



# WEST POINT PARENTS' CLUB OF THE TEXAS PLAINS

September 2003



Dear Parents,

September brings a special month for Andy and me. We will be traveling back to West Point to celebrate the 35th reunion of the USMA Class of 1968. It hardly seems possible to us as it seems like just a year or two ago that we were in Michie Stadium watching the class graduate. Although your cadets won't believe it now, those years at West Point fly by. And so do all the years that follow! We are looking forward to being back in the place that we love above all others - West Point. Andy says that I need to get my Gray cells recharged, but the truth is they hold a charge pretty well!

Please remember to send me your cadet and family news! This is YOUR newsletter but I need your help.

You may reach me by email at [ashaffer@swbell.net](mailto:ashaffer@swbell.net) or by telephone (432) 697-0813. We will see you all at the September meeting! Until then,

**GO ARMY!**

Betty Shaffer Admissions Representative USMA

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**DON'T FORGET TO BOOKMARK OUR WEBSITE AND TO CHECK IT FREQUENTLY!**

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-tp/index.html>



**FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK**

Thank you to Andy Shaffer for your informative presentation of Army 101 at our last meeting. For those of you that were unable to attend, Andy presented an excellent overview of the structure of the Army, as well as how to "read" a uniform. Now it will be easier to communicate with our cadets!

Enclosed is an order form for tickets to the Army/TCU football game in October. If you purchase your tickets through the club, you receive a discount, along with a Pepsi and a hot dog! We will be seated together as a group. Army goes all out for this game and it has proven to be a great time no matter what the scoreboard reads at the end. We have secured a group rate at the Clarion in downtown Ft. Worth. The Army Team, along with our own Joel Glover, will also be staying at this hotel. We are excited to see and enjoy the company of the cadets who make the game. This area of town also has some fun shopping and is very convenient to all of the great restaurants. Everyone needs to mark their calendars for a great trip to Ft. Worth in October, as we go cheer the Black Knights on to victory!

Remember, it is cheaper to book your airline tickets for your cadet as early as possible. Thanksgiving tickets are expensive, even more so if you wait until late September or October to book them. And Christmas is just around the corner from Thanksgiving, so plan ahead. Plebe parents, remember to check with your plebe as to his schedule **before** you book the flights and remember that Thanksgiving leave begins at noon on Wednesday. West Point does not allow a cadet to leave post before his duties are complete just to catch a flight!

Don't forget to bring your boodle for the cadets and the troops in Iraq to the September meeting! Carla and I are excited to be co-presidents of the greatest WPPC of them all!

**GO ARMY!**

Joe and Carla Haston

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**WEST POINT TRIVIA FACT**

The first African-American First Captain at West Point was **Vincent K. Brooks**, Class of 1980, who you saw as the CENTCOM briefer during Iraqi Freedom. His brother, **Leo Brooks**, Class of 1979, is the current Commandant of Cadets. The Class of '79 was the last all male class, the last class with a "June Week", and the first class to be issued calculators .



**ATTENTION TO ORDERS!**  
**WPPC OF THE TEXAS PLAINS SEPTEMBER MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 3:30 P.M.**  
**CLEAR SPRINGS CAFE IN MIDLAND**



**PROGRAM: CENTER FOR ENHANCED PERFORMANCE**  
**BOODLE PACKING FOR CADETS AND TROOPS**

**Members:** Are you confused when your cadet mentions the Center for Enhanced Performance? Do you think that's where one would go to improve their score on the Army Physical Fitness Test? Or perhaps that it's where the cast members of the 100th Night Show go to learn to deliver an effective punch line in a skit? **NO** - it's neither of those things! Come to the September meeting to learn the true mission of the Center for Enhanced Performance.

We will also be packing boodle at the September meeting to send to our cadets. Please bring enough treats for about 20 boodle boxes. In addition, we will be packing boodle to send to our troops in Iraq. Repeated in this newsletter is the list of items that have been most requested by the troops. But feel free to come up with your own items to send!

As always, we will share cadet and graduate news.

**BE THERE - and that's an order!**



IT'S NOT TOO LATE.....



TO GET IN ON THE BEST VALUE THE WORLD HAS TO OFFER. FOR ONLY \$20 PER YEAR YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP AFFORDS YOU ASTONISHING BENEFITS. SO IF YOU HAVE OVERLOOKED THIS MATTER AND WISH TO SEND IT IN, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: WPPC OF THE TEXAS PLAINS AND MAIL TO: DAN AND CARON THORNBURY, 5505 50TH ST., LUBBOCK, TX 79424

Notice, members: due to operating costs, this edition of the WPPC of the Texas Plains newsletter will be the last printed copy mailed to you if you have not paid your dues. Although you may continue to access the website for the current edition, we are quite sure that you want to save the printed copies for posterity. Please help your WPPC maintain its high standards by supporting your club and paying your annual dues.

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**ALL ACADEMY BALL WORK DAY!**

Have you marveled at the beautiful decorations at our All Academy Ball? Do you think that perhaps a team of professional decorators was hired to perform that magic? **NO** - it's all been done by members of our club! Come and join us for a day of work, fun and eating (!) while we perform our own magic for this year's All Academy Ball!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 10:00 AM**  
**PERMIAN PRINTING**  
**2002 KERMIT HIGHWAY, ODESSA**

**Wear your paint clothes! Items to bring:**  
**Tool Box          Electric Drill, Screwdriver**



# ALL ACADEMY BALL INFORMATION AND UPDATES

from Paula



**FUNDRAISING:** Hopefully we are ALL in the process of sending out solicitation letters. Please email Wayne Kostelich the list of names and addresses of your potential donors. Wayne's work email address is wayne.kostelich@dvn.com Another thing to think about - if you individually would like to donate to the All Academy Ball and your employer has a matching fund program, please consider submitting a donation request. Since our club is a 501-c-3 organization, we should qualify. Wayne can furnish you by email with a solicitation letter to send to potential donors. The letter is also available on a floppy disk. Please let us know if you need copies.

**DOOR PRIZES** for Cadets and Midshipmen: We are going to ask each family to donate a door prize or two. This can be an item that a merchant donated or something that you purchased. If you would be interested in approaching your local businesses let me know, so I can provide you with a form letter that you can personalize and a tax form for the merchant's tax records. It has been proven that when you approach a merchant with these two letters in hand they are more likely to donate something. Following the Ball, we send thank you letters, a program, a group photo of the cadets and midshipmen and a thank you certificate suitable for framing. There are two or three businesses in Midland that displayed the certificate and photo.

The All Academy Ball will be here before we know it, and we have much to do to make this years Ball a complete success. Please take an active role in helping with fund raising and the myriad of other tasks associated with a successful event. But most of all, we need your participation! So make The All Academy Ball on December 27 a part of your holiday planning!

Don't forget the Ball Work Day on Saturday, September 20. Work days are not only productive, but fun as well! Thank you for all of your help with our Ball - **Paula**

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## CADET AND GRAD BIRTHDAYS!



1LT Justin Fregia	Sept. 12
Cadet Blu Kostelich	Sept. 21
2LT James Stultz	Sept. 13
1LT Jesse Waters	Sept. 4



Caron Thornbury
Charles Frisbie
Betty Shaffer

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



Sept. 17
Sept. 6
Sept. 20



# CADET NEWS



**CADET BLU KOSTELICH** has made the Dean's List. Blu has also been awarded the Gold Wreath for excellence in Academic, Military and Physical programs.

**CADET SCOTT THORNBURY** finished out his summer with a week of freedom in Los Angeles visiting with an aspiring actor buddy.

**CADET DUSTIN NAVARRO** has been named Brigade S4 for the United States Corps of Cadets. In this capacity Dustin will report directly to the First Captain, have three assistants, and will be responsible for all logistics pertaining to The Corps of Cadets. He has already visited the Cadet Laundry with the Supe, GEN Lennox, to address problems brought to their attention by members of The Corps.

**CADET ROBERT SCHEIERN** was incorrectly placed last month at Ft. Ord by your editor. While he would have enjoyed surfing at Ft. Ord, Robert was actually at Ft. Erwin, CA on CTLT and was assigned to an ADA unit. He is majoring in Law. Robert became engaged on June 1 to Miss Sabrina Corwin and will be married on June 5, 2004 in Ventura, CA (unless your editor can convince him to be married at West Point so that we can all be there to welcome a new Army bride)

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**LIST OF REQUESTED ITEMS FROM OUR TROOPS SERVING IN IRAQ**

Writing stationary and self-sealing envelopes  
insect repellent  
anti-itch cream  
baby wipes (especially the anti-bacterial ones)  
drink mixes  
toilet paper  
eye drops  
seasonings (MRE'S get dull!)  
snack foods  
chapstick and sun block  
puzzle books  
magazines  
drawings are nice!  
AT&T calling cards (**ONLY AT&T!**)  
Dental Floss  
Creams and hand stuff  
Emery boards, nail files, nail clippers  
Q-tips  
white tube athletic socks  
mole skin and blister packs

Gold Bond foot powder  
Athlete's foot spray  
underwear  
large handkerchiefs  
Multi vitamins  
Throat lozenges  
Games: board games, dominoes, Trivial Pursuit,  
crossword puzzles, nerf footballs, volley balls and nets  
soccer balls, whiffle balls and bat, electronic games  
pop-top cans of tuna or chicken, BEEF (**NOT** pork!!) jerky, salsa  
and dips that don't need refrigeration, cheese nips,  
Doritos, cheese and crackers, peanut butter and letters (kids  
crackers, Chex mix, trail mix, cracker jacks, pretzels,  
flavored popcorn, flavored crackers, granola bars,  
individual pkgs of cookies, power bars, dried fruit, nuts,  
fruit roll-ups, individual cups of fruit or pudding, hard  
candy, gum, red licorice, marshmallows, graham  
crackers, most cookies (not fig newtons or pound  
cake - those are in MRE's!)  
Zest or Dove soap, pocket packs of kleenex, Febreze

