

# WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NAPLES

# SOCIETY NEWS

Winter/  
Spring 2026

*Serving Graduates throughout  
Southwest Florida*

*Welcome!*

## *Upcoming Events*

### **Spring Luncheon**

When: Wednesday, April 29  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Place: The Club at  
Renaissance, Fort Myers

### **Hail and Farewell**

***Congratulations to the  
Class of 2026 - and Welcome  
to the Class of 2030!***

When: Saturday, May 30  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Place: The Club at  
Renaissance, Fort Myers

## *Save the Date*

### **Summer Luncheons**

- When: Dates to be determined
- Location: Connor's Steakhouse, Fort Myers
- Pay as you go

Dear Members and Friends -

As Southwest Florida transitions from our beautiful winter season into spring, we're delighted to share highlights from our recent Founders Day celebration honoring the Academy's enduring legacy. This special gathering brought together graduates, cadets, cadet candidates, and their families in the spirit of Duty, Honor, Country. We hope you enjoy reading about this memorable event—Beat Navy!

## West Point Society of Naples: A United Force for Excellence

The West Point Society of Naples (WPSN) has pioneered a distinctive approach among West Point societies nationwide, creating a unified support network that brings together graduates, parents, and admissions representatives under one organizational umbrella. This innovative integration model has proven instrumental in advancing the Society's mission to support the United States Military Academy and its community in Southwest Florida.



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## *Sustaining Our Mission*

**By Chris Williams '87**

**President, West Point Society of Naples**



Dear Members and Friends,

As we move through this season, I have been reflecting on what it truly means to sustain a mission over time. It is one thing to begin with enthusiasm. It is another to carry something forward with purpose, commitment, and care. That is what gives our Society its strength, and that is what gives our work enduring meaning.

The West Point Society of Naples exists for a mission worth sustaining. We strengthen bonds among graduates and friends, support the ideals of West Point, encourage young people who feel called to serve, and keep alive the values of Duty, Honor, Country here in Southwest Florida. That mission does not continue on its own. It depends on people who believe in it and are willing to support it.

Every renewed membership, every hour volunteered, every candidate mentored, and every financial contribution helps preserve something meaningful and pass it forward. What encourages me most is that this spirit is alive and well in our Society. We see it in our fellowship, in the programs we support, and in the pride we share in West Point and in one another.

I would simply ask that each of us continue to step forward in whatever way we can. In doing so, we help ensure that our Society remains strong, faithful to its purpose, and ready to serve well into the future.

Thank you for all you do for the West Point Society of Naples.

Go Army! Beat Navy!



# West Point Society of Naples: A United Force for Excellence

## Breaking Down Silos, Building Bridges

While many West Point societies operate independently from other Academy support organizations, the WPSN recognized early on that collaboration multiplies impact. By actively incorporating the local West Point Parents Club, West Point Parents Club of Southwest Florida, and the West Point Field Force Representatives into its organizational structure, the WPSN has created a comprehensive support ecosystem that serves graduates, cadets, families, and prospective cadet candidates alike.

"Our integrated approach isn't just about efficiency—it's about creating a stronger, more connected West Point family in Southwest Florida," explains Libby Schott, a currently serving Board member. "When graduates, parents, and admissions representatives work together, we can address the full spectrum of Academy-related needs in our community."

## Representation That Matters

The WPSN's commitment to integration extends to its governance structure. Representatives from both the Parents Club and the West Point Field Force hold seats on the WPSN Board of Directors, ensuring that diverse perspectives shape the society's strategic direction. This inclusive leadership model guarantees that the unique insights and priorities of each constituency are heard and acted upon.



## Shared Events, Expanded Traditions

The power of integration shines brightest in the WPSN's approach to events and programming. Traditional society gatherings have evolved into inclusive celebrations that unite the entire West Point community. The annual Founders Day celebration exemplifies this transformation—what once served graduates and their families primarily now welcomes cadet candidates and their families, and when possible, current cadets home on leave. "Our events calendar reflects our integrated philosophy," notes Arnie Haake, a currently serving Board member. "Whether it's a football watch party, annual luncheon, or our Parents Club Hail and Farewell, we ensure that graduates, parents, cadet candidates, and cadets all feel welcome and valued."



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This inclusive approach creates invaluable networking opportunities. Prospective candidates gain mentorship from graduates and current cadet parents, while families new to the West Point experience find support from those who've walked this path before.

## **Financial Partnership for Sustained Impact**

Beyond organizational integration, the WPSN provides financial support to these partner organizations when needed. This financial partnership ensures that all groups can fulfill their missions effectively, whether that's supporting current cadet families through helping the Parents Club send Boodle Boxes or helping the Field Forces Representatives identify and mentor exceptional candidates from Southwest Florida.

## **Tangible Benefits of Integration**

The WPSN's unified approach yields concrete benefits for the entire West Point community:

- *Comprehensive Cadet Support:* Parents' Club representatives provide real-time insights into cadet and family needs, enabling the WPSN to offer timely, relevant assistance.
- *Enhanced Recruitment:* Close collaboration with Field Force Representatives strengthens efforts to attract top talent from Southwest Florida to West Point.
- *Resource Optimization:* Shared resources and coordinated efforts eliminate duplication and maximize the impact of every dollar and volunteer hour.
- *Stronger Community Bonds:* Regular interaction among graduates, parents, cadet candidates, and cadets creates a vibrant, multigenerational West Point family.

## **Sustaining the Mission Through Unity**

"We believe our integrated approach is essential to sustaining our mission," emphasizes Doug Whitehead, a currently serving Board member. "In an era of limited resources and competing priorities, working together isn't just smart—it's imperative."

The West Point Society of Naples stands as proof that when the Long Gray Line joins hands with parents and admissions advocates, the entire West Point community grows stronger. Through unity of purpose and collaborative action, the WPSN ensures that the Academy's values of Duty, Honor, Country continue to thrive in Southwest Florida for generations to come.



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



## Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The West Point Society of Naples held its Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at Grey Oaks Country Club in Naples, bringing together graduates, parents, and Field Force representatives for an inspiring afternoon of fellowship and insight.

### **The event featured BG Shane Reeves '96, Dean of the United States Military Academy, as the keynote speaker.**

Drawing on West Point's rich history and evolving mission, BG Reeves explored how the Academy continues to fulfill its dual mandate: developing timeless leaders of character while providing cutting-edge professional military expertise in areas of strategic importance to national security. BG Reeves traced West Point's origins from its Revolutionary War beginnings—when the young nation desperately needed technical expertise in military engineering and artillery—through Colonel Sylvanus Thayer's transformative tenure that professionalized the Academy's approach to both leadership and technical education. He highlighted how West Point graduates have consistently adapted to revolutions in military affairs, from the industrial era's railroads and telegraphs to today's cyber warfare, artificial intelligence, and hypersonic technologies.

"West Point's mission to develop leaders of character for the Army and the nation remains as important today as it was in 1802," BG Reeves emphasized. "Equally important is West Point's proficiency at educating cadets in disciplines of strategic importance to national security." He noted that the Academy has integrated new disciplines including cyber science, bioengineering, aerospace engineering, and war studies to anticipate the next evolution of warfare.

The Dean underscored that West Point's value proposition differs fundamentally from traditional higher education. "At West Point, the calculus is very different," he explained. "A graduate's worth is measured by the desire and potential to serve, not earning power." This sense of purpose—embodied in the motto "Duty, Honor, Country"—drives cadets to excel militarily, physically, and academically in preparation for leading and winning the nation's wars.



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



## Annual Meeting and Luncheon

The luncheon also featured Barbara St John, Director of Member Services for the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG), who highlighted the Memorial Support Program at West Point explaining the three phases of the Memorial Support Program, including guidance on preplanning, interment at the West Point Cemetery, and the newly launched Survivor Community Outreach initiative.



The annual meeting portion included reports on the society's progress toward its \$500,000 endowment goal, updates on cadet and candidate support programs, and recognition of volunteers who make the WPSN's integrated approach to supporting West Point possible. Members enjoyed the opportunity to connect with fellow graduates and parents while gaining fresh perspective on how West Point continues to evolve while maintaining its core commitment to developing leaders who embody duty, honor, and country.



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



## WPSN Celebrates Founders Day

The West Point Society of Naples gathered on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Grey Oaks Country Club in Naples to celebrate Founders Day, honoring the establishment of the United States Military Academy and the enduring legacy of those who have served.

**The event featured Tom "Theo" Theodorakis Director of Athletics, United States Military Academy, as the keynote speaker.**

The evening began with the traditional Benny Havens social hour, which again this year featured a special meet and greet bringing together Field Force representatives, WPSN members, and cadet candidates from the Classes of 2030 and 2031. This gathering exemplified the society's integrated approach, creating meaningful connections between prospective candidates, their families, graduates, and the admissions representatives who guide them through the application process. The opportunity for candidates to interact with West Point graduates and learn firsthand about the Academy experience proved invaluable for these future leaders.



Class of 2030 Cadet Candidates Paul Ramos, Emil Daniyar, Caine Cokkinias, Andrew Kim, Trevor Spicer, Elly Young

Class of 2031 Cadet Candidates Benjamin Turner, John-William Trainer, Andrew Kennedy, Clara Bloodworth, Anne Guidry, and USMAPS selectee Sam Sparacio



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Following dinner, members were treated to an engaging presentation by Tom "Theo" Theodorakis, Director of Athletics at the United States Military Academy. Director Theodorakis shared insights from Army West Point Athletics' strategic plan, "Fruits of Victory" (2023-2028), which outlines the department's vision for excellence both on and off the field. The strategic plan centers on four key priorities that guide Army Athletics' mission to develop leaders of character through competitive excellence.

Director Theodorakis emphasized how these priorities align with West Point's broader mission of developing leaders of character who are prepared to serve the nation. The athletic experience, he noted, provides unique opportunities for cadets to develop resilience, teamwork, and competitive spirit—qualities essential for military leadership.

**Priority #1: Winning Teams** - Focusing on athletic recruiting, USMA recruiting, building championship-caliber programs, and the ultimate goal of beating Navy and Air Force.

**Priority #2: Extraordinary Division I Athletic Experience** - Ensuring comprehensive support for cadet-athletes through individual sport planning, wellness and wellbeing programs, amplifying the cadet-athlete voice, maintaining academic excellence, and providing world-class facilities.

**Priority #3: Public Engagement & Revenue Generation** - Strengthening connections with supporters and building sustainable resources through strategic communications and branding, community engagement and fan experience, ticket sales, partnerships, fundraising and development, and the Army-Navy football game.

**Priority #4: Sustainability** - Ensuring long-term sustainability of the athletic program and its facilities to support future generations of cadet-athletes.

*"Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory".*

General Douglas MacArthur,  
USMA 1903



# EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



The evening also included a special recognition of Patty Holston, who received the prestigious Eberhart Award for her outstanding work with the West Point Parents Club and her continued service as a WPSN board member. The Eberhart Award recognizes exceptional dedication to supporting the goals of WPSN, and Patty's tireless efforts have made a lasting impact on our Southwest Florida West Point community, cadets, and their families.



Patty Holston receiving the Eberhart Award



Doug Whitehead, '85 leading the singing of the Alma Mater as we close out the formal events

Derek DeVecchis '13 as we start with the Pledge of Allegiance



The Founders Day celebration represents one of the WPSN's signature events, demonstrating how the society has expanded traditional gatherings to be more inclusive and impactful. By welcoming not only graduates and their families but also cadet candidates, their families, Field Force representatives, and, when possible, current cadets home on leave, the WPSN creates meaningful connections across the entire West Point community.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DETAILS:

Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Time: 1130 Meet and Greet  
1200 Lunch

### Location:

The Club at Renaissance  
12801 Renaissance Way, Fort Myers

### Cost:

\$37 per person

Please R.s.v.p. by Wednesday, April 22

RSVP – West Point Society of Naples

## Spring Luncheon 2026

*About our featured speaker ...*

*LTG(R) Dana Chipman '80*

LTG(R) Dana Chipman '80 served as the 38th United States Army Judge Advocate General (TJAG). After retirement, he became the chief investigative counsel for the United States House Select Committee on Events surrounding the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi. He served in that position from 2014-2016.

LTG Chipman's presentation will center on "Lessons in Congressional Oversight: there are better ways to pay college tuition!"



## Hail and Farewell

*Congratulations Class  
of 2026 and incoming  
Class of 2030!*

When: Saturday, May 30

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: The Club at  
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Location: Connor's  
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Myers

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Class of 2026 -  
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the Class of  
2030!



# SUPPORTING CADETS



West Point Parents Club of Southwest Florida

**Congratulations to our  
SWFL Firsties!  
Here are their Branch  
Assignments from  
Branch Night.**

Jake Azizi - Field Artillery  
Chris Barr - Infantry  
Sebastian Correa - Air Defense Artillery Robert  
Fritz - Air Defense Artillery  
Lucas Granse-Musa - Field Artillery Christian  
Kreegel - Infantry  
David Liu - US Air Force (62 E Aeronautical  
Development Engineer)  
Ryan Segalla - Adjutant Generals Corps with  
Branch Detail Armor  
Kai Sutter - Signal Corps  
Ron White - Air Defense Artillery



Aravind Rajeev and  
Ryan Ziegler  
celebrate 500<sup>th</sup>  
Night



Christian Kreegle  
and Jake Azizi  
celebrate 100<sup>th</sup>  
Night

Some of our SWFL  
Cadets with their Bear  
Mountain Treats!  
Wishing them all a  
Happy Valentine's Day!



# SUPPORTING CADETS



## West Point Parents Club of Southwest Florida

### SNOW DAY

Southwest Florida cadets enjoying the snow last February!

SWFL Plebes Jaden and Ava during Plebe Parent Weekend!



For more information about the Parents Club, follow us on Facebook or contact [wppcswfl@gmail.com](mailto:wppcswfl@gmail.com)



**PLEASE JOIN US SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, FOR A FUN FAMILY GET-TOGETHER**

**WPPCSWFL PARENT GET TOGETHER**

**BACKYARD SOCIAL**  
16371 CORPORATE COMMERCE WAY  
FORT MYERS  
Saturday, April 18  
2:00-4:00

- FOOD TRUCKS
- DRINKS
- GAMES

**CALLING ALL PARENTS!**  
Join us for an afternoon of good food, games, and catching up on our Cadets, Old Grads, and Cadet Candidates!

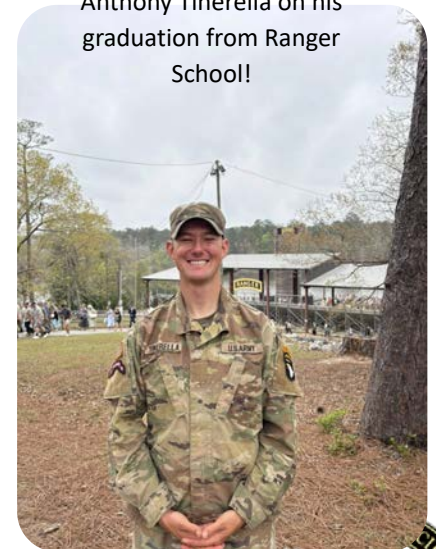
Email [wppcswfl@gmail.com](mailto:wppcswfl@gmail.com) to RSVP

We made a wonderful family's Christmas this year! They were beyond grateful! Thank you to everyone that helped to make their holidays extra special!



Class of 2025 2LT Liam Holston and 2LT Anthony Tinerella at IBOLC graduation. Congratulations!

Congratulations to SWFL WP Graduate Class of 2025 Anthony Tinerella on his graduation from Ranger School!



# MEET A SWFL CADET

**JACOB (JAKE) AZIZI**  
**CLASS OF 2026**  
**COMPANY E-1**  
**ACADEMIC MAJOR: ENGINEERING**  
**MANAGEMENT**  
**BRANCH: FIELD ARTILLERY**



Jacob Azizi is a 2021 graduate of Bishop Verot High School in Fort Myers. As a recruited athlete, he entered the United States Military Academy Prep School that Summer. Following USMAPS, he entered the Academy with the Class of 2026.

Jake was recruited as a Quarterback. He injured his shoulder during his first year and spent nine months recovering from surgery. As a football player following Plebe year in addition to the Cadet Field Training, he took two courses during the summer. Then, he re-injured the shoulder early in his yearling season which ended his Army football career. Subsequently, for company intramurals, he played Flickerball. As a former Corps Squader, he was not allowed to play on the company Flag Football Team, so he coached the company team and served as a referee.

For his Capstone Project, Jake has done research in space risks to the supply chain and how to prevent or mitigate interruptions.

During his Cow summer, Jake was a second detail Squad Leader for Cadet Field Training (Yearlings at Buckner). As a longer, five-week detail, this was a very positive leadership experience. During Cow Year, he served as a Platoon Sergeant and ended the year as the Company Store NCO. Jake is on the Cadet Brigade Staff as Color Captain, overseeing Color Guards for various ceremonies.

Last summer, following Cadet Leadership Development Training (CLDT), Jake did his Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) with the 173d Airborne Brigade Support Battalion in A Company (transportation support). He is branched Field Artillery.



# MEET A SWFL CADET

LUCAS GRANDA-MUSA  
CLASS OF 2026  
COMPANY F-1  
ACADEMIC MAJOR: ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING  
Branch: Field Artillery



Lucas Granda-Musa is from Treasure Island, graduated from Admiral Farragut Academy in 2022, and entered the United States Military Academy with the class of 2026 that summer.

As a Yearling, following Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner, Lucas conducted an Academic Individual Advanced Development (AIAD) at Picatinny Arsenal working a project doing component testing on the XM7 rifle with field testing at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He did a subsequent AIAD with Lockheed Martin in Huntsville, Alabama working on a classified project with the THAD missile system.

Lucas participated in Fencing all four years becoming the Epee Team Captain as a Cow and overall Team Captain this year. Of note, last year, the team placed second overall in an International Competition involving NATO members.

Also, he was involved with the Asset Management sector of the Finance Club which included a trip section to JP Morgan. His participation in the Robotics Club during the first two years led to his follow-on research in robotics, photonics, drone detection, and counterdrone considerations. For Project Day, his team will present an initiative for a bi-directional, jam-proof communications system using drones for line-of-sight.

During his Cow summer, Lucas was a Beast Squad Leader and then a Squad Leader during the academic year. During the second semester he was the Company R&D (Regs & Discipline) NCO. For the first detail Firstie year, he was the Company Academic Officer and now is the Battalion S-1.

Last summer, following Cadet Leadership Development Training (CLDT), Lucas did his Cadet Troop Leader Training at Fort Hood with the 3d Battalion, 16<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery in the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. This experience led to his branching Field Artillery.



# MEET A SWFL CADET

**WILSON KAI SUTTER**

**CLASS OF 2026**

**COMPANY D-3**

**ACADEMIC MAJOR: CYBER SCIENCE**

**BRANCH: SIGNAL CORPS**



Kai Sutter is a 2022 graduate of Sarasota High School and entered the United States Military Academy that summer.

Following Plebe year, in addition to the Cadet Field Training (CFT) at Camp Buckner, Kai graduated from Air Assault School. Kai spent all four years on company intramurals trying to experience as many as possible, including Combatives, Orienteering, Functional Fitness (Funky Fit), Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee. Also, he served as the company basketball coach last year.

Throughout all four years, he participated in the Scoutmaster's Council. Also, Kai participated in the Cadet Public Relations Council (CPRC) during his three upper-class years, with the opportunity to return to Southwest Florida to talk with candidates and community organizations. Each year, his itinerary included Cape Coral to talk with candidates. During his Cow summer, Kai was a Beast Squad Leader with follow-on duties as Company Assistant S-3 and Squad Leader during the academic year. This year, he served as the Company S-4 during the first semester and is currently the Company Academic and Spirit Officer.

As a Capstone Project, his team developed Autozero, a system using AI to automate sight corrections when zeroing a rifle. The concept is to take a photo of the shot, and with AI, provide the sight adjustments needed as well as shooter tips. They have developed a website and model for testing. Last summer, following Cadet Leadership Development Training (CLDT), Kai's Cadet Troop Leader Training (CTLT) was at Fort Hood in the 553d Support Battalion within the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. Although designated as an AG CTLT, he had the opportunity to observe multiple other branches: Transportation, Ordnance (EOD), and Signal.

Kai is branched Signal and looks forward to using his Cyber Science background.





# FIELD FORCE UPDATES

Supporting Cadet Candidates

## Summer Leaders Experience: A Gateway to West Point

The Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) offers rising high school seniors a unique opportunity to "try on" cadet life through full immersion into West Point culture. Held during three sessions in the first three weeks of June, SLE allows prospective candidates to experience the Academy firsthand—participating in challenging military drills, attending academic classes and STEM labs, studying leadership development principles, and practicing rigorous fitness regimens. Participants make connections with future classmates and current cadets while exploring whether West Point is the right fit for them. The program costs \$495, covering meals, lodging, uniform items, and all activities, with financial aid available for those with demonstrated need. Applications open before April of a student's junior year of high school.

### WPSN's Commitment to Future Leaders

The West Point Society of Naples recognizes that financial barriers should never prevent a qualified candidate from experiencing SLE and pursuing their West Point dreams. Through our scholarship program, WPSN has proudly supported local cadet candidates by funding travel expenses for those with significant financial need. This assistance ensures that motivated young leaders from Southwest Florida can attend SLE regardless of their family's economic circumstances. By removing these obstacles, we help deserving students take this critical first step toward a West Point education and a career of service to our nation.

## THANK YOU!

Your donations have truly made a difference!

#### Summer Leaders Experience

United States Military Academy West Point



### Past SLE Participants



This year 12 candidates from the SWFL area will attend SLE:

FL17: Joseph Garcia, Julian Harris, Lauren Mogensen, Bradley Piver

FL19: Levi Bourk, Alexander Ewy, Andrew Kennedy, Benjamin Turner

FL26: Anne Guidry, Benjamin Peterson, Randall Sanchez, John-William Trainer





# FIELD FORCE UPDATES

Supporting Cadet Candidates

## Field Force in Action

Our dedicated Field Force representatives serve as the face of West Point throughout Southwest Florida, meeting prospective candidates at college fairs, high school visits, and community events. These volunteers provide crucial guidance through the competitive admissions process, answering questions and inspiring students to consider a path of service and leadership. Their personal insights and enthusiasm help talented candidates from our region take that first step toward becoming part of the Long Gray Line.

## College Fairs and Admissions Briefings



**ARMY WEST POINT**  
Tim Ford, '79



Russ Schott, '91  
Carter Frye, '30



Mike Zolidis, '70



CPT Phil Wubbolt  
Admissions Rep

## FL19 Academy Day



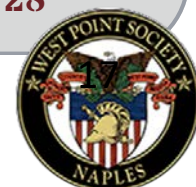
Tim Ford, '79  
Charles Ferrante, '27  
Jameson Stauffer, '28  
Russ Schott, '91



Trevor Spicer, '30  
Ta Nguyen, '28  
Justin Rodriguez, '28  
Charles Ferrante, '27  
Chloe Dean, Offered '30



Justin Rodriguez, '28  
Charles Ferrante, '27  
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Ta Nguyen, '28





# DID YOU KNOW...

that West Point has its own university press? The West Point Press, established under the leadership of BG Shane Reeves '96, 15th Dean of the Academic Board, serves as the publishing arm of the United States Military Academy.

## A Mission to Share Knowledge

The West Point Press embodies and advances the Academy's mission and core values by publishing practical knowledge for students, scholars, and leaders around the world. As BG Reeves notes, "West Point is the intellectual engine of the Army's innovation ecosystem, and the West Point Press will help share what that engine produces."

For an institution as unique as West Point, a university press is essential for sharing the results of research and academic pursuits by faculty and cadets with the global community beyond the Academy walls. Throughout the centuries and across many borders and battlefields, the written word—and the ability to share ideas—has been at the foundation of military advancement and intellectual rigor.

## Editorial Scope

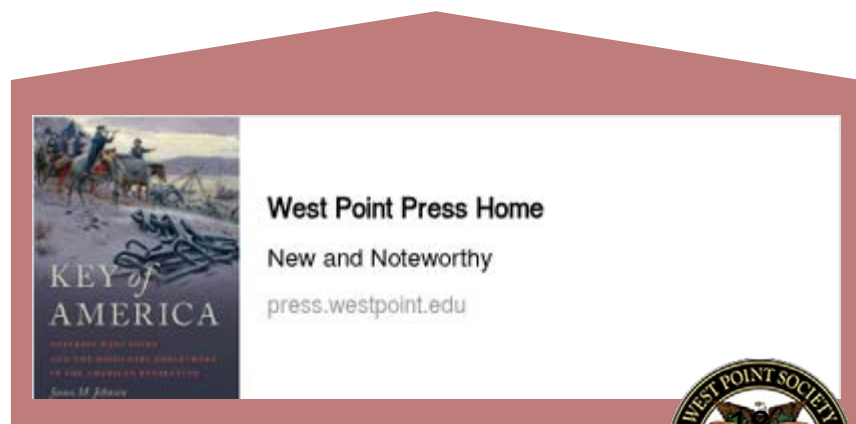
The Press publishes work across five key areas:

- Military and Strategic Studies
- Security, Policy, and International Affairs
- Leadership and Organizational Behavior
- STEM and Innovation in Defense
- Humanities and the Military

## What Does the Press Publish?

The West Point Press disseminates knowledge through multiple formats, all reflecting a commitment to the highest standards of scholarship:

- **Scholarly Monographs** - Peer-reviewed books covering disciplines from STEM and the humanities to social sciences, as well as works focusing on the United States Military Academy itself.
- **Open Access Journals** - The Press publishes several platinum/diamond open access journals that are free to the public, including: The Cyber Defense Review, Mathematica Militaris, West Point Undergraduate Historical Review, and several others covering diverse academic fields.
- **Digital Textbooks** - Highly interactive digital textbooks are used at West Point and more than 60 other universities and educational organizations worldwide.
- **Additional Resources** - White papers, articles, research reports, conference proceedings, and podcasts that address contemporary military and strategic challenges.



# *Serving Graduates throughout Southwest Florida*

## How to Get Involved – and Different Ways to Donate

- Sponsor JROTC Awards
- Sponsor a Cadet Candidate to attend the Summer Leadership Experience (SLE)
- Sponsor a Cadet Boodle Run
- Sponsor a Cadet and/or Cadet Candidate attending Founders Day
- Represent WPSN at an award ceremony or an event
- Visit a local High School
- Attend our events
- Bring a guest to an event
- Sponsor a guest speaker
- Donate money, stocks, or bonds

### ***Become an active member!***

**To join/renew active membership:**

<https://westpointsocietyofnaples.com/join-renew>

**To make a tax-deductible Donation:**

<https://westpointsocietyofnaples.com/make-a-donation/>

*Looking to be more involved in local activities?*

## JOIN THE TEAM!

We are always looking for volunteers – from hosting local Benny Havens to working with the Field Force team and representing WPSN at events!

If you're ready to take a more active role in our Society and help shape our future, we encourage you to apply! Please contact Chris Williams at [admin@westpointsocietyofnaples.com](mailto:admin@westpointsocietyofnaples.com) for more information.

### **A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS**

We are excited about our newsletter and invite you to contribute your ideas, experiences, and insights.

Share your suggestions and stories related to our themes to help us create a newsletter that resonates with our readers.



# Serving Graduates throughout Southwest Florida

## Meet your WPSN Board of Directors

### President –

Chris Williams '87

### Vice President/Events –

Evan Blanco '80

### Secretary –

Cathy Speer '72 Spouse

### Treasurer –

Matt Shanahan '99

Arnie Haake '69

Mike Zolidis '70

Gary Speer '72

Saul Siemaska '76

Mike Kostoff '79

Doug Whitehead '85

Russ Schott '91

Libby Schott '91

Shannon Horne '95

Derek DeVecchis '13

Patty Holston '25 Parent

### Emeritus

Jodie Glore '69

Pete Lilly '70

Garrett Dietz '73

## Active Membership Info

Your dues and donations help support the many activities sponsored by the WPSN. The rates for active membership:

- Annual \$35
- Three-year \$100
- Lifetime \$400

The membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

Celebrate lifelong friendships

Support SW FL cadets

Engage the next generation of officers in the US Army



## OUR MISSION

The mission of the West Point Society of Naples, an exclusively non-profit organization, is to:

- (1) further the principles and welfare of the United States Military Academy;
- (2) provide an organization with activities for its members to associate in order to foster the aims, ideals, standards and achievements of the United States Military Academy;
- (3) promote a better understanding of the Military Academy by the public throughout Southwest Florida; and
- (4) inform, encourage and assist talented young men and women of the admissions process of the Military Academy.



We are based in Naples, but our membership area covers all of Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry, Manatee, and Sarasota Counties.

West Point Society of Naples is a 501 (c)(3) / tax exempt organization



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