



"Serving Graduates throughout Southwest Florida"

September 2024

Dear Fellow Graduates, Families, and Friends of the West Point Society of Naples,

As we prepare to embrace another season, it's important to reflect not only on the values and traditions that define our West Point heritage but also on the responsibility we all share in sustaining them. Our Society, like the Academy, thrives on leadership, service, and dedication to excellence, and it is through the collective strength of our community that we continue to uphold these values.

The West Point Society of Naples is a vibrant community united by shared values and a commitment to carrying forward the legacy of West Point here in Southwest Florida. Each event, every volunteer hour, and each interaction within our Society reminds us of the duty we have—not only to one another but to the generations that follow.

Our mission requires more than just our time and energy; it requires financial support. This year, our goal is to raise \$36,000 to support the activities and outreach programs that make our Society a vibrant extension of the Long Gray Line. These funds will go toward our key initiatives, including:

- Supporting Field Force efforts to mentor future West Point cadets from the Southwest Florida region.
- Supporting JROTC programs in Collier and Lee counties.
- Sponsoring visiting Army sports teams to support their commitment to excellence.
- Sponsoring the Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) to inspire the next generation of leaders.
- Funding our signature events like Founders Day, the Army-Navy football watch party, the interservice golf tournament, the Annual Meeting & Luncheon, and our Hail & Farewell gathering.
- Providing continued engagement and networking opportunities for graduates, their families, and friends.

To achieve these goals, we need your involvement. Your participation—whether by renewing your membership, attending events, or making a financial contribution—ensures that we continue to grow and thrive as a Society. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us strengthen our impact and preserve the values that unite us. We encourage you to consider donating \$100 or more to help us meet our fundraising target for the year. In addition to traditional donations, we also accept stock donations, which may offer beneficial tax advantages.

Now is the time to take action. By investing in the West Point Society of Naples, you help secure the future of our programs and continue the legacy of leadership, excellence, and service that defines the

Long Gray Line. Your contribution ensures that we can continue fostering a strong community and preparing the next generation of leaders to carry on the proud traditions of West Point.

Donations can be made easily by clicking the red DONATE button on our website, by sending a check to PO Box 111060, Naples, FL 34108, or by donating appreciated stocks for potentially advantageous tax savings. Your generosity will enable us to continue providing value to our members and positively influencing the next generation of cadets.

Together, we can ensure that the values of duty, honor, and country remain the foundation of everything we do. Thank you for your support, and I look forward to seeing you at one of our many events this season.

GO ARMY!

Sincerely,
/s/ Christopher Y. Williams
Christopher Y. Williams '87
President, West Point Society of Naples