



## **West Point Society of New England 4th Quarter 2015 Newsletter**

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### **2015 Society Board of Governors**

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Raoul Alcalá '62  
Chris Putko '83**

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Wayne White '78  
Daniel Wells '05**

**Jason Halligan '05**

# President's Column

## Happy New Year!

Please take a few minutes to read the various articles in this edition of our newsletter. We have a number of upcoming events which are listed "Inside This Issue". I do want to mention the events upcoming in January: our night at the Celtics has a 21 January deadline date; nominations for the Board of Governors are due by 15 January; a Young Grad Mixer is in the planning stage for late January.

You will be receiving a number of emails in the next few weeks about these activities as the details are finalized. Please take the few moments needed to read the messages. We will also use our FaceBook page more effectively to communicate our events. Check us out on FaceBook and like WPSNE!!

If you have wondered how you can help the Society or how you can be more involved, I have a simple answer for you. Complete the nomination form to be placed on the ballot for election to the Board of Governors. You could also contact me or any Board member or any of the event chairmen listed in the articles in this newsletter if you wish to assist with a specific event.

A "Year in Review" will be presented at our Annual Meeting on 6 February. Our Society had very active 2015 and 2016 is lining up to be just as active. If there is an event or activity you would like the Society to pursue, let us know.

Earlier this year you received word that Bob McClure, our President and CEO has announced that he is stepping down from his role at the end of June, 2016. We tried to schedule Bob as a speaker for our Annual Meeting or Founder's Day. Unfortunately, he is not available for either date, but we will have him in New England in 2016 and will recognize his service to our Association and to the Academy.

As I always do, I ask that you please keep our service members in your thoughts and prayers. They are serving in a very tumultuous time.

GO ARMY!!

Dale

USMA '73



## WPSNE Night at the Celtics

Action Date is 21 January!!

WPSNE has a block of 100 seats available for the Boston Celtics game against the Milwaukee Bucks on Thursday night 25 February 2016. The seating block is in the balcony section right along the sideline in section 314. Tickets are \$36.00 each. Please contact Daniel Wells at [daniel.clarke.wells@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.clarke.wells@gmail.com) not later than 21 January to purchase tickets.





## WPSNE Board of Governors Election

As stated in the WPSNE By-laws, there are five seats open for election for the Board of Governors. If you are interested in being placed on the ballot, please contact Chris Putko, [chris.putko@ll.mit.edu](mailto:chris.putko@ll.mit.edu). Details about the nomination and election process will be sent to the Society.

Serving on the Board of Governors creates great connections, friendships and an opportunity to 'pay it forward'. We meet once per month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Woburn.

Be a member of the team that guides our Society. Contact Chris!!!



## Young Grad Mixer

Ike Kim is finalizing details for a Young Grad Mixer (I define Young Grad as anyone who graduated in the Class of '00 or later – that is 1900 or later!!) to be held in late January.

The purpose of these mixers is to encourage Networking of Service Academy Graduates and encourage grads to join WPSNE. Any graduate looking to network with others is welcome to attend.

Ike is focusing on a location in the MIT campus area with the specific site to be selected soon.

These Mixers are for All Academy Graduates and are co-sponsored by the Boston USNA Alumni Association in partnership with WPSNE.



## West Point Society of New England Annual Meeting

The WPSNE will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, 6 February 2016 at the Holiday Inn Boxborough (242 Adams Place, Boxborough MA 01719) in the Colonial Room.  
(Same place as last year.)

**Timeline follows:** 1030 hrs Arrival  
1045 hrs Welcome and Guest Speaker – (TBD);  
1130 hrs Luncheon  
1230 hrs Business Meeting/Election of Board of Governors  
1300 hrs Closing

**Menu:** Salad, London Broil, Vegetable Lasagna, potatoes, green beans, coffee, dessert and soda.

**Cost:** \$30/person; Cash Bar Available; Uniform is Casual Business Attire

**Location:** Holiday Inn Boxborough, 242 Adams Place, Boxborough MA 01719

**Registration:** Site will be available in January



## **FOUNDERS' DAY SILENT AUCTION**

**ANNUAL FOUNDER'S DAY SILENT AUCTION HAS RAISED OVER  
\$85,000 FOR CHARITIES IN THE LAST 13 YEARS**

Auction items have included Red Sox-Yankees tickets, golf outings, dinner outings, wine gift baskets, and [many more items](#).

**PROCEEDS THIS YEAR WILL GO TO TWO ORGANIZATIONS:**

**Operations Troop Support and the Directorate of Cadet Activities**

**Operation Troop Support:** Established in March 2003, Operation Troop Support is an organization from Boston's north shore area that serves our deployed men and women in uniform from across the country. Headquartered in Danvers, Massachusetts, Operation Troop Support has FIVE missions:

Sending care packages to our deployed troops

Supplying our military hospitals both state side and abroad with  
much needed comfort items

Spearheading an extensive holiday gift wrapping and distribution  
program to our military forces

Coordinating a regional military family support group program

Generating a public awareness of the sacrifices and needs of the  
soldiers and their families

## **West Point Directorate of Cadet Activities:**

The mission of DCA is to significantly enhance the development of the United States Corps of Cadets militarily, physically, academically, moral-ethically, spiritually, and socially by providing organized, comprehensive and diverse programs and facilities, which provide for entertainment, extracurricular, recreational, cultural and social activities.

## **WE ARE ASKING FOR SPONSORSHIPS FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION**

- The Dinner Hosts over 180 guests
- Our Goal is to raise over \$8,000 in Charitable Donations
- Please contact us if you have any items that you can donate to the Auction

## **THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND FOUNDER'S DAY DINNER**

- Saturday, March 19, 2019
- Devens Commons Center, Devens, Massachusetts
- Guest Speaker: To Be Announced

## **SILENT AUCTION POINT OF CONTACT:**

Jim Diggins, [jim.diggins@dntanks.com](mailto:jim.diggins@dntanks.com) 857-891-0820



# West Point Society of New England, 2016 Founder's Day Celebration

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**

*On 16 March 1802, Thomas Jefferson signed the document that founded the United States Military Academy it read,*

**“that the said corps, when so organized, shall be stationed at west point in the state of New York and shall constitute a military academy.”**

**Save the date** to join us in celebrating the 214th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy.

The 2016 WPSNE Founder's Day celebration will relocate from Boxboro, to the:

**Devens Common Center  
31 Andrews Parkway  
Devens, Massachusetts 01434  
Phone: (978) 772-0188**

Details for our celebration are being finalized and will be announced at our Annual Meeting on 6 February.

The Silent Auction will benefit OPERATION TROOP SUPPORT and DCA.

If you have questions, contact either of the Founder's Day co-chairs:

Bruce Jackan at [Bruce\\_Jackan@yahoo.com](mailto:Bruce_Jackan@yahoo.com) / 781.799.0054 or

Wayne White at [wpmba2002@msn.com](mailto:wpmba2002@msn.com) / 978.844.0652



## Did You Know?

Less than .05% of the population of the United States currently serves in our military. During World War II, over 11% of the population was in the military.

Do you have a copy of your DD 214 - your discharge document? Does your family know where it is? You can obtain a copy of your DD 214 by requesting it on line at [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov). It is a simple process, but can only be requested by the service member or next of kin.

The Class of 2019 (the current Plebe class is the sesquicentennial class of the founding of the Association of Graduates.



## WPSNE Red Sox Game

WPSNE watched the Boston Red Sox play the American League Champion Kansas City Royals in August. The society will go back to Fenway Park on 10 July 2016 as the Red Sox take on the Tampa Bay Rays. Due to the popularity of our last Fenway event, we have a block of 75 seats available for the Sunday afternoon game against Tampa Bay. We have three full rows (13, 14, 15) in Right Field Grandstand #3 which has good views of the field and overhead cover in case the weather is a little off that day during the game. Tickets are \$36.00 each please contact Daniel Wells at [daniel.clarke.wells@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.clarke.wells@gmail.com) to purchase tickets.



## WPPC-MA Update

The West Point Club of Massachusetts has welcomed many new members from among the Class of 2019 families.

On September 19th, more than 100 people attended our post-game tailgate at South Dock. Cadets brought new friends from around the country.

On October 24th, at our first of three general meetings for the academic year, we engaged in many lively discussions, including one that resulted in our unanimously voting in favor of offering a discounted four year membership to future members.

At the Yuk Boodle Bash that followed, we assembled care packages for the nearly two dozen yearlings from Massachusetts. Lots of Halloween-themed treats and a few practical items were stuffed into the boxes.

Over Army Navy Weekend, several Massachusetts families stayed in a block of reserved rooms at the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Philly. Though no formal event was held, it was nice to see familiar faces at meals, etc. The club has already reserved 25 at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Hotel in Baltimore for 2016.

Our Leadership Team is complete, with volunteers waiting in the wings to step into positions as the current volunteers begin to transition in anticipation of a busy firstie year. The response from the Class of 2018 and 2019 parents has been impressive. We look forward to meeting parents of candidates for the Class of 2020 at the Cadet Candidate Welcome Reception prior to the start of the annual Founders' Day Banquet, a tradition at which the partnership between our two organizations is highlighted!



## Admissions

This is a very busy time for Admissions. Congressional nominations are being finalized and communicated to candidates and the Director of Admissions. Files are being completed and Field Force members are answering last minute questions and completing field interviews.

Due to the high level of activity, we are unable to provide data for the current number of open files and probable offers. We will meet offered candidates at our Candidate Reception at Founder's Day.



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# Army/Navy Tailgate

Approximately 100 Army and Navy supporters joined hands in competitive fellowship to watch this year's Army Navy game at the WPSNE sponsored tailgate at the Boston Beer Garden. Attendees included three former Army football players from left to right: Mikael Reckley '96, Alistair Roberts '96, and Todd Soucy '93'. The game was one of the



most exciting games in years, and the Boston Beer Garden provided an excellent venue. We not only had a good time but did some good for the community in collecting over 50 toys for Toys for Tots. WPSNE looks forward to collaborating with our Navy brothers and sisters for next year's Army Navy game...topped off with an Army win. GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!





## ARMY Teams in Action in New England

Date/Time	Team	Opponent	Location
<b>9 Jan 7:05p</b>	<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Fairfield, CT</b>
<b>20 Jan 7pm</b>	<b>Men's BB</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Worcester, MA</b>
<b>23 Jan 11:30 am 2pm</b>	<b>Women's BB Men's BB</b>	<b>NAVY NAVY</b>	<b>Madison Square Garden</b>
23 Jan	Men & Women Track & Field	Joe Donahue Games	Boston, MA
13 Feb	Men & Women Track & Field	Valentine's Invitational	Boston, MA
<b>17 Feb 7pm</b>	<b>Women's BB</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Worcester, MA</b>
<b>23 Feb 7pm</b>	<b>Men's BB</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>
27 Feb	Men & Women Track & Field	BU Last Chance	Boston, MA
<b>27 Feb 7:05pm</b>	<b>Hockey</b>	<b>Bentley</b>	<b>Waltham, MA</b>
<b>28 Feb 1pm</b>	<b>W Lacrosse</b>	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	<b>Lowell, MA</b>
<b>2 March 7pm</b>	<b>Women's BB</b>	<b>BU</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>
6 March 1pm	Gymnastics	Springfield	Springfield, MA
<b>30 March 4pm</b>	<b>W Lacrosse</b>	<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Worcester, MA</b>