



“Serving Graduates throughout Southwest Florida”

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

As we begin a new season, I’m reminded that the strength of our Society lies not in any single event or initiative, but in the enduring spirit of the Long Gray Line — a spirit that unites us across generations and reminds us that our shared duty is always greater than ourselves.

This past year highlighted how vibrant and resilient our Society remains. From luncheons and football watch parties to Founders Day, JROTC partnerships, Field Force mentoring, and support of Army teams — each effort strengthened bonds and passed tradition forward. Together, they connected graduates, families, and cadet candidates while shaping the future.

Looking ahead, our mission calls for more than attendance — it calls for commitment. To sustain and grow our programs, I ask each member to renew their membership and, if able, consider a donation of \$100 or more. Whether through time, talent, or treasure, your support safeguards our work: inspiring cadet candidates, supporting cadets and Army families, and ensuring that *Duty, Honor, Country*, remains a living legacy in Southwest Florida. Contributions of appreciated stock are also welcomed and can offer meaningful tax advantages.

History reminds us that leadership is as much about character as sacrifice. The Cadet Prayer calls us to *“choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half-truth when the whole can be won.”* Our Society thrives when each of us embraces that charge — living and leading in ways that strengthen our community and inspire the next generation.

Together, we can help ensure the West Point Society of Naples remains a beacon of connection, tradition, and leadership. I look forward to sharing this season with you — in fellowship, in service, and in celebration of everything we hold dear.

GO ARMY! BEAT NAVY!

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Y. Williams

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