

CONSTITUTION OF THE  
WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Society shall be the West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley; hereinafter referred to as the Society.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of the Society is to further public understanding and knowledge of the Military Academy by providing an organization wherein graduates and former cadets may associate in order to foster the Academy's aims, ideals, standards, and achievements, and to promote public understanding thereof.

ARTICLE III

Government

The government of the Society shall be confined in an Executive Body consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership, admissions, information system, and six members of the Board of Governors. All will be regular members.

ARTICLE IV

Dues

Under the direction of the Executive Body, the dues as stipulated in the By-Laws, and any other income, shall be used to defray the expenses made necessary in the proper conduct of the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

Amendments to, or changes in, the Constitution and By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members, either present or represented by proxy. Such proposed amendments or changes shall be considered only when the Secretary shall have distributed copies of the same to the members at least 15 days before the meeting.

BY-LAWS OF  
THE WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY

SECTION I  
Membership

1. Membership shall be divided into four, named classifications Regular, Friends of West Point, Honorary, and Associate. Only Regular Members in good standing are entitled to vote.
2. Regular Membership: All graduates of the United States Military Academy, all Cadets, and all former Cadets who were honorably discharged from the Academy after serving at least one semester, are eligible for Regular Membership provided there is no question of moral turpitude. They shall become Regular Members upon registering their names with the Secretary of the Society and paying their dues. Any Regular Member who, at the beginning of the next fiscal year, fails to pay his annual dues will be classified as a Non-Member until payment of such dues and will be dropped from the rolls altogether after a lapse of one year.
3. Friends of West Point: The Friends membership is to broaden the nationwide base of support for West Point's values and programs. Membership qualifications are noted in the Association of Graduates Handbook, who have feelings of respect and affection for the Academy, but who are not otherwise qualified to belong to the Society as Regular or Associate Members. Friends of West Point are not required to pay dues.
4. Honorary Membership: Honorary Members shall consist of those Tennessee Valley men and women of distinction who, by some outstanding and noteworthy service, have shown themselves to be in sympathy with the objectives of the Society. Such members are elected by the Board of Governors and do not pay dues.
5. Associate Membership: Associate Members shall consist of all Officers of the United States Armed Services in the Tennessee Valley; and of all officers of the National Guard and the Organized Reserves in the same area and all surviving spouses of an eligible regular member. Associate Members are not required to pay dues. If any Associate Members wish to be placed on the mailing list of the Society they shall so advise the Secretary.

SECTION II  
Dues

- A. Regular Membership.....\$5.00 Annually  
Life Membership..... \$50.00.
- B. The fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th.  
Annual dues for the coming year are payable in advance.

- C. Only Regular Members are required to pay dues, but dues will be accepted gladly from Friends of West Point, Honorary, and Associate Members if they wish to contribute.
- D. There shall be no initiation or transfer dues.

SECTION III  
Organization

- A. Board of Governors.
  - 1. They shall be elected for a term of three (3) years, one-third being elected each year at the Annual Organization Meeting of the Society by a majority vote of a quorum of the Society. In case of a tie, the Board of Governors (including the outgoing members} shall by its own vote determine which of the tying candidates shall be elected.
  - 2. Each year, the outgoing members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a committee to nominate one candidate for each upcoming vacancy of the Board of Governors and Officers of the Society.
  - 3. A Board member may serve no more than two consecutive terms, but may be considered to serve again after one year.
  - 4. In event of failure to elect two members at the Annual Organization Meeting, through failure to reach a quorum or for any other reason, the terms of the two retiring Board members shall be extended automatically until such time as new members can be properly elected. The terms of such new members, whenever elected, shall expire at the time they would ordinarily expire, had they been elected at the proper meeting.
  - 5. Any vacancy occurring during the business year shall be filled by a new member to be selected by a quorum of the Board of Governors from among the Regular Members of the Society. Such new member shall fill the unexpired term of his predecessor.
  - 6 a. Regular meetings of the Board of Governors shall be held once a month upon call of the President unless there is no business to be brought before the Board.
    - b. Special meetings of the Board may be held at any time upon call of the President, the Secretary, or any two members of the Board.
    - c. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Board; either present or represented by proxy.
  - 7 a. The Executive Body shall have power to nominate individuals as Friends of West Point and elect Honorary Members.
    - b. The Executive Body shall have power to admit and expel members by vote.
    - c. In the election of any Honorary Member or the expulsion of any member by the Board, the votes of all but one of those present shall be required and a minimum of six must be present. Two votes shall exclude admission to membership in the Society.
    - d. The Executive Body shall have the power to take such action as the

circumstances may require in case a member fails to pay his dues.

B. Elected Officers of the Society.

1. The elected officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Admissions Officer, a Membership Officer, and an Information System Officer. Each shall serve for a term of three years.
2. Two Officers will be elected every year in the following, repeating order of rotation:

Membership and Admissions

Vice President, Treasurer, and Information Systems

Secretary and President

3. The elected officers of the Society shall be elected by members at the Organization Meeting of the Society.
4. Officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, but may be nominated again after an absence of one year.
5. Officers may concurrently serve as Members of the Board of Governors, if elected.
6. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by electing a new officer to serve the unexpired term created by such vacancy. This election shall take place at a meeting of the Board of Governors soon after the vacancy occurs.

C. Duties of Elected Officers.

1. The President.
  - a. Shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Board of Governors.
  - b. Shall have a complete knowledge of the Society Bylaws to ensure they are adhered to.
  - c. Shall call meetings to order on time.
  - d. Shall represent the Society to the Association of Graduates and the Community.
  - e. Shall appoint such committees and chairmen as are necessary for the proper functioning of the Society.
2. The Vice President. Shall preside during the absence of the President.
  - a. Shall assist the President in the work of the Society, as requested by the President.
  - b. Shall be the Chairman of the Audit Committee.
  - c. Shall prepare Distinguished Society Reports for submission to AOG.
3. The Secretary.
  - a. Shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Governors. The President shall inspect the book of minutes and any other pertinent records maintained by the

Secretary at least once every four months to assure their accuracy; and he shall sign a statement to that effect, to be inserted in the book of minutes.

b. Shall help prepare mailings, etc. to Society members.

4. The Treasurer.

- a. Shall have charge of the funds of the society and shall make a report of the same at the Annual Organization Meeting of the Society.
- b. The President shall designate two members of the Board, other than the Treasurer, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer between December 31st and the Annual Organization Meeting. The auditors shall report their findings at the Annual Organizational Meeting. The Vice President shall chair this audit.
- c. The Treasurer shall bill the membership for annual dues during the month of June, if this was not done with the Founders Day mailing.

5. Admissions Officer.

- a. Shall be the focal point of liaison between the Admissions Office and the local Military Academy Liaison Officers (MALO's) and the Society.
- b. Shall provide assistance from the Society to the local MALO's.
- c. Shall provide information about West Point to local high schools to increase awareness on opportunities provided by West Point.

6. Membership Officer.

- a. Shall maintain the official data base on all members.
- b. Shall provide an updated Society roster for distribution at Founders Day.
- c. Shall provide mailing labels for mail outs.
- d. Shall keep a record of members who have paid dues and their current status.

7. Information Systems Officer

- a. Shall maintain the Society Website.
- b. Shall assist the Membership Officer in updating rosters which reside on the website.
- c. Shall be the liaison with the AOG Information System Officer and West-Point.Org.

C. Appointed Officers of the Society.

The President shall appoint other officers as necessary to conduct Society business, with approval of the Board of Governors.

D. Committees.

The President shall appoint committees as necessary to conduct the business of the Society.

## SECTION IV Meetings

### A. Schedule of Meetings.

1. The Annual Organization Meeting for nomination of officers and the Board of Governors, and other business as prescribed in the By-Laws, will be held annually in February.
2. Special meetings of the Society may be called by the President or upon written request of five Regular Members. At least 30 days notice thereof shall be given.
3. A dinner in celebration of the founding of the Military Academy on 16 March 1802 will be held annually March. The election and induction of new Officers and Board Members will be a part of the ceremony.
4. Other meetings, luncheons and activities, as appropriate, will be conducted, with a goal of at least one per calendar quarter.
5. A quorum at any meeting of the Society shall consist of 25 percent of the Regular Membership.

### B. Order of Business at Meetings.

1. At the Annual Organization Meeting the order of business shall be as follows:
  - a. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, and vote for adoption.
  - b. Financial report.
  - c. Reports of other officers.
  - d. Unfinished business.
  - e. New business.
  - f. Nomination of members to the Board of Governors and Officers.
  - g. Program
  - h. Adjournment.
2. In general, the same order of business shall be followed at other meetings, less portions not applicable.

### C. Election of Members of the Board of Governors and Society Officers.

- 1 The outgoing members of the Board of Governors will nominate one individual for each board position and officer position becoming vacant. These nominations will be presented at the Annual Organization Meeting.
2. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual Organization Meeting from any regular member of the Society.

3. If only one nomination is made for any Board or Officer Position, then at the Founders Day Dinner, the election of these individuals will be by acclamation. If any position has more than one nomination, then these positions will be voted on through the society website during the period of time between the Annual Meeting and the Founders Day Dinner. At the Dinner, the results will be announced.