

## DEFINITIONS:

Listserv - an e-mail list delivered to your computer, where you can both read and respond to messages.

Parent's-Nets - These are the different lists that you can join. Each has a different function and purpose

WPP-NET is a low volume list designed to disseminate official news and important information. No matter which lists you join, you should be a member of this list.

USMAPS-NET is a list for the USMAPS (Prep School) parents, for Important USMAPS information, sharing and discussion

PLEBE-NET is a list for Plebe parents and a few select upper-class parents to openly share information and questions.

The PARENT-FORUM - a list for parents from all classes. Many USMA offices have representatives as guest members of the list, and there are a number of USMA grads who are also members. This list is for general discussion about West Point Parenting. It is a high volume list, with as many as 10 posts per day.

URL - This is a Web page address. The URL for WP-ORG is:

<http://www.west-point.org>

**Note:** URLs in this flier may span two lines, but on your computer browser, the address is always shown as one continuous line.

To join us, simply go to the URLs for WPP-NET, PARENT-FORUM, or any of the other parent lists mentioned, and click on the "SUBSCRIBE NOW" button at that site.

THE Following is a list that will help you find us on the Web.....Welcome!

### INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

#### USMA SITES

##### THE OFFICIAL USMA WEBSITE

<http://www.usma.army.mil/>

##### ACADEMIC YEAR SCHEDULE

<http://www.dean.usma.edu/Schedule/>

#### WP-ORG SITES

##### WPP-NET

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/>

##### PARENT FORUM

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

##### PLEBE NET

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/>

##### USMAPS-NET

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/usmaps-net/>

##### WP-ORG BUS SCHEDULES

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/bus.html>

##### WP-ORG BICENTENNIAL SITE

<http://www.west-point.org/family/bicent/>

##### STREAMING PUBLICATION ARCHIVE

<http://westpoint.west-point.org/real/>

## WE ARE HERE FOR THE WEST POINT PARENT



## Welcome to WP-ORG

## WHAT IS WP-ORG?

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<http://www.west-point.org>

Congratulations on having a West Point Candidate in the family. You will find a whole new world will open up to you when your USMA candidate, or USMAPS (prep school) candidate reports in on that first day.

The computer has made access to information easier to get to or find, but there is so much information, you may not know where to begin.

We would like to introduce you to WP-ORG, an on-line West Point Community that was designed to serve your needs for information and sharing.

West-Point.Org Inc. is an organization which currently has over 100 USMA grad volunteers and some cadet parent volunteers to run free moderated listservers (e-mail lists) for the graduate classes of USMA, many West Point Societies, West Point Parents Clubs, and about 30 cadet activities and sports.

WP-ORG started in the summer of 1994 as AOG.net and dropped that name when the Associate Of Graduates decided to also develop an internet presence. We now have over 16,000 different USMA graduates and about 2,000 cadet parents that are actively using our listservers on a daily basis. About 65 USMA classes are using our listservers to provide a class support system for their class.

The most famous list at WP-ORG is the West Point Forum that is open to graduates only and is a free flowing discussion list that daily excites the USMA

leadership. The Superintendent's XO and the Dean are active on the list. There are fewer members on this forum (less than 500) than most of our newer classes lists. The West Point Parents Net and The Parents Forum have almost 2,000 participants respectively, and are restrictive in the rules about what can be discussed, but are effective in keeping the parents informed about cadets and cadet activities that the parents may be interested in. Plebe Net has a smaller number of list members, which consists of Plebe parents and a few select upper class parents.

We offer our services to the West Point Community for no set fees. We do fund-raise when we need new or replacement servers or new software. We only raise the moneys needed to operate and to pay our one employee, to help us have a 24x7 capability. Most of our class moderators have jobs in the information technology career field and some are even on active duty. It helps a class greatly if the class moderator is very proactive in finding and keeping classmates on the main class list, as well as updating the AOG email and address lists.

**WP-ORG is independent of USMA and the AOG.** Bob Magruder, CEO of WP-ORG is on the AOG Board of Trustees serving on the Communications Committee for the purpose of helping AOG with communications in general, and in supporting the AOG with automated surveys and other services, as requested. Our last survey for the AOG was dedicated to finding ways to help the Army improve grad's retention rates. The purpose of the AOG is to support USMA. WP-ORG's purpose is solely to support the communications needs of the West

Point Community, with our primary focus on class support.

WP-ORG works closely with the Supe's office and receives the Supe's messages for graduates and passes them on to the list moderators the same day. They then pass them on to their lists as appropriate.

Most of the WP-ORG Board (called Advisors) are IT professionals. Our web master is Ditus Bolanos '90 who is an internet software developer for Vignette in Austin, TX. We are seven in number and are from the classes of '51, '55, '64, '75, '89 and '90. Our '89 grad just got his doctorate from Georgia Tech and works for Lucent Technologies. Many of the class moderators come from the technical community and a few are at Microsoft or other similar companies.

Our goal is to change along with technology and keep the community together as we do that. We now offer streaming audio of some of the Thayer Award recipients speeches. Check out MacArthur's "Duty, Honor, Country" speech. Check out the "Traditions" page on the Bicentennial site and read about the Mess Hall riot of 1963. Jack Price, '64 class moderator, kept a boa constrictor in his room as a cadet and never got caught. That info is found on the "Traditions" page. There are many great things that have happened during recent cadet days, and we have captured them as well.

Now that we have introduced you to who we are, the following page should help you join our *virtual* West Point Community.