Message from the President
by Tom Lynch '82

First and foremost, I want to thank Tom Beierschmidt, our President emeritus, for his leadership, dedication and hard work over the last 4+ years. He sacrificed time from his family and friends to lead the Society to greatness. I am humbled to be succeeding such a great supporter of West Point, AOG, WPSMI and a dear friend/mentor.

Our strong board works long hours to make our Society one of the best in the eyes of the AOG, Superintendent, Admissions and USACC. If you have any suggestions for events or wish to volunteer your time to assist, please let me know.

Sincere thanks and congratulations to Jim Suhay, Vice President, Temple Cumiskey, Treasurer and former Secretary and our newest member of the Board, Jon Tellier (Secretary) for being elected in their respective roles for 2015.

Organizational Goals

My greatest desire is to increase:

1. our paid membership
2. participation by our Society members at events, and
3. volunteers to support our internal and external events.

This is YOUR Society!

Remember who we are...

The West Point Society of Michigan (WPSMI) is a 501c(3) non-profit organization which supports the goals and ideals of the United States Military Academy, assists in candidate recruiting efforts and promotes the common bond shared by all West Point alumni. Members continue to serve their country as leaders in the active Army, the Reserves, the National Guard and every area of the public and private sectors. Many also serve as USMA recruiters and volunteers, members of congressional selection committees and career advisory contacts for alumni. Each year since 2005, the WPSMI has been awarded the West Point Association of Graduates (AOG) Distinguished Society award for outstanding support of the Academy and its alumni. Beat Navy!!
Upcoming Events
by Jon Tellier

The WPSMI will be holding the following upcoming events...

- **WPSMI Society Luncheon**
  - Date: February 18th at the Birmingham Athletic Club (4033 W. Maple, Bloomfield Hills Mi 48301)
  - Time: 11:30 on
  - Speaker: Chris Scharrer, Executive Director of Leadership Oakland
  - Cost: $25.00
  - RSVP with Meal Choices to Temple Cumiskey (wtcumiskey@yahoo.com) NLT February 11, 2015.

- **WPSMI Founders Day**
  - Date: Saturday, March 21 2015
  - Time: @1830 Hrs
  - Location: Benny Havens - Forest Lake Country Club - Black Tie Optional
  - Guest speaker is Boo Corriigan, Athletic Director.

- **AOG Leaders Conference**
  - Date: West Point, NY in August 2015.

- **Save the date for the 2015 LEADS Conference**
  - Date: 24 – 25 September 2015.

- **EMU hosts Army Football**
  - Date: on 26 September 2015.
  - Details to follow

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http://www.west-point.org/society/wps-michigan/luncheon.htm

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West Point Informational Meeting
by Tom Lynch

The West Point Admissions Office is holding a presentation for those who have demonstrated leadership skills and scholastic ability to succeed at one of the nation's most prestigious schools, the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York.

To assist you in deciding your future and to advise you on educational and career opportunities, you and your parents are invited to attend a West Point Admissions Presentation Sunday, March 29th 2015 from 1-4:30pm at Eastern Michigan University Student Center 900 Oakwood Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197

1:00-1:50pm Registration/Meet and Greet – Representatives of West Point Admissions.

2:00-4:00pm The program includes: a West Point Orientation video, an Overview of Academic and Summer Programs, Cadet Life, a strategy for completing your application to West Point and an overview of the Army ROTC Program and scholarship process by Mr. John Fox of Michigan Tech University.

The Great Lakes Commander, CPT Al Gomez from West Point Admissions, will be in attendance to present and address questions.

Please RSVP by Monday March 23, 2015 at the following link:

http://portal.dean.usma.edu/admissions/Pages/GreatLakesEventsMain.aspx
Society Luncheon Information

**When:**
Wednesday, 18 February 2015, 1130 - 1330 (Sign-in starts at 1115)

**Where:**
Birmingham Athletic Club,
4033 W. Maple Rd,
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301

**Menu:**
Chicken or Pasta or Cobb-type Salad plus Iced Tea, Lemonade, and Coffee are included
(salad also included for the Chicken/Pasta entrees).
Soft drinks, wine, beer, etc. pay separately.

**Price:**
$25.00/person.

RSVP:
RSVP with Meal Choices to Temple Cumiskey (wtcumiskey@yahoo.com)
NLT February 11, 2015.
Payment at the door or you can send a checks to
"WPSMI": Temple Cumiskey, WPSMI Treasurer,
4598 Island Park Drive,
Waterford MI 48329

**Speaker:**
Chris Scharrer, Executive Director of Leadership Oakland

Did you Know?
West Point is possibly the oldest true university in the U.S., with education in math and the sciences. Harvard (and Yale) claim this honor, but they were established as divinity schools. Math and science didn’t become a major part of their curriculum until the 1850’s.

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**2015 Strategic Plan**

*by Jim Suhay*

**Mission**
The mission of the West Point Society of Michigan, a non-profit organization, is to promote the ideals and mission of West Point, and to support and serve its graduates, cadets, former cadets, and their families throughout the state of Michigan and where they may be serving in defense of our country.

**Strategic Goals & Objectives**

1. **Membership.** Ensure an enthusiastic, cohesive and growing membership.
2. **Cadet Recruiting.** Aggressively support recruitment of highly qualified and diverse men and women to West Point.
3. **Programs and Events.** Conduct programs and events to engage Academy alumni, cadets, and cadet families in the promotion of the ideals of West Point.
4. **Governance/Strategic Planning.** Develop and maintain the strong organization, Board governance, and strategic planning necessary to support accomplishment of the Society’s mission and vision.
5. **Finance.** Provide the financial resources necessary to support the Society’s mission and vision.
6. **Community Relations and Partnerships.** Establish and maintain strong working relationships with organizations supporting the ideals of West Point including the West Point Society of Graduates, the West Point Parents Club, other West Point societies.
7. **Community Outreach.** Reach out to underserved and underprivileged groups in SE Michigan to improve their opportunities to succeed and their quality of life.
8. **Publicity and Communications.** Ensure the activities and accomplishments of the Society are effectively communicated to Society members, friends of West Point, and the public.

**Fast Facts**

- **11%**
  15,954 students applied
  1,473 admitted to the Academy

**For More Information**

http://www.usma.edu/admissions
USMA Admissions
Member Spotlight - Jim Suhay

by WPSMI

Jim Suhay graduated from West Point in 1966, and from Airborne and Ranger schools. He served with the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and in 1967, was assigned to Vietnam where he served for two years—one as an advisor to ARVN combat units in III Corps and one with the 101st Airborne in I Corps. He left the Army in 1971 with the rank of Captain. Decorations include the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross.

After receiving an MBA in Finance in 1971 from The Ohio State University, Jim joined Ford where he worked in various management positions for 30 years, retiring in 2001. He then worked two years in management positions at automotive suppliers.

Since 2003, Jim has focused on teaching and volunteering. As an adjunct Professor, he taught Financial Management and Strategic Management at Oakland University. Jim’s primary volunteer activity has been as a consultant assisting non-profits in the area of strategic and business planning. In this capacity, he has helped over 20 non-profits, including The Community House, The Detroit Historical Society, Cranbrook House and Gardens, and the Museum of African American History.

Jim has lived in Birmingham for 36 years with his wife of 44 years, Barbara, and has two adult daughters and two grand-children. He is active in his community and has been elected to the Board of Baldwin Public Library.

He has been on the Board of Governors for the West Point Society of Michigan since 2008 and presently is Vice President. Specific responsibilities include the WPSMI Strategic Plan, Founder’s Day Dinner, and serving on the Leadership Ethics and Diversity in STEM (LEADS) Committee.

Although Jim has been very active in the non-profit community, he is cutting back to focus on WPSMI and veteran activities. He is too far into retirement to be of much help in job searches, but is willing to advise and help anyone interested in the non-profit world. Although old enough to be considered an "old f__t" by some, he is looking forward to more years of involvement with WPSMI, but considers "oldest grad" still to be far in the future.

### 2015 - 2016 Football Schedule

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### MODEL UN

The U.S. Military Academy Model United Nations team competed Jan. 22-25 in the McGill Model United Nations Assembly in Montreal. At the conclusion of the weekend, the USMA Model UN Team was awarded the Outstanding Small Delegation Award, defeating all but one university, and beating both Navy and the Royal Military College of Canada.

### USAA Social Network Wire Fraud

Recent investigations have identified a scheme targeting USAA members and Soldiers. An individual claiming to be affiliated with USAA is contacting USAA members (Soldier/ Spouse/ Civilian/Retiree) via social media (Instagram/KIK Messenger/Facebook). The purported USAA representative will offer the USAA member an opportunity to take advantage of a rewards program, wherein the purported representative offers to upload funds through the USAA member’s mobile banking application. The purported USAA representative requests the USAA member’s mobile banking credentials (username/password/PIN) and then uploads a check or checks usually in denominations just under $5,000.