



WPSA NEWS

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Circulated quarterly to grads and friends of West Point~

FEBRUARY 2004

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The holidays came and passed quickly but a number of things happened where you could have met and networked with fellow graduates. We had our annual Georgia Public Television Fundraiser on Thursday, 4 Dec where Army faced Navy on telephones, collecting money for our local public TV station. Mike Gaines, '73 had a small crew but took on Navy and fought to the finish. The squids collected more money than our Rabble, but we had a better collection percentage (since it didn't take as many of us to collect!). The folks at GPTV thoroughly enjoy our two Academies coming into the studio and you are missing a fun time if you have never taken part. Our annual Army – Navy Football Game Party was a huge success again at TJ's Sports Bar and Grill in Alpharetta. Kerry Cecil, '93 did our part of the planning and had some new surprises to add to this great event. We raffled some very attractive items for charity, including prizes donated for each Academy. Don Reinhard, '59 of Glass Masterworks, produced two beautiful vases, one with Navy's Crest and the other with the USMA Crest. The winners were truly happy to get these exquisite items and the money collected will be used for our summer youth leadership training. The football game was much less exciting and we congratulate Navy on winning the Commander in Chief's Trophy - but we have it in sight.

200 years ago, the last man in the Class of 1804 sat next to the top graduate. It was not a different seating arrangement – there were only two graduates! That means any one of these only had a 'classmate', singular. And think how lucky we are to have numerous classmates, friends we can meet with and share memories and stories together. But we must get out and GO TO THE EVENTS! Please get out of your shell and come to a luncheon, put the Networking Happy Hour on your calendar, and by all means RSVP for our Founders Day Dinner March 6th.

JESSE McCORVEY '74

The Days...

February 19, 2004, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Monthly Luncheon at The Commons at Ft McPherson
Speaker: Bob Schultz, USNA '71
Topic: Identity Theft Detection & Protection

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February 26, 2004, and the last Wednesday of every month:
Benny Havens Monthly Happy Hour at Frankie's Sports Bar (Prado Shopping Center on Roswell Rd), 6:30 pm-until.
POC: Kerry Cecil '93, 678-591-6715.

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February 29, 2004, Benny Havens *Southside* Happy Hour. 6:00-until. New location: Y-Knot Bar in Peachtree City.
POC: Grant Steffan '81, 404-464-5412, or West Stewart '63, 770-487-6820.

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March 6, 2004, Founders Day Dinner at the Commons, Fort McPherson. Details inside.

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April, 2004, WPSA/Kiwanis Luncheon, Atlanta, Speaker TBD

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May 7, 2004, 8th Army/Navy Golf Classic. Details inside.

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APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE

Anyone interested in hiking 10 miles from Brasstown Bald Mountain to the bottom of Low Gap Road this July, contact Alex Buehler '84, at 800-459-4839. Good prep for the New Cadet March from Lake Frederick in August!

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

"Identity Theft Detection and Prevention – Lessons from a Victim"

In February, 2001, Bob Schultz, USNA '71, and his wife Linda had their identities stolen. A very rapid learning curve and period of damage control followed for months! Since then, they have learned much about the subject. Bob's presentation at the February luncheon on the 19th at the Commons at Fort McPherson (11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.) will include information on how and from where personal identity information is stolen, and how thieves distribute it and use it. Bob will discuss and provide a list of Do's and Don'ts to help prevent your identity from being stolen. He'll explain the procedure for placing fraud alerts on your credit reports, and leave us with handouts from several sources, including the FTC, Consumer Reports and Equifax. Join us for an enlightening event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Greetings! The holiday season is over and now we are busy preparing for Founders Day Dinner on 6 Mar 04. We're planning a wonderful evening for you, so call your classmates and make this a mini reunion—and bring your **dancing** shoes! A flyer with all the details (**RSVP 28 Feb 04**) is enclosed in this mailing and will also be posted on the website.

Speaking of getting dressed up in your best duds--you will have an opportunity to purchase class/group/individual photos at the Founders Day Dinner. Each CD will be \$20 and you will receive it that evening. In other words, if five couples in a class photo each want a CD, the cost will be \$20 per couple (per CD) or \$100 total.

A directory was mailed on 28 January to those members who are either lifetime members or paid their CY 2003 dues. So far, very few have paid their **CY 2004** dues so this is a great opportunity to pay EARLY. You may pay your dues at the same time you send in your Founders Day Dinner reservation (NLT 28 Feb 04) or you may pay them now by sending in your check payable to WPSA in the amount of \$35 (\$20 for active duty) to the PO Box address shown on this newsletter.

One more thing... **please** keep me informed about any changes in your mailing address, phone number(s) and email address--this is the only way you can be assured of receiving WPSA mail and messages. Thanks for your help.

See you in March! **JAN HEATH, Executive Director**
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The West Point Society of Atlanta
invites you to the
2004 WEST POINT FOUNDERS DAY
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2004

6:00 p.m. Benny Havens (Cash Bar)/Registration
6:45 p.m. First Call for Dinner
7:00 p.m. Dinner/Program
Dancing until 12:00 Midnight
at *The Commons*, Fort McPherson, Georgia

Host: Major General Julian H. Burns '70
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7, United States Army Forces Command

Guest of Honor: Colonel Maureen LeBoeuf
Master of the Sword, United States Military Academy

Dress: Army Blue or Blue Mess/Business Suit/Cocktail Dress (Tuxedo Optional)

\$30.00 per person for current dues-paying members and their guests
(\$35.00 per person for non dues-paying members and their guests)
A reservation made is a reservation paid!

Early RSVPs & payment are strongly requested.
To guarantee class seating, RSVP NLT Feb 28, 2004.
Late changes - Call Jan Heath, (404) 464-5351 or WPSA Voice Mail (404) 881-8081.

(Please retain and show at gate as your temporary pass to Fort McPherson.
Be prepared to show identification with photograph and proof of insurance.)

Mail to: West Point Society of Atlanta, P.O. Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511
Make check payable to WPSA. RSVP NLT Feb 28, 2004

I request transportation to and from Founders Day Dinner. _____
I volunteer to provide transportation for a graduate/guest in my proximate location. _____

I will attend the 2004 West Point Founders Day Dinner. Please reserve _____places for me.

_____ Check enclosed for dinner reservation(s). (\$30 per person \$ _____
for current dues-paying members and their guests OR
\$35 per person for non dues-paying members and their guests)

_____ Also included is my CY 2004 annual membership fee. \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____ USMA CLASS _____

NAMES OF GUEST(S) _____



Go Army, Beat the Conference USA!

The West Point Society of Atlanta is participating in and co-sponsoring a really fun event on Monday, April 19, 2004. It's the 2nd Annual C-USA Atlanta Alumni Golf Outing. Schools from all over the conference are planning to attend--as many as 14 schools.

This golf outing will be a friendly competition to bring us all together to meet and have some fun. Plus the winning school's Atlanta alumni chapter will be able to send in their name a donation of \$1,000 (from the proceeds of the outing) to their general scholarship fund. There is also the revolving trophy for the C-USA Atlanta alumni chapter champion to keep for a year.

In 2003, one of the Army teams came in second by a stroke! If we win, the proceeds will go to our local charitable organization, the West Point Charitable Enterprises (WPCEA)

The golf outing will be held at the Olde Atlanta Golf Club (OAGC) in Suwanee, GA. OAGC is located in south Forsyth County. The format for the golf is a four-person scramble. Even if you are not a golfer we want your support as a volunteer to help with the outing the day of the event and to participate in the fun.

The cost for the outing for golfers and non-golfers is as follows:

- Golfer-\$105 includes golf fee, cart, practice balls, box lunch, buffet dinner & prizes
- Non-golfer (lunch only)-\$20 includes prizes
- Non-golfer (dinner only)-\$30 includes prizes
- Non-golfer (lunch and dinner)-\$45 includes prizes

If you are a golfer we need your handicap or your average score. This will be a net tournament with at least five places awarded and one prize for the low gross team.

If you are a non-golfer we can use your help managing the special on-course events (putting contest, closest to the pin, long drive and purchase of long drives on par 5s) and, of course, registration.

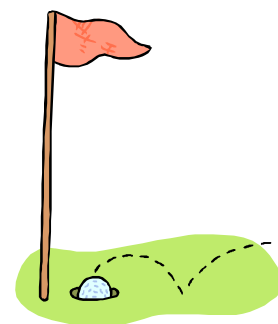
The deadline for sign up and payment is March 31, 2004. Each school is allowed 2 foursomes, so make your reservations now. For more information contact Dan Baker '73, 770-456-6303.

The outing schedule is as follows:

- 11:00 am Check-in and practice
- 12:00 pm Putting contest and box lunch
- 1:00 pm Shotgun start (scramble format)
- 5:30 pm Cash bar
- 6:00 pm Dinner and prizes

If you have, or your company has, the ability to donate prizes, or you know someone who can help in this area, please call Dan Baker '73 at 770-456-6303.

Thanks and we hope you can join us!





8TH ANNUAL ARMY - NAVY GOLF CHALLENGE



WHEN: Friday, May 7, 2004
Registration and Driving Range 9:30-11:00 a.m.
SHOTGUN START AT 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: The Commons, Fort McPherson

HOW MUCH: \$75.00

INCLUDES:

18 Holes Of Golf
Driving Range
Golf Cart
Lots Of Prizes
Buffet Dinner

\$15.00 Tax-deductible Donation to support the
youth development programs of WPSA and USNAAAA

\$5.00 Buys Two Mulligans (limit 2 per golfer)

\$15.00 for Dinner Only (Non-Golfers Invited)

FORMAT: -- Modified Stableford Scoring
-- Team Play, Army Versus Navy
-- 2 Army Players Will Be Paired With 2 Navy Players
-- Individual/Pairing Wagers Are Authorized &
Encouraged

Please complete registration form on next page and send with check payable to WPCEA. Early RSVPs and payment will be greatly appreciated. Checks and reservations **must** be received by Monday, May 3.

CONTACTS: Army: Dan Baker, '73 (W: 770-456-4404); (H: 770-456-6303)
Tom Murphy, '67 (W: 706-693-7126); (H: 706-693-2775)
Navy: Will Wood (W: 770-673-2746); (H: 770-551-9719)
Jeff Johnstone, '80 (W: 678-762-5424); (H: 678-461-0217)



8TH ANNUAL ARMY - NAVY GOLF CHALLENGE



REGISTRATION AND RESERVATION

Simple five-step procedure:

1. Fill in the information requested below.
2. Make check payable to **West Point Charitable Enterprises of Atlanta (WPCEA).**
3. Insert this form and your check in an envelope.
4. Mail to: **West Point Charitable Enterprises of Atlanta (WPCEA)
PO BOX 440812
Kennesaw, GA 30160**
5. Show up on May 7, 2004 between 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

I will attend the Eighth Annual Army - Navy Golf Challenge.

Name: _____ USMA/USNA (circle one) Class: _____

Spaces needed: ____ (each USMA/USNA player is limited to one non-graduate guest who will represent the team of his/her host)

Status at Ft McPherson: ____ Member
____ Non-member (Active, Retired, Reserve, or DOD Civilian)
____ Non-DOD Federal civilian employee
____ Other

Phone Number(s): (H) _____ (W) _____

Handicap or Average Score of 18 Holes: _____

NOTE: Sandbagging is not authorized and handicaps may be modified by the golf committee based on previous Army - Navy results.

NOTE: Soft (non-metal) spikes are required.

____	Check enclosed for Golf Challenge (\$75.00)	\$_____
____	Check enclosed for buffet dinner only (\$15.00 per person)	\$_____
____	Additional tax-deductible donation for Youth Programs	\$_____

TOTAL \$_____

WEST POINT LADIES SOFTBALL COMPETES WITH U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM

One of Army's most successful intercollegiate sports programs is Women's Softball. Our ladies are perennial Patriot Conference champions and NCAA tournament competitors. This month, the top university programs in the country as well as the U.S. Olympic team will be competing in a tournament at the Olympic Softball venue in Columbus, Georgia. The Army team is one of seven university attendees (along with Texas, Florida State, Washington, UCLA, etc.) who will compete against each other and the U.S. Olympic team. The WPSA will be doing what it can to sponsor this great event and is highly encouraging its membership to travel to Columbus and watch these events!

Their tentative schedule so far is:

Fri., **Feb. 27**, 2:30PM vs. Washington

Fri., **Feb. 27**, 5:00PM vs. Florida State

Sat., **Feb. 28**, 12:30PM vs. Texas

Sat., **Feb. 28**, 4:00PM vs. TBA

Sat., **Feb. 28**, 6:30PM vs. U.S. Olympic Team

Sun, **Feb. 29**, time & teams based on W/L record

ATTENTION ALL READERS WHO ARE NOT * LIFETIME * NOR ANNUAL MEMBERS OF THE WPSA:

Beginning in 2004, the West Point Society of Atlanta will no longer send "free" newsletters in the mail. If you are not a member, consider joining and continuing your subscription to quarterly newsletters. Membership also entitles you to the Annual Directory and event discounts. If you would like to get the **WPSA NEWS** via **email** you may do so "free" at any time by sending your name, class and email address to: subscribe2enews@yahoo.com.

USMA TO HOST INVITATIONAL ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

USMA will host its annual Invitational Academic Workshop (IAW) twice this year. 400 students will be accepted for each week. The dates are 3-9 June and 10-16 June. Usually 4,000 students nation-wide apply for acceptance. Students will attend four courses (15 courses to choose from) during their weeklong stay at West Point. The fee for the program is \$250.00, which covers all workshop costs including room and meals. Students must cover their own travel expenses. The daily schedule includes physical training and intramural sports along with the academic course opportunities.

The IAW is USMA's most visible scholar contact program. SAT and PSAT scores are emphasized in identifying candidates for the workshop. USMA will invite eleventh graders who meet the following guidelines:

- *are in the top fifth of their high school class
- *are pursuing a college preparatory curriculum
- *have PSAT scores of at least 62 Verbal, 62 Math
- *have demonstrated leadership potential, election/selection to office, and honors earned in extracurricular and organized athletic activities.

Students invited to this are considered competitive for admission to the next USMA class.

USMA Class of 2009 (this coming summer's rising High School Seniors) can go to http://www.usma.edu/admissions/faqs_SUMMER.asp and fill out a questionnaire to receive an application for the workshop. Applications will be mailed to those that have registered after 1 Feb 2004. Applications will be mailed from 1 February to 1 April 2004. Requests for applications will not be accepted after 1 April 2004. All applications must be submitted to USMA no later than 18 April in order to be considered for the 2004 program.

KEN KONSTANZER '80

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

It was 40-and-a-butt days 'til Christmas and the person shouting information looked young enough to be our Minute Caller. As it was, our guest speaker for the November luncheon was the youngest graduate in the room, and the only graduate that had just returned from combat duty in Iraq. 1LT Neil Hilderbrand, Class of 2001 and son of Terry Hilderbrand, '70, told about his exploits as a mechanized Infantry Platoon Leader for the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Infantry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His insight as a ground forces commander was extremely interesting and everyone in the room was fascinated with his presentation. Neil and his wife Sally traveled from Ft. Benning and gave a superb disclosure of combat action at the platoon level. The Corps definitely has not. **JESSE McCORVEY '74**

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS HONOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

Society members should hold their heads high. Over the Christmas holidays members and friends of the Society contributed \$295 in individual donations to support our hospitalized veterans. This includes contributions sent to WPCEA in response to the flyer for the Army-Navy game, as well as donations received while we watched the game. An additional WPSA gift of \$350 gave us a total of \$645 to honor our hospitalized vets. Our donation will coincide with the National Salute to Veterans Week – 8 February through 14 February.

The VA suggested that an urgent need exists for contributions to their Women's Wellness Program to provide lady-specific items such as hygiene and beauty products, clothing, bathrobes and such. They also advised that a strong need exists for the VA Nursing Home Recreational Program. A gift to this program would help provide recreational items to include games, movies, outings, sports events, etc. Life in the nursing home can get pretty monotonous without recreational outlets. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

JOHN PETTY, SR. '61

JANUARY LUNCHEON -- At our monthly luncheon in January, former Army nurse LTC (Ret) Florence Pecora entertained us with details of her unique experiences as 28-year veteran. She began with her story of how she became interested in the military. A registered nurse since 1933, she met two Army nurses in 1939 who told exotic tales about being stationed in Hawaii. That was enough for her; Pecora enlisted and in 1941 entered the Army Nurse Corps as a 2LT, one of about only 900 nurses. After Pearl Harbor was bombed, Pecora found herself overseas in "exotic" places such as New Calendonia, Guadalcanal, and Guam, among the first US military deployed to the SW Pacific. She spent most of her career overseas, including Okinawa during the Korean War, and as Chief Nurse of the American Hospital in the walled city of Berlin.

Pecora had her share of challenges: During WWII, supply channels were minimal and it was hard to get proper supplies for combating diseases, many of which were never seen prior to the war. She vividly recalls the days after Hiroshima, once Japan released American POWs, who arrived in Allied hospitals as human ghosts, their minds and bodies decimated by the horrific prison camps. She also recalls meeting other types of challenges: Central issue deployed the nurses with 1918 woolen garments; she quickly sewed them new ones made from the largest men's khaki trousers. She also used initiative to build sidewalks for her hospital compound, a few yards at a time, with scrap wood and cement leftover daily.

Throughout her career, she mended many GIs and civilians. Among her patients was former Navy pilot and future president, John F. Kennedy. She aided another famous president prior to his election, West Point graduate, Retired General Dwight David Eisenhower, and his family.

One of the many hobbies she acquired during her travels was pistol shooting-- .22, .38 and .45 caliber. She joined Rod and Gun Clubs wherever she was stationed. On the 1961 team that held the national record for the .45 caliber pistol for many years, she earned an expert classification with the National Rifle Association, won many trophies from military competitions throughout the U.S., and taught the art of shooting to youth on the NRA Junior Rifle Teams.

Involved and dedicated, Pecora never had a dull moment. The group enjoyed her very much.

HAPPY HOURS (BENNY HAVENS)

Come join fellow grads for Monthly Happy Hours (Benny Havens) on the last Wednesday and/or Thursday of every month at 6:00 P.M. Take advantage of an informal environment in which to learn what old and young grads in Atlanta are up to. This event provides an invaluable opportunity to meet with graduates, learn about some of their businesses, and use the greatest network in the country--*The Long Gray Line*.

We are currently hosting the event in two locations: one on the **Northside** and one on the **Southside**.

Wednesday, Feb. 25th, Northside at Frankie's Sports Bar, located in the Prado Shopping Mall on Roswell Rd, a half mile south of exit 25 on I-285. 6:30 p.m – until.

Thursday, Feb. 26th, Southside at the Y-Knot Bar at 215 Northlake Dr., Peachtree City. Go south on Hwy 74, turn left at the light on Hwy 54, go ¼ mile and turn left at the light on Northlake. Y-Knot (770-487-9111) is in the Aberdeen Village Center behind gray Bank of America Building. 6:00 p.m.- until.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Northside

Kerry Cecil '93 at 678-591-6715; or

Southside

COL Grant Steffan '81 at 404-464-5412, or
West Stewart '63 at 770-487-6820.

CAREER TRANSITION NETWORK

The Career Transition Network continues to help WPSA members who are in a job search. The network is also open to former military officers from other sources of commission, and spouses.

Almost daily, the network sends out an email with job leads submitted by the 250+ members of the network. Occasionally, we send out a Request for Help, where a new member describes his or her job search objective and credentials.

To join the network or submit a job lead, please contact Rich St. Denis '70 at richstdenis@earthlink.net.

RICH ST. DENIS '70

DID YOU KNOW?

USMA is ranked #4 in the Nation among Engineering Schools not granting a Ph.D according to *U.S. News & World Report*,

... and for Individual programs:

- #2 Civil Engineering
- #5 Mechanical Engineering

USMA is the first undergraduate institution to be awarded the prestigious National Security Agency designation as a **CENTER OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION ASSURANCE EDUCATION**.

Read details of these and other national news highlights at www.usma.edu.

ACADEMY CONNECT FORMS LOCAL CHAPTER

It's Official! This month, alumni of West Point, Annapolis & the Air Force Academy have banded together to form AcademyConnect of Atlanta. As the regional affiliate to the national network of AcademyConnect alumni business networking organizations, our mission stands as follows:

"Provide Atlanta's Service Academy business leaders with the opportunity to network with others, to share experiences and opportunities, and to promote career growth for all."

As we finalize the framework of this organization in the days ahead and confirm our initial schedule events, I will look forward to welcoming our area alumni to our inaugural event scheduled for March 2004.

CHRISTOPHER F. CARR '92 (ccarr@lrn.com)
President, AcademyConnect of Atlanta