



Welcome to the December edition of the WPPC-MA newsletter, where you can read more about key upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

The WPPC-MA Leadership Team

Army Navy Weekend (Friday-Sunday, Dec 7-9)

The big game is almost here! There are two ways to experience America's Game.



If you are remaining in Massachusetts, please join the Army-Navy Tailgate Party hosted by the West Point Society of New England at the Cask & Flagon Pub at 62 Brookline Avenue in Boston from 230-630pm. Registration information is available at [the WPSNE website](http://wpsne.org)(wpsne.org).

For those of you traveling to Philly, check-out <https://www.phillylovesarmynavy.com> for the latest information about the weekend. Join us Friday night at 8:30PM for an informal WPPC-MA gathering at the Irish Pub <http://www.irishpubphilly.com>. There are two locations of the Irish Pub on the same street! We are at the 1123 Walnut St location...and not the 2007 Walnut St location. This is an informal event - No RSVP is required. We hope to see you there!



New England All Service Academy Holly Ball

Join fellow service academy families on Sunday, December 30, from 6pm to Midnight, at the Seaport Hotel in Boston (www.seaportboston.com). The Holly Ball is an evening for friends and family to gather and honor our cadets/midshipmen who attend the US Military Academy, US Naval Academy, US Coast Guard Academy, US Merchant Marine Academy, and US Air Force

Academy. We liken it to a prom where parents and family can attend! It is a chance to celebrate our cadets/midshipmen who have chosen to pursue a military education and serve their country rather than attend a civilian institution. The cadets/midshipmen do not need to bring a date, and other family members are welcome to attend. It is a very fun night of dining, dancing, and meeting other service academy families who share similar experiences. Also, as tradition dictates, there will be a photo op as all the Firsties/Seniors get to cut their service academy cake with a saber!

Our speaker this year is Mr. Fletcher "Flash" Wiley (Navy Prep '61, USAFA '65) who had a distinguished career at USAFA, in the Air Force, and in the Massachusetts legal and business communities. Click this [link](#) to learn more about Mr. Wiley's interesting background and career.

This is always a fun night and if you have thought about coming in the past and haven't, this is the year to attend! Tickets are available now (\$55 cadets/midshipmen, \$65 guests) and include dinner and dancing, a photo booth, and chances for the cadets/midshipmen to win door prizes. To purchase your tickets for this event, visit http://wppc-ma.org/holly_ball_registration_page. As always, you will have the option to purchase professional photographs too. It will be a wonderful night celebrating together.

The Seaport Hotel is offering special discounted rooms to attendees for \$139 the night of the Holly Ball and \$209 if you would like to extend your stay into New Year's Eve. Please call 1-877-SEAPORT (7327678) to reserve your room now and mention the Holly Ball.

To offset expenses for organizing this event, and to support the event's charity (The Wounded Warrior Project), we are seeking sponsorships and cadet "shout-outs" to include in the program and hope your members will participate. To learn more about sponsoring this event, please see the additional information and sponsorship form at <http://wppc-ma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Holly-Ball-ltr-FINAL-2018.pdf>

Club News

We held our first General Meeting of the 2018 - 2019 academic year at the Mazur's house (Brett '21), where we decided to donate \$500 to the Association of Graduates and boxed boodle for Yearlings. The afternoon was such a success that Mike and Tracey agreed to host the second General Meeting on January 27, 2019, where we will box boodle for the Cows. Mark your calendars!

To ease the stress of the upcoming year-end holidays, the club will continue its tradition of sponsoring a bus BACK to West Point on January 6, 2019. This is a one-way ticket :) Visit the Bus page on our website to place your order, <http://wppc-ma.org/the-bus>, or contact Cherie Monahan with more detailed questions (617-803-2717 or cherie.monahan@gmail.com).

We need you! Are you ready to tackle our website, or at least interested to learn how to? Raise your hand and become our Webmaster. We can teach you the technical aspects of this job. Please reach out to Mike McKinney (413-998-1970 or mikemckinneyma@gmail.com) with interest or questions.