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An Ode to the Crest of the Class of 2025

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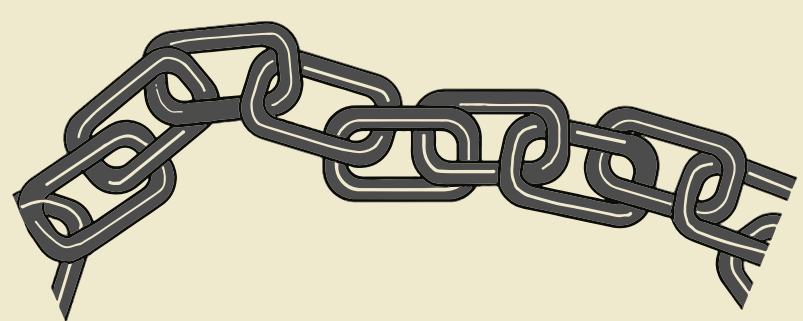


Below the crest of noble hue, the (twenty five) stands bold and true. Above the crest our motto bold, "Together We Thrive," displayed in gold.



A pledge not for self, but the greater drive. In unity, our strength will come alive, guided by purpose, we will thrive. So our Soldiers' and freedoms survive.

On the crest our flag does wave, with stars and stripes to guide the brave. The bright white stars on a field of blue, to instill in us a far off view.



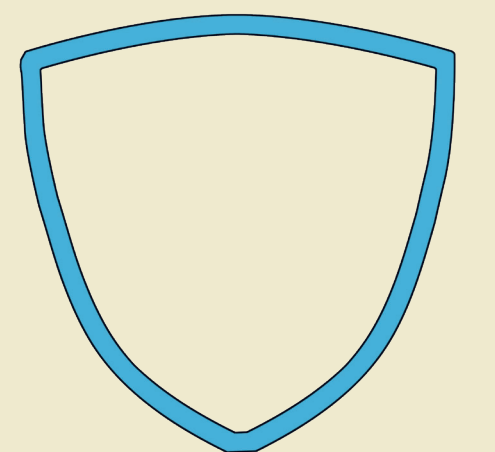
In front of flag an eagle holds, a heavy chain that blocks a fleet. The chain was made of solid steel, that strengthens us with its forging heat.

The chain runs strong with a bond well tied, to the older Class of Seventy-Five. Their strength a star that shines so bright, guiding us with honor's light.

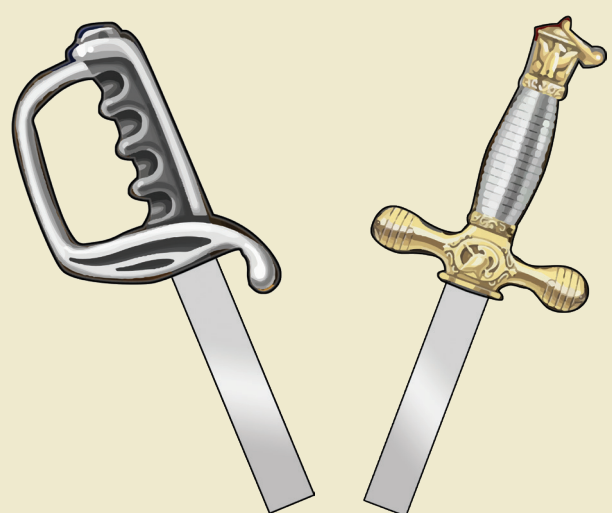


The eagle's claws and the swords they clasp, remind us all of dreams we grasp. United in purpose together we stand, ready to serve our home, our land.

Infantry blue helps all renew, our valor in a solemn hue. The border blue a tribute found, to those who fought while honor bound.



With hearts ablaze, we face the test, ready to serve, our very best. And with our crest a beacon bright; we will struggle to thrive with all our might.



Cadet and officer sabers gleam, symbols of our far off dream. The Academy motto carved and true; we now resolve to pledge anew.

Duty, Honor, Country!
To do our Duty with Honor for our Country.

