# **West Point**

**ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES** 



# Graduate Guide

The Graduate Guide is made possible by a generous gift from the Class of 2000 to the Long Gray Line Endowment.



## **Our Mission**

The West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) is the Alumni Association for the United States Military Academy (USMA). Its mission is to serve West Point and its graduates; its purpose is to further the ideals and promote the welfare of USMA.

## **Our Vision**

WPAOG's vision is to be the most highly connected alumni body in the world.

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## Welcome

#### Dear Fellow Graduate,

The Cadet in the Red Sash resonates with us all. From R-Day through Graduation, the crimson silk symbolizes duty, achievement, and excellence. At WPAOG, the Red Sash represents our commitment to serve our Graduates.

WPAOG's Graduate Guide contains basic information on new and existing WPAOG services, along with West Point activities. Thanks to a generous gift from the Class of 2000, we can provide this valuable resource.

Please use this guide to familiarize yourself with your Association of Graduates. We also welcome your use of this resource to reconnect with alumni and to schedule a trip back to your Rockbound Highland Home.

Thank you for strengthening the "grip" of the Long Gray Line, and we look forward to serving you in the years to come!

#### Office of Alumni Support

West Point Association of Graduates



#### **Red Sash Member Service**

**800.BE A.GRAD** (800.232.4723 ext. 1610) **RedSash@wpaog.org** 

### WPAOG Website | WestPointAOG.org

To update contact information, email Address@wpaog.org or update online at WestPointAOG.org/Profile



# When the white hats are tossed into the air...

#### Membership

... every Grad becomes a Regular Member of the West Point Association of Graduates—WPAOG. Your Cullum Number (assigned following graduation) is your member number. It indicates your chronological position in the Long Gray Line. Joseph G. Swift, Class of 1802, was the first Old Grad!

- ► Regular Members pay no dues
- ▶ Only Regular Members vote in elections
- ► All surviving spouses of Graduates automatically become Associate Members
- ► Current and former USMA staff and faculty and former Cadets may be eligible for Associate Membership
- Parents of Cadets and others with a passion for West Point may apply for membership as a Friend of West Point

WestPointAOG.org/Membership

ext. 1614

#### **WPAOG Governance and the Annual Meeting**

An elected Board of Directors oversees WPAOG operations, supported by a 54-member Advisory Council, standing committees, task forces, and the professional staff in Herbert Alumni Center. All Regular Members may vote in elections. WPAOG's annual meeting is held in Herbert Alumni Center at West Point each November. All Graduates are welcome to attend. The nomination and voting processes are described on the WPAOG website.

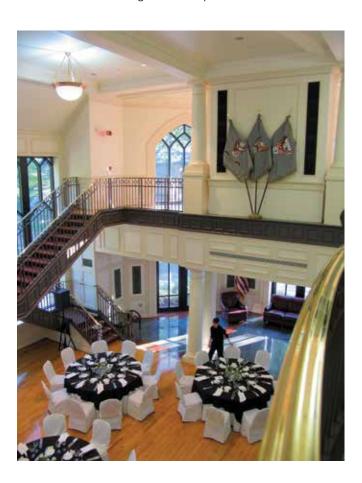
WestPointAOG.org/Governance

# Home for the Long Gray Line, family, and friends of West Point

#### Herbert Alumni Center

Herbert Alumni Center is the social and business center of the West Point Association of Graduates. Grads and their guests are welcome to meet with the staff or visit the WPAOG Gift Shop. Herbert Alumni Center is within easy walking distance to many athletic venues.

- ► Herbert Alumni Center: 8:00am to 4:30pm weekdays, Graduation Day, and home football Saturdays
- ► Gift Shop: 10:00am to 5:00pm weekdays and during Graduation, football games and special events



# Great Hall rental: An incomparable venue for your special event

The Great Hall at the Herbert Alumni Center may be rented by Grads, family, and the public for private parties, wedding receptions, promotions, retirement ceremonies, tailgates, meetings, and other special events. Whether you're planning an intimate gathering or large event, we will help you make it memorable. Conveniently located at West Point with ample on-site parking available.

WestPointAOG.org/HerbertHallRental ext. 1603

#### **Brick & Paver Program**

Leave a lasting legacy! Honor your family or thank classmates, teammates, family, and friends with an engraved brick or paver to be placed in the walkways at Herbert Alumni Center at West Point.

WestPointAOG.org/BrickAndPaver ext. 1605

#### Travel the world with fellow Grads!

WPAOG partners with tour operators offering trips to more than 20 premier destinations. Travel with fellow Graduates, family, and friends of West Point on these luxury experiences!

WestPointAOG.org/Travel

ext. 1604

#### **Visiting West Point**

As of June 7, 2016, the identification requirements to visit West Point have changed. Please visit the official website for U.S. Army Garrison at West Point for the most current information about visiting West Point.

WestPoint.edu/Visit

Visitor Control Center

845.938.0390 or 845.938.0392 WestPointAOG.org/VisitWP



# WestPointAOG.org: your online hub

#### **WPAOG Online Resources**

WPAOG's website is your information center for all things West Point, including links to WPAOG social media.

To join WPAOG's NetCommunity or to sign in to our website for the first time:

WestPointAOG.org/Register ext. 1514

Worldwide West Point events: WPAOG Calendar

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WestPointAOG.org/Calendar ext. 1592

To contact a fellow Grad:

WestPointAOG.org/FindAGrad ext. 1574 WestPointAOG.org/GradLink ext. 1624

To subscribe to Grad, Cadet, and West Point RSS News Feeds:

WestPointAOG.org/News ext. 1592

To update your contact information:

Address@wpaog.org

WestPointAOG.org/UpdateBio ext. 1644

To visit your Class website:

WestPointAOG.org/Classes ext. 1614

To contact your local West Point Society:

WestPointAOG.org/Societies ext. 1612

To make a gift to West Point or WPAOG:

WestPointAOG.org/GiveOnline ext. 1657

To view alumni events schedule:

WestPointAOG.org/AlumniEvents ext. 1649

To join our online community and connect with other Graduates, your local Society, or Shared Interest Groups:

Sallyport.WestPointAOG.org ext. 1612

## **Keep in touch with West Point!**

#### WPAOG COMMUNICATIONS

#### West Point, WPAOG's quarterly magazine

- ▶ Mailed to Grads, surviving spouses, and Cadet parents at no cost. Available to others by subscription
- ► Informative articles and compelling photography

WestPointAOG.org/WPMag

ext. 1645

#### First Call, Twice-monthly eNewsletter

- ► Make sure we have your email address to receive these free eNewsletters
- ► Current news about West Point and the Long Gray Line
- ► Announcements regarding WPAOG programs and services

WestPointAOG.org/FirstCall

ext. 1574

#### Class Notes

Class Notes are published online. Submit notes to your Class Scribe.

WestPointAOG.org/ClassNotes

ext. 1592

#### **WPAOG News Feeds**

Subscribe to our exclusive Grad News, Society News, or USMA Cadet News. Delivered daily to your email box.

#### WestPointAOG.org/News

#### Social Media

Like or follow WPAOG on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Vimeo for exclusive stories, photos and videos.















#### Memorial Articles

WPAOG publishes full page essays memorializing Grads and former Cadets. These Memorial Articles are written by family members and classmates and are posted online and printed annually in TAPS magazine. Commemorative copies printed on parchment are also available.

Memorials@wpaog.org WestPointAOG.org/TAPS WestPointAOG.org/BeThouAtPeace ext. 1647

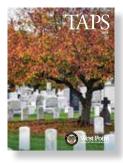
#### The Register of Graduates & Former Cadets

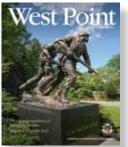
WPAOG's oldest publication, dating back to its first edition in 1868. Individual entries record names, classes, and careers of every West Point Graduate from 1802-2020.

#### WestPointAOG.org/RegisterofGraduates

Graduates are encouraged to update their personal Register entry online.

WestPointAOG.org/RegisterUpdate









# **Keep in touch with fellow Grads!**

#### **Sallyport**



In keeping with our vision for the Long Gray Line to be the most highly connected alumni body in the world, we are using innovative technology to help Graduates maintain and strengthen their connection with one another. All members of WPAOG can access Sallyport.

Sallyport is a no cost mobile platform for alumni groups. Sallyport makes it easy for grads to join a local society and stay connected with your class or shared interest. Learn about and register for events and stay up to date with your affiliations by activating your Sallyport profile and downloading the WPAOG Sallyport app from the Apple and Android app stores. You may also access Sallyport on a desktop.

Sallyport.WestPointAOG.org

ext. 1612

#### **Grad Link**

Another feature of the Sallyport app is Grad Link. Grad Link is a social and professional networking tool that is exclusive to Graduates. Search for Graduates using multiple filters like geographical location (city/state), cadet company, and graduation year. Graduates can easily update their profiles with WPAOG through the app. Grad Link has a direct message function, and contact information is available for those who choose to make it visible. Grad Link makes it easy to stay connected with one another.

WestPointAOG.org/GradLink









# Exclusive benefits for Grads: returning to your Rockbound Highland Home



On Founders Day 2017, WPAOG launched a new program for Graduates, designed to maintain their connection with the Academy and to enhance their experience at our Rockbound Highland Home. This group of exclusive benefits, called the **Rockbound Highland Home Program**, includes **Grad Pass, Grad Perks,** and a **Grad Insider Tour**.

#### **Grad Pass**

For Grads and their guests without DoD identification cards, a Grad-specific West Point-issued identification pass is available. A Grad Pass must be requested in advance of the visit by completing an application on the WPAOG website, which allows the post security team to conduct a mandatory background check and have the Grad Pass available for pick-up upon arrival to West Point. There are two Grad Pass options: a temporary alumni pass is valid for the duration of the Grad's stay, and the Local Area Credential (LAC) is valid for one year.

WestPointAOG.org/GradPass

ext. 1622

#### **Grad Perks**

Using the Grad Pass or DoD identification card, the Grad Perks program provides alumni with privileged status and access to many recreation facilities and services at West Point, including the MWR Fitness Center, Victor Constant Ski Slope, the West Point Family Bowling Center, Morgan Farm Stables and Kennel, ice skating at Tate Rink in the Holleder Center, Round Pond, the West Point Golf Course, Tronsrue Marksmanship Center and the Arts & Crafts Center.

WestPointAOG.org/GradPerks



# Exclusive benefits for Grads: returning to your Rockbound Highland Home



#### **Grad Insider Tour**

On the Grad Insider Tour, Grads and their guests will receive a behind-the-scenes, historical look at the United States Military Academy, including access to locations usually limited to Cadets, staff, and faculty. Guests will have the opportunity to visit Washington Hall, the Thayer Award Room, Jefferson Library, Arvin Gym, Kimsey Center, and the Cadet Uniform Factory. Tours are conducted Monday through Friday at 9:30am and 2pm and can accommodate up to 10 guests.

WestPointAOG.org/GradInsiderTour ext. 1622 RockboundHighlandHome@wpaog.org WestPointAOG.org/RockboundHighlandHome





# Strengthening the grip of the Long Gray Line...

#### **Class Services**

WPAOG advises and supports class officers in areas such as governance, communications, and keeping classmates connected and engaged with West Point. For information on your class' activities:

WestPointAOG.org/Classes ext. 1614 WestPointAOG.org/ClassLeaders

#### **Read Your Class Notes**

WestPointAOG.org/ClassNotes ext. 1592

#### **Contact Fellow Grads**

WestPointAOG.org/FindAGrad ext. 1514 WestPointAOG.org/GradLink

#### **Participate in your Class Reunion**

Reunions are scheduled every five years. WPAOG's professional reunion staff works in close cooperation with the USMA Director of Academy Advancement (DAA), assisting reunion committees with full-service planning, logistics, and operations support. DAA is responsible for coordinating dates and USMA support.

WestPointAOG.org/ClassEvents



# **West Point class rings**

Our class rings symbolize the bond within the Long Gray Line and among classmates. If you must repair or replace your ring, the manufacturer (listed on our website) will assist you.

The manufacturer can also answer your questions about accessory products.

For online advice on reporting lost, found, or stolen rings:

WestPointAOG.org/ClassRings

ext. 1614

#### **Class Ring Memorial Program**

Since 2000, WPAOG has received 669 donated class rings for the Class Ring Memorial Program. This program links members of the Long Gray Line of years past with the current First Class Cadets, or Graduates of tomorrow. The gold from the 669 rings, which had been worn by Graduates who served our nation in times of war and peace, is melted in a "Ring Melt" Ceremony. Many ring donors (family members of Graduates or Graduates themselves) participate in this ceremony.

After each melt, the gold is then mixed with new gold to become part of the rings for each rising First Class. A small amount of gold is preserved after each melt, so each future class will have gold from all of the rings that have been donated since the program began.

WestPointAOG.org/RingMelt

ext. 1614

To donate a ring or for more information about the program:

WestPointAOG.org/RingMemorialProgram ext. 1614 RingMemorialProgram@wpaog.org

To watch the Ring Melt video, go to: bit.ly/ringmeltclassof2022



# The Long Gray Line of us stretches...

#### The 50-Year Affiliation Program

The incoming Cadet class is formally associated with their predecessors from 50 years prior. Thereafter, Grads representing the 50-Year Affiliation Class participate in many of the Cadet rites of passage, presenting the following gifts:

- ➤ The class flag, presented in a ceremony at the conclusion of training at Camp Buckner
- ► **Class coins**, given to each rising cow, reaffirming his or her commitment to the profession of arms
- ▶ **Branch insignia**, received by firsties on Branch Night
- ► **Second Lieutenant bars**, presented immediately after each Graduate has received his or her diploma

Members of the affiliated class welcome the incoming class and their families on R-Day. They also attend the unveiling of the class crest, Ring Weekend activities, Branch Night, and Graduation.

WestPointAOG.org/50YearAffiliation 50YearAffiliation@wpaog.org

ext. 1614

#### **Grad March Back**

When the new Cadets march back from Camp Buckner at the end of Cadet Basic Training, Graduates have the opportunity to march back with the new class. Registration is limited. This event is open to all USMA Grads; it is not a 50-Year Affiliation event. The Directorate of Academy Advancement (DAA), USMA staff, coordinates this event.

DAA

845.983.3700



## **West Point is everywhere...**

#### **Society Support**

There are more than 130 West Point Societies worldwide and growing! Wherever you reside, there is a good chance that a West Point Society is in your locale. Each Society organizes activities matching their members' West Point-related needs and interests:

- Admissions recruiting
- Social events and business networking
- ► Supporting Army teams and clubs when they travel
- ► Outreach to Grads on active duty
- ► Community projects
- ► Annual Founders Day events
- Gripping Hands support during natural, economic, and medical disasters

Visit the Society information page on our website or Sallyport to connect and learn more.

WestPointAOG.org/Societies Sallyport.WestPointAOG.org ext. 1612

#### **Shared Interest Groups/SIGs**

Shared interest groups periodically gather for reunions and other activities. Examples include the Alumni Glee Club and West Point Women. Contact Alumni Support for more information.

WestPointAOG.org/GradGroups ext. 1612 WestPointAOG.org/EventPlanning ext. 1649

If you are interested in starting your own Shared Interest Group (SIG), please contact:

SIG-Support@wpaog.org

ext. 1612

### WPAOG's Army-Navy Football Game Tailgate...

...is a premier event! Ask Alumni Support or check the WPAOG Calendar for information on Army football and other tailgates.

WestPointAOG.org/GoArmyBeatNavy ext. 1649 WestPointAOG.org/Tailgates ext. 1649



# "They are here in ghostly assemblage . . ."

Alumni Memorial Exercises are held during Homecoming and Graduation Week. Prior to the parade, the Long Gray Line assembles at the Clock Tower and marches across Diagonal Walk to the statue of Sylvanus Thayer.

WPAOG announces deaths of Graduates through class distribution lists and to local Society presidents. To inform WPAOG of a Graduate's death, please call: 845.446.1617 or email DNSReport@wpaog.org

#### WestPointAOG.org/GradDeathNotification

Online memorial pages are created for each Graduate death reported, where classmates may share testimonials and photos.

WestPointAOG.org/BeThouAtPeace

#### **WPAOG Memorial Support**

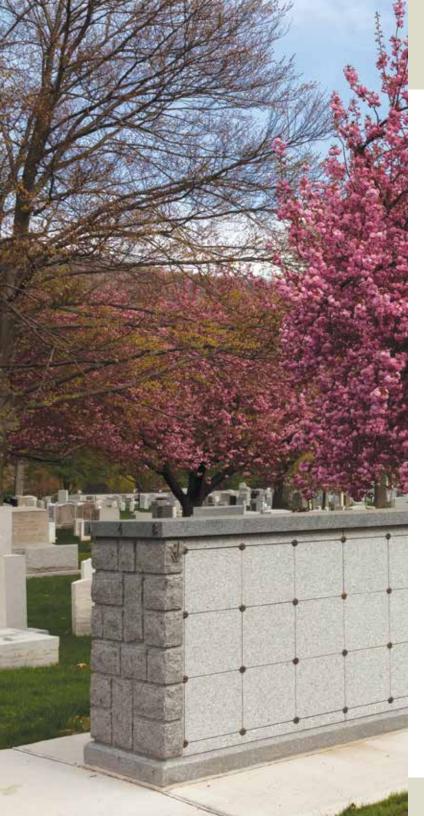
The Memorial Services Assistance Program was originally made possible by a generous donation from Mrs. Betty Dettre in memory of her husband, MG (R) Rexford H. Dettre Jr., USMA January 1943. Mrs. Dettre's gift, along with additional continued support from the Long Gray Line and others, helps enable the West Point Association of Graduates to provide the services of a Memorial Support Coordinator to assist the families with the logistical arrangements involved with laying their loved one to rest at West Point.

WestPointAOG.org/DettreMemorialProgram ext. 1620

#### **Funeral Receptions in Herbert Alumni Center**

WPAOG helps families with post-funeral receptions in the Great Hall. Whether small gatherings or large receptions (up to 200), the rental fee is waived for a funeral reception during normal business hours.

WestPointAOG.org/HerbertHall



#### **USMA Chapels and the West Point Cemetery**

To schedule funerals and/or chapel services, or to arrange for a military honor guard, bugler, and military police escort, please contact the U.S. Military Academy Memorial Affairs Office.

MemorialAffairs@WestPoint.edu

845.938.2504

#### **Memorial Articles**

WPAOG publishes full page essays memorializing Grads and former Cadets. These Memorial Articles are written by family members and classmates and are posted online and printed annually in *TAPS* magazine. Commemorative copies printed on parchment are also available.

Memorials@wpaog.org WestPointAOG.org/BeThouAtPeace ext. 1647

#### **Memory Room**

The Memory Room, a gift from BG (USAF, Retired) Robert F. McDermott, USMA January 1943, in memory of his wife, Alice P. McDermott, is located off the second floor rotunda at Herbert Alumni Center. The room holds *Howitzers*, reunion yearbooks, and a computer terminal for guests to view Memorial Pages.

ext. 1579

#### The Cullum Files

Every Graduate has a digital archive at WPAOG. For a copy of your file or to submit documents:

WestPointAOG.org/Cullum



# Support West Point and the Long Gray Line

MARGIN OF EXCELLENCE



Annual Gifts are vital to the success of West Point and the Margin of Excellence by ensuring continued direct support for West Point's current needs. The WPAOG proudly serves as the fundraising arm for USMA because military personnel and representatives of the federal

government are prohibited by law from soliciting funds, goods, or services. While the Academy's core academic, military, and physical development programs receive federal support, many projects and activities that are of great value but outside the "core" designation receive minimal to zero funding from the government. Thus, the fundraising efforts of the West Point Association of Graduates are important factors in the Academy's ability to maintain the excellence of its military, academic, and physical education programs. Donors may choose from a variety of areas to make their gift:

- ► **Superintendent's Annual Fund:** unrestricted funds for Cadets and USMA
- ► Long Gray Line: unrestricted for Graduates and WPAOG
- ► A Club: unrestricted for intercollegiate athletics
- Class Gift Funds: restricted by classes for reunion campaigns
- ▶ **Other:** Funds restricted for specific programs

There are several ways to give to West Point. To learn more about how you can support the U.S. Military Academy or the West Point Association of Graduates go to:

WestPointAOG.org/WaysToGive

845.446.1657

# Support West Point and the Long Gray Line



#### **Gifts to West Point**

Private funding strengthens the Margin of Excellence and enriches every aspect of a Cadet's experience. The Superintendent's Annual Fund enables you to support Margin of Excellence programs like:

- ► Cultural immersion and academic enrichment
- ► Domestic internships
- ► Competitive and extracurricular activities
- ► World-class research centers
- ▶ Unsurpassed academic and athletic facilities
- ► Spiritual and moral-ethical enrichment
- ► Top-notch physical fitness training facilities and equipment

#### **Superintendent's Circle**

The Superintendent's Circle recognizes all donors that make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Superintendent's Annual Fund, or to the West Point Parents Fund within the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the Internal Revenue Code. Corporate matching gifts may be used to upgrade your gift.

#### **Giving Levels**

#### **Bronze**

Annual donors of \$1,000 to \$2,499 or

Young Gray Line donors (Classes of 2011–2021) of \$500 to \$2.499

- ► Specially designed Superintendent's Circle pin
- ► Recognition in the Annual Report of Gifts

#### Silver

Annual donors of \$2,500 to \$4,999

- ► Invitation to Donor Tribute Day, with exclusive access to Projects Day
- ► Access to a Superintendent's Circle donor liaison

- Eligible for two one-day parking passes, as space permits
- ► Seating in the Superintendent's Review Stands during Cadet Parades, as space permits
- ► For Current Parents—invitation to Superintendent's Circle event during West Point Family Weekend
- ► For Current Parents—two tickets for preferred seating at Commencement (open to current parents only with a four-year commitment)
- ▶ Plus all Bronze benefits

#### Gold

Annual donors of \$5,000 to \$9,999

- Personal guided Rockbound Highland Home Grad Insider Tour
- ► Two tickets to an Army Football game of your choice, as space permits
- ▶ Plus all Silver benefits

#### **Platinum**

Annual donors of \$10,000 to \$24,999

- ► Admission to Superintendent's Tailgate before Army Football games
- ▶ Plus all Gold benefits

#### Diamond

Annual donors of \$25,000 or more

- ► Invitation to annual Superintendent's Circle "Back to Class" Weekend
- ► Invitation to Superintendent's post-game reception when held after Army Football games
- ▶ Plus all Platinum benefits



# **Support WPAOG**



#### Make a Gift to the Long Gray Line

Almost all of WPAOG's alumni services receive funding from the Long Gray Line Endowment and Fund:

- ► Rockbound Highland Home Program
- ► West Point magazine and e-communications
- ► Support of West Point classes and Societies
- ► Herbert Alumni Center maintenance and repair
- ► Career Services Program
- ▶ WPAOG Leaders Conference sponsored by the Class of 1967
- ► Fallen Graduates Memorial Scholarships
- ► Memorial Support
- ► West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program

#### Chairman's Circle

Recognition in the Chairman's Circle is offered to West Point Graduates, parents, and other friends of WPAOG who annually make a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Long Gray Line within the calendar year (January 1 – December 31). Gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the Internal Revenue Code. Corporate matching gifts may be used to upgrade your gift.

As a member of the Chairman's Circle, you will receive:

- ► A specially designed Chairman's Circle pin
- ► An invitation to Donor Tribute Day, with exclusive access to Projects Day
- ► An invitation to the annual Class of '67 Leaders Conference at West Point
- ► Two complimentary tickets for the Rockbound Highland Home Grad Insider Tour
- ► Access to a Chairman's Circle donor liaison
- ► Recognition in the Annual Report of Gifts

WestPointAOG.org/GiveOnline

## For your career transition needs

#### **Career Services**

WPAOG provides a powerful set of services to help you launch a second or subsequent career.

#### **Dedicated Career Services Team**

- ▶ Three full time career advisors—all USMA Grads
- ▶ Ready to assist regardless of career stage or class year
- ► Access to Korn Ferry Advance—expert career coaching tools
- ▶ 1-on-1 career counseling
- ► Resume review/development
- ► Salary negotiation assistance
- Extensive portfolio of partner companies seeking to hire Grads
- ▶ Job board exclusively for USMA Grads
- ▶ Roster of industry and regional advisors
- ► Extensive career networking support
- ▶ Webinars

#### Careers@wpaog.org WPAOGCareers.org

ext. 1618

Text "CareerServices" to 51555 to subscribe for weekly updates and alerts.

#### **SACC—Service Academy Career Conference**

- Held four times each year—attendance restricted to only service academy alumni
- ▶ 65 to 175 employers at each career conference
- ▶ Meet with employers and graduate school representatives
- Civilian, government, non-profit, entrepreneur, franchise opportunities
- ► Informative preparatory seminars
- ► USMA networking events prior to each SACC
- ► Service academy alumni only job board

#### SACC-jobfair.com



#### Join WPAOG on LinkedIn

Connect with over 17,000 Grads on LinkedIn in the West Point Association of Graduates group.

LinkedIn.com/groups/45457





# Visit the WPAOG Gift Shop!

#### Your source for West Point and Army apparel and gifts!

The Gift Shop at the West Point Association of Graduates is your destination for a wide array of items. Shop for spirit and logo apparel for all ages, as well as tailgate gear, West Point jewelry, glassware and gifts.

#### **Three Ways to Shop**

- ► The Gift Shop: Located in Herbert Alumni Center, the Gift Shop is open Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. It is also open on football Saturdays, Graduation and for special events.
- ➤ **The Web Store:** Shop 24/7 online. Browse through our entire product line, including special order items and reunion products.

#### WPAOGGiftShop.com

➤ **The Catalog:** Mailed each fall, the catalog offers an assortment of season-specific clothing and Army fan gear. Phone in your order to 800.426.4725 or use it as a guide when shopping online.

#### **Additional Grad Services**

- ▶ **Reunions:** The Gift Shop supports class reunions with two types of products: Registration items and memorabilia. Registration items are included in each reunion registrant's packet. Popular items include hats, class coins or lapel pins, and gift cards. Items are selected by the reunion chairperson or committee. Memorabilia items are extra order gear featuring the crest, motto, and year of the reunion class. The Gift Shop staff works with the appointed class representative to select items and art.
- ► **Legacy Class Gifts:** Honor the newest members of the Long Gray Line with a gift they will cherish. Choose from a wide variety of gifts, such as ring boxes, silver trays and pitchers, desk boxes and glassware. The Gift Shop can help you design or find the perfect, personalized gift unique to your class.

WPAOG Gift Shop hours: Monday—Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm

# **Special programs and awards**

#### Fallen Graduate Memorial Scholarship (FGMS) Program

This is a post-9/11 program intended to partially defray the cost of higher education or vocational/technical training and certification of the sons and daughters of U.S. Military Academy Graduates who died as a result of their participation in our nation's armed conflicts or died as a result of hostile acts of a foreign terrorist organization. Also eligible are the sons and daughters of Graduates who are declared prisoners of war or missing in action at the time of application for FGMS. Graduate school is not within the scope of the program.

ext. 1519

#### **WPAOG Retiree Recognition Program**

This program recognizes those Graduates who retired from military service on or after October 1, 2017. Those retirees may opt in to receive a free Grad Insider Tour, a complimentary one-night hotel stay at the Thayer Hotel (subject to restrictions), and publication of their name in *West Point* magazine.

Retiree@wpaog.org

ext. 1519



#### **Distinguished Graduate Award\***

The Award is given to Graduates whose character, distinguished service, and stature draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which West Point strives, in keeping with its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country." Classes and Societies may nominate a maximum of two candidates for this award in a given year.

#### The Alexander R. Nininger Award\*

The Award is named after 2LT Alexander R. Nininger '41, who posthumously was awarded the first Medal of Honor in World War II for heroic actions. The recipient must be a decorated West Point Graduate, who, in addition to being recognized for his or her bravery as an individual, also becomes a representative of all West Point-commissioned officers who have heroically led Soldiers in combat. A joint USMA-WPAOG task force reviews information on Graduates who have received awards for valor and brings forth their recommendations to the Superintendent for approval.

#### The Sylvanus Thayer Award\*

The Award is given to a citizen of the United States, other than a West Point Graduate, whose outstanding character, accomplishments, and stature in the civilian community draw wholesome comparison to the qualities for which West Point strives, in keeping with its motto: "Duty, Honor, Country." Classes and Societies may submit nominations for the Thayer Award.

#### WestPointAOG.org/Awards

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