



WPPC-MA Newsletter

March 2017

Great Time at the Deployed Grad Boogie Bash (Feb 26)

A big thanks to Carl and Joanne Vercollone for hosting our deployed graduate boogie bash. Club members donated cash and boogie to enable us to pack 14 large boxes for shipment to our graduates deployed overseas. Several graduates have already replied to thank the club, and to report how much the boogie has helped raise the morale of their units while far from home. Thank you to all our members for your generous support.

Join Us at our Firstie Celebration and 3rd WPPC-MA General Meeting (Sunday, Apr 2)



The WPPC-MA will pay tribute to the Massachusetts Class of 2017 cadets as they wrap up their West Point journeys. On Sunday April 2nd 3pm, Kevin and Carole Martin (parents of Benjamin '16) will host our annual Firstie Celebration in their home at 18 Kensington Drive in Chelmsford. All club members are encouraged to attend this event where we recognize our home-grown heroes. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Martin's at caroleamar31@gmail.com. Preceding this celebration, we will conduct our third and final general meeting of the academic year promptly at 1300 (1pm).

Although you are welcome to attend either event, we urge everyone to join us for both, as we celebrate accomplishments and make decisions that will impact your family's 47 month West Point journey. This is an opportunity for you to PARTICIPATE LOCALLY! We look forward to seeing you there. Parents of Class of '21 new cadets are also welcome to attend!

WPPC-MA Welcomed Cadet Candidates (Class of '21) at WPSNE's Founders Day (Sat, Mar 25)

The West Point Society of New England hosted their annual Founder's day banquet on March 25th at the Devens Common Center. The event included a cadet candidate reception for those from New England that recently received their appointment to attend the USMA. The keynote speaker was the 76th USMA Commandant of Cadets, Brigadier General Diana M. Holland ('90). Attending WPPC-MA members had an opportunity to greet the cadet candidates and their families and provide them an overview of the many services the club provides to enhance their West Point experience. Thanks to all the WPPC-MA members who attended this worthwhile event, and to the Cadet Candidates for choosing this challenging and honorable career path. Check out our Facebook page for event pictures posted by Brad Whitehall.



Come Meet our Cadet Candidates at our June "Hail and Farewell" Event (Sat, Jun 17)



Mark June 17 on your Calendars. The WPPC-MA invites all Massachusetts Cadet Candidates to join us at our Hail and Farewell event just prior to R-Day. This year's event will be held at St. Mary's Church in Shrewsbury MA, and will start at 10am. The Hail and Farewell is designed to provide helpful information to guide both Cadets and Parents through their R-Day, Beast Barracks, and Acceptance Day (A-Day) experience. We will have Cadet Parents in attendance from Plebe through Firstie years in order to assist with all types of questions that might come up. We will also have several cadets in attendance to provide your cadet with some first-hand experience and tips for a successful summer. Cadet Candidate families will receive a more detailed invitation later this spring, once the USMA has issued all appointments.

Easter Bus Added to Accommodate 3-day Holiday Weekend (Fri, Apr 14)

The West Point Parents' Club of Massachusetts has arranged bus transportation for our cadets over Easter weekend. The bus will depart West Point at 1630 on Friday April 14, and return to West Point from Newton MA on Monday April 17 at 1300, and then from Sturbridge MA at 1330. Please visit our website for all the details: <http://wppc-ma.org/the-bus/>. Note that you no longer need to log onto the web site to register. Please pay via PayPal or major credit card. The registration window is very short. We will confirm whether the bus has enough interest to run on April 5. All registrations are non-refundable unless bus is cancelled. Please register as soon as possible. You can direct questions to the WPPC-MA bus coordinator Sharlene Stansbury at stansbury40@yahoo.com.



On-Line Resources for our Massachusetts and New England West Point Families:

WPPC-MA Website: <http://wppc-ma.org/>

WPPC-MA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WPPCM/>
(Send an email Brad Whitehall (brad.whitehall@gmail.com) to be approved for access to this closed page)

West Point Society of New England (WPSNE): <http://wpsne.org/>

Upcoming WPPC-MA Schedule of Events:

Apr 2 (Sunday) 1pm: 3rd WPPC-MA General Meeting and Firstie Celebration (Chelmsford MA)
Jun 17 (Saturday) 10am: Hail and Farewell to Class of 2021 Cadet Candidates (Shrewsbury MA)
Summer/fall events to be announced and detailed soon.