

Absolutely American



**FOUR YEARS AT
West Point**

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Class of 2002

Huach

Beast Barracks

Buckner

firsties

corps

yearlings

plebes

Did you travel with
Cadets - to their homes,
new courses etc.

What's a TAC
BDU

Cadet TV cards

Branch night
walking tours

How did you get
to Ft. 4^{TAC} Jim DeLeon

* Lepsky's statement about
USMA P57

Ft. Campbell

Ft. Bragg

Ft. Drum

Ft. Polk

Korea

Germany

Ft. Lewis

Gen. John Abizaid invited me to West P.

Wed July 2 1p m

8 yrs. at Rolling Stone

Love Rock Marching - only 60,000 people have experienced
47 months - changed some during past two centuries
summer

End of WWII - 1 in 10 American serving in uniform

Today 1 in 300 *

1998 - changes - CLOS Cadet Leadership Development System

Hazing - what happened Abizaid making policy 1997
"The Corpshas" - "The corps has gone to hell"

Blood branching - pin in chest - don't do it anymore

9% of West Pointers have parent who were enlisted

Cadets are happier than anywhere else

West Point irony free zone

Honor code - typical year 105 cases - 60% intent to deceive
30% academic cheating

10

5% for stealing and toleration

Nichelle Timajo -

"turned back" (soph jr.) for lying about of nap

13 hr. hearing

"on profits" - disabled

women - 1976 85% male P 40 - 119 enrolled
60 graduated

Dating - what are the rules

first two years free pass - after you're an enlisted man

"Stack 'em like cordwood" - Kenney

\$7,200 a yr. in salary

5 and flying - leaving the Army

How 3 drugs - sleep, porn, nicotine

"It's free"

retention problem - 38% of 1986 class still in service

U.P. builds itself as "tier one" school - same plan as Ivies

no more hazing

In past decade there have been 27 Army deployments

and in 4 1/2 decades before that 10

Mud Crawlers

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Author has been to 35 Campuses - WP best integrated

8% of corps

prep school for W.P. N.J.

Honor code / pledge

Marjorie Taylor

A cadet will not lie
cheat or steal -

Absolutely (47%) or tolerate those
American who do.

How did you get the dialogue between two
cadets: like page 213-214 Geo. Rank and Jeremy
Kasper
Christmas dinner -

"Don't lift the table"

31 companies anyway
1 all female doesn't

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3rd year

50,000 to 1,000 (P141)

Chirri's sister Marie

R-day - Reception Day identity, tattoo

barber

salute cadet in the Red Sash

sign an 8 year contract

get ready for Beast

May Adams' 100th night performance

216 mess hall statement gets reprimand - 10 man hours
Dawn acknowledges May - not by name - loses marks.

Sandhurst competition

The corporation is picked from 6-4

Blue Falcon - buddy F -

If you are seperated - do you have to payback?

2001 Graduation - Wolfowitz speaks about Surprise
and Courage - talks about Pearl Harbor
P 242 - Be prepared to be surprised.

Drugs - 3 to 16% of cadets use them Ecstasy -
look like vitamin pills

Jeremy Green - cow from Central Florida
caught with drugs. - cocaine, GHB, a
bit of ketamine - no prison time -

ends up back in Florida working security P229

Camp Buckner 2nd year 7 ~~week~~ ^{week} training in woods

Cadet Field Training

crawl - walk - run

"Best summer of my life"

Plebe year - enthusiasm

Yuk - bitterness year

yearlings don't get many new privileges

Cow - crossroads year - either

hual or cygnal

Goodbells

Frister - graduation

Suggs

Whitery

John Mini

Joggy

Cadet sep is like gas - p86

Female Buckner lore

flameout of class president 99

Hank Keirsey - military

family history -

The Friends in Sandi
and drag. p95

What does it mean to see the elephant? (Civil War saying)

Marina Auer and Jim Edger - He resigns his command
- dating - get caught

West Point has 32 companies - (average 130)

4 platoon each

Plebes (privates) yuk (corporal) Cow (sergeant)

Frister (officer)

Jim Edger - company commander

Jake Bergman - XO - soft job until Edger resigns

don't share same piece of furniture with girl friend

Edger is involved with Cadet Gervy Whistler

Army - Navy game

Who moved the cheese - Gen. Shinsaki - purchased
copies in bulk.

professional soldier - Samuel Huntington

Book by Samuel Huntington

Bedrock Values - 1995 - They added consideration
of others to Honor. p108

Keirsey - story of Dans Kent and "Class of 2000 Honor"
Factor Report

4th year
Jaggy - 4 rules to platoon at Ft. Drum
① Integrity ③ don't point fingers
② don't sell out ④ don't hit children and wives

J.O. Kreiny's message to Ryan Sutherland - \$250
Mary Tobin - mother bo's radical - Mary changed her
mind about being militant anti military

The Ring

9/11 - Joe Quinn's brother

Josh Rizzo grew up in Flat bush

new 6-4 TAC - Capt Rafael Paredes. - "Do Guppis" doesn't
pay it

Infantry - Idiot sticks Huck picks Subantun
80-20 Rule - only 20% non-combat tasks - Ordinance

Branch night

Scott Mellon - released from the academy - p 279

Gray period - gray building / gray weather
Mark Thompson's ear piece

Has West Point been going through an identity crisis -
want to bring back pringing

George Rask - will he be the Goat - (not)
Everyone is amazed that he made it

Des's run 15:26

Huck Finn - NFL football contract
Comm - sup no - needs 2 yrs. active duty
"Rosh" - name from sup at graduation

Huck's before
and after story
Sandhurst win
plus - Giants want
him to sign if he can get
out of army

sleep
Pom
nicotine } 3 drugs

Goodfellas
The Corporation
Wolfowitz 242
Honor Code

Hank Keiser -
story of Nam Kent
and why he left
the service

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