

WPPC-MA NEWSLETTER



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JOIN OUR CLUB NOW TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ALL BENEFITS

The new school year has begun and the WPPC-MA Leadership Team has been busy welcoming the newest members of the Long Gray Line and their families and planning events that will benefit all Massachusetts cadets and their families throughout the year.

What does your membership get you? For starters, it gets you a discounted member rate on the WPPC-MA bus that will transport your cadet to and from West Point on a coach bus at least three times per year. Save yourself the time and traffic hassles (especially that Thanksgiving traffic) and meet your cadet in Sturbridge or Newton.

Sound too good to be true?

Wait, there's more! A new benefit for paid members is a WPPC-MA personalized magnetic name tag to proudly wear at football games, parents' weekends, and club events.

How does your membership benefit cadets and grads? Throughout the year, your membership dollars help support events for each class including the Cadet Candidate Sendoff and Parent Ice Cream Social, Firstie Celebration, boodle bashes for Yuks, Cows, and deployed grads from MA and a football tailgate for all MA cadets and their families and guests.

We also give to veteran causes by supporting the efforts of the West Point Society of New England (e.g. Founders' Day Auction donations.)

All family members of Massachusetts cadets are welcome at our events regardless of membership status. But we hope that we have clearly outlined how your financial support helps us to accomplish our mission.

To join, go to our website and click on the Membership tab or copy and paste in your browser:

<http://wppc-ma.org/membership/>

Please direct questions to Membership Co-Coordinator Patti: patti@macs5.com

WPPC-MA Tailgate @ South Dock on September 19th

Join us for a post-game tailgate party at South Dock following the football game against Wake Forest on September 19th. The WPPC-MA is hosting a Mexican fiesta on the shores of the Hudson for Massachusetts families and their guests. The tailgate is free; donations of food and cash will be graciously accepted. Please note that the shuttle bus operating after the game to bring guests to South Dock loads at

the WPAOG (Ass. Of Graduates) Building just past the Lusk Reservoir at 698 Mills Rd. Guests requiring a ride to a distant parking lot after the tailgate will be shuttled by club volunteers.

Guests are encouraged to bring outdoor portable chairs to South Dock if possible.

At press time, we are nearing 50 guests who have RSVP'd.

Go to our website for all of the details and to donate:

<http://wppc-ma.org/armey-vs-wake-forest-post-game-tailgate-event/>

RSVP to our Event

Coordinator by 9/15 :

alanbeaulieu@verizon.net

VIEW OF SOUTH DOCK
FROM ACROSS THE
HUDSON RIVER.

COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES

DATES TO REMEMBER

◆ AUGUST 1st

Annual Membership Drive begins

◆ SEPTEMBER 19th

Post-game Tailgate at South Dock

◆ OCTOBER 24th

First General Meeting & Yuk Boodle Bash

◆ DECEMBER 11-13th

Army Navy Weekend

◆ DECEMBER 27th

All Service Academy Holly Ball of New England

◆ JANUARY 31st

Second General Meeting & Cow Loan Boodle Bash

◆ FEBRUARY 28th

Deployed Grad Boodle Bash

◆ APRIL 3rd

Third General Meeting & Firstie Celebration





Online resources for West Point Families of New England:

WWW.WPPC-MA.ORG

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

To join our  Group,
email our

Social Media Specialist,

Brad.Whitehall@gmail.com



WPPC-MA Bus

The next WPPC-MA sponsored
bus will operate:

Thanksgiving weekend

Registration opens 30 days
prior to departure date.

For details, go to:

<http://wppc-ma.org/the-bus/>

1st of 3 General Mtgs & Yuk Booodle Bash on Oct. 24th

Our first General Meeting of
the year will take place at 1 PM
on October 24th, at the home
of:

Kathy and Bob Ouellette

3 Shirley Ln.

Norfolk, MA

The first is arguably the most
important meeting of the year
as the new leadership team will
be together for the first time
and many topics that have
been raised since the spring
will be addressed. Votes on
appropriations are taken at our
General Meetings as well.

We will be actively recruiting
this year for the following
Board positions as they are
currently unfilled or occupied
by parents of 2017 grads:

Vice-President

Transportation Coordinator

Co-Membership Coordinator

The 47 month journey goes
quickly so don't wait to get
involved. You'll work with
amazing people who share a
common vision.

Yuk Booodle Bash begins at 2:30 PM

Just in time for Halloween,
we'll gather to stuff boxes of
treats (healthful and sweet)
for our beloved yearlings. If
you are unable to attend the
General Meeting, we still
encourage you to participate
in the Yuk Booodle Bash.

Be sure to RSVP to our
Event Coordinator:

alanbeaulieu@verizon.net

WPSNE Encourages Families of Current & Graduated Cadets to Join

According to the constitution of
the West Point Society of New
England...

*The purpose of the Society is to promote
the general welfare of the United States
Military Academy by fostering the
mission, ideals and standards of the
Academy; to support efforts to attract
motivated and successful young men and
women to apply for admission to West
Point; to provide mutual support and to
foster fellowship to graduates of West
Point.*

The volunteers of the WPSNE
accomplish this mission by hosting
events such as the Founders' Day
Banquet (before which the
Welcome Reception for the Cadet
Candidates is held) and the Picnic
at the Patton Homestead during
the summer. They support many
worthwhile veterans' organizations
with silent auctions, raffles, etc.

We are proud to partner with the
WPSNE, which is continuously
recognized as a distinguished
Society by the West Point

Association of Graduates, and
encourage all of our members,
past and present, to join. We are
grateful for our dedicated liaison
Wayne White who makes every
effort to attend and participate in
our club events.

The WPSNE website address is
listed in the left margin.

Please direct WPSNE inquiries to
chairperson, Dale Kurtz:

dlkurtz73@verizon.net

CLASS OF 2019 FAMILIES WARMLY WELCOMED

About one of the only days the
sun did not shine this summer was
on June 21st, when we held our
Cadet Candidate Send-Off event.
St. Mary's Catholic Church in
Shrewsbury generously donated
space so that we could
comfortably accommodate the
large group that attended.
Hopefully, the Cadet Candidates
and their parents left feeling
reassured and well informed.

On July 18th, new parents Jim and
Kelly Bedingfield generously
opened up their home to host the
Class of 2019 Families' Ice Cream
Social. This was an informal
gathering with no agenda. A
small group assembled to
provide updates and ask
lingering questions.
Thanks to our Event
Coordinator Extraordinaire,
Alan Beaulieu, for managing

these events.

**WAYNE WHITE OF THE WPSNE
ADDRESSES PARENTS AT THE
CADET CANDIDATE SEND-OFF .**

