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FEATURED SPEAKER: LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT L. CASLEN, JR.
59TH SUPERINTENDENT U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY, WEST POINT

Prior to becoming the Superintendent in July 2013, Lieutenant General Caslen served as the Chief of the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq. Lieutenant General Caslen’s prior deployments and assignments include serving as the Commander of the Combined Arms Center at Fort Leavenworth, KS, the command that oversees the Command and General Staff College and 17 other schools, centers, and training programs located throughout the United States; Commanding General of the 25th Infantry Division (Light); and Commanding General of the Multi-National Division-North during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He also served as the Commandant of Cadets for the U.S. Military Academy; and the Deputy Director for the War on Terrorism, J-5, The Joint Staff. Before that, he was the Assistant Division Commander Maneuver; 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized); Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division (Light); Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force Mountain during Operation Enduring Freedom; Commander, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Chief of Staff, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); Senior Brigade C2 Observer/Controller, Operations Group, Joint Readiness Training Center; Commander, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light); Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander in Haiti during Operation Uphold Democracy; J-3 in Honduras for Joint Task Force Bravo; Brigade Operations Officer, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault); and Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) during Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Lieutenant General Caslen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1975. He has earned Masters degrees from Long Island University and Kansas State University.

Lieutenant General Caslen’s awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Defense Superior Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with five Oak Leaf Clusters. He has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge, and is Airborne, Air Assault, and Ranger qualified.

Lieutenant General Caslen is married with three children.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10
Career Networking Night

March 17
West Point Leadership and Ethics Conference

March 19
Founders Day

April 9
DC United College Night

May 11
Spring Luncheon (@Fort Belvoir)

June 11
WPSDC Night at the Nationals

June 18
Membership Picnic
Dear Fellow Graduates,

This past week the Class of 2016 celebrated 100th Night at West Point. That means spring and graduation are just around the corner.

It also means that the West Point Society of DC’s 214th Founders Day Gala is fast approaching. Registration is now open for the Society’s and West Point’s biggest event of the year. The Gala will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner Hotel. The Hilton has been our host hotel for several years and always treats us very well. I want to thank Kafi Joseph, Janaia DeShields, and Mary Tobin – all from the Class of 2003 – for again heading up our Founders Day committee. It is tremendous to see younger graduates taking a leadership role in the Society. They have infused new energy into our Founders Day experience that all attendees will immediately notice.

We are honored to have as our special guest speaker Lieutenant General Bob Caslen ’75, the 59th Superintendent. Additionally, this year Founders Day will pay tribute to our fellow graduates from the classes that were part of the Vietnam War era as the Society participates in the ongoing 50-year national commemoration of the Vietnam War. We are also proud to announce that the Alumni Glee Club has prepared a special period presentation just for this event.

We are also honored to be able to present at Founders Day the 2016 Brigadier General Frederick W. Castle Memorial Award to Major General Clair F. Gill, USA, Ret. ’65. As you know, the Castle Award is our Society’s “Thayer” Award, given to a distinguished graduate who has gone above and beyond both in uniformed service and civilian life.

So don’t wait a minute longer to join your classmates and other friends in a “mini-reunion” at this year’s Founders Day Gala!

We want to thank Cadet First Captain E.J. Coleman ’16 for a tremendous presentation at the Society’s Winter Luncheon. It is easy to see why the United States Army’s future is in good hands with leaders like Cadet Coleman getting ready to step out and lead our great Soldiers.

Finally, please check the Society’s weekly email update, our Society Facebook page, and the Society website at www.wpsdc.org for information and registration for events going on in the greater DC area.

And if you are not a member of the Society and want to join or you need to check your membership status, please go to the Society website at www.wpsdc.org to verify.

On behalf of your West Point Society of DC, thank you for your interest in and contributions to West Point.

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Guy

GUY C. SWAN III ’76
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED
PRESIDENT
WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION
Cadet First Captain EJ Coleman ’16 was our guest speaker at the January 27th Winter Luncheon held at the Fort Myer Officers Club and he did not disappoint! EJ started his talk by highlighting some of the current milestones in cadet life en route to graduation, to include Cadet Leader Development Training. EJ said that it was similar to Ranger school in that it is a 3-week culmination exercise, required for graduation. Cadets have to deal with combat situations, to include non-combatants on the battlefield, while leading their peers in the process.

Another topic EJ highlighted was the 50-year affiliation program and how the Classes of 1966-1969 are currently interacting with cadets within the character and leader development training sessions. As in the past, this training includes scenarios but a new development is that the Affiliation classes are actually in the classrooms, discussing their own experiences. They end the scenarios with how they handled that particular situation in real life.

The First Captain, a graduate of local Mount Vernon High School, went on to describe two other new aspects of the Cadet experience: first, with the Cadet Character Development Program (CCDP), yearlings and cows teach plebes using a scenario book. The results of the implementation of the new book will not be known until next year. EJ also mentioned how enlightening the new cadet leadership experience of a Gettysburg Staff Ride for all Cadet Battalion staff members and above was for the cadet chain of command. Reenacting Pickett’s Charge with History Department Professors in the hot August sun provided a very different perspective from the classroom! The cadet chain of command for 2015-2016 crafted and started to implement their two main goals after this experience: to inspire cadets to own the Honor Code and to motivate cadet leaders to have the courage to make corrections.

After highlighting how the cadet experience has evolved and where he and the Cadet Brigade Staff want to take the Corps by May 21st, EJ spent the second half of his time answering questions. One question EJ fielded was, “What changes do you recommend?” With a somber and mature tone, he answered without hesitating that he would love to see, “A Corps of Cadets that is not cynical and grateful to be there!” His goal has always been to help in “developing a cadet culture that reminds them they are at the world’s premier development institution!” That response drew a rousing round of applause from the Old Grads at the luncheon.

We wish Cadet Coleman all the best with his Army career. We are likely to hear more about this young man in the future!
The gloom period is ending and the Young Grads have some great events lined up for the spring and summer season! Happy Hours, hockey, soccer, and baseball, oh my! Whether you are a young grad or young at heart, hockey brings grads together! Thirty alumni and their families from the class of 1977 to 2005 gathered on Feb 2nd in the Coach’s Suites and were joined by the owner of the Florida Panthers, Vinnie Viola ’77. The suites may have been divided between Panthers and Capitals Fans but all were united by their love of hockey and service to Country and Corps. The class of 1977 sponsored this great event but it was the 2nd successful WPSDC Alumni night at the Capitals during this historic 2015-2016 season! Don’t miss out on the next one!

Please keep your eye on the WPSDC Facebook page, website and emails for the next group night at the Verizon Center. The Capitals are currently dominating the Eastern Conference and NHL with 86 points and have broken several NHL records from Ovechkin’s 500th goal to winning over 39 games in the first 50 games! The Caps are 6 points over the Dallas Stars who are leading the Western Conference and 14 points over the Florida Panthers who are in 2nd place in the Eastern conference! The tentative dates for the next Alumni night at March 26th, 28th or one of the first round Playoffs games!!
Founders Day is coming up on March 19. If you are a young grad class of 1985 or younger please join Becca Lloyd ’04 and fellow young grads for the Founders Day Young Grad Happy Hour in the Young Grad Suite at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner from 5:45-7:15pm. The room number will be available at registration. Please contact Becca Lloyd at Becca.g.lloyd@gmail.com to help host. Young Grad Sponsored raffle prizes will be available for purchase at the Happy Hour and at Registration for the following prizes:

- 2 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at the Washington Capitals
- 4 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at DC United April 9th
- 2 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at DC United April 9th
- 2 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at Nationals Park June 11th
- 2 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at Nationals Park July 24th
- 2 Tickets for the WPSDC Alumni Night at Nationals Park September 30th

Spring is in the air and the young grads are ready for some great tailgates and DC sports! First up is **Alumni/College night at DC United on April 9th against Vancouver**. The game starts at 5:30 and the tailgate will start 2 hours prior in the tailgate parking lot. Tickets will be available for purchase for $25 at [https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=J5AJ5H3NKUD5Y](https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=J5AJ5H3NKUD5Y)

Are you ready for some baseball? Join WPSDC Young Grads, The Parents Club of Maryland, DC and Virginia, and the Alumni Glee Club to cheer on the Washington Nationals when they take on the **Phillies Saturday, June 11th at 12:05pm**. The Young Grads will host a pre-game social in the Bullpen under the white tent. Cannot make that game? No worries, we have two more group nights planned throughout the summer: **Sunday, July 24th against the Padres at 1:35pm** and **Friday, September 30th against the Marlins at 7:05pm** (one of the last regular season games where the Alumni Glee Club will once again sing our National Anthem). The link to purchase tickets will be on the WPSDC website and Facebook page once released by the Nationals. To assist with hosting, please contact Becca Lloyd at Becca.g.lloyd@gmail.com.

Last but not least the Official WPSDC Facebook page is almost to 500 likes!! Be number 500 before Founder’s Day and win 2 tickets to your choice of WPSDC group sporting event this summer!
The West Point Society of DC is sponsoring the ninth annual West Point Leadership & Ethics Conference (WPLEC) for the National Capital Region on March 17, 2016, at the George Mason University - Arlington campus. 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. The keynote speakers for WPLEC 2016 are **GEN Daniel Allyn ’81**, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and **CPT Marjana Bidwell ’07**, Company CDR, HHC, 3rd US Infantry (The Old Guard). CPT Bidwell served as a facilitator for WPLEC 2015, and we are very pleased to have her back as the afternoon keynote speaker.

Since 2008, over 1200 high school juniors and 300-plus faculty members from the Washington, DC metro schools have attended our one-day conferences that deliver hands-on training and lively discussions about the importance of ethical leadership in today’s world. During the day, the student delegates are challenged to reach deep within to find answers to very tough ethical questions. What is the difference between ethics and morals? Are they the same? How do you make your determination? WPLEC provides tools and experience to help future leaders make critical decisions and aims to inspire more leaders to step forward and lead America’s communities in an ethical manner.

The program delivers an important and timely message by outstanding young leaders “in uniform” and not much older than their audience. 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. Enjoy watching our highlight video from WPLEC 2015! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1B3NZ5dTxQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1B3NZ5dTxQ)

**Phillip Panzarella ’79** and **Carl Cecil ’79**, both AUSA George Washington Chapter members, have co-chaired the conference since its inception in 2008.
At lunchtime on Wednesday, February 24, a group of WPSDC members received briefings on environmental sustainability. Geoff Prosch, '69 of Johnson Controls (JCI) hosted us in downtown DC, providing a meal, presentations on energy efficiency and an overview of the energy retrofit of the Empire State Building in NYC. He included two colleagues, Catherine Potter (Director of Sustainability) and Liz Tate (Director of Legislative Affairs), to help with briefings.

We learned about megatrends that will continue to shape our world including energy supply and demand; climate change; and natural resource scarcity. Forty percent of energy in the United States is consumed by the building sector; followed by industry at 32% and transportation at 28%. One surprising fact was that we lose 98% of energy along the current power distribution system. Doesn’t that strike you as criminally wasteful? But all is not lost. You can do your part through energy efficiency. Make a difference today by paying attention to impactful actions, including your HVAC system (make temperature adjustments on your thermostat), your refrigerator (is there a low efficiency duplicate hiding in the garage?) and lightbulbs: change CFL’s to LED’s. While we may not have left JCI as green evangelists, we are better equipped to promote good stewardship of limited resources.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming WPSDC WPW events:

- April 7 (Thursday): Hang out with the Horses--tour of the Caisson stables on Fort Myer coordinated with help from CPT Marjana Bidwell ‘07, followed by networking at the Old Guard Lounge.
- April 28-30 @ West Point, NY. Athena’s Arena – A conference commemorating 40 years of women’s achievements at USMA and for our nation.
- October: Networking coffee call during the annual AUSA conference, Washington DC.

Check the WPSDC website for more information http://wpsdc.org/. Additional events are still in the planning phase.

PLEASE HELP. One thing about West Pointers – 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, and 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 greyjs@gmail.com.
Are you in search of a new position or looking to change jobs? Let your West Point Society of DC’s Career Advisory Service help you in the process. We offer a variety of services, including:

**Military Officer Career Networking Nights** – Held in the spring, summer, and fall, these events enable you to “listen and learn” from career transition experts, as well as informally job network with fellow officers and a select group of companies in a professional yet informal setting. The next Military Officer Career Networking Night will be held on March 10, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Army Navy Country Club, located at 1700 Army Navy Drive in Arlington, Virginia. Free to all current WPSDC members. Not a member, [join now](#). No RSVP needed.

**Military Officer Job Fair** – Our next annual WPSDC Military Officer Job Fair will be held on December 1, 2016 at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Job fair hours are 9 am to 12 noon, with a preparatory career transition seminar starting at 8 am. While especially for West Point graduates in career transition, this job fair is open to all transitioning and former military officers regardless of commissioning source or branch of service. Pre-registration is encouraged via [www.WestPointJobFair.com](http://www.WestPointJobFair.com). Free to all transitioning & former military officers seeking employment.

**Career Advisory eNewsletter** – The Career Advisory eNewsletter is distributed monthly to fellow West Point graduates across the Washington DC Metro area. If you would like to give your job search a boost, send a brief description of your background and career interests to [WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com](mailto:WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com) so that we can share it with fellow USMA grads.

**Joint Service Academy Business Mixer (JSABM)** – Held the second Tuesday of every month here in the Washington, DC Metro area, the JSABM is free and open to all Service Academy alumni. These well attended events allow for both business networking and informal job search networking. To get on the email distribution list, contact Jess Posey, USNA ’83 at bwjessposey@gmail.com.

**WPSDC Job Board** – Our Society now has a job board where companies can post jobs of interest to West Point graduates. For more information, visit [http://wpsdc.org/career-advisory-services/job-postings](http://wpsdc.org/career-advisory-services/job-postings).

**Service Academy Resources** – The U.S. Service Academies have banded together to offer three major career transition resources: SACC (Service Academy Career Conference), ISABRD (Interactive Service Academy Business Directory), and JSAJE (Joint Service Academy Jobs Electronically).

Be sure to take advantage of ALL of these quality resources – and don’t forget to reach back to help other military veterans when you’re employed!

For more information on these services, visit [http://wpsdc.org/career-advisory-services](http://wpsdc.org/career-advisory-services). If you have questions, send email to Carl Savino, ’78 at [WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com](mailto:WPSDC.CareerServices@gmail.com).
SELECTION OF THE CLASS OF 2020 WINDS DOWN!

The local West Point Admissions Field Force was busy these last three months interviewing candidates, assisting those with offers, and representing USMA at area college nights/fairs. As of mid-Feb, we have 59 offers of admission with 23 of the 59 accepting. Almost all of the 59 earned several Varsity letters. We have four with a perfect SAT/ACT score and over 25 Class/Club Presidents. Based on past year’s trends, we expect to be over 70+ accepts by May. Many of these candidates will visit West Point to validate their decision to attend. Feedback from these visits validates the investment West Point made in upgrading its athletic facilities, the wireless initiative, and the academic facilities upgrades. Alumni and class donations made many of these upgrades possible and definitely help us recruit outstanding men and women to be our future Army leaders. Additionally, there will be a Reception for candidates with offers and their parents prior to the Founders Day Dinner. After Founders Day, we will begin a transition from helping high school seniors to starting the admissions process for motivated juniors for the Class of 2021. In May, the Admissions Field Force will also represent West Point at local Senior’s Awards Days, where we recognize the candidate in front of the Senior Class and parents.

Additionally, our Society will sponsor a Candidate By-Invite in April for local area Juniors interested in USMA. MAJ Herman Bulls, Jr. ’05, Southeast Region Admissions Officer, will discuss applying to West Point and the steps needed to get an offer.
Founders Day 2016

Kafi Joseph ’03

Your West Point Society of DC’s Founders Day Committee is hard at work getting ready for the annual gala. We are excited to introduce new aspects to the event based upon feedback from attendees.

This year’s gala will occur on Saturday, March 19th as we return yet again to the lovely Hilton McLean Tyson’s Corner!

Registration is now OPEN! Click the following link to register for Founders Day:
http://www.westpointaog.org/WPSDC-2016FoundersDay

Founders Day Details

Guest Speaker. LTG Robert L. Caslen, Jr ’75, 59th Superintendent of the US Military Academy

Attire. Formal (Black Tie/Dress Mess Optional, Army Dress Blue ASU or service equivalent required)

Location. Hilton McLean Tysons Center, 7920 Jones Branch Dr, McLean, VA 22102.
Reserve a room here: https://aws.passkey.com/event/14504283/owner/3114104/home

Timeline.
5:30pm - Registration
6:00pm - Reception and Young Grad Mixer
7:30pm - Gala
10:00pm - Dancing

Price.
Classes of 2011 - 2015 and guests: $50.00 per person
WSDC Members and guests: $80.00 per person
Non-WPSDC Members and guests: $100.00 per person
Group Table: $900 per table (seats 10)

Sponsor a Future Cadet: Like last year, we are offering Old Grads the chance to sponsor a USMA candidate who has been offered admission into the class of 2020. The cost is $50 for the candidate and the Old Grad pays their Member/Non-member price. Candidate parents who wish to attend Founders Day with their child must pay the full price of $100. Old Grads interested in sponsoring candidates should contact Mike Peffers ‘82 at mpeffs@aol.com.
Founders Day 2016

Kafi Joseph ’03

New This Year!
GROUP TABLES. For the past two years, the most frequent requests we receive are from those who wish to pre-arrange seating with teammates, company mates, or just a group of their favorite grads. With over 500 attendees annually, we hope you understand that these one-off requests prove to be a bit unwieldy for our team, but fear not! We have found a way.

Two words: Group Tables.

If you wish to be seated with a particular group of people, tables of 10 can be reserved for $900 using the option on the gala registration site (http://www.westpointaog.org/WPSDC-2016FoundersDay).

Please note with the exception of group tables, seating is with your classmates. If a single class does not fill an entire table, attendees may be seated with an adjacent year.

AFTER PARTY. Can we say after party?! Yes. Yes we can and party, we will!
This year instead of trying to squeeze into a hotel suite or hold court elsewhere in the hotel, your Founders Day committee has a plan to keep the fun and socialization going. We’ve secured space outside of the formal dining area and within the hotel to host an AFTER PARTY with both classic and the latest tunes as well as a cash bar.
If you plan to stay for the after party, we highly recommend that you plan to stay at the Hilton and book room using the society’s special discount (https://aws.passkey.com/event/14504283/owner/3114104/home).

We truly look forward to having you join us for Founders Day this year!
We should be solidly into “GLOOM” by the time you read this update from the Golfers and Singers (aka: Special Activities) Team for the Society. Hopefully, we’re on the way to sunshine and green grass. A quick note about the plans for West Point Society of DC golf and the West Point Alumni Glee Club, in time for Founders Day.

The calendar for golf in the greater DC area has been set and we need to advise you of a change in one of our outings. We will play two outings at The Courses at Joint Base Andrews, the Society sponsoring the “Black, Gold, Gray” outing on the 12th of May (East Course) and “Army-Navy” on the 3rd of September (West Course). Both are Thursday afternoon shotgun starts, followed by a GREAT dinner provided by the Andrews’ team. A change, starting this year for the “Commanders’ Trophy”: Our Air Force colleagues have agreed to sponsor this event. (We decided to share the fun of herding retirees to a non-mandatory formation.) They’ve set the 2016 outing at Westfields Golf Club (Centreville, VA) for Monday, the 18th of July. Details on all three outings will follow. In the meantime, please mark your calendar and plan on joining us as we have a little fun with old and new friends, tell tall tales and raise funds for the respective Superintendents to use supporting the cadets and mids.

The Alumni Glee Club continues to live by our motto of “No Fun without Music, No Music without Fun” and bring a little joy and merriment to audiences around the area. Our performance calendar is beginning to fill up – if you have an event that you’d like us to participate in, please let us know at least two months in advance. We were pleased to be part of the promotion ceremonies for LTG Mick Nicholson ’82, who was adding a fourth star to his shoulder boards on the 19th of February. You’ll see us at Founders Day this year, with a special remembrance of the Vietnam years. Meeting Honor Flights (WWII, Korean and Vietnam veteran visits to the memorials) at Reagan National will be on our schedule as soon as the weather turns more favorable. And, once again, we’ll be part of a West Point Day with the Nationals, performing the National Anthem on the 11th of June (Saturday). Come on out and join the Rabble as the Nats take on the Phillies (12:05 game time).

On a more somber note, the Alumni Glee Club continues to honor our fellow graduates at Services of Remembrance or graveside ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Just give us enough notice and we’ll provide a trip section to perform “The Alma Mater,” “The Corps,” or “Mansions of the Lord” as part of the ceremony. We’ll go just about anywhere, as needed. It is our privilege to be part of a farewell to one of our own. Please feel free to ask us to be part of a remembrance of a loved one who wore cadet gray. It’s our duty to The Corps.

Questions? Email me at “rogers923@verizon.net”
If you are getting this newsletter, we want YOU to become an OFFICIAL member of the WPSDC!

**YOUR BENEFITS:** Discounted fees for the major WPSDC events (Founders Day, Quarterly Luncheon, Career Services events)

**BENEFITS TO THE WPSDC:** The financial ability to put on high-quality events for our Grads and make meaningful gifts to the Academy and Cadet Activities

**THE SMALL PRINT:**

**DUES:** $45/year, $25/year for Class of 2006 forward

Lifetime Dues: $500/one-time

**DUES YEAR:** 1 January to 31 December annually

**EXEMPT:** Graduates who have passed the 60\(^{th}\) anniversary of graduation (Class of 1955 and earlier)*

**HOW TO REGISTER:**

http://WPSDC1.kintera.org/Membership

(or go to the [www.wpsdc.org](http://www.wpsdc.org) website and click on “Join”)

Not sure if you’re a member?

https://www.westpointaog.org/WPSofDC_CurrentMembers

If you want to mail in your registration:

Print out the form at the end of the newsletter and mail a check payable to the West Point Society of DC

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**If you are exempt by virtue of longevity, please check your membership status on the WPAOG site at the center of this page. If you do not see your name, please email the following information to Joyce Willoughby at willoughbydj@comcast.net:**

Name, Class, Cullum No (if known), spouse, address, contact info (email, phone).
“Boodle Bash” is a Huge Success – On January 31, the West Point Parents Club (WPPC) of MD, DC, VA held its annual Boodle Bash in Alexandria, VA. The 50+ parents, siblings, and friends who participated brought enough snacks to fill over 150 boxes of boodle for the cadets and staff. In all, we provided three boxes of boodle for each company, and sent boodle or brownies to the Superintendent, Commandant, and various other departments. Hopefully, our efforts put a few smiles on the cadets’ faces during the “gloom period” at West Point.

At the Central Guard Room, our transportation team was met by cadets from Company I-3, who unloaded all the boodle in less than 15 minutes. Thanks, Ice Men!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Winter Social – On February 28, the WPPC will hold its annual Winter Social from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Crystal City Sports Pub in Arlington, VA. The agenda will focus on Plebe Parent Weekend and Graduation Week. WPS of DC members are welcome to attend (send e-mail to rcmengle@verizon.net if interested).

Wounded Warrior Service Project at Boulder Crest Retreat – Up to 25 members of the WPPC will be volunteering at the Boulder Crest Wounded Warrior Retreat on April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is an annual service project sponsored by the club. Members of the WPS of DC who would like to join us should contact Mary Lynn Hickey at marylynnhickey@gmail.com.

Graduation Luncheon – The WPPC will once again be sponsoring our annual Graduation Luncheon at Ike’s Riverside Café on May 21 after the graduation ceremony.

Sales of 2016 Class Crest Afghans Are Strong!!
The WPPC of MD, DC, VA began its annual class crest afghan sales on Ring Weekend 2015. Since then, we’ve sold 850+ afghans nationwide, and we will continue sales for the next few weeks (or until the afghans are all sold out).

All (100%) of the proceeds from our afghan sales go directly to the 2016 Class Fund, which ultimately will be used to benefit the wider USMA family.

Anyone interested in purchasing an afghan ($70 each; includes shipping) can place an order by going to: http://WPPCofMDDCVA.kintera.org/Classof2016Afghan

Questions about our afghan program may be sent to Nona Faber at wppcafghans@hotmail.com.

WPPC Joins 2015 Superintendent’s Circle

In December, the WPPC made a $1,000 donation to the West Point Parents Fund. Money from this fund helps pay for various "Margin of Excellence" activities, such as cultural immersion trips, special conferences and lectures, and out-of-classroom leadership experiences for the cadets. Based on this donation, the club proudly became a member of the "Superintendent's Circle."
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

**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.
# Upcoming Army Sports

## In the National Capital Region

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2016 Membership
West Point Society of DC
and the National Capital Region

Send completed application and dues to WPSDC at:
4348 Autumn Olive Ct., Amissville, VA 20106
Tel: (703) 237-7958 Fax: (703) 533-0540
Dues: $45 (Classes 2006 and later $25)

☐ New Member  ☐ Renewal  ☐ Life Member  Today's date _________
For renewal and Life Membership show only name, class, Cullum No.

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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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Participation Statement

I would like to get involved in the WPSDC! My skills:

- Communications
- Membership
- Young Grads/Social
- Admissions
- Founders' Day
- Conferences
- Board position
- Philanthropy
- Other _______________

Under Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________