



WPPC-MA Newsletter

Holiday Edition

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Army Navy Weekend (Friday-Sunday, Dec 8-10)

The big game is almost here! If you are remaining in Massachusetts, please join the Army-Navy Tailgate Party hosted by the West Point Society of New England. This event is on Dec 9th and will be held at the Cask & Flagon Pub at 62 Brookline Avenue in Boston from 230-630pm. Registration information is available at http://wpsne.org/event/army-vs-navy/?instance_id=154.



Many of you are traveling to the game and staying at our sold out block of 42 rooms at the Holiday Inn Express -

Midtown. This hotel is close to many of Philadelphia's best dining, nightlife and historical attractions. For those staying at this hotel, and for others staying at nearby hotels, we invite you to join us Friday night at 830PM for an informal WPPC-MA gathering at Tavern on Broad, 200 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. The Tavern is a short 2 block walk from the HI Express Hotel. We will plant the flag at this sports pub for WPPC-MA members and friends to gather after dinner to toast the Black Knights on to victory. This is an informal event; no RSVP is required. We hope to see you there!

Tip: Dining on Friday and Saturday evenings in Philadelphia on Army-Navy weekend can be very crowded. If you have not yet made dinner reservations, please make them as soon as possible.

Winter Break Bus Schedule Change (Thurs Jan 4th)

Please note that we've rescheduled our "Return to West Point" bus from Jan 3 to Jan 4, to accomodate the extra day of leave that the cadets recently received. See <http://wppc-ma.org/the-bus/> for full bus details.

New England All Service Academy Holly Ball (Saturday, Dec 30) at Boston's Seaport Hotel



Holly Balls are formal military balls sponsored annually by service academy parent clubs across the nation. They are hosted in different states and regions during the winter leave periods for cadets and midshipmen. The Holly Ball is a special event at which families and friends come together to celebrate their favorite cadet/mid. On this festive evening, the campus hierarchies and service branch delineations dissolve as all guests enjoy a wonderful evening together. The event will include families from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine Service Academies. A special tribute is paid to the "seniors," who should bring their sabers/cutlasses for the ceremony. A ticket to the Holly Ball is the ideal gift for the person who

has everything, or for the person who may not be able to travel to a service academy for other formal events. Cocktails begin at 6PM followed by dinner at 7PM. After dinner, the evening ramps up with lively music, dancing and more. A professional photographer will be available. Attire for this event is formal. Men should wear a tuxedo or suit, and women should wear an evening gown or cocktail dress. Additional information and registration details can be found at <http://wppc-ma.org/holly-ball-2017/>. West Point families always have a strong showing at this event. We hope to see many families from our Plebe, Yuk, Cow and Firstie classes!

This year's Holly Ball Keynote Speaker is Rear Admiral Steven D. Poulin, Commander of the First District of the United States Coast Guard. Please visit our website at <http://wppc-ma.org/holly-ball-2017/> for Admiral Poulin's biography details. The Holly Ball Master of Ceremonies is LT David A. Figueroa, Aide to the First District USCG Commander.



Holly Ball tickets for Cadets and Midshipmen are \$55. Guest tickets are \$65. A table of ten (any mix of cadets/mids/guests) can be purchased for \$600.

The Seaport Hotel is offering Saturday evening accommodations to Event guests for only \$139 plus tax. Please contact the hotel at 1-877-SEAPORT to make reservations.

All Holly Ball net proceeds, after expenses, will be donated to the Tree of Life in the Soldiers' Home at Chelsea, Massachusetts. If you would like to make an additional donation, you will have an opportunity to do so during the registration process. All donations are tax deductible.

The WPPC-MA is very grateful to the New England Coast Guard Parent Association Holly Ball Committee for planning this year's event. The committee is chaired by Michele and Bob Gibbs. Event questions can be addressed to the Gibbs at gibbs9904@gmail.com.

Pictures from Holly Balls Past

