

Time Period	USMA Mission	Essential Task Change	Purpose Change	Source
1925-40	"To provide a four year course of instruction and training for the Corps of Cadets which will prepare its graduates for commission in the Regular Army.			Army Regulation 350-5, 1 August 1925 "Military Education"
1940-65	"To instruct and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate will have the qualities and attributes essential to his progressive and continued development throughout a lifetime career as an officer of the Regular Army.	X	X	War Department Circular No. 109,3 Oct 1940 Regs, USMA, 26 Dec 1947AR 350-5, 19523 Oct 1940
1965-76	Same as above except that the word "lifetime" was deleted.		X	Army Regulation 350-5, 21 Nov 1963 Change 1 to Regs, USMA of 26 Jul 1965.
1977	"To educate, train, and motivate the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the character, leadership, and other attributes essential to progressive and continuing development throughout a career of exemplary service to the Nation as an officer of the Regular Army."	X	X	MG Sidney Berry, USMA Superintendent, and an ad hoc committee under COL Lough (D/Law) prepared;Academic Board modified and approved;ultimately approved by DA and appeared in Regs, USMA of 19 Sep 1977.
1978-1987	"To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the character, leadership, intellectual foundation, and other attributes essential to progressive and continuing development throughout a career of exemplary service to the Nation as an officer of the Regular Army."	X		During the review of the Final Report of the West Point Study Group, the Superintendent and Chief of Staff of the Army agreed that the mission of USMA should be stated as in the report, except that the word "through" should remain "throughout" as in the previous version. Regs, USMA 5 Jan 1979.
1987-1992	"To educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth as an officer of the Regular Army, and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the Nation."	X		Mission Statement signed by GEN John Wickham, Jr., CSA, and LTG Dave R. Palmer, USMA Superintendent on 27 May 1987.
1992-1998	"To educate and train the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate shall have the attributes essential to professional growth throughout a career as an officer of the Regular Army and to inspire each to a lifetime of service to the Nation."		X	CSA approved, in a 25 Nov 1992 Memo, a request by LTG Graves, Superintendent, to revise mission statement. It restored reference to a career in the Army by adding "throughout a career."
1998-2005	"To educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values: Duty, Honor, Country, professional growth throughout a career as an officer in the United States Army; and a lifetime of selfless service to the Nation."	X	X	Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army(M&RA) Spiegel approved, on 29 April 1998, a request by LTG Christman, Superintendent, for a new mission statement. This revision added the phrase "commissioned leader of character" as well as the Academy's motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." It also omitted "Regular" from Army in accordance with Congressional action ending the issuing of Regular Army Commissions to USMA graduates and characterized the service to the nation as "selfless."
2005-Present	"To educate, train and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values: Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army."		X	The Army Chief of Staff's approval of a mission statement requested by LTG Lennox, Superintendent, was noted in an e-mail message of 30 May 2005. There vision added "prepared for" since the Academy's focus is on the preparation of officers. It replaced "professional growth" with "professional excellence" and replaced "lifetime of selfless service to the Nation" with "service to the Nation as an officer in the United States Army" to focus on the Academy's essential task.