



West Point Society of New England
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Newsletter

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Members of the West Point Family,

After a summer of activity for our Society, we move into the fall sports season and begin to plan for our future events. Known details of upcoming events are below.

We also have recaps of some of our summer events which were well managed by our volunteers. A special thanks to Daniel Wells, John Duhamel and Ike Kim for their leadership of the summer events.

As reported in the last newsletter, Dena Caradimitropoulo has taken charge of our project to assess and redesign our Society's web site. Communicating with you, our members, is a critical element of our Society's mission. If you have web site design and programming in your tool box and can assist in the maintenance of our Society's web site, please contact Dena or Dale Kurtz or any Board member. Your assistance is appreciated and needed. Thank you Dena for stepping forward to take on this challenge.

Wayne White and I attended the AOG Leaders' Conference in August. Information about the conference is in the attached document. You must sign into the AOG website to access the presentation slides. I encourage you to read through the slides of all of the presentations, but especially to the presentations of the Chairman, CEO and Superintendent. They will provide insight into the future of the AOG and the Academy. The Academy is constantly changing while keeping the core values we all learned as cadets.

A brief update on the Long Gray Line: (As of 31 July 2016)

Living Graduates: 51,922 Total Graduates: 73,395

Mid-point of Living Graduates: Mr. David A. Esposito, USMA 1990

Oldest Living Graduate: LTG William J. Ely, USMA 1933 (104 years young)

Mid-point of All Graduates: Mr. Frances M. LeGasse, USMA 1979

Keep the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers. They stand guard for us. We, and those with whom we served, understand the sacrifice of standing guard.

Remember: united we stand, divided we fall. Words as true today as when they were first spoken.

Dale

USMA '73

Professional Grad Mixer

Ike Kim, USMA '93 has arranged for the next Service Academy Grad Mixer. Join other grads to network and connect.



Service Academy Grad Mixer

Wednesday, 12 OCT 16

1730 – 2030

**“Charlie’s Kitchen” 2nd Floor at
10 Eliot Street, Cambridge, MA 02138**

In vicinity of Harvard Square
(5 minute walk from Harvard Square T-Station)
Come network with the other grads in the area.

Event is open to all classes!

Free Appetizers!

Families welcome!



Co-sponsored by the West Point Society of New England
and the Boston Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association



Contact Ike for details: jhej00@yahoo.com

ARMY/NAVY Game Watch Tailgate

Game time: 10 December 2016. Kickoff 3:00 PM.

Location: Atlantic Beer Garden, 150 Northern Ave., Boston 02210.

Time at venue: 2:30 - 6:30 (or end of game).

Host: USNAA Boston

Food will be provided, beverages on your own.

Charity: New England Center and Home For Veterans. Donations requested.

Cost: \$25/person.

Registration details to follow.

Army to play Bentley in Frozen Fenway 2017!!

Army will play Bentley in the Boston Red Sox' frozen outdoor arena on **Thursday, January 5th at 7:30pm**. The second game of the series will be played on Friday, January 6th at the John A. Ryan Skating Rink.

WPSNE will provide more information as details and plans are finalized. The hockey season begins on Saturday, October 1 as the Army team visits Colgate in Hamilton, NY.

New England All Service Academy Holly Ball

The WPPC-MA is hosting the annual **New England All Service Academy Holly Ball** on December 30th at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. We would love to have members of the West Point Family from across New England join us for this special event. Details will follow and there is a dedicated website for this family event!

Summer Events

West Point Society Day with the Red Sox

On July 10th about 65 graduates, families and friends watched the Boston Red Sox finish the first half of the season with a win over the Tampa Bay Rays by a score of 4-0. David Price was the winning pitcher and David Ortiz thrilled the crowd with a blast over the green monster. We look forward to returning to Fenway Park next year to root on the Sox once again. Our thanks to Daniel Wells for organizing the event and for securing great seats for the game.

View from seats for WPSNE Day at Fenway



All Academy Golf Challenge, The Ken Kronlund Classic



WPSNE hosted the 24th Annual All Academy Golf Challenge, the Ken Kronlund Classic on **July 22, 2016** at Stow Acres Golf Club. Sixty golfers joined us for a great day of golf, fun and comradery.

Army carried the day retaining the All Academy Challenge Cup. The winners of the inaugural Ken Kronlund Classic Cup were guests of a USMA grad as well!

The winners were:

All Academy 1 st place	John Proulx, USMA '90	Bill Newman, USMA '82
2 nd place	Ron Knight, USMA '71	Thomas Cafaro, USMA '71
Ken Kronlund 1 st place	Bob Jarchow	Sean Farrell
2 nd place	Mark Morin, USMA '84	Bob Holbrook
Individual Score	Bill Newman, USMA '82	
Closest to the Pin		
Hole #3	Bob Jarchow	
Hole # 11	Tom Sullivan	
Hole # 15	Jim Price	
Longest Drive	Charles Stakus, Jr.	

The players raised \$2500.00 for the Patriot Resilient Leader Institute, WWW.PRLI.US. We were very happy to have representatives from PRLI not only join us for lunch, but also join us on the golf course.

Next year will be the 25th All Academy Challenge. We want to make it a special event and to have a full slate of golfers. If you are interested in helping us make this a very special activity, please contact Dale Kurtz or any Board of Governors member.

The 2016 WPSNE Family Picnic at the Patton Homestead

On 23 July about 40 graduates and guests gathered under “the tree” at the Patton Homestead in Hamilton, Massachusetts. The West Point Society of New England’s annual Summer Family Picnic at the Patton Homestead is truly a bucket list activity. Attendees were treated to tours of the Patton Homestead, hay rides and an opportunity to visit the Green Meadows Farm owned by Mrs. Joanne Holbrook Patton our hostess for the afternoon. Joanna’s sister, Marian Roberson, from Texas joined us for the day. WPSNE was happy to have Emily Bitteker and Amy Hagan from the AOG also join us. We all look forward to returning to the homestead for many years to come. Special thanks to John Duhamel for arranging our gathering at the Homestead.

A few of those who gathered with us under the tree at the Patton Homestead. Mrs. Patton and her sister Marni are the background center of the picture.



AOG Class of '69 Leaders' Conference

Wayne White represented WPSNE at the AOG Leaders' Conference in August. Dale Kurtz attended as a Regional Advisor to the AOG Board of Directors.

You are encouraged to read the slides from the Chairman, the CEO and the Superintendent as well as slides from the other speakers and presentations. There is a great video in the Superintendent's brief that is very fun to watch.

The Association of Graduates is well led and continues to adapt to the changing needs and wants of graduates. As the Chairman noted in his remarks, "WPAOG must and is evolving to best support West Point and its Graduates".

To learn more about the strategic goals of the AOG, read the CEO's slides.

The link to the slides is:

www.westpointaog.org/leadersconferenceslides

After the conference, the Northeast Region conducted its annual advisor election. There are three advisors for each of the six Society Regions. Each region elects one advisor each year to a three year term. Dale Kurtz, President of the West Point Society of New England was elected to his second term as a Regional Advisor.

Visiting West Point

If you are planning to visit West Point, please read the new policy on visitor identification. Post security has been that singular issue that has kept the Superintendent awake at night. It is important that we protect the national treasure that is West Point - our cadets, our faculty, staff and families, guests and visitors as well as the facility itself.

Effective June 7, all visitors to West Point who do not have identification issued by the Department of Defense (or are not escorted by someone with same) will be required to stop at the Visitors Center outside Thayer Gate to get a visitor pass. USMA is still working on plans for handling this new requirement for large-scale public and alumni events. Please be patient during this process. For the most up-do-date information, please visit the West Point Garrison webpage for the current policy <http://www.westpoint.army.mil/visitus.html>.

Army Sports Teams in Action in New England in October

DATE	TIME	TEAM	OPPONENT	LOCATION
5	7pm	Men Soccer	Holy Cross	Worcester
9	All day	Women's Tennis	UIR	URI
18	7pm	Volleyball	Holy Cross	Worcester
21	7pm	Sprint Football	Franklin Pierce	Rindge, NH
21	7:05pm	Hockey	UMass	Amherst
22	2pm	Women's Soccer	BU	Boston
28	All Day	Men's Tennis	Harvard	Cambridge
29	All Day	Men's Tennis	Harvard	Cambridge
29	7pm	Men's Soccer	BU	Boston
30	All Day	Men's Tennis	Harvard	Cambridge

GO ARMY!!!