

## 12 January 2011 EC Meeting Minutes

The EC met on 12 January at the Army Navy Country Club. Members present – Bradshaw, Hall, Smith, Schonberger, Bauer, Luman, Raymond and Sibert. Oelke and Ruud participated by speaker phone. Also in attendance were Andreson, Gary Roosma, Lawton and Downing.

The minutes of the September and October Meetings were approved.

Bauer presented the Treasurer's Report indicating that the balance was up (\$5717.41) from the October figure -- \$42,244.32 vs. 36,526.91. This change was due in large measure to fluctuations in the T. Rowe Price account. His report was approved.

### First Class Club

Smith reported that not much had changed insofar as the efforts to expand the Club's capacity. Weather permitting, the patio is used to accommodate the overflow. While no proposal has been finalized, the current thought is to acclimatize the patio area. The Cadet Activities Officer and the Director of Public Works (formerly the Post Engineer) are in the process of developing some concepts. Smith's focus will be to convince the DPW that efforts to enlarge the Club should be charged to his capital account. It was agreed that we might need a fund drive to pay for any significant enhancement of the Club.

### Orlando Mini Reunion

Luman stated that information regarding the 2011 Mini Reunion should be out in the next few days. Tallgren has indicated that he wants to upgrade the Benny Havens room along the lines of a sports bar and get a "really good band" for the Class dinner dance. Tallgren had asked if \$50 per head was too much to ask as a registration fee and wanted to know if the EC would support his effort to solicit additional money from Classmates. The Committee agreed with a higher registration fee of up to \$80 and supported outside solicitations. While not wanting to micromanage Tallgren's efforts, the committee did not support the sports bar concept, believing that the focus should be on a room with ample tables and chairs.

### Social Activities

Luman asked if we wanted to set up a tail gate party for the 2011 Army-Navy Game in Baltimore. The committee did not support the idea. Luman also asked if the committee would support inviting those members in the Class of 2008 in the Wounded Warriors Program to future Class luncheons. The committee enthusiastically supported this idea and agreed to pick up the tab.

### 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Update

Roosma presented a 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion Update. He stated that the reunion will be held at the Marriott Park Ridge Hotel in New Jersey, 19-22 May 2013 (this was the location of the 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion). The AOG indicates that normally 40% of living classmates attend such functions. Therefore Roosma obtained a commitment for 250 rooms. While reunion details have not been finalized, the program will be

generally the same as that of the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Thus far, Sunday is an open day. Some thought is being given to arranging some form of outside entertainment, possibly along the lines of that presented at the Tucson Mini-Reunion.

### Widows' Activities

Hall reported that a Widows' Webpage has been established and is linked to the class webpage. He requested that Oelke remind CCQ's of the need to provide escorts for widows attending reunion Memorial Services, Dinner Dances, etc.

### Memorial Articles

George Mitchell has inquired, in view of the impending demise of the Assembly Magazine, as to the status of the Taps publications. Hall indicated that one issue of Taps will be published in 2011 and it will likely accompany the April/June Assembly. The current plan is to publish one edition per year after that, and it will be sold as a separate publication. Sibert indicated that he thought the manner and number of future publications was still up in the air. Depending on an AOG resolution, Bradshaw indicated that the Class might want to digitize and make available all Class memorial articles. It was agreed that we should back the concept that the AOG make eulogy pages a permanent fixture in some form and it would be desirable to increase rather than decrease the visibility and availability of Memorial Articles.

### Class Database

Ruud reported on his research to identify future uses for the Class database. As a result of discussions with Classmates knowledgeable in this area, it was apparent that a comprehensive update will prove a daunting task. Currently, 169 Classmates have no entry in the database. 72 are deceased, leaving a total of 97 living classmates who, for whatever reason, have decided not to participate. While it was recognized that there may be a variety of future uses for the Class database, as Bradshaw indicated, we want to exploit, maintain and enhance the data collected for the 50<sup>th</sup> year book, particularly to assist those charged with writing memorial articles. It was recognized that as in so many instances, company CQs play a pivotal role in mustering Company support. Therefore Ruud was tasked with determining, in coordination with Oelke and Downing, which portions of the database should be maintained and what specific instructions should be provided to Company CQs to assist them in promoting our efforts to update Classmates' files. These recommendations will be reviewed by the EC prior to implementation.

### Class Communications

Oelke had been tasked as the new XCom. Commo officer to continue the effort assigned last year to investigate potential hardware or software enhancements that might be available for use on the Forum. He was also asked to review the restrictions on net use – particularly the Class Net (usma1958). As a result of his research, he recommended:

- Leave the Forum as is

- Send an announcement to everyone on the Class email list that indicated 2 new rules for email use. (Note these rules were distributed by Hall to the Class via email on 13 Jan).

The committee accepted Oelke's recommendations and, as indicated above, the rules he proposed have been sent out.

### Awards

Hall reported that the DGA nomination package for Alan Salisbury prepared by Palmer McGrew and Pete Brintnall was submitted as required in Nov 2010. Alan was also nominated for the Castle Award provided by the West Point Society of DC. The Committees reviewing nominations meet in January 2011.

Smith indicated that in regard to Butch Saint's nomination for the Distinguished Graduate Award, things are going well, and that he foresaw no impediments to a timely submission. Similarly, Schonberger indicated that Jim Castle's nomination was proceeding apace. Both indicated that first drafts are already prepared and that they are getting good responses from their requests for supporting endorsements. There was some question as to whether nominations carried over for a second or third year would conflict in any way with the limitation of two nominations per year. The answer was no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.