

USMA 1958 Executive Committee Meeting, 11 July 2023

Two months after our 65th, Andy Andreson hosted a virtual EXCOM meeting on 11 July to consider various follow-ups. He, Jack Bradshaw, Lee Miller, Tony Bauer, Mike Daley, Mike Mahler, Bob Hayden, and Church Hutton attended; with Audrey Webb, Garry Roosma, Jack Downing, Terry Connell, and Russ Robertson (PEF).

1. 65th Reunion Wrap-Up (Garry Roosma)

The contract with Park Ridge Marriott has been closed and all expenses paid from the Class Admin Fund at a total cost of \$48,606.75. Attendance fluctuated, but the best estimate is that 177 classmates and guests attended. This is less than the 200 for whom we had hoped, but within the cost parameters for which we had planned.

Andy said all went well, people were happy, and that we would start thinking about a 70th reunion. The AOG says such events attract 15-20 classmates, usually 92-93 in age, require a reduced pace of events, and favor lodging all in the Thayer Hotel.

2. Andreson Cost Reimbursements (Andy Andreson)

As noted earlier, Andy had paid \$719 out-of-pocket for Reunion bus no-shows, and \$495 more for earlier FCC and VN Memorial programs. He said the AOG fully reimbursed him for those from the Admin Fund and unused Reunion registrations.

3. Flooding at West Point (Mike Daley)

Rain that dumped 8 in. of water in 6 hours on 9 July seriously damaged West Point, halted operations, and closed all gates. Buildings were flooded, landslides closed 9W, and water in Highland Falls reached 3 ft. The AOG was off-line, but the FCC appeared undamaged. It will take time for USMA to return to full operations.

4. Possible WP Magazine Article on the FCC (Mike Daley)

Mike said the PAO is uninterested in such an article as it wants to highlight the full installation. There is also no precedent for stories on just one class gift. An article on all USMA historic buildings might fly but would then obscure '58's lead role in creating the FCC. After comments, we decided not to offer an article at this time.

5. Future Closure of Class Activities (Church Hutton)

At some future point, perhaps at our 75th, the EXCOM will want to conclude Class operations. To avoid surprises, Church distributed a draft of legal, property, and other steps likely to be required then, based on our status as a 501.c (19) veteran's

group and our AOG agreement. He asked for any other agreements that may exist. EXCOM members will now refine that list as future events and needs may require.

6. Upcoming DC Class Dinners and Minis (Andy Andreson)

Our fall luncheon will be at the Fairfax Army-Navy Club on 15 September (not 14 Sept as first announced). The 30 November our annual Army-Navy lunch with USNA 1958 will be at the Arlington Army-Navy Club. The location for our 2024 Mini is still undecided but Las Vegas is a candidate because our 2019 Mini there with 130 attendees was so successful.

7. Treasurer Reports (Tony Bauer)

The Admin Fund with \$82,284.15, and the GIFT Fund with \$341,265.79 -- both numbers as of 7/21/2023 -- are in excellent shape. The huge jump in the Gift Fund results from a major legacy from Townsend Van Fleet's will. God bless you, Van!

8. Perpetual Endowment Fund (Russ Robertson)

Based on our Class vote at the 65th for a one-time donation to the PEF in honor of all future classmate deaths, the AOG sent the PEF a check for \$24,900 in early July. Russ said that a surging stock market had lifted the PEF from \$1.78M at the start of 2023 to now near \$2M. Future PEF donations could thus leapfrog higher.

9. Class Losses and Widow's Outreach Team (Audrey Webb)

The AOG reported we lost Sammy Sookmark in May and Norm Monson in June. The Team (Margie Downing, Betsy Hall, Barbara Raymond, and Audrey) assisted Jintara Sookmark. Norm was a widower (his Eileen died in 2019). Audrey said we lost three more wives: Kit Brown (d. 5/27/2023, Glenn's wife); Nancy Jenison (d. 2/19/2023, Lucky's wife); and Charlotte Livingston (d. 5/2/2023, Dave's wife).

Audrey thanked Ellie Wilson, Gene's widow, for hosting the seven widows who attended our 65th. Ellie was most impressed with Garry's Reunion preparations, the beautiful new equestrian center in memory of Butch Saint (his widow, Marilyn, attended), and with the cadet observatory.

There being no other official business, Andy adjourned the meeting at 1200 A.M.

Church Hutton, Secretary