

case, of “all West Point-commissioned officers who have heroically led Soldiers in combat.” However, unlike the DGA, which has been historically presented to senior members of the Long Gray Line, the recipient of the Nininger Award must be “a decorated and relatively recent graduate on Active Duty,” according to the award’s criteria. “Age is what makes the Nininger Award special,” said Captain Anthony Fuscellaro ’05, the 2013 recipient. “Cadets have an easier time connecting with the Nininger Award winners because they could be in their boots soon and see a lot of the same things they have seen.”

There have been four board chairmen, Ted Stroup ’62, Jodie Glore ’69, Larry Jordan ’68 and the current chair, Joe DeFrancisco ’65, since the new governance model was adopted in 2006. These dedicated alumni servants, along with the WPAOG Board, have provided WPAOG with strong leadership and oversight that has allowed for a consistent upward trajectory in its service to both West Point and the Long Gray Line. Other major initiatives introduced by WPAOG in the last decade include the Dettre Memorial Assistance Program, started in 2008 upon a donation from Mrs. Betty Dettre in honor of her late husband, Major General Rexford H. Dettre ’43JAN, which supports graduate burials at West Point cemetery; comprehensive reunion support services as previously mentioned, which debuted in 2011; and the Rockbound Highland Home Program, which launched in 2017 and offers personal benefits through its “Grad Pass,” “Grad Perks,” and “Grad Insider Tour” options so that each graduate who returns to West Point feels warmly welcomed back. A year later, the Rockbound Highland Home Program won two CASE “Gold” Awards in the categories of “Alumni Relations” and “Alumni Relations Events and Affinity Programs.”

Just recently, WPAOG has unveiled a new, enhanced Career Services Program, which is designed to equip all West Point graduates with the confidence to successfully navigate each phase of their post-military career transition; Grad Link, a mobile app which expands upon the popular “Find a Grad” feature on WPAOG’s website to offer the easiest and most powerful way to network with fellow grads; and Sallyport, a secure online portal that provides West Point Societies with three primary services; membership management, communications, and event management.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Over the course of its 150-year existence, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy has evolved into a truly one of a kind organization, one that is simultaneously an independent alumni association serving graduates with services and programs, and also a foundation that solicits and manages funds on behalf of the institution it supports. At many universities, alumni support is a subset of a that school’s development operation and staffed by employees of the school. A few are independent organizations with their own board of directors, but they neither solicit nor manage money for their alma mater.

The delicate balance between the foundation side of AOG and its alumni support operations had been an issue of great concern for Robert Lamb ’46, Secretary-Treasurer for AOG (1970-72) and then its first Executive Vice President (1972-90) in his 1990 essay “Two Decades of Change,” but after reviewing the last two-plus decades of AOG history it is clear that the fundraising-fraternal fellowship duality of WPAOG’s evolved nature has proved symbiotic: the more that bonds between members of the Long Gray Line are strengthened by WPAOG, the more grad-

uates support their alma mater; and the more generously graduates give of their time, talent, and treasure, the more services WPAOG is able to offer to help make the Long Gray Line the most highly connected alumni body in the world.

With its new expansion of Alumni Support and communications to keep graduates connected and engaged, today’s WPAOG stands poised to lead support for both graduates and West Point well into the 21st century. Or, going back to Anderson’s original principles when he proposed the idea of an Association of Graduates in 1869 in his letter to Thayer: “to perfect and perpetuate this truly national institution” and “for the promotion of social and fraternal intercourse,” later resolved in the Association’s preliminary meeting in which he participated.”

RECOGNIZING GEORGE WRIGHT FOR THE 2019 MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMEMORATION

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 18, 2019

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Wright of Laurel for the Montana Congressional Veteran Commemoration for his service to our country and dedication to his community.

Mr. Wright served in the U.S. Army during World War II, operating construction equipment in order to create infrastructure for fellow troops. Mr. Wright received multiple commendations for his service, including the Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medal.

Following his service, Mr. Wright came home to serve his community. Mr. Wright owned equipment that made it possible for him to help fix what was needed, from cars to roads and much more. He was a fixture on ranches when roads washed out or cattle needed rescuing during floods.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in commending George Wright for his dedication and service.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2019 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

NOVEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support
To hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense audit.

SR-222

9:35 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works
Business meeting to consider the nomination of Sean O’Donnell, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-406

10 a.m.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 2877, to reauthorize the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002; to be immediately followed by hearings to examine the nominations of Mitchell A. Silk, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Brian D. Montgomery, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary, and David Carey Woll, Jr., of Connecticut, and John Bobbitt, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Peter J. Coniglio, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Export-Import.

SD-538

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine highly automated vehicles, focusing on Federal perspectives on the deployment of safety technology.

SH-216

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen Hahn, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services.

SD-430

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe

To hold hearings to examine Russian influence in Belarus.

RHOB-2200

10:15 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Stephen E. Biegun, of Michigan, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

SD-419

2 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine Alzheimer’s awareness, focusing on barriers to diagnosis, treatment, and care coordination.

SD-215

Committee on Foreign Relations

Business meeting to consider the nominations of Roxanne Cabral, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Carmen G. Cantor, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Ambassador at Large for Global Women’s Issues, Kelly C. Degnan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Michael George DeSombre, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, David T. Fischer, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Robert S. Gilchrist, of