



Welcome to the May edition of the WPPC-MA newsletter. Spring is in the air! A season of sun and rain (at least this year), blooming flowers, and celebrations. The Class of 2019 graduates, while the Class of 2023 is about to begin. Read details below of all our upcoming events.

The WPPC-MA Leadership Team



Class of 2019 Commencement & Commissioning (May 25th)

Congratulations to the new Second Lieutenants and their families as they celebrate the ultimate milestone of the cadet experience. We wish you well as you move into your chosen branches and post assignments!

Cadet Candidates

As one class graduates, another class joins. So goes the Long Gray Line. R-Day is set for July 1st. In advance, we invite all Cadet Candidates for the Class of 2023 to join us at St. Mary's Church in Shrewsbury on Saturday, June 15th from 10am - 12pm. For additional details, see our [website](#) or event [flyer](#).

Summer @ WPPC-MA

Transitioning from spring, we will have several events that carry us to the new academic year. In addition to the Hail & Farewell, we will host the third annual "Tame the Beast" event at the Mazur's (Mike & Tracey, Brett '21) on July 20th. This is the Saturday before the Sunday that marks the midpoint of Beast, when New Cadets can make extended phone calls to family and friends. This event is a good opportunity for the new families to learn from some families that have survived Beast and other key cadet milestones. Check our website closer to the event for details and location directions.

Fall Football

While many months away, football season will be here soon enough! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5th, when West Point takes-on Tulane at 12pm in Michie Stadium. After the game, we will host our annual tailgate. We are still locking down catering, but have reserved a spot at Daly field, similar to the last couple of years. We will share more information, including ticket orders, in the coming weeks.

We also have an opportunity to purchase game tickets as a group. But we need a critical mass of interest to take advantage of the opportunity. Please help us capture your interest by completing a short [survey](#) on our website by June 23rd.

Looking to December and THE game of the season, please contact Dan Jordan (djordan6494@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the Waitlist for club rooms at the Holiday Inn Express Midtown Philadelphia. Rooms are \$212 per night, plus taxes and parking.

Other Club News

To ease Term End Exams (aka TEEs), WPPC-MA was one of many parent's clubs that contributed to AOG's Chik-fil-A giveaway on May 14th and 15th. Hundreds of cadets enjoyed the addictive allure of chicken sandwiches to Beat the Dean. This is just one of the events that the club will leverage available funds to support cadet activities on post and within MA.

We need you! Our leadership team is feeling the season of change, too. We have several positions that are open or will open in the near future. If you have an interest in taking a more active role in the club, please reach out to Mike McKinney (413-998-1970 or mikemckinneyma@gmail.com) for details about the various openings.

We will be starting our bus service on Labor Day. Check [The Bus](#) page on our website for more information.

Grad Corner

While WPPC-MA doesn't endorse products and services, we promote USMA graduates that are looking to grow their business.

Mike Harrington (USMA '82) works for Timex and has offered a special promo code activated on Timex.com. West Point friends and family can go to timex.com and click the Fan Shop tab, or use this link:

<https://www.timex.com/browse/fan-shop/collegiate-watches/us-military-academy-army-black-knights/>

For a special discount, use the promo code BEATNAVY! at checkout. He has set up a 25% off discount & free standard shipping. The code is now active and should remain active through Father's Day.

John Cooney (USMA '98) runs a fee-only financial planning firm in Middleboro. He has done a few educational based briefings for Soldiers and their family members on various military finance topics, such as the Thrift Savings Plan and the Blended Retirement System. He is a fee-only planner, which means he does not sell any products for commissions. If any members have an interest in an educational based briefing or any of John's services, please contact him at john@greenandgoldfinancial.com.