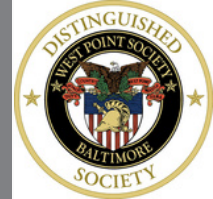


WEST POINT SOCIETY OF BALTIMORE



WELCOME

The West Point Society of Baltimore's annual membership drive is in full swing. Members of more than 40 West Point classes have been contacted in the last few weeks, and many more will be contacted in the next few weeks.

Thank you to the many grads who have elected to join the Baltimore society as a part of this membership drive. If you have not been contacted and would like to know more, or would like to join, please contact one of the following:

- Ron Garrison, Class of 1976, rgarrisonus@yahoo.com
- Craig College, class of 1978, craig.college78@comcast.net
- Mike Nelson, Class of 1986, michael.r.nelson@hotmail.com

Please feel free to share this volume and all others with other Old Grads in the greater Annapolis area to increase our viewership and hopefully share all of the fun things that we as a society do throughout the year. We would like to personally invite all grads reading this to come to any of our events so that you can meet other members of the society and hopefully build a support network of other graduates in the greater Annapolis area. Know that all grads and family are welcome to attend any event!

2024 EVENTS

The West Point Society of Baltimore sponsored a Military & Spouse Job Fair & Networking event for all military services and their spouses on September 17, 2024, at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. Twelve employers, from as far away as Colorado, and representing government, government contractors, educational institutions, and other private-sector organizations, interviewed job seekers from around Maryland. This was a free, in-person event for transitioning veterans and their families to connect with leading employers actively seeking the unique skills and experience of military personnel and their families. They completed one-on-one discussions with recruiters and hiring managers, received information on a wide variety of job opportunities, were offered resume and cover letter-writing workshops, and networked with other professionals.

"This job fair provided an important opportunity for military personnel and their families to enhance their skills and experience as they transition," said Michael R. Nelson, COL (Ret.), President of the West Point Society of Baltimore. "We at the society thank these employers for meeting with these veterans and their families as they seek to transition to civilian life."



SOCIETY EVENTS

MARCH 7 - FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION

MAY 3 - MILITARY DAY AT CAMDEN YARDS
TBD - MILITARY JOB FAIR

LUNCHES W/GUEST SPEAKERS REVEILLE GROUNDS

12 MARCH

VICKIE MULLIN - PLANNED GIVING
SUE IRONS - VA BENEFITS INCLUDING
VA COMPENSATION (DISABILITY), VA HEALTH
CARE, BURIAL, SURVIVOR BENEFITS

11 JUNE

RJ KOLTON, CLASS OF 1978, CHAIR OF A VISTAGE
CEO/BUSINESS OWNER PEER ADVISORY BOARD
AND PRESIDENT OF KOLT BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

10 SEPTEMBER - TBD

10 DECEMBER - TBD

BOARD MEETINGS

12 MARCH

11 JUNE

10 SEPTEMBER

10 DECEMBER

SPORTS

12 FEBRUARY - MEN'S BASKETBALL AT LOYOLA
(1900)

15 FEBRUARY - MEN'S (1330) AND WOMEN'S
(1100) BASKETBALL AT NAVY

19 FEBRUARY - WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AT
AMERICAN (1900)

5 APRIL - TRACK AND FIELD AT NAVY (TBD)

15 & 16 MARCH - BASEBALL AT NAVY (TAILGATE
LIKELY) (TBD/1300)

12 APRIL - MEN'S LACROSSE AT NAVY (TAILGATE
LIKELY) (1230)



WEST POINT AOG PARTNERS WITH AUSA

Dear Member of the Long Gray Line,

As President and CEO of your West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG), I'm pleased to share that we have entered a strategic partnership with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). As most all know, AUSA is widely recognized as the Army's premier association that supports and honors Soldiers, Army Civilians, Army Families, and Veterans. Your experience and satisfaction with programs offered by WPAOG are our constant focus. We're always looking for ways to serve you better and provide more opportunities to engage. This new program connects you to world-class resources at no cost to you.

This program is available to all regular members of the Long Gray Line.

If you prefer not to be included in this new benefit, [**YOU MAY OPT OUT HERE**](#) or reply to this email. You will also be able to manage your email preference for AUSA communications after you receive your welcome message from AUSA. You can OPT out of specific regular mailings from AUSA if you choose.

If you choose to accept this benefit (and do not opt out), you will have free access to exclusive AUSA membership benefits, including:

- Access to AUSA scholarships – more than \$300,000 each year.
- Free ACT/SAT Test Prep materials for your children or grandchildren.
- A legal document service for both individuals and small businesses.
- Dozens of AUSA affinity partners offer discounts on travel, dining, entertainment, healthcare, and more.
- Exclusive pricing for professional development and networking opportunities, including national and international warfare expos, digital courses, and events using your AUSA member number.

AUSA is helping to build the next-generation military community through programming that prioritizes education and connection among those who are serving and have served.

In a few weeks, you will receive a message directly from AUSA with further details about your new member benefits.

We hope you find great value in this new partnership with AUSA.

Mark D. Bieger '91
Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)
President & CEO** A position generously supported by the [**Honorable & Mrs. Robert A. McDonald '75**](#)

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- Health and disability benefits for family and caregivers

- **For spouse, dependent child, surviving spouse, surviving child, caregiver**
- Find out if you're eligible for health care or related benefits through CHAMPVA or other programs. And learn about our support for caregivers, including training, counseling, and payments.

- Survivor compensation

- **For surviving spouse, surviving child, surviving parent**
- Find out if you're eligible for VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC) or a VA Survivors Pension.

- Education and career benefits for family members

- **For spouse, dependent child, surviving spouse, surviving child**
- Find out if you're eligible for money for school or to help you cover expenses while you're training for a job through our Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance Program (also called Chapter 35) or the Fry Scholarship. And learn about how a Veteran may transfer their unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to you.

- Housing assistance for surviving spouses

- **For surviving spouse**
- Find out if you're eligible for a VA-backed loan to buy, build, improve, or refinance a home. And learn how to manage your loan benefits and avoid foreclosure.

- Life insurance for family members

- **For spouse, dependent child, surviving spouse, surviving child**
- Find out if you're eligible for Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) coverage or manage an existing policy. If you're the beneficiary of a Veteran's or service member's policy, find out how to get free financial advice and will preparation services.

- Burial and memorial benefits for family members

- **For spouse, dependent child, surviving spouse, surviving child, surviving parent**
- Find out if you're eligible to be buried in a VA national cemetery, or learn how to plan a burial for a Veteran. You can also apply for help paying for burial costs, request memorial items, and learn about bereavement counseling.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE IN GOOD HEALTH AND SPIRITS SOON!

QUARTER LOOK AHEAD

MARCH 7 - FOUNDERS DAY

The WPSOB will be holding our Founders Day event this year on Friday, 7 March at Kelsey's Catering and Private Room. The keynote speaker will be LTC Dennis Sugrue (USMA Class of 1999), the USMA Director of Strategic Resources...in more interesting terms, Dennis oversees the Academy's multi-billion dollar facility modernization program including the 15-year Academic Building Upgrade Program.

SPORTS

The following sports events will be held in the Maryland over the next quarter. Two tailgates are likely (Baseball and Men's Lacrosse), but we encourage you to support the Army teams whenever possible! **If you'd like to hear more about what is going on at the Academy, keep an eye out for the Sallyport announcement and registration COMING SOON!!**

- 15 February - Men's (1330) and Women's (1100) Basketball at Navy
- 19 February - Women's Basketball at American (1900)
- 5 April - Track and Field at Navy (TBD)
- 15 & 16 March - Baseball at Navy (Tailgate likely) (TBD/1300)
- 12 April - Men's Lacrosse at Navy (Tailgate likely) (1230)

HELP NEEDED

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS:

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CHAIR

Responsible for planning and executing specific Activities and Events approved by the Board of Directors.

Activities and Events may include but are not limited to:

- i. Founders Day
- ii. Army West Point visiting teams and clubs.
- iii. Membership events
- iv. Lunches with Guest Speakers
- v. Career Conference
- vi. Army Football Watch Parties/Tailgates

WEBMASTER

Responsible for planning and creating the quarterly newsletter; maintaining the Society website, LinkedIn, and other media sources.

PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING OUR SOCIETY AS ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS CHAIR. PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL NELSON, SOCIETY PRESIDENT, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED APPLYING FOR EITHER OF THESE POSITIONS.



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