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Minutes, USMA '58 EXCOM, January 18, 2022

The EXCOM met virtually at 1100 on Tuesday, January 18. Present were Andy Andreson, Jack Bradshaw, Lee Miller, Frank Waskowicz, Bob Hayden, Audrey Webb, Betsy Hall, Margi Downing, Mike Mahler, Pete Trainor, and Terry Connell. George Lawton, Tony Bauer (PEF), and Jack Downing (100th Anniversary activities) also attended. Garry Roosma, Palmer McGrew, and Mike Daley.

65th Reunion — May 20 - May 24, 2023. Andy said he has been in contact with Garry Roosma regarding plans for this reunion, scheduled for June Week at the Academy. Hotel arrangements are being firmed up with the Marriott hotel some 28 miles distant. Andy said he would like to include a visit at the new General Crosbie E. Saint Equestrian Center. [The facility, pictured below, was officially opened on October 1, 2021 and features a 17,500 square foot riding arena, viewing area, tack rooms, hose stalls, changing rooms and coaches office.]



Mini-Reunion in New Orleans. (Tom Sands) Both Andy and Jack Bradshaw spoke about this mini — with high praise for Tom and Barbara Sands for a superb visit. As tourism in New Orleans has suffered because of the pandemic, our class was treated as VIPs. Mike Daley was approved as a new member of the EXCOM. His focus will be our relationship with the AOG.

No mini in 2022. Andy reiterated the policy that, there would be no mini in 2022, the year preceding the major reunion in 2023.

Perpetual Endowment Fund. Tony Bauer, who became the Deputy Chairman two years ago, and today (following the end of George Lawton's membership) is its chairman, reported that the fund is today worth over \$2.2-million. Alan Chase departs the board this year, so Tony and Frank Harlem are the only remaining Class of '58 members. Tony said his efforts will be to totally turn over responsibility of the fund to class descendants. In its most recent listing on the class web site, there are three descendant members: Valerie Coffee (USMA'85), Deborah Nagle (USMA 82), and Dan Peck (USMA 83).

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The question arose if any other class has something similar to the PEF, and the answer was that our class approach is unique.

Social Schedule. Andy said that two events are scheduled for the coming year: the luncheon that accompanies our annual service at the Vietnam Wall and our joint luncheon with USNA prior to the Army/Navy game. Because of the logistical difficulties of parking near the wall, and the complexities of involving the class via Zoom from the Mall, there will be no memorial at the wall; instead the plan is to hold the memorial service as part of the luncheon at the ANCC in Arlington. Arrangement will be made to place roses at the Vietnam Wall panels naming our classmates.

Andy asked for thoughts regarding other social events. One suggested was a picnic similar to one held several years ago at Burke Lake. Andy said he would pass this idea on to Angela Ganey. Jack Bradshaw said that these events need not be limited to DC-area residents. If firm dates were advertised, out-of-town classmates could well decide to attend.

Class Funds. Lee Miller reported on status of our funds for the twelve month period ending on 11-30-21:

	12-31-20	11-30-21
Admin Fund	\$87.3K	\$84.6K
Gift Fund	\$122.3K	\$151K

Lee said that he is working on a detailed financial report for the period. He acknowledged that he has a firm handle on expenses, but AOG employs algorithms to establish fund values, and these are somewhat opaque. [AOG manages these funds and the timing and value of investments]. Lee has discussed this issue with JoAnne Shipley and hopes to be able to provide details in the near future.

100th Anniversary activities. Jack Downing reminded the committee of our relationship with USMA 2008 and the Memorandum of Agreement between our classes that will hopefully be enacted on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary. He also reminded us of the proposed letter that we could individually send to surviving members of our families inviting them to participate. Information on these events and the Class of 1958 Time Capsule are posted on the Class Web site.

CCQs. Hayden reported that there are five new CCQs. He'd sent a current roster if CCQs to the EXCOM. It is shown on the right.

1st Regiment		2nd Regiment	
Class	Name	Name	Class
A	Lee Miller	Chuck Densford	A
B	Jerry Lewis	Paul Vanture	B
C	Jerry Mitchell	Pete Penczer	C
D	OK Hill	Paul Ruud	D
E	Chuck Cabell	Chuck Toftoy	E
F	Bob Rhodes	Ben Pellegrini	F
G	Pete Trainor	Lee Fay	G
H	Branch Worsham	Joe Luman	H
I	Tony Bauer	Stan Bacon	I
K	Bill Serchak	Joe Guenther	K
L	Alan Salisbury	Bob Shellenberger	L
M	Otto Thamasett	John Schroeder	M
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Death Notifications. Andy advised the committee that Paul Ruud has expressed a desire to become more active in class activities. Paul served in the past with distinction. One possibility being discussed would be to split responsibilities of death notifications (currently handled by Terry Connell) in two, with Terry asking care of the First Regiment, and Paul the Second. The Chair will follow up.

Widows Outreach Team. Audrey Webb provided details on its most recent activities. Her report is attached. Audrey verbally added to the list of widows — Anne DeBoeser, who died on Jan 10, 2022. She was the widow of Vince DeBoeser, Company E-1) Audrey indicated that it would be useful for the widows to have a complete hard copy listing of classmates, telephone numbers, and email addresses. The discussion followed made clear that this information is already available on the class web site, though not on a single list. The two can be printed.

Round Table. Mike Mahler spoke of his recent book regarding a time of which most of us are familiar — Germany in the 1960-1975 cold war era. An important portion of his story involves background on the battle group that marched to Berlin when the wall went up. Mike said he drew on insight from George Sibert who was aide to the CG of the 8th Inf Div, the parent to that battle group. I'm enclosing the "sell sheet" from Mike's publisher. The book is available from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, books-a-Million and Ingram.

Respectfully submitted



Frank Waskowicz, Secretary

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Widows Outreach Team Report to '58 EXCOM

January 18, 2022

Since the last EXCOM meeting on August 24, 2021, the Class of '58 has lost seven classmates (plus one in June) and six of them left widows.

- Philip W. Ackerman (Co. B-2) died Sept 6th, 2021.
His widow is Maude.
- Terry D. Snyder (Co. E-2) died Sept. 12th, 2021.
His widow is Carol.
- Walter J. Barnes (Co. E-1) died June 5th, 2021.
His widow is Ellen (We were late in being notified).
- William L. (Bill) Harrison (Co. C-2) died Nov 28th, 2021.
His widow is Betty.
- James Howard Jones (Co. M-2) died Nov. 29th, 2021.
His widow is Gerry.
- James W. (Jim) McCauley (Co. G-2) died Jan 15th, 2022.
His widow is Cindy.

The widows have been contacted by our team except one who has dementia, one who was so overwhelmed with cards and support that she requested no further contact, and Cindy McCauley. In Dec., we sent a Holiday Letter to all the widows on the widows email list.

The Team continues to work together with phone calls, cards, the Grip Hands booklets, and other communications to help make our widows feel a part of the '58 Family.

I'm sad to have to report that we also lost two widows. They are Mickie Williams, widow of Barrie Williams (A-1) on Sept. 17, and Marianne Powers, widows of Dave Powers (E-1) on Oct. 26, 2021.

One might think that calling new widows, who are still in the midst of grief, is always very sad and serious. While that is true, there are times when there are lighter moments as well.

After Bill Harrison had passed away at the end of Nov., I called Carol Harrison. There were a couple minutes of chitchat and then I told her that I was calling to offer condolences on the death of her husband. She strongly informed me that at that very moment her husband was in the backyard chopping wood! She also added a number of other physical activities that her husband excelled in to convince me that Bill was very much alive and in excellent health.

I was surprised and very confused, but I concluded that his wife was in a much better position than I to speak with authority as to the condition of her husband. After an immediate apology and further conversation, it was determined that Carol Harrison's husband was William O. Harrison, and the name

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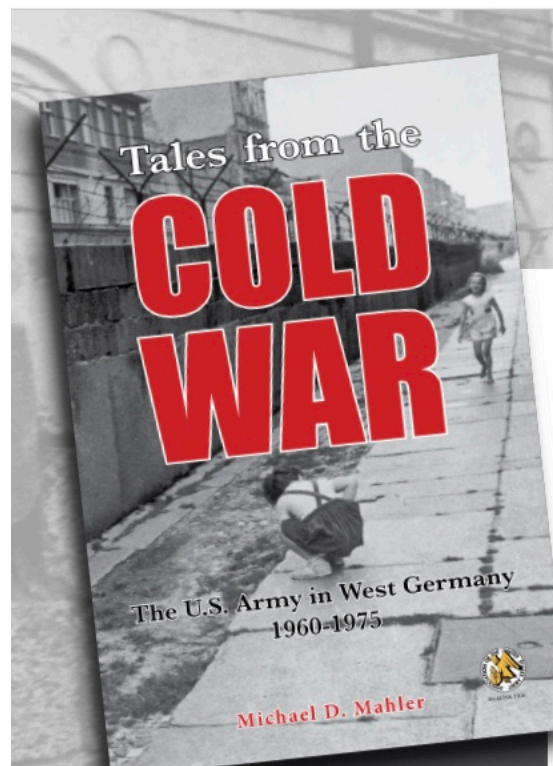
of the deceased was William L. Harrison. There was a lot of laughter, and I was very pleased to share the joy that Carol Harrison's husband was indeed alive.

Later I called the wife of William L. Harrison. Her name is Betty. After I had spoken for a while with Betty, the real widow, I sensed that she would appreciate knowing what had happened to me previously in trying to reach her. When I shared the story with her, Betty Harrison also joined wholeheartedly in the laughter.

Life can be strange and quirky. I'm thankful there are blessings even in the midst of grief.

Submitted by Audrey Webb
for the Widows Outreach Team

Barbara Raymond, Betsy Hall, Margie Downing, Audrey Webb



TALES FROM THE COLD WAR

The U.S. Army in West Germany 1960-1975

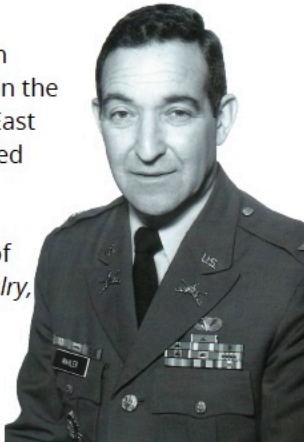
By Michael D. Mahler

Tales from the Cold War is one man's memoir about his service time in Germany during the Cold War. Colonel Michael D. Mahler (Ret.) first went to Germany in 1960. By the end of his service, he had spent over a decade in Germany, raised his family there, and commanded the 3rd Armored Division's cavalry squadron at Büdingen. In his memoir, Mahler reflects on the lessons from the senior leaders of World War II, the building of the Berlin Wall, and the unique challenges that come with command.

At the beginning, Mahler is still a young service man, newly married. By the end, he is the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Europe, and the Chief of the Military Personnel Division, U.S. Army Europe. His story is told first from the point of view of a new lieutenant, then as an experienced company grade officer, and finally as a skilled squadron commander.

About the Author

Michael D. Mahler served in Vietnam and commanded an armored cavalry squadron on the interzonal border between East and West Germany. He retired from the Army in 1982 as a colonel. Mahler now lives in Montana and is the author of *Ringed in Steel: Armored Cavalry, Vietnam 1967-68*.



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**Class of 1958 Administration Report
Income Statement Jan 1-Dec 31, 2021**

Income:

Interest/Dividends	\$846.00
Real Investment Gains	307.00
Other Returns on Investments	<u>843.00</u>
Total Income	\$1996.00

Expenses:

Alumni Activities	\$2234.00
Classmate Memorials	1800.00
Executive Committee Conference Calls	120.27
Postage	308.92
Engraving	35.00
Class Income Tax Preparation	19.90
AOG Management Fees	<u>843.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$5361.09

Net Income Minus Expenses (\$3365.09)

**Class of 1958 Admin Fund Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 2021
Assets as Dec 31, 2021**

Assets:

Cash Market Value of Investments	\$84,866.00
Total Assets	\$84,866.00

Liabilities:

Class Admin Fund Liabilities for potential Classmates Memorials (Fred Stritzinger, Jim Jones & John Roe)	300.00
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Total Liabilities

300.00

Assets Minus Liabilities

84,566.00