city of Newburgh. The "Crossroads of the Northeast," as the town is known, is bordered on the east by the Hudson River; on the north by the towns of Marlboro and Plattekill in Ulster County; on the west by the town of Shawangunk in Ulster County and the town of Montgomery in Orange County; and on

the south by the town of New Windsor, also in Orange County. Stewart International Airport lies partially in Newburgh and New Windsor.

Newburgh was originally settled in 1709 by German Palatine refugees under the name of Neuburg, who were soon supplemented by a significant number of Scottish immigrants. It was chartered as a precinct in 1762 and rechartered as a town in 1788. It was sparsely populated until after World War II when the population skyrocketed as more and more farmland and forest were converted to housing developments. Many of the new residents of the town in the 1940s and 1950s were World War II veterans who were able to purchase their own homes under the provisions of the G.I. Bill. The booming economy after World War II also allowed many families to purchase automobiles, which made residency in the suburbs away from central city cores practical for the first time.

There is excellent housing in the form of single-family houses, condominiums and apartments. Median gross rent is \$1,438, and selected monthly owner costs for housing units with a mortgage are \$2,210. The median household income for residents is more than \$86,000, well above the national average.

Mean travel time for residents is approximately 31 minutes. The town has a low crime rate with a community-oriented police department, and volunteers provide the foundation for the local fire departments.

PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit www.move.mil for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

State Programs

New York provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with homeownership. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/states and select "New York" from the list.

County Programs

The Orange County Office of Community Development provides financial assistance for down payments and closing costs for first-time homebuyers. For more information, visit www.orangecountygov.com/192/Community-Development.

The office also offers single-family housing rehabilitation assistance. To determine if you qualify and to get an application, call 845-615-3811.



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Employment & Economy

in Orange County

DESPITE ITS RURAL ROOTS, Orange County has been among the fastest-growing regions within the New York City Metropolitan Area. The county has experienced strong economic growth since 2000, and its population has grown since then. The strength of the local economy, combined with the county's high quality of life, has attracted new residents. Jobs have been plentiful, and both unemployment and crime levels remain relatively low. The unemployment rate for Orange County was 3.7 percent in March 2019, and the crime rate was lower than the national average.

The county is sure to benefit from the long-planned multimillion-dollar expansion of Stewart International Airport in New Windsor. The New York State Department of Transportation's \$55 million road project aims to ease traffic congestion around the airport. Orange County is also evaluating the development of new distribution and warehousing centers for the increase in cargo capacity at the expanded airport.

The city of Newburgh is planning to develop the waterfront on the Hudson River, which will

include more than 200 apartments, retail shops, a marina and a public promenade.

Median household income in Orange County is \$75,146, nearly \$20,000 higher than the national average, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

West Point, The United States Military Academy

The United States Military Academy, West Point is the largest employer in Orange County, with more than 4,000 employees, according to the Center of Economic Development of Orange County New York.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level, websites such as www.linkedin.com, www.monster.com, www.careerbuilder.com and www.indeed.com have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional

development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

New York Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions

Building 12

W.A. Harriman Campus

Albany, NY 12240518-457-9000

<https://labor.ny.gov/jobs/regional.shtm>

The New York Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions maintains an internet portal for job seekers looking for work. The website serves as a one-stop integrated employment and

training service. Job hunters can get help with job preparation and exploring careers, labor market information, a career center locator and information about unemployment.

State of New York

www.ny.gov/services/employment

Employment opportunities with the State of New York are posted online. Search by agency or location, then apply online. The majority of state jobs require a civil service exam to qualify for consideration. Additional information is available online at www.cs.ny.gov/examannouncements/types/oc.

Orange County

255 Main St.

Goshen, NY 10924..... 845-291-2707
www.orangecountygov.com/1137/

Human-Resources

Orange County's Human Resources provides online job opportunities. See the website for more information.

City of Middletown

16 James St.

Middletown, NY 10940 845-346-4100
www.middletown-ny.com

Civil service employment opportunities are available at the Civil Service Office on the third floor of City Hall, 16 James St.; at the Board of Education, Middletown City School District, 223 Wisner Ave.; and at Thrall Library, at 11-19 Depot St.

City of Newburgh

83 Broadway

Newburgh, NY 12550..... 845-569-7300
www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov



From the website, click "Job Opportunities" to access civil service exams, job vacancy announcements and the city's application, which can be submitted in person or by mail. You can also sign up for an e-alert notification for vacancies.

Town of Cornwall

183 Main St.

Cornwall, NY 12518 845-534-9100
www.cornwallny.gov

From the website, click "Cornwall Online" then "Employment Opportunities" to find jobs and to download an application.

Town of Newburgh

1496 Route 300

Newburgh, NY 12550 845-564-4552
www.townofnewburgh.org

From the website, click "Employment Opportunities" under "Government" to find available jobs and application information.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates. Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the

quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at West Point. Or visit www.westpoint.edu/jobs for information about assignment opportunities available for officers and enlisted personnel.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, connect with the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center by calling 845-938-3943 or send an email to cpac.staffing@usma.edu.

Exchange Jobs

For Base Exchange jobs, visit the AAFES career page at <https://publicaffairs-sme.com/applymyexchange> and search for West Point.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

New York State Small

Business Development Center

www.nysbdc.org

The New York State Small Business Development Center offers expert management and technical assistance to start-up and existing businesses across the state. The SBDC works in close collaboration with state economic development agencies, faculty and students at host institutions, and private industry and business representatives to assist small businesses and entrepreneurs. Visit the website for more information.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.



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Health Care

in Orange County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Orange County for military, civilians and veterans. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. New York currently has multiple carriers that offer many different plans to its residents. There are several providers in Orange County that offer health care plans. The New York State of Health has a helpline (855-355-5777) for consumers to call with questions or visit <https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov>.

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional

staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a full list of community health centers in New York, visit the Community Health Care Association of New York State website at www.chcanys.org and click on "Find a Health Center."

DENTAL CARE

The New York State Education Department's Office of the Professions website, www.op.nysed.gov/prof/dent, can help you find a dentist with its verification searches. Select "Online Services" from the home page and choose an option under "Verifications" to find or verify a dentist, hygienist or dental assistant. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Oral Health Office of the New York State Department of Health can give you tips for oral health care. Visit its website at www.health.ny.gov/prevention/dental.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the New York State Department of Health's licensing verification directory at www.op.nysed.gov/opsearches.htm. You can browse for a provider by type or by name. This should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at www.abms.org. To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct at www.health.ny.gov/professionals/doctors/conduct or call 800-663-6114.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.

FOR VETERANS

Veterans in Orange County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 2 — the New York/New Jersey VA Health Care Network, with the nearest major medical center in Wappingers Falls, less than an hour from West Point. VISN 2 serves more than 500,000 veterans each year. There are six medical centers and nearly 60 community-based outpatient clinics in 76 counties in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The closest community-based outpatient clinic is in Goshen.

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System

Montrose Campus

2094 Albany Post Road
Montrose, NY 10548 914-737-4400

Castle Point Campus

41 Castle Point Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 845-831-2000
www.hudsonvalley.va.gov

The VA Hudson Valley Health Care System includes the Montrose Campus and the Castle Point Campus and several community-based clinics. Dedicated to providing a broad range of services to the veterans of the Hudson Valley, the campuses offer medical, surgical, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment and extended care. Specialty programs include community care, post-traumatic stress disorder help, a Respite Care Program, sexual-trauma counseling, supportive housing, women’s health, optometry, podiatry, spinal cord injury and more.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics and the vet center in Middletown. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to www.hudsonvalley.va.gov/locations.

Carmel Community Clinic/Putnam County

1875 Route 6, Provident Bank, Second Floor
Carmel, NY 10512 845-228-5291

Eastern Dutchess Pine

Plains Community Clinic

2881 Church St., Route 199
Pine Plains, NY 12567 518-398-9240

Goshen Community Clinic

30 Hatfield Lane, Suite 204
Goshen, NY 10924 845-294-6927

Middletown Vet Center

726 E. Main St., Suite 203
Middletown, NY 10940 845-342-9917

Monticello Community Clinic

55 Sturgis Road
Monticello, NY 12701 845-791-4936

New City Community Clinic

345 N. Main St., Upper Level
New City, NY 10956 845-634-8942

Port Jervis Community Clinic

150 Pike St.
Port Jervis, NY 12771 845-856-5396

Poughkeepsie Community Clinic

488 Freedom Plains Road, Suite 120
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 845-452-5151

New York State Division of Veterans’ Affairs

245 W. Houston St.
New York, NY 10014 888-838-7697
Veterans Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255
www.veterans.ny.gov

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for New York’s veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it is prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

Bon Secours Community Hospital

160 E. Main St.
Port Jervis, NY 12771 845-858-7000
<http://bonsecourscommunityhosp.org>

Catskill Regional Medical Center

68 Harris-Bushville Road
Harris, NY 12742 845-794-3300
www.crmcny.org

Ellenville Regional Hospital

10 Healthy Way
Ellenville, NY 12428 845-647-6400
www.ellenvilleregional.org

Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital

51-55 U.S. Route 9W
West Haverstraw, NY 10993 845-786-4000
<http://helenhayeshospital.org>

**NewYork-Presbyterian
Hudson Valley Hospital**

1980 Crompond Road
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567 914-737-9000
www.hvhc.org

Orange Regional Medical Center

707 E. Main St.
Middletown, NY 10940 845-333-1000
www.ormc.org

St. Anthony Community Hospital

15 Maple Ave.
Warwick, NY 10990 845-986-2276
www.stanthonycommunityhosp.org

St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital

70 Dubois St.
Newburgh, NY 12550 845-561-4400
www.montefioreslc.org

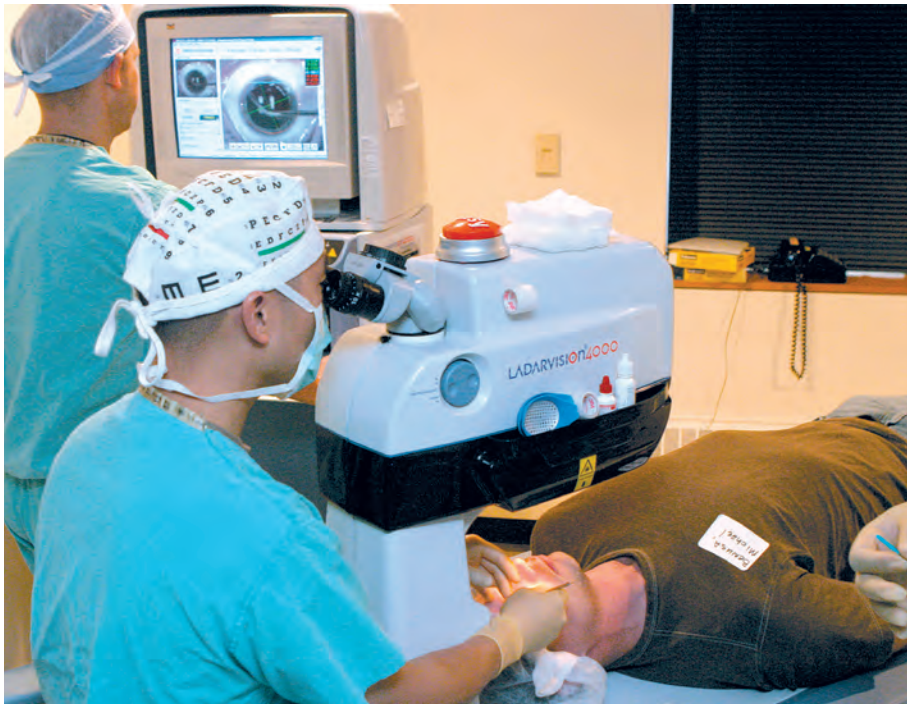




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Family Resources

in Orange County

PICKING UP FROM ONE place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This key Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing,

and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/ess>.

Armed Services YMCA

www.asymca.org

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Y's and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men

and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Military OneSource

www.militaryonesource.mil

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you will always be in the loop.

New York State Office of Children and Family Services Orange County Department of Social Services

<http://ocfs.ny.gov>

OCFS aims to improve the integration of services for New York's children, youth, families

and vulnerable populations; to promote their development; and to protect them from violence, neglect, abuse and abandonment. The agency provides a system of family support, juvenile justice, child care and child welfare services that promote the safety and well-being of children and adults. OCFS is responsible for programs and services involving foster care, adoption and adoption assistance, child protective services, preventive services for children and families, services for pregnant adolescents and protective programs for vulnerable adults.

Visit the department's website for more information on services and programs.

Operation Homefront

www.operationhomefront.org

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help and that is why Hearts of Valor was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The

organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization

www.uso.org

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

PETS

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them.

If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings.

In New York, your pet faces many new outside dangers, among them raccoons, coyotes, bobcats and even bears. Most of these animals will steer clear of humans but might attack your pet if you're not standing close by. Three species of venomous snakes — timber rattlesnake, the massasauga (erroneously called pygmy rattler) and the copperhead — pose another danger, so keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, especially if it starts sniffing or pawing the ground. Also, ticks can be a real problem in wooded and grassland areas. You are most likely to come across ticks between spring and autumn, but they are active throughout the year. Ask your vet for advice.

Animal Services

Middletown Animal Control

www.middletown-ny.com/departments/city-clerk/animal-control.html

Middletown Animal Control captures and transports stray and lost dogs to the Middletown Humane Society and also assists residents with animal-related calls. In conjunction with the humane society, Middletown Animal Control offers low-cost rabies clinics and information for low-cost spay/neuter for dogs and cats. All dogs must have a New York State license, which is available through local municipalities.

Middletown Humane Society

www.middletownhumanesociety.com

The Middletown Humane Society is a low-/no-kill, privately run animal shelter in Middletown, serving the city as well as surrounding communities.

Pets for Patriots

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us.

To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Orange County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Or, a place to start looking is the New York State Veterinary Medical Society at <https://vets.nysvms.org/home>.





Education & Academics

in Orange County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Orange County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a New York school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Dec. 1 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on New York's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, please visit the New York State Education Department at www.nysed.gov. Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, New York, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted

Common Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, a student's education is often disrupted because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though New York has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit www.corestandards.org.

Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a listing of charter schools in New York, visit the New York State Education Department's website at www.p12.nysed.gov/psc.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in New York, visit the New York State

Education Department at www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/homeinstruction. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations, testing information, home-school curriculum providers and more.

New York State LEAH

P.O. Box 465
Selden, NY 11784 866-960-9440
www.leah.org

Loving Education At Home is a statewide organization dedicated to supporting and promoting home education throughout New York. One of its primary purposes is to support a statewide network of home-school chapters by and for home-educating parents.

Time 4 Learning

www.time4learning.com/homeschooling/new-york

If you have chosen to home school in New York, you may need information, resources and curriculum that will help you get started. This site aims to help guide you through the process of home schooling in the Empire state.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in New York, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **New York State Education Department:**
www.nysed.gov
- **New York State PTA:**
<https://nyspta.org>
- **Reading is Fundamental:**
www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:**
www2.ed.gov/parents

Military Child Education Coalition: Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit www.militarychild.org for information on programs and resources.

Tutor.com: Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Cornwall Central School District

24 Idlewild Ave.
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520
..... 845-534-8009
www.cornwallschools.com

The Cornwall Central School District serves approximately 3,200 students with three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In the 2018-19 school year, 22 of the 25 varsity sports teams earned Scholar-Athlete Team status (team grade average of 90 percent or greater).

Enlarged City School District of Middletown

223 Wisner Ave.
Middletown, NY 10940 845-326-1134
www.middletowncityschools.org

The Enlarged City School District of Middletown serves approximately 6,800 students with four elementary schools, two middle schools and one high school.

Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery School District

P.O. Box 287
Highland Falls, NY 10928 845-446-9575
www.hffmcsd.org

The Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District is in the heart of the scenic Hudson River Valley. Adjacent to the United States Military Academy at West Point, the district offers a tremendous opportunity for cultural enrichment and highly competitive academics. The district is composed of three schools: the Fort Montgomery Elementary School, the Highland Falls Intermediate School and the James I. O'Neill High School.

Newburgh Enlarged City School District

124 Grand St.
Newburgh, NY 12550 845-563-3400
www.newburghschools.org

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District consists of seven elementary schools (four with pre-K), two K-8 schools, two middle schools and one high school. The district serves approximately 11,000 students from four neighboring municipalities: the City of Newburgh, Town of Newburgh, New Windsor and part of Cornwall.

West Point Elementary School

705A Barry Road
West Point, NY 10996 845-938-2313
www.dodea.edu/WestPointES

West Point Elementary School serves approximately 450 students in pre-K through fourth grade and is on the grounds of West Point.

West Point Middle School

705 Barry Rd.
West Point, NY 10996 845-938-2923
www.dodea.edu/WestPointMS

West Point Middle School includes grades five through eight, totaling about 250 students. The main building of the school was constructed in 1934 and is a historic landmark on the post.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Orange County and nearby counties offer plenty of opportunities for continuing education post-graduation and for spouses and family members. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Dutchess Community College

53 Pendell Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-431-8000
www.sunydutchess.edu

Mount Saint Mary College

330 Powell Ave.
Newburgh, NY 12550 845-561-0800
www.msmc.edu

SUNY Orange

Middletown Campus
115 South St.
Middletown, NY 10940 845-344-6222

Newburgh Campus

One Washington Center
Newburgh, NY 12550 845-562-2454
www.sunyorange.edu

Vassar College

124 Raymond Ave.
Poughkeepsie, NY 12604 845-437-7000
www.vassar.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Orange County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all for free. Also, school libraries that support the curriculum and provide internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries in colleges and universities. The New York State Library supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy and make use of public libraries in the Orange Library Association. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites. For a full list of libraries in New York, visit the New York State Library website at www.nysl.nysed.gov.

Orange Library Association

www.oclibraryassociation.org
The Orange Library Association has 17 public libraries throughout Orange County. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites.



Living

in Orange County

THERE ARE PLENTY OF entertaining activities in Orange County — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. New York City is only 50 miles away, where you can witness the iconic Thanksgiving Day Parade or Rockefeller Center Tree Lighting. And be sure to check out the West Point Museum on campus.

ARTS

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Orange County residents.

Eisenhower Hall Theatre at West Point

Building 655
West Point, NY 10996845-938-4159
<http://ikehall.com>

One of America's largest theaters (second only to New York's Radio City Music Hall), Eisenhower Hall Theatre is the Hudson Valley's premier performing arts center. Everything from great plays and musicals, dance performances, comedians and concerts all take the stage.

The Playhouse at Museum Village

1010 Route 17M
Monroe, NY 10950845-294-9465
<http://ctmwp.org>

The Creative Theatre-Muddy Water Players, in residence at The Playhouse at Museum Village, typically presents three major productions during their show season. They also offer workshops, festivals and other theatrical events throughout the year. What makes this theater unique is the complimentary dessert served at every intermission.

MUSEUMS

Learn about New York's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

75 N. Water St
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 845-471-0589
<http://mhcm.org>

With six exhibits, including the newest outdoor garden, purposeful play is the primary

focus at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum. The exhibits get kids moving, building, pretending, collaborating, creating and discovering. Perfect for families with young children.

Motorcyclepedia Museum

250 Lake St.
Newburgh, NY 12550845-569-9065
www.motorcyclepediamuseum.org

A motorcycle enthusiast's dream. The Motorcyclepedia Museum has over 450 bikes, along with photographs, posters, memorabilia, machinery and much more. Something to see for everyone: Explore history, culture and the changing technology of motorcycles.

Museum Village

1010 Route 17M
Monroe, NY 10950845-782-8248
<http://museumvillage.org>

Museum Village is an open-air historical museum that gives visitors the opportunity to step back in time. With a collection of eclectic artifacts and hands-on exhibits, visitors get to see how rural people lived and worked in the



19th century. One major highlight is Harry, one of three complete specimens of the mastodon in the world, unearthed just miles from Museum Village in Harriman, New York, in 1952.

The Historic Thayer Hotel at West Point

674 Thayer Road
West Point, NY 10996 845-446-4731
www.thethayerhotel.com

This landmark hotel with a stone facade is framed by battlements and towers on the grounds of the U.S. Military Academy and overlooks the Hudson River. It officially opened in 1926 and has many ties to history, including housing the Iranian hostages immediately upon their return to the United States. A menu signed by the prisoners is on display in the lobby. The 151-room "Historic Hotel of America" is less than a mile walk from the West Point Museum.

Trailside Museums and Zoo

Bear Mountain State Park

Bear Mountain, NY 10911..... 845-786-2701
www.trailsidezoo.org

Trailside is home to four museums which include exhibits on local geology, Native American and colonial history, animal specimens, and live reptiles, amphibians and fish. Nature trails lead museum visitors to other live animal exhibits and offer stunning views of the Hudson River and Highlands.

West Point Museum

2110 New South Post Road
West Point, NY 10996 845-938-3590
<https://westpoint.edu/museum>

The West Point Museum is adjacent to the Visitors Center and is the oldest and largest diversified public military museum in the country. The museum has multiple galleries dedicated to the history of warfare, West Point history and a history

of the U.S. Army in war and peace. It houses one of the largest small arms collections on display.

PARKS

Orange County has an abundance of natural beauty to immerse yourself in, from rolling countryside to pristine lakes and forests. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

Bear Mountain State Park

Palisades Parkway or Route 9W North
Bear Mountain, NY 10911..... 845-786-2701
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/13>

Bear Mountain State Park is in the rugged mountains towering above the Hudson River. The park features a large play field, picnic areas, lake and river fishing access, a swimming pool, hiking trails, an outdoor ice skating rink (from late October to mid-March), and a beautiful merry-go-round with hand-carved native animals and hand-painted scenes of the park.

Harriman State Park

Seven Lakes Drive/Bear Mountain Circle
Ramapo, NY 10974 845-947-2444
<https://parks.ny.gov/parks/145>

Located in Orange and Rockland counties, Harriman State Park is the second-largest in the state. It features 31 lakes and reservoirs, two beaches, two public camping areas and over 200 miles of hiking trails. Enjoy a variety of year-round activities from biking, fishing and hiking to ice fishing, ice skating and even cross-country skiing.

Orange County Arboretum

211 NY-416
Montgomery, NY 12549 845-615-3828
<http://orangecountyarboretum.org>

Located in Thomas Bull Memorial Park, the arboretum is open to the public and is free of charge. Magnificent raised gardens and

cascading water features follow the pathways. The Arboretum is home to the Remembrance Walkway and Garden to honor those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attacks, including plaques with the names of the 44 Orange County residents who perished that day.

Thomas Bull Memorial Park

211 Route 416
Campbell Hall, NY 10916 845-615-3830
www.orangecountygov.com/1386/Thomas-Bull-Memorial-Park

Year-round activities for every age, from toddlers to senior citizens. Thomas Bull Memorial Park features an 18-hole golf course along with a driving range and pro shop, tennis courts, ball fields, horse stables, horseshoe pits, a 5-acre pond, playgrounds, picnic areas and more.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Whether you are looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, you will find what you are after in Orange County.

Above the Clouds

72 Airport Road
New Hampton, NY 10958 845-692-2556
<http://abovethecloudsinc.com>

Above the Clouds offers hot air balloon rides in the lower Hudson Valley. They are open year-round and fly daily as long as the weather permits. Flights end with a traditional champagne toast and all guests receive a photo keepsake. See the website for reservation information and prices or call 845-692-2556.

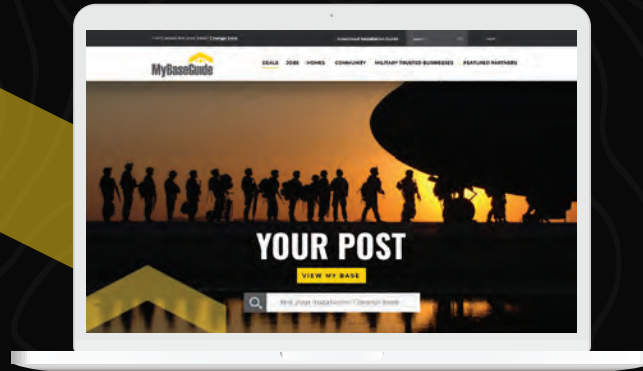
Golf

Plenty of public and country club courses are available in Orange County, including the 18-hole Green Ridge Golf Club, known as Orange County's best-kept secret; The Lynx at River Bend Club; the Town of Wallkill Golf Club; and Winding Hills Golf Club, a family-owned and operated club. Nine-hole courses are also available, including courses at Monroe Country Club, Scenic Farms Golf Course and Scotts Corners Golf Course. For a full list of public and private courses in Orange County, visit <http://orangetourism.org/explore/attractions/recreation/golf>.

Heritage Trail

www.trailink.com/trail/heritage-trail-ny

This trail from Goshen to Monroe has multiple access points and is the first multiuse asphalt trail in the park system. The Heritage Trail is a 10-foot-wide trail that winds through a bird and wildlife sanctuary, historic landmarks, streams, meadows and friendly communities. Everyone can enjoy this trail by bike, walking and rollerblading.



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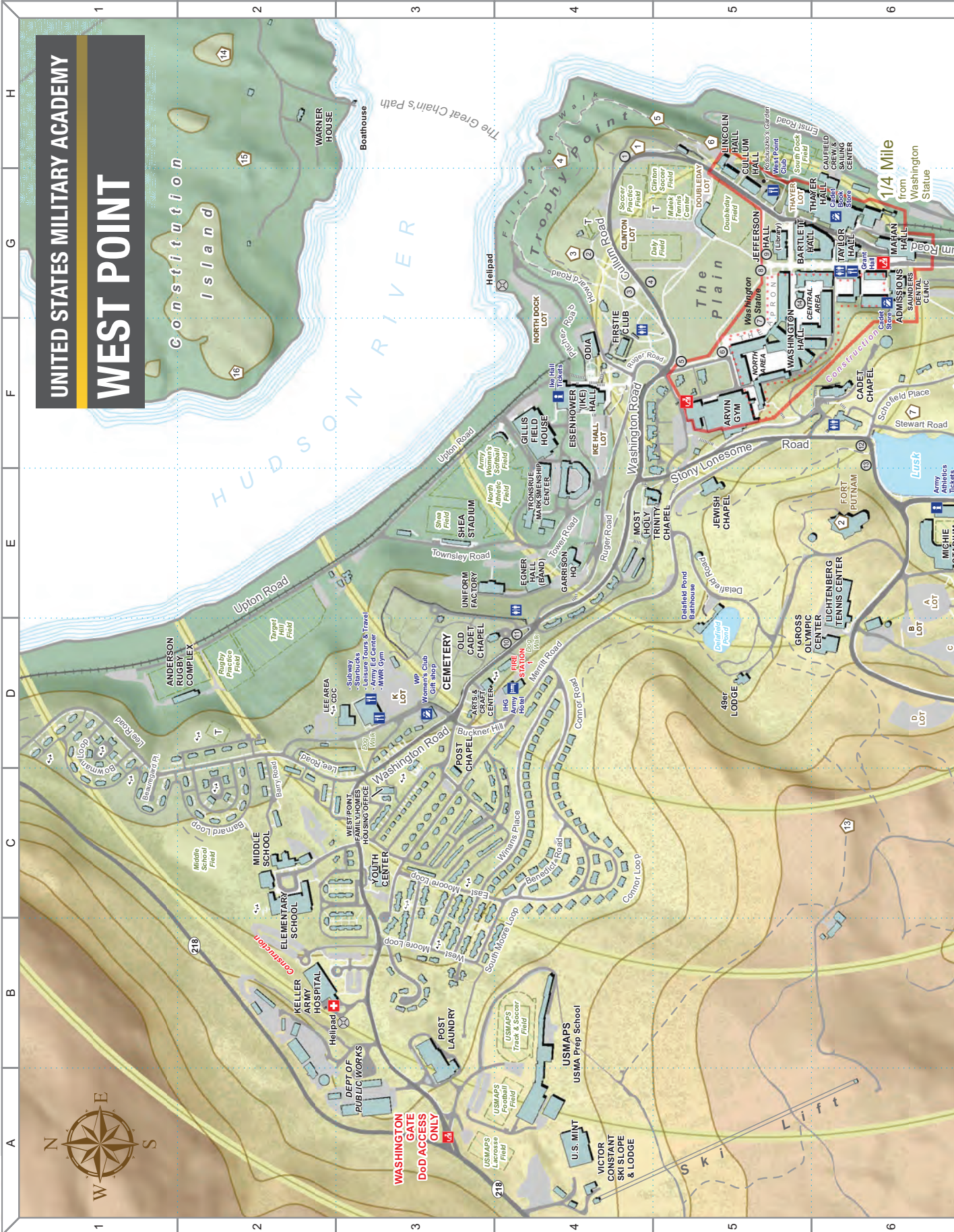
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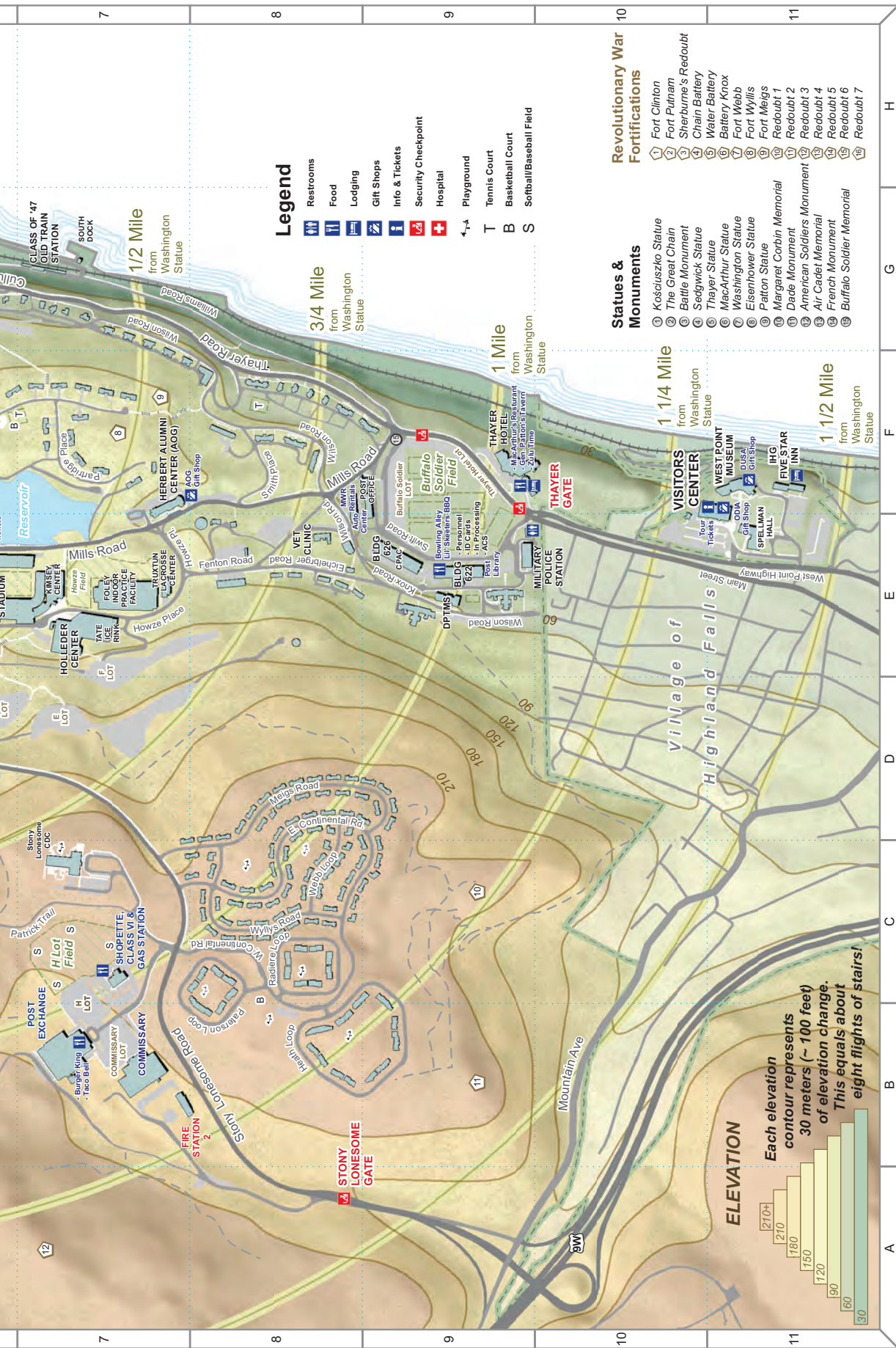


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- Gift Shops
- Info & Tickets
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- Hospital
- Playground
- Tennis Court
- Basketball Court
- Softball/Baseball Field

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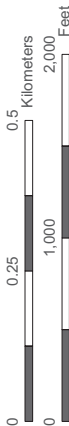
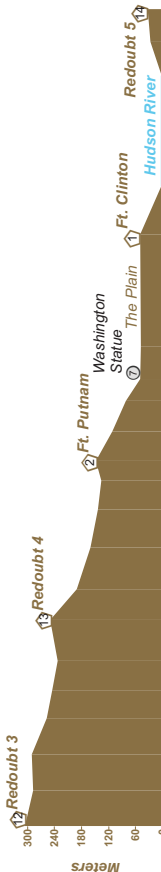
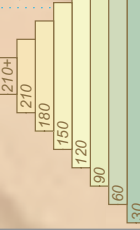
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- 2 Fort Putnam
- 3 Sherburne's Redoubt
- 4 Chain Battery
- 5 Water Battery
- 6 Battery Knox
- 7 Fort Webb
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- 9 Fort Weigs
- 10 Redoubt 1
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ELEVATION

Each elevation contour represents 30 meters (~100 feet) of elevation change. This equals about eight flights of stairs!



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ARMED SERVICES YMCA

Strengthening our Military Family.

Armed Services YMCA

The Armed Services YMCA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) and its mission is to enhance the lives of military members and their families in spirit, mind and body through programs relevant to the unique challenges of military life.

We focus on serving junior enlisted service members and their families through 34 branches, located near or on 59 of the largest military installations in the country. We provide services at more than 200 locations with a small number of paid employees and 10,000+ volunteers donating 112,000+ hours to 500,000+ troops and their family members in 2015.

Our Programs, Services, and Events

In coordination with the Department of Defense and installation commands, we work closely to identify gaps in programs and services. Programs are tailored to help cope with the realities of military life, including the stress of having a loved one deployed, additional childcare responsibilities and increased financial burdens. Healthy families contribute substantially to the success of the military and defense community during peacetime and more importantly, in times of combat. The Armed Services YMCA promotes strong kids, families and communities through our many support services.

The following are a few examples:*

Youth Development

- After school programs
- Aquatic Classes
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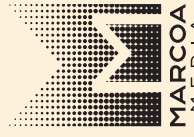
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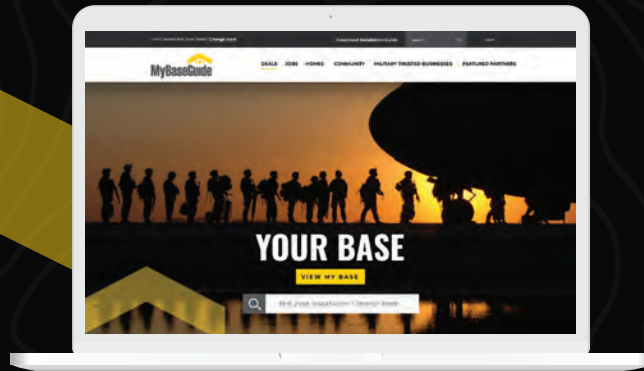
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