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10 October 2017

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, West Point,  
ATTN: LTC B. Russell Methvin, 3215 Meigs Road, West Point, NY 10996

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, West Point

1. A distinctive unit insignia is authorized effective this date for the U.S. Army Dental Health Activity, West Point. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

### DESCRIPTION

On a shield shaped silver metal and epoxied device 1 1/8" (2.86cm) in height blazoned as follows: Murrey, a pile enarched Argent; overall the emblem of the United States Military Academy, viz; a helmet of Pallas over a Greek sword of the last. Behind the shield, a silver caduceus. Attached below the shield, a bi-parted Maroon scroll inscribed with "**SERVICE TO THE CORPS**" in Silver.

### SYMBOLISM

The emblem consists of the helmet of Pallas Athene, which has for centuries been the symbol of wisdom and learning, over a Greek sword, the symbol of the military profession. The two together typify the military and educational functions of the Academy. The enarched pile suggests a valley shape, alluding to the Hudson Valley where the school is located. The colors maroon and white are indicative of the Medical Corps. The caduceus is also symbolic of the medical profession. Silver metal denotes precision and sterility.

2. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command Permanent Order 235-005, dated 22 August 2016. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history files.

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6X SIZE



ACTUAL SIZE

**DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA  
DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY  
WEST POINT, NEW YORK**



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USMA WEST POINT, NEW YORK**

**TYPE II D-6971**

**\*\*This Drawing is 6x-Actual Size\*\***

**FOR COLOR PLACEMENT ONLY  
NOT FOR COLOR MATCH**

ACTUAL SIZE-----1 1/8" ± 1/64" High (2.86 cm ± 0.04 cm)

METAL COLOR-----Silver  
PLATING-----Nickel  
FINISH-----Mirror-like polish

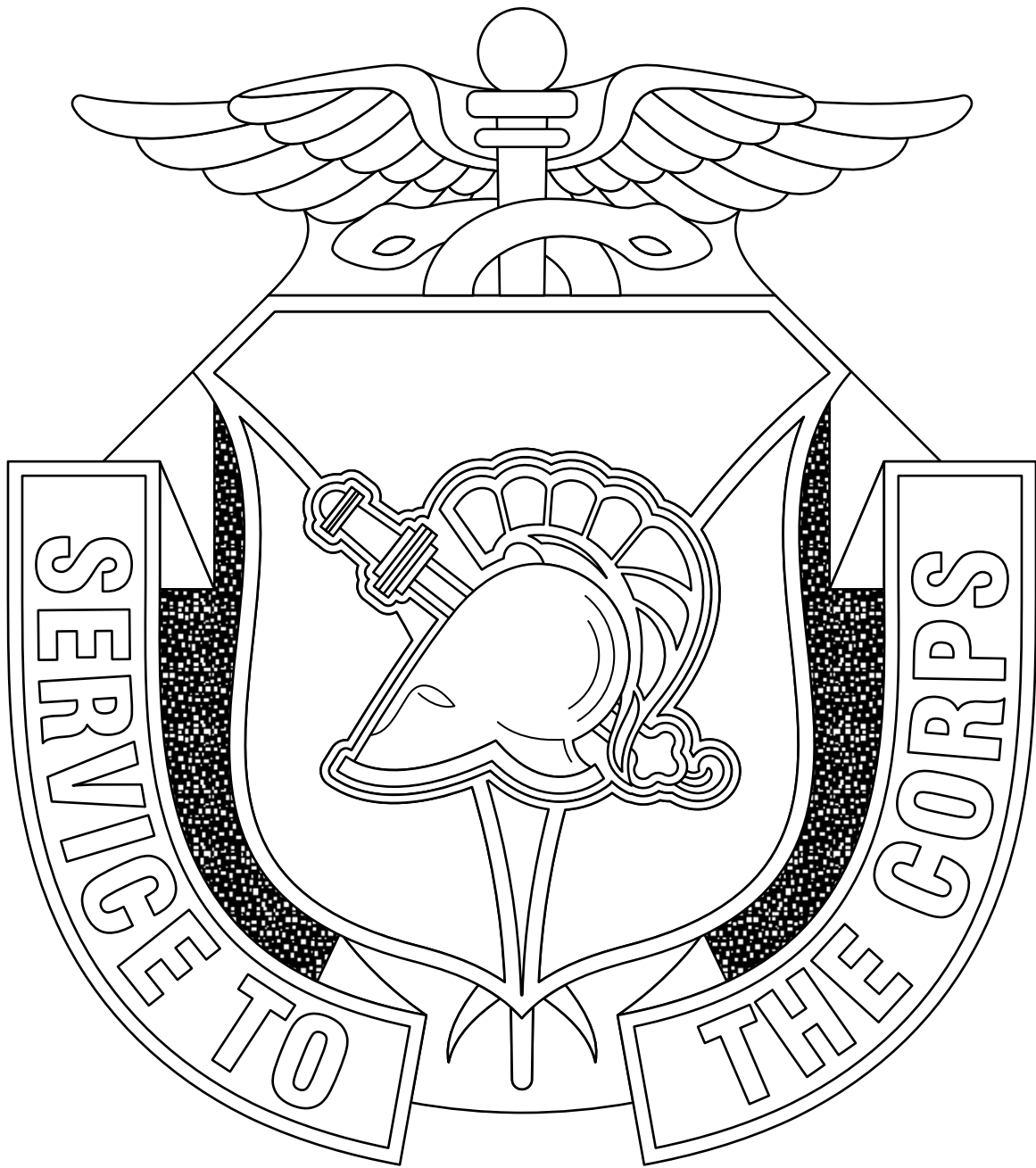
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and filled with clear epoxy #40; caduceus to be modeled

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LETTERING-----Finished metal  
PIERCING-----None, area between scroll and shield to be recessed and textured  
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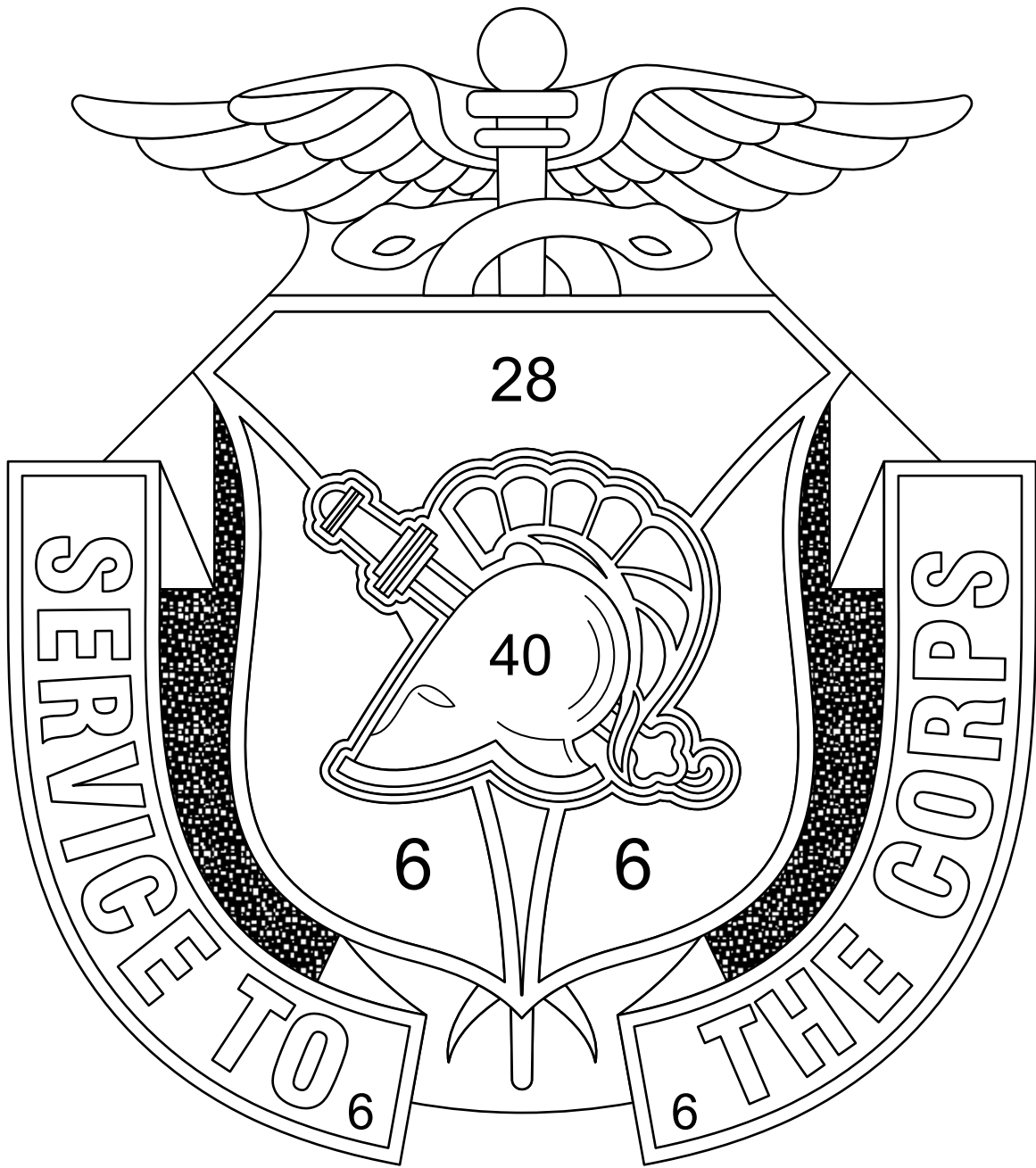
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