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Army Navy Luncheon and Rally

FEATURED SPEAKER: LIEUTENANT GENERAL DAVID HALVERSON
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT

LTG David D. Halverson, ’79 assumed the duties of the commanding general of the US Installation Command (IMCOM) and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management April 8, 2014. On November 15, 2015, LTG Halverson relinquished command of IMCOM, as those duties were split into a separate position.

Previously, LTG Halverson served as deputy commanding general/chief of staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command TRADOC. LTG Halverson assumed duties as the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command on 4 June 2012. LTG Halverson’s first duty assignment was in the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas in 1979 where he served as a Battalion Reconnaissance Officer, Battery Fire Direction and Executive Officer and Battalion Adjutant. Since then, LTG Halverson served in various staff and leadership positions including command at every level from Battery to Post Command, including Commanding General, Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill.

LTG Halverson graduated from the United States Military Academy and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in June 1979. He attended the US Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he was awarded a Master of Science degree in Operations Research and Systems Analysis in 1989.

FEATURED SPEAKER: MARK AVERILL
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Mr. Mark F. Averill, ’82 has been a member of the Senior Executive Service since June of 2009. He currently is dual-hatted as the Deputy Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army and Executive Director, U.S. Army Resources and Programs Agency providing Army, DoD, and other Federal agency customers a broad spectrum of executive services, operations support, and support for business activities, as well as fiscal and human resources, equal employment advisory services, and special programs support for Headquarters organizations and activities.
Army Navy Luncheon and Rally

The Army football team’s talent and continued growth shows promise toward restoring a “winning” tradition of Army Football under Coach Monken’s leadership. The Army team record does not illustrate the true mettle of this team as it has competed head-to-head successfully with all opponents it has battled over the season. The team will complete its regular season against Rutgers on Saturday, November 21 and then focus on its second season – Navy for the 116th Army-Navy Classic on Saturday, December 12, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA. Here in the Washington, D.C. area, there is an important event held annually in order to prepare our local alumni for the game: the Army-Navy Luncheon and Rally on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA.

This year’s rally will again feature the traditional speakers from the Army and Navy’s Secretariat and Chiefs’ offices. This year’s Army speakers will be Lieutenant General David D. Halverson, ’79, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, and Mr. Mark Averill ’82, Deputy Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, Office of the Secretary of the Army.

West Point alumni have dominated the event participation every year and we’re looking for your support and attendance again this year! Army fans and guests outnumbered the Navy last year with representation from both academies’ alumni bases spanning almost six decades. Make sure to organize your class, get your classmates registered, and remind them to attend the rally, and we will recognize those with the most graduates in attendance along with the oldest graduate on hand.

You can register with a credit card on the AOG website via the Army link: https://www.westpointaog.org/WPSofDC-ArmyNavyClassic. Reservations are due no later than noon, Saturday, December 5, 2015 with no cancellations after noon, Friday, December 4, 2015. Look on page 23 for all registration details.

The event activities begin promptly at noon following a social hour to allow time to renew your friendships. Come and join your classmates and our West Point Alumni to support an Army victory!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 21  WPSDC Night at Capitals Game
Dec  3  Military Officer Job Fair
Dec  8  Army Navy Luncheon and Rally
Dec 23  Joint Service Academy Ball
Jan 27  Winter Luncheon
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Guy Swan, ‘76

DEAR FELLOW GRADUATES,

It’s that time of year again – the annual Army-Navy Football Classic! Saturday, December 12, 2015 will see the 116th meeting of Army and Navy in what has come to be called “America’s Game.” If you have been following the Army Team this fall you know that Army Football Head Coach Jeff Monken has instilled real fight in the team. They have the capability to BEAT NAVY, but they will need all of us behind them to make it happen.

You can get involved by joining your classmates and fellow graduates at the Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia for the annual Army-Navy Luncheon and Rally from 1100-1300 hrs. Registration for the Rally is at http://www.westpointaog.org/WPSofDC-ArmyNavyClassic. It’s time to turn this thing around, so come out and help the team BEAT NAVY!

Many thanks to the Honorable Sloan Gibson ‘75, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs who served as our Fall Luncheon guest speaker. Sloan and his classmate VA Secretary Bob McDonald ‘75 are doing amazing things at the VA. His update was informative and reassuring. Of great interest to the grads in attendance was the long list of West Point graduates serving at the VA and having a profound impact on the service and support going to America’s Veterans. Another “fall classic” for the West Point Society of DC is the annual Military Officer Job Fair. Given the number of transitioning military officers from all services and sources of commission here in the DC area, this highly successful Society program will again be held from 0900 to 1230 on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Note this is a change from the previous Springfield location. If your company or business wants to have a booth, there is still space available, but it’s going fast. If you are a transitioning officer or know of any, please contact Carl Savino ‘78 immediately at wpsdc.careerservices@gmail.com.

As 2016 approaches, the Society continues to develop new programs and opportunities for classes, graduates, and friends of West Point to gather together in the spirit of the Long Gray Line. Some items you need to get on your calendar are:

• Society Winter Luncheon – Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at the Fort Myer Officers Club. Cadet First Captain E.J. Coleman ‘16 of Alexandria, Virginia will be our guest speaker.

• Founders Day Gala - Saturday, March 19, 2016. We will again be at the fabulous Hilton McLean Tyson’s Corner Hotel and we have a preliminary commitment from West Point Superintendent Lieutenant General Bob Caslen ‘75 to be the guest speaker.

Finally, keep up to date on all activities and events at the Society website www.wpsdc.org. This completely updated website has anything and everything you want to know about what West Pointers are up to in the greater Washington, DC area.

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Guy

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LTC (RET) Guy Swan ‘76 at his desk at AUSA
GO CAPITALS!

The Young Grads are planning several events during the gloom period known as winter. After a successful summer and fall season full of WPSDC group sporting events, tailgates, and happy hours hosted by the Young Grads, we are taking things to the ice! Hockey, that is!

Join Young Grads at Clyde’s of Gallery Place before the Washington Capitals game against the Colorado Avalanche on November 21. Happy Hour will start at Clyde’s at 5:00 PM; game time is 7:00 PM.

For questions or to volunteer to co-host the Happy Hour, please contact Becca Lloyd ’04 at becca.g.lloyd@gmail.com.

Limited tickets are still available HERE.

ARMY BEATS NAVY WATCH PARTY

The Army/Navy game is right around the corner and the Young Grads will be hosting another A/N watch party. Based on the venue’s popularity, this year’s watch party will again be held at the Crystal City Sport Pub, 529 23rd Street, South Arlington, VA 22202 on December 12 at 2:30 PM http://www.ccsportspub.com/Home There is ample parking, Crystal City Metro is just blocks away, and the venue is handicap accessible.

In 2012, Navy was on the top floor so be sure to mark your calendar so Army shows up in force to beat Navy. Please contact Becca Lloyd ’04 at becca.g.lloyd@gmail.com to help with set up and tear down. Game starts at 3pm and we will be set up by 2:30. Food will be provided and drink specials available throughout the game and after-party!
Social Media & Photo Contest

Becca Lloyd, ’04

PLANNING ON ATTENDING A WPSDC EVENT THIS WINTER? DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE YOU MISSED ANY OF THE WPSDC EVENTS OVER THE FALL? MAKE SURE YOU ARE A PART OF ALL THE ACTION THIS FALL BY ENTERING ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONTESTS TO WIN SOME AWESOME ARMY AND DC SPORTING EVENT PRIZES!

WPSDC FACEBOOK PAGE LIKE CONTEST

The Official West Point Society of DC and the National Capital Region page is still under 500 likes! Like and share our page now! 500th follower wins 2 free tickets to a Washington Capitals game of your choice.

Help us get to over 500 likes by the end of December!

VIST THE WPSDC FACEBOOK PAGE TODAY!

https://www.facebook.com/wpsdc

Already follow WPSDC on Facebook and Twitter? Tag your friends, classmates and WPSDC in your photos. Upload them to our Facebook page with #WPSDC or @WPSDC on Twitter. If your photo is selected as our photo of the month you will win some official Army Tailgating gear! Event Hashtags will be on the event invite on the WPSDC Facebook page (see above example). Photo winners will be announced monthly via the WPSDC Twitter and Facebook accounts so make sure you are following us to see if you won!
Leadership and Ethics

Carl Cecil, ’79

WEST POINT LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS CONFERENCE
LIVING AN HONORABLE LIFE

What is Truth? Is legal behavior the same as ethical behavior? What does living an “Honorable Life” look like? These are the questions that challenge student delegates that attend the West Point Leadership and Ethics Conferences (WPLEC).

Our Nation continues to struggle with unethical behavior by leaders at all levels from local to national leaders and within every walk of life. What can be done?

The West Point Society of DC is sponsoring the ninth annual West Point Leadership & Ethics Conference for the National Capital Region on March 17, 2016 at the George Mason University - Arlington campus.

Since 2008, over 1200 high school juniors and 300-plus faculty members from the Washington, DC metro schools have attended our one-day conferences to help confront some challenging issues. Leaders need to make decisions where legal circumstances are not sufficient. The WPLEC provides the tools and experience to help assist future generations make such critical decisions. During the day, the student delegates are challenged to reach deep into their inner selves to find answers to very tough ethical questions. What is the difference between ethics and morals? Are they the same? How do you find it? Is being legal, the same as ethical? We work through these concerns and many more as we strive to make good leaders into better ethical leaders.

Phillip Panzarella ’79 and Carl Cecil ’79, both AUSA George Washington Chapter members, have co-chaired the conference since its inception in 2008. The conference has been honored to host incredible keynote speakers. These esteemed professionals set the stage for the event and bring their years of leadership experience and wisdom to the audience. These dignitaries included such leaders as: GEN Robert Cone ’79, former TRADOC Commander; Honorable Leo Mackay, Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs; GEN John Campbell ’79, ISAF Commander; LTG Robert Caslen ’75, USMA Superintendent; LTG Robert VanAntwerp ’72, former USACE Commander; GEN Lloyd J. Austin ’75, CENTCOM Commander; GEN Barry McCaffrey ’64, Clinton Cabinet Member; LTG William Lennox ’71, former USMA Superintendent; LTG David Palmer ’56, former USMA Superintendent; and Dr Len Marrella ’57, President, Center for Leadership and Ethics.
The program’s success comes from delivering an important, timely message by outstanding young leaders who are “in uniform,” and not much older than their audience, as instructors and mentors. Cadets from West Point, ROTC, and American Military Colleges & Schools (AMCSUS) as well as junior officers from Ft. Myer’s 3rd US Infantry (the Old Guard) will facilitate training and ethical model implementation. These facilitators allow the student delegates to relate to the younger leader. The uniform brings a certain amount of credibility and reinforces that the facilitator is in charge and speaks from experience. Further, employing young leaders helps ensure vigorous and open dialogue. Here are recent relevant comments from some of our recent facilitators:

**Captain Duncan Moore ’10**, 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) of Ft Myer, VA, “I value[d] my experience as a small group facilitator at this year’s WPLEC event. The material we explored with the student delegates was both thought-provoking and relevant to real challenges in the world today. I believe this conference and events similar to it are vital to instilling within young Americans the desire to take on large moral/ethical problems of our time. We need more student engagement like this across the country.”

**GEN Robert Cone ’79**, former Commander, US Army Training and Doctrine Command. “The WPLEC is a remarkable program that has the potential to make a real difference in the lives of its participants. I was blown away with the level of understanding and interest both during my talk and in subsequent seminars. The key to the program's success is a highly interactive format that really resonates with its millennial generation participants.”

If you would like to either sponsor or volunteer, contact Carl.P.Cecil@cox.net.
The West Point Society of DC (WPSDC) Leadership Ethics And Diversity in STEM (LEADS) Committee conducted the 6th annual West Point LEADS Workshop at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus (CHEC) on October 23, 2015. The principal of the school, Ms. Maria Tukeva, graciously allowed students into her school from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to participate in competitions designed to increase awareness and inspire students to be even better leaders of character in the industries of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). LTG (Ret.) Guy Swan ’76, President of the WPSDC, joined us for the opening ceremonies. Keynote Speaker, MG Nadja West ’82, Medical Advisor for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke to the students about the impact of ethics on leadership and our everyday lives. Most importantly, we were able to have this workshop through the generous support of the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE) and its Chairman, Ms. Gina Guillaume-Joseph; the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and its on-site facilitator, GEN (Ret.) Clair Gill ’65; and Mr. Ray Jefferson ’88, founder of the Asian All-Service Academies Conference in Singapore.

The West Point LEADS committee harnessed the talents of our partners to conduct this workshop. The West Point Parents Club members showed significant force with the charismatic James Williams, Capitol Hill Lead, and energetically-focused Faith Palmer. Many West Point Society of DC members made significant contributions, including BG (Ret.) Rick McPeak ’79. As the former head of the West Point Foreign Language Department, he assisted with the Educators’ Workshop and the VIPs. The Rotarians of Springfield, VA, our biggest partner, brought their programs and tools, as well as seven members to assist with the conduct of the program, which included Shelter Box USA and Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Making. The National Society of Black Engineers’ (NSBE) Executive Director, Dr. Karl Reid, joined us as did Dr. Njema Frazier, Department of Energy and founder of the program Algebra By 7th Grade (AB7G) sponsored by the NSBE. Dr. Patrice Benson, Army Research Labs in Maryland, spoke to the students about paid internships, paid apprenticeships, and competitive programs to help students prepare for the rigorous qualifications of STEM professions. Our marketing team of Kafi Joseph ’03, Rachel Breslin ’01, Margaret Thomas, and Angela Contee was on site to handle the surge of unexpected events. The Engineering Department of Howard University partnered with us for the second year, bringing their Nanoexpress Van to the CHEC. Finally, we were fortunate to have cadets from ROTC and the Academy as facilitators: The ROTC cadets came from the University of Maryland, George Washington University, Howard University, and Virginia Military Institute, and the West Point Cadets included Anthony Cox, Christopher Monroe, Eugene Coleman, Adam Collins, Christian McNair, Carlan Ivey, Avrie Welton, Molly Wharton, Stephanie Riley, Phillips Connor, Alexandra Davis, Antoine Davis, James Grays, Karimi Nyamu, Myles Walters, Anders Freiberg, Kraig Sheetz, Jackson Ciara, Huffman Rufus, and Darron Blair.

One of the best aspects of the workshop was to watch the cadets and midshipmen work their magic on the students. We cannot have a better example of that magic than Cadet Eugene (EJ) Coleman ’16, First Captain of the United States Corps of Cadets. (He is only the fourth cadet in the history of West Point to hold the positions of Class President and First Captain.) His work with students, especially those in the underserved populations of our nation, has been a lifelong pursuit of his. His mother, Martha Coleman, who incessantly serves these communities in the Alexandria, VA area, shaped his compassion, humility, and his ability to lead at a very young age. Everyone should know his story. The workshop students who were fortunate enough to spend the day with EJ were truly engaged with greatness.
Continuing their “ambassadorial” influence, the USMA cadets on the Educators panel, led by the Dean of the Academic Board BG Timothy Trainor ’83, were quite amazing responding to the educators’ questions regarding their life and their choice for service. West Point cadets who participated in the Educators’ panel included: Cadets Chris Monroe (Mississippi), Alexandra Davis (Detroit), Anthony Cox (Atlantic City), Antoine Davis (Woodbridge, VA), and Rufus Hoffman (Atlanta). Many of the educators knew very little about the service academies and didn’t understand why someone with options to go to any college would choose to go to a service academy like West Point. The cadets were naturally brilliant in answering all their questions, because explaining life at West Point is best articulated by current cadets.

During the day, the high school students experienced STEM activities in outdoor activities led by the Rotarians. Wayne Chiles presented the Shelter Box USA as an example of high “technology” that enhances survival against natural disasters by utilizing a water filtration system based in nanotechnology and the high-tech light-weight “Shelter” designed to house a family of ten for eighteen months. Jim Hedrick and Robert Cohen presented the best-tasting STEM event of the workshop by introducing the students to ice cream made using liquid nitrogen. Later, the Cadets and Midshipmen challenged the high school students to consider how technology is used on a daily basis to make our lives survivable (like the Shelter Box) and comfortable (Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream) and how math and science was required to put the technologies before them at the workshop. They were then asked to consider, with the rapid pace of technology advancement across the globe, how much damage a STEM-competent person could do to his neighbor or nation when most of his/her actions are beyond the reach of law enforcement to stop. When technology could be used to harm safe and productive environments, leadership ethics can be the critical difference in individuals, inspiring the foundation for the development of high moral character and honorable living.

Finally, the high school students punctuated their day-long “LEADS” experience with a Write For Your Life Essay Competition, presenting their best lessons learned for the audience at the end of the workshop. The winner, Natalie Best, took home the Scholar Award.

By any measure, the LEADS program accomplished its mission to make great student leaders of character even better as they prepare to take over leadership in our STEM industries, engaging them at a young age and preparing them for the academic rigors required for admission to top tier universities. The Cadets and Midshipmen shared their experiences with the students and teachers in a highly impactful way, and local educational leaders left with a heightened awareness about the Academies and their benefits and admissions requirements.
West Point Women

Joan Grey ‘80

With a tour of Capitol Post on Veterans’ Day eve, West Point Women concluded its beta year for trying out different event formats. Emily McMahan, ‘01 and Capitol Post’s Executive Director, led a tour of their facility and explained the organization’s purpose. Emily mentioned that some people find the term, incubator, confusing. During the tour, West Point Women confirmed that Emily is not raising chickens in Old Town.

However, if you are interested in starting or growing a business, whether it entails chickens or not, the Capitol Post can guide your entrepreneurial efforts. Capitol Post will provide coaching, support, and accountability while determining if your idea has what it takes to be a start-up miracle or if you would be better served exploring other career options.

In October, West Point Women sponsored a networking coffee call during the annual AUSA conference in downtown Washington. Sue Fulton, ‘80 and Chair of the West Point Board of Visitors, gave a brief overview on happenings at USMA, but mainly the event focused on networking. The timing and venue seemed to mesh well with attendees’ schedules so there was a decent turnout of West Point grads, including a group of cadets on a field trip. Kudos to the class of ‘86 that capitalized on the opportunity to host their monthly class gathering. Thanks to LTG Guy Swan ’76, AUSA, and the West Point Society of DC for their sponsorship of this event.

Thanks again to hosts and presenters of other West Point Women events in 2015 including:

• Capitol Post and Emily McMahan ’01
• LTG Guy Swan ’76, AUSA and the West Point Society of DC
• WTOP and Rick Hinshaw ’96
• KornFerry and Kate Kohler ’96
• Pat Locke ’80 and Dr. Sally Lewis ’90
• The Army Navy Club and Geoff Prosch ’69

PLEASE HELP

A common trait among West Pointers is that they are affiliated with interesting enterprises. Help us fill the calendar for events in 2016. We are also looking for feedback on what times/locations/types of events work best. We aim to balance exclusive networking events for women grads with other happenings hosted by WPW for all grads. To host an event and have your project, initiative, or enterprise showcased, contact WPSDC Women Grad Outreach, Joan Grey ‘80 at greyjs@gmail.com.
Military Officer Job Fair – 3 Dec 2015 * Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA

The West Point Society of DC’s annual Military Officer Job Fair will be held from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm on December 3 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. By attending, you’ll have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with dozens of top employers, including: General Dynamics, AT&T, Deloitte, Endeavor Air, DaVita, Federal Bureau of Investigation, State Farm, Amazon, First Command Financial Services, DynCorp, Edward Jones, IT Cadre, Mountaire Farms of Delaware, JPMorgan Chase, U.S. Department of Treasury, Office Depot, and many more!

Open to all transitioning/former military officers across all commissioning sources and branches of service. Business attire recommended. Bring many copies of your resume.

This job fair will be held in the ballroom of the Army Navy Country Club, which is located at 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Parking and valet service are complimentary. To register, visit www.WestPointJobFair.com. Free to all (officer) job seekers. For questions, send email to WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com.

GRADS IN CAREER TRANSITION

If you are seeking civilian employment, send a brief (one paragraph) description of your background and career interests to WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com so that we can include it in the next Career Services Update and quarterly WPSDC newsletter.

JOBS FOR GRADS

If you are working for a company that has employment opportunities appropriate for West Point grads in career transition, send the position title, location, and link to the job to WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com. You must be an employee of the company, a current WPSDC member, and serve as the point person to receive inquiries from fellow West Pointers.

WPSDC JOB BOARD

New job openings can be posted on the Career Advisory Services section of our WPSDC website; visit: http://wpsdc.org/career-advisory-services/job-postings.
THE NOMINATION PROCESS

One of the critical steps for earning an offer of admission to West Point entails obtaining a nomination. Applicants should apply for a nomination from one or more official sources during the spring of their junior year. Cadet nominations are allocated by law to the Vice President; members of Congress; Congressional delegates from Washington, D.C., the Virgin Islands, and Guam; Governors of Puerto Rico and American Samoa; and the Department of the Army. Nominating officials may select up to 10 young people to compete for each cadet vacancy. At a minimum, most candidates are eligible for a Congressional nomination from their local Congressional Representative; their two United States Senators; and the Vice President of the United States.

Additionally, sons and daughters of career military personnel are eligible for a Presidential nomination. The category "career military personnel" refers to members of Armed Forces who are on active duty and who have served continuously on active duty for at least eight years, or who are (or who died while they were) retired with pay or granted retired or retainer pay. Also included are service members currently serving in the reserve component that are credited with at least eight continuous years of service computed under section 12733 of Title 10, United States Code. Finally, reservists who would be (or who died while they would have been) entitled to retirement pay except for not having attained 60 years of age are also included in this category.

Other Service-connected sources of nomination include: Regular Army and Reserve Army soldiers (85 each), JROTC schools designated as being a Honor Unit with Distinction (20 each), sons and daughters of deceased and 100% service disabled veterans (~15), and children of Medal Honor awardees (unlimited). Unfortunately, every year we witness High School seniors who wait until the last minute to apply for a nomination or think once they have a nomination they have an appointment to USMA!

A typical 1,250 Plebe class has the following breakdown:
- 536 candidates with a Congressional nomination
- 355 Service connected nomination
- ~350 from the National Waiting List (Services or Congressional nomination)

MILITARY ACADEMY LIAISON OFFICERS NEEDED!

The Admissions team is always looking for new Military Academy Liaison Officers (MALOs). After a train-up, new MALOs can expect to be assigned to liaise with two to five area high schools with approximately 5-10 interested candidates at each high school. If you are interested, please contact COL (RET) Mike Peffers, ’82 at mpeffs@aol.com

Art Sobers, ’79, a MALO with the 11th Virginia District explains the West Point Admissions process to a prospect at an annual Hayfield High School Admissions fair this past October.
Founders Day 2016

Kafi Joseph ’03

The West Point Society of DC’s annual Founders Day Gala will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016. We will return to the lovely McLean Hilton in Tyson’s Corner.

Mark your calendars and save the date for our society’s largest event and the opportunity to catch up with classmates and friends.

We look forward to seeing you there!

West Point Society of DC Founders Day Committee

Founders Day 2015 Pictures

IF YOU’D LIKE TO SEE PHOTOS FROM THE 2015 FOUNDERS DAY GALA, CHECK OUT THE BELOW LINKS!

CLASS PHOTOS:
HTTP://WWW.1K-WORDS-PHOTOGRAPHY.COM/CLIENTS/WESTPOINT-CLASS-PICTURES/N-MGWSWX/

INDIVIDUAL / COUPLE / GROUP PHOTOS:
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Toasters L to R: LTC (RET) Jenn Minus ’93, MG Nadja West ‘82, LTG (RET) Bill Lennox ’71, COL (RET) Gene Deatrick ‘46, GEN Ray Odierno, ’76, LTG (RET) Dick Trefry, ’50

Kafi Joseph ’03 and Chris Hartley, ’91 work to ensure WPSDC runs smoothly, especially on Founder’s Day!
With 2015 rapidly coming to a close, it’s time to quickly catch you up on what the Special Activities and Alumni Glee Club folks have been doing – and give you a peek at our 2016 plans.

The Society-sponsored golf outings came to a close at the end of October, with the Annual Commanders’ Trophy. We’ve had the pleasure of enjoying a round of golf at Heritage Hunt Golf and Country Club in Gainesville, VA for eight great years. A wonderful testimony to the courtesy of several service academy retirees, the Club has allowed us lesser mortals to enjoy a private course and give us a taste of what retirement might look like (The Alumni Glee Club has performed for several of their Founders Day celebrations as well).

We went into this year’s competition with Army and Air Force each boasting three wins and Navy with one. Turnout was sparse, to say the least. Only eight matches were contested (thirty-two players). Air Force broke into the lead early and never looked back. At the end of the day, it was Air Force 4.5, Army 2.25 and Navy 1.25 (An Army-Navy mixed team tied an Air Force team for the partial points). After the game, lunch was complemented by the provision of free beer on behalf of an Air Force grad living at the Club – the least he could do after repeating the Air Force victory from last year. Lots of great conversations and tall tales shared with friends and classmates, as well as few hints about the low turnout prompted the planners to consider returning to a summer event, as well as a different venue. Stay tuned.

Our 2016 plans are to hold the annual Black, Gold, Gray golf outing in the spring and the annual Army-Navy outing in the early fall at the Courses at Andrews Air Base. The courses are challenging and the catering staff treats us like the Kings and Princes (and, for a few times, Queens and Princesses) that we believe we still are. When we get the confirmed dates after the drawing on the first of the year, we’ll get that information posted on the website. Hopefully, that will give our players plenty of time to mark the dates on their calendars. Commanders’ Trophy is still “up in the air” at this writing. All in all, a good year for Society golf. We thank you for your participation and hope you can be with us next year. Tell your classmates and friends too. We’d love to fill up the player lists and make even more memories of good times with good friends, old and new.

The Alumni Glee Club is in the middle of a busy season. We started the month of September with a Honor Sing for Jim Hall, ’58, on the 5th in Ashburn, VA. The Club had the singular honor of being part of the Class of 1974’s Farewell Party for their classmate, GEN Martin Dempsey, ’74 at the Sheraton Arlington on the 24th of September. Former Glee Clubbers from the “Pride of the Corps, 74” joined in serenading the audience, while the outgoing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs gave us his own performance of “New York, New York.” Honor Flights from Michigan and Kentucky brought us back to Reagan National on the 26th.
The Club was part of a Ceremony of Remembrance for George Hoffmaster, ’49, at the Old Chapel on Ft. Myer on the October 8 and a similar remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery for Marv Searle, ’74 on the 9th. The next day, we were honored to be part of a Vietnam Remembrance ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, put on by the Class of ’70 in memory of the four classmates they lost in Vietnam.

We closed the month of October with a pair of Honor Flight performances at Reagan National on the 31st. (In true Alumni Glee Club fashion, we serenaded the pre-lunch patrons at Sam & Harry’s restaurant with a few songs as well. We’re working on our repertoire of “drinking songs” to be ready for future targets of opportunities.) We followed up with an Honor Sing at the Celebration of Life for David Vann, ’65 on Sunday, November 1.

The Club helped the Knights of Columbus by being part of their annual Flag Retirement ceremony on the November 10. A pair of Honor Flight performances on the 14th and a performance for the Ft. Belvoir Wounded Warriors on the 17th round out the “fun” events for the month. We’ll move to more somber performances at Honor Sings for two of our own when we bid farewell to Elaine Nichols (wife of our Sound Engineer, Chuck Nichols, ’65) on the 23rd of the month, and to Al Bornmann, ’64 (our longtime booking agent) on December 4. We’ll get into the Christmas spirit when we sing at the Vinson Hall Christmas Concert.

We’re just beginning to set our schedule for 2016, but we would be thrilled if you want to join our merry band of brothers (and, occasionally, a sister). We are committed to honor our long-time motto “No fun without music, no music without fun.”

Please let me know if you’d like to be part of the Long Gray Line continuing to perform, long after Cadet Gray was put in the storage locker…. (drogers923@verizon.net)
On October 11th, Graduates, Cadets, Family, and Friends converged on the Pentagon for the 2015 Army Ten Miler. The epicenter of the day’s activities was the Hooah Tent co-hosted by the Society and the West Point Parent’s Club. As in past years, the tent served as the staging point for the West Point Marathon team, a recruiting platform for interested students, and a rally point for Grads, Family, and Friends both pre and post-race. This great tradition was enhanced by tremendous support from the Academy, a record alumni turnout, and a prime location adjacent to the Awards stage.

Congratulations to the West Point Marathon Team that took first place in the Military Academy and ROTC Division. The team won by a comfortable margin of over 8 minutes. Thank you to the West Point Parents Club, Priscilla Quackenbush, and to all the parents who volunteered to take cadets into their homes for the evening prior to the race. Our support of the team will continue next year as they seek to improve their already commendable times and repeat as champions.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that made our hospitality and outreach possible. Pictured L to R: Peggy Tettelbach - Parent’s Club, Jennifer Schubin, daughter of Andy Schubin ’84, Joe and Ginna Fishburne ’61 and Mack Brooks ’79- West Point Field Force Regional Coordinator for VA 08. Not pictured, COL Woody Ricker and Clay Tettelbach. A special thanks to COL Holly West ’91, LTC Frank Scherra ’98, and 2LT Scott Warner that coordinated support on behalf of the Academy. POC for the event was Patrick Clancey, ’03.
Ring Weekend – It was a great weekend for the Class of 2016 - they were all so excited to receive their rings!! Each one was a beautiful “crass mass of brass and glass.”

Afghan Sales – Before the ring ceremony, the WPPC of MD, DC, VA sold its Class Crest Afghans on Trophy Point. So far, we have sold over 700 afghans (don't forget that 100% of the proceeds from the afghan sales goes to the Class of 2016 Gift Fund).

To see more about future events, check out the WPPC webpage at: http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-mddcva/Home.html
West Point Parents Club  
*Col Robert “Woody” Ricker (USAF)*

**Army 10-Miler** - The WPPC of MD, DC, VA had an awesome day co-hosting the Army 10-Miler Hooah Tent with the WPSDC. Congratulations to the West Point Marathon Team who took 1st place in the Military Academy and ROTC race category. A special thanks to Clay and Peggy Tettelbach for organizing the WPPC’s participation in this event, to Priscilla Quackenbush for finding host homes for our cadets, and to all the parents who volunteered to take cadets into their homes for the evening. Finally, thanks to WPSDC for their partnership throughout the year!!

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Fall Social - On November 1, 70+ members attended this year’s Fall Social at Cantler’s Riverside Inn in Annapolis. Special thanks to Allison Arnold, our Social Events Coordinator, for organizing this event, and to Denise Pitts for providing the beautiful hand-made door prizes (holiday wreaths and ornaments)!! Navy didn’t have a clue that we were there!!

Door Prizes - Warren Pfister, Holly Shannon, and Priscilla Quackenbush each won a "Tar Bucket" Holiday Ornament (hand-made by Denise Pitts)

Molly Swartz won a USMA-themed holiday wreath (again, made by Denise Pitts)

LTG (RET) Guy Swan ’76 talks with a member of WPS of Annapolis.

Mary Lynn Hickey won a wreath too (made by...you guessed it, Denise Pitts!).

A great turn-out for the event and the food was awesome!
Class of 2016 Afghans are now on sale!!

All proceeds of these quality blankets will go directly to the 2016 Class Fund that ultimately stay within the USMA family. Yes, we do have stiff competition with other fine organizations, yet we are dedicated to supporting our cadets directly.

Please log on to the following link and get yours today for just $70.00. [Visit this link](http://WPPCofMDDCVA.kintera.org/Classof2016Afghan)

Questions may be sent to Nona Faber at wppcafghans@hotmail.com.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Army-Navy Post Game Party – December 12, 2015** - WPPC MDDCVA will host a Army/Navy post-game party at “The Field House” in downtown Philly from 7:30 – 10:30 PM.

**Joint Services Academy Ball – December 23, 2015** – This year’s JSAB will be held on December 23, 2015 at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church, VA. [This year, the committee has opened up participation to All Grads and their families and guests.](http://www.jointserviceacademiesball2015.com) To register go to [www.jointserviceacademiesball2015.com](http://www.jointserviceacademiesball2015.com) OR [https://www.blacktie-dc.com/](https://www.blacktie-dc.com/) (Enter event code 1223).

Questions? Contact Michael Lockwood at 913-702-4764 or [USMMA.midatlantic.pa@gmail.com](mailto:USMMA.midatlantic.pa@gmail.com).
WEST POINT SOCIETY OF D.C.
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116th ANNUAL ARMY-NAVY CLASSIC
WASHINGTON RALLY AND LUNCHEON
Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA

Co-Hosted By
The West Point Society of D.C. and the National Capital Region
and
The Naval Academy Alumni Association of Greater Washington

11:00 am - Social Mixer
12:00 noon promptly - Luncheon
12:15 pm - Remarks - Challenges - Cheers

TUESDAY
December 8, 2015

Program: Appropriate remarks and challenges by invited Service Secretaries and Service Chiefs representatives and Army and Navy Songs.

Event Coordinators:
Navy - Morgan Ames, USNA '74  703-201-5130 (c)
Army - Charley Mitchell, USMA '73  703-346-1095 (c)

Organization: Seating with your classmates unless otherwise requested. If a single class does not fill an entire table, members will be seated with an adjacent year class group. If specific group seating is desired, reservations may be submitted together or your request simply noted on your reply. If you sign up a graduate guest, please indicate the seating preference, yours or his/her class table.

Cost: $35.00 per person (members; you must log into the WPAOG website to receive this discount) and $40.00 (USMA non-members). Mail reservations and payment to West Point Society of DC (WPSDC), 4348 Autumn Olive Court, Amissville, VA 20106. On-line reservations at http://www.westpointaog.org/WPSofDC-ArmyNavyClassic and pay by credit card.

Suspense: Reservations due no later than noon, Saturday, December 5, 2015. No cancellations after noon, Friday, December 4, 2015. Cancellations should be directed to the Society number - (703) 237-7958 or e-mail - willoughbydj@comcast.net.
We want you to become a part of the WPSDC team!
We welcome and gratefully accept any degree of time and talent that you can provide.
Below are priority positions that we are seeking to fill:

Committee member, Membership
• Skills requested: Knowledge and familiarization with database programs such as Access

Committee member, Public Relations/Communications
• Skills requested: Good writing skills, able/willing to take photos at events attended

Committee member, Young Grads
• Skills requested: Able and willing to coordinate and lead social events to include Nationals games, game-watching parties, mixers, etc. for graduates old and young alike!

Newsletter Editor
• Skills requested: Graphics/layout background, knowledge of MS Publisher and PPT, previous editor experience

Assistant Website Coordinator
• Skills requested: Minimal WordPress experience (previous work on other sites), knowledge of HTML, and access to Adobe Photoshop

Society photographer
• Skills requested: A good eye for photos suitable for publication, knowledgeable and skilled in photography, able to attend all official Society events, particularly luncheons and Founders Day

Committee member, Diversity and Inclusion
• Skills requested: Skilled at networking, able to attend LEADS workshops, high-energy

Operations Crew – To assist with set-up/clearing of luncheons (and other events)
• Skills requested: Willing and available to assist the Executive Director to set up for luncheons (sign-in/membership table, put flyers on tables, carry boxes in/out)

If you are interested in any of the above positions (including others not listed), please send an email to execdirector@wpsdc.org.