



Welcome Cadet Candidates and Their Families

You are cordially Invited to Attend the
West Point Parents Club of Massachusetts (WPPC-MA)

Hail and Farewell Event June 15, 2019

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

The event will be at St. Mary's Church, 640 Main Street, Shrewsbury MA.

Congratulations to the Cadet Candidates for the USMA Class of 2023 on your recent appointment! We encourage you to attend our Hail and Farewell, where Cadet Candidates and families meet each other and learn about:

- Tips for preparing for R-Day and this summer's training from current Cadets
- Information on various WPPC-MA and USMA support networks
- Upcoming summer USMA and WPPC-MA events

Cadet Candidates will also meet their 50-Year affiliate class (USMA Alum from the class of 1973). This is a West Point tradition that pairs the alumni class with the incoming class. Over the next four years, graduates from the Class of 1973 will accompany the Class of 2023 at significant Academy events. The 50-year Affiliation Program has become an indispensable element in the development of cadets and strengthening the Long Gray Line.

Candidates: the WPPC-MA would like to add your parents to our email list so that we may remain in contact with them while you are away at summer training. Our club does not share contact information with other organizations. We use the list to send periodic club newsletters and to announce club events and services (e.g., bus transportation to West Point). Please forward this email to your parents. **Parents:** Welcome! Please send us your contact information at your earliest convenience. Please fill out the contact form in our club website at this link, and scan/send to wppcma@gmail.com. Or if you prefer, just include the requested information directly in a an email. Thank you!

So that we can properly prepare sufficient handouts and coffee/refreshments, please RSVP by **Friday June 7th** to Susan Colehower at scolehower@comcast.net

We look forward to seeing you!

Cadet Candidate Tip: As the WPPC-MA began preparations for this Hail/Farewell event, several cadets told us how helpful it was to meet other cadets from Massachusetts, prior to reporting to R-Day. Via the distribution list used on this invitation, or while meeting candidates at the Hail & Farewell event, please consider reaching out to other MA cadets for a pre R-Day activity. Past activities that have worked well are rucks/hikes in local parks. A ruck is a great way to establish some West Point friends while getting in shape for the summer at the same time.