

West Point Parents' Club of Georgia

Dear WPPC-GA Families,



New Cadet Families, you made it! Be sure to look at our Facebook page and our Website for all the details for A-Day Weekend. We hope you had a wonderful conversation with your New Cadet on Ice Cream Social Day. We know we had a blast with you at the Mid-Beast Barbecue. Regretfully, we didn't get a group picture at full occupancy, but parents of all classes, you showed up and showed out! While the weather wasn't cooperating, I think it turned out to be a blessing. Our house was at full capacity with over 80 attendees! I'm sure, just like me, you had a hard time hearing the person you were speaking with as full as it was, but what wonderful friendships were made. For the new parents, I hope you felt you had a new family, full of resources – our best ones being our fellow parents who have been on the same journey.

2025 Parents, stay tuned for updates on Ring Weekend! Be sure to send us your pictures so we can feature them on our Facebook page and website! As a 2025 Parent, Ring Weekend signals the significance of the past three years as our Cadets receive their Mass of Brass and Glass, and we realize we only have single digit months left in our 47-month journey. It's bittersweet but we know all 2025 parents are not only looking forward to the weekend, we are looking forward to Branch Nights, Post Nights, photos from 100th Night, and graduation.

At the end of the month, I will travel to West Point to represent our Club at the WPAOG Leadership Conference and accept our award as a Distinguished Club (2 years in a row!) Many of you are happily unaware of the challenges our Club and other Clubs faced when COVID halted Club activities. To not only pump life and love back into a Club, but to win this award a second year in a row is a testament to the hard work and service of our Board Members and our families. I'd like to thank my board for their dedicated work: Vice President Connie Craig '25, Secretary Kelly Brannock '26, Treasurer Dana Spivey '25, Webmaster & Grill Master Oliver Vagner '25, and Communications Lead Nancy Jester '27. Their seamless efforts to organize and run this Non-Profit in a way that fulfills our mission 365 days a year are what make this Club Distinguished.

Our Peach State Tailgate is coming up on November 2nd at Daly Field as Army takes on Air Force. ALL TICKETS ARE SOLD AT COST. The tailgate is a service the Club provides our families and their cadets to make the most of their weekend. Traffic getting in and out of Michie on game days (especially this game) will be heavy and makes leaving Post to spend time with your cadet difficult at best. The tailgate offers breakfast and lunch/dinner items so once you're on Post, you have a "home base." The Club does NOT make a profit holding this event.

Unlike a typical tailgate, tailgates at West Point run from the morning until the evening as cadets can attend the tailgate after the game. YES, West Point Tailgates run AFTER the game, too! Our tailgate tickets include unlimited food and beverages (including adult beverages for those over 21.) Cadets attending with their parents attend for free. Can't attend but would like to help feed a cadet? Donate an individual cadet ticket! Help us feed more cadets! WPPC-GA members have a reduced price on tickets. Other exciting features of our tailgate tent include:

- Satellite TV Broadcast of other football games (THIS INCLUDES GA/FL!)
- Plenty of Seating
- Unlimited exit/entry from Michie Stadium
- Opportunity to buy tickets closest to the cadet section with our group tickets! (Sold at cost)
- Socialization with Georgia Parents (including GA Air Force Families)
- Opportunity for cadets to bring their friends, and for Clubs who are not holding a tailgate, another place to Post for the day!
- One shuttle stop away from Michie Stadium



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The Club has solidified timelines for upcoming events. Please be sure to mark your calendars, plan to attend, and for events requiring an RSVP, please be sure to do so. Some events will have an attendee cut-off my certain dates as headcounts are critical to our budgeting.

2024 Upcoming Events:

- Fall Boodle Pack & Family Picnic, October 6th, Newtown Park, Alpharetta, 2-4 PM.
- **Peach State Army/Air Force Tailgate at USMA**, November 2nd, Game Time 12 PM. Tailgate runs 9AM 5PM.
- **Army/Navy Watch Party**, December 14th, Location TBD.

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Please be sure to check your email, our <u>Facebook</u> page (WPPC-GA), and our Instagram <u>(@wppcga</u> and <u>@wppcgapresident</u>) to ensure you don't miss out on important information!

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

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