

# 2014 Current Fiscal Year Report: United States Military Academy Board of Visitors

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Defense	2014
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
United States Military Academy Board of Visitors	75

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	11/16/2012	11/16/2014	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	No	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Secretary of War James Monroe determination; 10 U.S.C. 4355	02/28/1815	Continuing	Yes

**15. Description of Committee** Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

<b>16b. Report Date</b>	<b>Report Title</b>
01/01/2014	Annual Report

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

<b>17a. Open</b>	<b>17b. Closed</b>	<b>17c. Partially Closed</b>	<b>Other Activities</b>	<b>17d. Total</b>
2	0	0	0	2

## Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
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Organization meeting to elect Chair and Vice Chair, review Annual Report, provide updates to members from the Superintendent. 03/31/2014 - 03/31/2014

Summer Meeting - Observe Cadet Summer Training, meeting included review and approval of the Organizational meeting minutes and updates from the Superintendent and USMA Staff to the Board Members. 07/21/2014 - 07/21/2014

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2**

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$21,000.00	\$22,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$5,161.00	\$10,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$8,000.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00

**18e. Total Costs**                      \$33,661.00 \$51,000.00

**19. Federal Staff Support**  
**Years (FTE)**                              0.15              0.15

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Board of Visitors (BoV) is to serve in an advisory capacity to the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point. Upon request and aligned with a standard schedule (synched with the academic year) the BoV is updated such areas as: cadet quality of life issues; infrastructure revitalization, academic programs, military and physical programs, energy program, intercollegiate athletics, admissions, and the West Point Leader Development System. The BoV is informed and updated on all activities at USMA.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

IAW 10USC Sec4355 the BoV is comprised of 9 members of the Congress (4 senators, 5 representatives) and 6 presidential appointees totaling 15 members. USMA currently has 14 members (currently there is one Senate vacancy) - 57% congressional/senatorial and 43% presidential. Board membership is not subject to Academy appointment but is determined by the Senate, House and by Presidential appointment. The Board shows ethnic and gender diversity. Presidential members have backgrounds in consulting, military, private sector business, State Senate, law and public service areas.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The BoV holds meetings three times a year. During even years, one meeting is held in Washington, D.C. and two at West Point, New

York. During odd years, two meetings are held in Washington, DC and one at West Point, NY. The meetings are purely for information-sharing. In FY 2014, there were two meetings held, both at West Point. The first meeting scheduled for FY 2014, in October 2013, was canceled due to the government shutdown.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The need for oversight is useful but not essential by a BoV. Today the United States Military Academy has solid oversight from a commanding general (LTG, commanding general of an Army Direct Reporting Unit to Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, Army), Department of Army, an Executive Steering Group (made up of SecArmy, CSA, VCSA, ASA M&RA, DAS, Army G1, DMPM, and Army War College Commandant), Middle States Commission on Higher Education, Department of Defense, and key stakeholders in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

The USMA BoV meetings are open to the media and public.

**21. Remarks**

The Annual Report of the Board of Visitors to the USMA to Congress and the Secretary of War, dated June 15, 1819, was posted to the FACA database in FY 2014. Secretary of War James Monroe determined on February 28, 1815 that there would be a Board of Visitors for the U.S. Military Academy; the first Board of Visitors' meeting was December 1815 (Office of the Historian, U.S. Military Academy). Department of Defense (DoD) policy between fiscal year 2007

and 2011 required that subcommittee members be listed separately in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database, even if they were duly appointed members of the parent committee. This policy, in some instances, caused a duplication of entries. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, DoD will only list in the subcommittee section of GSA's Database those who are appointed to just a subcommittee. If an individual is appointed to the parent committee and to one of the committee's authorized subcommittees then his or her subcommittee affiliation will be reflected in the parent committee membership section of GSA's Database.

### Designated Federal Officer

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USMA Board of Visitors

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Archuleta, Jr., Bob	01/03/2013	12/31/2015	VP Business Ops, Realty World	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Burr, Richard	06/23/2009	06/23/2014	US Senator - North Carolina	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Conaway, Mike	03/12/2012	12/31/2014	Congressman	Government Employee (RGE) Member Special
Fulton, Brenda	07/18/2011	07/31/2014	USMA Graduate-1980	Government Employee (SGE) Member Regular
Gillibrand, Kirsten	01/01/2014	12/31/2014	Senator	Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular
Israel, Steve	03/23/2013	12/31/2014	Representative in Congress	Government Employee (RGE) Member

Landrieu, Mary	05/01/2001	12/31/2014	U.S. Senator	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Special Government
McNally, Elizabeth	11/18/2013	12/31/2016	USMA Graduate/Management Consultant-McKinsey&Co	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Morrison, John	01/03/2013	12/31/2015	CEO-Stewart-Morrison Redimix	Employee (SGE) Member Special Government
Murphy, Patrick	10/14/2013	12/31/2015	Attorney	Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government
Sanchez, Loretta	01/03/2013	12/31/2014	Representative in Congress	Employee (RGE) Member Special Government
Schwartz, Errol	08/11/2011	12/30/2013	Commanding General of Joint Force Headquarters, District of Columbia National Guard	Employee (SGE) Member Regular Government
Shimkus, John	10/15/2009	10/14/2015	US Representative	Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government
Womack, Steve	02/01/2012	01/31/2015	US Representative	Employee (RGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 14**

### **Narrative Description**

The USMA Board of Visitors provides oversight on all mission related tasks of the United States Military Academy. Their primary focus is on quality of the Academic, Physical, and Military Programs, and fiscal affairs at West Point, which enables the highest quality graduate and commissioned officer leader of character in our Army.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

78

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

In the past several years the Board has focused on 10 or less major recommendations, and has listed these recommendations in the Board's Annual report to the President of the United States. USMA responds to these recommendations at each meeting and annually in the report. The Board then evaluates USMA's response to all recommendations. During FY2014, the Board made 4 recommendations to USMA.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

69%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

In some instances, information requested by the Board was not provided during the calendar year.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

15%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Information requested by the Board and not provided during the calendar year was provided at a later date in order to ensure accuracy of reporting.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

USMA feedback is part of the Annual Report to the President. Additionally, the Board receives updates from Academy leadership at each meeting and in information papers upon request at other times throughout the year.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments

Other

### Action Comments

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

### Grant Review Comments

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site

Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications

Other

### Access Comments

The USMA BoV Annual reports are sent to the Library of Congress after Presidential Review. There is a USMA BoV website which provides information regarding the Board's membership, rules & regulations and announces upcoming meetings.