

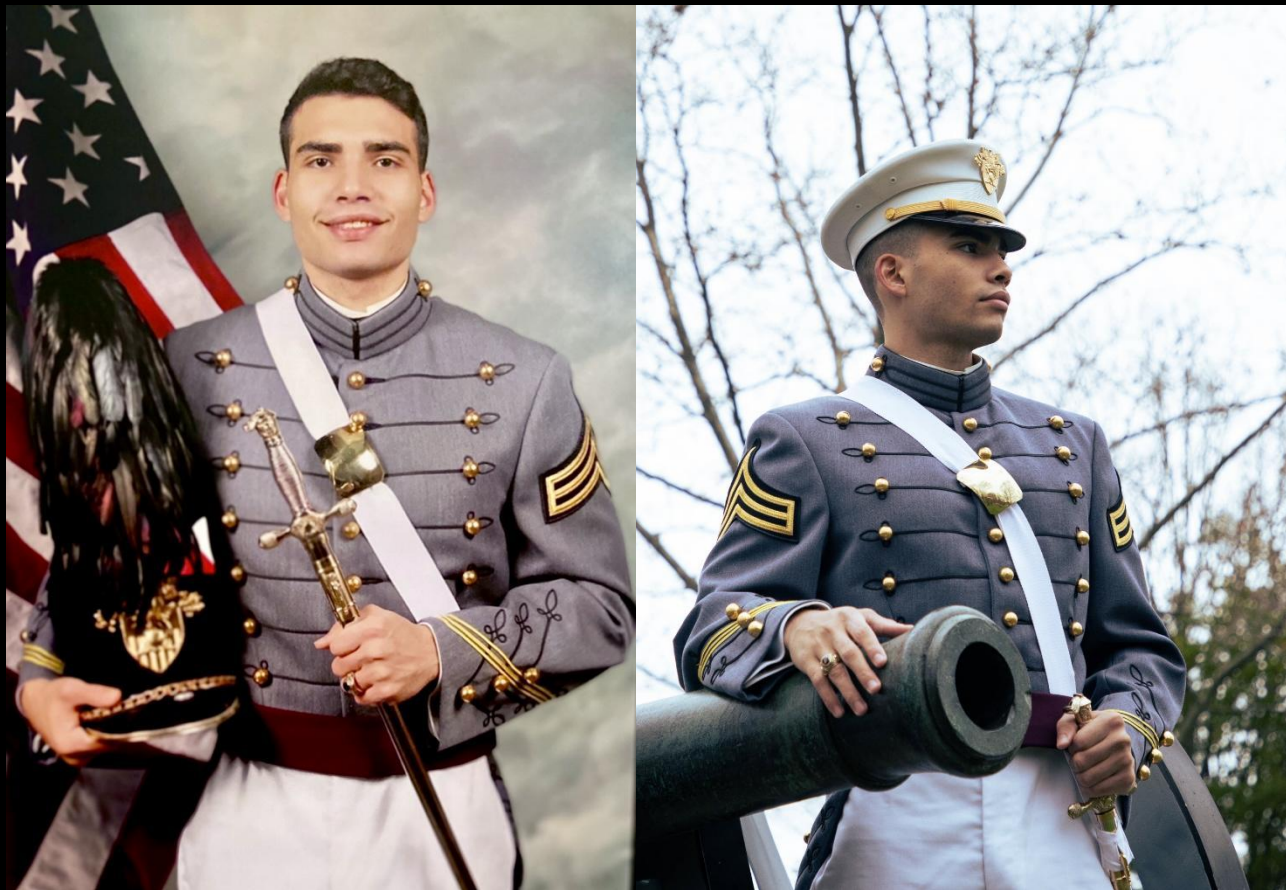
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- Life after West Point: for Parents
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THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

- We owe a special thanks to our Firstie parent board members who selflessly served the West Point Parents Club!
- You are each true servant leaders, and your contribution has had a major impact on hundreds of parents & cadets.
- We wish you all the best in your upcoming role as a 2LT Parent!



- Mark & Charlotte Sasek**
- Cleo & Angelo Marchese**
- Charles Mitchell**

Did that kid
just ask if I'm
a mailman?



CONGRATULATIONS – Graduation is coming!



ARMY BLUE

We've not much longer here to stay,
For in a month or two,
We'll bid farewell to "Kaydet Grey",
And don the "Army Blue".

Chorus:

Army Blue, Army Blue,
Hurrah for the Army Blue,
We'll bid farewell to "Kaydet Grey",
And don the "Army Blue".

Life After West Point: Your New 2LT

- Leave
- Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC)
- Additional Military Courses (Ranger, Airborne, Air Assault, Sapper Leader Course, etc.)
- Learning to live on their own
- Report to their first unit



Former First Captain, 2nd Lt. Simone Askew, receives her second lieutenant bars from Julia Spain (left) and Betsy Gilland May 26 at the U.S. Military Academy superintendent's garden. Photo by Kathy Eastwood/PV



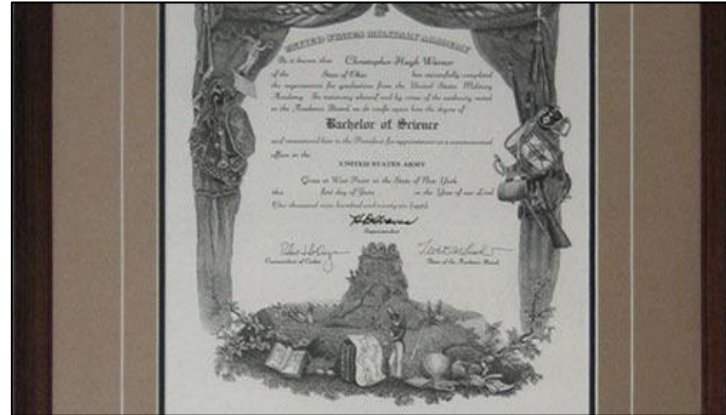
Parents of 2nd Lt. John Montgomery attach his second lieutenant bars during a ceremony at the U.S. Military Academy Superintendent's garden May 26. Montgomery was the cadet executive officer and worked with the former First captain, 2nd Lt. Simone Askew, who was also pinned at the same ceremony.



Quotes from 2019 & 2020 Parents

- **From my perspective, my 2nd LT has been in a hurry up to wait scenario.** A lot can be blamed on COVID-19, however the waiting for paperwork, transition, station duties etc., has been excessive at times.
- Our cadets are under such a strict routine while at West Point and now the **waiting for answers and directives causes anxiousness.**
- She is in an apartment with two other West Pointers. The apartment community is made up of mostly if not all military. I saw the built-in community aspect when we were moving her in. **She was able to call on a '18 and '17 graduate and they were right there in a snowstorm helping move the couch, beds etc. into the apartment. That truly warmed my heart and gave me so much comfort.** West Pointers are part of a big fraternity.

Life After West Point: for Parents!



- Grab that Diploma
- Family Vacation
- Setting up the First Apartment
- “Guest” bedroom?
- News & Information
- Potential milestones:
 - Deployment
 - Grand kid(s)
 - Masters Degree / MBA
 - Saving for retirement
- West Point Association of Graduates (WPOAG)

Expectations of a 2LT

Officer Expectations – John Cole

The Lieutenant Paradox: The expectations of new lieutenants in the Army vary wildly. At one end of the spectrum, a lieutenant is responsible for everything his platoon does or fails to do. At the other end of the spectrum, a lieutenant can be viewed with suspicion and treated like a child — a man or a woman that retains lingering habits from his/her college years and has not yet realized the responsibilities of leading men and women into combat. A new lieutenant, through his actions, can choose to meet one of those expectations, but not both. He or she can rise to meet positive expectations and become a leader that men and women can rely on, or be a burden on subordinate NCO leadership and the chain of command.

Guest Speakers – Q&A Session

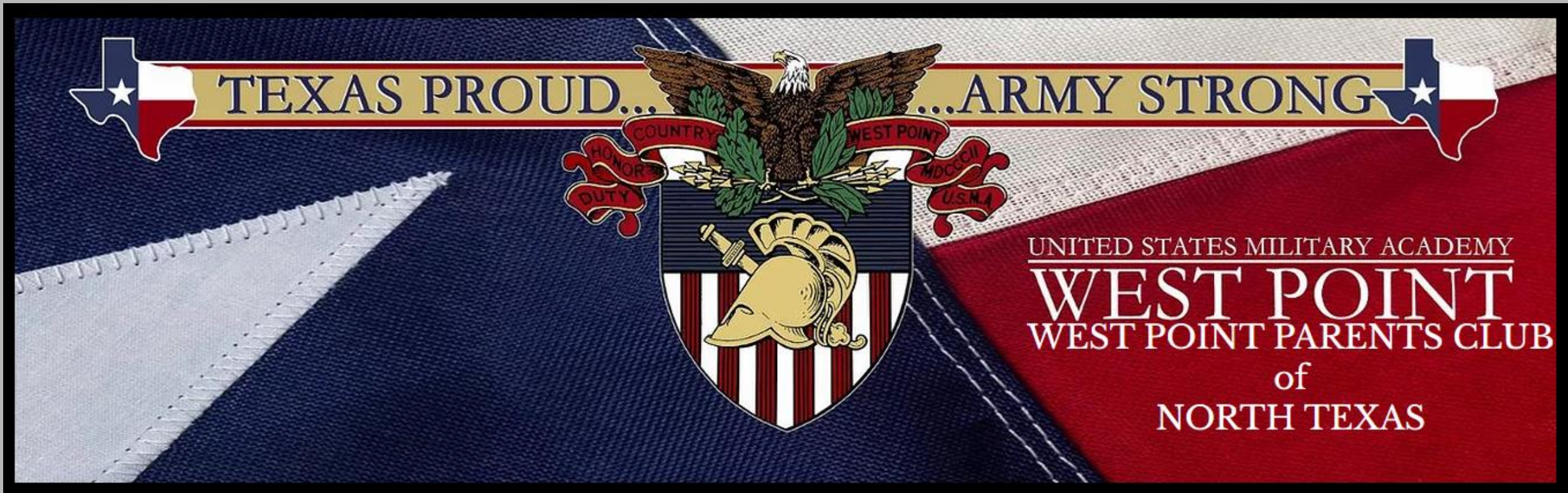


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**Best of luck to your 2LT and your family
as you enter this next stage of life!**