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First Female Brigadier General Keeps Her Promise

Thirty years ago, Rebecca Halstead became one of the first women to graduate from West Point. August 8th she will be returning to support the upcoming men and women of the class of 2015. This year's class has the honor of having retired Brigadier General Halstead, the first woman to have ever achieved such a position in the US Army, accompany them on their 12 mile hike, in full gear, from Lake Frederick to West Point. This completes their transformation from civilian to cadet. It is an esprit de corps event where a limited number of "old grads" support the Corps of Cadets. It is an extra special time for "Becky", as she watches one of her dear friend's, a former classmate, child make this transformation. "These kids are our legacy. I'm specifically supporting one of my long time friends and classmate's son who is in the class of 2015, and promised him I would be there for him every step of the way...especially after the devastating loss of his father last year...who would be so proud of him. "I believe I would have taken this journey regardless of whether I knew someone in the class. I truly believe these kids are our future, and they need to be encouraged and supported."

After her trek back from Lake Frederick, the General will be whisked away to lecture the coaches of Columbia University on Leadership. "Coaching is another form of leadership. We are all trying to instill the same values: hope, teamwork, honor, discipline and it is my pleasure to work with these folks."

Later in the week, she will return to the Hudson Valley, acting as a member of the board of directors for the West Point Association of Graduates, will attend the West Point Leadership Conference and the Acceptance Day Parade on Saturday, August 13, for the Class of 2015.

Since retiring, General Rebecca Halstead has become one of the most sought after speakers in the Country. She will be back in the Hudson Valley in November for another jam packed week with two very special events.

Because of the outstanding integrity and heart of this passionate leader ret Brigadier General Rebecca Halstead will be bestowed with this significant distinction and honor. After extensive renovations, The Hotel Thayer has developed a program where each new guest room will be dedicated to a distinguished graduate of West Point. Each room's décor will reflect the accomplishments of an individual who has made significant contributions to the nation and the world. On November 2nd, ret Brigadier General Halstead will be the first female to be honored with one of these rooms. She will be in the company of other great leaders such as General David H. Petraeus, General Norman H. Schwarzkopf, and President Dwight Eisenhower.

The following day, the “General” will be the Keynote Speaker of Re-Discover Living, produced by Girls, Gals, and Gurus, an organization that is a global voice for women. This international organization, which the General tours with frequently, delivers innovative, empowering, educational, and inspirational direction for women. The conference will be held at the Grandview, Poughkeepsie.

More information may be obtained regarding the Ret Brigadier General Rebecca Halstead may be found on www.girlsgalsgalsgurus.com.