

COMMANDANT'S PROGRAM INITIATIVES



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THE COMMANDANT'S UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT & FUND

The Commandant's Unrestricted Endowment and Fund are comprised of unrestricted gifts allowing the Commandant the flexibility to direct funds to existing and emerging priorities within the US Corps of Cadets. In addition to the Brigade Tactical Department, the four directorates under the Commandant's command are the Department of Physical Education, Department of Military Instruction, Directorate of Cadet Activities, and the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic.

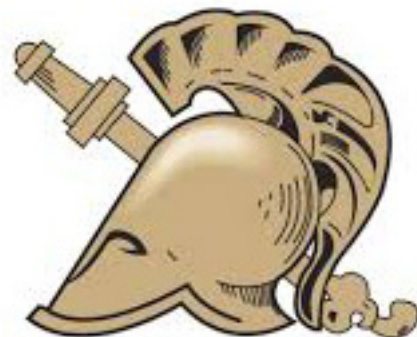
This unrestricted endowment gives the Academy's leadership the flexibility to support existing priorities or emerging, innovative opportunities that evolve from ever-changing global influences, thereby ensuring that West Point remains a world-renowned leadership development institution.

By contributing to the Commandant's Endowment, you are making a long-term investment in West Point. The endowment will become an important part of the Academy's financial foundation, protected from year-to-year budgetary fluctuations

and providing a stable, permanent source of funds. Each new gift adds to the total endowment and provides the Academy with greater financial security to maintain its level of excellence for today and for the future.

The Commandant's Unrestricted Endowment also helps bridge the crucial gap between federal funding and the true cost of a cadet's complete 47-month experience at the Academy. It complements the restricted gift dollars that are designated for specific uses. While the amount of restricted funding isn't immune to cutbacks, unrestricted gifts give West Point the flexibility to sustain and enrich its vibrant programs, while ensuring that cadets have access to all the necessary tools needed to develop into tomorrow's leaders.

Funding supports clubs like the American Nuclear Society (BETA Chapter USMA pictured above). Recently cadets conducted an independent research study at the Armed Forces Radiobiological Research Institute (AFRRI) to learn about survivability of Raspberry Pis against space radiation. The Army's Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC) sponsored the experiments, and NASA's 2015 research inspired the study in testing low-cost electronics that could be potential candidates for spacecraft control systems. The Club also brings in guest speakers to discuss nuclear science, engineering, and technologies and organized a trips to witness part of the decommissioning process of the Indian Point Energy Center.



HOW THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED

Department of Physical Education

The Department of Physical Education teaches a core curriculum of military movement, swimming, combatives, fitness, and boxing. Cadets can also take classes in sports such as rock climbing, skiing, snowboarding, scuba diving, and soccer. The department offers a Kinesiology major. Overall, the Department of Physical Education develops warrior leaders of character who are physically fit and mentally tough by engaging cadets in activities that promote and enhance physical excellence.

Department of Military Instruction

The Department of Military Instruction's mission is to educate and inspire the US Corps of Cadets in the essence of war-fighting and the Profession of Arms in order to develop future Army officers, all with the proper values, leadership skills, military skills, character, and warrior ethos to lead America's Soldiers effectively.

Directorate of Cadet Activities

Cadet Activities (DCA) provides co-curricular, recreational, cultural, spiritual, and social outlets for cadets that contribute to cadet development militarily, physically, academically, ethically, spiritually, and socially. DCA is comprised of more than 130 different clubs. Every activity provides valuable leadership opportunities for cadets, placing them in charge of training, scheduling, budgeting, travel, and other operations.

Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic

Serves as West Point's connective tissue for stewardship of the Cadet Honor System, the study of Officership, and Character education and rehabilitation.





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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENEROUS GRADUATES AND FRIENDS OF THE ACADEMY WHO SUPPORT THE COMMANDANT'S UNRESTRICTED ENDOWMENT WILL TAKE PRIDE IN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THEIR GIFTS.

Endowment	\$4.7 million
Annual	\$345,000

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