



West Point Parents' Club of Georgia

Dear WPPC-GA Families,

Summer (*n.*): a short break from the academic year in which cadets spend little time at home, but most of their time building field and leadership skills, traveling both in and out of the country all while maintaining and/or increasing physical endurance but contact their parents more frequently! I don't know about your family, but mine looks forward to the highly anticipated "boots on the ground" as soon as Christmas break ends. As the years go by, the time at home decreases, but I find you learn to accept that you still don't know too much about the schedule until the Army lets you know and the time you have with your cadet becomes even more precious.

I am pleased to announce that as Chris Van der Walt (2024) rolls off the board, Connie Craig will assume her position as Vice President. Moving in the role of Secretary is Kelly Brannock (2026). I am incredibly grateful for the honesty and forthrightness by which our Club is guided. *Thank you, Chris for your invaluable time on the Board. We wish you a wonderful Firstie year!* **Chris will next be found at our Welcome Table on R-Day. 2027 Parents, stop by and see her! Our committees have several openings for both chairs and support members.** Please reach out if you are interested in joining one of our committees.

For the Club, June marks the arrival of New Cadet families. Our **Hail & Farewell** will be held on June 11th, at 1 PM at Woodward Academy (main campus.) We encourage all families to attend and provide much needed guidance for our new parents. **We would love any current cadets in town to come and join our cadet panel.** I'm sure you'll recall how the cadet panel was the time your cadet listened the most – the cadet candidates breathe a little easier hearing from current cadets. If your cadet will be in town, please contact myself (joanna@vagnergroup.com) or Connie Craig at (conniecraig2022@outlook.com). It is greatly appreciated.

Also, please plan to attend the **Mid-Beast Barbecue**, hosted this year at my home. While the Mid-Beast Barbecue is focused on new parents and siblings, all are invited to attend. Nothing is more comforting as a new cadet parent than hearing from other parents what is "most likely" happening right now, and that their concerns, and the concerns shared in letters by their new cadets are normal. All families and cadets in town are invited. Please RSVP to Connie Craig for this event, as well.

The Club has two very exciting events for which tickets will soon go on sale:

- **October Tailgate at Daly Field on Family Weekend (includes food & beverage)**
- **Black and Gold Holiday Ball at Naylor Hall, December 29th**

Both events will sell out quickly as we have a limited number of tickets. Please be sure to check your email, our website, our Facebook page (WPPC-GA), and our Instagram (@wppcga and @wppcgapresident) to ensure you don't miss out when tickets go on sale.

Parents, please reach out to Connie Craig to ensure she has a valid email address for both Mom and Dad (and stepparents, too!) We do not send many emails during the year, but your Parent Reps and the Club send important information that you will miss if you provide an email address no one checks on a regular basis. Please make sure your cadet's mailbox number, birthday, and email address is on file for when we send cards and packages.

Finally, annual membership fees are now DUE. If you did not pay for a four-year membership, please pay on our website under "join" or send your payment by check to Dana Spivey: 149 Laurel Lakes Drive, Carrollton, GA 30116.

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Joanna Vagner, WPPC-GA President & Field Force Representative