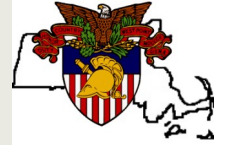


# WPPC-MA NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME CLASS OF 2019!

Congratulations to the new Cadet Candidates from Massachusetts! We are excited to welcome you to our WPPC-MA family.

On Father's Day, June 21st, we will host our official Cadet Candidate Send-Off. Although this is a special family holiday, we hope that you will spend the early part of the day, between 1100 and 1400, with the Massachusetts cadet candidates from the Class of 2019, with many members of the WPPC-MA, as well as several alumni including your 50th Class Affiliate. Current cadets and recent grads will be on hand to offer advice on all West Point matters of interest.

You will want to hear all of the West Point survival tips!

### OFFICIAL WPPC-MA SEND-OFF FOR CLASS OF 2019

JUNE 21st  
DEAN PARK  
SHREWSBURY

1100 - 1400

Parents of current cadets will share their own experiences and offer advice on how the WPPC-MA has helped them navigate the West Point journey by providing transportation for cadets traveling back and forth



to West Point during busy leave periods (e.g. Thanksgiving), offering social opportunities with other West Point Parents both past and present, and organizing "boodle bashes" to prepare care packages for cadets.

A highlight of the day will be a free raffle with great prizes such as Army West Point swag and tickets to a football game at Michie Stadium where fans enjoy the ultimate college gameday experience.

RSVP: Alan Beaulieu  
alanbeaulieu@verizon.net

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### ◆ JUNE 21

**Cadet Candidate Send-Off**

**WPSNE Golf Tournament**

**WPSNE Red Sox Outing**

#### ◆ JULY 18

**Ice Cream Social for Families of the Class of 2019**

#### ◆ SEPTEMBER 19

**WPPC-MA Tailgate**

**(Discounted tickets to the football game against Wake Forest are now available)**

#### ◆ OCTOBER 24

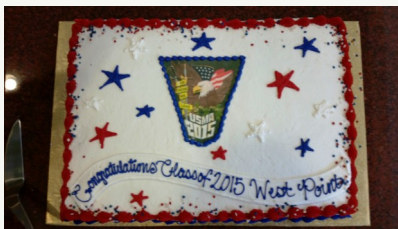
**1st of 3 General Club Mtgs**

**Yuk Booodle Bash**

#### ◆ DECEMBER 11-13TH

**Army Navy Weekend**

## FIRSTIE CELEBRATION: Honoring the Class of 2015



On March 29th, at the home of Steve and Marina Wallingford, more than 30 people gathered to celebrate the imminent graduation of West Point's Class of 2015 Massachusetts's contingency.

After Deb Dalton provided vital information about graduation, our liaison to the West Point Society of New England, Wayne White, called the families of firsties up to receive a silver coin along with a flag that had been flown over our nation's capitol in honor of their cadet. When Wayne asked the firstie's parents to share the branch and post assignment with the group it was heartening to watch parents connect as they realized that cadets would be assigned to the same location, etc.



**MORE THAN 30 WPPC-MA MEMBERS GATHERED AT THE WALLINGFORD'S HOME TO HEAR SPECIAL GUESTS DEB & JIM DALTON AND WPSNE'S WAYNE WHITE SPEAK AND PRESENT A SPECIAL COIN AND FLAG TO PARENTS OF CLASS OF 2015 CADETS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.**



“THOSE SECOND LIEUTENANT BARS ONLY WEIGH A FEW OUNCES, BUT THE WEIGHT OF WHAT THEY REPRESENT IS PROFOUND.”

-TAKEN FROM:

**USMA COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY**  
**GEN. MARTIN E. DEMPSEY '74**  
**CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**  
**MAY 23, 2015**



**Websites of Interest to West Point Families of New England:**

[WWW.WPPC-MA.ORG](http://WWW.WPPC-MA.ORG)

[WWW.WESTPOINTAOG.ORG/WPSNE](http://WWW.WESTPOINTAOG.ORG/WPSNE)

To reserve rooms for Army Navy Wkd:

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/13176033/owner/4129/home>

To purchase discounted group tix to Army v. Wake Forest Game on 9/19:

<https://www.groupticketwindow.com/groupticket/college/army/group/>

Username: WPPCMA

Password: GOARMY

## *Cheer on Army West Point and Tailgate @ a WP Hidden Jewel*

Get your discounted tickets now by following the link in the left margin and sit with your fellow club members to cheer Army to victory over Wake Forest at Michie Stadium on September 19th. Then celebrate with a Mexican feast at our post-game tailgate at the beautiful South Dock..

Last year dozens of people, about half of them cadets from Massachusetts and beyond, joined us under the tent to cool off by the shores of the Hudson and munch on burritos and other Mexican favorites. Even if you already have tickets to the game elsewhere at Michie Stadium or are

planning to attend another event, we hope that you will at least stop by to say hello. We urge you to encourage your cadet to bring along their new company mates and friends. Plenty of cold drinks, but no alcohol, will be served. Plebes should not be concerned with being in the presence of

upperclassmen. At events like this, the firsties, cows, and yuks know to take it down a notch!

In the next newsletter, we will let families know how they can contribute to this free event.



## *WPSNE Plans Family-Focused Summer Outings*

The Class of 2019 Cadet Candidates were officially welcomed to the Long Gray Line at the annual **Founders Day Banquet on March 28th**. Hosted by the West Point Society of New England, the banquet is often a cadet family's first introduction to Army life. Athletic Director, Boo Corrigan, along with several other West Point dignitaries formally

welcomed the cadet candidates and presented them with the WPSNE's newly minted coin. The Fisher House of Boston benefitted from the generosity of silent auction participants and of those who attended the hockey game between the Boston Bruins and West Point alumni that took place the week before in Marlborough.

The WPSNE, our partner in

helping to enhance the lives of West Point families, will host several warm weather and family events including a picnic at the Patton property in Hamilton, a golf outing and an afternoon at Fenway to cheer on the home team.

Please direct WPSNE inquiries to chairperson, Dale Kurtz:

[dlkurtz73@verizon.net](mailto:dlkurtz73@verizon.net)

## *Make Army Navy Weekend Part of Your Family's WP Experience!*

Your WPPC-MA is trying to make it easy for your family to travel to "America's Game" in mid-December. Every cadet will have the opportunity to purchase tickets to the game against Navy. Reasonably priced airline tickets are available now! The WPPC-MA has reserved a block of rooms at the downtown Philadelphia

Doubletree Hotel for our group. By following the link below, you can book rooms for Friday & Saturday, December 11th & 12th. The Doubletree is centrally located between Lincoln Financial Field and the major historical attractions. Access to SEPTA (Philadelphia's public transit system) is just outside the front door and the hotel operates a shuttle. Free Wi-Fi is included in our package.



Reservations Link:

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/13176033/owner/4129/home>