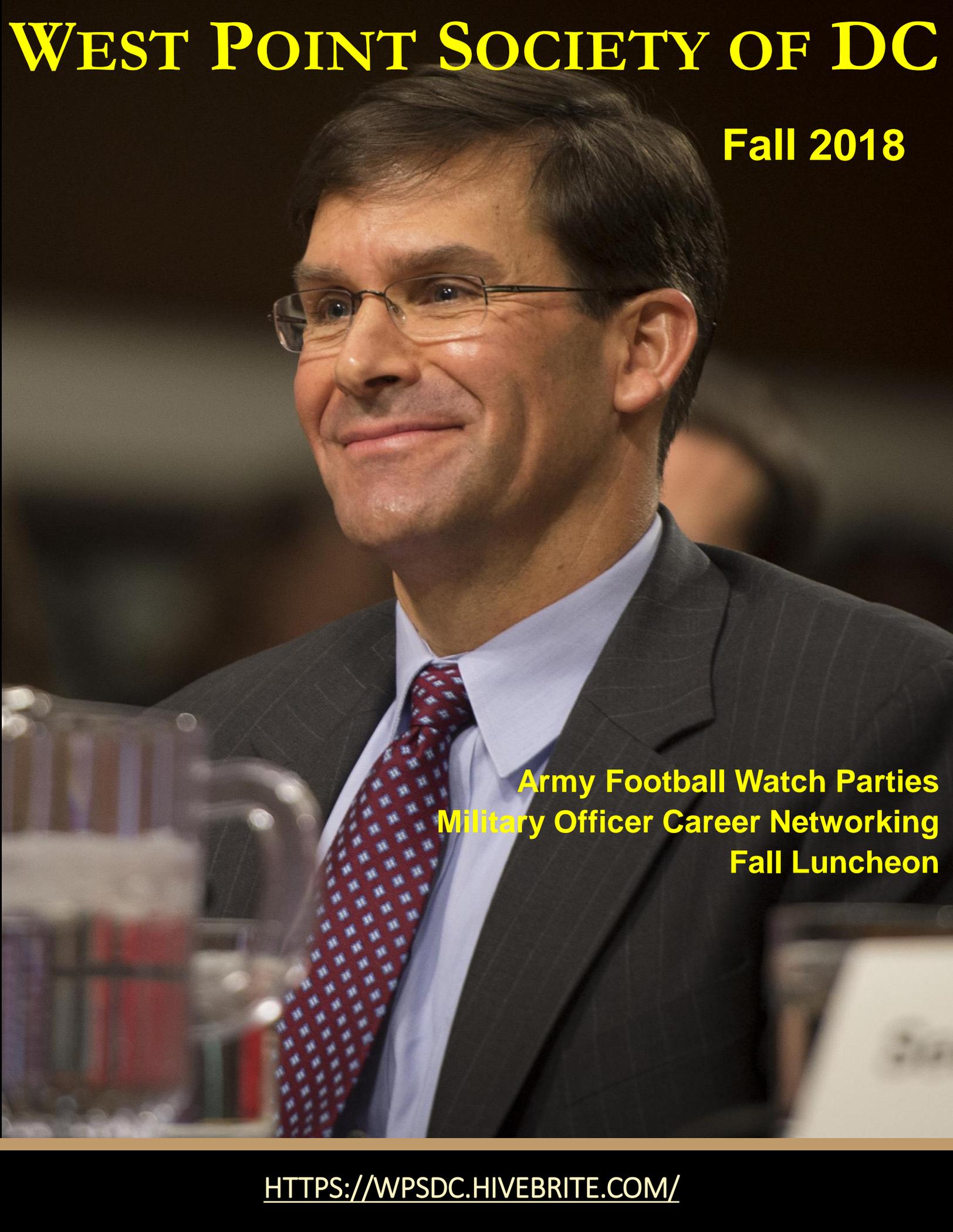


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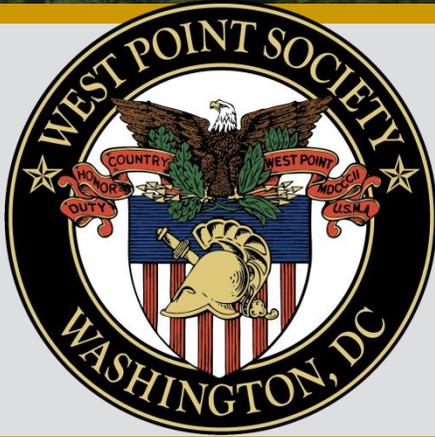
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Fall Luncheon Speaker

Dr Mark T. Esper, '86
23rd Secretary of the Army

Dr. Mark T. Esper was sworn in as the 23rd Secretary of the United States Army on Nov. 17, 2017. As Secretary, he has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to the United States Army, to include the recruitment, organization, training, equipping, and care of 1.4 million active duty, National Guard, and Reserve Soldiers, Department of the Army Civilians, and their families.



From 2010 – 2017, Secretary Esper was the Raytheon Vice President for Government Relations. From 2008-2010, Esper served as an Executive Vice President for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.. From 2006-2007 he served as COO and Executive Vice President of Defense and International Affairs at the Aerospace Industries Association.

Secretary Esper also has extensive Capitol Hill experience, serving as National Security Advisor for Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist; Policy Director for the House Armed Services Committee; and as a Professional Staff Member on the Senate Foreign Relations and Government Affairs Committees. He also served as the Legislative Director and Senior Policy Advisor to Senator Chuck Hagel.

After graduating from West Point in 1986, Secretary Esper completed Ranger training and served as an active duty Infantry Officer for over a decade, seeing combat in the 1990-1991 Gulf War with the 101st Airborne Division and commanding an airborne rifle company in Europe. Following active duty, he served in both the National Guard and Army Reserve before retiring in 2007. Along the way, he earned a Master of Public Administration Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from The George Washington University and served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Negotiations Policy).

Dr. Esper and his wife Leah have been married for 28 years and have three adult children.

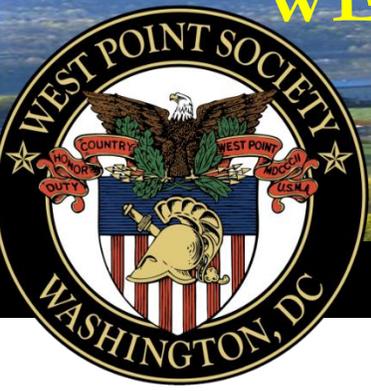
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Arlington, Virginia

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15 September 2018



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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31	Army Beats Duke Watch Party
September 13	Military Officer Career Networking Night
September 15	Beat Hawaii Tailgate at West Point
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Letter From the President

Keith Walker '76



Greetings to both old and new members of the WPSDC!

It's been a busy and productive few months since our last update. We continue to work to achieve our mission, "to serve the United States Military Academy at West Point in the National Capital Region by promoting the ideals and mission of the USMA and supporting the Academy and its graduates, cadets, former cadets, and their families throughout the Washington, DC, metropolitan area." Duty, Honor, Country remains our cornerstone; however, we seek change and growth to maintain relevance. Would like to highlight a few significant activities.

WPSDC Fall Luncheon. Please join us for our quarterly Luncheon at Patton Hall, Ft. Myer September 19th, 11:30 to 1:00 PM. The Secretary of the Army, Dr. Mark Esper '86, will be our guest speaker. We will take seats for the luncheon at 11:45, earlier than usual, and serve the meal at that time. We will recognize Sally Lewis '90 (our departing Executive Director) and Jenn Minus '93 (our departing Communications Committee Chair), introduce Rick French '86 (our new Executive Director), and vote on the Board's nominee for Founders Day Chair, Becca Lloyd '04. Dr. Esper will then give his remarks at 12:30

Governance. The General Membership of the WPSDC approved the new constitutions for the Society and for the WPSDC Foundation and elected Ginni Guiton '85 as our new Secretary on July 16th. Both the Society and the Foundation remain private entities, organized as a 501(c)(7) and a 501(c)(3), respectively. The Board will vote on the new bylaws for the WPSDC and the Foundation on August 28th. The constitutions are posted on the web site now, and the new bylaws will be posted upon approval.

Semi-annual Military Officer Job Fair. The Society's Job Fair was held at the Army Navy Country Club on 27 July. Another great success, the job fair featured 32 companies and 125 officer job seekers. Feedback from participating companies was all positive, including comments like "great location, more candidates than anticipated," "very high quality candidates," "very well organized," and "excited for December!" Our next WPSDC Military Officer Job Fair will be on December 5th at the Army Navy Country Club. Thanks to Carl Savino '78 and the Career Advisory Services Committee for orchestrating this superb event!

Founders Day 2019. Mark your calendars for the Founders Day 2019 on Saturday, March 30th at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA. We have invited our new Superintendent, LTG Darryl A. Williams '83, to be our guest speaker. Will keep you updated on the program.

Membership and Volunteers. If you are already a member of the West Point Society of DC, we appreciate your ongoing commitment, and hope that you will encourage your classmates to join. Remember, all of us are AOG members, but you must sign up to be Society member. If you not yet a member, go to <https://wpsdc.hivebrite.com/> and join. Your Society depends on volunteers – we have vacancies and need your help – please let me or any Board member know if you would like to help.

On behalf of your West Point Society of DC, thank you for your interest in and contributions to West Point. GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Keith
KEITH C. WALKER, '76
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army, Retired
President, West Point Society of the District of Columbia
and the National Capital Region



Young Grads

Brandon J. Archuleta, '06



The WPSDC Young Grad Committee hosted its summer "Pop Up" Happy Hour on Thursday, August 9th at Blackfinn AmeriPub in Washington, DC. The event was a great success with more than 40 grads turned out for the event, representing classes from 1974 to 2018! The Class of 1994 also had an especially strong showing. The youngest "Young Grads" - all Class of 2018 - recently moved to the DC area to attend medical school at USUHS. The Young Grad Committee has charged them with scouting out locations for a "Pop Up" Happy Hour in Bethesda later this year.



The Young Grad Committee has also been facilitating group ticket sales to Washington Nationals baseball games. These have been great events at a low cost. However, due to low ticket sales this summer, the committee will be re-evaluating these activities, perhaps turning them over to the West Point Parents Club in the future. Speaking of sporting events, the Young Grad Committee is continuing its partnership with Tim Abbott, the coordinator for Army Football Watch Parties at Four Courts Irish Pub in Arlington.

The Young Grad Committee is shifting its efforts to focus on Quarterly and "Pop Up" happy hours all throughout the DC metro area for Grads of ALL CLASSES. The quarterly happy hours will be tied to the seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer) and require a registration fee to cover food and venue space. But the Young Grad Committee is sensitive to the fact that young parents can be especially reluctant to pre-pay and register for an event they may not be able to attend. As such, we will host the occasional "Pop Up" happy hour to give grads an informal opportunity to come together and socialize without the pressures to register and pay ahead of time. We intend for these events to help the WPSDC realize its part in the WPAOG's vision that USMA grads become the most connected alumni network in the world.



Please be on the lookout for Army Football Watch Parties and the Fall Happy Hour, date TBD.

Founders Day

Becca Lloyd '04



Founders Day 2019

It may seem like we just enjoyed Founders Day 2018 but Founders Day 2019 is around the corner and the Society needs your help to make it even more amazing as this year. Founders Day 2019 is March 30th back at the Crystal Gateway Marriott with another great speaker from the Long Gray Line, exciting new event packages to choose from, and plenty of volunteer opportunities! The Society is proud to announce that Rebecca Lloyd c/o 2004 will once again chair the Founders Day 2019 committee. She is joined by Co-Chair, Ellen Sutey c/o 2009, Silent Auction Chair, Beverly Rouse c/o 1984, and Cathy Brown c/o 1984.



The committee needs highly motivated Old Grads to volunteer for the FD2019 Committee. Are you good with numbers? Volunteer to be our **Finance & Budget Chair**. Are you good at finding the best priced vendor to make our event spectacular? Volunteer to be our **Vendor & Contracts Chair**. Do you desire to lead a small team outside of the military? Volunteer to be our **Seating & Event Operations Chair**. Do you have connections or are keen to network new connections with valuable sponsors interested in supporting our Society and the West Point community? Volunteer to chair our **Sponsorship Team**. All positions include special incentives, soon-to-be lifelong friends, and memories. Not up for leading a team but still want to contribute? Let us know! The more help we have during the planning phase the better. Don't worry if you cannot commit to a committee position-- we also need Event Day Volunteers. We will trade 30 minutes of your time for a drink on us!

Below is a complete list of available positions. For more information and to volunteer your skills please contact Rebecca Lloyd at FD_Committee@wpsdc.org or 301-655-6910.

- Vendors/contracts:** Contacts potential vendors (photography, band, etc.) and manages vendor contracts.
- Finance/Budget:** Manages the finance and budget of FD2019. Works directly with Society's Treasurer
- Sponsorship:** Leads a team of motivated Alumni to get sponsors for FD2019.
- Silent Auction:** Works with Sponsorship team and Alumni to get donations for Silent Auction
- Seating and Event Operations:** Manages the seating chart and event day operations, is the POC for event-day volunteers
- Parent's Club Liaison:** Works with the Parent's Club for candidate/cadet reception and ticketing.
- Program/Script/Marketing:** Develops and maintains the FD2019 marketing campaign, drafts the program and event script.
- Registration:** Works with the Hivebrite registration platform and assists guests with registering for the event (assists with seating chart).

Beat Navy!

Founders Day

Becca Lloyd '04



FOUNDERS DAY 2019 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$500

- ◆ Logo on Program and displayed at event
- ◆ Half page advertisement on WPSDC Hivebrite
- ◆ Wine/Toast recognition or Entertainment/After Party

\$1000

- ◆ Logo on Program and displayed at event
- ◆ Half page advertisement on WPSDC Hivebrite
- ◆ Wine/Toast recognition or Entertainment/After Party
- ◆ 1 Table

\$1500

- ◆ Logo on Program and displayed at event
- ◆ Full page advertisement on WPSDC Hivebrite
- ◆ Wine/Toast recognition or Entertainment/After Party
- ◆ 1 VIP Table

\$2000+

- ◆ Hospitality suite to host pre/post event social
- ◆ Logo on Program and displayed at event
- ◆ Full page advertisement on WPSDC Hivebrite
- ◆ 2 VIP Tables (20 seats)
- ◆ Display Table in reception area

“...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.”

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30 MARCH 2019

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Arlington, VA

INTERESTED?!

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Chair**

Becca Lloyd, '04

FD_Committee@wpsdc.org

Leadership and Ethics

Margaret Burcham '82



WPLEC Presents \$9,000 in Scholarships to Local Students

As many already know, each year for the past 11 years the WPSDC has conducted a West Point Leadership and Ethics Conference for over 200 local HS Juniors in March. At the end of the one day training event, top performers are given a chance to compete for scholarships with a take home essay contest. This year we gave \$9,000 for education of the next generation of ethical leaders. The final results of the 2018 scholarship essay competition are below.

- 1st place (\$3000): Jack Gradle; Bishop O'Connell HS
- 2nd place (\$2000): Jonah Adler; Marshall HS
- 3rd place: (\$1000): Rachel Nelson; Robinson Secondary School
- 4th place (\$1000): Abby Guckenberger; Fairfax HS
- 5th place tie (\$1000): Molly Sander; Lake Braddock Secondary
- 5th place tie (\$1000): Inaya Laubach; Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS

Many of these awards were presented in person by WPSDC volunteers.



TW Williams '79, presented WPLEC Scholarship to Molly Sander this morning at Lake Braddock High School. She was very excited and grateful to receive the award along with her parents and younger brother.



Margaret Burcham '82, WPLEC Co-Chair presenting 2nd Place Scholarship to Jonah Sadler at George C. Marshall High School in McLean. Joining in the photo are Jonah's proud parents, Greg and Heather Adler.

Leadership and Ethics

Margaret Burcham '82



Co-Chair Bryan Watson '82 had the honor of presenting Ms. Rachel Nelson with her WPLEC Scholarship Award. The presentation (pictured below) was part of James W. Robinson High School's Junior Awards Recognition Program and was well attended. Ms Rachel Nelson is an impressive young lady. She received a number of awards during the ceremony. Additionally, she and the other WPLEC attendees from Robinson are starting a Student Ethics And Leadership Team (SEAL Tm). This is a student-led effort to look at ethics issues in the school.



Mike Greer '79 had the honor of presenting 1st place award and scholarship to Jack Grable at Bishop O'Connell HS. Pictured above are Mike, Jack along with Jennifer, Dr. Joe Vorbach, Head of School, and school counselor Tracey Leipold

At Fairfax HS **Bob Eisiminger '88** had the privilege of awarding Abby Guckenberger her scholarship. She is pictured here (to the right) with members of the Fairfax City School Board including School Board Chair Jon Buttram and School Superintendent Dr. Phyllis Pajardo.



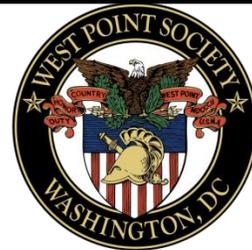
If you are thinking of ways to promote the values of West Point, this is the group for you. We are already planning for the 12th annual taking place next Spring and our first meeting is in Sept. Join us for this rewarding experience! Interested? Contact Co-Chairs Margaret Burcham mw.burcham@gmail.com, or Bryan Watson bryan.watson.usa@gmail.com.

Learn more: <https://wpsdc.hivebrite.com/page/west-point-leadership-and-ethics-conference>

2018 conference video: <https://vimeo.com/265744925/571e968269>

Career Advisory Services

Carl Savino '78



WPSDC's Career Advisory Services (CAS) continues to host a variety of career transition events, including spring, summer, and fall Military Officer Career Networking Nights and a biannual Military Officer Career Fair. These services are among those listed at <https://wpsdc.hivebrite.com/networks/wpsdc/page/career-services>. Be sure to take advantage of these free, top-tier employment resources designed to connect you with many of the best employers in the Washington, DC Metro area!

The next two Society career events are discussed below. If you are transitioning from military service or between jobs in the civilian sector, you are welcome and encouraged to attend these events.

September 13th Military Officer Career Networking Night

Our Society's next Military Officer Career Networking Night will be held on September 13, 2018 at the Army Navy Country Club, located at 1700 Army Navy Drive in Arlington, Virginia. This event will combine career transition presentations with informal job networking. All current WPSDC members can attend at no charge. If you are working for a company with openings that align with military officer talent, send a note to WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com about recruiting at this event. There is space available for five company tables. Reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

December 5th Military Officer Job Fair

Our Society's next Military Officer Job Fair will be held on December 5, 2018 at the Army Navy Country Club, located at 1700 Army Navy Drive in Arlington, Virginia. This job fair is especially for West Point graduates in career transition, though open to all transitioning and former (separated/retired) military officers regardless of commissioning source or branch of service. Dozens of top companies and government agencies will be participating. Free to all (officer) job seekers. For more information and to register, visit www.MilitaryOfficerJobFair.com.

Monthly, our West Point Society publishes a **Career Advisory Newsletter**. If you're seeking employment in the Washington, DC Metro area, send a brief overview of your background and career interests to Carl Savino '78 at WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com. If your company is seeking top-notch talent, read these bios and contact fellow graduates whose skills and experience match your company's needs.

For more information on these and other career transition services, visit <https://wpsdc.hivebrite.com/networks/wpsdc/page/career-services>

If you have questions, send an email to **Carl Savino, '78** at WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com.

We live by our CAS motto – “Grads Helping Grads!”



Admissions Report

Mike Peffers '82



Your local USMA Admissions Team will be very busy this fall with numerous High School College nights and other recruiting efforts. In September, Military Academy Liaison Officers (MALOs) will represent USMA at High School College nights in Loudon County, Prince William County, and Fauquier County. We will also represent USMA at the two large Fairfax county College Nights held at Fair Oaks Mall and Hayfield High School. Several West Point graduates will sit on local Congressional Nomination Boards meeting in November to recommend candidates for Congressional Nominations. Additionally, MALOs will conduct one-on-one interviews with local candidates. All of this hard work will assist in identifying and recruiting great candidates for the Class of 2023.

One challenge for candidates is passing the Qualifying Medical Exam conducted by the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB). The exam is scheduled after a candidate completes the majority of required paperwork on their online Candidate Kit. They will receive a letter from DoDMERB giving them the location and date of the exam and they will be scheduled at a civilian medical facility or at an Army, Air Force or Navy facility near their home. Afterward, DoDMERB will forward the test results to candidate. Each Military Academy has different standards for what they will accept medically. For example, West Point will closely scrutinize a candidate with asthma vs. USNA. Some medical conditions may be granted a medical waiver. However, some conditions are not waiver able and all medical waivers are granted by the USMA Surgeon. There are a finite number of waivers and we see candidates who delay getting required medical paperwork to USMA lose their chance for a waiver once the limit is reached. Recently we have seen great candidates get medically disqualified due to taking medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD, formerly known as ADD). DoDMERB requires the candidate be off these medications for at least one year prior to taking the DoDMERB exam.



Photos from the new West Point Visitor's Center, a must-see for all Cadet Candidates

Nominations Committee

Kristin (Knapp) French '86



I hope everyone is enjoying your Washington DC summer, with its longer days and warmer weather. We have had lots to cheer about in the local area since my last newsletter update – in particular the Washington Capitals Stanley Cup victory (go Caps!), the MLB All-Star game held in Nationals ballpark and the recent opening of the DC United soccer field vic Fort McNair (you can tell I am a sports fan!).

Now on to noms business... We are accepting nominations for two awards right now;

- The Sylvanus Thayer Award – presented to an outstanding citizen of the US whose service exemplifies “Duty, Honor and Country”. Former CIA Director and Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta will receive the Thayer Award this year October 2018 at West Point.
- The Distinguished Graduate Award – presented to USMA graduates whose character, distinguished service and stature draw a wholesale comparison to the qualities West Point strives.

Formal nominations for the Thayer and Distinguished Graduate awards are due by mid-September 2018. Nomination submissions/packets are not over-whelming, they only require justification on why a person is deserving of the award. So, if anyone or any class wants to nominate an individual for the Thayer or Distinguished Graduate awards, the time is NOW! Please contact me reference any questions/packet format/etc.

Thanks and BEAT NAVY!

Kristin (Knapp) French, '86
Courage Never Quits!
kkfrench86@gmail.com



Membership

Joe Simonelli '87



OUR society remains one of the largest. With almost 5000 graduates, ex-cadets, widows/widowers and associates of West Point in the area, many who transition in and out over the years, we have over 840 members of our society. We span over three quarters of a century with our oldest member from the Class of 1940 and our youngest 2017. Since our newsletter goes out to all those individuals in the area, many do not know if they are members of the society. You can check your membership status by signing into our new website at <https://wpsdc.hivebrite.com>. Once signed in, go to the Membership tab and it will show you if you are a currently paying member and when your membership expires. If you are not current, you can pay using our Strip account. If you are a current annual paying member, you can always elect to become a **LIFETIME MEMBER!**

What are the **BENEFITS** of being a member of the society? First, you personally get discounted fees for the major WPSDC events such as Founders Day, Quarterly Luncheons, and Career Services events. Second, you help benefit our society as we have the financial ability to put on high-quality events for our Grads and make meaningful gifts to the Academy and Cadet Activities. Third, with the activation of our new website, you can now stay more actively informed and involved as a class and society as a whole. There will be better opportunities for networking, both personally and professionally. Finally, and most important, you continue to actively enjoy the comradery we all share as members of the **LONG GRAY LINE.**

Our **GOAL** is to increase membership by **10%**, that's only 84 graduates. That is something we can easily accomplish.

Here are the dues:

Annual Dues: \$50/year

Lifetime Dues: \$500/one-time

Graduates who passed their 60th anniversary will become Lifetime members, if they are a current annual member in the year of their anniversary (Class of 1959 and earlier)

A strong membership is key to our success. If you are not a member, we hope you will consider joining for and being an active participant in the society. If you are an annual paying member, please remember to renew your membership during the membership drive. To ensure you never forget paying your annual dues, consider becoming a **LIFETIME MEMBER!**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. If you have any thoughts or ideas about membership, to include what we can do better, please let us know. Please feel free to contact me at WPSDC.Membership@gmail.com In addition, we hope to conduct a survey in the near future so keep an eye out for notices in upcoming newsletters and more importantly participate when asked!

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Dues: \$45 Reg (\$25 for YG2008 and later); \$500 Lifetime

New Member Renewal Life Member Today's Date _____

For renewal and Life Membership show only name, class, Cullum No. Amount pd \$ _____

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For WPSDC Widow/Widowers: Enter your name here and your spouse's name/class on the top line

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