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## WEST POINT GLEE CLUB AND WEST POINT ALUMNI GLEE CLUB TO PRESENT FIRST JOINT CONCERT IN PHILADELPHIA



The West Point Glee Club will be in concert starting at 2:30 pm, Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at the Historic Christ Church of Philadelphia in Old City (2<sup>nd</sup> Street above Market). Doors will open at 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the West Point Society of Philadelphia, the cadets will be joined in this special performance by the West Point Alumni Glee Club from Washington, DC, in a salute to the "Greatest Generation," in this the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the end of World War II. The concert will also commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of the Civil War.

For more than a century, the cadets of the West Point Glee Club have touched audiences around the world as musical ambassadors for the United States Military Academy, the U.S. Army and the nation. Through live performance, recordings, TV and film, the Cadet Glee Club is recognized for its exceptional standards of vocal excellence across a broad repertoire of music, and is always in high demand for public appearances.

Following the first ever Glee Club Reunion and Concert at West Point, the West Point Alumni Glee Club was established in 2007 to carry on the rich legacy of singing patriotic and inspirational music, a significant element of the Warrior Spirit. Members come from the Classes of 1952 through 2001 and have given over 200 performances across the region since its inception.

The joint Glee Clubs, performing for the first time in Philadelphia, will provide one of the most powerful concerts in 2015 on the east coast, to recognize the contributions of the 18 million veterans who served in World War II and their families. The concert will present a tribute in song to honor the unparalleled accomplishments, courageous sacrifices, "can-do" attitude and service to community those WWII families represent, the Spirit of '45, which continues to inspire all Americans confronting the historic challenges of today.

Christ Church Philadelphia generously provided their historic location for this concert. Often referred to as "the Nation's Church" and dating from 1695, it is the birthplace of the Anglican Episcopal Church in America. Rector Jacob Duché, was the Chaplain of the Continental Congress and issued the first Congressional prayer in 1774. Its early parishioners included 15 signers of the Declaration of Independence; and George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Robert Morris, Betsy Ross and John Adams. As a church of Patriots, many finding their final resting place in the church yard, it is an ideal venue for this unique performance.

Tickets are available online at <a href="https://westpointsalutesphilly.eventbrite.com">https://westpointsalutesphilly.eventbrite.com</a> or by phone at (610) 687-7699 or at the door.

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