

WPAOG CADETS TO YOUR ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Becoming Guardians of Our Nation's Future!



Long Gray Line Impact Report



Your Association is boldly realizing its vision to become *the most highly connected alumni body in the world*. Beginning with cadet candidates during the annual Pre R-Day Ice Cream social, the West Point Association of Graduates includes, celebrates, and serves every member of the Long Gray Line, enriching lives and covering all graduates and their families under an umbrella of care. Gifts to the Long Gray Line Fund sustain the lifelong Long Gray Line experience. This is a team effort—thank you for staying involved at West Point! **Here are some highlights of what WPAOG has achieved for the Long Gray Line in 2024!**

WPAOG Cadet Passport



Cadet Passport

WPAOG introduced **Cadet Passport** in Spring 2024. This online portal, marketed as “All About You,” aims to inform and inspire cadets about the Margin of Excellence opportunities that you help make possible. As cadets engage in activities, their specific involvement is displayed on their portal, creating a personalized snapshot for sharing and building resumes. If a cadet has not participated in a category, the portal provides information on how to access these opportunities.

Survivors Support Community

The WPAOG **Memorial Support Program** launched a new initiative called **Survivors Community**. This is a meaningful service opportunity for both WPAOG and all members of the Long Gray Line to connect survivors living with grief and in need of comfort to reassure them that they are not alone in experiencing loss.

After speaking with many of the graduates' survivors and hosting several focus groups, it became clear that there are members beyond the surviving spouse who need support:

- the Grad who is the Survivor
- the Parents of a Graduate
- the Young Family who loses a Parent (graduate or partner)
- the Adult Next of Kin

The goal is to connect, share, and support these West Point families through events, communication, and resources.

Promotion Recognition

Your Association inaugurated a new initiative to recognize and congratulate career-Army alumni selected for the ranks of Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, and those on the latest Regular Army Command Selection Lists. See who is on this year's list [here](#).



WPAOG TODAY Podcast EP86

Hear the [inspiring story](#) of Olympic medalist CPT Samantha Sullivan '20, who made history by bringing home United States Women's Rugby sevens' first-ever medal! She shares insights about the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, her preparation for the Paris 2024 games, and how teamwork lessons from USMA helped her become an Olympian! In 2024 alone, the WPAOG Broadcast Network will highlight the stories and lessons learned from 24 leaders from around the country and across multiple industries.



Welcoming Army Fans

Three hours before kickoff, pop into the Herbert Alumni Center for a free open house, enjoy light refreshments, and share spirited Army West Point fellowship.

2024 Open House Schedule

August 30	October 19
September 21	November 2
October 12	November 30



Bringing West Point to You

Each year, WPAOG brings the West Point family together to celebrate various milestones and events, including our official West Point holiday, Founders Day. In 2024, approximately 10,500 people gathered for 109 events across the United States and around the world.





Veterans Services

The WPAOG **Veterans Services Program** educates, connects, and empowers West Point graduates and their families about veterans' benefits. Aiming to ensure every Long Gray Line member feels supported and valued, it enhances the Grads Helping Grads program to preserve the spirit of West Point. Susan Irons Beachler '89, WPAOG Veterans Services Officer, has connected with nearly 300 graduates or family members and held webinars on VA health care, disability compensation, survivor benefits, and more. Monthly, she offers educational webinars for all graduates and training for Volunteer Veterans Services Liaisons (VVSLs), a new role for West Point Societies and Classes, crucial to the program's success.

Veterans Services supports WPAOG Career Services, Class Services, and the West Point survivor community, receiving positive feedback from graduates and their families.

A graduate who worked with Sue shared, "I attended yesterday's VA compensation webinar and was thoroughly impressed. Sue's extensive knowledge and ability to explain complex subjects in an easily understandable manner made the entire experience extremely worthwhile. Thanks to her guidance, I now feel more confident in understanding VA benefits and discussing this topic with my fellow veterans. I am genuinely grateful for the invaluable assistance the WPAOG's Veterans Service Team provided, and I highly recommend their services to anyone needing support with VA-related matters."



Career Services

"Ahmond's (Hill '02) mentorship and guidance was invaluable as I prepared for my retirement transition. All of our meetings were full of useful information that helped me to gradually adapt my military focused mindset to the civilian world. Networking and resume building were two crucial areas where he helped me and his help paid off. There is no time to waste—take advantage of the opportunity that Career Services is offering Old Grads!" *—LTC (R) Eric J. Gust '02*

WPAOG **Career Services** is equipping USMA graduates to transition into their post-military careers with confidence. The program is thriving, offering world-class personalized coaching, workshops, and networking opportunities to ensure West Point grads have lifetime access to career-development resources.

For employers looking to hire graduates of the premier leader development institution in the world, WPAOG Career Services serves as a single point of contact to connect them with West Point alumni.



Thank you for supporting the West Point family with your gifts to the Long Gray Line Fund! Your generosity helps us keep our cherished traditions alive and provides valuable resources for every graduate—past, present, and future.



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