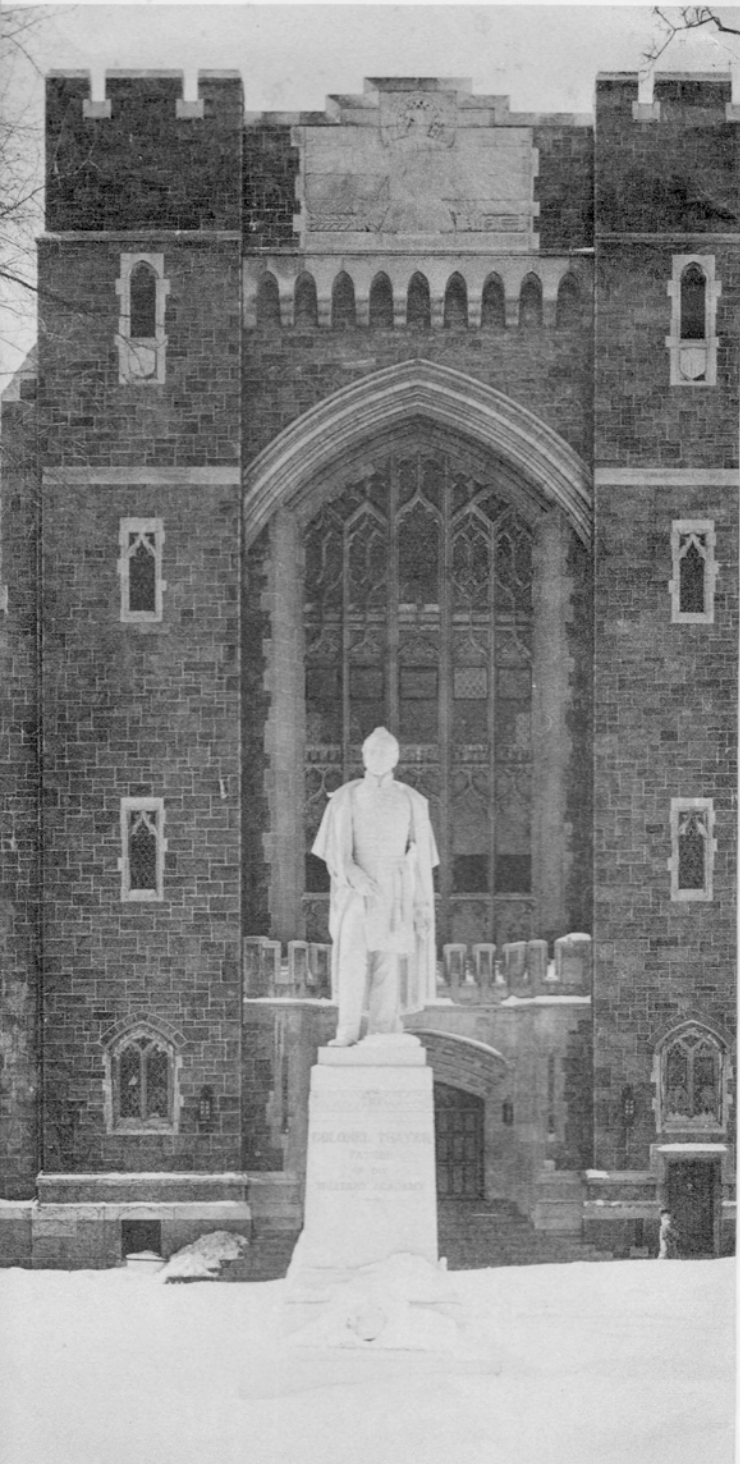


Christmas
with the
Class of 1966



SEASON'S GREETINGS!

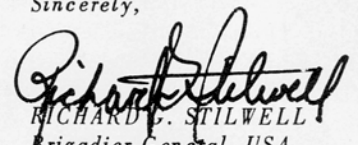
On behalf of the Officers and Ladies of the Department of Tactics, I extend to each of you a most cordial welcome to the United States Military Academy.

Traditionally, the Christmas Season at West Point has been a joyous and memorable occasion for all Fourth Classmen; and our 1962 program has been developed in the same spirit. The basic objectives are to insure fun and relaxation in a festive environment; and to encourage the men of 1966 to extend and deepen friendships that will flourish throughout their cadetship and later in the Service. Moreover, the Fourth Classmen are provided their first leadership opportunities as they run the Corps of Cadets through their own Chain of Command.

As you will note in the following pages, a wide variety of programs have been scheduled. These, we believe, will provide you an overview of the manifold activities and opportunities available to your son at West Point.

I encourage you to spend at least a portion of your Christmas here and thus gain a greater insight into your son's Alma Mater and the noble profession he has chosen.

Sincerely,


RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets

GENERAL INFORMATION

from

THE CADET HOSTESS

for

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CLASS OF 1966, USMA



DATES: The Christmas Holiday will begin at noon on Saturday, 22 December, and end at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, 3 January 1963. Guests are welcome on any or all of these dates.

CLOTHING: For daytime wear, sweaters and skirts or suits and top coats. Comfortable walking shoes are a must and galoshes are advisable. Street dress, hat, and gloves for the reception and chapel. Most young ladies bring one coat which can be worn for both daytime and evening affairs. Bear in mind that West Point can be cold and come prepared. Slacks are not worn at West Point except for skiing or ice skating.

At Formal Hops, cadets and their guests will wear formal attire. Either long or short formal gowns and gloves are worn by the ladies; Tuxedos or dress uniforms by the men. Guests may observe from the balcony in informal dress. Parents and other guests are most welcome to all hops, either as participants or to watch.

At informal hops and tea hops, a dressy afternoon dress or cocktail dress for the ladies and a dark business suit or daytime uniform for the men are appropriate.

MEALS: Meals are served at the Hotel Thayer. Breakfast is from 75¢ to \$1.35; a full course luncheon is from \$1.50 to \$2.25, and dinner in the main dining room from \$2.85 to \$4.50. The Hotel also has a snack bar which serves sandwiches and, during the dinner hour, a cafeteria style meal for \$1.50. The "Weapons Room," Grant Hall, and "The Compound" snack bars will be open to cadets and their guests. In addition, there are many small restaurants in Highland Falls where guests can obtain meals at moderate prices.

TRANSPORTATION: Taxi service is available from Highland Falls or the Hotel Thayer to any place on the Post. The rate is 35¢ per person. Buses run from the Hotel to each of the hops and from the hop back to the Hotel. The rate is 15¢ per person.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. There is a hospital on the Post which may be used for emergency cases.
2. An officer and his wife are present at all evening hops as is the Cadet Hostess.
3. A Cadet Hostess is available in the new Cadet Hostess Office, Building 600, to assist you.

Beatrice E. Holland
BEATRICE E. HOLLAND
Cadet Hostess



Christmas 1962

Saturday, 22 December (Leave starts at 12:00 noon)

Basketball Tournament - Field House 2:00 & 4:00 p.m.
 Plebe Hockey - Smith Rink (Salem State) 2:00 p.m.
 Motion Picture - South Auditorium, Thayer Hall 8:00 p.m.
 Formal Hop - East & Central Gymnasiums 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 23 December

Jewish Services, Old Cadet Chapel 7:30 a.m.
 Mass - Catholic Chapel 11:00 a.m.
 Worship & Sermon - Cadet Chapel 11:00 a.m.
 Dept of Tactics Open House, Cadets &
 Guests 2:00 - 5:30 p.m.
 Exhibits open for inspection - Army Theater
 Superintendent's Reception, 1st Regt, Cadets
 Guests - East Gymnasium 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Motion Picture - South Auditorium,
 Thayer Hall 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Monday, 24 December

Superintendent's Greeting & Orientation,
 Parents & Cadets - North Auditorium,
 Thayer Hall 10:30 a.m.
 Welcome by Commandant; Movie, "Making of a
 West Pointer" - North Auditorium, Thayer Hall 11:00 a.m.
 Superintendent's Reception, 2d Regt, Cadets &
 Guests - East Gymnasium 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Organ Recital, Mr. John Davis - Cadet
 Chapel 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
 Fourth Class Choral Service - Cadet Chapel 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
 Reading of Dickens' "Christmas Carol"
 by Dr. Speers - Quarters 60 8:00 p.m.
 Motion Picture - South Auditorium,
 Thayer Hall 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Christmas Carols on organ, Mr John Davis -
 Cadet Chapel 11:15 p.m.
 Christmas Eve Holy Communion - Cadet Chapel 11:45 p.m.
 Midnight Mass (High Mass) - Catholic Chapel 11:50 p.m.

Tuesday, 25 December

Mass (High Mass at 10:30) - Catholic
 Chapel 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 Christmas Service with Holy Communion
 (voluntary) - Cadet Chapel 11:00 a.m.
 Christmas Dinner, Cadets & Guests
 Washington Hall 1:00 p.m.
 Open House, Cadets & Guests - Cadet
 Barracks 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
 Motion Picture - Army Theater 3:00 p.m.
 Concert, Fourth Class Glee Club -
 Army Theater 8:00 p.m.
 Christmas Party (Informal Hop Follows)
 East & Central Gymnasium 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 26 December

Tour of Cadet Store (1st & 2nd Floors only) 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Guided Tour of Cadet Dining Hall 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Open House for Cadets & Guests:
 Dept of Mathematics - 4th Floor entrance,
 Thayer Hall 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Dept of Earth, Space & Graphic Sciences -
 5th Floor, Washington Hall 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
 Hostess Office - Building 600 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 26 December - Continued

Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Formal Hop - East & Central Gymnasiums 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, 27 December

Open House for Cadets & Guests - Thayer Hall
 Dept of English - Rooms 169 & 174 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Dept of Mathematics Exhibit open -
 4th Floor, North Entrance 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Dept of Ordnance - Room 404 (Ballistics
 Lab); Room 341A (Computer Lab); and
 Bldg 639, Rocket Motor Firing on the
 hour 9:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Library - 1st Floor, Rooms 142 & 144 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
 Tea Hop - East Gymnasium 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
 Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Ice Carnival - Smith Rink 8:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Friday, 28 December

Dept of Foreign Languages Open House,
 Cadets & Guests - Rooms 319 & 321,
 Thayer Hall 10:00 - 12:00 a.m.
 Plebe Hockey - Smith Rink (St. Sebastian) 1:00 p.m.
 Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Songfest, organ music, informal r Weapons
 Room 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
 Informal Hop - East & Central Gymnasiums 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, 29 December

Plebe Hockey - Smith Rink (St. Sebastian) 10:00 a.m.
 Motion Picture (includes second showing of
 "Making of a West Pointer") - Army
 Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Informal Hop - East & Central Gymnasiums 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 30 December

Jewish Services, Old Cadet Chapel 7:30 a.m.
 Mass - Catholic Chapel 8:00, 9:15 & 11:45 a.m.
 Holy Communion (voluntary) - Cadet Chapel 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship & Sermon - Cadet Chapel 11:00 a.m.
 Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Tea Hop - East Gymnasium 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Monday, 31 December

Motion Picture - Army Theater 8:00 p.m.
 New Year's Eve Formal Hop - East
 & Central Gymnasium 10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1 January

Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.
 Informal Dancing - Weapons Room Until Midnight

Wednesday, 2 January

Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3 January (Christmas Leave ends 5:30 p.m.)

Motion Picture - Army Theater 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Smith Rink Schedule for 1962 Christmas Holidays is published separately by Headquarters, USMA.

POINTS OF INTEREST

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THE WEST POINT RESERVATION

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GYMNASIUM was built with additions over a period of fifty years, commencing in 1910. It contains a complex of athletic activities and includes the offices of the Army Athletic Association. The West Point athletic program is the most extensive of any college athletic program in the country.

THAYER HALL is the most recent academic complex. It is a four-story structure built within the walls of the Old Riding Hall. It contains classrooms, auditoriums, and most academic departments, in addition to the new West Point Museum. It has been occupied since 1958.

CULLUM HALL is a memorial to the officers and graduates of the Military Academy. The building was named after Major General George W. Cullum, USMA 1933, Superintendent, 1864 - 1866, who gave it to house trophies of war and "statues, busts, mural tablets, and portraits of distinguished deceased officers and graduates of the US Military Academy." It is now used for social functions by officers and cadets.

BATTLE MONUMENT, dedicated 31 May 1897, was erected in memory of the men and officers of the Regular Army killed in the Civil War. The names of 2,230 of these men have been inscribed on the various ornaments on the memorial, with a statue representing "Fame" at the top of the column.

THAYER MONUMENT is dedicated to Sylvanus Thayer, called the Father of the Military Academy, who served as Superintendent from 1817 to 1833. Sylvanus Thayer, a soldier and educator, more than anybody else, contributed toward establishing the West Point curriculum and teaching method.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING was erected in 1909 and serves as the Headquarters and office building for much of the Academy's activities. In addition to the Superintendent's Office, it contains the offices of the Dean, the Academic Board, the Registrar and Admissions Division, as well as the USMA Archives.

TROPHY POINT is a historic site which offers a unique view of the Hudson River and Newburgh Bay. Trophies are on display here from the nation's first war of independence to World War I. The links on view are part of the great chain stretched across the Hudson from 1778 to 1783 to prevent the British Naval Forces from capturing the Hudson River and dividing the American Colonies, thus weakening them to the point where defeat would be inevitable.

WASHINGTON HALL contains the Cadet Dining Hall, in which 2500 cadets are fed three times daily. The Hall is lined with State Flags, stained glass windows, and a huge mural depicting the world's great battles and generals. The portraits on the walls represent each of the Superintendents of the United States Military Academy. The Department of Earth, Space and Graphic Sciences is located on the top floor.

OLD CADET CHAPEL was erected in 1837 and originally stood adjacent to the USMA Library. It was moved to its present site in the Post Cemetery in 1911. It is now used as a mortuary chapel and for Jewish Devotional Services.

CATHOLIC CHAPEL, known as the Church of the Most Holy Trinity, was constructed in 1900 and expanded during 1958. Before 1872 Catholics attended services in the village of Cold Spring across the river, and after that date until the construction of the Catholic Chapel were served by the priests stationed at the Sacred Heart Church in Highland Falls.

CADET CHAPEL towers 300 feet above the Cadet Barracks and seats 1500 people. When the present organ was installed it was reputed to be the largest in the Western Hemisphere. Stained glass windows, which are gifts by several classes, and historic flags form an intricate part of the formal decoration.

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S QUARTERS is the oldest building on the Post still in active use. It was constructed in 1820 and was originally used as Post Headquarters as well as the Superintendent's home. It has been considerably altered through the years by the addition of a guest wing and the wide verandah with its wrought iron embellishments.

ICE CARNIVAL



Traditionally, the Ice Carnival is one of the highlights of Christmas at West Point. For the past twenty-one years, outstanding members of the New York Skating Club have performed at Smith Rink, one of the largest indoor ice skating rinks in the country. A gala evening is in store for all in attendance. Comedy is provided by members of the Fourth Class with their hilarious Southern Sweepstakes, Broom Hockey, Musical Chairs, and Obstacle Race.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

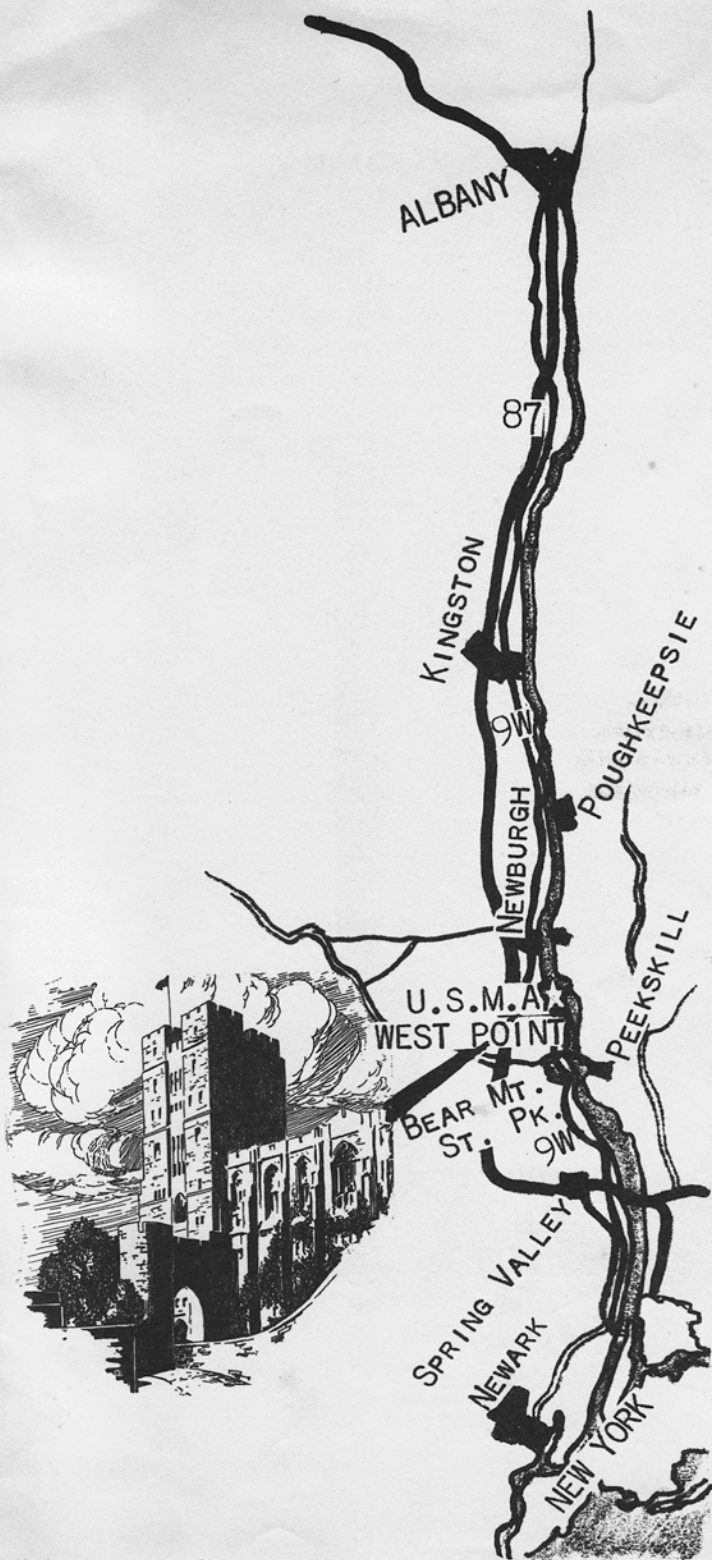


Each year parents of the Fourth Class and their guests enjoy an old fashioned Christmas Dinner in the Cadet Dining Hall. Over the years its popularity has grown so that Washington Hall is filled to capacity each year. The menu consists of the traditional turkey with all the trimmings. Christmas music is played, and all enjoy a wonderful dinner amid the color and splendor of Washington Hall.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



A Christmas party is held each year for the Fourth Class, their parents and guests in the East Gymnasium on Christmas night. A gala atmosphere prevails with refreshments and music provided for informal dancing. The cadets provide their own entertainment from among the class members.





Christmas
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DECEMBER
25, 1962



WASHINGTON HALL
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK



Seasons Greetings

THIS CHRISTMAS DAY is an occasion of joy, happiness, and thanksgiving for the blessings which God's gift to man foretold. As we acknowledge our gratefulness for the blessings which have been given to us in abundance we should reflect upon the special gift which each one of us who is associated with West Point has inherited. At this particular juncture in your training, it is most appropriate that you be given an opportunity to evaluate the true significance of this gift and identify the obligations which you must assume by virtue of being a West Pointer. Your Christmas at West Point provides a unique opportunity to gain an appreciation for a gift which you will treasure throughout your life.

We welcome the many parents and friends of the Class of 1966 who have joined us on this occasion. I sincerely hope that your Christmas at West Point is a pleasant and memorable event.

Mrs. Westmoreland joins with me in wishing each one of you a very Merry Christmas.

W. C. WESTMORELAND
Major General, USA
Superintendent

AT THIS MOMENT OF PAUSE in a world heavy with tension, I salute each of you of the Class of 1966, for you have chosen a career dedicated to the preservation of peace in the world and good will to all mankind. You have run a hard race and well deserve the rest and diversion of "Plebe Christmas." From Mrs. Bessell and myself, the warmest of greetings for the Holiday Season to each of you and to your families and guests.

WM. W. BESSELL, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Dean of the Academic Board

THE OFFICERS AND LADIES of the Department of Tactics join me in warm greetings to the men of 1966, their parents and guests on this Day of Days. May only things good be your continuing share.

RICHARD G. STILWELL
Brigadier General, USA
Commandant of Cadets



MENU



FRESH LOBSTER AND SHRIMP COCKTAIL

RELISH

CRISP CELERY HEARTS

MIXED OLIVES

PICKLED MELON RINDS

ROAST YOUNG TOM TURKEY

CHESTNUT DRESSING

GIBLET GRAVY

FRESH CRANBERRY SAUCE

MASHED POTATOES

FRENCH CUT STRING BEANS

CANDIED SWEET POTATOES WITH MARSHMALLOWS

ASSORTED DINNER ROLLS

BUTTER

HOMEMADE FRUIT CAKE

INDIVIDUAL YULETIDE ICE CREAM

COFFEE

LIGHT CREAM

SWEET CIDER

ASSORTED CHRISTMAS CANDIES

ASSORTED FRESH FRUIT

MIXED SALTED NUTS

CIGARETTES

WASHINGTON HALL FACTS

CONSTRUCTED: 1929

CENTER WING COMPLETED: 1948

SEATING CAPACITY: 2,700

PORTRAITS ON WALLS: Former U.S.M.A. Superintendents

FLAGS: 50 States, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico

STATUES: Scholarship, Loyalty, Physical Vigor, Leadership

CEILING DATES: 1778 - Troops first stationed at West Point

1802 - U.S. Military Academy founded

MURAL: History of weapons of war and 20 most decisive battles; completed in 1936 by T. Loftin Johnson

STAINED GLASS: Highlights in career of George Washington. Installed in 1937; designed by George Pearse Ennis.

The Cadet Dining Hall employs 330 civilians and has its own bakery, butcher shop and ice cream manufacturing plant. Menus are planned two months in advance, and food is purchased on a budget of \$1¼ million annually. (The Treasurer, U.S.M.A., receives \$1.35 per cadet per day ration allowance.)

Beverage pantries contain two fully automatic, 100-gallon coffee urns. Each morning 200 gallons of coffee are brewed, using 60 pounds of fresh coffee; at supper 160 gallons are required, using 48 pounds. Twelve automatic toasters make 6,000 slices of toast each morning in less than one hour.

The kitchen has ten 100-gallon steam jacketed kettles, four trunion kettles, eight pressure cookers, ten fry top ranges, ten even heat top ranges, sixteen deep fat fryers and thirty ovens. Approximately 2,000 pounds of carcass beef are required for a roast beef dinner, and 1,600 pounds of potatoes are French fried for one meal.

The bakery produces a total of 110 items such as bread, hard and soft rolls, sweet rolls, coffee cakes, muffins, layer cakes, sheet cakes and cup cakes, assorted pies, tarts and cobblers.

The meat plant handles as much as 100,000 pounds of meat and seafood in a month; all beef is U.S. Choice.

The cadets eat ice cream or sherbet five to eight times per week, and they drink almost three million glasses of milk annually.