

# WPPC-MA NEWSLETTER



2016

SPECIAL CADET CANDIDATE EDITION

## WELCOME CLASS OF 2020!

Congratulations to the Cadet Candidates from Massachusetts! We are excited to welcome you 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 4 years, starting with...

### HAIL & FAREWELL FOR CLASS OF 2020

JUNE 19th

ST. MARY'S CHURCH/  
SHREWSBURY

12 PM

We look forward to giving our Cadet Candidates a proper send-off on Fathers' Day when we will gather along with current cadets and Old Grads who will share their West Point wisdom. We will wrap up in time for families to attend other celebrations for the dads in our lives.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR FAMILIES OF NEW CADETS

JULY 16th

TBD

1 PM

WPPC-MA invites New Cadet families to a gathering on Saturday, July 16th at 1 PM at a site TBD. This date has been chosen because it is half way through Beast and the day before families can expect phone calls from their New Cadets. At this informal gathering new families will have the opportunity to get acquainted with each other and to speak casually with WPPC-MA members and cadets. There will be no formal program.

RSVP to all events:  
[alanbeaulieu@verizon.net](mailto:alanbeaulieu@verizon.net)



## ARMY WEST POINT FOOTBALL REUNITES WP FAMILIES!

While enjoying the best game day experience in college football, you can reunite with your cadet and other family and friends when Army West Point takes to the gridiron. The long tradition of gathering at Michie Stadium and at stadiums across the country to root for Army West Point brings together family and friends.

### OPENING DAY TAILGATE

To simplify the experience for Massachusetts families, the WPPC-MA makes discounted tickets (see reverse side margin) to one of the first home games of the season.

Take advantage of the opportunity to sit together with other West Point families from Massachusetts at the game and then enjoy a complimentary post-game tailgate at the beautiful South Dock along the shores of the Hudson River. Guests at the tailgate include cadets from Massachusetts along with the families and friends.

### ARMY NAVY GAME

You may already know that attending the Army Navy Football Game is an event that should be on every American's bucket list. The entire weekend is full of events ranging from the Patriot Games to boxing matches.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### ♦ JUNE 19th

Hail & Farewell

#### ♦ JULY 16

New Cadet Family Ice Cream

Social

#### ♦ SEPTEMBER 10th

WPPC-MA Tailgate

(Discounted tickets to the game are now available!)

#### ♦ October 2nd

1st of 3 General Meetings &

Yuk Boogie Bash

#### ♦ DECEMBER 9-11th

Army Navy Weekend

(Discounted rooms are now available!)



Our club makes it easier for you by offering a single room (one per Cadet Candidate family, please) from a block that has been reserved.

Only a few remain so don't delay in making your reservations now. All cadets are given the opportunity in the fall to purchase tickets to what will be a sold out game!

## Reservations Link for Army Navy

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=56920&Chain=5157&arrive=12/9/2016&depart=12/11/2016&adult=1&child=0&group=1209WPFRRSH>

**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 THROUGHOUT THE  
USMA, RECENT AS WELL AS  
ARCHIVAL VOLUMES DATING  
BACK TO 2006 ARE AVAILABLE  
ONLINE AT WESTPOIN.EDU/PV



## Helpful Resources

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

Join our Facebook Group...

**facebook**

**Administrator:**

brad.whitehall@gmail.com

To purchase discounted group tickets  
to Army vs. Rice Game on 9/10:

<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 pack all items in Ziploc XL 10 gallon bags for quick transfer to WP-issued duffel.
- Recover quickly from the 90 second goodbye by engaging in some retail therapy. Great products will be available on tables in Ike Hall. Start by purchasing Class of 2020 items, which may be available only for a limited time.
- Parents should plan to stay for the evening parade on R Day; knowing your Cadet Candidate's Beast Company assignment, means 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 phonecall or in a letter, tell your New Cadet 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. This is not the time to try to explore every nook & cranny of NYC, which falls within the 75 mile radius that Plebes will likely be allowed to venture out to.
- Encourage your Cadet to invite a classmate with no family present to join you for an off-post excursion. This simple gesture will forever be appreciated!

### *"Fodors" 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 2020 swag; once it disappears, it may be gone forever!
- ⇒ Each year, cadets have a formal celebration-Plebe Parent Wkd, Yearling Winter Wkd, 500th Night and Ring Wkd. Be sure they purchase the memorabilia that only they will be able to order months ahead.

### *Why Should You Join the WPPC-MA?*

When you join the WPPC-MA, you personally secure discounts on bus transportation for your cadet & nametags that can be worn at all WP events. Additionally, you support our efforts that benefit the entire club (naming just a few):

- ◆ Hosting Booodle Bashes for Yearlings, Cows & Deployed Grads.
- ◆ Maintaining a carpool list to assist families interested in collaborating on rides to/from WP on weekends when bus service is unavailable.
- ◆ Publishing congratulatory ads to Firsties in the Howitzer (West Point yearbook) & in the All Service Academy Holly Ball Program.

- ⇒ 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.)



WPAOG WAS FOUNDED  
 IN 1869 TO REUNITE  
 ACADEMY GRADUATES  
 WHO FOUND  
 THEMSELVES ON  
 OPPOSING SIDES  
 DURING THE AMERICAN  
 CIVIL WAR. TODAY, IT  
 CONTINUES TO  
 STRENGTHEN THE  
 BONDS OF THE "LONG  
 GRAY LINE" THROUGH  
 COMMUNICATIONS AND  
 SERVICES TO  
 GRADUATES, CLASSES  
 AND SOCIETIES; AS  
 WELL AS BUILDING  
 RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
 CURRENT CADETS AT  
 WEST POINT... OUR  
 FUTURE GRADUATES.

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## Meet the Class of 2020 Affiliates

### Tom Bradley

Growing up in Brooklyn, NY, Tom visited West Point a couple of times with the local Boy Scouts and with his high school. He was a follower of Army football and was delighted to get in. Tom feels West Point and the Army did a lot for him and is very grateful. He is very excited to work with the Class of 2020 over the next four years and help them any way he can.



## 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, they will host a variety of events that enhance the lives of West Point families living in New England.

### Jim Price



Jim Price entered West Point via the USMA Prep School in 1966. He commissioned Signal Corps in 1970 and served in an Infantry Brigade, Ranger Company and Signal Battalions as well as taught Electrical Engineering at West Point. He retired from the Army in 1989 as LTC and transitioned to the defense industry where he led teams designing and building communications equipment for the Army as a senior system engineer, program manager and business area executive manager for 23 years. He is currently retired and living in Orleans on Cape Cod with Janice, his wife of 46 years.

### Toby Quirk

Toby Quirk graduated with the USMA Class of '70. His four years at West Point gave him a band of brothers who for 50 years have helped him live an honorable life. He served 23 years as an Airborne Ranger Infantry officer with 6 years in Special Forces. His last assignment with 3rd Army took him to Task Force Kuwait during the Gulf War. After retiring in 1993, he became an ordained minister and received a call to lead two churches in Western Massachusetts. His USMA '70 classmates are among his most valuable friends.



**Old Grads Toby, Tom and Jim want to make their connections with their 50-year "sons and daughters" as meaningful as possible!**

The WPSNE hosts a variety of events that complement those offered by the WPPC-MA. Open to all West Point families, WPSNE events draw people from several West Point generations. Fundraising for veteran-related causes is a priority for the Society. All West Point families are encouraged to join the distinguished WPSNE and to participate in their events.

Check out their Facebook Page and their website:

[www.westpointaog.org/wpsne](http://www.westpointaog.org/wpsne)

All WPSNE inquiries should be directed to:

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