



WPPC-MA Newsletter

August 2018

WPPC-MA Football Tail Gate Party! (Sat, Sep 15) -

The WPPC-MA is hosting our annual Tail Gate party at Daly Field (near the Plain) for the home football game against the University of Hawaii. This convenient location is in the middle of game day activity (e.g., 9AM parade, parachute demonstration). The Tail Gate is a fantastic way to celebrate this West Point football experience, which is ranked among the top 10 college football



experiences in the nation. While there are no formal tail gate activities scheduled for the morning, many club members will meet at our tent to drop off gear and start the day. Feel free to join us. After the game, our Tail Gate party ramps up. The West Point Club will cater a fantastic dinner. The menu includes: Grilled Bourbon Chicken, Kalua Pulled Pork, Vodka Sauce Penne Pasta, Smoked BBQ Beef Brisket, Warm Italian Stromboli, South Western Chili, Potato Chips and French Onion Dip, Polynesian Potato Mac Salad, Country Style Cole Slaw, Macaroni & Cheese, Assorted Rolls, Sautéed Vegetables, Fresh Baked



Cookie Assortment, and Arizona Iced Tea. If you prefer other drinks, please feel free to bring your own. You can drop off a cooler before the game. You can read additional details about our Tail Gate at <http://wppc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/WPPC-MA-Tail-Gate-Flyer-2018.pdf>.

Cadets attend our Tail Gate for FREE! Family and friends can purchase tickets for \$35 each at <http://wppc-ma.org/2018-football-tailgate-army-vs-hawaii/>. Please purchase your tickets by August 15th so we can solidify the head count with the caterer. To purchase tickets for the football game, please call the Army West Point box office at 1-877-TIX-ARMY.

If you can't attend, but would like to contribute to this event, you can make a donation at <http://wppc-ma.org/make-a-donation/>. All donations will be used to invite cadets from far away who otherwise would not have a chance to attend a fun Tail Gate meal after standing all day for the game.

"Tame the Beast" Summer Social is a Big Success (Saturday, July 21)

The WPPC-MA conducted a summer social to welcome new cadet parents in Grafton MA. More than thirty cadet parents attended. Families enjoyed a casual dinner and brought unique beers from their local breweries to share in our beer tasting event. A big thanks to our recent graduate and graduate parents for attending and fielding questions from new parents on a variety of West Point topics, and to Valerie and Mike Evans for hosting the event. This event was just a warm-up for our next social at the WPPC-MA football tailgate party (see above). If you missed the July summer social, we hope to see you in September!



First General Meeting and Yuk Booodle Bash (Sunday, Sep 30)

Our first WPPC-MA general meeting of the year will be held at the home of Tracey and Mike Mazur (Brett '21) at 30 Hillside Drive in Wrentham MA from 1 to 3pm on Sunday Sep 30. All are invited to attend to discuss topics that will directly impact our club and the cadets from Massachusetts. Following the general meeting from 3 to 5pm, we will conduct our annual Yuk Booodle Bash. This event will be our first booodle bash of the year. We will collect and package Halloween-themed treats

to send to our year-lings. The Yuk Boodle Bash is the perfect time to include younger siblings. **RECOMMENDED BOODLE FOR YUKS:** Halloween themed treats are great, but practical items such as toiletries, oral care items, first aid supplies, and healthful snacks work great, too. Our boodle boxes are approximately shoe box size, so please avoid donating large items. Typically, if every attending family donates an item or two for each of our cadets from the Class of 2021, we usually get the perfect amount of boodle to fill our boxes. We hope you can attend one or both events. If you are unable to attend, but would like to donate boodle, please visit <http://wppc-ma.org/make-a-donation/> (bottom of web page). The WPPC-MA will use the donation proceeds to shop for some supplemental boodle to ensure our boxes ship full! Please RSVP to the Mazur's at tracey_mazur@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

Army Navy Hotel Update (Fri/Sat, Dec 7/8)

Our block of hotel rooms for the Army Navy game in December remains sold out. We are excited to have 7 new families from the Class of 2022 join us! We continue to maintain a waiting list, as we expect a few cancellations as the game date approaches. If you would like to be placed on the wait list, or have questions, please direct questions to pbedard1@gmail.com. Go Army!

Labor Day Bus (Fri/Mon, Aug 31/Sept 3) - Registration link is now Live!

We are pleased to announce our first club sponsored bus of the season on Labor Day weekend. The bus departs from West Point to Massachusetts (Sturbridge and Newton) on Friday Aug 31st. The bus returns to West Point from those same locations on Monday Sep 3. Please register at <http://wppc-ma.org/the-bus/> before August 25. Click on the labor day bus link at the bottom of the web page. Note that the bus could sell out before then. On the other hand, if we have insufficient registrations by August 25, we could be forced to cancel. To help yourself for either case, reserve early! The above web link has all the details about this bus service. Contact bus coordinator Sharlene Stansbury at stansbury40@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Registered club members: remember to select the member rate which gives you a \$10 discount for each bus ride!



Car Pool List



We've recently added many new members from the Class of 2022 to our car pool list, and those on our list will soon receive a carpool email from the WPPC-MA. This email will include contact information for all members on the carpool list, and instructions on how to use it. The instructions can also be found on our website at <http://wppc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Car-Pool-List-Instructions-2016-10-09.pdf>. Keep in mind that the WPPC-MA does not coordinate rides, but rather, we are the keeper of the list. Users must coordinate their own rides per the instructions. Remember to use the car pool list only for times when the club is not running a bus. If you would like to be put on (or taken off) the car pool list, please send a request to wppcma@gmail.com.

Save the Date for the 2018 All Service Academy Holly Ball (Sun, Dec 30th)

There is only one place to be on the evening of December 30th and that is at Boston's Seaport Hotel celebrating with friends and family at the annual All Service Academy Holly Ball. A ticket to this event makes a wonderful holiday gift, especially for the person who cannot make the trip to West Point. This year's Holly Ball is being planned by the Air Force Academy. We expect the AF Parents Club to provide registration information to all cadets and midshipmen from New England this fall. Keep your eyes open for more information on this "Don't Miss" event.

Successful WPPC-MA Membership Drive - Concluded July 31

Our annual membership drive has just concluded. We are pleased to announce that a 25 new families have joined our club this year. Thank you! Please note that we eliminated the \$50 annual membership option last year, and revised our membership structure so that everyone pays just \$150 for a 4 year membership. This eliminates the need for membership renewals and saves you money! This new payment structure saves families \$50 over their four years. Even though our formal membership drive has concluded, it's not too late join, or renew (for those that joined under the old payment structure). Please visit our web site membership page at <http://wppc-ma.org/membership/> for all the details, and for accessing the registration/renewal link. The web-site membership page will allow you to pay with PayPal, or with a major credit card. Please direct membership questions to our membership chair Vin Sutera at vsutera18@gmail.com.

WPPC_MA Facebook full service has Returned!

Thanks to our Website/Facebook technical crew for getting our WPPC-MA facebook closed page back on line for everyone. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience to new members that were unable to register. To obtain access to this Closed group, search for West Point Parents Club of MA from within your facebook account, and follow the registration instructions. It may take a few days for our Facebook Coordinator to receive and approve your request. Please direct any questions to our Facebook coordinator, Eileen Jordan, at dano64@charter.net.

WPPC-MA Volunteer Opportunities

We have several open parent club positions, and invite parents of MA cadets to consider joining our committee. To learn more about these positions, please attend the upcoming WPPC-MA general meeting on Sep 30th, or contact Phil Bedard (pbedard1@gmail.com) or Brad Whitehall (brad.whitehall@gmail.com). We have a deep and experienced team that can easily guide new members into any position of interest. Some of our open positions for next year include: Car Pool Coordinator, Web Master, and Email List Coordinator. We are also looking for volunteers to help with each or our scheduled events. For each available position, the existing position holder (usually a Class of 2019 parent) is available this year to guide the transition, and each position requires only a small time commitment. Any help is appreciated, and will greatly benefit our Massachusetts cadets and families. Participation on our team also allows you to network with a wider group of experienced parents which is helpful for gaining advice on your 4 year West Point journey. A big thanks to those that recently volunteered, including Sheila Rosazza (Holly Ball) and Cherie Monahan (Bus Coordinator).

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/>
(follow the facebook instructions to be granted access, which is granted only to our club members)

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

Upcoming WPPC-MA Schedule of Events:

Aug 31 (Fri) & Sep 3 (Mon)	Labor Day Bus Service (Newton and Sturbridge MA)
Sep 15 (Saturday)	WPPC-MA Football Tailgate Party on (West Point, Daly Field)
Sep 30 (Sunday) 1-3pm:	1 st WPPC-MA General Meeting (Wrentham MA)
Sep 30 (Sunday) 3-5pm:	Yuk Boodle Bash (Wrentham MA)
Dec 30 (Sunday):	New England All-Academy Holly Ball (Boston MA) - SAVE THE DATE!