



July 2025

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

Dear WPPC-GA Families,

July is month full of expectations and hope for West Point parents. It's always a busy month for our Georgia Club as we prepare and host the Mid-Beast BBQ. This year, our amazing Vice President, Kelly Brannock, hosted our shindig. Thank you, Kelly, for your hospitality and grace!

The Mid-Beast BBQ was a terrific event. I enjoyed mingling with Georgia's West Point parents and catching up on their Cadets' journeys – from CFT and Air Assault school to AIADs and Beast Cadre and everything in between. Of course, it's a huge treat to talk with our New Cadet parents and see how Beast is going for them. I loved hearing about their R-Day experiences, letters, and hunting for photos on West Point's social media pages. Of course, everyone was looking forward to their Mid-Beast call. I hope all went well, and your New Cadet is re-energized for the second half of Beast.



I'm excited about our new West Point Parents' Club of Georgia swag that is coming out soon! We are adding some new, fabulous purses to our store. Here's a sneak peak of one sample we have. It will be available in black with gold embroidery and camel with black embroidery. I'm including photos of those two color options. As with our totes, these purses come with an "extra" inner bag, as shown in the photos. Our new purse comes with two interchangeable straps. It's a super fun new look, and I hope you'll buy one! We'll send out an alert when they are officially in the store for purchase.

We are also excited about our Family Weekend Tailgate on **October 11**. Please be on the lookout for an update soon about how to purchase tailgate and football tickets. We can't wait for football season! Georgia's tailgates are always the best.

As we approach August, I hope everyone has enjoyed some precious summertime with their Cadet. The 47-month journey goes by quickly. It feels like my rising Cow was just at R-Day. We West Point parents have a special bond forged by watching our young adults go through so

many challenges. It's an honor to share this adventure with all of you. I can't wait to see the A-Day parade and officially welcome the Class of 2029 to The Corps of Cadets. It is often said that the USMA Corps of Cadets is a National Treasure. I couldn't agree more.

Go Army!

PS: Get ready for your first hug after A-Day! Please send us your photos ([comms@wppc-ga.org](mailto:comms@wppc-ga.org)). I'm including my favorite – my Mom hugging her grandson.



*My Mom*



## NEW Swag!

We have a new custom tote that can be customized with your cadet's Class Motto. [Click here!](#)

Families of new cadets - if you order now, we'll wait to fulfill it until after the Class of 2029 Motto is revealed during March Back.

We also have great messenger bags and bomber jackets. It's more than a purchase—it's a show of support for our cadets and their families. Everyone wins..

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## Upcoming Events at West Point

August 10: Corps Returns  
August 11: March Back  
August 11-15: Reorganization Week  
August 16: Acceptance Day - Class of 2029  
August 17: Affirmation Day - Class of 2027  
August 18: Classes Begin  
August 22-23: Ring Weekend  
August 25-29: Branch Week

[Link to Academic Calendar](#)

## Cadet Milestones



Acceptance Day (Class of 2029): Also known as “A-Day,” this ceremony occurs at the end of your first summer at West Point; it marks the end of Cadet Basic Training, and it is your passage from “new cadet” to being accepted as a “cadet” into the U.S. Corps of Cadets. Many cadets opt to celebrate this transition with family or friends.

Affirmation (Class of 2027): On the eve of your first day of classes as a cadet, the entire class reports to a specific location to take the Oath of Affirmation. This

ceremony affirms your commitment to complete the next two years of study and your active-duty service requirements as a U.S. Army officer. Once you’ve affirmed, you incur an obligation to the nation to complete your service.

Ring Weekend (Class of 2026): The Ring Ceremony recognizes first-class cadets and celebrates reaching their senior year. This milestone in your cadet tenure signifies your prodigious commitment to join the Long Gray Line on Graduation Day. After a ceremony where the first-class cadets are told to “Don Rings!” fourth-class cadets regale them with “Ring Poop,” a poem designed to cajole ring wearers to let the plebes see and touch their new rings.

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## Join the Club!

There are so many ways to support the West Point Parents' Club of Georgia. Membership fees directly benefit our cadets and families. Some examples include Boodle Boxes for cadets, the Georgia Tailgate, Hail & Farewell, and the Mid-Beast BBQ.

- \$100 - Yearly membership pays annual club dues.
- \$350 - A 4-year membership takes advantage of a discount by paying all four years at once.
- \$25 - Associate membership is a great way to include family or friends who want to support the West Point Parents' Club of Georgia.



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