



West Point Society of New England
c/o Dale Kurtz, WPSNE President
4 Bald Hill Drive
Franklin, MA 02038

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 2 Joint Service Academy Golf Outing
- Aug. 11 Summer Family Outing at the Patton Residence
- Sep. 11 WPSNE Board of Governors Meeting
- Sep 22 Army @ BC Tailgate
- Dec 1 BEAT NAVY Tailgate

WPSNE Earns "Distinguished Society" Designation



The West Point Society of New England has been honored for the 12th consecutive year as a Distinguished Society. This designation is awarded to societies which support the U.S. Military Academy and its graduates.

Points are awarded in various categories including, admission, career advisory, cadet activities, community activities, active duty support and communications. We are very pleased to have received this designation and will continue to strive to support West Point and its graduates.

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★★★★ Summer Picnic



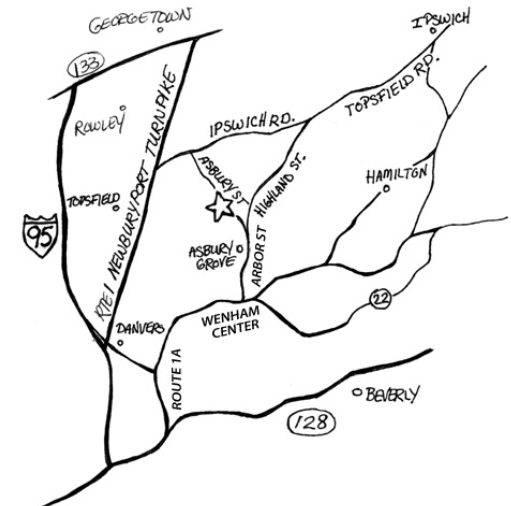
All local **West Point Graduates**, their **families** and **guests** are welcome to join us at the historic Patton family farm for our annual summer outing.

Saturday, August 11th 11AM-4PM

- Bring a picnic lunch, lawn chairs, bathing suit, tennis racquets etc.
- View the Patton family's historic memorabilia
- Swim in the pool, pick blueberries, take a hayride through the working farm
- RSVP to Bob Cormier at (508) 878-5357 or wpsne.org

Mrs. Joanne H. Patton invites us to return to picnic at beautiful Green Meadows Farm. Previous guests recall what a splendid event this is. WPSNE and Cadet Parent families are invited to join for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun. There is **NO COST** for this event.

Green Meadows Farm
650 Asbury St.
Hamilton, MA 01982
www.gmfarm.com



WPSNE Summer 2007 Newsletter

The Long Gray Line's Oldest Grad

On 4 July Bill Seymour, USMA '76 and Dale Kurtz, USMA '73 represented the Association of Graduates at an Independence Day celebration honoring Colonel Benjamin Whitehouse, USMA 1927, the Academy's oldest living graduate. Also in attendance was Tom Lawson, USMA 1941 who is also a resident at the living center in Brewster, MA. Bill began by reading the Cadet Prayer (which was from the Colonel's apartment) followed by Dale making a few remarks about the Colonel's military career. The ceremony concluded with the playing of the Alma Mater which Tom Lawson sang from beginning to end! It was a true honor to be able to represent the AOG and the WPSNE. The event was covered by the Cape Cod Times. Pictures from the ceremony are posted on the WPSNE website.

Founder's Day 2007 AAR

This year's Annual Founder's Day Silent Auction resulted in a single night high performance, raising \$6,715. The auction proceeds are helping to fund both the Derek Hines Soldier's Assistance Fund and the Douglas DiCenzo Memorial Camp Fund. Both funds are sponsored by families of fallen West Pointers from the New England area fighting our War on Terror. The West Point Society of New England has now risen over \$27,500 in the last 6 years. We THANK EVERYONE who contributed to the Auction, to include our Sponsors and those who bought items. Go Army!

Joint Service Academy Golf Outing

The West Point Society of New England will sponsor this year's golf outing for graduates and friends of Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine, and Air Force Academies. We had forty graduates and friends from all Academies in 2006. We will play at the Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton MA (www.bngc.net) on Thursday, August 2nd 2007. Registration begins at 8:30AM. Shotgun start begins promptly at 9:30AM.

Cost will be \$85 for each player, which includes green fees, driving range, riding cart (w/GPS), a \$5 credit in the pro-shop, prizes, and an issue Mulligan. All fees must be collected and considered final by 31 July due to contract with the Blackstone National Golf Course. Call Ken Kronlund, USMA '52, at (978) 692-3440 for further clarification or mail your data and fee (made payable to Ken Kronlund) to Ken Kronlund, 114 Depot St., Westford, MA 01886.

7 Miles Every Day at 4:30AM

Every morning at the Rob Burton Training Village (RBTV) in Hubbardston, MA disadvantaged boys from the greater Boston area exceed their own expectations by following this same daily ritual that helped New England Patriots star Ron Burton Sr. rise above his own humble beginnings as a youth. Ron Burton Jr. made a presentation about the RBTV at our annual business meeting in January and the WPSNE maintains a strategic partnership with the organization.

Each year West Point cadets and officer cadre as well as midshipmen and officers from Annapolis attend the camp as counselors. These representatives from the academies are core to supporting and demonstrating the values of the camp and the cadets are prominently featured in the organization's marketing materials. On 2 June, a group of WPSNE members and family traveled to the camp in Hubbardston, MA to help in preparing a new dormitory for this year's camp. The group assembled 54 beds (27 bunk beds) for use by the campers. On 2 July,

WPSNE President Dale Kurtz attended the dedication ceremony for the new Yawkey Dormitory in honor of the Yawkey family whose foundation was a principal underwriter for the project. We also presented a BOSE theater system to Ron for use in the theater room in the new dorm.

Contributions to support the purchase of the BOSE system are much appreciated and may be sent to Dale L. Kurtz, USMA '73, 4 Bald Hill Drive, Franklin, MA 02038. Pictures from the work detail and the dedication ceremony are posted on the WPSNE website. More information about RBTV is available online at www.ronburtontrainingvillage.com.

Supporting the Troops

The West Point Society of New England has been involved in supporting our troops as they rotate to and from overseas duty in Iraq and Afghanistan by participating in greeting military personnel as they land stateside or as they leave U.S. soil. The "Greeting" occurs in a reception area held at the Pease Air Terminal located in Portsmouth, NH.

The terminal is expected to manage greater than 72 inbound and out-bound flights this year. Our society donated \$300 and an Army Plaque to "Pease Greeters" to help pay for donuts, coffee and goody bags for our service men and woman. Additionally, one of our board members was able to secure 6000 Bose earphones and MP3 players for the troops.

For more information around "Pease Greeters" please go to www.peasegreeters.org.

Go Army, Beat BC

Come see the Army Black Knights beat the Boston College Eagles in Football at Chestnut Hill on Saturday, 22 September. The official game time has not been announced, but current G-2 suggests kick off will be at 1300. Make a day of it and join the Army Spirit Band, the

Superintendent, the Commandant, the boisterous Dean, as well as many alumni at the morning West Point Society of New England "tailgate." Festivities will begin around 1000 - keep a close eye out on the website for the tailgate and game start time. Join us - the more the merrier and as we all know Oden rarely rains on a big crowd - how many Brigade Reviews have you had cancelled? For tickets to the game, contact the official Army Ticket Office at 1-877-TIXARMY. Get your tickets from the West Point Ticket office or you risk sitting on the BC Eagles side. See you 22 September! Go Army - Beat BC!!!!!!

Admissions Volunteers Wanted

The Admissions Field Force is looking for new members to assist candidates in their application to West Point. Involvement can range from doing "bird dog" work in identifying possible candidates at schools in your area, to full-scale participation as an Admissions Representative.

Massachusetts is looking for new people in all parts of the state. Those interested should contact MA State Coordinator Jerry Bowling at bowling.ji@pg.com.

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New Hampshire needs additional Field Force personnel in the specific areas of Nashua, Keene, and the northern part of the state, "North of the notches." Those interested who live in those areas should contact NH State coordinator Fred Rice at fcrice@comcast.net.

Do you have something that you would like to share with the WPSNE? Please contact Adam Balukonis '95 at adam.balukonis@aya.yale.edu.