



The West Point Class of 2015

For Those We Lead!

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Classmates and Friends of 2015,

Welcome to our first post-graduation class update—and thank you for actually reading it! Older classes tend to maintain a strong system of “class notes” periodically distributed to provide updates on classmates, family members, and West Point that you might not find on social media. We hope that as a recently graduated class, we too can leverage the power of old-fashioned email to keep the Class of 2015 strong and connected between reunion years.

One challenge in writing a class newsletter (beyond our clear lack of graphic design talent) is determining when to provide updates and what information to include. In this first iteration, we wanted to mark the one year anniversary of our graduation day—May 23, 2015—with a few highlights of Academy/AOG news, an update on our 50-year affiliate class, and resources available to you. When life slows down and we have more time to pull updates from individual members of the class, we hope to do a better job of showcasing talent, career moves, and personal milestones across this great class!

Will Goodwin '15 & Kyle Warren '15

News from West Point and the Association of Graduates

At the Academy... BG Tim Trainor '83 retires this summer after an impactful career of service and the Superintendent has nominated COL Cindy Jebb '82 to [replace him as the Dean of the Academic Board](#). Many of us know COL Jebb from her tenure as Head of the Department of Social Sciences—we wish her luck! Also of note – If you’ve visited West Point since graduation, you may have noticed a significant change in the landscape as [construction progresses on the new Davis Barracks](#). This may (or may not) bring slight comfort for those who endured near-constant jack hammering while living in Grant, Sherman, or Brad Long...

At the Association of Graduates... COL (R) Bob McClure is leaving this summer after nearly a decade at the helm of WPAOG. Thanks to his leadership, WPAOG conducted the most successful alumni giving campaign in West Point history—bringing more than \$350 million to programs we benefitted from during our cadet years. We wish him the best and look forward to welcoming his replacement, [current WPAOG Chief Operating Officer COL \(R\) Todd Browne '85](#).

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

On Saturday, the Class of 2016 received their diplomas at Michie Stadium and commissioned as our nation’s newest Lieutenants! We wish our friends the absolute best in their grad leave adventures and preparation for BOLC!

- Click [here](#) for official photos from USMA and WPAOG
- Click [here](#) for video of Vice President Biden’s commencement address

OR, reminisce on Graduation Day 2015 with [photos](#) and [General Dempsey’s commencement address!](#)



50-Year Affiliation: USMA '65 “Strength and Drive!” Stays Busy!

During Graduation Week 2016, WPAOG recognized five individuals with the Association’s highest honor—the Distinguished Graduate Award. An outstanding member of the Class of 1965, Mr. Joseph B. Anderson Jr., received the award for his lifetime of service to West Point and the nation both in and out of uniform. Well done, Sir!



Joseph B. Anderson Jr. '65 – As an Army officer, business leader, and WPAOG volunteer, Joseph B. “Joe” Anderson has inculcated, personified, and radiated West Point’s values. Anderson first came to “fame” as a platoon leader in Vietnam when he was featured in the 1967 documentary *The Anderson Platoon*, which won an Emmy and the Oscar for Best Documentary Film. Then, after stints in the Department of Social Sciences at USMA and as a White House Fellow, he started a 13-year business career at General Motors, rising to become General Director of its Body Hardware Business Unit. In 1992, he became an entrepreneur, eventually becoming the Chairman and CEO of TAG Holdings, LLC, which for several years was among the top five largest Black-owned Businesses in the United States according to *Black Enterprise* magazine. As a volunteer, Anderson has served WPAOG in various capacities since 1974, and is now a Diversity Strategic Advisor to the Superintendent at USMA, helping to establish the West Point Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity. According to USMA Admissions, his efforts have contributed to a 23 percent increase in applications from African-American students over the past five years.

—Profile provided by the West Point Association of Graduates. Click [here](#) to read about all six honorees.—

Stay tuned for our next newsletter in the lead-up to the 2016 Army/Navy Game! If you have content or stories to share, please email them to willgoodwinusa@gmail.com or kylec.warren@yahoo.com.