
West Point Parents' Club of Orange County
Post Notes - May 2007



Our Mission

- ❖ Promote the interests and welfare of our West Point cadets through the association of others of the same interests
- ❖ Joining together and sharing experiences with each other, and
- ❖ Supporting the welfare of West Point, its cadets and graduates

Our Vision

- ❖ Provide relevant support and fellowship as a group for greater Orange County California West Point parents and their cadets

From the President

We are a huge West Point Army family. Fresh from the annual West Point Presidents' conference held April in West Point, I feel inspired to know the dedication and commitment demonstrated by WPPC parents across the United States. During these times of uncertainty, I am convinced that the focus remains the support and welfare of our Cadet children. I was extremely impressed with the support provided by West Point's parent coordinators, both Army and civilian. They are there for us. Additional opportunities are expanded to our Cadets including DCA clubs, foreign exchange programs, AID, and summer programs. Cadets fluent in different languages can now apply to visit nations beyond the existing list. Cadets are also being encouraged to develop cadet camaraderie beyond their sports and academic groups. As the greater motto is "**Army Strong**", we as parents should make every effort to be part of our WPPC activities. Our mentoring efforts and club event participation should emphasize the involvement of Yearling and Cow parents as well. We need your collective help now to make this year a Cadet success. Special attention will be focused on improving upcoming events including an "improved" Boodle in November.

As we near the month of June, our attention remains focused on the anticipated graduation events for the Class of 2007. Our sincerest best wishes and congratulations to our '07 Cadets and parents who have made this journey a success. Upon their graduation, the Class of 2008 becomes Rising Firsties, the lowly Plebes become rising Yearlings and the "long gray line" continues to grow. Don't Forget to RSVP for The Hail & Farewell.

Congratulations and God Speed to the Class of 2007!

Tony Mazeika
President

WPPC-OC 2007 Executive Board

Calendar of Events - 2007

President	Tony Mazeika '08 (949-859-0340)
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WPPC-OC BUSINESS MEETINGS
All members are encouraged to attend. The business meetings will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 8, 2007
Wednesday June 27, 2007
Tuesday Sept. 11, 2007
Sunday November 11, 2007

AT
Prudential Realty Office
5916 Edinger Avenue
Huntington Beach

Hail and Farewell
Sunday, June 3, 2007
Mile Square Regional Park
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
RSVP's required

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 22 , 2007
Harbor View Clubhouse
16600 Saybrook Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A-Day De-Briefing
Sunday, August 19, 2006
Lisa Tang's Home

Family BBQ
Sunday , September 23, 2007
Mile Square Regional Park
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Plebe Parent Weekend at West Point
October 12th -15th 2007

Boodle Bash
Date: TBD
Location: TBD

Army Navy Game
Saturday, December 1, 2007
National Sports Grill,
450 North State College Boulevard
Anaheim, CA

SPRING USMA RECRUITMENT

A larger group of West Point Alumni Parents attended Founders Day dinner March 4th as well as current members and new cadet candidate families. Our own Steve Featherstone organized the reception for High School seniors who are considering West Point appointments as well as a meeting with the new Superintendent LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck and his wife Judy at the Costa Mesa Country Club.

Tony Mazeika spoke at the West Point Recruitment night in Costa Mesa with Major Houston from USMA and Ed Johnson and Gil Coerper for West Point Society spoke as well. The By Invite Only event was well attended.

Jeff Manley (whose son Scott is USMA Class of 2005) did an excellent presentation to the families drawing from his experiences and there were many people who surrounded his recruitment table after all of the Services made their presentation. Also, representatives from Rep.'s Campbell, Calvert, & Miller were there, all wanted to have POST NOTES sent to them to, either through post or via emails.

We would like to thank June Johnson for attending the Capistrano Valley School District's Academy Night and stepping up to talk as a West Point Mom, whose son came from Tesoro and is now a Plebe football player at West Point. Many moms came up to June that evening for advice about their kids considering West Point.

June Johnson happened to be wearing one of the West Point shirts with the Swarovski crystals that look great!!! Anyone who has not yet ordered a shirt from June should do so before she sells out... They are gorgeous and that is an understatement. I ordered 2 immediately!!! (Sorry Tony....I couldn't resist! They are THAT beautiful!)

CADETS UPDATES

Bryan Higuera (10)

Plebe year has been an interesting one! Bryan has enjoyed his slot on the volleyball club team. Being apart of the team has allowed Bryan the ability to leave post and see different states. Bryan was also asked to represent West Point at an All Academy Night held at the Buena Park City Hall (Buena Park, CA) during spring break. There were 4 Plebes, 3

Cows and 1 Firstie that spoke at the event. They were asked to speak about their experiences at WP. It was a great opportunity to see Bryan talk about his experience and to share with future candidate cadets what may lie ahead for them. On March 25th Bryan made his confirmation at the Catholic Cadet Chapel at WP. Our family has enjoyed 4 trips to date back to WP and have enjoyed "peeking" into the WP world!

Amy Tang (10)

January 27th, 2007 Sing and I went to see our Cadet Amy '10 at a swim meet. It took place at George Mason University in Virginia. Four swim teams, The Army, George Mason University, Old Dominion University, and American Eagles are competing to each other. There were approximately 300 swimmers. And the meet lasted two days. The warm up started on Friday, and competed on Saturday. At the end, army men's swimming finished first, and army women's swimming finished second. And by coincident, we stayed in the same hotel with the army swimmers. We were so happy to be able to spend more time with our cadet in the same hotel on Friday night. We watched TV, talked and opened boodle box. It was just GREAT!!! It was one of the special meets, because the army swim team invited all the swim parents from the West Coast to join the East Coast at a buffet dinner right after the swim meet with our sons and daughters together on Saturday night. All the cadets dressed in grey. They looked great!! We had great conversation with many swim moms and dads. It was a very, very enjoyable weekend.

Cody Rogers (07)

Cody has continued representing the Corps of Cadets as the Secretary to the Honor Committee which has kept him busy this semester. His band has performed on a number of occasions at the Firstie Club, and he took on the responsibility as the Ski Team Videographer. All-in-all he has had a hectic final semester, and like all of the Firsties he is looking forward to graduation. He plans to take some time off this summer before reporting to his follow-on schools. Next spring he will join the Stryker Brigade in Fort Lewis, Washington as a Combat Engineer.

Jeanne Gorlin (08)

She is doing well as a Cow and a PSG this semester. She took her MCAT this April, finally. She will head to Fort Hood, Texas and to Sandhurst in England for the summer. Maybe a chance to go to Med School after graduation in '08.

Graduate Updates

1st LT Paul Strozier Class of 2005

Paul is flying Black Hawk helicopters in Iraq while stationed at Camp Speicher near Tikrit. His wife, Desiree, also a 2005 grad, (MI) is stationed at the same base where they are allowed to co-habitate when their schedules coincide (night vs. days). Paul rides a bicycle 20 min. across base to see her. He has flown all over Iraq and recently spent a few days in Baghdad at one of Hussein's palaces in the green zone. Paul is currently in Mosul for a month relieving a Capt. who is stateside on R&R. One of his best buddies from WP is stationed there - having some fun together. He likes flying and has logged over 60 hours since Feb. He has only shared one "scary" incident with us. Their return to HI has been extended from Aug. to Nov.

1st Lt Kevin Ryan class of '05

In February, Kevin graduated as an Honor Graduate (2nd in the Apache Class) from the aviation school at Fort Rucker. He has since been assigned to the 4th I.D. 4th Battalion at Ft. Hood, Tx. He is looking forward to finally getting to do what he has spent so much time training to do. He was in Enterprise Al. when the deadly tornado struck in March. He was moving to Tx. in 2 days! 3 weeks later, he found himself looking at another tornado in Killeen, Tx where he had just moved. Coming from California he said he'll take earthquakes any day! He is continuing to train for an upcoming Triathlon in May just to stay fit. He is looking forward to attending a wedding back at West Point in May as it will be his 1st trip back since graduation in '05.

1st Lt. Robert Bickford (04)

Bob remains in Korea, stationed at K-16. He is a Flight Platoon Leader 2nd BN 2nd Aviation, Flying Blackhawks. He is scheduled to rotate to a new assignment/base in November 07 but the location remains to be determined (possibly the Captains Course, back at Fort Rucker Alabama).

1st Lt. Peter Caretto (05)

Peter lives with a WP roommate in Clarksville, TN. He is a Platoon Leader training for deployment to Iraq sometime in the Fall. He is into ice and rock climbing, anything "outdoorsey".

PFC Nicholas Caretto

He is 5 months into his 15 months deployment in Baghdad as Humvee driver. He is Infantry with the 2-1 CAV. He is serving 4 days at a COP in Ghazaliyah and then 1 day at the FOB (Camp Liberty). He has lost 4 members of his platoon in Humvee attack.

Post news of events relevant to WPPC-OC and catch up on the same by visiting

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and/or

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To receive notification of upcoming events and to receive reminders please join the Yahoo WPPC-OC group at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/wppcoc/>

