



October 9, 2020

LTG (R) Joseph E. DeFrancisco, Chairman
COL (R) Todd Browne, President
West Point Association of Graduates
698 Mills Road
West Point, NY 10996

Dear Chairman DeFrancisco and President Browne,

The WPAOG Board honored my wife, MaryRuth, and me with recognition as Friends of West Point in 2000. My Cullum Number is 650385. Her Cullum Number is 638564. We live in Washington State, from whence two of our three offspring were received at West Point. They graduated in 2001 and 2004 and serve our country through our Army.

Since approximately 1995, Mary and I labored to build out West-Point.Org, The West Point Association of Graduates, The West Point Society of Washington and Puget Sound, and The West Point Parents Club of Washington State. Between approximately 2000 and 2004, I co-led the West Point Admissions Field Force for Washington State.

I beg leave to propose as follows.

That the WPAOG Board of Directors request the West Point Board of Visitors, Supe, Com, and Dean to request CSA, POTUS, and Congress to accomplish four things:

- 1- designate the Supe a three-year rising 2-Star billet, the Com a two-year rising COL or 1-Star billet, and the Dean a four-year rising COL or 1-Star billet;
- 2- enforce the traditional Honor System, separate those found on an honors violation;
- 3- push down SAMS-type MA/MS curricula to at least Third Class year, especially geo-strategics and political philosophy;

4- rebalance the curriculum to favor engineering, geography, and geo-strategics (Three Gs), removing altogether therefrom *critical race theory* and its overtones.

That the WPAOG Board of Directors share out this request of theirs to the BOV, etc., with West Point Society Boards of Directors, Graduates, Friends of West Point, and Parents of Cadets and Graduates.

Designating the Supe a terminal 3-Star billet and the Dean a terminal 1-Star billet says the Army does not care about West Point.

Not enforcing the traditional Honor System while promulgating *critical race theory* says West Point does not care about the Army.

Their mutual carelessness invites taxpayers, through Congress and an Administration, to defund West Point and punish The Army. Even the Judiciary could decide that estrangement between West Point and The Army argues against the prestige of both and for both causing harm to Cadets and Soldiers.

West Point is not inevitable. The Army is not invincible. Mutual carelessness between The Army and West Point – evidenced in the command structure imposed on West Point and West Point's own decisions against moral and curricular rigor – are not invisible. These factors generate consequences.

Beat Navy!

Earnestly and Sincerely Yours,

The Rev. David R. Graham
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