



Dear Sir or Ma'am,

The West Point Parents Club of North Texas (WPPNCTX) is a nonprofit organization that exists to support the cadets, cadet families and the United States Military Academy at West Point. While our club dues cover most of our basic yearly operating expenses, your generous donations will help us accomplish our broader mission of helping to assist West Point in providing educational opportunities that enhance the cadet experience.

We ask that you consider supporting the troops via a donation to our club. This will enable us to continue to fund programs such as:

- Annual R-Day Preparation Ice Cream Social
- Gabe's A-Day Luncheon
- Club Meetings
- Beat the Dean Boodle Box Building
- Association of Graduates Annual Gift
- Lone Star Military Ball
- Black and Gold Recruiting Dinner
- Toast the Firsties
- Texas Tamale Tailgate
- And more!



The attached page will give you some deeper insight into these programs and the impact they have on building leaders of character.

Here is some additional information that you may need to process a company match for an employee donation:

- Official Name: The West Point Parents Club of North Texas (WPPCNTX)
- We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in the State of Texas. We are managed by an all-volunteer board, and we do not have any employees
- Our Federal Tax ID is 900824572, all donations are tax-deductible to the extent of the law
- Our address is 10301 Belfort Drive, Frisco, TX 75035 (home of our club President)
- Our website is <https://www.wppcntx.com>
- For our long history of donations to West Point, we are recognized by the West Point Association of Graduates as a John J. Pershing Society Donor
- Contacts:

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- Donation options include:
  - Check made out to West Point Parents Club of North Texas
  - Donate via our PayPal button on our Fundraising page: <https://www.wppcntx.com>

We thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions!

Sincerely,

-Rich  
Rich Russo, USMA 1993  
President, West Point Parents Club of North Texas

## Programs

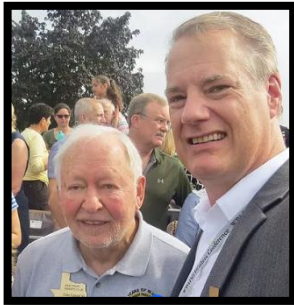
Our club feels strongly about the impact these programs and organizations have on our cadets, cadet families, and the military community. Here is a sampling of where our donations have helped:



**Annual R-Day Preparation Ice Cream Social** – building on the virtual calls we conduct to help cadet candidates and their families preparing to report to West Point, we also host an Ice Cream Social to assist with last minute questions. In recent years the West Point Society of North Texas, and the appropriate West Point 50 Year Affiliation Class leaders have also presented information and tips.



**BEAT THE DEAN! Boodle Boxes** - We know that the rigorous pace of West Point's academic curriculum can be stressful. Each fall and spring semester our club organizes a mailout of care packages to our cadets with comfort items from home. Sometimes we even include additional goodies, such as a sweatshirt or a fleece blanket to let them know the people of Texas are thinking about them.



**Gabe's A-Day Luncheon** is held each year\* at West Point to provide families with a central meeting spot and chance to enjoy some food after the A-Day parade which marks the successful completing of West Point's first summer of training called "Beast Barracks". This event is open to all Texas cadets and their families. The event is coordinated with the West Point Society of North Texas, while our club provides the funding. This event was started by LTC(R) Henmar "Gabe" Gabriel, USMA 1961 (on the left of this picture). Sadly, Gabe passed away in 2021, but his legacy lives on with this event. \*Due to COVID restrictions, we could not hold this event in 2020 and 2021, but plan to be back in 2022.



**The West Point Association of Graduates** helps West Point fill the 15% funding gap due to lower congressional budget allocations. We are particularly fond of the **Superintendent's fund** that covers a variety of major activities when federal funding is not currently available, the **Minority Visitation Program** that pays for highly qualified minority candidates and an accompanying parent to travel to West Point and experience cadet life, and the **Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA) program**. DCA is comprised of more than 100 different clubs. Every activity provides valuable leadership opportunities for cadets, placing them in charge of training, scheduling, budgeting, travel, and other operations.



**Texas Tamale Tailgate (T3)** started in 2002 in response to a Texas cadet's plea, "Dad, we're starving for tamales up here!" T3 has grown into a major event that gives us the privilege of recognizing our young men and women for their service and dedication to our country. Every year the Greater Houston and North Texas Parents Clubs provide about 600 Texas cadets, their fellow cadets, and friends some down-home hospitality, good country music, and familiar tastes of Texas BBQ and tamales with all the fixin's.



**The Lone Star Military Ball** is a formal evening dinner & dance attended by cadets and midshipmen from all five service academies along with their dates and parents. It is a wonderful way to thank our service academy cadets for their hard work and dedication to a lifetime of service to our nation. This event has been in existence for more than 25 years.