



From the desk of WPPC-GA President Nancy Jester

I know everyone is enjoying having their Cadet at home for the holidays. At this time of year, I am always reminded of just how different West Point is. The Army-Navy Game happens, and most other college students are already on Winter Break. Ours make the journey, march on the field with precision, and return to their rock-bound Highland home for more school and finals. It's a longer semester. Breaks are shorter. Demands are more. When Cadets finally make it home after the first semester, they have earned their rest.

I want to give a big "Thank you!" to the West Point Society of Atlanta for hosting the Army-Navy Watch Party. Stan and I enjoyed being with WPSA, and even though the outcome was not what we wanted, the company and atmosphere were terrific! (I'm pictured here with WPSA President Bob Charleston)



The second semester of each academic year brings new challenges and experiences. Will your Plebe be boxing? Is your Yuk going into combat swim? Are they looking forward to electives in their major? We would love to hear your questions and perspectives about important classes and milestones. I remember being nervous before boxing and intrigued about swimming. Both classes gave my Cadet and me plenty to chat about when he called.

Our upperclassmen have big milestones this semester. The Cows have 500th Night. Yuks have Yearling Winter Weekend. Firsties have 100th Night and Post Night. Plebe Parents have Plebe-Parent Weekend. These events have taken on new significance for me, as the passage they mark grows shorter for my Cadet. As cliché as it sounds, it feels like yesterday that I was in Eisenhower Hall on R-Day while Jax was getting his first Army haircut. We listened to the Superintendent tell us that our Cadet was now on a unique 47-month journey at the United States Military Academy. As time moves on, I have learned just how unique that journey really is for my Cadet and as a parent.

With all the milestones, West Point has several important publications, including The Howitzer (Cadet yearbook), that you should know about as parents. You can visit The Directorate of Cadet Activities (DCA) publication page to see the various publications, timelines, and instructions on how to order them: <https://www.westpoint.edu/directory/cadet-publications>

The Club and Board want to express our gratitude to all the parents and club members who made the Georgia Parents' Club fun, supportive, and successful in 2025. We appreciate those who have joined or renewed their club membership this year, as well as everyone who has donated or participated in our club events. We hope you've enjoyed the community and support the club offers. The Board will resume work in January, planning out the events for the upcoming

semester. Look out for communication on Boodle, Hail and Farewell, and other events that we look forward to sharing. If you have an idea, question, or want to get involved with the club, please drop us a line! [You can find our emails using this link.](#)

We wish everyone the very best in 2026. Please stay in touch. As always...
Go Army! Beat Everyone!



Army Wins the Fenway Bowl!

Army closed out the season in commanding fashion, defeating UConn 41–16 to win the Wasabi Fenway Bowl in Boston. The Black Knights set the tone early with a powerful ground game and steady quarterback play.

Freshman running back Godspower Nwawuihe delivered a breakout performance, breaking free for 43- and 70-yard touchdown runs as part of Army's 368-yard rushing effort. Quarterback Cale Hellums added two rushing scores of his own and connected on a 40-yard touchdown pass to keep the Huskies off balance throughout the afternoon. Go Army!



2025 Patriot Games - Georgia Strong!

Congratulations to Cadet Maria Knapp of Milledgeville for making Georgia and West Point proud in the 2025 Patriot Games. Her event was the Zodiac Race, a grueling water event that tests teamwork, endurance, and navigation skills. Cadet Knapp is a member of the Sandhurst Black & Gold team, which beat Navy!

Part of Company C-1, she earned the top female fitness award during CFT2 and placed 2nd in the 12-mile ruck in AA5, finishing in 2:12! She also recently earned a spot on the USMA Combat Weapons Team. Way to go, Cadet Knapp!



Army-Navy Game

The Brave Old Army Team put up a strong fight in Baltimore. The Corps of Cadets showed up and brought the energy from start to finish. We loved seeing so many Georgia Cadets and families.



New Year, New Gear!

Start the new year off with some new West Point swag! We have approval to use the 2029 Motto. That means you can customize our new handbags, bomber jackets, and messenger bags with any current class motto.

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Coming up next at West Point

- Jan. 4 - Corps returns from Winter Break
- Jan. 5 - Reorganization Day
- Jan. 6 - First Day of Class
- Jan. 9 - Class of '27 Ring Melt
- Jan. 9 - 10 - 500th Weekend
- Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King holiday (no classes)
- Jan. 24 - Yearling Winter Weekend
- Feb. 7 - 100th Night Banquet for Class of 2026
- Feb. 17 - Presidents Day (no classes)

[Link to Academic Calendar](#)

We love to see and share photos of Georgia cadets on social media and in our monthly newsletter. Please post them or email them to comms@wppc-ga.org.

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