

West Point Parents' Club of St. Louis

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Class 2008 Branches

November 18th minutes at Hidden Lake Winery

The November meeting of the West Point Parents Club of St. Louis was called to order by President Patrick Flachs at 11:50 a.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mary Ann Wiley offered a prayer for cadets, soldiers and family members worldwide.

1. A general welcome was given by Patrick Flachs with an introduction of the Officers in attendance: President: Patrick Flachs, Vice President: Frank Janoski (absent), Treasurer: Karen Hilkenkamp, Secretary: Mary Ann Wiley, Special Projects: Susan Smith
2. A break was given so all in attendance could enjoy brunch. This gave everyone an opportunity to talk and share updates about their Cadets and Graduates.
3. Membership renewals and contacts were discussed. Karen Hilkenkamp will head-up calls to members regarding membership and dues. The current number of families in the club is 109.
4. Patrick Flachs discussed the coordination of plans for Graduation Week 2008. He gave information regarding the rental of a tent and caterers. Please call or email Pat if you are interested in this information. Patrick.Flachs@husch.com or 314-480-1524.
5. February 10th Meeting at Scott Air Base was mentioned with Mr. Russ Ellis volunteering to sponsor us at the Base. Mary Ann Wiley and Russ will work out the details for the meeting.
6. Mary Larson gave an update on the All Academies Ball, which will be held on December 29th at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Clayton. We will have a live band "Trilogy". Frank Janoski will be the MC with Major Philip J. Dacunto as our guest speaker. It is a grand event for you and your family members. We are the sponsors this year and would love a great turnout. Please consider this a "must go to" event for you and your Cadet/Graduate. Remember your Cadet does not pay for their dinner. Cadets are guests of the parents club. Cadets wear full dress gray for the Ball. This is a great opportunity for those who have not had the opportunity to go to West Point and experience a military event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Ball. Patrick Flachs invited the Tuskegee Airmen as guests to the Ball.
7. Class of 2011 parents were asked for a critique of R-Day, A-Day and PPW. If you have any feedback for the June meeting or other events please send an email to Patrick with your input. We are always looking for ways to help the parents, grandparents and family members of the club.
8. A discussion took place regarding reorganization of the STL WPPC (see below).
9. The meeting was adjourned.

WPPC Reorganization

A proposal was given out in a hard copy form to everyone at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded for the WPPC Reorganization. Patrick then gave a detailed explanation regarding the changes. As we have grown, there are many needed hands to help in the various activities of the club. Recommendations regarding structure were made by members of the executive board, current and past officers, and other members of the WPPC. These were assembled and brought to the meeting. A vote was taken and passed for the new Club Officer Positions and responsibilities. At the February meeting, which is our by-laws meeting, a complete reorganization will be addressed. Positions are as follows: President, President Elect, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Committee, Activities Committee, Fundraising Committee, Webmaster, Club Historian

February 10 Meeting

The next meeting is at Scott Air Force Base on February 10, 2008 at 11:00 am. You must send in your reservations to Karen Hilkenkamp for this meeting. We are required to send you a base pass in order to get in!

Class of 2008 Branches

Congratulations to our St Louis Area cadets for their branch selections:

Aroyn Borries	Infantry		Jeff Nichols	Engineers
Sean Flachs	Engineers		Pamela Rusinko	Engineers
Rahul Harpalani	Infantry		Tom Russell	Armor.
John Hughes	Infantry		Gregory Walker	Infantry
Rachel Larson	Quarter Master		Clint Wing	Military Intelligence

Brag News

George McCullough '00 was selected to be world wide Engine Military Sales Manager for International-Navistar in Chicago. He is the son of Mike & Marge McCullough.

Cpt Steve Hemmann '03 is XO for Company B of the 1/15 Infantry Regiment at Camp Cahill, Iraq. He served as Company Commander; and conducted a 40 hour mission with the help of 200 locals and 40 police volunteers to clear the area of IEDs. Steve is the son of David and Ruth Hemmann.

Cpt Adrian Zdazinsky '03 is with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Irwin NTC in California and recently returned from Afghanistan. Adrian is the son of Chip and Peggy Zdazinsky.

Cpt Robert McCullough '04 is assistant S3 with the 3-7 Field Artillery Battalion, 25th Infantry Division and recently returned from Iraq. Robert is the son of Mike & Marge McCullough.

1LT Thomas Cai '06 was recently promoted and is working on his Masters in Economics at the East West Center in Hawaii. EWC was established by Congress in 1960 to improve relations with Asia Pacific countries. Thomas is the son of Ying Cai and Lin Ying.

1LT Michael Collins '06 was recently promoted; is with the 3-73 Cav Squadron, 82nd Airborne in Baghdad and is developing a physical training program for the squadron. Michael is the son of Mike and Sarah Collins.

1LT Tirzah Eskew '06 was recently promoted; will complete MEDVAC Helicopter School in March 08 and then be stationed in Hawaii. Tirzah is the daughter of Gay Eskew.

1LT Charles Felker '06 was recently promoted and is member of C Company, 2-508 Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR), 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Charles is the son of Steve and Susan Felker.

1LT Nicholas Fulmer '06 was recently promoted. Nicholas is the son of Jane Fulmer.

1LT Michael Miller '06 was recently promoted; is stationed at Ft. Knox and in February will deploy to South Korea. Michael is the son of Marcus and Janalyn Miller.

1LT Sarath Rednam '06 was recently promoted, is stationed at Camp Dacreat in Baghdad and is Assistant Public Relations Officer. Sarath is the daughter of Krishana and Chandra Rednam.

1LT Joseph Sanfilippo '06 was recently promoted and is Fire Direction Officer for the 4-319 Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, (AFAR) 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team at FOB Kalagush in Afghanistan. Joseph is the son of Joe and Pam Sanfilippo.

2LT Robert Vietor '06 is attending Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) medical school in Bethesda. Robert is the son of Robert and Mary Vietor.

2LT Adam Hilkenkamp '07 has transferred from Field Artillery to Military Police for his branch and will be stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood in January. Adam is the son of Karen Hilkenkamp.

Aroyn Borries '08 is runner & coach for the West Point championship C3 biathlon team. Aroyn is the son of Dennis and Sue Borries.

Rahul Harpalani '08 earned the coveted Engineers' Sapper tab this summer. Rahul is the son of Saty and Mona Harpalani.

John Hughes '08 in his 5th year of active duty will switch to Signal Corp. John is the son of Mike and Kathy Hughes.

Rachel Larson '08 received the Academic Distinguished Cadet Award. Rachel is the daughter of Nathan and Mary Larson.

Pamela Rusinko '08 is a member of the Army Crew Team. Pamela is the daughter of Paul and Emma Mae Rusinko.

Tom Russell '08 was named CSFL 1st Team Defensive End, leading the Patriot League in Tackles for Losses, QB sacks, Fumble Recoveries, and Blocked Kicks. Tom is the son of Wes and Barbara Russell.

Clint Wing '08 will learn Tanker Platoon leader skills at Ft. Knox OBC after graduation. Clint is the son of Steve and Becky Wing.

Spencer Hampton '10 is a member of the Varsity Lacrosse team. Spencer is the son of Stephanie Hampton.

Ben Little '10 earned the Superintendent's Award for Excellence, the Distinguished Cadet Award and made the Dean's List. Ben is the son of Thomas and Linda Little.

Robby Mandel '10 had a great time playing on the Sprint Football team; is working hard academically and has a great group of friends. Robby is the son of Alan and Annette Mandel.

Tim Thomas '10 declared a major in Middle Eastern Studies. Tim is the son of Jim and Paula Thomas.

Joshua Wiley '10 is a member of the Orienteering team member and is now involved with racket ball. Joshua is the son of Rich and Mary Ann Wiley.

Kingsley Ehie '11 is doing well in the West Point environment. Kingsley is the son of David and Sylvia Ehie.

Stephen Ellis '11 is a member of the West Point Boxing team. Stephen is the son of Russ and Melody Ellis.

Timothy Guilliams '11 was nominated for Cadet of the Quarter; his Company (A-2) finished first in Beast and was awarded an extra pass. Timothy is the son of Joe and Rhonda Guilliams.

Curtis Hoffman '11 is a member of the Trap Team. Curtis is the son of Randy and Patty Hoffman.

Chelsea Hunkler '11 is a member of the Racquetball Team and has played in tournaments at Albany and the Air Force Academy. Chelsea is the daughter of Sean and Delores Hunkler.

Colin Smith '11 is a member of the JV Lacrosse. Colin is the son of Sean and Susan Smith.

Alan Spadone '11 recently attended a Philosophy conference at Boston College and visited the Antietam Civil War battlefield with the History Department. Alan is the son of Don and Kathy Spadone.