
West Point Parents' Club of Orange County
Post Notes - Oct 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

Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are fast approaching. The year is coming to an end. It's been a pleasure working with you to make this an eventful 2007. I extend my genuine thanks to all committee members and volunteers who helped strengthen our commitments and support our new parents. Where did 2007 go? Even for our Plebe parents, we wonder how did this year go so fast. Time races by when we are having fun.. Let us make it a memorable year by supporting our remaining scheduled events.

It is essential that we make Boodle Bash Sunday, November 11 (Veterans Day) a huge success for our cadets and servicemen overseas. Supply items and donations are critically needed to complete our Christmas shipments to West Point, Iraq, and Afghanistan. To all parents please attend and if possible invite friends and family. Do not be m.i.a. for this core WPPC event.

December 1 is Army-Navy game nationally televised from Ravens Stadium, Baltimore. For those tracking Army's football team, great strides and some wins have been made. Thanks go to Coach Brock and the team for the superlative efforts this year. For those celebrating game day in California, the big party will begin at 9:00 at the National Sports Grill, Orange (off I-5 S.Ana Freeway). Go Army! Beat Navy!

December 26 is All Academy Ball in Los Angeles. This is the first year that WPPC-OC is co-sponsoring this great fun event. We have an opportunity to enjoy music, dance, dinner, and the comarraderie of our cadets, friends, family, and new acquaintances from our brother academies: Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. Don't miss it!
I do hope to see each and everyone of you at Boodle Bash, December 11, Zion Church, Anaheim.

God bless you and be safe
Tony Mazeika
President

WPPC-OC 2007 Executive Board

Calendar of Events - 2007

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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 November 6, 2007

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Prudential Realty Office
5916 Edinger Avenue
Huntington Beach

Firstie Parent's Meeting
Wednesday July 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club
1601 Bayside Drive
Corona del Mar, CA 92625
949-644-9530

A-Day De-Briefing
Sunday, August 26, 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 & All Academies Ball Auction
Date: November 11, 2007
Location: Zion Lutheran Church Gym
222 N. East St.
Anaheim, CA 92805-3317

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

28th Annual All Academies Military Ball
RSVP by 12/12/07
Date: 12/26/07
Time: 18:00 hours
Place: Wilshire Grand Los Angeles
930 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA

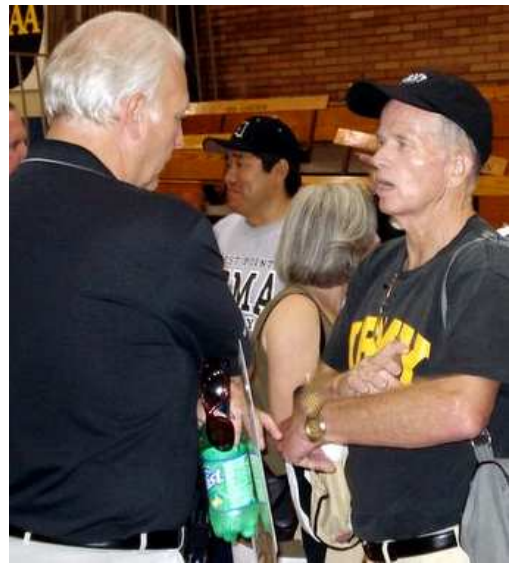
USMA Women's Volleyball Team

It was very exciting to have our Women's Army Volleyball Team from West Point coming to UC-Riverside in September for a volleyball tournament.



West Point parents, alumni, and friends cheered on our West Point cadets.







THE CLASS OF 2011 A-DAY DEBRIEFING

By Lisa Tang

The Class of 2011 had an A-Day Debriefing hosted by the Class of 2010 was held at the Tang's residence on Sunday, August 26th and was just what the new parents needed this year! For the very first time, the 2011 parents were able to gather together with the other 2011 parents. They shared their personal West Point experiences with the group. While their emotional memories were still fresh, you could see the immediate connections made between the families. They were extremely supportive and understanding of each other's roller coaster experiences with their cadets at West Point. Some cadet's updates were up beat, and others shared some of the challenges. By the end of the event, the 2011 parents gave and received huge support and empathy to/for each other. They connected and friendships were created. The class of 2010 was proud to host this important event and look forward more opportunities to mentor and bond with the Class of 2011. Be expected the West Point Parent Club in Orange County has had a strong cohesive Class of 2011 to lead the Class of 2012 next year in an even more supportive parent club.

In closing, I would like to give my sincere thank you to the wonderful 2010 parents that came to help making this event possible. Among them were Karen Levinbook, Peggy Cansdale, Mary Ellen Hoyt, Mike Hoyt, Emmanuel Galima, Rosalind Galima, my husband Sing Tang, and special '09 guests Margo and Joe Lazzari. You guys ROCK!!



DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION RECOGNIZED

WEST POINT, N.Y. - The Institute for International Sports recently recognized The U.S. Military Academy's Department of Physical Education Office of Competitive Sports as one of the top 15 sport education teams in America.

Under the direction of Dr. Ralph Pim, the Department of Physical Education Competitive Sports Team at West Point collaborated with the Champions of Character initiative, established the Mike Krzyzewski Teaching Character Through Sport Award, and developed a curriculum designed to teach character, instill leadership principles and the winning spirit, and build strong teams.

The core criterion for selection in each category was the effective use of sport as a means to educate. There were over 1,500 individuals and teams considered with only 100 individuals and 15 teams ultimately selected. West Point is one of two institutions of higher education listed alongside notable individuals such as Coach's Mike Krzyzewski, Duke; Joe Paterno, Penn State; Pat Summitt, Tennessee and John Wooden, UCLA.

Cadet Updates

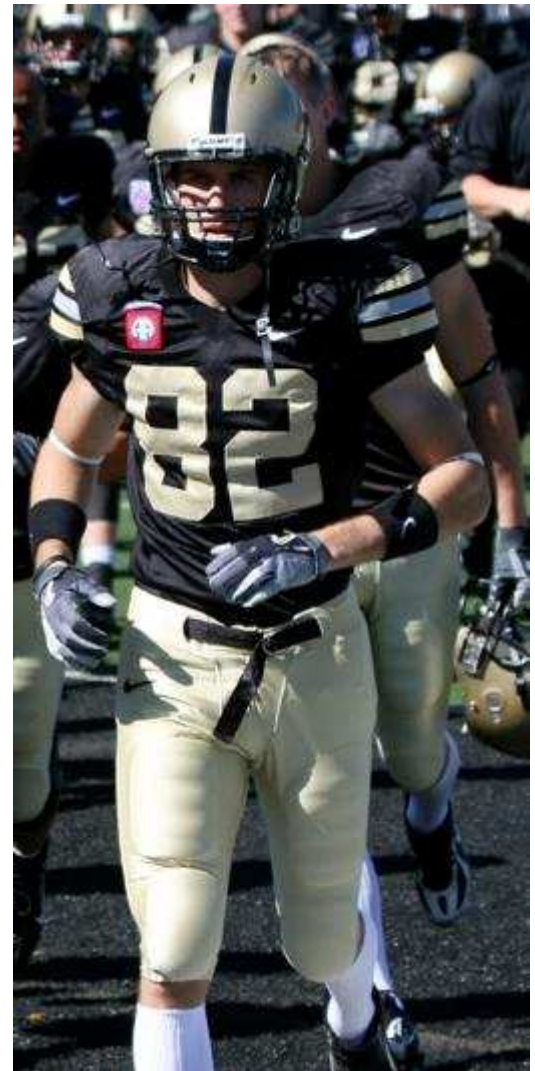
Andy Mazeika (08)

Andy Mazeika, B-4, is on Regimental Staff as the ISO- Informational Systems Officer. He has moved to Scott Barracks with the rest of the Regimental Staff of Fourth Regiment. He plays as either #15 or #82 on the football team. He is working on a new action film with his Cadet actors and has a teaser on YouTube. You can see his films on YouTube.com under the name of Shasheeka. He says being a Firstie is the best year ever. He looks forward to Branch Night 11/4/07.

Elizabeth Lazzari (09)

Liz is enjoying her role as co-captain of the Women's Army Volleyball Team. Their big match of the season happened on October 19th, when our Black Knights won against American. The Army volleyball team halted American's 33-match Patriot League win streak by way of a 3-1 victory, also marking American's first conference loss at home since joining the league in 2001. Army defeated American at West Point in 2005 and remains the only team to top the six-time defending champion in the last seven years. At the end of this match, Army, which is 6-2 in the league, stands alone in third place in the Patriot League standings. American and Colgate are tied at 7-1. Navy is fourth with a 5-3 mark. The top four teams qualify for the Patriot League Tournament on Nov. 16-17 at the highest seed.

Liz's Poetry Class was observed and taped by two radio staff from NPR (National Public Radio) one day in late October. There will be a broadcast of this event on November 3rd or 4th during NPR's " All Things Considered" segment.



Bryan Higuera (10)

Bryan returned to West Point in August after a three month stay at home to recover from his boxing injury. Bryan is playing on the West Point Club Volley Ball team and is enjoying his weekends off post to play other teams (Penn State, Maryland, Air Force). Bryan was elected to represent his company on the Honor Board. Yuk year has proven to be a much better year than Plebe year!

Sean Hoyt (10)

Sean came home to Orange County in early July, to attend a wedding. It was especially meaningful to him because he had originally introduced the couple to each other when they all worked together. Sean also commented how much fun it was to be able to see so many of his friends all in one place at one time!

While his visit to home this summer only lasted 5 days, Sean headed off to Fort Benning Georgia to attend Airborne Jump School. Week 1 focused on ground training which was designed to build individual skills that prepare you to make a parachute jump and land safely. Week 2 saw over 50 fewer soldiers than week 1. The jumpers who made it this far were introduced to tower training. Team effort skills focused on mass exit procedures. Week 3 was the real deal – jumping out of an airplane! In order to receive his wings, Sean needed to complete 2 “Hollywood” jumps (jumps without any extra equipment), two combat equipment jumps, and one night jump. All went well until the night jump when he cracked a rib as he hit a tree. In typical fashion, Sean waited over a week to have it looked at by the medical corps. He was in Delta Company – the hardest company, Class of 37-07 and now wears his wings with great pride.

During September Sean made a short visit to California while traveling with the women’s volleyball team. The team placed second overall in the tournament, but viewed the post game pizza party as a first place event. Everyone appreciated the level of support Parents’ Club continues to display.

In October Sean completed an 18 mile ruck run with a time of less than 5 hours! He was glad to beat his goal of 5 hours goal and is glad to have the run behind him. He is looking forward to seeing everyone in December at the Army Navy Football game in Baltimore. GO ARMY...BEAT NAVY



BRANCHING

Andy Mazeika, Field Artillery
Branden Wong, Military Intelligence
Cara Enright, Air Defense Artillery
Grace Zwick, Corps of Engineers
Jeanne Gorlin, Medical Corp
Sterling Showalter, Armor
Travis Featherstone, Infantry
Victor Shen, Finance



Graduate Updates

1st Lt Kevin Ryan (05)

Since last post Notes, Kevin has gained valuable experience as an Apache Helicopter pilot and platoon leader. On Sept 15th he flew the "gun-ship" over the Texas A & M football stadium 8 seconds after the playing of the National Anthem. The aviators from Fort Hood were introduced individually to the crowd at the end of the 3rd quarter. To quote our son ..."my 5 seconds of fame". He continues to rack up the flight hours which is what he lives for. He hopes to have his "Pilot in Command" designation before his scheduled deployment in June. So for now he works hard (long hours) and plays hard (weekends on 6th street in Austin!), Life is good.



1st LT Paul Strozier (05)

Paul is expected to be back in HI by mid-Oct. after being in Iraq for 9 months. Before he leaves Iraq, he should have accumulated enough hours flying Black Hawks to become a master pilot - that means the head pilot versus the copilot. His wife, Desiree, is expected to return to HI a couple of weeks ahead of him. They are very excited about coming home and we will be there to greet them when they step off the plane!



More recent Update...

Paul arrived in Hawaii Oct. 16th at 4:00 a.m. after 10 months in Iraq and we were there to greet him along with his wife, 1st LT Desiree, who arrived Sept. 30th after 14 months in Iraq. They are happy to be together on Oahu, HI. They have been married 20 months and this is the first time they will actually live together for more than 12 days. They expect to be living in their North Shore rental home overlooking Waimea Bay for the next 12 months. All is well.

Parent News

October Fires in So Cal:

Thankfully we hear that Phyllis and Hardy Strozier returned from Hawaii the day before the October fire in Lake Arrowhead started...Their home was thankfully spared. Hardy was up there from Wed. - Mon. putting out "spot fires", feeding firemen, and helping to keep the golf course greens alive. More trips to their Lake Arrowhead home are planned.

All Academies Ball Blurb

28th Annual All Academies Military Ball

RSVP by 12/12/07

Date: 12/26/07

Time: 18:00 hours

Place: Wilshire Grand Los Angeles

930 Wilshire Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA

Cost: \$65.00 per person

This year's Annual All Academies Military Ball is fast approaching! Invitations have already been mailed out, so please mark your calendars!!! There will be fun, food, recognition of Cadets/Midshipmen from all 5 Service Academies, a Silent Auction, music and dancing, and goodie bags for each Cadet/Midshipmen. Bring your family and friends!!!

Please consider reserving a table of 10 so parents, family, cadets and their dates and friends can participate in this wonderful Holiday tradition. This is the only time of the year we have to formally honor our cadets in the West Coast.

Whether you are a Plebe or a Firstie, pack your Mess Uniform and be proud to wear it!!! Those of us who supported you throughout the year want to have one dance with you at home!! No excuses!!!!...Be a part of the Ball!!!

For more information contact Sarah Hange at 949-721-4132 or Sarahhange1@cox.net

All Academies Ball Auction

All Academies Ball Auction Item Collection

Date: Sunday, November 11th, 2007

Time: 1:00 -5:00pm

Location: Zion Lutheran Church Gym

222 N. East St.

Anaheim, CA 92805-3317

Your help is needed in order to make the All Academies Ball Auction a success.

In order to facilitate donation pickup, we will gladly accept your donations during our scheduled Boodle Bash.

We would like to have at least 4 baskets, each representing each West Point Class year, as follows:

2011: dinning/entertainment

2010: vacations/ unique experiences

2009: sports and fitness

2008: just for her

Be creative: dinner and a movie, theater and limo, a hotel stay and dinner/or branch, a sports outfit, pedometer and ipod, Victoria Secrets or La Perla basket, spa products, manicures, pedicures, etc...

If you would rather be a sponsor contributing to one of the class baskets, here are the levels you can choose:

\$50.00 Squad Sponsor: your contribution will be recognized at the Ball.

\$100.00 Platoon Sponsor: your contribution will be recognized at the Ball
and in our newsletters.

\$250.00 Company Sponsor: your contribution will be recognized at the Ball
with your name displayed on a table an in our newsletters.

\$500.00 Regiment Sponsor: your contribution will be acknowledged in a special
recognition during the ball and your name will be
prominently displayed at the event and in our newsletters.

If you would rather donate a single item, we will gladly accept it!! For further information on how you can participate, please contact Sarah Hange at 949-721-4132 or e-mail at Sarahhangel@cox.net.

Miss this deadline? Not to worry. We will still accept your donations until 12/06/07. Just call us and we will make sure your donation/contribution is accepted!!!

Looking forward to a wonderful All Academies Ball and Auction!!!!

28th Annual Southern California All Academies Ball
Wednesday, December 26th, 2007
Reception from 18:00 Hours

Wilshire Grand Los Angeles
930 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA

The purpose of the All Academies Ball is to honor the commitment of our area Cadets and Midshipmen who serve and sacrifice for our great Country through their attendance at one of our nation's five service academies. The Ball is open to Current Cadets, Midshipmen, Alumni, Cadet/Midshipmen Candidates, family members and friends, and all who support the commitment of these special individuals.

The host club of the ball alternates each year between Army, Navy, and Air Force with Coast Guard and Merchant Marines joining up with Navy. This year, our host is the Naval Academy.

The event will include a reception, dinner, a Cadets and Midshipmen Grand March, Presentation of the Colors, traditional Military Toasts, and Cake Cutting Ceremony honoring the most Junior and the most Senior attendee from each Academy. A Silent Auction, organized by the Air Force, will run during the reception and a Professional Photographer will be available.

The dress for this special evening is formal military attire or civilian evening attire. Cadet, Midshipmen and active-duty military should wear their Mess Dress. Retired military have the option of wearing either Mess Dress or civilian evening attire.

All Cadets and Midshipmen in attendance should plan to arrive at the event in their formal attire and remain in this attire until the conclusion of the Cake Cutting Ceremony and group photos. All Cadets have the option of changing into civilian formal wear after presentations are concluded.

For those interested in staying at the hotel the night of the Ball, The Wilshire Grand is offering a \$99.00 room rate. This rate is valid for reservations made by December 12th, 2007. Arrangements can be made directly with the hotel by calling 213-688-7777 through the reservations desk. Please identify yourself as an "All Academies Ball" participant.

Invitation RSVPs are also due by December 12th, 2007, directly to the Annapolis Parents Club of Southern California, 4366 Irvine Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604.

For further information, contact Sarah Hange at 949-721-4132 or via e-mail Sarahhange1@cox.net

Post news of events relevant to WPPC-OC and catch up on the same by visiting www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-oc and/or WPPCOC@yahoo.com

To receive notification of upcoming events and to receive reminders please join the Yahoo WPPC-OC group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/wppcoc/>

