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DOD IMPLEMENTED GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN DUE TO LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS – Jan 20, 2018

WEST POINT, N.Y. – The Department of Defense implemented a government shutdown Jan. 19 at midnight. As a result, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, a federal agency, is prepared to execute a contingency plan for a lapse in appropriations in order to continue its mission beginning Jan. 20.

Adjustments will be made to meet this requirement with as little disruption as possible. Cadets will continue to attend classes and participate in scheduled extracurricular activities in accordance with DOD and Headquarters Department of the Army guidance and policy.

Our faculty is comprised of approximately 75 percent military personnel, and the athletic department is largely made up of non-appropriated funded and contracted personnel, who are generally unaffected by the government shutdown.

All operations involving security, health and safety are functional. These include firefighters, security guards, medical personnel, utilities and excepted personnel. Other selected federal civilian employees will be furloughed until the situation is resolved.

At this time, it is still unclear as to how many of the approximately 3,000 appropriated funded employees are affected.

The current situation is very fluid and many details are still unresolved.

The Department of Defense, Department of the Army and the Office of Personnel Management will provide additional guidance as required through the USMA chain of command.

“Our Department of the Army Civilians are incredibly valuable and integral members of the USMA Team,” said Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen Jr., superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy. “Nothing we do around here, at the level we do it, is possible without their expertise, hard work,

leadership and commitment. I recognize that this government shutdown is very stressful for our workforce and families during this uncertain and challenging time. We will do everything within our authority to assist them and address their concerns as needed.”

About West Point

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering and continues today as the world's premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. Its mission remains constant—to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U. S. Army. For more information, go to www.westpoint.edu.