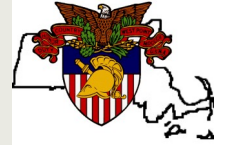


# WPPC-MA NEWSLETTER



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All club newsletters are posted on our website, [www.wppc-ma.org](http://www.wppc-ma.org), & on our Facebook page

## *DEPLOYED GRAD BOODLE BASH ON FEB 28th*

One of our favorite events each year is the Deployed Grad Boodle Bash, when West Point families past, present and future have the opportunity to gather to prepare care packages for former cadets from Massachusetts who are now deployed internationally. This particular event reminds us all that our children really are part of the Long Gray Line, which is so much bigger than any individual.

We embrace the opportunity to hear from the families of WP alums about the experiences of their commissioned officers. Hearing the anecdotes, helps keep in focus our club's larger mission, to

support the young men & women who have chosen a life of service to our country.

The link below leads to a list of recommended items on our website:

<http://wppc-ma.org/deployed-graduate-boo-dle-bash-on-feb-28th/>

If you are unable to attend the event at 1:30 PM at the home of Donna & Alan Beaulieu:

**153 Belmont St.**

**Reading, MA**

...arrangements to drop donations ahead of time can be made by contacting Alan.

RSVP: Alan Beaulieu  
[alanbeaulieu@verizon.net](mailto:alanbeaulieu@verizon.net)

### **A SMALL Sampling of Boodle Suggestions:**

Please see website for a more comprehensive list!

#### FOOD

Keurig K cups

Candy

Trail Mix

#### TOILETRIES

Baby/facial wipes

Q Tips

Body Lotion

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Amazon Gift Cards

Magazines (current)

DVDs

Books

Travel Games

Brain teasers

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### ◆ FEBRUARY 28th

Deployed Grad Boodle Bash

#### ◆ MARCH 19th

WPSNE Founders' Day Banquet  
& Cadet Candidate Reception

#### ◆ APRIL 3rd

Third General Meeting &

Firstie Celebration

#### ◆ JUNE 19th

Cadet Candidate Hail & Farewell

#### ◆ JULY 16th

Ice Cream Social

#### ◆ SEPTEMBER 10th

WPPC-MA Tailgate

(See next page for link to DISCOUNTED FOOTBALL GAME TIX)

#### ◆ October 2nd

First General Meeting &

Yearling Boodle Bash

#### ◆ DECEMBER 9-11th

Army Navy Weekend

#### ◆ DECEMBER 30th

All Service Academy Holly Ball

(Hosted by WPPC-MA)

## *PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR FIRSTIES ON APRIL 3rd!*

The WPPC-MA wants to pay tribute to the Massachusetts cadets from the Class of 2016 as they prepare to wrap up their West Point journeys. On April 3rd, West Point legends Mark and Cheryl Connors will host our annual Firstie Celebration at 3 PM in their home:

**227 Claflin St.**

**Belmont, MA**

All club members are encouraged to attend this event at which we recognize a milestone of our home-grown heroes.



A representative from the West Point Society of New England will be an integral part of our celebration.

### **Third General Meeting Starts at 1 PM**

Preceding the Firstie Celebration will be our third and final General Meeting of the academic year. In order to ensure a prompt start to the big event, we will begin the meeting at 1 PM. Although you are welcome to attend either one or both of the events, we urge members to spend the afternoon with the WPPC-MA as we make decisions that will impact your family's 47 month West Point journey. This is an opportunity for you to PARTICIPATE LOCAL!

SINCE 2001, GOLD FROM WEST POINT CLASS RINGS HAS BEEN DONATED, MELTED AND LATER ADDED TO THE RINGS OF NEXT YEAR'S FIRST CLASS CADETS. THIS YEAR, THE CLASS OF 2016 RECEIVED GOLD FROM 34 WEST POINT CLASS RINGS, THE OLDEST BELONGING TO LTC (R) REEVE DOUGLAS KEILER FROM THE CLASS OF 1924. IN ADDITION, THEY RECEIVED A CLASS RING BELONGING TO LTC (R) JOHN HAMILTON BOYD III FROM THE CLASS OF 1966, WHICH IS THE CLASS OF 2016'S 50-YEAR AFFILIATION CLASS.

-TAKEN FROM  
WESTPOINTAOG.ORG



## Helpful Resources

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

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

### Carpool Coordinator:

patti@macs5.com

facebook

### Administrator:

brad.whitehall@gmail.com

**Discounted group tix to the Army vs. Rice Game on 9/10 are now available:**

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

Username: WPPCMA

Password: GOARMY

## *COMING SOON: GROUP TIX TO ARMY vs. RICE*

Get your discounted tickets and sit with your fellow club members to cheer Army to victory over the Rice Owls at Michie Stadium on September 10th. Having access to the discounted tickets creates a wonderful opportunity to invite guests to share in the best gameday experience in America. It gets even better because you can then treat them to a Mexican feast at our post-game tailgate at South Dock.

Early September is beautiful along the shores of the Hudson. Don't pass up the chance to share this exciting part of your family's West Point journey with your loved ones. South Dock can be easily

accessed by hopping on a shuttle bus in front of the AOG Building or by taking a shuttle to the Plain and then walking down the stairs/ramp behind Cullum Hall. The few extra steps required to get to South Dock will be more than worth the incredible views, gentle breezes and impressive sunsets.

As the date nears, we will ask guests to RSVP to the post-game tailgate so that we can prepare adequate rations. Members will have the opportunity to donate food or funds to this complimentary event.

For now, mark September 10th on your calendar and start inviting family and friends to this unique college football experience.



**CADETS FROM MA AND THEIR GUESTS POSE FOR A PHOTO AT THE 2015 WPPC-MA POST-GAME TAILGATE AT SOUTH DOCK AFTER FEASTING ON AMERICAN BURRITO'S DELICIOUS MEXICAN FARE AND HOMEMADE TREATS DONATED BY MASSACHUSETTS FAMILIES**

## *Retiring Dean, BG Trainor, Keynote Speaker at WPSNE's Founder's Day*

The West Point Society of New England will gather members of the Class of 2020 for the first time at their annual Cadet Candidates' Reception, which precedes their Founders' Day Banquet next month.

This year's **USMA Founder's Day Celebration and Cadet Candidate Reception**, featuring keynote speaker BG Timothy Trainor, USMA '83, the 13th Dean

of the Academic Board of the USMA, will be held on March 19th at the Devens Common Center. The WPPC-MA is excited to greet the new families and to make them aware of the many services we provide to enhance their West Point experience. This year, current cadets can attend (in full dress) as the evening falls during the final weekend of spring leave! We are hoping for a good

turnout of current families so that connections can be made well before our Hail and Farewell in June. WPPC-MA member, Diane Bedard, has helped to coordinate donations of a "Boodle Box for Plebes" and a "Boodle Bag for Parents of Cadets" to the Silent Auction, the proceeds of which will support Operation Troop Support and the Directorate of Cadet Activities.

**Register for Founders' Day:** <http://www.westpointaog.org/WPSofNewEngland-2016FD>

## *MA COWS RECEIVE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE BOODLE*

In honor of their Cow Loans, the Class of 2017 is being treated to a box of fiscally-themed treats this month. Thanks to the Stansburys who have delivered the boodle boxes. Hopefully, this cheers the Cadets during the gloom period! Prior to stuffing the care packages, many WPPC-MA members gathered for our second meeting of the year to elect officers and to discuss activities running nearly

through Graduation 2017. In hopes of maximizing attendance at our events, the WPPC-MA is providing the local West Point families with advanced notice so that they can mark the dates on their calendars. Agendas/minutes/reports are posted in a timely fashion on our website so that (potential) members have 24/7 access.

**MOMS (DADS AND A BROTHER) OF WP CLASSES 2016 - 2019 GATHERED ON JANUARY 31ST TO PACK BOODLE BOXES IN RECOGNITION OF MA CADETS BEING OFFERED COW LOANS**

