

# EXCOM April Revised

## Minutes, USMA '58 EXCOM, April 19, 2022

The EXCOM met virtually at 1100 on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Physically present at Andy's home or attending virtually via ZOOM were Andy Andreson, Jack Bradshaw, Lee Miller, Frank Waskowicz, Bob Hayden, Audrey Webb, Paul Ruud, Betsy Hall, Margi Downing, Pete Mike Daley, Pete Penczer, and Mike Mahler. Garry Roosma (65 Reunion). George Lawton, and Jack Downing (100th Anniversary activities) also attended. Palmer McGrew, Terry Connell, and Pete Trainor were not present. Tony Bauer (PEF) was not present, but provided input on the fund.

**65th Reunion — May 20 - May 24, 2023.** Garry Roosma provided thoughts and ideas for this major event. The Marriott Park Ridge is blocked for our use. Specifics on cost and other details have yet to be worked out, but as soon as the AOG emerges from USMA'57 and USMA'62 reunion events, its attention will focus on us.

The committee affirmed support for continuing the tradition of Navy blue blazer, gray trousers and white Stetsons for the parade. As we are able, the class will walk Diagonal Walk to the reviewing stands. Arrangements will be in place for those less able to be in nearby stands from which they can join the class ranks for the review.

Garry is planning to not include West Point memorabilia in the welcoming package. Attendees will be able to order such items ahead of time and pick them up at the AOG gift shop.

Garry projects that 80 classmates will attend, accompanied by perhaps 120 wives and family members for a total of 200. It is likely that battalion dinners will take the place of company dinners of earlier years. Andy said this was the case at the recent California mini and worked well.

Garry will provide a detailed plan for events, beginning with a cocktail reception on the 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding with breakfast at the Marriott on the 24<sup>th</sup>. It will include lunch at the Crosbie E. Saint Equestrian Center. Other events will also occur in the Cadet Mess (Washington Hall), the Eisenhower Center, and the First Class Club.

**Class Social Schedule (Andy)** While this mostly affects DC locals, we hope that some out-of-towners might join us. The planned events are:

- May 22, 1000 hrs. Memorial Service and lunch at the ANCC, Arlington (Williamsburg Room). Alan Salisbury will Zoom the event to the class. Subsequent to the lunch, Lee Miller will organize a group to place a rose and the memorial booklet at the appropriate panels at the Viet Nam Wall honoring our classmates.
- September 22, 2022. Class Luncheon at ANCC, Fairfax

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- October 6, 2022. Joint luncheon with USMA '57 at Patton Hall, Fort Myer (formerly the Fort Myer Officers Club). Andy is working with Hank Hatch to coordinate the event.
- December 1, 2022. Traditional Army/Navy luncheon with USNA'58 at the ANCC Arlington,

### **Perpetual Endowment Fund. Tony Bauer provided the following input .**

The most recent PEF Treasurer's report for 1Q22 shows that the fund was down compared to 4Q21 (about 6%). The market has not been good to most so far this year. Our investments are conservative and we watch your money carefully. We will continue to do so and must ride out the current economic situation. The fund is still at \$2M+.

In February Tony called a special meeting to discuss positions on our board. It is a fact that USMA '58 recently passed the mid point where less than 50% of our class are still living. It is time to pass the leadership of the board to our descendent members. It was suggested and decided that next year when Alan Chase's term finishes that we would ask Russ Robertson (George and Gail's son) to rejoin the PEF board. Russ was Treasurer for many years and certainly understands the fund's purpose and intent. He will assume the Chairman position and replace me starting in January 2023.

**Class Funds.** Lee Miller reported on status of our funds as of Feb 28, 2022. As shown, there has been a downturn due to the market. Detailed financials are at Appendix A.

	12-31-21	2-28-22
Admin Fund	\$84.6K	83.0K
Gift Fund	\$157.8	\$147.5

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activities.** Jack Downing asked that the MOU governing our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be included in the minutes. Instead, the MOU is included in the working copy of "65PlusTen" that will be distributed separately for comment. Jack urges classmates to make family and friends aware of the MOU and planned events.

**Death Notifications. Paul Ruud and Bob Hayden discussed activities related to death notifications.** Paul has taken over responsibilities for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment. Terry Connell — who has done a wonderful job for the entire class over the past years – will retain responsibility for the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment. Bob recently sent a draft of CCQ procedures to the class (CCQs and EXCOM).. That memo is repeated below and is incorporated into the working copy of "65PlusTen" document that will be distributed separately for comment .

### **CCQ Procedures**

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General: You are the glue that helps keep our classmates informed and participating in Class activities; and, you are especially important in coordinating the writing of Memorial Articles for your company mates.

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Specific: Be the principal point of contact with your company mates and widows while passing on appropriate information to and from the Class and to the Class Scribe [Pete Penczer]. Some CCQ's do periodic communications with their company mates; others do not.

Support Class activities [reunions, projects, etc.] and urge company mates and widows to support them, too. If possible, have a Classmate or Widow living in the DC area attend Class functions.

Get as many company mates as you can listed on the Class email and snail mail lists [see [58usma@west-point.org](mailto:58usma@west-point.org)]. To add or change an email address, contact Pete Trainor; for snail mail contact George Lawton or John Nun. For those not wanting to be on these lists, devise some means of passing info to and from them. If you have not already done so and want to establish a company email list or website, contact Pete Trainor for assistance.

### Death of Classmate or Spouse/widow:

- **If you learn of a death and have not already been notified by AOG or the Class**, inform 'Death Notifications' [Terry Connell-First Regiment or Paul Ruud-Second Regiment] with as much information as you have:
  - Date of Death
  - Cause and location of death,
  - Any planned services,
  - Plans for interment,
  - Obituary availability; and,
  - ESPECIALLY**, a contact email or phone # for the NOK or person reporting the death.

### **Do the Following four items even if you are not the first to learn of the death:**

1. Contact the Class Treasurer [Lee Miller] to be sure he has a way to contact the NOK to arrange for a charitable donation from the Class. Formerly, the Class offered either flowers for Services or a donation to a charity of the NOK's choosing; we now offer only the donation.
2. Contact Otto Thamasett to arrange for the Class Flag to be sent to the funeral/memorial service IF IT IS DESIRED BY THE NOK and returned after the services. Finding a Classmate who is attending the services to receive and return the flag works best.
3. Assist the Death Notification Team in gathering the information needed to make their announcements
4. Find a company mate, classmate or family member to write the Memorial Article (MA). The AOG rules and format for MA's are easily reached through the Class website [access to the site is found in Pete Trainor's monthly email address update; at the top of the update is a link to the Class Website; on the first page is 'Be Thou at Peace' in upper left—this sends you to a second page which, on the right, has (1) a link to the AOG page where you can access the list of Classmates who have died and, if an MA has been published, a copy of the MA and (2) the AOG guidance and rules for preparing an MA. Possible other sources of information about deceased graduates are the AOG, itself, which may have records the classmate has provided, the National Archives (<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel>)

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(NOK have access to more info than others would have), Ancestry .com, and The Mormon Church Genealogy files. Also, WP-ORG's Ward Book (Living History Project) at <http://wardbook.west-point.org/> contains individual classmate data prepared for our 50th reunion yearbook, "50 Years of Service," some with updated entries.

- **As we are now all in our late 80's we need to convince as many of our company mates as possible to write their own Living MA's and submit them to the AOG. We have a lot of living classmates who will pass in the next several years. Because we are nearly all 25 or 30 years beyond our active duty or active employment careers, some of the most important things to us individually may no longer be fixed in the minds of our classmates and families. Thus, in fairness to our families and classmates, it behooves each of us *who wants an MA published* to write as much of our own MA as we can. If a company mate does NOT want an MA published, please ask them to inform you and, in turn, me and I will keep a record of their wishes.**

### Some Guidance on Writing your 'Living MA'

- Follow the previous guidance, above, to find the AOG website dealing with MA's. Look at the rules and format provided there. The individual may write a document that exactly follows the format and length specified or write what is considered a draft that may be shorter/longer or not in the correct format. If the former, the writer has the choice of submitting the document to AOG with or without the completed Inventory Sheet. If submitted without the Inventory Sheet, whether the format is valid or not, it will be treated as a Draft by AOG and filed awaiting the writer's death when it will be sent to the NOK. If a complete Inventory Sheet is submitted, the AOG will review the documents; if it meets their criteria it will be filed and, when you die, sent to your NOK for a final review asking them if they wish to make changes or accept as is. If the draft does not meet AOG criteria, after death AOG will ask the NOK to revise the MA and to submit or resubmit the Inventory sheet.

If you are unable to or are tired of doing the CCQ job, try to find a replacement in your Company and inform the CCQ Coordinator [Bob Hayden]. If you need help with some aspect of the job, let Bob know.

The key is sharing information so that all parties are aware of the death— that Paul and Terry are aware of the death, that AOG is notified, that Lee Miller is provided information to process the class gift/flowers, and the Widow's Support Team is able to weigh in with its support

During the meeting, the EXCOM voted to change the policy for memorializing our classmates on their death. We will now offer the next of kin (NOK) only a \$100 donation to a charity of choice (and to the PEF if they do not make a choice). In the past, we offered either flowers for a memorial/funeral service or the charitable donation. A continuing challenge is for Lee Miller to make contact with the NOK to learn their desires for the donation. Jack Bradshaw suggested that once Lee has made good effort to contact the

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family that his fallback is to contribute \$100 to the Perpetual Endowment Fund in the name of the deceased classmate. The EXCOM agreed with Jack's suggestion.

Audrey Webb concurred in the difficulty of contacting NOK, and asked that contact information – addresses, telephone numbers, and email — be made available to the WST.

**Widows Outreach Team.** Audrey Webb provided details on its most recent activities

There have been 9 classmate deaths between Jan. 1, 2022 and the middle of March.

- Charles (Charlie) H. Oxrieder (Co. I-2) died Jan. 5, 2022. Widow Billie
- James W. (Jim) McCauley (Co G-2) died Jan. 15, 2022. Widow Cindy
- Jerry N. Hoblit (Co. B-2) died Jan. 31, 2022. Widow Rosalie
- William (Bill) S. Graf (Co. B-1) died Feb. 4, 2022. Widow Vilda
- James (Jim) H. Hankee (Co. L-1) died Mar. 19, 2022. Widow Peggy
- John Sewall (Co. F-2) died Feb. 21, 2022.

Three classmates who died on the very same day, Feb 25, 2022. Also, none of the three left a widow. They are:

- Jerry W. Betts (Co. H-1)
- Robert (Bob) G. Finkenaur (Co. H-1)
- Troy D. Chappell (Co. L-1)

Sadly, three widows have also passed away since the first of the year. They are:

- Anne DeBoeser, widow of Vince DeBoeser (E-1) died, Jan. 10, 2022.
- Billie Stokes Oxrieder, widow of Charlie Oxrieder (I-2), died Feb. 3, 2022. Billie died almost a month after her husband died.
- Gerry White Jones, widow of Jim Jones (M-2), died Mar. 22, 2022.

As time goes on, it is becoming more and more difficult to contact our new widows. Age, dementia, and disabilities are a large part of the reason. Changing phone numbers and changing residence also contribute to the problem. So, any help you can give on helping us locate our widows would help our work go more smoothly and also save us a lot of time.

### **Round Table.**

- Pete Penczer asked for continued input for the class notes, especially photos. He is using the AOG mailing list which allows photos (WestPoint.org does not)
- Mike Daley provided information on Bill Graf's memorial and funeral services, the first in Carlisle, PA on May 7, and burial at West point on June 3. There was discussion about the class flag. Andy assured Mike that there was a beautiful class flag at West Point that AOG would provide.
- Mike also brought us up to date on the "rationing" drinks at the First Class Club -- limiting the per—person consumption.
- Mike also invited classmates to his tailgate spot at Miche Stadium for football games this coming year.
- There was inquiry regarding class materials sent to AOG — how to access them. Frank will follow up.

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Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Waskowicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Frank Waskowicz, Secretary

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## Association of Graduates - United States Military Academy Class Admin Acct. - Balance Sheet and Income Statement AD1958

3/30/2022

	12/31/2021	2/28/2022
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION -----		
Assets		
Cash/Market Value of Investments	\$84,296.18	\$83,002.31
Total Assets	<u>\$84,296.18</u>	<u>\$83,002.31</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$100.00
Class Admin Fund Liab. *	\$84,296.18	\$84,296.18
Total Liabilities	<u>\$84,296.18</u>	<u>\$84,396.18</u>
ENDING NET ASSETS	<u>\$84,296.18</u>	<u>\$84,396.18</u>
-----	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,393.87)</u>
INCOME STATEMENT -----		
Revenue		
Total Return	(\$766.82)	(\$874.61)
Class Admin Fund Net Rev Tsfr to Liab	(\$146.86)	\$0.00
Total Revenue	<u>(\$913.68)</u>	<u>(\$874.61)</u>
Expense		
Operating	\$2,234.09	\$519.26
Class Admin Fund Net Exp Tsfr to Liab	(\$3,147.77)	\$0.00
Total Expense	<u>(\$913.68)</u>	<u>\$519.26</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>(\$1,393.87)</u>

\* This category does not represent the Class's Liability.

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## Association of Graduates - United States Military Academy Class Gift Acct. - Balance Sheet and Income Statement CL1958

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION -----		
Assets		
Cash/Market Value of Investments	\$157,770.85	\$147,472.72
Total Assets	\$157,770.85	\$147,472.72
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INCOME STATEMENT -----		
Revenue		
Contributions	\$10,580.64	\$258.00
Realized Planned Gifts	\$7,298.66	\$0.00
Total Return	\$21,741.64	(\$10,530.33)
Planned Giving Gifts	\$5,024.85	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$44,645.79	(\$10,272.33)
Transfers		
Fund Raising Transfers	(\$1,787.94)	(\$25.80)
Total Transfers	(\$1,787.94)	(\$25.80)
Changes in Pledges Receivable	(\$67.51)	\$0.00
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$42,790.34	(\$10,298.13)