



**West Point Society of New England
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Newsletter**

2017 Society Board of Governors

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Members and Friends of the Academy,

I wish you all a very Happy Fourth of July. We all have had a busy quarter with Memorial Day, Flag Day and other civic celebrations. I was disappointed that the Army Birthday Celebration we have had in the past, led by BG (RET) Jack Hammond either didn't happen or wasn't well publicized.

During the past three months, we held our Annual Meeting at the Sam Adams Brewery; completed our Board Elections, welcoming two new members; hosted the Ethics and Leadership Program at the Boys/Girls State; and many of you presented Certificates of Admissions to our Cadet Candidates and presented the Sylvanus Thayer Leadership Award and the Patton Family Leadership Award. More about these activities will be found later in this newsletter.

We have a very active summer on tap! We will hold our annual Family Picnic at the Patton Homestead on July 22nd. We will recognize all veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975 as part of the Department of Defense Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Program. We will host the 25th Annual Ken Kronlund Charity Classic, the All Academy Challenge on July 21st. We have officially changed the name of the event in honor of Ken Kronlund who started the golf challenge. Ken passed away earlier this year, but his legacy will live on. We are very excited about our beneficiary, 'Honor Flight, New England'. We also will hold our third annual West Point Society of New England Day at Fenway Park on October 1st as the Red Sox take on the Houston Astros.

Details about each of these events may be found later in this newsletter.

I want to thank Daniel Wells and Casey Phoenix for their service to the Society. Whenever a person was needed to step on the spot and take action, Casey was there to do so. Daniel initiated our Society Coin project and managed our special events such as WPSNE Day at Fenway and WPSNE Night at the Celtics. Both individuals will be missed on the board and I hope that they will be willing to serve again in the future.

We welcome Essex Fowlkes, '79 and Nadi Kassim, '10 to the Board of Governors. Please join me in welcoming them to our Board.

Officers elected by the Board of Governors at the June Board Meeting:

President - Dale Kurtz '73

Vice President - Ed Collazzo '83

Treasurer - Tom Smith '71

Secretary - Don Webber '80

Please read about each of the upcoming events and note that each has a registration deadline. Visit our web site and our our Facebook page.

Have a great summer!! And as always, please keep our men and women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers.

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SYLVANUS THAYER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Albert Barese presented the Sylvanus Thayer Leadership Award to Meghan Murphy at Braintree High School. Meghan holds a 3.72 GPA, is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society. Additionally she is the Secretary of the Student Council, a member of the Greater Boston Student Advisory Council, Head of the Braintree High School School Pride Committee, a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions, and attended Massachusetts Girls State. She volunteers as a Coach and Mentor in Braintree's Kickin' It Soccer Program (for students with autism), as a Referee for Braintree Youth Soccer, and a team member for Relay for Life.



PATTON FAMILY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tom Smith presented The Patton Family Leadership Award to Alex Renaud at Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School.

Alex is near the top of his class with a 4.23 weighted GPA with the most challenging Advanced Placement curriculum. He is a member of the National Honor Society.

He will be co-captain of the school soccer team as a senior, and has been Junior Varsity basketball captain previously. Alex plays piano in the Jazz Combo, bass in the Concert Band, and sings tenor in the A Capella group. He has served as a student representative for his class, and participated in the Model UN. He also has been a Freshman Mentor, a youth basketball coach, and an active participant in the school's community service program.

ANNUAL MEETING

We had an informative a very informative Annual Meeting at the Sam Adams Brewery in Boston. We learned about the number of different types of beer there are (2), a little about hops and grains and the fermenting process. We also had a financial review by the Society Treasurer, Tom Smith and an abbreviated year in review by Society President, Dale Kurtz. We welcomed Essex Fowlkes, '79 and Nadi Kassim, '05 as newly elected members to our Board of Governors. After our brewery tour, little beer tasting and a brief business meeting, we adjourned to Doyle's for a nice lunch.



Some of the attendees at the Annual Meeting



**THE KEN KRONLUND CHARITY CLASSIC,
ALL ACADEMY GOLF CHALLENGE**
To Benefit Honor Flight, New England
July 21, 2017

Stow Acres Country Club, South Course

The 25th Annual All Academy Golf Challenge will bring graduates, parents, guests and friends of the U. S. Military, Naval, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine and Air Force Academies together for their annual gathering and contest to claim the Challenge Trophy. The Ken Kronlund Charity Classic is open to all ROTC Graduates and Cadets as well as all military, veterans and friends.

The West Point Society of New England sponsors this event to support a great cause, "Honor Flight, New England". Shotgun start begins promptly at 0900. Registration opens at 0730. We use a little different format to give all players a chance for the trophy!

Hole sponsorship (\$100) is available to support 'Honor Flight, New England'.

Register on line at: <http://wpsne.org/rsvp-buy-tickets/>

Registration closes Tuesday, July 18, 2017. Registrations after that date cannot be guaranteed requested pairings.

Cost is \$150 for each player, which includes: buffet lunch, green fees, cart, prizes and one restricted mulligan. Unrestricted mulligans may be purchased on line during registration.

More details are available on our web site.

HONOR FLIGHT NEW ENGLAND

Honor Flight New England joined with the national organization Honor Flight Network in the Spring of 2009, and is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's most senior veterans. Through generous donations, we transport our heroes to Washington, D.C., to visit and reflect at their memorials AT NO COST TO THE VETERAN. Top priority is currently given to the WWII Veterans, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. Beginning in the Spring of 2016, Honor Flight New England will also begin transporting Korean War Veterans.

With approximately 500 WWII Veterans dying each day, and many Korean War Veterans not being far behind in age, our time to express our thanks to these brave men and women is running out.

Our first flight was on June 13, 2009. It was a humbling experience to be with these Veterans on our maiden voyage to D.C. Of those 50 Veterans and Guardians traveling with us, on board were 14 WWII II Prisoners of War and 5 World War II Heroes, including one hero that lost his sight while serving his country.

Honor Flight New England has learned a lot over these last six years, most notably that our veteran heroes aren't asking for recognition. It is our position that they deserve it. Our program is just a small token of our appreciation for those that gave so much.

Please help us continue to make their dream of visiting THEIR memorials a reality. HONOR FLIGHT NEW ENGLAND — our way of saying to all our veterans — one more TOUR with HONOR.

Learn more about Honor Flight, New England at:

<http://honorflightnewengland.org/about/>



THE 2017 WPSNE FAMILY PICNIC

Mrs. Joanne H. Patton and the Town of Hamilton invite us to return to picnic at beautiful Green Meadows Farm and the Patton Homestead. WPSNE families and Cadet Parent families are invited to join in an afternoon of old-fashioned fun. Alumni of our sister academies are encouraged to join us for this family event too. Previous guests recall what a splendid event this is.

This year, our summer outing at the Patton Homestead will be held on Saturday, July 22nd and we will have a special recognition ceremony at this year's event.

In Accordance With Public Law 110-181 SEC.598; the 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."

In conjunction with the Department of Defense, we will conduct a recognition ceremony at this year's picnic. Society President, Dale Kurtz, Norfolk County Veterans' Advocate and Chairman of the Franklin Veterans' Council which is a partner of the Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Program will lead the ceremony.

"The phrase "Vietnam War period" is used to define the Commemoration's inclusive dates as our nation recognizes all who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of duty location; and their families. No distinction is made between veterans who served in-country, in-theater, or who were stationed elsewhere during the Vietnam War period."

If you served in any of the United States Armed Forces anywhere in the world from September 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, you will be recognized and receive a Vietnam War 50th Commemorative lapel Pin.

Please join us for this special recognition. Please register so we can properly prepare for the ceremony.

Picnic Details: Saturday, July 22, 2017 - 11:00 am 'til 3:00 pm.

Patton Family Homestead, 650 Asbury Street, South Hamilton, MA 01982

Bring your picnic lunch, beverages, lawn chairs or ground cloth, athletic equipment

- Picnic and Social on the spacious lawns
- Tennis, games
- Hayrides to fields and farm stand, your choice
- Tours of the Patton homestead
- Vietnam War 50th Commemorative Program

It is a fun afternoon for all. To properly prepare, we need to know how many are coming-- please respond with the information requested below.

RSVP TO: <http://wpsne.org/rsvp-buy-tickets/>

Scroll down the page if you don't see it at first.

Positive responses requested by Wednesday, July 19, 2016.

There is no \$\$\$ required, your annual dues support this event.

Directions and other details are available on our website.

WPSNE DAY AT FENWAY PARK

We have a great chance to see the Red Sox take on the Houston Astros in what could be a prelude to the AL Championship Series. The Astros are having a great season and the Red Sox for the East Division lead. We have great seats in the right field grandstand, but our available seats are limited. Get yours now to insure you can join us at Fenway for the last game of the regular season.

Tickets are on sale now on a first come, first served basis. The extended deadline to purchase tickets at the \$36 price is July 15th and we expect to sell out quickly. Purchases after July 15th will be \$41. Game time is 3:05pm.

Tickets are available at <http://wpsne.org/rsvp-buy-tickets/>

Come out and cheer on the Sox as they get ready for the post season!



GO RED SOX!

Any questions, please contact Daniel Wells at Dan@wpsne.org