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I'm afraid I've confused some folks with too many messages regarding Thanksgiving and Winter breaks. Below is the official word – and no one has to wait until the OPORD comes out!

**THANKSGIVING AND WINTER BREAKS**

Thanksgiving Break begins after LMD on 24 November. Cadets should plan their flight departures **no earlier than 2:30 pm from Colorado Springs and 3:30 pm from Denver**. For planning purposes on the return (Monday, 30 Nov, 7:00pm), if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.

Winter break begins 18 Dec but the cadets are allowed to leave after their last final. Finals take place on 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Dec and your cadet will not know his finals schedule until Sep or early Oct. If you absolutely need to make reservations now you should make them for the 18<sup>th</sup>, though. (Keep in mind the last final could be on any of those dates and your cadet could “possibly” leave earlier than the 18<sup>th</sup>.) Cadets must sign back in by 7:00 pm on Sunday, 3 Jan. Again, for planning purposes on the return (3 Jan, 7:00pm), if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.

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