

WPPC-MA NEWSLETTER



PRE-R DAY 2015

PLEBE SPECIAL EDITION

WELCOME CLASS OF 2019!

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

The West Point Parents' Club of Massachusetts exists to be a resource for all of you throughout the 47 month West Point journey. We offer a variety of activities aimed at enhancing your family's experience during these special four years.

Even seasoned military families will benefit from joining our club. We offer inexpensive transportation to and from West Point on comfortable buses during the most popular leave periods (e.g. Thanksgiving). Several times each academic year, we

host boodle-packing parties in order to prepare a care package for every Massachusetts Cadet; e.g. during October, we gather to fill boxes with Halloween treats for the Yearlings or Yuks.

In our effort to create opportunities to bring West Point families from Massachusetts together, we host a post-football game tailgate party each fall and a Deployed Grad Boodle Packing Party each spring.

Gifts are presented about one month before commencement to the families of the graduating seniors at our annual Firstie Celebration.

Every three years, we coordinate the festive New England All Service Academy Holly Ball. During the intervening

years, we encourage our families to participate in this wonderful holiday tradition that brings together not only Cadets from all years and many companies at West Point, but also students attending the United States Air Force, Naval, and Merchant Marine Academies. This show of unity among our nation's finest young leaders is inspiring to all who attend.

We hope that you will join our club and take advantage of all that we have to offer. Even if you can attend just 1 or 2 events per year, we hope you know that we are always here to support you.

Join today by visiting:

wppc-ma.org

Club Hosts Ice Cream Social for Plebe Families on July 18th

The WPPC-MA invites plebe families to a gathering on Saturday, July 18th. This date has been selected because it marks the halfway point of Beast and is the day before families can expect to receive those long anticipated phone calls from their Cadet Candidates. At this informal gathering plebe families will have the opportunity to get acquainted with each other and to speak casually with current WPPC-MA

members as well as a representative from the West Point Society of New England. No formal program is planned.

The exact time and location of the Plebe Family Ice Cream Social will be announced shortly.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain valuable firsthand insight from parents who are just ahead of you on the West Point pathway.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

♦ JULY 11th

WPSNE Picnic @ Patton Homestead in Hamilton, MA

♦ JULY 18th

Plebe Family Ice Cream Social

♦ JULY 24th

WPSNE Golf Tournament in Stow, MA

♦ SEPTEMBER 19th

WPPC-MA Post-Game Tailgate @ South Dock

(Discounted game tix now available...see page 2)

♦ OCTOBER 24th

WPPC-MA General Mtg. #1 &

Yuk Boodle Bash

♦ DECEMBER 11-13th

Army Navy Weekend in

THE "POINTER VIEW"

IS A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER THAT SERVES THE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AND THE WEST POINT COMMUNITY. WHILE CURRENT EDITIONS CAN BE FOUND AT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE USMA, RECENT AS WELL AS ARCHIVAL VOLUMES DATING BACK TO 2006 ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WESTPOINT.EDU/PV



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

WWW.WPPC-MA.ORG

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

R DAY, BEAST & A WEEKEND TIPS & TRICKS

R DAY & BEAST

- In preparation for R Day, Cadet Candidates should pack all belongings in plastic bags.
- Recover quickly from the 90 second goodbye by engaging in some retail therapy. Great products will be available on tables at Ike Hall. Start by purchasing Class of 2019 items, which may be available only for a limited time.
- Parents should plan to

stay for the evening parade on R Day. If you know your Cadet Candidate's Beast Company assignment, you may be able to spot him/her on the Plain.

- If possible, plan a getaway to a place you've never been to help pass the time quickly during Beast.
- If possible, attend March Back. During your mid-Beast phone call or in a letter, tell your CC where you will be and make a sign that only he/she will recognize.

A WEEKEND

- Build in lots of time for your Cadet to sleep during A Weekend. This is not the time to explore every nook & cranny of NYC, which falls within the approved 75 mile travel radius.
- Encourage your Cadet to invite a classmate with no family present to join you for an off-post excursion. This simple gesture will be forever appreciated!

WPSNE Invites New West Point Families to Participate in Events

The West Point Society of New England sponsored the annual New England Founders' Day Banquet and the reception welcoming the new Cadet Candidates. Throughout the year, the inclusive organization will coordinate a variety of events that enhance the lives of West Point families.

by the WPPC-MA. Open to all West Point families, WPSNE events draw people from several generations of the United States Military Academy. Fundraising for veteran-related causes is a priority for the Society. All West Point families are encouraged to join the WPSNE and to participate in their events.

The WPSNE hosts gatherings that complement those offered



Check out the WPSNE website :

www.westpointaog.org/wpsne

All WPSNE inquiries should be directed to president Dale Kurtz:

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"Fodor's" for Families of West Point Cadets...

WHAT TO SEE

- ⇒ Visit the WP Cemetery and the Old Cadet Chapel. Be sure to find General Custer's grave.
- ⇒ Meander around the Thayer Hotel, a national historic landmark. Don't miss the 4th floor where each room has been dedicated to a distinguished WP alum.
- ⇒ Take in the breathtaking views at Trophy Point during each season.

WHAT TO DO

- ⇒ Attend football games and other athletic events, especially competitions against Navy and Air Force.
- ⇒ During the Gray Period (Jan.-Mar.), treat your Cadet to a show at Ike Hall.
- ⇒ Challenge your Cadet to a match at the WP Bowling Alley.
- ⇒ Climb the "Stairway to Heaven" inside Arvin Gym.

WHAT/WHERE TO BUY

- ⇒ Never delay purchasing Class of 2019 swag; once it disappears, it may be gone forever!
- ⇒ Purchase your own copy of the WP Yearbook, the Howitzer, each year. Your Cadet will automatically receive one after his/her Plebe & Firstie years.
- ⇒ Shop for the holidays at the wonderful stores that stock official WP merchandise (DUSA, Thayer Bookstore, WPAOG.)