

Finishing Strong

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Earlier this week, a video flashed across my Twitter feed of CDT Evan Collier '18 setting a new Indoor Obstacle Course Test (IOCT) record with a time of 1:57! Check out this link to see this young man fly through all of those obstacles -- https://twitter.com/WestPoint_USMA/status/858087234720993281. Amazing effort and work!

For those of us who have experienced the IOCT, it needs no introduction -- and I'm sure that there are many who would like to forget it. But for the parents and friends of West Point who use WP-ORG's services and are getting this fund drive message, a little background is in order. The IOCT has been run in that same West Point gym since 1944 [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indoor_Obstacle_Course_Test], and the test has changed very little since 1948. It consists of 11 events, testing each cadet's fitness, agility, and balance. When I would run it back in the '80s, I remember coming off of the ladder rungs (event #9) and starting up the rope climb (#10) feeling both relief that the last event was coming up -- the exhausting 3 sprinted laps around the upper track -- but also some apprehension because this is where you could make or break your final grade. As they say, it's not how you start, it's how you finish.

How does this tie into my fund-raising message for WP-ORG? This week, we're at 2/3's of our fund-raising goal to provide services to grads, parents, and friends of West Point for the next six months. In IOCT terms, we're climbing that rope and getting ready to find out what we have left in the tank for those final three laps. Let's see what we can do to finish out strong!

If you've found value in our services -- from hosting class/parent/society web sites to providing email discussion forums to helping collect money for reunions, society events, class pistols, or bus tickets to get your cadets to the airport or home on leave, etc. -- please consider a tax-deductible donation to our 501(c)(3) organization. Please see the block below my signature for ways to do so.

Sincerely,

Warren Hearnese '89

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Other links:

- FD41 Donation Report, sorted by WP-ORG member group, etc.: <https://secure.west-point.org/donate/report/>
- WP-ORG Budget April 1, 2017 - September 31, 2017: <http://www.west-point.org/budget>
- What is WP-ORG & Why Donate?: http://www.west-point.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=66&Itemid=73
- WP-ORG Member Information Privacy Policy: http://www.west-point.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=32
- IRS Letter Confirming WP-ORG 501(c)(3) Status: <http://www.west-point.org/publications/501SUMMARY.PDF>
- WP-ORG Portal: <http://www.west-point.org/>
- WP-ORG Board of Advisors: http://www.west-point.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=12&Itemid=29