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

**West Point Parents Club of North Texas**  
**April 15, 2021**

# Agenda

- Welcome!
- About the WPPCNTX & Board Update
- Summer Training
- Virtual Break-out Room: Get to know other Parents
- Upcoming Events & Opportunities to Volunteer
- Lone Star Military Ball
- Open Discussion Q&A
- Closing

# Welcome New Parent Club Members

(joined since Jan 1 2021)

Heather Tindell & Burghardt Patton - Cade 2021

Robert Davis - Khalil 2023

Pam & Robert Johnson - Tim 2025

Patti & Doug Overstreet - Daniel 2025

Cindy Kwak & Douglas Kim - Dillon 2025

Miriam & Jorge Alejandro - George 2025

Toni & Michael Nolen - Michael 2025

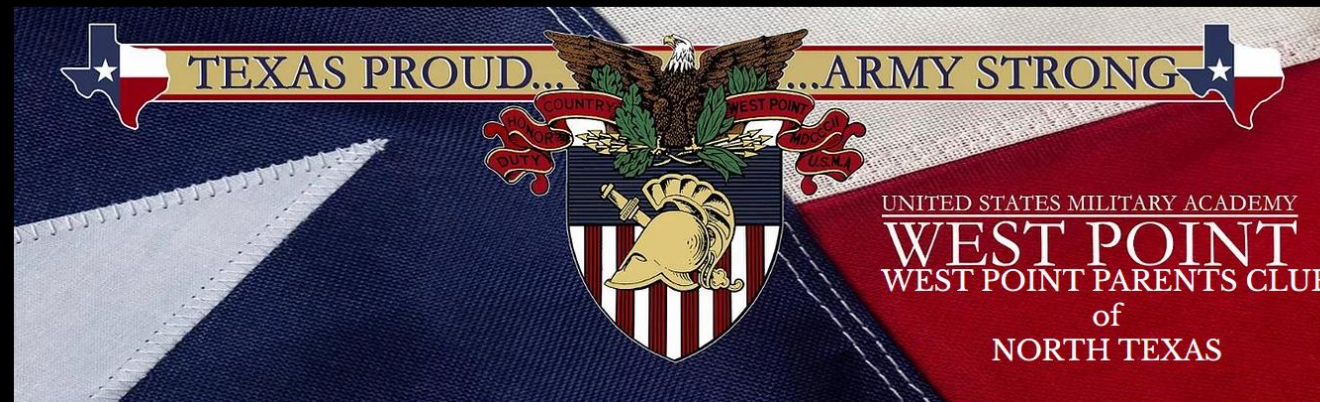
Monica Flores & John Rolater - Orion 2025

Carol & Daniel Larson - Timothy 2025

## Special Mention!

Current members Michele & Mark Windsor originally joined with Brendan 2023, and are now celebrating James 2025!

# About WPPCNTX & Board Update



# Our Mission

## Mission:

1. **To provide information** to parents, guardians, and families of Cadets of the United States Military Academy.
2. **To provide a welcoming and supportive venue** for camaraderie among families and friends of West Point cadets.
3. **To promote a favorable attitude** toward West Point and its goals and purposes in the North Texas community.
4. **To support the recruiting** of prospective candidates for West Point.

# How We Accomplish Our Mission

## Club Meetings



## Fun Events that support our Mission



Great looking hoodie sweatshirts for the cold West Point weather!

## Fundraising & Merchandising



## For Your Information



Liaison

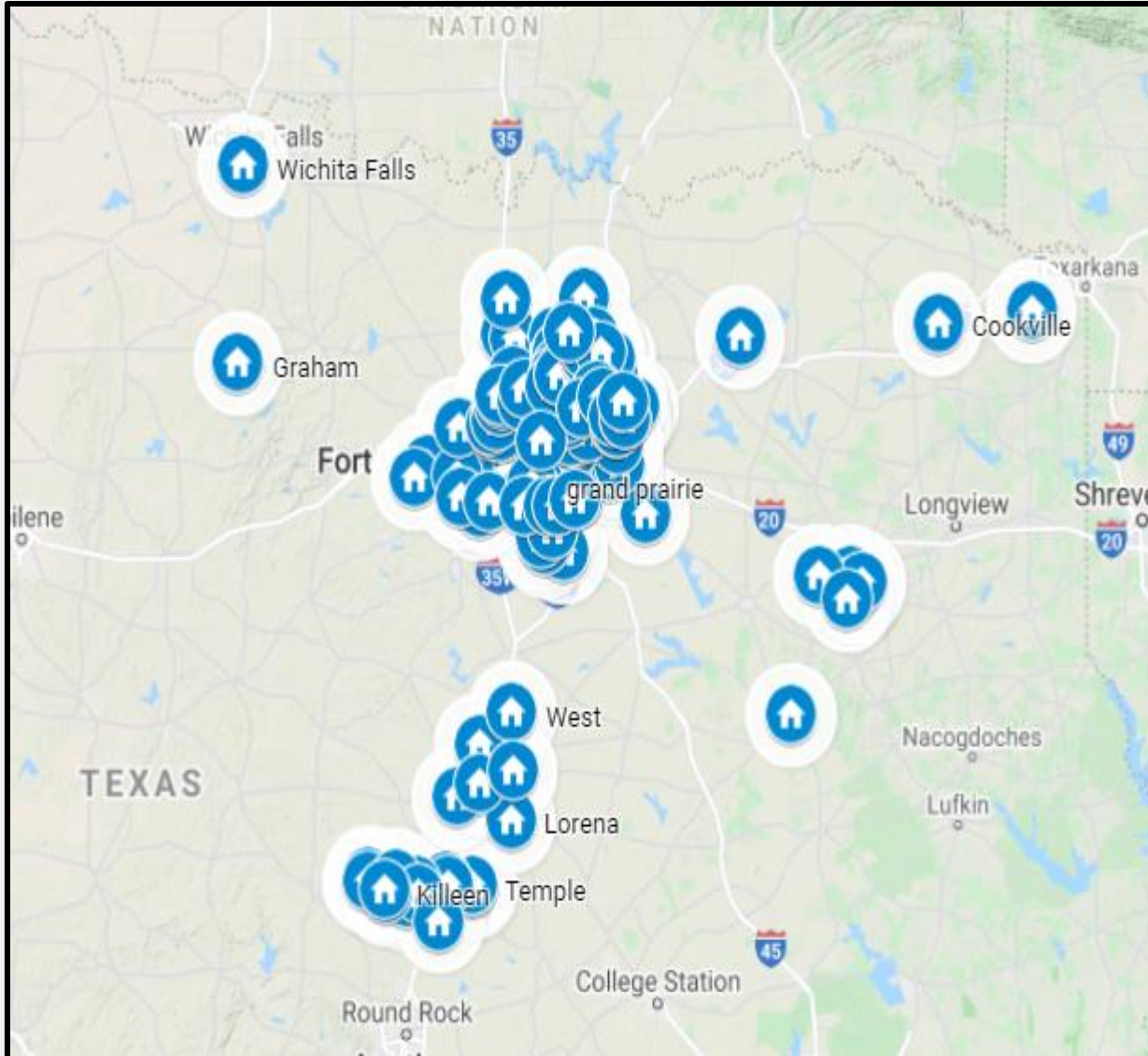


West Point, WPAOG, West Point Society of North Texas, other Parent Clubs & Military friendly orgs



**WPPCNTX**  
**Nonprofit Corporation**

# About the West Point Parents Club of North Texas



**We support over 200 Cadets & 400 parents across North & Central Texas!**

503(c)(3) nonprofit organization

All donations are tax deductible.

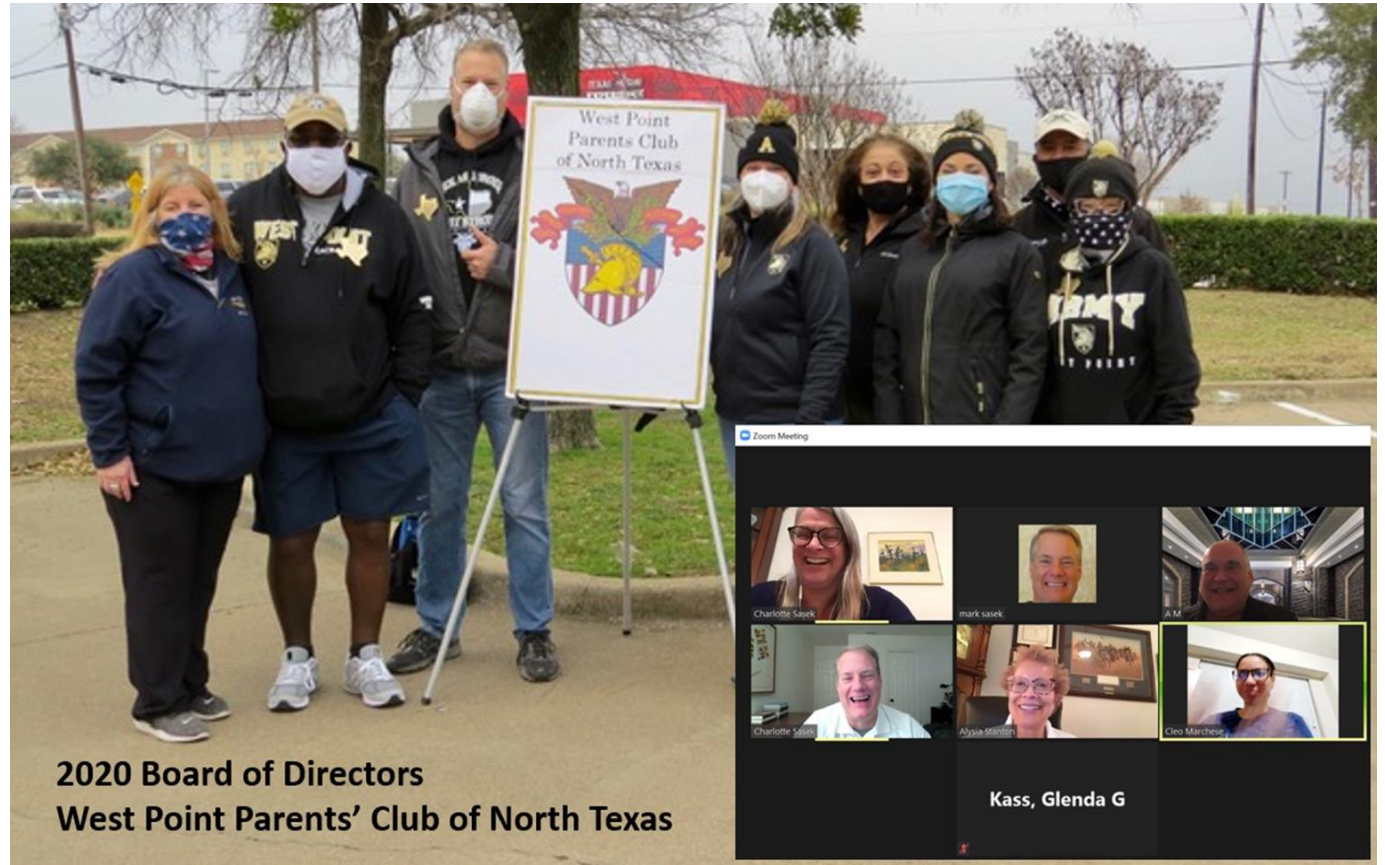
Run by a volunteer board of directors who also have cadets at the Academy right now

We hold a variety of events throughout the year!

Our Club received the **Pershing Lifetime Giving Society Award** for continuous donations to the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG).

# 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**



# 2021 Board Members

The Club's Fiscal Year starts on March 1, 2021, and ends on Feb 28, 2022

## Voting Board Members:

1. President – Rich Russo '93, 2024
2. Secretary – Alysia Stanton 2022
3. Treasurer – Mark Reynolds 2024
4. VP Membership – Glenda Kass 2023
5. VP Fundraising & Merchandising – Michele Windsor 2023 & 2025
6. VP Events – Erik Emblem 2023
7. VP Communications – Shawn Callaway 2024

## At Large Board Members (non-voting):

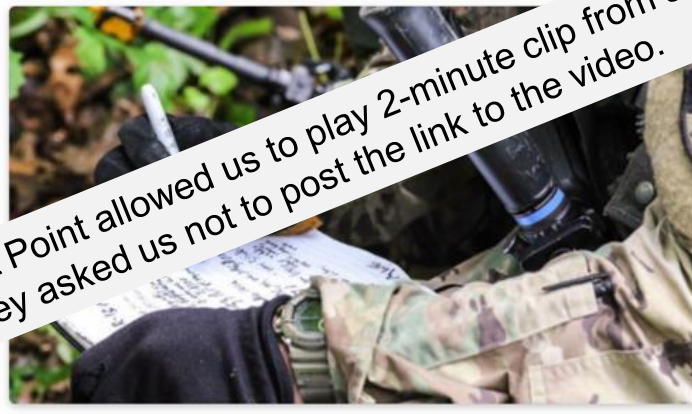
- We are recruiting for these positions now. If you are Class of 2025, it is a great time to get involved! See Rich Russo.

## West Point Society of North Texas Connections:

- WP Society of N. TX Parent Liaison – Charles Mitchell '78, 2021
- WP Society of N. TX VP Recruiting – George Salerno '88

# Summer Training





During this time, West Point allowed us to play 2-minute clip from summer training. They asked us not to post the link to the video.





The most important thing we do is teach **leadership** and **followership** while **instilling the Warrior Ethos**. This is accomplished by generating tactical dilemmas to instill character and decision-making skills. The focus for CST 2021 is expanding the Leader Training Program for Cadet Cadre and providing feedback & counseling.

**Class of 2025 New Cadets  
+ USMAPS**



**Class of 2024  
Yearlings**



**Class of 2023  
Cows**



**Class of 2022  
Firsties**



**Cadet Basic Training**  
*The Long Gray Line Starts Here*

- Transitioning civilians into cadets
- Instilling discipline, teaching traditions, and modeling character
- Prepared to succeed as cadets and scholars

**Cadet Field Training**  
*Inspire Passion for the Profession*

- Learning the importance of teamwork and individual grit
- Applying critical thinking to solve complex problems
- Exposure to Combat Arms and Multi-Domain Operations
- Become proficient in basics

**Cadet Leader Development Training**  
*Endure the Crucible of Leadership*

- Leading peers in complex environments
- Sharpening leader attributes and competencies
- Real-time evaluations and feedback

**West Point Leader Detail**  
*Lead with Character, Confidence and Commitment*

- Leading small units in complex environments
- Maintaining and enforcing standards of excellence
- Prepare, conduct and assess training of subordinates



# Parent Tips for Summer Training:



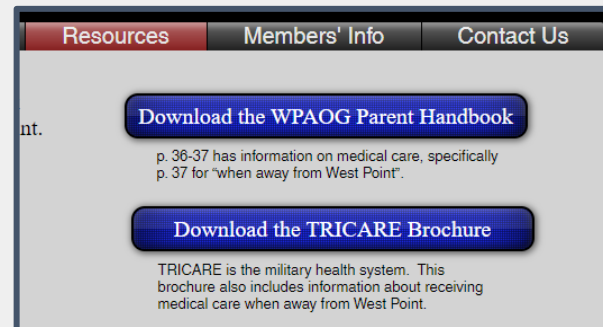
- Communication from your Cadet ~~may~~ **will be sporadic!**



- **Answer calls from unknown numbers** – your Cadet could be borrowing a friend’s phone or calling from an Army phone (which may come thru caller id as a Telemarketer or Spam call).



- If your Cadet needs medical care while *away from West Point*, the **Resources** page on our club website can help.



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



• Stay Connected with your Cadet all year long through **DMI** and the **Modern War Institute (MWI)** on Social Media:

• **YouTube:** *Modern War Institute*

• **Twitter:** *DMI 6 @DMI\_6*

• **Twitter:** *Modern War Institute @WarInstitute*

• **Facebook:** *Department of Military Instruction @Departmentofmilitaryinstruction*

• **Facebook:** *Modern War Institute @ModernWarInstitute*

• **Linked In:** *Department of Military Instruction*

• **Linked In:** *Modern War Institute at West Point*

• **MWI Pod Cast:** *The Modern War Institute*

• **MWI Pod Cast:** *The Spear*



**Virtual  
Break-out  
Room:  
Get to know  
other  
Parents**

We are now going to use Zoom breakout rooms to allow you to meet other parents.

This will last for approximately 7-10 minutes and you'll get a notification from Zoom when we will pull you back into the main meeting.

Ideas for the discussion:

- Cadet year & Major
- Where you live
- Recent funny story about your Cadet
- Summer plans

# Upcoming Events

See separate presentation on Upcoming Events





# Lone Star Military Ball





# 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.

# Open Discussion Q&A



February 5 · 🌐

Started to feel bad I was not getting a response from my cadet. He finally did. "There's a thing called SAMI tomorrow, Mom." 🤔

👍 🤔 🤔 51

32 Comments

**DON'T WORRY...  
EVEN ON THE 1ST DAY OF CLASS...**



YOU WERE MORE PREPARED THAN **NAVY** FOR TEEs

**#OUTSMARTNAVY**



# Closing

We hope to see you at our upcoming events!

April 24 - virtual 2025 & USMAPS cadet candidate orientation session #1

April 29 - virtual Toast the Firstie Parents!

May 15 - virtual 2025 & USMAPS cadet candidate orientation session #2

June date TBD  
Ice Cream Social



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

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