

The purpose of this memo is to give you an up date of the plans for the 60th Reunion. The contract for the Thayer Hotel has been finalized after several changes had been made. The hotel is booked from Wednesday, April 25 through Sunday, April 29, 2018. In order to keep expenses down Wednesday is designated as an optional day. The Benny Havens Room will be open that day for those who choose to come on Wednesday.

We have 148 rooms, 125 of which are \$209 per night and 23 suites ranging in price from \$261 to \$359. There are room taxes of 8.13% NY State Sales and 5% Orange County Occupancy Tax. In addition there is a \$13.99 per room per night Facility Fee which includes Wi Fi, a cup of coffee per guest per day at the Bistro, valet parking, local and long distance calls and full use of the exercise facility.

We will have four major functions at the hotel, 3 dinners and the class breakfast. The hotel will allow the class to bring in the Sam Adams beer at no charge. This is a first for the hotel as they do not allow outside alcohol in the public rooms. In order to have this we need to spend \$35,000. Lexie Davis and I have crunched the numbers and based on our past history at reunions we feel that amount will be reached.

I have engaged the WPAOG to do the bulk of the work for the reunion so we as a class will be able to have the maximum time to enjoy the reunion. For the past two five year reunions we have used the WPAOG for some of the tasks and they have done a great job for us. This will facilitate the planning and coordination of the 65th reunion as the WPAOG can do everything if we want them to.

I see no need for memorabilia. Most of us have tote bags, wine glasses and other items. The WPAOG will, as we did for the 55th Reunion, have items with the class crest that can be ordered ahead of time or purchased at the reunion.

We will use shuttle buses on Friday and Saturday to get us to the memorial service, Ike Hall, the First Class Club and the parade.

For the memorial service suggest we use the amphitheater as we did several reunions ago and have the chapel as a inclement weather back up. We have not been able to use the amphitheater for the May reunions as the benches are moved to Miche Stadium for the graduation exercises. Events at the First Class Club have been scheduled keeping in mind that the club cannot accommodate a large group for dinners or lunches. Beer Call and coffee and Danish will give us a chance to use the club.

Our parade uniform as we established many reunions AGO is Black or Blue blazer, gray trousers, white shirt and shoes and tie of your choosing. We have the white hat but I feel the hats may be a little tired looking or in some cases lost. I will leave the hat decision up to the EC. My hat is OK so I can go one way or the other. If we have ,hopefully, a sunny day we will need a hat of some sort.

There are several miscellaneous costs associated with the reunion that I would like you to consider that the class pick up the tab. This would help keep the cost to those attending lower and facilitate control. I want to encourage all to take the shuttle bus on Friday and Saturday. We will be at the Point Saturday during Retirees Appreciation Day so there will be crowds and parking will be very limited and Friday is a work day at WP and those working take up almost all the campus area parking. Trying to keep track of who paid and who did not is all but impossible. For previous reunions I put the cost of the buses in the registration fee but again I would like to keep that cost at a minimum.

For the two activities at the FCC, again it would facilitate things to cover the cost. We want all to see and enjoy our wonderful gift to the Corps. This is our last large reunion, the 65th Reunion will only have 70 to 80 attending according to statistics so let's make the most of this reunion.

I do not have the cost figures on either of these events and the buses but we have enough money to cover a few thousand dollars. I would like to remind you that we had a \$10,000 profit from the 55th Reunion. Granted that money was rolled over into the class funds but it is still there.

There are several items that the class needs to do one is the memorial service. The WPAOG will help in arranging the site and the bugler but we need to do the necrology. Printing of the program can be done by WPAOG or we can do it. We have done the class roster and again WPAOG can print it for us. Chuck Toftoy does a great job with the beer but I would suggest that we do not need 100 cases. Probably 50 to 60 would do.

We made the decision some time ago not to do dinner dances and have bands and such. Again in order to keep costs down, we can stay with that. The Gonzos are always welcome but that is Stan Bacon and troupes decision.

Our West Point reunions have always been memorable. We have covered many venues including Camp Buckner, New York Harbor cruise, tours to nearby historic sites, golf, meals at the West Point Club, Miche Stadium and many others. Weather has always been a factor and for the most part good weather made the reunion more enjoyable. Late April should be a good time weather wise. Hope all of you can be there.

Garry Roosma, Reunion Chairman

60th Reunion Schedule USMA Class of 1958 **DRAFT**

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 (Optional)

Benny Havens Room Open - Afternoon and Evening  
Meals are on your own (Company Dinners perhaps)

Thursday, April 26

Registration - WPAOG Personnel - on going during reunion  
Golf or tour on your own  
Benny Havens Room Open  
Welcome Reception and Buffet Dinner Thayer Hotel  
Benny Havens Room Open

Friday, April 27

Class Breakfast and Class Meeting  
Shuttle Bus to Memorial Service ( Cadet Chapel or Amphitheater)  
Lunch Ike Hall  
Supe's Briefing (with Class of 1968)  
Hellcats Performance  
Tour around West Point - Shuttle Bus  
Retreat Ceremony- Trophy Point  
Beer Call - First Class Club  
BBQ Dinner Thayer Hotel  
Benny Havens Room Open

Saturday, April 28

Shuttle Bus to First Class Club - Coffee and Danish  
Assemble for Parade - Spouses/Guests sit in stands  
Review Parade with Class of 1968  
Lunch - Washington Hall  
Tour West Point on own  
Shuttle Bus to Hotel  
Cocktail Reception  
Buffet Dinner Thayer Hotel  
Benny Havens Room Open

Sunday, April 29

Departure Breakfast