



# NYCPM

New York College of Podiatric Medicine

## **NYCPM Students and Faculty Join Large-Scale Research Effort at West Point 2016 Boot Fit; Data Now on 3,000 Cadets**

On June 30, a large contingent of NYCPM students from the Classes of 2017, '18, and '19 and faculty from the Departments of Surgery, Medicine and Orthopedics conducted research at the annual West Point 2016 Boot Fit and Foot Structure Study, joining colleagues from West Point, Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine and the Hospital for Special Surgery. They all gathered data on the cadet population to see if abnormalities within any of the parameters set for the study predict injury, and if so, what type, according to Eileen D. Chusid, PhD, Dean and Associate Professor, Pre-Clinical Sciences, who coordinated NYCPM's participation. In one long, intense day, 1,217 cadets' feet were evaluated for their arch height index, foot deformities and their foot posture index. "We now have data on over 3,000 cadets," said Dr. Chusid. "This is the largest data set created on this type of population." Colonel Michael Neary, DPM, Director of Podiatric Services at the hospital at West Point, our co-investigator, will follow the cadets for injuries.



*(Left) Cadet's feet are analyzed at the West Point 2016 Boot Fit.  
(Right) NYCPMers (in yellow T-shirts) measure a cadet's arch height.*

The hard work was followed by a sunset boat ride up the Hudson River, narrated by Maj. Gen. William F. Ward, Jr., A.U.S. (Ret.), chairman of the NYCPM Board of Trustees and a 1950 West Point graduate, who "gave us a wonderful history of West Point," said Susan Rice, DPM, Associate Professor of Surgical Sciences (and the day's photographer).



*(Left) The lovely sunset on the Hudson.*

*(Right) Col. Neary (left) speaks to the Hudson River cruisers. Russell G. Volpe, DPM is on the right.*



*Left to right: Anthony R. Iorio, DPM, MPH, Russell G. Volpe, DPM, and Jose Loo, DPM listen as Board Chairman Maj. Gen. William F. Ward, Jr., A.U.S. (Ret.) recounted the history of West Point for all aboard.*



*Enjoying the boat ride were, left to right: Colonel Michael Neary, DPM, Director of Podiatric Services at the hospital at West Point, Jim Cavanagh (Dr. Rice's husband), Susan Rice, DPM and Maria Pasquale, Novell.*



*Students on the boat ride included, left to right: Austin Brown, Disha Shah, Matt DeAngelo, Paul Hong and Vrunda Dalal, all from the Class of 2018.*