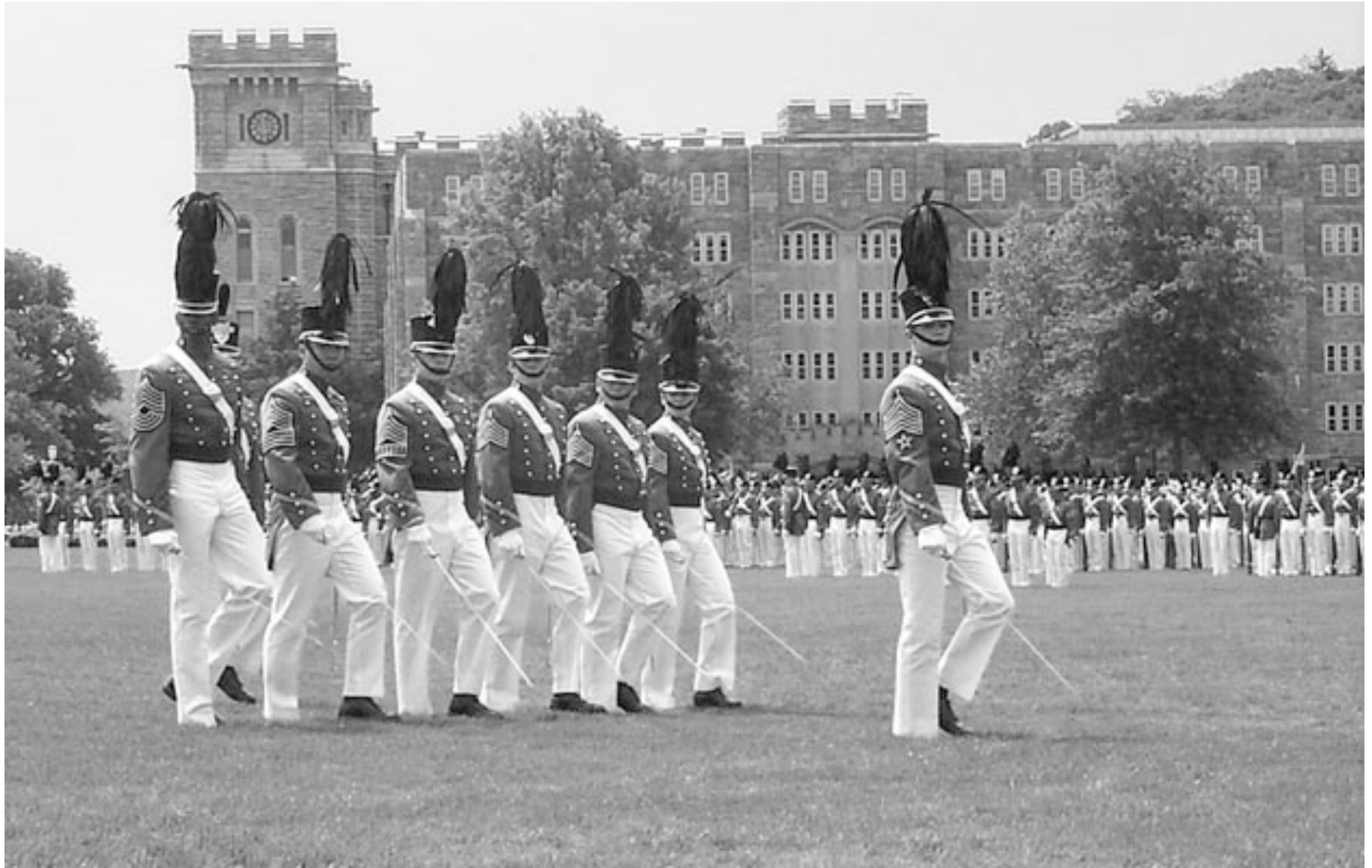


# United States Military Academy

West Point





# **USMA Mission**

To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country; professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the nation.

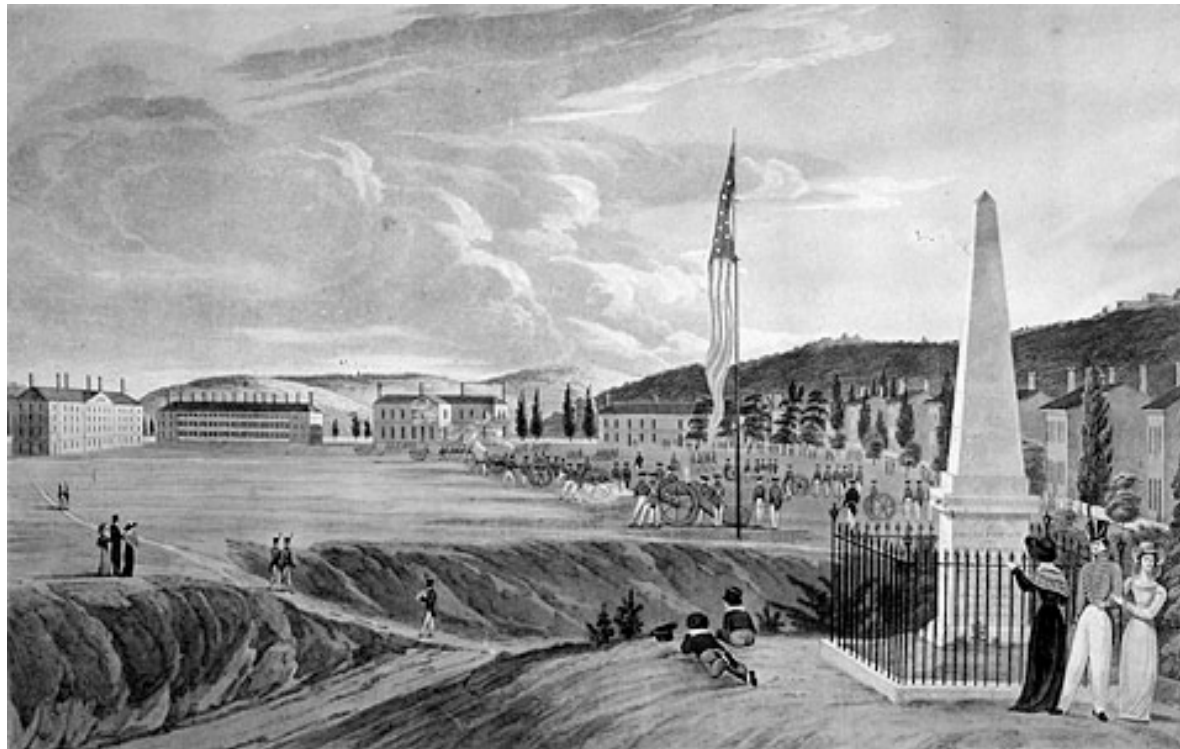
# **USMA Motto**

“Duty - Honor - Country”

# History of the Academy

- West Point is located on the west bank of the Hudson River
- In 1778 General George Washington had fortifications built at West Point to control river traffic
- West Point was never captured by the British, despite Benedict Arnold's treason
- West Point is the oldest continuously occupied military post in America

# History of the Academy



President Thomas Jefferson established the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1802

# History of the Academy



The first Army - Navy football game  
1890  
Navy won 24-0

# History of the Academy

## Women at USMA 1976

631 applied for admissions  
176 were found qualified  
148 were offered admissions  
116 entered in June 1976

**Today 15% of the class are  
women**



# History of the Academy

**87 women graduated in 1980**



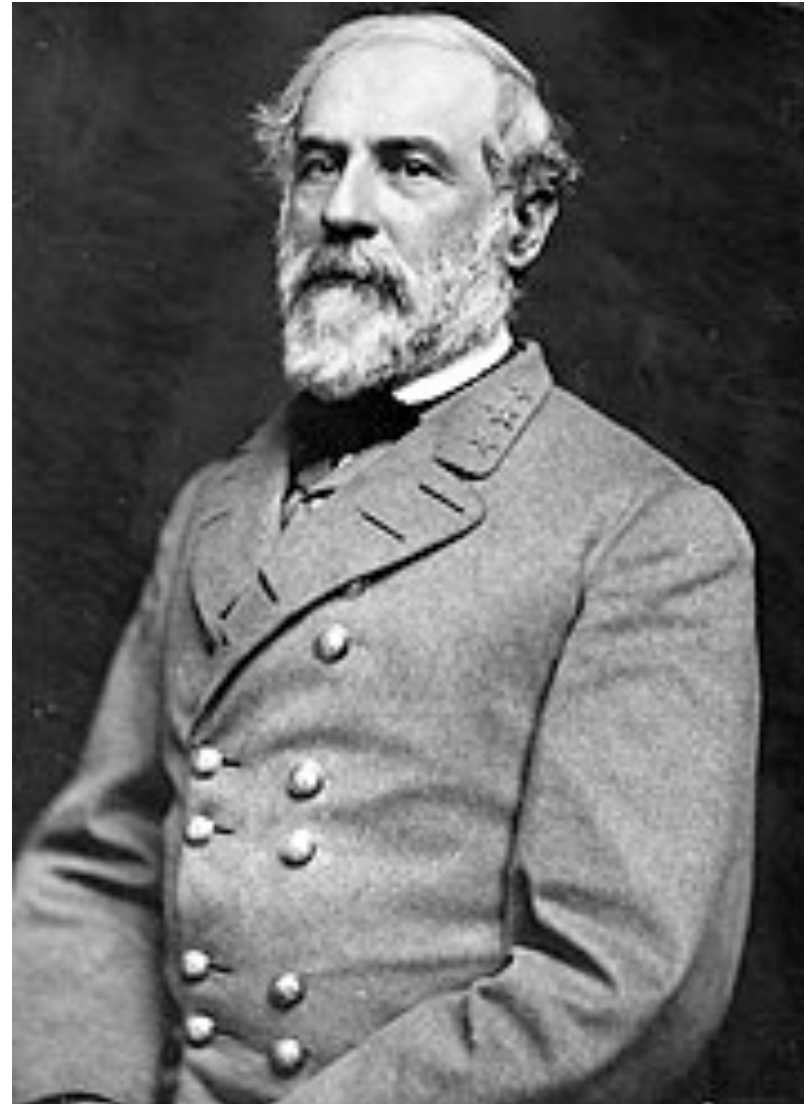


# Famous Graduates

## Robert E. Lee

USMA 1829

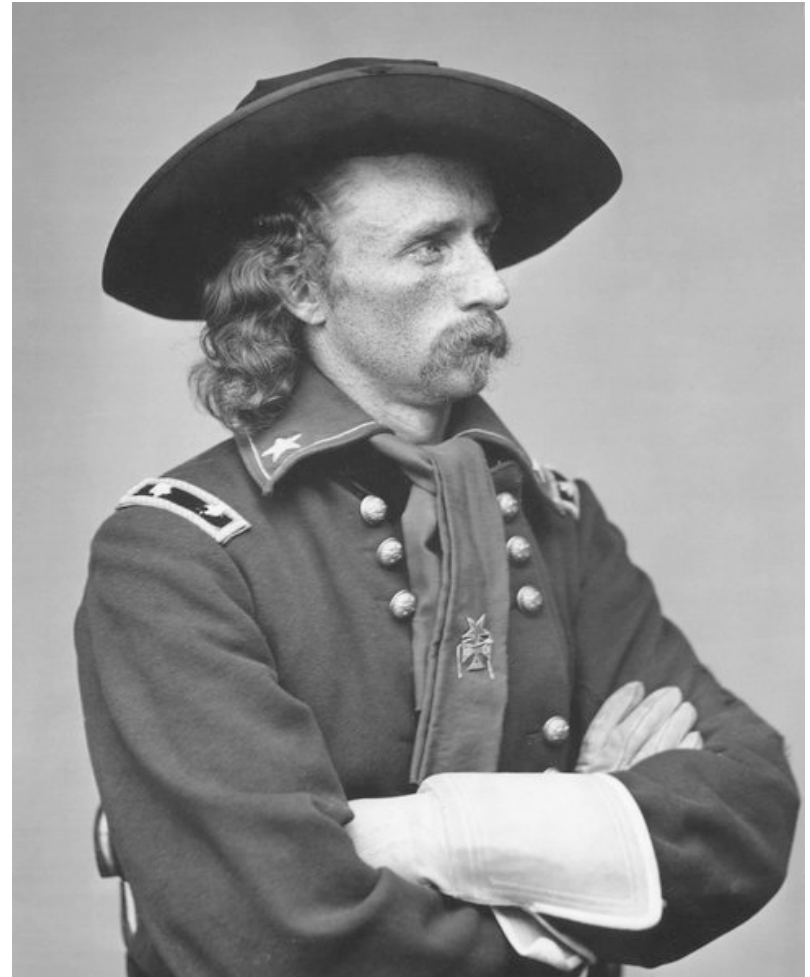
- Superintendent at West Point - 1848-1852
- Civil War General



# Famous Graduates

## George A. Custer USMA 1861

- Last in his class
- Remembered for his defeat and death at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.



# Famous Graduates

**Henry O. Flipper**  
USMA 1877

- First black graduate



# Famous Graduates

## Douglas MacArthur USMA 1877

- Graduated first in his class
- Took part in three wars - WWI, WWII and the Korean War





# The Recruiting Funnel

find	<b>Prospects: Quality students everywhere</b>	200,000+
inform	<b>Leads: Students interested</b>	50,000+
inspire	<b>Candidates: Open files</b>	10,000+
qualify	<b>Nominated</b>	4,000
select	<b>Qualified</b>	2,200
inform	<b>Offers</b>	1,500
inspire	<b>Accepts</b>	1,180
	<b>NEW CADETS</b>	

# Counseling Points

- In considering colleges, take a good look at West Point
- Start a file at the end of your Junior year and apply for nominations
- Make an effort to learn all there is to know about West Point and the Army:
  - Read about West Point and the role of the officers in the Army
  - View videos at Congressional Academy Nights and by-invitation meeting
  - Discuss the opportunities and challenges with cadets and graduations
  - Visit West Point
- Seriously consider an offer of admission to West Point based on factual information about the Military Academy, the Army, selfless service as an officer, and yourself

# Counseling Points

- Accept an offer of admission if:
  - what West Point has to offer seems to be a good match for your abilities and aspirations **and**
  - you have the desire to give the Army your best effort as a career officer leading soldiers
- Do the same for the Army ROTC program at the civilian colleges to which you are applying



# Basic Candidate Requirements

- **Legal Requirements:**
  - 17-22 years old
  - United States Citizen
  - Unmarried
  - Not pregnant; with no legal obligation to support a child
- **Leadership/character:**
  - Clearly demonstrated in school, community, church, scouts, etc.
- **Academy Qualifications:**
  - Above average High School or College academic record
  - Strong performance on ACT/SAT
- **Medical Qualifications:**
  - Good physical and mental health
  - Pass a qualifying medical exam
- **Physical Qualifications:**
  - Above average strength, endurance and agility
  - Good performance on Physical Aptitude Exam

“Start ‘em  
young!”

