

WARFIGHTER ENDOWMENT



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At The United States Military Academy, the mission is clear: to build, educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets to become commissioned leaders of character committed to the Army Values and ready for a lifetime of service to the Army and the Nation. This charge extends beyond academics, requiring intentionally mastering both the principles and practice of warfighting.

Warfighting remains at the heart of the mission. The commitment to preparing future Army officers is unwavering, grounded in the belief that victory in a complex and evolving environment demands leaders of character, competence, and resolve. Through rigorous training and immersive experiences, cadets are challenged to think critically, act decisively, and lead with confidence under pressure.

By instilling the foundational competencies required to prevail in modern combat, through advanced simulations, demanding field exercises, and realistic training scenarios that mirror real-world conditions, cadets develop tactical proficiency along with essential military, professional, and leadership skills. Investment in warfighting excellence ensures that graduates are fully prepared to lead America's soldiers and succeed in the most challenging operational environments.

TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY

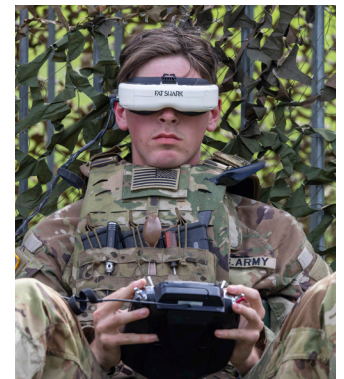
The Warfighter Endowment funds initiatives that strategically provide cadets access to modern technology that is being developed for our Warfighters at the pace of innovation. With a focus on functional experiences with trained leaders on tools and systems they will see after graduating. As young leaders, they will be more agile in understanding, adapting to, and adopting modern warfighting tools.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

The purchase of NDAA-compliant drones along with virtual drone training tools and supporting equipment would form a dedicated UAS laboratory where cadets can experiment with and train on unmanned systems. In this environment, cadets can develop and apply their skills to enhance military training and graduate prepared to lead the Army's integration of emerging unmanned technologies at the tactical level.

Virtual/Augmented Reality Training Systems

High-fidelity virtual and augmented reality systems would enable the creation of a realistic virtual enemy within training environments, replicating authentic weapons engagements. Supporting this capability would allow cadets to train simultaneously across all Combat Arms while integrating developmental multi-domain tools such as drones and cross-domain fires.



FUTURE CAPABILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Battlespace Combined Arms Training

Advanced peripheral systems, combined with the scanning and import of high-resolution, USMA-specific terrain, enhance Cadet Military Science instruction and deepen understanding of large-scale ground combat. These peripherals elevate the training experience across vehicle and platform-specific simulators, increasing realism and immersion. High-resolution terrain data enables virtual reconnaissance and rehearsals while strengthening land navigation, tactical terrain walks, situational training exercises, and battle drills. Together, these capabilities allow cadets to train collectively on any U.S. Army weapon system, on any terrain, anywhere in the world.

Unit4 Rifles

Unit4 rifles replicate the look and feel of issued weapons while not being classified as sensitive items, eliminating the requirement for storage in an arms room or ammunition support at an ASP. They provide recoil and target feedback far superior to blanks and MILES, significantly enhancing realism during training. These advantages will substantially increase both the quality and quantity of training conducted with cadets.

CADET EXPERIENCES

The Warfighter Endowment enhances the traditional 47-month experience through the Margin of Excellence by providing cadets challenging and distinctive military opportunities beyond the standard curriculum. Cadets travel to priority geographic commands, integrate into operational staffs, and gain first-hand insight into how leaders oversee and manage their operational environments.

Military Individual Advanced Development (MIAD)

MIADs offer cadets unique opportunities for personal and professional development through military-focused internships, both in the U.S. and abroad. These experiences connect academic learning with real-world application, foster engagement with military and government organizations, and enhance understanding of joint and multinational operations.

Sandhurst

The annual two-day event showcases the military skills of the Academy, Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC), and international teams. More than a competition, it brings 48 teams from around the United States and the international community to West Point for a week to learn more about our comrades in arms. It provides unique academic seminars, training, and spirited competition that not only builds the warrior spirit but enhances relationships.

Bataan Memorial Death March

Cadets travel to White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico to compete in an elite, grueling endurance event that honors the tragic 65-mile World War II march. This challenging event brings together not only the Army community but also the broader West Point community, as both cadets and Old Grads pay tribute to the thousands of service members who defended the Bataan Peninsula and those who endured the original Death March.

Nijmegen Foot March

This four day, 100 mile road march across the Netherlands immerses cadets in a physically demanding multinational event while traversing key



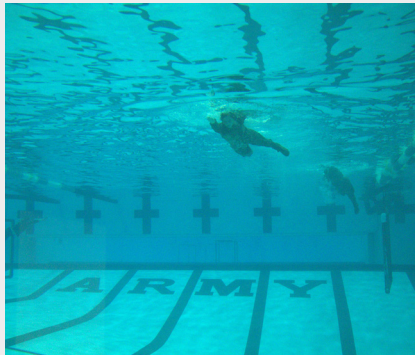
WWII sites, including the historic Waal River crossing. The experience challenges cadets to demonstrate resilience, teamwork, and discipline during extended movement. Engagement with Dutch participants and the local population further strengthens cultural awareness and reinforces mission command and officership.

D-Day Leadership MIAD in Normandy

Cadets observe D Day commemorations and study the leaders, decisions, and conditions that shaped the Allied invasion of Normandy. Through engagements with U.S. and Allied airborne leaders, veterans, and local Normans, cadets deepen their understanding of coalition operations, culture, and the human dimension of war. The experience strengthens strategic perspective, historical awareness, and officership in alignment with the West Point Leader Development System.

BRANCH EDUCATION

One of the most important decisions a West Point cadet makes is selecting the branch in which they will serve as a second lieutenant. Through a deliberate branch education program, cadets receive the information and mentorship needed to make well-informed choices about their future service. Support from the Warfighter Endowment enhances this process by funding key events such as a reception during branch week, where cadets can connect with branch representatives and alumni, and a branch ball, which introduces first-class cadets to the traditions and customs of their chosen branches through formal, time-honored celebrations.





FUNDING & RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

Commandant’s Warfighter Endowment	\$16 million
Military Individual Advanced Development (MIAD) Endowment	.\$6 million
Military Competition Training Endowment	.\$750,000/\$30,000 annual
Sandhurst Competition (<i>reserved</i>)	\$2 million endowment/\$80,000 annual
Sandhurst Launch	\$750,000 endowment/\$30,000 annual
Sandhurst Crucible	\$750,000 endowment/\$30,000 annual
Sandhurst Banquet	\$675,000endowment/\$27,000 annual
Nijmegen Foot March Endowment	\$1 million/\$40,000 annual
Bataan Death March Endowment	\$500,000/\$20,000 annual
Branch Week	
Branch Education Guest Speaker Series	\$325,000 endowment/\$13,000 annual
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