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President's Remarks

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Dear Fellow Graduates and Society Members,

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday! I hope you will also have a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This has been a busy year for our society. I will provide an overview of 2006 and a preview of what is planned for 2007 at our Annual Society Business meeting on January 20. Please join us at this important meeting. It is an opportunity to meet and network with other graduates, learn about the activities of the society and to vote for your Board of Governors. Information about the meeting is included in the Founders' Day mailing.

Some of the highlights of what I will address are: additional social activities in the planning stage; a proposal to begin a leadership scholarship program; an update on the strategic plan for the society. Join us to learn what is happening in your society.

Our Founders' Day Dinner will be held on March 31st at the Newton Sheraton. Our guest speaker will be the Commandant of Cadets, BG Robert L. Caslen, Jr., USMA 1975. We will also be conducting our annual silent auction at the dinner. We are in the process of determining which organization(s) we will support with this year's proceeds. If you have any items available or contacts for items for the auction, please contact Terry Kimball, Carl Knowlton or myself. We are always searching

for appropriate items for our auction.

We will have details for both meetings available on our web site, please join us.

I want to acknowledge Carl Knowlton '83 for his coordination of the Army/Navy tailgate in Boston. Navy was the host team this year and made the arrangements for us. Carl once again did a splendid job in working with our counterparts at Navy. The Army team held their own for most of three quarters, but a couple of mistakes and Navy was able to secure victory.

Your board is a very active and we are currently preparing our slate of candidates for our election at the Annual Business Meeting. If you are interested in working with the board, contact Bob Ellis or let me or any board member know.

Please keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. The good works they do are not reported in our media. This is always a difficult time to be away from family no matter where you are serving. We are fortunate to have these men and women serving in our military.

I look forward to seeing you at the Business Meeting and at Founders' Day.

Dale

Dale L. Kurtz
USMA Class of 1973
President, West Point Society of New England

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Service Academy Business Network (SABN)

The SABN is a forum for graduates of all U.S. Service Academies to network and discuss professional, philanthropic and career oriented topics with subject matter experts. A summary of recent activities follows:

November 28th 2006

John Serafini is a 1998 graduate of the United States Military Academy where he received a B.S. in English and Systems Engineering and a commission as a U.S. Army infantry officer. Following the completion of his active duty service, John entered a joint degree program at Harvard University and is currently enrolled in his third year of a three-year MBA/MPA program between the Harvard Business School and the Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government.



John Serafini '88 raising awareness and money for pediatric oncology on top of Denali.

John is also the Founder and Director of Mountains for Miracles, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization devoted to raising capital and awareness for innovative pediatric oncology research at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the pursuit of epic mountaineering and trekking endeavors. Mountains for Miracles enables the public to reach the world's highest peaks while helping the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute eradicate childhood cancers. The Mountains for Miracles participatory philanthropy fund-raising model uses mountaineering and trekking as a vehi-

cle for raising capital and awareness needed for the fight against childhood cancers. Mountains for Miracles is online at: www.mountainsformiracles.org. John is available for comment or questions at jserafini@mba2007.hbs.edu.

December 14th 2006

David D. Corbett, Founder of New Directions, Inc. and author of the new book *Portfolio Life: The New Path to Work, Purpose and Passion After 50* Available online and in bookstores November 2006. For more information, go to www.portfoliolifebook.com

January 16th 2007 (Tuesday)

Charlie Miersch representing the Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC), the people behind the GMAT tests.

Specifically they are working to educate members of the military of the benefits of an MBA. check out www.mba.com/military

February 22, 2007 (Thursday)

Guest Speaker is Joel Liberto, USMA '83, Chairman, JRJ International

JRJ International is headquartered just north of Boston, Massachusetts.

We help companies in the United States and Asia in selling and sourcing their products and sub-components. JRJ can you find a source in Asia for a component where you need lower costs with great quality and delivery.

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Bob Cormier '90

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report:

As we wrap up our programs and events for 2006 our financial condition is good. There is sufficient working capital to support our operations and the society is free of debt. Programs and events were carried out as planned and supported by the following the societies resources.



include but are not limited to cadet team/club activities around New England, admissions field force support and the upcoming annual business meeting in January.

The 2007 Fiscal Year budget will be presented and ratified at the January WPSNE business meeting.

Drew Clarke
USMA '92

Being not-for-profit, it is important to note that our residual cash is committed to first quarter programs and events that

New Hampshire Admissions Update

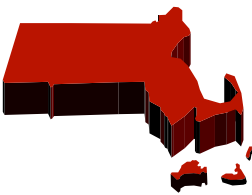


Last year saw ten appointees from New Hampshire to the Class of 2010. If the number of nominations is any gauge, this year's appointments to the Class of 2011 could be even better. We haven't even received Senator Gregg's names as of this writing, and there are already 19 different candidates who have received a total of 36 noms and the right to compete for an actual appointment. This year,

there is a significant increase in service-connected noms, such as "Presidentials" for having an active duty or retired military parent, or being in a Reserve component or ROTC. Two candidates have already accepted appointments. Another four are rated as "Acceptable," and need only to complete their application files, and another three are rated as "Competitive," and still in the hunt. One thing's for sure - today's candidates are every bit as motivated to serve their country as any class before them. They know what lies ahead, and they are very anxious to become a part of it. GO ARMY!

Fred Rice '60 NH State Admissions Coordinator

Massachusetts Admissions Report



Greetings fellow Grads and members of the West Point community! This is my first Newsletter input as Massachusetts Admissions Coordinator and I wish to begin with some recognition for my

predecessor. After over a decade of distinguished service Bob Ellis '54 has elected to retire from this position. Support for admissions is alive, strong, and growing. For all this and more, I would like to offer a big thank you to Bob for his outstanding service to our State, West Point, and to our Nation.

West Point admissions is currently focused on filling the Class of 2011. There are over 200 applications open by candidates in our state. Admissions has granted 18 letters of assurance and we already have at least three offers of cadetship. It looks like Massachusetts is on track to meet the outstanding performance of 33 New Cadets admitted with the Class of 2010. All this has been facilitated by the hard work of the Massachusetts West Point Admissions Field Force.

The Field Force is a volunteer group of mostly West

Point graduates and a few strong supporters of the Academy, dedicated to the mission of supporting West Point Admissions. As many of us know, the only thing more difficult than four years at West Point is negotiating the process of getting into the academy. This group covers all facets of the admissions process - identify candidates, speak at High Schools and Congressional Sponsored Academy Nights, works as points of contacts for school guidance counselors, coach candidates through the admission hurdles, talk to parents and community groups about the West Point Experience, coordinate cadet visits to schools, and administer the current Candidate Physical Assessment.

While we do have an outstanding field force in our state, there is always room for more participants. More hands will make for lighter work in the districts that are currently staffed by a single person. Additionally, I have an opportunity in MA07 for a District Coordinator. You don't have to live in the district to be the coordinator, so if you live in the greater Boston area, this is an chance for you to provide greater support to the West Point Admissions process and to help out some great young Americans. Give me a call or send me an e-mail if you are interested.

Jerry Bowling '79 MA State Admissions Coordinator
bowling.jl@pg.com

Army-Navy Football Tailgate in Boston

This year Navy hosted the annual Boston Army/Navy Football Game tailgate at GameOn sports café at Fenway Park. Grads from each academy feasted on steak tips, chicken and assorted foods as each cheered their team on in the 107th Army-Navy classic. This year, tailgate attendees donated toys in support of the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the United States Marines. Unfortunately, Army fell to Navy 26 -14. Navy's win extends its consecutive winning streak to five years and Navy now leads the series 51-49-7. If you are not planning to attend the 2007 Army/Navy football game to be played at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, MD, please plan to join us. Next year, the WPSNE will host the joint event - watch for event details next fall.

-Carl Knowlton USMA '83



WPSNE members rocking the black and gold at the Army Navy tailgate

Update on the Strategy of our Society

The Board of Governors has accepted the strategy committee's recommended goals for the society. These recommendations are the result of many hours of discussion, review of AOG Strategic Plan 2010 dated February, 2003, WPSNE By-Laws, Distinguished Society Program, other West Point Society's strategic plans and most importantly a membership survey conducted last year.

The goals recommended by the committee are separated into three categories:

1. **Goals critical to mission accomplishment**
2. **Goals important to mission accomplishment**
3. **Goals supporting mission accomplishment.**

The goals **critical** to mission accomplishment are:

- Serve as an informational conduit for our graduates
- Create professional support opportunities for graduates
- Support USMA admissions in New England
- Provide social opportunities for graduates
- Support West Point as the premier leadership institution.

The goals **important** to mission accomplishment are:

- Enhance public awareness of contributions of USMA, and foster public support and government support for West Point
- Support Cadet activities
- Support Cadet families and other members of the West Point Community in New England
- Support USMA programs.

The goals **supporting** mission accomplishment are:

- Assist USMA in instilling a winning tradition in Cadets
- Other potential programs and events.

The board will focus on the first set of goals, those critical to mission accomplishment, at this time, but not to the exclusion of the remaining goals. The remaining goals will be addressed as resources and time are available.

-Bill Seymour '76



WPSNE Membership Update

Dear fellow West Point Grad,

It is that time of year again to re-new your membership. Your WPSNE dues supports our organization in the following ways:

- 1) We assist the USMA admissions teams in Massachusetts and New Hampshire
- 2) Social events (Annual Business Dinner, Founder's Day, Patton Picnic, Joint Service Academy Golf Outing, and local Army/Navy tailgate)
- 3) Communication with the Society (hard copy mailings, newsletter, website)
- 4) Cadet activities (local tailgate/gatherings when the cadet sporting teams are in town)
- 5) Networking through the Service Academy Business Network, Inc (SABN)
- 6) Community Support Activities (we have recently helped the National Military Family Association and The Derek Hines Memorial Foundation just to name a few)
- 7) Support the West Point Parents Club of Massachusetts

In addition to all of that, your membership gives you a \$5 discount to any of our WPSNE social events. If you have not done so I highly recommend you check out www.wpsne.org and join the local West Point Society of New England (WPSNE) as well. You can join right online through our secure servers maintained by WP-org.

If you are not receiving email updates from WPSNE then I encourage you to email the AOG to update your email and mailing address with them. Please contact Tammy Flint at: address@aogusma.org to update your contact info.

I hope you will consider joining us.
-Bob Cormier '90

Do you have something that you would like to share with the WPSNE? Please send your photos, stories and notes to Adam Balukonis '95 at adam.balukonis@aya.yale.edu or call (617) 447-0162.

Long Range Planning Schedule

Wed. Jan 10th 2007
Sat. Jan 20th 2007
Sat. March 31st 2007

Women's Basketball Tailgate at Holy Cross College
Annual Business Meeting at Hanscomb AFB O Club
Founder's Day at the Newton Sheraton