

Virtual Parents Club Meeting July 2021

Topics

- **Welcome**
- **Good News**
- **Reorganization Week, A-Day, Academic Year**
- **Who is the TAC and when should you communicate with them?**
- **Group Discussion – Summer Stories!**
- **Upcoming Events**
- **Closing**

West Point is open for visitors!



July 17, 2021

Dear Valued Guests,

We are excited to welcome you to The Thayer Hotel, West Point and the beautiful Hudson River Valley.



Beginning July 17, 2021, West Point has lifted the public health emergency and access to West Point. If you wish to access West Point as an individual visitor, please note the following:



- Guests who are not DOD or LAC card holders will need to go to the visitors center to get their passes to go onto West Point.
- Parents of cadets may start using their parent local area credentials to go onto West Point
- DoD card holders may access West Point recreationally without getting an extra pass from West Point.

Arriving Safely at West Point. Please be aware of the following protocols in place:

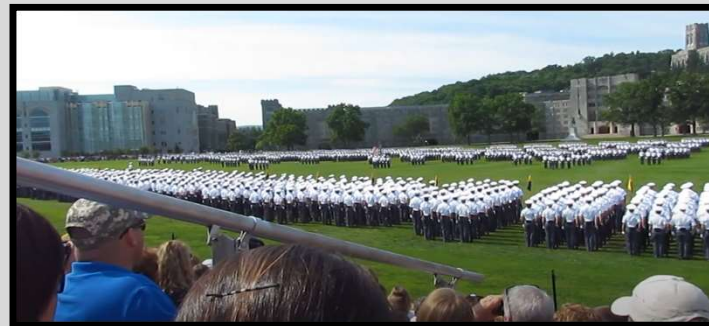
- All visitors and employees must enter through the Thayer Gate to come to The Thayer Hotel at West Point.
- Masks are required on West Point for anyone who is NOT vaccinated, both INDOORS and OUTDOORS. This is in accordance with Department of Defense Policy.

Reorganization Week, A-Day, Academic Year



Reorganization Week Aug 9-13

March back, barracks, books, computers, class schedules, uniforms, a new Chain of Command, the [Cow Affirmation ceremony](#), and getting back into West Point academic mode.



A-Day (Acceptance Day) on August 14

- A very serious parade
- New Cadets become “4th Class Cadets” or “Plebes”
- Gabe’s A-Day luncheon (canceled)
- Plebes get their first [walking privileges](#)



Academic Year Begins August 16

Lots of homework!



Who is the TAC?

- **The Tactical Officer (TAC) is the legal Company Commander of a Cadet Company** and the primary developer of cadets at the United States Military Academy (USMA), West Point, New York.
 - He or she assists each cadet in balancing and integrating the requirements of the physical, military, academic, and moral-ethical programs.
 - A "TAC" trains and coaches the cadet chain of command to establish and sustain high unit standards and behavior essential to a cohesive company environment.
- TACs have a senior NCO (SFC or MSG) assigned as their NCO partner - together they form and model a professional command team for the cadets. TACs inspire cadets to develop effective leadership styles through role-modeling, counseling, teaching, and training.
- A Tactical Officer also presents formal and informal instruction to the company, implements special development programs for individual cadets as needed, and **is responsible for all company administration.**

Communicating with the TAC

Reasons to contact the TAC

- The TAC asks you to contact them
- A direct family member - such as a mother, father, or sibling - dies, is seriously injured or has another type of major medical emergency. You should also contact the Red Cross as they can help with travel arrangements.
- Your Cadet is injured/delayed/hospitalized while on leave and *cannot contact the TAC themselves*
- You believe you have a serious issue that cannot be solved through other established channels

When to talk to your *Cadet*, not the TAC

- Cadet won't tell you their grades
- Cadet doesn't like their roommate
- Cadet wants a pass for the weekend
- Cadet has too much schoolwork
- Cadet hasn't called Mom/Dad recently
- Cadet hasn't considered these options:
 - Cadet chain of command
 - The TAC officer or NCO
 - Academic Advisor
 - Chaplain
 - Sponsor
 - SHARP program office <https://www.westpoint.edu/about/west-point-staff/SHARP>

Remember: **TACs can only talk to parents or guardians about ADMIN/MEDICAL, ACADEMICS, or DISCIPLINE if the cadet elects to allow the TAC to discuss it.** Because of confidentiality regulations, cadets may elect to not allow TACs/staff/faculty to discuss certain issues with parents.

Group Discussion – Summer Stories!



- Firstie Sebastian Gray USMA 2022 was D Company Commander for Cadet Basic Training 1.
- His brother Spencer Gray is part of USMA 2025.
- Dad Harry Gray is USNA 1991 and a board member & VP of Membership for the WPPCNTX!

Event Highlights

July 24 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Club Social Events



Don Carlos
4651 Interstate 35 South, Waco, TX 76705



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

Event Highlights



September TBD Club Meeting
Location TBD



September 25 Texas Tamale Tailgate at West Point
West Point's 49'er Lodge, after the football game



October TBD Beat the Dean Boodle Box Building
Locations TBD

Event Highlights



**October 29 WPSNT 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) Tailgate info to come



December 11 Beat Navy! Watch Party
Locations TBD



December 26 Lone Star Military Ball
Hurst Convention Center



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.**

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 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 281-610-8004 to learn more.

We are looking for parent volunteers! Learn more from Erik Emblem. erikemblem@msn.com 254.855.5811