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## WEST POINT ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES WINS FOUR STEVIE® AWARDS IN 2021 AMERICAN BUSINESS AWARDS®

**West Point, NY:** The West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) earned two Gold Stevie® Awards, one Silver Stevie Award, and one Bronze Stevie Award in the 19th Annual American Business Awards®. WPAOG's Gold awards were for the USMA 2020 Graduation Video and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue of *West Point* magazine. The Silver Award was for Non-Profit of the Year, and the Bronze award was for the Virtual Entrepreneur Summit Speaker Series.

"We are especially proud to be recognized, for three years running, in the Nonprofit of the Year category," said Todd Browne, President and CEO, of the West Point Association of Graduates. "These awards are dedicated to our team members serving the outstanding men and women of the Long Gray Line who are guided by *Duty, Honor, Country.*"

The American Business Awards is the U.S.'s premier business awards program and recognizes achievement in every facet of the workplace. All organizations operating in the U.S. are eligible to submit nominations – public and private, for-profit and non-profit, large and small. More than 3,600 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were considered in a wide range of categories. More than 230 professionals worldwide participated in the judging process to select this year's Stevie Award winners. Winners of other 2021 American Business Awards include: IBM, Hilton, Comcast, John Hancock, Salvation Army, and AARP.

The name Stevie is taken from the name Stephen, which is derived from the Greek for *crowned*. <u>Winners were</u> <u>celebrated during a virtual awards ceremony</u> on Wednesday, June 30 at 2pm ET.

## About the West Point Association of Graduates

The West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG), is among America's oldest educational alumni associations. Founded in 1869, the Association was established "to cherish the memories of [its] Alma Mater, and to promote the social intercourse and fraternal fellowship of its graduates," many of whom had recently fought against each other in the Civil War. WPAOG has evolved into a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to furthering the ideals and promoting the welfare of West Point, and to serving and supporting the more than 53,000 living West Point graduates. Its philanthropic pursuits maintain a Margin of Excellence for cadets attending the United States Military Academy. WestPointAOG.org.

## **About West Point**

The U. S. Military Academy at West Point is a four-year, co-educational, federal, liberal arts college located 50 miles north of New York City. It was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering and continues today as the world's premier leader-development institution, consistently ranked among top colleges in the country. Its mission remains constant—to educate, train, and inspire the Corps of Cadets so that each graduate is a commissioned leader of character committed to the values of Duty, Honor, Country and prepared for a career of professional excellence and service to the nation as an officer in the U. S. Army. WestPoint.edu.

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