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...ARMY STRONG



UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
**WEST POINT**  
WEST POINT PARENTS CLUB  
of  
NORTH TEXAS

**Virtual Club Meeting  
September 2021**

# Topics

- **Welcome**
- **Recent Events**
- **Academic Year – what Parents need to know**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Closing**



# Recent Events

Thank-you to Michele Windsor (2023 & 2025) and Erik Emblem (2023) for hosting these events.

Parents Club Social Events, July 24, 2021  
at Boomer Jack's in Grapevine and Don Carlos in Waco



# Beast Memories

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# A-Day



# Cow Affirmation





# USMA 2022 Ring Weekend!



**Boodle Box T-shirt sale was a huge success! We sold nearly 300 t-shirts to families and old grads, raising nearly \$4,000 for our club!**



**Beat Air Force T-shirt pre-orders will close on Sunday September 26th.**





## The Thayer Method

For most of those two hundred years the academy has taught its courses by what is known as the Thayer Method of instruction.

**In short, the philosophy is that cadets are responsible for their own learning. They study the material prior to attending class.**

The learning is then reinforced in class through a combination of group learning and active learning exercises done primarily at the blackboards.

- Amy Shell, The Thayer Method of instruction at the United States Military Academy



## Tips for the Academic Year

### **Sedgwick Monument Spurs:**

Legend holds that if a cadet is deficient in academics, the cadet should go to the monument at midnight the night before the term-end examination, in full dress, under arms, and spin the rowels on the monument's spurs. With the resulting good luck, the cadet will pass the test.







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## ***Collaborations***

- Independent Studies
- Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD)
- Research
- Service Learning Projects

**What if your  
cadet wants  
more of a  
challenge?**





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***Struggling?***  
***Need Help and Assistance?***

We HIGHLY Recommend...

1. CLASS ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION !
2. COURSE AI (Go & Work!)
3. ***CAC /DAC /AARS – Academic Counseling***
4. **Co/Peer Tutoring** (Take advantage of it!)
5. **CEP, Jefferson Hall: Time Management Study Skills, Test Taking Skills and Anxiety Management!**
6. **Librarians**
7. Center for Personal Development (CPD!) / Chaplain
8. Sponsor, Mentor, Faculty, or Staff
9. Review your CQPA/APST/APSC & MAJOR requirements, Corps Squad or Club requirements, Grades, and if necessary, adjust fire!
10. Summer Term Academic Program (STAP) may be an option!

**What if your cadet  
is struggling  
academically?**



# Resources

<https://www.westpoint.edu/academics>

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT RESOURCES

West Point's cadet academic support services provide the assistance cadets need to achieve their potential as students and as leaders. Whether it is receiving assistance in our Mounger Writing Center, working with a tutor, or taking a class to improve study skills, West Point has the support cadets need to excel.

ACADEMIC FAQS

MOUNGER WRITING CENTER

TUTORING SERVICES

STUDY SKILLS COURSES



# Academics Q&A



# Event Highlights

**Sep 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am (11 am kick-off) Club Social Events**



**Fuzzy's Taco Shop**  
**7425 W. Adams Ave Suite 100-120 Temple, Texas 76502**



**Boomer Jack's**  
**201 W State Hwy 114, Grapevine, TX 76051**

# Event Highlights



**September 25 Texas Tamale Tailgate at West Point**  
West Point's 49'er Lodge, after the football game  
***Cadets eat free***, family can buy tickets at the door



**October 30th Beat the Dean Boodle Box Building** – will include a special Texas long sleeve performance t-shirt if you ordered one for your cadet.  
Boodle box assembly locations TBD.

# Event Highlights



**October 29 West Point Society of North Texas  
hosts their Annual Charity Clay Shoot Benefiting  
the Folds Of Honor Military Charity**  
Ross Perot's Circle T Ranch



**November 6 Beat Air Force!**  
Globe Life Field (Arlington, TX)



**December 11 Beat Navy! Watch Party**  
Locations TBD



**December 26 Lone Star Military Ball**  
Hurst Convention Center



# Closing

Reach out to your board members with questions and concerns. We are all in this together to support each other and help our cadets be successful!



We use [WPPCNTX@gmail.com](mailto:WPPCNTX@gmail.com) for member communications.



Facebook is open to members and non-members and is a good place for tips and reminders.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WPPCNTX>



<https://www.wppcntx.com/> includes:

- a list of our **Events**,
- an updated **Resources** page,
- our **Store**,
- and the ability to **Join** the club before membership rates increase in the fall

We are looking for Members-at-Large to join the Board. Contact Rich Russo at [wppcntx@gmail.com](mailto:wppcntx@gmail.com) 281-610-8004 to learn more.

We are looking for parent volunteers! Learn more from Erik Emblem. [erikemblem@msn.com](mailto:erikemblem@msn.com) 254.855.5811



# Lone Star Military Ball

- This is a time-honored tradition going back 26 years in North Texas. This year West Point chairs and plans the ball.
- Save the date, **December 26, 2021 at the Hurst Convention Center.**
- All Academies and their families are invited.
- It is a formal dinner followed by all the traditions of a dining out military affair.
- There is a special recognition of our senior cadets and midshipmen that includes reading their biographies and their future assignments.
- Following the formal military program, the night is capped by dancing, casino night gaming, and gifts for all of our attending cadets and midshipmen.
- **If you would like to be part of the committee that plans this event, please contact Tamara Bowles, Alysia Stanton, Julie Musser or Michele Windsor.**