WEST POINT CADETS TO MARCH IN INAUGURAL PARADE – Jan. 14, 2013

WEST POINT, N.Y. – Cadets from the U.S. Military Academy will march in the 57th Inaugural Parade in Washington, D.C., in honor of President Barack Obama. The parade will begin at 2:30 p.m.

First Captain Brandon Whittington of El Paso, Texas, will march with the Army staff. Deputy Brigade Commander Cadet Ross Boston of Chipley, Fla., will lead the Corps of Cadets contingent of 90 cadets. The cadets will be the first unit marching under arms. The parade route runs from the intersection of Pennsylvania and Constitution avenues and will then continue to the White House. The cadets marching in the parade were chosen by a team of evaluators based on their marching prowess and military bearing.

This is the 25th time that the Corps of Cadets has participated in the Inaugural Parade. Cadets have been taking part since March 2, 1873, the second inauguration for President Ulysses S. Grant, a West Point graduate class of 1843.

Among those marching in the March 4, 1913, parade for President Wilson was then Cadet Dwight D. Eisenhower; and, in the 1953 and 1957 parades, it was Eisenhower the cadets honored.

The dates of those inaugurations are as follows:

March 4, 1873 - Grant Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1961 - Kennedy Inauguration
March 4, 1901 - McKinley Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1965 - Johnson Inauguration
March 5, 1905 - T. Roosevelt Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1969 - Nixon Inauguration
March 4, 1913 - Wilson Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1977 - Carter Inauguration
March 5, 1917 - Wilson Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1981 - Reagan Inauguration
March 4, 1921 - Harding Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1989 - George Bush Inauguration
Jan. 20, 1941 - F.D. Roosevelt Inauguration  Jan. 20, 1997 - Clinton Inauguration
Jan. 21, 2013 - Barack Obama Inauguration

The cadets wear long gray overcoats and service caps for the Inaugural Parade. The wearing of gray uniforms is a West Point tradition that dates to the early 1800s.
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It is said the uniforms honor the victorious American soldiers who wore gray at the Battle of Chippewa in the War of 1812. The distinctive uniform is recognized throughout the world and has earned the Corps of Cadets the famous title “The Long Gray Line.” Cadets marching in this year’s parade:

Cort Thompson, Templeton, Calif.  
Isaac Nikssarian, Marina, Calif.  
Carolina Espejo-Saenz, Stamford, Conn.  
Matthew Berman, Westborough, Conn.  
Conor Kane, New Britain, Conn.  
Brandon Moore, Torrington, Conn.  
Harrison Morgan, Glastonbury, Conn.  
Caitlin Neiswanger, South Windsor, Conn.  
William Moore, District of Columbia  
John Marotti, Labelle, Fla.  
Jeffery Knutson, Ocala, Fla.  
Blake Sufferling, Boca Raton, Fla.  
Nathaniel Gooden, Royal Palm Beach, Fla.  
Bernard Witschen, Brandon, Fla.  
Ross Boston, Chipley, Fla.  
Evelyn Payne, Evans, Ga.  
Shawn Sororian, Savannah, Ga.  
Justen Anka, Lahaina, Hawaii  
Adam Leemans, Port Byron, Ill.  
Jonathan Bangert, Dunlap, Ill.  
Nicholas Ives, Wheaton, Ill.  
Malik Mccray, Country Club Hills, Ill.  
Brett Krueger, Lockport, Ill.  
Mitchell McKnight, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.  
Donald Washington, Lafayette, La.  
Carl Johnson, Barksdale AFB, La.  
Sean Connors, Belmont, Mass.  
Thomas Evans, Laurel, Md.  
Leo Mahony, Rockville, Md.  
Darien Vaughan, Madison, N.H.  
Alex Moores, Gaithersburg, Md.  
Christopher Boldt, St Louis, Mo.  
Elaine Gill, Wildwood, Mo.  
Joseph Koning, Great Falls, Mont.  
Michael Burns, Strafford, N.H.  
Jackson Callaghan, Concord, N.H.  
Victor Porsenna, Roselle, N.J.  
Ronald Apsotle, Hackensack, N.J.  
Richard Spellerberg, Clark, N.J.  
Kenneth Edwards, Flemington, N.J.  
Brenna Heisterman, Clifton, N.J.  
Sean Kealey, Wilmington, Del.  
Brian O’Connor, Flemington, N.J.  
Brian Berger, Randolph, N.J.  
Mohamed Mouhktar, Jersey City, N.J.  
Cody Kester, Upper Saddle River, N.J.  
Orlando Sonza, Union, N.J.  
Irojemi Ojo, West Point, N.Y.  
Aaron Kilner, West Point, N.Y.  
Rosemary Betros, West Point, N.Y.  
Thomas Boule, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Kevin Hayes, East Northport, N.Y.  
James Corino, West Hempstead, N.Y.  
Thomas McGuinnes, Glenville, N.Y.  
David Oliver, Casenovia, N.Y.  
Kristian Hill, Ardsley, N.Y.  
David Wroblicky, Yorkville, N.Y.  
Edward Mullin, Commack, N.Y.  
Kevin Lee, Flushing, N.Y.  
Francis Palieri, Wantagh, N.Y.  
Jordan Smith, Accord, N.Y.  
Ryan Longmuir, Cincinnati, Ohio  
Patrick Yehlik, Johnstown, Ohio  
Robert Gillis, Enid, Okla.  
Alessandra Coote, Media Pa.  
Zachary Hoffman, Elizabethville, Pa.  
Thomas Ott II, Coopersburg, Pa.  
Brandon Morrone, Houtzdale, Pa.  
Daniel Godlasky, Chambersburg, Pa.  
Anthony Carachilo, Carbondale, Pa.  
Bruce Merril, Cumberland, R.I.  
Christopher Mittuch, Tullahoma, Tenn.  
Whitney Davis, Clarksville, Tenn.  
Sara Roger, El Paso, Texas.  
Brandon Whittington, El Paso, Texas  
Tyler Federwisch, Washahachie, Texas  
Wyatt Frasier, Bountiful, Utah  
Theodore Ivanco, Roanoke, Va.  
Triada Cross, Suffolk, Va.  
Phillip Savoie, Winchester, Va.  
Sean Moore, Yorktown, Va.  
Nicholas Mendenhall, Vaughn, Wash  
Kevan O’Reare, Morgantown, W. Va.  
Caleb Walkup, Buckeye, W.Va.  
Aaron Stout, Casper, Wyo.