

# 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

## THE WPPC-MA SURGES OUT OF THE GATE

Our club's opening day aligned with that of the football team and you couldn't have asked for a better start. After watching points accumulate on the scoreboard, we headed down to South Dock to celebrate a great win and kick off our year of social/service events. If the tailgate was any indication, this is going to be a banner year. Follow these suggestions to be sure that you are getting the maximum benefit from your local parents' club.

◆ **Register your cadet and his/her friends for the Columbus Day bus.** Many non-MA cadets may take up seats so that they

can spend a weekend in Boston. Don't delay registering your cadet so that he/she will have a seat on the bus to come home.

◆ **Join the more than 70% of our members who are maintaining continuous WPPC-MA membership** during their cadet's 47 month West Point journey. If you have not yet joined or renewed, it's not too late. Visit <http://wppc-ma.org/membership/> to join or renew your membership today.

◆ **Support the club-hosted 2016 New England All Service**

◆ **Academy Holly Ball.** We are hoping for a strong showing by our Massachusetts families at this spectacular event.

◆ **Email Social Media Specialist Brad Whitehall to become part of the WPPC-MA Facebook Group.**

### Our Leadership Team Needs You!

Joining the WPPC-MA Leadership Team will give you the opportunity to have a positive impact on your cadet's experience and will lead to new friendships. The open positions are those most suited to conquering the WP parent learning curve:

- ⇒ **Event Coordinator**
- ⇒ **Newsletter Editor**
- ⇒ **Social Media Specialist**

### 1st GENERAL MEETING & YUK BOODLE BASH ON Oct. 2nd

#### General Meeting #1

at 1 PM

22 Harmony Trail

Hopedale, MA

All are invited to attend our 1st General Meeting to discuss topics that will directly impact our club and the cadets from Massachusetts.

#### Yuk Boodle Bash

at 3 PM

22 Harmony Trail

Hopedale, MA

During our first boodle bash of the year, we will collect Halloween-themed treats to send to our yearlings..The Yuk Boodle Bash is the perfect time to include younger siblings.

#### RECOMMENDED BOODLE FOR YUKS.

Because of the timing, Halloween treats are always popular for the Yuk Boodle Boxes.

More practical items that are recommended for any boodle boxes include toiletries such as oral care items, first aid supplies, healthful snacks.



#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

### 2016

#### ◆ 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)

### 2017

#### ◆ JANUARY 29th

Second General Meeting &

Cow Loan Boodle Bash

#### ◆ FEBRUARY 26th

Deployed USMA Grad

Boodle Bash

#### ◆ MARCH 25th

WPSNE Founders' Day

#### ◆ APRIL 2nd

Third General Meeting &

Firstie Celebration

RSVP for either event:

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"FROM THE KILLING FIELDS OF BOSNIA, TO THE HALLS OF JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE, DEPARTMENT OF LAW CADETS WERE PROVIDED A UNIQUE INSIGHT INTO BOTH THE REALITIES OF WAR CRIMES IN MODERN WARFARE AS WELL AS ONGOING INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO HOLD INDIVIDUALS ACCOUNTABLE FOR THESE ATROCITIES."

-TAKEN FROM THE DEAN'S WEEKLY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

8/10/16

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES SUCH AS THESE ARE FUNDED BY DONATIONS TO THE WPAOG.

## Helpful

## Resources

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

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



## WPPC-MA Bus

The next WPPC-MA sponsored bus will operate:

### Columbus Day weekend

Register your cadet along with friends early to ensure service.

For details, go to:

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

### Bus Coordinator:

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facebook

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## WPSNE Encourages West Point Parents to Join and Participate

The members of the West Point Society of New England are the first to welcome Cadet Candidates to the Long Gray Line at their annual Founders' Day Banquet. After cadets graduate, the WPSNE can serve as a link between West Point families and their Old Grads. But it's never too soon to get involved with the Society, which is recognized by the West Point Association of Graduates as a Distinguished Society because it meets (and often exceeds) the benchmarks established for that designation.

The events hosted by the

WPSNE that would be of most interest to current West Point families are the Patton Picnic, held each summer in Hamilton, and the Founders' Day



Banquet, which is a special event every year (not just when a Cadet Candidate is joining the Long Gray Line)

The WPSNE also offers group tickets to Red Sox and

Celtics games and hosts an Annual Meeting that features an impressive keynote speaker.

The WPPC-MA has supported the Society's fund raising efforts by donating items to the silent auction at the Founders' Day Banquet and purchasing ads at other special events.

Much like the branches of the military, the WPPC-MA and WPSNE view themselves as one team. Together we are stronger than we would be as completely separate organizations.

## Now is the Time to Make all of Your Holly Ball Plans!



Now is the time to commit to a sponsorship, purchase an ad, or give a **Shout Out**

to your cadet at the 2016 New England All Service Academy Holly Ball. There is only one place to be on the evening of December 30th and that is at the Seaport Hotel celebrating with friends and family at the annual Holly Ball. A ticket to this event

makes a wonderful holiday gift, especially for the person who cannot make the trip to West Point. Check out our website and Facebook page for all of the details.

The Holly Ball will no doubt be a highlight of 2016. If your cadet is hesitating to attend because he/she does not have date, please share that last year only one cadet in attendance brought a date. All others had the time of their lives with their families.

We are excited to announce that the Seaport Hotel is offering rooms at a deeply discounted rate for the evenings of December 30th and 31st!

Anyone interested in volunteering should plan to stay for a brief meeting after the Yuk Boodle Bash and contact

Denise Kenneally:

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## Tailgate Draws Nearly 75 Guests Including Cadets from Across the US...

...and one from the Theresian (Austrian) Military Academy! Our annual tailgate attracted a large crowd to feast on Mexican food from American Burrito and donations from the friends and families of the WPPC-MA. A shady South Dock was the perfect place to cool off after experiencing blistering heat at Michie Stadium. While every class was represented at the tailgate, the most impressive

showing was from the Class of 2020 who were able to relax with their families and friends. This tradition has proven to be a wonderful way to kick off the academic year. The club has

scored big with this event, which gains momentum every season.

**CADETS FROM AROUND THE WORLD GATHERED AT THE 2016 WPPC-MA TAILGATE FOLLOWING A WIN OVER THE RICE OWLS.**

