

## Why Donate?

What is WP-ORG and Why Donate? WP-ORG is an Internet community of 26,506 West Point graduates, parents of cadets and midshipmen, and friends of West Point and Annapolis. WP-ORG provides valuable information and communication resources to this community--free of charge--through scores of websites, listservices in support of USMA classes, West Point Societies, West Point Parent Clubs, and the USNA parents. Two of the more active listservices WP-ORG supports include WP-Forum, a moderated list open to USMA grads of any year group and rank; and Parent Forum, a moderated list for USMA parents to learn about West Point and exchange information and questions with other parents. WP-ORG is also host to cadet activity, sport, and other special military related listservices.

The initial structure of WP-ORG was developed by Ditus Bolanos '90. From the beginning WP-ORG has grown in response to the West Point Community's requests for additional support and service. A Board of Advisors oversee the day-to-day operations at WP-ORG. One cadet parent Advisor fills another role at WP-ORG as a full-time employee responsible for handling feedback messages received through the WP-ORG website. Dian Welle and Megan Klein are the customer service face of WP-ORG.

Our purpose at WP-ORG is to support the communication needs of the Service Academy Community.

WP-ORG has developed the functionality to provide all 40,000 living West Point graduates with a Personal Homepage (PHP) that converts, upon the death of a graduate, to a Eulogy page for the gathering and display of testimonials and pictures from classmates, family and friends.

We support online payment sites for the collection of Society and Parent Club dues as well as registration for club and society events.

A recurring question is, "How much should I contribute to WP-ORG?". The average individual contribution has been rising for the past 3 years from about \$40 to a little over \$60 now. Our goal, however, is to double the participation. WP-ORG encourages those who use its services to consider a contribution that reflects the value they receive from the WP-ORG services they use. The key to expanding your knowledge and your use of WP-ORG services is to study the WP-ORG homepage and simply click away and explore the functionality provided. The homepage is located at: <http://www.west-point.org>. Please take a few moments to check it out.

WP-ORG is a completely separate entity and is independent of USMA and the Association of Graduates. WP-ORG does work closely with both as it serves our primary interest of serving the West Point Community. Through the Feedback links on WP-ORG webpages, hundreds of queries are received from high school students, scholars, former military, and other citizens of the world seeking information about West Point.

WP-ORG is a labor of love of your classmates and friends. Our semi-annual fundraisers maintain existing WP-ORG resources, provide for the scheduled upgrade of hardware, and fund the development of new offerings to support the West Point community. The network architecture at WP-ORG has recently been redesigned to take advantage of open-source software and technology that makes more efficient use of hardware. Our homepage has been moved to Joomla and now hosts continually updating West Point news.

Our Fund Drive focuses on raising money to support our employees, operational expenses, system upgrades and a cushion providing for unforeseen failures.

Our current budget may be seen here:

<http://www.west-point.org/budget>

WP-ORG, Inc. is recognized by the IRS as a 501(C)(3) Non-Profit Organization. 100% of your donation is tax deductible.

Thank you for your continued support. We operate only through your generosity.

Donate at:

or mail to:

WP-ORG INC

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What Services Are Offered by WP-ORG? Two full-time System Engineers; Megan Klein, in Austin, working on service-enhancement projects, and Dian Welle, in California, who handles the day-to-day requests from our members.

Personal Homepages for every graduate of USMA.

Click here Ward Book Living History pages for every graduate of USMA.

<http://wardbook.west-point.org>

Eulogy sites that are a class tribute to those who have left the class behind.

<http://www.west-point.org/taps>

Free Permanent Email Accounts for all USMA Graduates.

[Click here](#)

WebMail for all West Point Graduates.

<https://webmail.west-point.org>

USMA Class Support for the classes from 1935 to present day (website hosting to include a selection of content management systems, listserv hosting and tailored reunion registration and payment).

West Point Class Links

Example: USMA 1989 Website

West Point Society Support (website hosting to include a selection of content management systems, listserv hosting, online dues payment and event registration and payment).

West Point Society Links

Example: The West Point Society of Atlanta

Parent Club Support (website hosting to include a selection of content management systems, listserv hosting, online dues payment and event registration and payment).

Parent Services

West Point Parent Club Links

Example: The West Point Parents Club of MD, DC and VA

Multiple cadet-parent listservs for over 2,300 parents.

West Point Parent Listservs

WP-ORG Credit Card Transaction Interfaces.

Example: <https://secure.west-point.org/wpsd/foundersday>

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