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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-5000

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West Point Association of Graduates
698 Mills Road
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Dear Members of the Long Gray Line:

I am very pleased to announce interment eligibility restrictions will be lifted effective August 9, 2017 and eligibility criteria will return to those published in Army Regulation (AR) 210-26, *United States Military Academy*, and AR 290-5 *Army Cemeteries*.

The Molly Corbin Enhancement project (also known as Section XI) provided an additional 311 "first interment" sites (each site has a pre-placed, double depth concrete crypt that accommodates two members of the same family). This project will provide an estimated seven years of casketed capacity, through 2024.

As I mentioned in my February letter, it is important to note Section XI will only accommodate official government upright headstones, due to the placement of pre-cast crypts needed to maximize space. Exceptions to the headstone policy in this section will not be granted.

Our planned Phase 3 development is currently on Capitol Hill competing for Military Construction funding, and if all goes as currently planned, we will see those much needed funds in Fiscal Year 2018. We are working with the Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries to ensure this development also maximizes burial space and adds another 42 years of burial capacity, through 2066.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during the temporary eligibility restrictions and cemetery development. We will also keep you informed on our Phase 3 progress, which would extend interment options for all USMA Graduates and Family members through our estimated lifetimes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Caslen, Jr.", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Robert L. Caslen, Jr.
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

Appendix C

West Point Cemetery

C-1. General

Interment and inurnment in the West Point Cemetery will be restricted to the remains of the following personnel:

a. A graduate of the USMA, provided the individual was a U.S. citizen, both as a cadet and at the time of death, and whose military service fulfilled one of the following criteria.

(1) The graduate's service in the Armed Forces of the United States, if any, terminated honorably.

(2) The graduate's service in wartime in the Armed Forces of a nation that was allied with the United States during the war terminated honorably.

b. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States, including USMA cadets, who were on active duty at the USMA at time of death and their dependents who may have died while the service member was on active duty at the USMA.

c. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were on active duty at the USMA at time of retirement.

d. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States whose last active duty station prior to retirement for physical disability was the USMA. However, personnel (not otherwise eligible) who are transferred to the Medical Holding Detachment, Keller Army Hospital, for medical boarding or medical disability retirement are not, regardless of length of time, eligible for interment or inurnment in the West Point Cemetery or Columbarium.

e. Officers appointed as Professors, USMA.

f. Others having bona fide reservations assigned by the Superintendent under previous regulations and policies. However, the eligibility of the family members of these persons must be determined by the Superintendent on a case-by-case basis.

g. People who, at the time of their death, were the spouses or widow(er)s, minor children, or dependent and unmarried sons or daughters of eligible persons. However, an unmarried adult son or daughter must have been incapable of self-support and must have been receiving more than one-half of their support from some other source at the time of their death. Also, eligibility by virtue of being a spouse of an eligible person is terminated by divorce. Likewise, eligibility by virtue of being a widow(er) of an eligible person is terminated by remarriage to an ineligible person.

C-2. Conviction of capital crime

Any individual mentioned in (a) through (g) convicted or found to have committed a capital crime, as referred to in 38 USC 2411 (b), is prohibited from interment and inurnment in the West Point Cemetery. This prohibition shall only apply if the Superintendent, the United States Military Academy, receives written notification of the conviction or finding from the Attorney General, in the case of a Federal capital crime, or by an appropriate State official, in the case of a State capital crime. For this paragraph to apply, the Superintendent must receive the written notification of the conviction or finding prior to approval of the application/request for interment and inurnment.