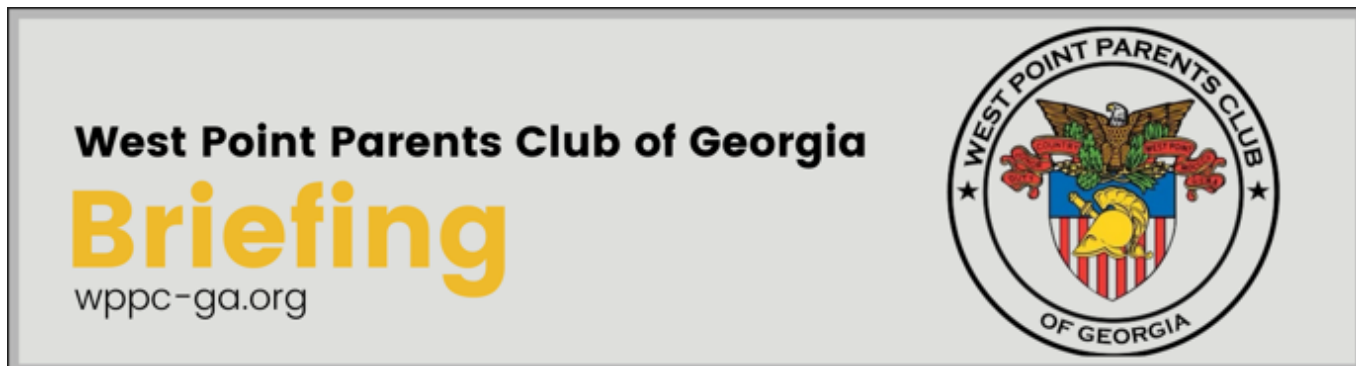


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January 2025

## From the desk of WPPC-GA President Nancy Jester

Hello, Parents, Cadets, Alumni, and Friends!

The Spring 2025 semester is off and running. Hopefully, everyone has settled into a productive routine.

The Board has already begun planning for the upcoming year. We will soon release dates for our Spring Boogie packing event, the Hail and Farewell, Mid-Beast BBQ, Fall Boogie packing, and more. It's always helpful and interesting to visit with other West Point parents closer to home and share the journey. We hope to see you around this year!



Our Yuks will celebrate their Yearling Winter Weekend this Saturday. We would love to see your photos if your Cadet sends any you can share (email them to [comms@wppc-ga.org](mailto:comms@wppc-ga.org)).

Plebe Parent Weekend (PPW) will be here soon. It's such a fun weekend dedicated just to the Plebes and their families. There is so much to enjoy – a parade, banquet, hop, tours, and more! Tips for having the best PPW:

- Make sure to check the forecast before you travel and plan your attire accordingly.
- Make sure to plan for rain or snow/ice when getting to events.
- Bring a tote bag. You will be able to take home the etched wine glasses commemorating the weekend. Make sure to pack some socks and/or towels to wrap the glasses.
- Again, the tote bag is essential. Bad weather is a possibility. Have a plan to wear boots or tennis shoes, and bring your formal shoes in a tote with you. Last year's PPW was cold and wet. It was helpful to wear tennis shoes to walk from parking to the Mess Hall and from there to Eisenhower Hall for the reception and hop.
- There will be coat racks for your overcoats, totes, and umbrellas.
- Don't miss the Uniform Factory tour!

Do you have a favorite PPW tip? A fun memory to share? Email it to us!

If you are looking for the perfect tote for PPW and all your other events, [click here](#) to check out our store. If you already have a tote, check out our custom messenger bags and bomber jackets.

Best wishes to everyone for a fantastic 2025!  
Go Army!



Celebrating the holidays with our Georgia cadets was extra special! We want to share more photos in upcoming newsletters. Please send them to us here:  
[comms@wppc-ga.org](mailto:comms@wppc-ga.org)



### 500th Night

The Class of 2026 celebrated the 500th Night on January 11 with a formal banquet in Washington Hall. This milestone event marks 500 days until their graduation and commissioning as Army officers. The event is a long-standing tradition, providing these cadets the opportunity to reflect on their journey and prepare for the final phase of their academy experience. The night included a Saturday evening reception, receiving line, banquet, and formal dance. Georgia cadets Kate Bacon (far left) and Will Greenway (far right) are pictured here.

### Ring Melt



On January 10, the U.S. Military Academy hosted the annual Ring Melt Ceremony, a deeply symbolic tradition that unites cadets and alumni through the bond of the Long Gray Line.

During the ceremony, class rings donated by West Point graduates are melted down and combined with gold and shavings to form a single gold bar. This gold is then gifted to the Class of 2026 to be used in crafting their class rings. Through this process, the figurative aspects of “grip hands” become literal, embedding each new ring with the strength, wisdom, and principles of the “Corps of an earlier day.”

## Mark your calendars

Jan. 25 - Yearling Winter Weekend  
 Feb. 6-8 - 100th Night Show & Banquet  
 Feb. 20 - Flipper Dinner  
 Feb. 26 - Post Night

## Link to Academic Calendar

## Time to shop

If you didn't get a West Point tote under the tree, now's the time to treat yourself! We have new, limited stock of our black tote, and you can add your cadet's Class Motto.

Remember, all proceeds support our mission of support to our cadets and families - it's a win-win.



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## Snow angels

Georgia cadets had fun in the snow earlier this week! And temperatures here at home aren't much warmer than at West Point these days. Cadet William Johnson of Danielsville, Georgia, is pictured here on the right.

Did you know that cadets can ski at West Point? Victor Constant Ski Area, known as the Vic to locals, has three lines that are maintained for the duration of the season at 100% snowmaking capacity.

## Stay in touch

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