

WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES 2025 ELECTION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



Keirn C. Brown '69

A proud member of the Class of 1969, KC embarked on his current career with the RAND Corporation in 2014, conducting security sector reform efforts abroad. Previously, he was an aerospace executive with Northrop Grumman for 13 years. At WPAOG, he was on the Advisory Council from 2016 to 2019, serving on the Development and Thayer Award committees. Since 2020, he has led the Distinguished Graduate Award Committee and served on the Government and Board Affairs Committee. He currently chairs the Development and Ethics Committees. K.C. is a life member of the

West Point Societies of NY and DC. On the latter, he serves as a Board Advisor. He is the communications lead for his class, sponsoring luncheons and quarterly Class Zooms, having previously chaired the 40th reunion and their 50-Year Affiliation Program with the class of 2019. K.C. also serves on the Board of the Army Scholarship Foundation.

Supporters of the Superintendent's Fund, the Army A Club, the Long Gray Line Fund, the Rabble Rouser, and the Cadet Glee Club, KC and Joan are members of the Benjamin Davis Society and annually sponsor a Semester Abroad for a deserving cadet.

During a 30-year Army career, K.C. served from platoon to presidential level. In his final assignment, he was Director for European Affairs at the National Security Council. An Infantryman and strategist, his prior assignment was Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy. He began his military career as a platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division. He commanded a rifle company in the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, a second company in Germany, and a battalion in the Berlin Brigade. K.C. was a Ranger instructor, taught German at USMA, and served at divisional and corps headquarters in Europe and on the personal staffs of the Army Chief of Staff and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe.

Following study at Mainz University, K.C. received an M.A. in German from Middlebury College in 1979. A graduate of the Naval Command and Staff College and the Army War College, he attended the Executive Leadership Program at Duke's Fuqua School of Business and MIT's Seminar XXI. He held a year's fellowship at Harvard's Center for International Affairs. Among his awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Soldiers Medal, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Inspired by West Point's indelible lessons and values, KC draws strength from the shared experiences and cherished ideals that bind us to one another and our Rockbound Highland Home. He is honored by the opportunity to continue supporting the Academy and our fellow graduates as a Board member and pledges to serve with wisdom, acumen, determination, and boundless energy.



Peter Carey '92

Peter was commissioned in the Infantry and served as a platoon leader, a support platoon leader, and an executive officer in the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, TX. He also served in South Korea as an assistant operations officer of the Joint Security Battalion in Panmunjom, in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) and a company commander of an air assault rifle company in the 2nd Infantry Division.

In 2003, after receiving his MBA from the Marshall School of Business at the University of Southern California, Peter began his career in finance in the fixed-income department at Bear Stearns.

He has served in various positions of asset management and business development over his career. He was a Portfolio Manager for the New York State Pension Plan, the third largest pension plan in the United States. Peter is a Partner and serves as the head of Business Development and Investor Relations at Axonic Capital, a credit-focused investment firm in New York City. He is responsible for the firm's capital raising and investor relations activities.

In 2005, while employed at Bear Stearns and after a six-year break in service, Peter volunteered for service in Iraq. He returned to service as an O-3 and served as a Military Transition Team (MITT) Leader. Working with a local Iraqi battalion, the advisory team was responsible for the counterinsurgency fight in and around Samarra, Iraq.

Peter joined the Investment Committee for the West Point Association of Graduates and has served since 2009. He was asked to lead the Alternative Task Force for the Investment Committee in 2012. During his tenure, the task force was responsible for creating and executing a plan to invest in non-traditional strategies that continues to optimize the risk-return profile of the West Point Endowment. Peter has been serving as the Chairman of the Investment Committee since 2020. He has been an active member of the West Point Society of New York since 2004 and is also a member of the Army Football Club. While at West Point, he played four years of football and earned a varsity letter.

Peter and his wife, Abby, live in New York City with their three children: Ava, Vivian, and James.



James Anthony “Tony” Gates ’81

Tony Gates, an “Air Force Brat,” graduated from Alamogordo Senior High School (NM) in 1976. He attended the US Military Academy Preparatory School in 1977 and, subsequently, graduated from West Point in 1981. He played Sprint (then 150 LB) Football and competed in the Army Track & Field Team. He also sang in the Cadet Gospel Choir and was a member of the Contemporary Affairs Seminar.

Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Field Artillery and held a bevy of assignments, highlighted by command of the 2nd US Army Field Artillery Detachment in Pfullendorf, Germany, and assignment to the Surety Division of HQ, Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in Vicenza, Italy as the Technical Assistance Visit Team Chief, then Operations Officer. He also earned a master’s degree in public administration from Troy University. Tony left the Army for the Individual Ready Reserves in 1992.

He went to work for Pfizer, Inc. and, after winning several sales awards, ascended to the positions of Sales Training Manager, then District Manager. While there, he launched several of the best-selling, most prescribed drugs in history, including Lipitor, Viagra, and Zyrtec. From there, he went to Insituform Technologies and, as an Area Director of Business Development, helped bring in the largest bid in the company's history. He then started his consulting practice, Tony Gates Consulting, while also taking a Regional Sales Manager position with Logic PD, a product development company in the technology space, and a key player in the “internet of things.” It was in these roles and responsibilities that he attained and demonstrated experience in corporate management, professional services, complex organizations, information technology, construction management, communications/public relations, and marketing.

While in Omaha with Pfizer, Tony engaged the West Point Society of Nebraska and Western Iowa, becoming an active member of the Board of Directors. Now in Sacramento, he connected with the West Point Society of Northern CA and joined the Board. He was elected President in 2009 and has held that role since.

Tony was elected to the WPAOG Board of Directors in 2022, where he currently chairs the IT Committee, is Vice Chair of the Alumni Services Committee (under which he vice-chairs the Leaders Conference Subcommittee, and chairs the Membership Subcommittee), and is a member of the Finance Committee. He regularly participates in the monthly Society Leaders Roundtables. He aims to increase his engagement with communications and marketing during his second term, while also exploring IT in greater depth. He is active with his Class and is engaged with planning for their 45th Reunion.

Tony is social media savvy and writes a blog on business, sales, social media, and leadership called "That's the Point!" He's also an accomplished speaker.



Leopoldo A. (Lee) Quintas, Jr. '86

Lee Quintas is a decorated military and business leader with extensive experience conducting worldwide operations and employing leading-edge capabilities. Today, he serves as an NACD® certified board director providing leadership, oversight, and expertise in the boardroom and on several committees. As a consultant, he advises corporate and non-profit leaders on strategy and decision-making. Lee continues to serve the Army as a Highly Qualified Expert, coaching, teaching, and mentoring general officers, their subordinate commanders, and staff to achieve victory on current and future battlefields.

Lee has completed a three-year appointment with the WPAOG Board and seeks to continue to serve West Point and the Long Gray Line. During this period of unprecedented fundraising, financial and operational success, he contributed as chair of the Nominating Committee and the Strategy Renewal Task Force, as vice-chair of the Development Committee, and as a member of the CEO Selection, Audit, and Finance Committees. Lee remains committed to ensuring that our Academy sustains and advances its position as the premier leadership institution of our country, while our Association continuously improves its support to our graduates.

Lee served for over 35 years in the United States Army, retiring as a Lieutenant General in 2021. During his military career, Lee led at every level from tank commander to division commander. His assignments included duties as the Deputy Commanding General of US Army Forces Command at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia, and the 48th Chief of Armor and Cavalry at Fort Benning, Georgia. Lee is a decorated combat veteran with tours in Germany (Cold War), Iraq (Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom), and Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel).

In addition to multiple command opportunities, Lee benefited from a broad array of professionally enhancing staff and special assignments. These included duties as the Director of Army Concept Development and Learning at the Army's Training and Doctrine Command, Chief of the Dominant Maneuver Division – Army Staff (G-8), Executive Officer to the Commanding General of the Army Accessions Command, Aide-de-Camp to the 34th Chief of Staff of the Army and Instructor in the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the United States Military Academy.

In addition to his undergraduate degree from the United States Military Academy (Class of '86 – Courage Never Quits!), Lee holds master's degrees in applied mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Military Art & Science from the Army Command and General Staff College, and National Security & Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. Lee is the son of a Philippine-born, U.S. Coast Guard Vietnam War veteran. He and his wife, Lori, reside in Lancaster, South Carolina.



Guy C. Swan III '76

Guy Swan served over 35 years on active duty, culminating his U.S. Army career as a Lieutenant General and the Commanding General of U.S. Army North (Fifth Army). He also commanded the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington. Guy served as the Deputy G-3 for the 1st Armored Division during Operation DESERT STORM, Chief of Staff for the Multi-National Force in Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Director of Operations J-3 for United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM), and as the Chief of Army Legislative

Liaison. Guy is now the president of Swan & Associates, LLC, an independent consultancy that provides strategic advice to small and midsize businesses and educational institutions that offer top-quality products and services to our warfighters. He served as the Vice President at the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), a \$35-million-dollar revenue non-profit educational organization that advocates for and supports America's Army and its Soldiers, Army Civilians, Veterans, Retirees, and family members.

Guy's advocacy and support for the Army and West Point did not slow down after his military service. He served a five-year term as the President of the West Point Society of DC, the academy's largest alumni chapter, where he established a West Point Women's program, a Wounded Warrior support program, and received the Distinguished Society Award every year. Guy received the Frederick W. Castle Award, the society's "Thayer Award." He has been a leader in the West Point Society of North Florida, the West Point Parents Club of DC, and the West Point Parents Club of North Florida.

Guy has served as the chair of the WPAOG Alumni Support Committee, Leaders Conference, and the Thayer Award Selection Committee, and has been a keynote speaker for several Founders Day commemorations.

Guy served previously as a presidential appointee to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy and currently serves on the Class of 1976 50-Year Affiliation Committee and the 50-Year Gift Committee.

Guy and his wife, Melanie, are frequent and generous contributors to West Point. They are members of the Hap Arnold Society, having contributed gifts to the Superintendent's Annual Fund, Long Gray Line Endowment, Army A Club Fund, and made a significant pledge to the '76 class gift fund.

Finally, and most importantly, Melanie and Guy are the proud parents of son Captain Ryan Swan, USMA Class of 2016, and daughter Melissa, a digital marketing associate with a major media outlet.

Service on the WPAOG board is my way of continuing to use my military and private sector skills to keep the WPAOG as *the most connected alumni body in support of West Point and the Long Gray Line*.

ADVISORY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



Archie Eichelberg-Elam '76

Archie was commissioned in Armor and served in a variety of command and staff assignments in the US, Germany, and the Middle East. As a Manpower Programs Analyst in the Secretary of the Army's office, he led the development of the 1st generation of online strength forecasting systems for the management of the Officer and Civilian workforces. The officer system alone saved the Army G-1 over \$70M in its first year of operation. He was also the first active-duty soldier to receive the Commander's Award for Public Service from the Director of Civilian Personnel for leading the development of the Army Civilian Forecasting System. It also saved the Army millions.

Following his tour in the Pentagon, Archie deployed to the Gulf War with the 24th Infantry Division as its Assistant G3 for Current Operations. He suffered a career-ending back injury on a post-deployment joint operation and later had to retire.

After retirement, Archie began a second career as a business executive at GE Capital Financial Services, followed by United Technologies Aerospace, and later as a management consultant with Accenture and other firms. He is a Senior Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt – an expert leader in process and systems improvement. He has also led business initiatives in the areas of commercial lending portfolio management, CRM technology development, business integration, and disaster recovery planning. His final role was General Manager for a marine container leasing joint venture, where he took -\$12M net income to +\$25M in 3 years. His consulting experience included leading the deployment of Six Sigma at several key Army commands and the USPS, as well as large business improvement deployments at two major telecommunications companies.

Archie also has a long record of leadership in non-profit organizations and on various boards. He has also been a lifelong supporter of USMA and AOG. He is a former Northeast Region Adviser and AOG Board member. He currently assists with several AOG and Class initiatives. He is a lifetime AOG donor and recipient of the Hap Arnold Lifetime Giving Award.

In addition to his degree from USMA, Archie has pursued graduate studies in Operations Research, holds an MBA from Duke University, and is a University of CT Senior Executive Fellow in non-profit management.

Archie grew up in Philadelphia as the son of a career Infantry Senior NCO with tours in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, and a mother who worked in the school system. He is a “Girl Dad” of 3 adult daughters and one granddaughter. Archie lives in Cornwall-on-Hudson with his wife, Susan, a renowned psychoanalyst.



Emily C. Schiffer '94

Emily served for over 30 years on active duty, retiring as colonel in 2024. Since retiring, she serves as Associate General Counsel in the Department of Defense Office of the General Counsel in national security law. In that role, she provides strategic leaders counsel on security cooperation and the provision of defense articles, training, and services to foreign partners consistent with national security objectives.

Emily's final position in uniform was serving on the Army Staff as the Chief, Legislation, Investigations, and Nominations Division in the Army's Office of the Congressional Legislative Liaison. She served as senior legislative counsel on the legislative process and the Army's input to the legislative cycle. Previously, she served as the chief personnel officer for the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, with a strength of over 10,000 legal professionals. Other assignments included Staff Judge Advocate of the First Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas; the Joint Staff as Deputy Legal Counsel in the Cyber, Special Technical Operations (J39) and geographic combatant commands (J35) operational portfolios; and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate of the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii.

After graduating, Emily was commissioned as an engineer officer and served in the 62d Engineer Battalion at Ft Hood, Texas, as platoon leader, executive officer, and battalion S-1. Emily applied to and was accepted for the Funded Legal Education Program and earned a J.D. from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her other education includes a Bachelor of Science in Physics from the United States Military Academy; a Master of National Resource Strategy from The Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy, Fort McNair, Washington, D.C.; and a Master of Laws from The Judge Advocate General's School, Charlottesville, VA.

Her operational experience includes deployments to IFOR / SFOR in Bosnia-Herzegovina and multiple deployments to Iraq for Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn.

Emily's husband, Tom (Class of 1994), also retired from the Army in 2024 and joined National Defense University as the NDU General Counsel. They have three daughters dispersed across the country with one 1LT (Class of 2022), one Ph.D. candidate, one M.D. son-in-law (Class of 2021), and one seventh grader.

Emily's alumni involvement spans decades. She set up and assisted with local Founder's Day dinners, mentored cadets visiting the various units she was assigned to as a senior leader and served as a member for three Professor of the U.S. Military Academy selection boards. She regularly provides leadership, mentorship, and legal counsel to recent graduates as they navigate their first leadership roles at the company grade level.

Emily brings expansive experience of loyal and dedicated public service from multiple perspectives—as a strategic leader in the Department of the Army and Defense, as a mentor to old and young Grads.



Joseph A. Simonelli Jr. '87

Commonly and affectionately called “COL Joe”, Colonel (Ret.) Joseph A. Simonelli, Jr. joined Energy System Group in 2021, where he is the Department of Defense Engagement Executive. He is responsible for policy development and engaging and advising senior Department of Defense leadership addressing climate change, focusing on energy and water resilience and security, and overseeing the execution of their Defense Community Energy & Water Resilience Program.

Joe started his military career in 1987 after graduating from the United States Military Academy as an Air Defense Officer. He held a variety of leadership positions from small units to the top levels of the Department of Defense. He commanded Patriot Air Defense units up to Battalion Command. In addition to his operational assignments in both the United States and Europe, he held positions of significant importance. He served two tours in Human Resources Command and three in the Pentagon. His Pentagon assignments included Army G8, Joint Staff J5, and Office of the Secretary of Defense as Director of House Affairs. He culminated as the Chief of Staff of Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most sacred Shrine. Joe is a Gulf War and Iraq War Veteran, participating in Operations Southern Watch and Iraqi Freedom.

In addition to an extremely successful military career, he has the distinct privilege of serving in distinguished positions in Veteran Services Organizations (VSO), not-for-profit, and local civic organizations. He served on the Board of Directors for the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). He served on the Board of Governors of the Army-Navy Country Club, located in the Washington, DC area. He finished his time on the Board as the Club President. Since 2016, he has served as the Chair of Virginia Arlington County's Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (MVAC). Also, since 2016, he has served on the Board of

Governors of USA Cares. This charitable organization addresses the critical and unmet needs of post-9/11 service members, veterans, and family members facing service-related hardships. Since 2019, he has served on the Board of Directors for PathForward, helping the homeless in Arlington, Virginia, going from streets to stability. Since 2024, he has served as the Chair of the Arlington County Police Department Civilian Advisory Council.

Joe is a life member of Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America (DVA), and Air Defense Artillery Association, Field Artillery Association, and the West Point Society of DC/National Capital Region. He is a graduate of the Leadership Center of Excellence, Arlington, VA. He and his wife, Bettye Marie, currently reside in Northern Virginia and will continue to serve West Point, Veterans, and their families in any capacity possible.



William C. Taylor Sr. '70

After graduation and commissioning as a Signal Officer in 1970, Bill served on active duty for almost 6 years with assignments in the 93rd/440th Signal Battalion in Germany and at the Defense Intelligence Agency in the Washington, DC area. He continued service as a MOBDES/Individual Ready Reservist through 1984.

Bill's civilian career spanning over 50 years includes roles as a system engineer, project manager, commissioned sales, marketing, and business development entrepreneur, starting several technology companies, and more. His lifelong love of photography led to starting up Bill Taylor Photography in 2016, and his current employment as a Real Estate Photographer for Zillow Corporation since 2023.

Bill's active involvement with the AOG and now the WPAOG began in 1988 when he attended the original West Point Societies Presidents' Conferences at West Point. He has attended more than 25 Leaders Conferences over the past 36-plus years. His direct service to AOG began in 1992 when he was appointed to the AOG Strategic Planning Committee, where he served for 18 years.

Elected as a Trustee in 1994, Bill served four terms through 2006 when the current WPAOG governance structure was implemented. He was selected as the first Chairman of the Communications Committee and thus served on the AOG Executive Committee (equivalent to today's Board of Directors) from 1997 through 2005. Bill has served on numerous AOG/WPAOG committees over the years in addition to multiple terms as an Advisor since 2006.

Bill also served the Class of 1970 “Serve With Integrity” in many roles over the years. He served on the Class Fund Committee from 1985 to the present and was the Project Manager for the Class of 1970 Fountain Gift and “Serve With Integrity” wall behind Herbert Hall. He has been deeply involved in the Class of 1970 National Conference on Ethics in America since its inception in the 1980s. That involvement continued with the Class of 1970 Cyber Conference and the Class of 1970 MacArthur Cup, awarded to the outstanding Army athletic team each year. Bill is presently the Chairman of the Class Activities Committee and serves on the Class Special Operations Committee. Said Bill, “I retain a strong desire to continue my years of service to the AOG/WPAOG, adding context from the past to our current aspirations.”

Bill, who in 2019 lost Terri, his wife and soulmate of 48+ years, lives in Gambrills, MD, just west of Annapolis, “In the Heart of Enemy Territory.” Bill was a founding member of the West Point Society of Annapolis in 1986. He served two terms as President of the Annapolis Society and has continued as its Treasurer since 2012. Bill and Terri have four children: Bill Jr. (USMA ’95), Jon (82nd Airborne), Mike (USMA ’01), and Beth (a dance teacher, like her mother!).



Tim Trainor '83

BG (Retired) Tim Trainor '83 served a 33-year career in the Army, with his last position as Dean of the Academic Board at West Point for six years. Tim served as an engineer officer earlier in his career. Overseas assignments included advising the UK-led Provincial Reconstruction Team in Basra, Iraq, serving as an operations officer for the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia, and serving as the project manager for a large engineer task force in Honduras, building transportation-related infrastructure and constructing humanitarian projects such as wells and school repair. Tim served on the faculty at West Point in the Department of Systems Engineering, including as Professor and Head. During his tenure as Dean, Tim led the faculty through the first major curricular change effort in a dozen years to keep pace with an Army that changed considerably during a long period of war. Tim has a Ph.D. from North Carolina State University and an MBA from Duke University.

Upon retirement from the Army in 2016, Tim served as the president and CEO of Mount St. Mary's, a private non-profit university in Maryland, for eight years, leading the university through two destabilizing crises. The first was a leadership crisis caused by the short, contentious tenure of the previous president that resulted in a significant drop in first-year enrollment, a damaged institutional reputation, and a crisis in confidence. The second crisis was the Covid pandemic. During Tim's tenure, the university grew enrollment by 12%, significantly improved their financials, and expanded facilities.

While serving at West Point, Tim worked to promote AOG's important mission in support of the Academy, speaking at many Founder's Day events and donor cultivation and stewardship events, informing supporters of the great things happening at the Academy because of their support. Tim's experiences serving the Army and West Point, as president and Chief Executive Officer of a private, non-profit university, and as a member and chair of several non-profit boards have prepared him well to serve as an Advisor-at-Large to the AOG Board of Directors. As a graduate of West Point, husband of a graduate, a parent of three graduates, and as Dean of the Academic Board for six years, Tim observed first-hand the essential contribution AOG makes to maintaining West Point as the premier leader development institution in the world and as a top-tier institution of higher education. Tim desires to dedicate time now to helping AOG further its important mission to serve West Point and the Long Gray Line.



Vaughn G. A. Vasconcellos '78

Vaughn Vasconcellos is Co-Founder of the Alaka'ina Foundation, a non-profit organization established in January 2001 in Hawai'i. Its mission is to provide science and technology initiatives to K-12 students throughout the state. Additionally, the Foundation provides similar assistance to students throughout the US where its for-profit entities are located. In Hawaiian, Alaka'ina translates to "leadership."

In 1997, Mr. Vasconcellos founded Akimeka, LLC, a for-profit company providing strategic logistics support to the US military in deploying medical assets and personnel in operational theaters. In 2004 Alaka'ina Foundation was approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA) as a Native Hawaiian Organization (NHO). This certification enables its companies to contract with the Department of Defense and other federal agencies. In turn, the share of profits generated financed the growth of the non-profit and enhanced its ability to positively impact students.

Mr. Vasconcellos' endeavors marked his selection as Hawaii's 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year and, in 2009, one of three finalists for SBA's Entrepreneur-of-the-Year nationally.

He received a B.S. degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, an EMBA in strategy from Northeastern University, and an honorary doctorate from Chaminade University in Honolulu. He served on Chaminade's Board of Regents for 9 years and as its chairperson for the final 3 years. He completed the Army's Airborne, Ranger, Air Assault, and Command and General Staff College courses. While stationed at the Army's Personnel Center in Alexandria, he also served as a Social Military Aide at the White House for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

Vaughn retired in May 2021 from Alaka'ina Foundation; he and Suzie reside in San Antonio, Texas. He continues his relationship to Kamehameha Schools through funding the Leadership Speaker Series, a forum bringing leaders in all disciplines to interact with students at its three campuses on Oahu, Maui, and the Island of Hawai'i.