



2022-2023 Annual Report for Class of 1978

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The reporting period covered in this report represents 2021 endowment distributions and gift funds proffered to USMA for Margin of Excellence programs during Academic Year 2022-2023 or available for WPAOG programs and projects during calendar year 2022.

S400Z-01 CLASS OF 1978 SUPERINTENDENT'S ENDOWMENT

Endowment Performance Report

As of 12/31/2022

Endowment Description

Earnings from the endowment can be used for Margin of Excellence programs for the benefit of the Corps of Cadets.

Distribution Taken in AY 22-23 none *

Endowment Balance\$1,325,580

Distribution Available for AY 23-24\$53,207

* for AY 22-23 the distribution for this endowment was reinvested

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMY ADVANCEMENT
698 MILLS ROAD
WEST POINT, NY 10996-1514

Academic Year
2022-2023

Subject: Class of 1978 Superintendent's Endowment

Dear Class of 1978, Mr. Les Szabolcsi:

The Class of 1978 Superintendent's Endowment aims to support the United States Military Academy through unrestricted gifts. Funding is used at the Superintendent's discretion for programs that go above and beyond the core elements supported by the government. These programs are called the Margin of Excellence and benefit every cadet.

In the 2022-2023 academic year, the available distribution from the Class of 1978 Superintendent's Endowment supported an in-kind replacement of the Kosciuszko Monument. Additionally, support was provided to cadet programs, projects, and clubs, including the following:

- Guest Lecture Program
- Academy Scholar Program (ASP)
- Advanced Individual Academic Development Program (AIAD)
- Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)
- Cadet Conference travel
- Research and Capstone Programs

Thank you for giving the Academy the greatest flexibility to respond to changing priorities and support emerging needs. With your support, we can ensure that West Point remains one of our Nation's most outstanding institutions.

Sincerely,



Jason D. Perez
Colonel, U.S. Army
Director, Academy Advancement



Time capsule discovered during demolition of the Kosciuszko Monument base.



Demolition of the existing Kosciuszko Monument pedestal and base.

S800E CLASS OF 1978 STUDENT CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT FOR THE WEST POINT CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CIVIL-MILITARY OPERATIONS

Endowment Performance Report

As of 12/31/2022

Endowment Description

The purpose of this endowment is to support the Student Conference for the West Point Center for the Study of Civil-Military Operations. Funds from this endowment may be used to support, but are not limited to, costs associated with hosting guest speakers (e.g. honorarium, travel, lodging, etc.) as well as the staffing, administrative expenses, meals, and technology associated with this conference.

Distribution Taken in AY 22-23 none *

Endowment Balance\$1,038,064

Distribution Available for AY 23-24\$42,883

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ATTENTION OF

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996 -1695

Academic Year 2022/2023

Class of 1978 Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations

The CSCMO continued to make substantial contributions to cadet and faculty education and development in the realm of Civil Military Operations during this academic year through its planning and execution for the Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations (SWCMO). The generous endowment of the Class of 1978 has enabled the Center and its hosting Department of Geography, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Sciences and GIS to make these contributions in several of the four main lines of effort: Syllabus Integration (Guest Lecturers and Course Development); Service Learning (AIADs, Cadet Club and Training); Scholars and Scholarship (Cadets and Faculty USMA & Beyond); and most cogently Symposia and Sharing.

In March, CSCMO held the Student Workshop on Civil-Military Operations at Eisenhower Hall at West Point. The purpose of the Student Workshop is to create a focused venue for student development and learning within the realm of Civil-Military Operations. It is an opportunity to bring together leading scholars and practitioners on topics of Civil-Military Operations to debate and discuss recent developments that contribute to Cadet learning and professional development.

This year's keynote speaker was Ambassador Jonathan Cohen, former Ambassador to Egypt, who shared his insight into the importance of Civil-Military Operations as a response to Iranian influence in the region. Through a series of other informative panels, we examined how the manipulation of information and disinformation perpetuates narratives of authoritarian influence to the populace in the Middle East Region. Feedback from the participating cadets reflected positive learning for all.

We continue to be reminded of how the Class of '78's commitment enables CSCMO to organize and continue to provide tremendous opportunities for our community to advance their understanding and application of Civil-Military Operations. None of this capacity would have been possible without the generous contributions of the class, particularly those that take time out of their busy schedules to travel and spend several days with us here at West Point. We are excited about all of the time and effort we are prepared to invest for next year to design and positively evolve our event that will reap benefits in AY 24 and beyond.

We at the Center would like to personally thank every member of the Class of '78 for their vision and support, but more importantly, the interest and energy of those that has enabled this tremendous opportunity for cadets and faculty.

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John M. Melkon
Assistant Professor & Director
CSCMO

S800F THE CLASS OF 1978 ARMY WEST POINT RIFLE TEAM ENDOWMENT

Endowment Performance Report
As of 12/31/2022

Endowment Description

The purpose of the Class of 1978 Army West Point Rifle Team Endowment is to support the team's needs to enhance cadets' Division 1 athletic experience. This endowment may cover, but is not limited to, the costs of equipment, uniforms, practice and competition expenses, team-specific facility enhancements, staffing, recruiting and team travel, technological infrastructure, as well as the administrative expenses associated with this team.

Distribution Taken in AY 22-23 none *

Endowment Balance\$355,662

Distribution Available for AY 23-24\$14,254

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ATHLETICS

Dear Class of 1978, Mr. Les Szabolcsi,

Thank you for your continued investment, dedication, and support of Army West Point Athletics and the Rifle program. Because of your generosity, The Class of 1978 Army West Point Rifle Team Endowment will continue to play a vital role in the program as it provides our coaches and cadet-athletes with the necessary support and security to continue competing at the highest level.

The Army West Point rifle team battled through a difficult 2022 season. The team finished with signature wins over John Jay and MIT. Leighton Dempster was promoted from interim to Army's full-time head rifle coach, hoping to help change the pace and set Army rifle in a winning direction for the future.

The team went on to defeat the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the NCAA qualifying match. The Army West Point rifle team set a program record in its 4667-4411 win over MIT. The Black Knights outpointed the Engineers 2325-2158 in smallbore and 2342-2253 in air rifle en route to tying its second highest aggregate score of the season (4667). Army swept the top eight sports in both smallbore and air rifle to dominate the meet. Rounding out the top five in smallbore, led by Kutz' 588, were Chris Jennings with a personal best 582, Pakkam was third (581), Briggs Moore fourth (580) with Ashton O'Connell tying her season high (576) for the fourth time to earn the fifth spot.

The Black Knights went on to compete well at the GARC Championships. Anusha Pakkam fired a career high 586 in smallbore, and Chris Jennings recorded a 587 in air rifle, to set the pace for the Army West Point rifle team. Jennings was Army's high scorer the final day in air rifle (587) followed closely by Pakkam's 586 with Ashton O'Connell (582) and Spencer Gillis (573) rounding out the Black Knights' contingent (2333) en route to a 4634 aggregate score.

Claudia Sigel represented the Army West Point rifle team in smallbore at the 2022 NCAA Rifle Championships. Sigel finished top 25 in smallbore with a score of 583.

We thank you immensely for your generosity and the impact you have on our cadet-athletes in helping them develop into leaders of character committed to the values of duty, honor, and country. The Army West Point rifle team will continue to improve off the 2022-23 season and will return ready to compete for a Great America Rifle Conference championship in 2023-24.

Thomas Theodorakis
Senior Associate Athletics Director, External Operations
Army West Point Athletics

S800G THE CLASS OF 1978 ENDOWMENT FOR THE PISTOL AND COMBAT WEAPONS TEAM

Endowment Performance Report
As of 12/31/2022

Endowment Description

The purpose of the Class of 1978 Endowment for the Pistol and Combat Weapons Teams endowment is to support the operations and activities of the Pistol and Combat Weapons Teams. This endowment may cover, but is not limited to, the costs of equipment, uniforms, practice and competition expenses, team-specific facility enhancements, staffing, team travel, technological infrastructure, as well as the administrative expenses associated with these teams.

Distribution Taken in AY 22-23	\$26,493
Endowment Balance	\$639,156
Distribution Available for AY 23-24	\$27,178

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
West Point, New York 10996

The Class of 1978 Endowment for the Pistol and Combat Weapons Team

TO: Class of 1978, Mr. Les Szabolcsi

The purpose of this letter is to outline the accomplishments and activities conducted by the Pistol Team during AY22-23 and to provide the Stewardship Report for The Class of 1978 Endowment.

The primary purpose of the Pistol Team is to compete and win at the highest levels of intercollegiate pistol competition and, in so doing, develop Pistol Team members into outstanding leaders of character for the U.S. Army. The Team competes in three venues: International Bullseye Pistol, the Scholastic Action Shooting Program (Action Pistol), and Conventional Bullseye Pistol (Presidents Hundred).

International Bullseye Pistol is our main effort and the Team finished 2nd overall at the National Intercollegiate Pistol Championships in March 2023. Nationals this year were, again, held at the Civilian Marksmanship Program Marksmanship Park in Talladega, Alabama. The Team also participated in Scholastic Action Shooting Program National Championships where our two scoring teams finished 6th and 7th out of 18 collegiate teams. The Presidents Hundred Match is held at Camp Perry, Ohio each July. Pistol Team member participation is largely based on USCC summer training commitments. This year, five Pistol Team members will be able to participate in this very prestigious match.

Each April, the Pistol Team travels to West Union, Ohio to train at Tactical Defense Institute. Here the Team members receive three days and two nights of very intensive tactical live-fire training. This critical training is designed to prepare the cadets, regardless of branch, with tactical marksmanship skills and proven tactics that will enable them to fight and win on future battlefields. This year the weather cooperated and, as a result, the cadets were able to advance their training to even higher levels.

The Team members also serve as subject matter experts for the Corps of Cadets on small arms marksmanship. This involves training individual cadets for the pistol marksmanship portion of the German Proficiency Badge test and training cadet teams for the annual Sandhurst Competition. As such, Pistol Team members, are not only expert marksmen, but are experienced trainers and coaches.

Although we graduated nine First Classmen, nearly half the Team, they have done an excellent job of training and mentoring the underclassmen. The Class of 2024 Pistol Team members are already demonstrating the outstanding leadership that will make this coming season one to remember. Our primary expenses are travel related (airfare, lodging, and rental vehicles) and supplies (ammunition, pellets, targets, and cleaning supplies). Your Class's generous support will allow us to compete and win at the highest levels of intercollegiate competition and continue to develop expert marksmen, excellent instructors, and leaders of character for the Army. Thank you for all you do to support Army Pistol.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Duston Saunders '72".

E. Duston Saunders '72
Lieutenant Colonel, USA (Retired)
Officer-in-Charge & Head Coach



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

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AY 2022-2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Combat Weapons Team Stewardship Report, AY22-23

1. Of the Team's many accomplishments this past academic year, the one we are most proud of is repeating as National Champions in this year's Relentless Warrior competition. This event is hosted annually by Sig Sauer, and features teams from all of the service academies as well as schools such as Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Academy, the Royal Military Academy of Canada, and many others. Our cadets dominated this year's competition, taking six of the top ten individual honors (including First, Second, and Third), top overall female shooter, and placing First overall as a team.
2. For the second straight year we were able to host our Home Match. This was an extraordinarily popular event, with local clubs and CWT associates making the trip to compete in cadet designed and lead stages on West Point's premier range complexes. This competition was both a public relations outreach function and a fundraiser for the Team. Based on its success, we will most likely conduct a Home Match again in the fall.
3. CWT is a very selective team, and our cadets are some of the top performers in the Corps. As an example, at this year's Graduation, we commissioned six CWT members into their branch of choice, five infantry, one aviation. Our cadets have a well-earned reputation for being one of the most-physically fit teams at West Point, with several of our cadets competing in the top Sandhurst teams, and also completing physically intense schools such as the Combat Dive Course and Sapper School. One of our cadets was selected as an alternate for West Point's best Sapper team this year. Our cadets also hold key leadership positions within the Corps, and are regularly selected for academic, athletic, and military honors.
4. During the fall semester this year, the club did an exchange with the United States Air Force Academy's Combat Weapons Team. CDT Max Safranek joined from USAFA and CDT Uta Givens joined the USAFA CWT while the cadets participated in the service academic semester exchange program. The team hoped to meet with CDT Safranek at the Sig Sauer Relentless Warrior Championship, but he and some of his teammates were conducting training for the Air Force pararescue course.

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5. We normally have between 22-24 members on the Team, with assessments and selections taking place early in the Fall semester. CWT also regularly trains the Corps in basic weapons handling and advanced fundamentals. This year the team trained the USMA Black Sandhurst team in preparation for a military skills competition in Mexico. They also trained several other teams in preparation for the annual Sandhurst military skills competition. For the second year in a row, they trained a group of visiting Yale University students in handgun and rifle fundamentals and supervised them while they conducted familiarization fire on the indoor range. This event helped promote civil-military relations and also helped our cadets further develop training and personal interaction skills that will be useful to them when they become officers.

6. As OIC, my plan for next year is to continue to refine our Team's selection and training programs, with the intent of winning Relentless Warrior again and defending our National Championship. However, I always stress to cadets that my top priorities are making them 1) better people, 2) better officers, and only then 3) better shooters. This tried-and-true formula ensures that our students leave USMA as leaders of character and base of skills that will serve them well within the profession of arms.

7. To me, the best testimony about the value of CWT comes from the cadets themselves. Each year, the graduating Firsties conduct a joint commissioning ceremony at Tronsrue Range, which in and of itself says a lot about the cohesion and camaraderie of the Team. This year, each of the newly commissioned lieutenants told the large gathering of friends and family who came to their ceremony how important the Combat Weapons Team was to their USMA experience. I could not ask for a better endorsement of what we do.

8. Competitive shooting is a very expensive sport, and the Class of 1978's very generous gift allowed us to purchase the weapons, ammunition, equipment, and supplies we needed to train to defend our National Championship. It also allowed us to travel to different matches, such as the ones hosted by the Long Island Practical Shooting Association in New York City, the Old Bridge Rifle and Pistol Club in New Jersey, and our 2nd annual spring break trip to the Sig Sauer Academy. At the Sig Academy the team received world class instruction from Max Michel, the most dominant handgun competitor in the history of the sport. The support of the Class of 1978, along with that of the Department of Cadet Activities, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and the Department of Military Instruction is greatly appreciated by our entire Team—coaches, OICs, and individual members.

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SUBJECT: Combat Weapons Team Stewardship Report, AY22-23

9. The point of contact for this memorandum is the undersigned, at sean.marquis@westpoint.edu.

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SEAN G. MARQUIS
MAJ, IN
Deputy Program Director, DSS



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996

AY 2022-2023

Dear Mr. Szabolcsi, and the Class of 1978—

Greetings from West Point! I am MAJ Sean Marquis, the new Officer in Charge of the Combat Weapons Team (CWT). I work in DMI, where I am the Deputy Director of the Defense and Strategic Studies Program, and I am writing you today to express our gratitude for your continued support of our Team and to give you an update on our activities and accomplishments over the last year.

Of the Team's many accomplishments this past academic year, the one we are most proud of is repeating as National Champions in this year's Relentless Warrior competition. This event is hosted annually by Sig Sauer, and features teams from all of the service academies as well as schools such as Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Academy, the Royal Military Academy of Canada, and many others. Our cadets dominated this year's competition, taking six of the top ten individual honors. The team swept the top three lead by overall top shot CDT Leon Ward 23'. CDT Uta Givens was awarded the honor of top overall female shooter. The next time you visit USMA, look for the Team's name listed among the Academy's National Champion teams on the sign just inside the front gate.

For the second straight year we were able to host the West Point Army Combat Weapons Team 2-gun Match. This was an extraordinarily popular event, with local clubs and CWT associates making the trip to compete in cadet designed and lead stages on West Point's premier range complexes. This competition was both a public relations outreach function and a fundraiser for the Team. Based on its success, we will most likely conduct a Home Match again in the fall.

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students in handgun and rifle fundamentals and supervised them while they conducted familiarization fire on the indoor range. This event helped promote civil-military relations and helped our cadets further develop training and personal interaction skills that will be useful to them when they become officers.

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My email address is sean.marquis@westpoint.edu, and I am happy to follow up with any questions you may have about the Combat Weapons Team. The next time you or any of the members of the Class of 1978 are at USMA, I would love to show you our facilities and introduce you to our cadets. I am very proud of this team, and I think you would be too.

Sincerely,



SEAN G. MARQUIS

MAJ, IN

Combat Weapons Team OIC











Visitors Center Stewardship Report October 2021 – December 2022

The Visitors Center is the gateway to West Point. Its purpose is to inspire, educate and inform the public about the Academy. Its more than 60 exhibits demonstrate our Cadets' 47-month experience and offer a unique perspective into how the Academy develops leaders of character for our Army and Nation. It is also home to West Point Tours, the Visitor Control Center, Army West Point Gift Shop and is next door to the West Point Museum.

This facility opened on Dec. 4, 2017, and has welcomed 678,998 visitors through Dec. 31, 2022. Despite the enduring global pandemic, the Visitors Center remained open to the public seven days a week.

Old Grads remain the most distinguished groups that we welcome. The Association of Graduates resumed in-person reunions at West Point after a hiatus during the Pandemic. Most Old Grads were seeing the new Visitors Center for the first time. The feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive and appreciative.

After a two-year pause, Admissions' annual Summer Leaders Experience returned as an in-person event in June 2022. The Visitors Center served as the Cadet Candidate sign-in and boarding spot for SLE 2022, which saw 1,000 Cadet Candidates start their week-long exposure to life as a Cadet.

Though the number of foreign visitors dropped to next to nothing during the Pandemic, Americans continued to return. Our foreign visitors began to slowly return, as well, especially during the Summer of 2022.

During this time period the Visitor Control Center returned to its full 16-hour a day, seven-day-a-week schedule. The West Point Museum was open six days a week. The Army Athletics Gift Shop began five-day-a-week operations in July of 2022.

In October 2021, we welcomed Lt. Gen. Kim, Superintendent of the Korean Military Academy. Later that month, we welcomed thousands of Cadet family members during Family Weekend.

In December 2021, a new exhibit, *Distinguished Graduate Award*, was installed, replacing the original *Rising Responsibility* Exhibit. The DGA Exhibit was then updated in May 2022, as it will be annually going forward.

During the winter months, our busy times are Cadet class-related events from late January to mid-February.

Come Spring, as Pandemic restrictions lessened, in-person events began to come back, to include Projects Day, Sandhurst and Graduation Week. The Visitors Center area was home to Welcome Centers outside during each of these high-volume events. Each of these events saw thousands of visitors flock to the facility.

The Summer months saw a typical rise in visitor numbers, including families on vacation, and events such as SLE, R-Day, junior police academy visits, Acceptance Day and Ring Weekend.

Army Athletics added a customized poster rack in the atrium and has been bringing sports posters of the season to distribute to the visitors. The posters turned out to be very popular.

The number of visitors increases sharply in October (22,897 for Oct. 2022) because of football games, Fall foliage, Class reunions and Family Weekend.

The Cadet Candidates from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School visited in early October. During Family Weekend in late October, 4,135 visitors passed through in three days.

We created a Visitors Center brochure in October. It includes information about West Point's social media platforms. It also includes information about Admissions, tours and how to get Army West Point sports tickets. We handed out 2,000 by the end of the year.

For any additional information on this report, please contact Jim Fox at 845-938-8365 or e-mail at Jim.Fox@westpoint.edu.



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