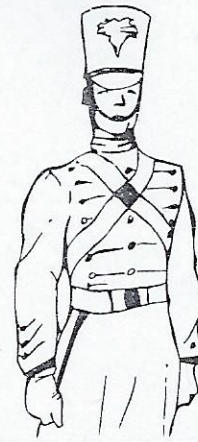


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# WEST POINT



The United States Military Academy was founded by an act of Congress dated March 16, 1802. The academy is situated in West Point, New York, and is generally called West Point.

West Point is a school where young men and women are educated and trained to become officers in the United States Army. Students at the academy are called cadets. The total number of cadets at West Point cannot exceed 4,000.

To become a cadet at West Point, high school graduates must pass many tests. Those who apply for admission are given intelligence tests, physical examinations, and aptitude tests to find out if they are fit for the strict training of military life.

Cadets attend the academy for four years. They graduate with a college degree and a rank of second

lieutenant in the United States Army. Being a West Point graduate is an honor. It means the person has fulfilled the goal of the academy, which is to train first-rate military leaders.

Famous graduates who carried out the West Point motto—"Duty, Honor, Country"—include General Ulysses S. Grant, General Robert E. Lee, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and General Douglas MacArthur.

The West Point campus and training grounds take up 16,000 acres. Among the many fine buildings is Memorial Hall, which contains trophies of war. There are many monuments in memory of outstanding graduates. There is a handsome statue of George Washington on a horse. Visitors are always welcome to see this historic academy.

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**Research:** Find the *United States Air Force Academy* and *United States Naval Academy* in an encyclopedia. Where is each academy located?