

WPP-NET is a low volume list designed to disseminate official news and important. No matter which lists you join, you should be a member of this list.

USMAPS-NET is a list for the USMAPS (Prep School) parents, for Important USMAPS information, sharing and discussion

PLEBE-NET is a list for Plebe parents and a few select upper-class parents to openly share information and questions.

The PARENT-FORUM - a list for the parents of second through fourth year. Many USMA offices have representatives as guest members of the list, and there are a number of USMA grads who are also members. This list is for general discussion about West Point Parenting. It is a high volume list, with as many as 10 or more posts per day.

URL - This is a Web page address. The URL for WP-ORG is:

<http://www.west-point.org>

Note: URLs in this flier may span two lines, but on your computer browser, the address is always shown as one continuous line.

To join us, simply go to the URL for PLEBE-NET, and click on the "SUBSCRIBE NOW" button at that site.

WP-ORG welcomes you to the West Point Family. Numerous parents who have preceded you have found great comfort in having a way to get answers to their questions and learn about life at West Point. We hope WP-ORG will be a valuable resource for you and your entire family as well.

The Following is a list that will help you find us on the Web.....Welcome!

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<u>PARENT FORUM</u> http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/
<u>USMAPS-NET</u> http://www.west-point.org/parent/usmaps-net/
<u>WP-ORG Parent Resources</u> http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/links.htm
<u>STREAMING PUBLICATION ARCHIVE</u> http://www.west-point.org/real/
<u>THE OFFICIAL USMA WEBSITE</u> http://www.usma.edu/

Welcome to WP-ORG



THE online experience for the West Point Parent

- *Providing information and answers for the questions of the cadet parent.*
- *Providing information, answers and community for the cadet parent.*
- *Providing information, answers and an online West Point home for the cadet parent.*

WHAT IS WP-ORG?

<http://www.west-point.org>

Congratulations on having a West Point Candidate in the family. You will find a whole new world will open up to you when your USMA candidate, or USMAPS (prep school) candidate reports in on that first day.

The computer has made access to information easier to get to or find, but there is so much information, you may not know where to begin.

We would like to introduce you to WP-ORG, an on-line West Point Community that was designed to serve your needs for information and sharing.

West-Point.Org Inc. is an organization which currently has over 100 USMA grad volunteers and some cadet parent volunteers to run free moderated listservers (e-mail lists) for the graduate classes of USMA, many West Point Societies, West Point Parents Clubs, and about 30 cadet activities and sports.

WP-ORG started in the summer of 1994 as AOG.net and dropped that name when the Association Of Graduates decided to also develop their own internet presence. We now have over 22,000 different USMA graduates and about 3,000 cadet parents that are actively using our listservers on a daily basis. About 65 USMA classes are using our listservers to provide a class support system for their class.

Plebe Net is a list that consists of Plebe parents and a few select upper class parents. It is intended to address the

many questions parents have throughout Plebe year.

The West Point Parents Net (WPP-NET) and The Parents Forum have almost 2,000 participants respectively. WPP-NET is what we call a "push" list. There is no exchange of conversation on that list, it is intended as an "info-out" list only. The Parent Forum is for upper class parents, and plebe parents *a period of learning time on plebe-net*. It is restrictive in the rules about what can be discussed, because we have invited any Academy officials who would like to monitor that list to do so, as well as graduates, who help assure all information is timely. This list is very effective in keeping the parents informed about cadets and cadet activities that the parents may be interested in.

We offer our services to the West Point Community for no set fees. We do fund-raise on a semi-annual basis. We only raise the money needed to operate and to pay our two employees, to help us have a 24x7 capability.

Most of our class moderators have jobs in the information technology career field and some are even on active duty. It helps a class greatly if the class moderator is very proactive in finding and keeping classmates on the main class list, as well as updating the WPAOG email and address lists.

WP-ORG is independent of USMA and the WPAOG, however, we do work closely with them. The purpose of WP-ORG is solely to support the communications needs of the West Point Community, with our primary focus on class/parent support.

Most of the WP-ORG Board (called Advisors) are I.T. professionals. We are ten in number. All but two of us are graduates of the Academy.

Our goal is to change along with technology and keep the community together as we do that. We offer streaming audio of some of the Thayer Award recipients speeches, where one can hear MacArthur's "Duty, Honor, Country" speech. We also have a "Traditions" page on the WP-ORG Bicentennial site where one can read about the Mess Hall riot of 1963. Jack Price, '64 class moderator, kept a boa constrictor in his room as a cadet and never got caught. That info is found on the "Traditions" page. There are many great things that have happened during recent cadet days, and we have captured them as well.

Now that we have introduced you to who we are, the following page should help you join our *virtual* West Point Community.

DEFINITIONS:

Listserv - an e-mail list delivered to your computer, where you can both read and respond to messages.

Parent's-Nets - These are the different lists that you can join. Each has a different function and purpose

PROSPECTIVE-NET is designed for the parents and candidates themselves. This list is intended for use by those who are beginning the admissions process.