



WPSA NEWS

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Springtime - doesn't it just make you want to go and play football on the plain, take a walk with your A-squadder down Flirty, or better yet, put the top down on your new car and drive to Bear Mountain? Well, gloom season is over and we can finally come out from under the Green Girl and show our faces. The WPSA has many events to take part in and you don't even have to go to the Sally Port to read the list - it's all here in the newsletter! (or you can go to our website and see everything) Monthly luncheons are on the schedule along with the end of month Happy Hours, and our annual Army - Navy Golf Tournament is coming up in early May. Put some of these on your calendar and come see your old friends; or you can make new ones. We have an active networking branch called Academy Connect, and their inaugural event was a shattering success with COL Jack Jacobs, Medal of Honor recipient in a book-signing luncheon. Be watching for their next meeting and come out and network. Founders Day was a very successful event, as usual, and really showed what this society is capable of accomplishing. We have years of experience in making this celebration an annual hit, and if you missed it, we also video tape the entire evening. There is a wide range of Academy classes in the Atlanta area so you will see both young and older graduates at our gatherings. We try to offer everything we think you will want to attend but we are wide open for suggestions. Academy Connect started when a few grads from the 80's decided they wanted to attract all academy grads in Atlanta to meaningful networking events. I got a call last week from Dan Carlo, '87, who lives in South Florida and travels to Atlanta a great deal. He has joined our society and will try to schedule his work so he can attend our events. That is the interest this Atlanta society is attracting - and you are missing out if you are still asleep under your Green Girl. Come on out and play!

JESSE McCORVEY, '74

The Days...

Apr 22nd, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm,
Monthly Luncheon at Le Petite
Auberge. Speaker: BG (Ret.)
Phil Browning '62. Topic: BRAC.

Apr 28th, Northside Happy Hour.
at Frankie's Sports Bar (Prado
Shopping Ctr on Roswell Road),
6:30 pm-until. Call Kerry Cecil
'93 at 678-591-6715 for details.

May 7th, The Eighth Annual
Army/Navy Golf Challenge at
Fort McPherson.

May 20th, Annual Membership
Luncheon at The Commons, Fort
McPherson.

May 26th, Northside Happy Hour.

May 27th, Southside Happy Hour.

June 17th, Monthly Luncheon at
The Commons, Fort McPherson.

June 19th, 6:00 pm - midnight,
Army 229th Birthday Ball, New
GA International Convention
Center. For details on this and
other Army birthday events in
June, call 404-464-ARMY (2769).

Nov 9th, Joint WPSA/Kiwanis
Club Luncheon, downtown
Atlanta, Speaker: COL Jack
Jacobs, Medal of Honor
Recipient

WPSA Voice Mail 404-881-8081

FOUNDERS DAY 2004

This year's Founders Day was held on the first weekend of March to ensure we could arrange for our guest speaker, COL Maureen LeBoeuf, The Master of the Sword. She was superbly interesting and witty, and she held everyone's attention with a very moving and motivational speech. COL LeBoeuf was a highlight of the evening but the schedule of events had much to offer on this night.

MG (R) Gordon Duquemin, '47 was presented the Distinguished Graduate Award and gave a very touching and gracious 'thank you' talk to the society. What a class gentleman he is. Our Distinguished Citizen Award went to LTC (R) Florence Pecora, a very spry veteran Army Nurse from WWII. Florence was thrilled to receive this coveted award and was nearly speechless as she received a standing ovation from the crowd. This night, the society also recognized our Executive Director, Jan Heath, as an official 'Friend of West Point'. Jan has been a veritable rock for the WPSA for 25 years and epitomizes the very meaning of the title, 'Friend of West Point'.

As is our tradition, the evening started with a reception for incoming cadets as COL LeBoeuf and **MG Burns '70**, our host for Founders Day, greeted parents and future members of the Class of 2008.

The evening ended with dancing on the ballroom floor. All enjoyed this year's annual gathering.

We are already planning next year's event – go ahead and mark **Saturday, March 12, 2005**, on your calendar.

TRIM YOUR TOENAILS & GET OUT THE MOLESKIN!

We can't bring the mountain to you, but we can bring you and your family to the resplendent **North Georgia mountains**. Let's go hiking on the Appalachian Trail this July, from Brasstown Bald Mountain (Jack's Gap) to the bottom of Low Gap Road. Contact **Alex Buehler '84** at 1-800-459-4839 for details. There's only one uphill stretch in the first 2 miles of the total 10 mile distance. The middle 6 miles is level, and the last 2 miles—well, it's all downhill...

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

My friends of West Point Society of Atlanta bestowed upon me a great honor at our recent Founders Day Dinner. However, not everyone was there nor did everyone receive my email message following the event so I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for nominating me as a new member of "*Friends of West Point*." You can't imagine how surprised I was when **Jesse McCorvey '74**, President of WPSA, called me to the front of the room and presented me with a beautifully framed certificate from the Association of Graduates.

It has been my honor and privilege to support this wonderful organization and the US Military Academy. You have been very gracious and kind to me over the years and I look forward to beginning my twenty-fifth year working with the Board of Governors and the rest of the membership. As long as you'll put up with me, I'll be around to continue serving WPSA for some time.

As we move towards summer, WPSA has several activities lined up: luncheons in April, May, and June; business networking opportunities; golf; etc. Be sure to pay attention to the dates and locations of these events so you go to the right place on the right date—there are some changes to the "norm." There's something for everyone--make a date with your classmates and other WPSA friends!

Speaking of making a date. . . even though WPSA does its best to keep expenses to a minimum, it still takes money to plan and sponsor our numerous activities. Very few members have paid their CY 2004 dues (**a/o 6 Apr, 70 lifetime members and 86 2004 dues-paying members out of a total of 897**). If you haven't paid your 2004 dues yet, please do so today! Checks should be made payable to WPSA, and mailed to: WPSA, PO Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511. (Free for '04, '03, and '02; \$20 for active duty military personnel; \$35 for everyone else.)

For those of you who like to plan ahead, we have **Saturday, 12 March 2005**, reserved at the Commons for Founders Day Dinner. No excuses for not having enough notice!!!

Thank you again for making me a "*Friend of West Point*."

JAN HEATH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
404-464-5351
heathjd@forscom.army.mil



8TH ANNUAL ARMY / NAVY GOLF CHALLENGE



WHEN: Friday, May 7, 2004
Registration and Driving Range 0930-1100
SHOTGUN START AT 1130 (11:30 am)

WHERE: The Commons at 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
programs of WPCEA and USNA

\$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 (and encouraged)

Please complete registration form on the reverse side of this page and send with check. Early RSVPs and payment will be greatly appreciated. Checks and reservations must be received by Monday, May 3rd.

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: **WPSA, ATTN: West Point Charitable Enterprises of Atlanta
PO Box 492511
Atlanta, GA 30349-2511**
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 Fort 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 ENCLOSED \$ _____



The West Point Society of Atlanta

invites you to the

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, May 20, 2004, 11:30 a.m.

\$13.00 per person -- RSVP NLT May 17, 2004

(A reservation made is a reservation paid!)

Speaker: Tom Santamorena, President/CEO of TLS Service Bureau, Inc.

As his agency specializes in detection, investigation, prevention and prosecution of white-collar crime, he will focus on some of the idiotic things people due to defraud insurance companies and corporations.

Program includes election of new board members, President's Annual Report, Treasurer's Annual Report, and Recruiting Report.

Early RSVPs and payment are strongly requested.

RSVP NLT May 17, 2004. Call WPSA Voice Mail at (404) 881-8081.

Late changes - Call West Stewart '63, (770) 487-6820, or email: xpressmessaging@msn.com

(A reservation made is a reservation paid!)

You must have [photo ID](#) and [proof of insurance](#) to enter Fort McPherson.

Mail to: West Point Society of Atlanta, PO Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511.

Make check payable to WPSA.

I will attend the 2004 Annual Membership Meeting. Please reserve ____ places for me.

____ Check enclosed for luncheon reservation(s) (\$13.00 per person) \$ _____

____ Also included is my 2004 annual membership fee. (\$35) \$ _____
(\$20 for Active Duty Military Personnel)

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____ USMA CLASS _____

NAME OF GUEST(S) _____

If you are joining the Society, please include:

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) (H) _____ (W) _____ FAX) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____



West Point Society of Atlanta
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*invites you to the June 17, 2004, Monthly Luncheon
at 11:30 a.m. at The Commons, Fort McPherson, GA*
Cost: \$13.00 per person - RSVP NLT June 14, 2004
(A reservation made is a reservation paid!)

Speaker To Be Announced

*We are also inviting as our special guests newly graduated cadets! Come join us and enjoy good
fellowship and meet some of the newest members of the Long Gray Line!*
Spouses and friends are encouraged to attend.

Early RSVPs and payment are strongly requested. RSVP NLT June 14, 2004.
Voicemail: 404-881-8081

Late changes - Call Jan Heath, (404) 464-5351 or email: heathjd@forscom.army.mil
(A reservation made is a reservation paid!)

You must have [photo ID](#) and [proof of insurance](#) to enter Fort McPherson.

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

I will attend the June 17, 2004 Monthly Luncheon. Please reserve _____ places for me.

_____ Check enclosed for luncheon reservation(s). (\$13 per person) \$ _____

_____ Also included is my 2004 annual membership fee. (\$35) \$ _____
(\$20 for Active Duty Military Personnel)

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

NAME _____ USMA CLASS _____

NAMES OF GUEST(S) _____

If you are joining the Society, please include:

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) (H) _____ (W) _____ (FAX) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

GEORGIA STUDENTS SELECTED

The USMA class of 2008 has been chosen. Following is a list of those in the metro Atlanta area who have received and accepted appointments to USMA or the USMA Prep School, as of the posting of this edition of *WPSA News*. We congratulate them all and look forward to their continued success.

Russell Calloway, Atlanta	B.E. Mays H.S./USMAPS
Andrew Collins, Fayetteville	Fayette County H.S./Marion Military
Robert Collins, Tyrone	Sandy Creek H.S.
J. Preston Davis, Atlanta	The Lovett School
Andrew Freeman, Peachtree City	Starr's Mill H.S.
Shaun Gilbert, Smyrna	Campbell H.S.
Walter Haynes, Atlanta	Riverwood H.S.
Charles Hill, Lithonia	Lithonia H.S./USMAPS
Ashley Khan, Marietta	Pope H.S.
Nathan Martell, Cumming	Greater Atlanta Christian School/USMAPS
Quinn McArthur, Snellville	Brookwood H.S.
Austin Minter, Marietta	Walton H.S.
Samir Patel, Tucker	Meadowcreek H.S.
Spencer Propst, McDonough	Patrick Henry H.S.
Michael Sanchez, Griffin	Spalding H.S.
Jennifer Shogren, Lawrenceville	Collins Hill H.S.
Jonathan Stockwell, Flowery Branch	Johnson H.S.

MAJOR DALE HAJOST '82
MALO/WPSA President Elect

WEST POINT CHARITABLE ENTERPRISES OF ATLANTA (WPCEA) UPDATE

WPCEA kicked off this past year and is off to a good start. As the charitable offshoot of the West Point Society of Atlanta, its objective is to support charitable causes that support youth leadership development – in particular the character, intellect, and physical abilities of young people in the Atlanta metropolitan area - in a manner consistent with the aims and ethics of West Point.

In its first year, WPCEA has generated over \$3,000 in fundraising efforts through three activities in 2003-2004: 7th Annual Army/Navy Golf Classic, Army/Navy Game raffle, and the Founders Day Dinner drawing.

Proceeds from the 7th Annual Army/Navy Golf Classic totaled over \$1000. As in prior years, the funds were used to sponsor several deserving students' attendance at **Georgia Tech's SummerScape**. SummerScape is a science, mathematics and technology enrichment program sponsored by the Georgia Tech *Center for Education Integrating Science, Mathematics and Computing*. The five students we sponsored this year were again selected through the Atlanta Boys and Girls Club.

The WPSA had a joint venture with our counterparts across the border. In cooperation with the West Point Society of Columbia (WPSC), South Carolina, three rising seniors were sponsored at the **WPSC's Leadership Camp** held July 24-27th at the **National Guard Training Center at Camp McCrady, South Carolina**. This four-day event focusing on team-building and physical effort is reminiscent of Camp Buckner. LogistiCare, a transportation management company in College Park, provided transportation for WPCEA attendees. All three young men sponsored through WPCEA accepted appointments this year—Preston Davis to USMA, Steve Dwyer (from Alabama) to USMAPS, and Ryan Wiese to the US Air Force Academy. (Ryan received appointments to both USMA and USAFA.)

Grads and Friends--YOU'RE INVITED to the premier planning retreat for WPCEA on May 22, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at an Atlanta location TBD. Lunch will be provided. Check details and RSVP through the WPSA voicemail line at 404-881-8081.

The other fundraising efforts marked the kick-off of WPCEA's fundraising efforts. **Robert Feliu, '85** and **Don Reinhard, '59**, both donated very attractive items for the Army/Navy raffle. Robert donated three customized Army gift items that generated tremendous interest. **Don Reinhard** (of Glass Masterworks) donated customized crystal vases— one engraved with the USMA crest, and a 2nd with the USNA crest. Don repeated the favor with a donation of an engraved crystal punch bowl and matching crystal glasses for Founders Day.

STEVEN RUSSELL, '81
WPSA Vice-President, WPCEA Vice-President for Fundraising

MEMBERSHIP

Weighty and Solemn Obligations:

“You have been selected and are maintained at public cost not for what you have done, but for what you are to do; not for deeds of great benefit to the State already performed, but for services you are expected hereafter to render. By entering this Academy, and becoming the recipients of the thorough instruction here imparted, you have incurred the most weighty and solemn obligations. You have no longer the privilege of common citizens to live and die obscurely.”

~ *Ashbel Smith in his address to the Corps of Cadets in 1848*

For avid readers of this newsletter you no-doubt recognize this quote and this message – it is fundamentally the same plea I delivered a few years ago – regarding paying of dues. We are woefully behind last year’s total of currently paid members. For those who have not paid their 2004 dues, we ask that you pay the \$35 now. I know that it is not because you do not have the \$35 or that you do not support WPSA’s mission and activities – it is basically because you have not taken the time to go on-line and do it.

Please do so now at this website: <https://www-secure.west-point.org/wpsa/membership/>.

Our West Point Society of Atlanta has led the country with professional and innovative programs in fulfilling our leadership obligations. Examples of the society’s leadership and programs are highlighted throughout this newsletter. At least a few should appeal to your interests, abilities and passions as a graduate or friend of West Point. If you feel we ought to do more in other areas please send your suggestions. On the other hand, your participation and leadership in support of the society’s activities would be even better yet.

The minimal degree of participation the society is seeking from each graduate in the Atlanta Metropolitan Area (AMA) is membership. Graduates become members of the WPSA by contributing \$35 to the West Point Society of Atlanta annually, thereby endorsing what the

society is currently doing or allowing more to be done.

You can pay your annual dues in support of all the activities of the WPSA, on-line via credit card and secure servers at our WPSA website (<https://www-secure.west-point.org/wpsa/membership/>). If you would prefer sending a check, please make checks payable to West Point Society of Atlanta (WPSA) and mail to WPSA, PO Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349-2511.

As an early incentive, all graduating cadets from Georgia are given a complimentary two-year membership to WPSA. In addition, we have reduced the dues for all active duty grads in our area to \$20 per year while stationed in the area.

If you are already a member we ask that you please take the time to call a classmate, a company-mate, or someone you know who simply has not taken the time and ask them to join the society. If you have any other ideas on how to increase our AMA graduates’ participation in society activities, please let me know via jeberle@mentora.com or call 404-255-5491.

I would appreciate your feedback – and most importantly – your participation in the form of membership. But as Smith reminds us, sitting by as a “common citizen” smacks of shirking our obligations as West Pointers.

JIM EBERLE '71
CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

CAREER TRANSITION NETWORK: We are an on-line group sponsored by the West Point Society of Atlanta that helps all current or former military officers and spouses—regardless of service or source of commission—in their job search or business development. Through a free email service, we share job leads almost daily from the 250+ members of the network. Occasionally, we send out a Request for Help, where a new member describes his or her job search objectives.

To join the network or submit a job lead, contact **RICH ST. DENIS '70** at richstdenis@earthlink.net.

HAPPY HOUR (BENNY HAVENS) IN ATLANTA

Come join fellow grads for Monthly Happy Hour (Benny Havens) on the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 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 at Frankie's Sports Bar, located in the Prado Shopping Mall on Roswell Rd, a half mile south of exit 25 on I-285. I will send a monthly reminder a few days prior to the event.

Look forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact **KERRY CECIL, '93** via email at: cecilks@aol.com.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WPSA IS LOOKING FOR
A FEW MORE GOOD GRADS!

ARE YOU A "2004 MEMBER"?

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

If you are not a lifetime member, or have not paid dues for 2004, the West Point Society of Atlanta encourages you to join, via our secure WPSA website at

<https://www-secure.west-point.org/wpsa/membership/>,

or by sending in your check for \$35 to **WPSA, PO Box 492511, Atlanta, GA 30349**.

(Discounts may apply. Check the website for details.)

JOINT WPSA/KIWANIS LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 9TH

Our Joint WPSA/Kiwanis Club Luncheon is now scheduled for November 9th. Our featured speaker is Colonel Jack Jacobs, who entered military service through Rutgers ROTC, and earned the Medal of Honor for exceptional heroism on the battlefields of Vietnam. He also holds three Bronze Stars and two Silver Stars. Jacobs was an adviser to a Vietnamese infantry battalion when it came under a devastating fire that disabled the commander. Although bleeding from severe head wounds, then-First Lieutenant Jacobs took command, withdrew the unit to safety, and returned again and again under intense fire to rescue the wounded and perform life-saving first aid. He saved the lives of a U.S. adviser and 13 allied soldiers.

Colonel Jacobs served on the faculty of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the National War College in Washington, D.C. After retirement, he founded and was chief operating officer of Auto Finance Group. As a managing director of Bankers Trust Co., he led Global Investment Management to \$2.2 billion in assets and later co-founded a similar business for Lehman Brothers. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is a director of the Medal of Honor Foundation. He is also a military analyst for NBC/MSNBC.