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West Point Parents Club of Northern California Newsletter

Spring 2011 April 20 Edition

Dear Jeff,

The newsletter would love to contain MORE news about your cadet or graduate. BUT, you need to submit information and photos and links in order to get published. I will be mostly posting news you send in since my knowledge of things west pointy is very limited. Any Sandhurst or sports update or travel news?

If the frequency is too much, or the mail too long, please speak up. Feedback is a gift. Please provide feedback on what works / doesn't work with the newsletter and what you want to see.

Questions? Ron Fong, ronfong@gmail.com, 510.517.7161 the noobie newsletter editor

P.S. Send in your wallet photos to the Historian. See note at the end of this email.

PPS for a list of important dates for your calendar planning and the previous newsletter, go to the [WPPCNC newsletter archive copy online](#). Note there is a boodle box / potluck gathering Sat April 23 for the Class of 2013 and 2014; and there will be General Membership Meeting September 10 (more to follow).

PPS Be a good steward of resources. Think twice before you print. Enjoy this electronically. If you must print, then print on both sides of the paper.

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WEST POINT

Public Affairs Office



Parent Information - Upcoming Events
and Updated Bus Schedules (as of 4/19/11)

<http://www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp>

Parents of West Point cadets experience unique challenges as their sons and daughters undergo a rugged and demanding training program. Membership in a West Point Parents Club offers an opportunity for mutual support, fellowship, and access to useful information about the Academy and cadet life. At present there are more than 100 clubs throughout the United States and abroad.

BUS SCHEDULES

[Graduation Day Leave](#) (from West Point)

[CFT End](#) (from West Point)

[Yearling Return](#) (to West Point)

[Return for Re-Org](#) (to West Point)

[CFT Cadre Return](#) (to Camp Buckner)

[CBT I and CBT II Cadre](#) (to West Point)

2011 Graduation FAQ

"New" 2011 Ferry Schedule

Calendar Information for Academic Year 2011-2012

Superintendent Visit - Founder's Day

LTG David Huntoon '73 Superintendent of West Point visited Northern California for Founder's Day, hosted by the Association of Graduates Silicon Valley, San Francisco and Northern California. 15 candidates attended in Roseville. There were no candidates at the Oakland event. The Superintendent stated fixing the barracks is the top priority of the Academy in the coming years. Summer Leadership Seminar is full. For the 3rd year in a row, US News & World Report has rated the USMA as #1 public school (national liberal arts colleges) [Read more by clicking here](#)

Founders Day is the Birthday of the United States Military Academy. George Washington first proposed a military academy in 1783, but critics opposed this relatively new idea of a special school to train army officers as too European. They deemed it incompatible with democratic institutions, fearing the creation of a military aristocracy. Finally, two decades after Washington's first proposal, on 16 March 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened.



WPS San Francisco Bay Area & Silicon Valley: Jessie Altuna '00, Cadet Cody Kopowski '11 and Justin Raphael '03

13 Additional Pictures by the AOG of the event (mostly featuring graduates and the Supt) can be found online at this bundled list of shortcut links



<http://bit.ly/fugJlh> click on the links to open a picture.

or use this QR code



To see more pictures by Karen Jarvis WPPCNC 2nd VP, [click here for her shutterfly photo album](#)

Submitted by Karen Jarvis

100th - 500th Nite * Parent Event

Every year Cows and Firstie have a special celebration to commemorate the countdown of days left until graduation. For Cows, it is called 500th Nite. For Firsties, it is called 100th Nite. They each celebrate separately with a banquet and dance as they dream about the end of their four year journey.

Two years ago, the Parents' Club of Northern California reinstated a commemorative event to coincide with the celebration, called 100th-500th Nite. This year we duplicated what we did the year before. In February, Fifty eight parents of Cows and Firsties met for a no-host dinner at Chevy's in Fairfield. We kicked off the event with the news updates of our cadets rather than waiting for the end of the occasion and that catapulted conversations for dinner. Cow parents had lots of questions about Ring Weekend and Firstie parents discussed what sort of things they ought to be putting together for their cadet's Firstie Book. About half the parents were from the Cow Class and about half from the Firstie Class and the noise level was so high in the private room it was clear everyone was having a great time. It's incredible what you learn about what's happening at West Point by talking to other parents. I think we were the last to leave at 9:00! Casual, friendly fun - a definite event not to miss!

As a word for next year, we gathered at 5:30 so that people wouldn't have to drive in the dark to get there and selected Fairfield again thinking it would be central for most people. As it turned out, Concord or Walnut Creek would have been even better for the distance this group was driving.

Submitted by Lynzie and David Haynes



Travelling Cadets

CADET TRAVELS

One of the surprises to me as a plebe parent is the extent to which many of our cadets travel - either due to sports or clubs or exchanges or academic programs. Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) opportunities for cadets to study and experience rewarding programs take place overseas and in the United States. Here are some recent reports on Nor Cal cadets going to Chile, Canada, Austria, Italy, Australia..

ITALY - Our firstie, Jeremiah E. Zingapan (2011), spent his spring break (March 11-19) touring Sicily as part of his AIAD. During this week, he went to see Milan, Syracuse, Gela, Agrigento, Enna, mt. Etna/Taormina and Palermo. Sadly, he lost his camera. Submitted by proud parents Lino and Elvie Zingapan

Editor Note: Take a picture of your contact information. When the camera is found, they can see the first photo has your contact info and hopefully, they will return the camera.

CANADA and AUSTRIA - Aaron Fess (2014) See Photo Galley

ISRAEL Mark Courey (2012) is headed to the Israel this summer to their equivalent of West Point according to proud mom Susan

AUSTRALIA Philip E. Neumann (2011) had a 'spring break' visit to the Australian Military College in Sidney, Australia. He and the other seven Cadets that went with him had a wonderful time and participated in many of the Australian Cadet activities and even got some sight seeing time.



Philip Neumann (2011) @ Sidney Harbor Australia



Philip Neumann (2011) and other WP Cadets visited Australia Military Academy Spring Break 2011



Neumann (2011) of Napa and other WP Cadets visited Australia Military Academy Spring Break 2011

CHILE - Kevin Scruggs (2012) did an exchanged over spring break with the Chilean Military Academy in Santiago, Chile.



Kevin with the Cadet 1st captain at the Chilean Academy



Kevin Scruggs - Chilean Mine Rescue Pod

Photo Galley

So far this Spring soccer season at the time of writing...the USMA Soccer team has a 1-1 tie with Seaton Hall University and a 1-0 win over Colgate University. No info yet on the Harvard game April 16, but the preliminary results are better than the regular season last year. Updated scores and info are online at goarmsports.com on the mens soccer page ([click here](#)) Cameron Jarvis (2012) #24 is on the pitch for the Black Knights.



Cameron Jarvis #24

Men's Soccer
(Pleasant Hill CA)



Cameron in header vs. Manhattan college (west point is wearing white)



Cameron (in white) gets the ball

The gloom period has properly earned its name this year. Fortunately Aaron Fess (2014) has been finding ways to get around the doldrums by traveling, when he can. He went to Washington DC twice, the Royal Military College in Canada, and the Theresian Military Academy in Austria during Spring Break. While there, he was awarded best shot in a competition of all the Americans (including a Ranger) and the Austrians (95/100 at 200 meters). He was awarded with a coin from the Americans and a trophy Assault Rifle from the Austrians. It was so wonderful going back to visit for Plebe Parent Weekend. We got to spend time with his professors and meet his friends reports proud parents Robert and Laura Fess



Aaron Fess (14) with his Canadian Hosts Ryan, Ricki and Brendan



Royal Military College Ontario Canada by Fess (14) musta been too cold for him to be in the picture



Aaron Fess (2014) and two other cadets @Theresian Military Academy, Austria during Spring Break 2011



Aaron Fess (14) Spring Break 2011 visited Austria Group photograph with the 2nd Company of the 35th Panzergrenadier Battalion. They gave us a demonstration of their capabilities, and then trained us in operations as Mechanized infantry, something we don't get to do at West Point.



Clearing a building in Austria on spring break (Fess)



Plebe Parent Weekend - Just your ordinary school open house, except with weapons - who brought the bazooka for show and tell ? or is that a RPG ? Fess image024

STILL WANTED:

Firstie and Plebe Academy **Wallet Size Photos**

Official wallet size Academy photos of your soon to be graduating Firstie (2011) or of your current Plebe (2014) are wanted

by the Club.

The Firstie pictures are included in our annual congratulatory ad in the Howitzer year book.

The Plebe pictures are included in the class board put together by our Historian and displayed at Club events.

DO NOT MISS THIS!!

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West Point Official Webpage About

Firsties Class 2011 <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2011/>
Class 2011 Profile <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2011/profile.asp>
Cow Class 2012 <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2012/>
Class 2012 Profile <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2012/profile.asp>
Yuk Class 2013 <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2013/>
Class 2013 Profile <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2013/profile.asp>
Plebe Class 2014 <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2014/>
Class 2014 Profile <http://www.usma.edu/Class/2014/profile.asp>

USMA info for parents on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WestPointParents>

Unofficial USMA Class 2014 Yahoogroup - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/usma2014/>

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