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THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHOENIX

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## **Founders Day 2005 Issue**

**Letter from the President**

### **Founders Day – A Celebration of Service**

This Founders Day edition of the West Point Society Newsletter is focused on our celebration of service to the nation as well as service to the community.

As you are aware we are returning to the Phoenix Country Club for this year's Founders Day Celebration on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to Jim Vivian '42 for helping to arrange the venue. We hope that you will take the opportunity to join your friends as we spend time with the Commandant of Cadets, BG Scaparrotti.

This year we will honor a local community activist, BG Tom Browning, USAF (Retired) as our second annual community service award winner. Gen Browning's biography is enclosed.

During the business meeting we will once again ask for any nominations to the board of directors and we will also ask for a vote of support to our mission statement.

The proposed mission statement is: "To provide a forum for Phoenix Area graduates, cadets, and Friends of West Point to promote the Academy's values, support USMA's mission, and make a positive impact in our community".

We are focusing our society's resources to further this work. You will notice articles about AZ Project ChalleNGe, and our Middle School Leadership Awards - These are just two ways that your West Point Society is reaching out to the youth of the community.

Congratulations to our membership for being honored as a Distinguished Society by the Association of Graduates for the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row. This award recognizes the contributions of our members in the areas of community outreach, cadet sponsorship, and admissions support.

If you would like to volunteer to further these efforts please contact:

John Krupar

Email: [jkrupar@aol.com](mailto:jkrupar@aol.com)

Phone: 480-488-4994

Look forward to seeing you at The Phoenix Country Club!



# West Point Society of Phoenix

Invites you to

## Founders Day 2005

Guest Speaker

Brigadier General Curtis M. Scaparrotti,  
Commandant, US Corps of Cadets,  
United States Military Academy

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 2, 2005  
1800-1900 Benny Haven's Hour  
1900-2100 Dinner, Business Meeting and Speeches

**WHERE:** Phoenix Country Club, 2901 North 7th Street  
Phoenix, AZ (602) 263-5208

**WHO:** Members of the West Point Society of Phoenix, Friends of West Point  
Parent Club Members and Guests

**RSVP by:** March 26, 2005

**DRESS:** Suit / Sport Coat and Tie, Dress / Pant Suit

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Please send this form and your check by MARCH 26th to:

West Point Society of Phoenix – John Krupar '85      (480) 488-4994  
34043 N 99<sup>th</sup> Place Scottsdale, AZ 85262

First & Last Name (all guests): \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Menu Selection:**

Vegetarian Lasagna	\$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____
	(# of attendees)
Prime Rib of Beef au Jus	\$55.00 X _____ = \$ _____
	(# of attendees)

***Please include a check to the West Point Society of Phoenix for \$20.00 for your 2005 dues payment if you have not already paid.***

Total Founders Day 2005 Payment + Dues: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

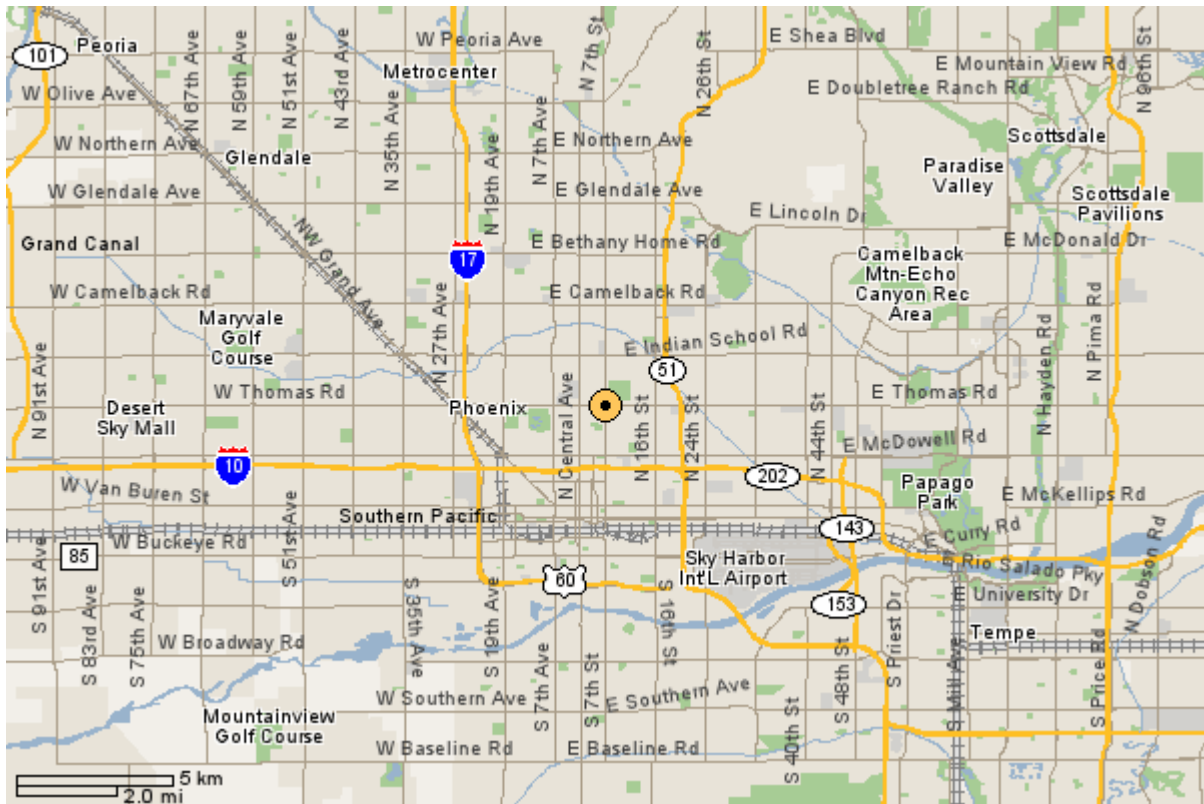


## Founders Day April 2, 2005 6:00 PM

Phoenix Country Club

2901 North 7th St  
Phoenix, AZ 85014

(602) 263-5208





## BRIGADIER GENERAL CURTIS M. SCAPARROTTI

Commandant, US Corps of Cadets,  
United States Military Academy, West Point  
Founders Day Guest Speaker



Brigadier General Curtis M. Scaparrotti was commissioned into the Infantry in June 1978 after graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point. His first duty assignments were as a rifle and anti-tank Platoon Leader, Operations Officer, and Company Commander in 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division.

In 1984, BG Scaparrotti completed the Infantry Officer Advanced Course at Fort Benning, Georgia followed by studies in Administrative Education at the University of South Carolina, where he earned his Master of Education.

BG Scaparrotti was then assigned to West Point as a Tactical Officer and the Superintendent's aide-de-camp from 1985 to 1988. Following this assignment, he continued his military studies at the United States Army Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In July 1989, BG Scaparrotti reported to the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, New York where he served as the Operations Officer for the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, then as the Operations Officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, followed by the Chief of Operations Branch, Division Operations Office.

BG Scaparrotti's service at the nation's capital included duty at the Total Army Personnel Command and with the Army Chief of Staff's Office from May 1992 to May 1994.

From May 1994 to April 1996, BG Scaparrotti commanded 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Combat Team, Southern European Task Force in Vicenza, Italy, participated in Operations Support Hope in Zaire/Rwanda, Joint Endeavor in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Assured Response in Liberia.

BG Scaparrotti returned to Fort Drum, New York to serve as the 10th Mountain Division's Operations Officer in May 1996.

BG Scaparrotti continued his studies at the United States Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and in 1998 he served as the Chief of the Army Initiatives Group in the Deputy Chief of Staff's Office for Operations and Plans in Washington, D.C.

In 1999 BG Scaparrotti returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina to command the 2nd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.

Following this assignment, BG Scaparrotti served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Joint Operations on the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. from July 2001 through July 2003.

From July 2003 to July 2004, BG Scaparrotti served as the Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver) for the 1st Armored Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

BG Scaparrotti returns to the United States Military Academy to assume command of the United States Corps of Cadets as the 69<sup>th</sup> Commandant of Cadets.

BG Scaparrotti's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

He is married to the former Cindy Bateman from Logan, Ohio . They have two children; Michael, a senior at Bowling Green State University, and Stephanie, a sophomore at Ohio University



## WP Society of Phoenix Community Service Award Recipient To Be Presented at Founders Day 2005

R. Thomas Browning  
Brigadier General, USAF (Retired)  
President  
Greater Phoenix Leadership, Inc

General Browning is the President and Executive Director of Greater Phoenix Leadership, a group of civic and business leaders formerly known as the Phoenix 40. GPL's initiatives include improving education by establishing and implementing components of the P-20 concept: improving regional transportation; growth management; expansion of the Civic Plaza and workforce development. Past programs include Jobs for Valley Youth, Neighborhood Partners, the Arizona Partnership for Higher Education and Business and Violence Prevention Initiative. Brigadier General Browning also served as Military Advisor to the Governor of Arizona and co-chair of the Governor's Military Facilities Preservation Committee.

Prior to his work with GPL, General Browning had a decorated military career. A retired USAF Brigadier General, he spent more than six years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. General Browning spent the final two years of his military career as a commander to the 58<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base in Litchfield Park. His many awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart. He is one of only a few Americans to ever be decorated with the Order of the Rising Star by the Emperor of Japan.

General Browning's service to his country has transferred into a commitment to his community. Among his many affiliations, he serves on the Board of Directors Arizona Quest for Kids, Veteran's Medical Leadership Council, Maricopa Arts & Culture Partnership, Phoenix Community On Foreign Relations and Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and the past President of Valley Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a past director to Valley of the Sun United Way. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Project Challenge, a member of the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy, and an active member of the Air Force Association, Order of Daedalions, Valley Leadership, and Arizona Town Hall.

General Browning earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy in 1964 and a masters of Science degree in public administration from Shippensburg State College in 1984. He completed Armed Forces Staff College in 1977, Air War College in 1980, Army War College in 1982, and is a graduate of Valley Leadership Class I, and FBI Citizens Academy Class II.

In his spare time, General Browning enjoys his family, antique Corvettes, golf and woodworking. He and his wife, Julie, have three sons, Scott, Aaron, and Brad, two granddaughters, Ryan and Georgia and one grandson, Jared.

The purpose of the West Point Society of Phoenix Community Service Award is to recognize men and women in the Phoenix area who exemplify our motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." Last year's recipient was Denny McComb, US Naval Academy Class of 1965.





## WP Society of Phoenix Seeks Volunteers to Support AZ Project ChalleNGe

The West Point Society under the leadership of Alex Pensiero is backing a great community service project known as Project ChalleNGe. Project ChalleNGe ([www.azpc.org](http://www.azpc.org)) is an 11 year old program first established in 1993 as part of a federal/state effort to connect military training and values to our nation's juvenile dropouts in such a way that these young men and women could be positively redirected and influenced to become overall societal contributors instead of detractors.

Arizona was selected as one of the original nine states to participate in this program, and the Arizona National Guard has been the lead organizational entity for making things happen, which explains the NG in the Project ChalleNGe logo. Over the past ten years, Project Challenge has achieved an enviable record of success in placing nearly 2000 high school dropouts back on a positive track, with an over 90% placement rate into college, vo-tech fields, military enlistments or other contributive areas. Their facility is located east of Chandler and Gilbert in Queen Creek, just south of the old Williams AFB.

In order to continue their good work, and to enhance and make their efforts more successful, a capital campaign is in process for the purpose of raising \$5.5 million dollars to erect some much needed new facilities, including a dining hall, new classrooms and a wellness center. The goal is to complete the contribution commitments not later than October, 2005.

Alex will be reaching out to our membership with opportunities to help Project ChalleNGe over the next few months. Alex can be reached at:

Alex Pensiero

Phone: 602-978-8037

Email: [AlPensiero@aol.com](mailto:AlPensiero@aol.com)

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## WPS 2005 Middle School Leadership Awards

The WPS of Phoenix will again recognize six student leaders from three area middle schools. The selected schools are: West Point School of the Dysart School District on the west side, the Royal Palm Middle School of the Washington Elementary School District on the north side and Granada East Middle School of the Alhambra Elementary District in central Phoenix.

Award winners are selected by the principals' committee at each school. The award includes a West Point Society leadership certificate and a \$50 scholarship to help offset high school expenses. John Krupar, Jeff Cleveland, Mike Colbert, Doyle Perry, Greg Binder, and Alex Pensiero of the Society will present the awards during May 2005 at the schools promotion ceremonies.

The purpose of our Middle School Leadership Awards Program is to recognize student leaders and help promote awareness of the United States Military Academy in the Phoenix area schools



## American Veterans Traveling Tribute "The Wall"

The exhibit is named 'American Veterans Traveling Tribute "The Wall" ', and is a 4/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC (<http://www.avtt.org>). This is it's first visit to the State of Arizona.

It will be located at "Cyclefest" at Rawhide during Arizona Bike Week, April 1-10, but will be open to the general public 24/7. It will also be open to school groups daily from 0900-noon.

The two formal activities focused on this exhibit that all veterans are encouraged to attend are:

1. Veterans Escort of Wall into City. The tractor-trailer will be at the Gila River Wild Horse Pass Casino on the morning of March 31. Veteran groups are going to gather from 0800-1200, then follow the police escort of the wall through the city to Rawhide. The remainder of the day will be used by Bike Week staff & volunteers to unload and set up the exhibits.
2. Dedication Ceremony. Although the exhibit will open at 1000, April 1, a dedication ceremony will be held at 1800 on April 1 at the exhibit site at Rawhide. State and national dignitaries are scheduled to attend, and there will be a flyover.

## Can't Make it to Founders Day?

Support the mission of the West Point Society of Phoenix by promptly paying your 2005 dues. Send this form and your \$20 check to:

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34043 N 99<sup>th</sup> Place Scottsdale, AZ 85262

First & Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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