

USMA 1958 Executive Committee Meeting, 18 April 2023

The EXCOM met virtually on 18 April 2023. Andy Andreson hosted the meeting and was joined at his home by Lee Miller. Participating by conference call were EXCOM members Jack Bradshaw, Pete Penczer, Bob Hayden, Mike Mahler, and Mike Daley, as well as Audrey Webb, Garry Roosma, Jack and Margie Downing, and Brad Johnson.

Agenda Items

Women's Outreach Team (Audrey Webb)

Audrey Webb reported that we have six more widows since the last meeting of the EXCOM on 6 December 2022. Betty Puscheck and Nancy Abernathy, two of our Class wives, passed away this year. Audrey said Gene Wilson's widow, Ellie, and Margie Downing will arrange a gathering for the eight or so widows who will attend the 65th reunion.

65th Reunion 3-7 May 2023 (Roosma)

Registration for the Reunion has been open for several weeks. Planning is proceeded smoothly. We expect attendance of about 60 classmates and a total of 200, including family members. This is an unusually large number. Reunion planning is on track. Clearly inflation during the past year or so have made our gathering more expensive. The schedule of activities posted on the Reunion Web link is unchanged except for an extension of the lunch hour at the FCC on Thursday, 4 May has been extended by 30 minutes.

Memorial Service at the Cadet Chapel (Andreson)

The service will proceed in the same order as the one at our 60th Reunion. Jack Bradshaw will welcome the attendees; Mel Farrar will give the Invocation; Alan Salisbury will lead the Cadet Prayer and the singing; Andy will conduct the Roll Call; the Cadet Chaplain will give the Benediction. A bugler will be present to play Taps. We will omit singing of The Corps, since we no longer have enough trained voices to do this hallowed tribute justice.

Bus Transport from DC to Park Ridge NJ.(Andreson)

The bus will depart the Arlington Army-Navy Club on Wednesday, 3 May, at 1100h, and riders must be loaded by that time. POVs can be parked at the Club, which is secured. The bus will return to Arlington on Sunday, departing at 1100h.

Lunch on 4 May at the First Class Club(Andreson and Daley)

We will have 90 minutes to enjoy a buffet lunch and make some presentations. Our bottle of 1958 Armagnac will be revealed and installed in a visible place of honor among the bottles in the Club, along with a plaque. On behalf of the Class Jack Downing will present a pewter tray to Alycin Grete, granddaughter of our Classmate Bob Grete. We will recognize the stellar FCC management of Mike Skelly and the special assistance to our Class by some members of the WPAOG staff.

Class Business Meeting on 5 May(Andreson)

Andy will lead the meeting, which will follow 0800 breakfast and begin NLT 0900. Russ Robertson, who now is Chairman of the PEF Board, will report on the Perpetual Endowment Fund. Andy will propose that we elect Church Hutton to the Executive Committee and open the floor for any other business.

Other Reunion Concerns(Roosma)

Garry emphasized again that parking on West Point is nearly impossible for POV drivers to find. West Point is hosting our reunion while two other activities are in progress: meetings of the WPAOG Counsels and presentation by Cadets throughout the campus of Academic projects. Finally, the dress for the Review on Saturday is blue blazer, gray trousers, and the white brimmed hat. No tie is required.

DC Class Social Activities (Andreson)

The 34th Annual Memorial Service Luncheon honoring classmates lost during the Vietnam War will be held at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington on Sunday, 21 May beginning at 1100 hours.

Treasurer's Report (Miller)

The Class Admin Fund has assets of about \$95k. We expect the Fund is large enough to cover our expenditures, including an outlay of about \$5K to cover 65th Reunion expenses. The Class of 1958 Gift Fund on the books of the WPAOG stands at about \$150K. Eventually we will release that for use by USMA.

Class Honorarium at Classmate's Death(Hayden)

For many years we have honored a Classmate upon his death with a gift of \$100 to a charity chosen by his NOK. In several instances this has become a tedious task for all concerned. Bob obtained preferences from the CCQ net and others among three options: (a) continue as we have; (2) simply donate \$100 to the PEF upon the death of an individual; (3) donate now about \$25,000 to honor the *circa* 250 Classmates still living. Bob reported an overwhelming consensus for Option 3, and the EXCOM approved this, subject to any concerns raised at the 65th Reunion. If we proceed IAW Option 3 the Class President will report this decision in an email to the Class, so that it can be known to our survivors that the Class has honored us in this way.

Final Toast

Planning for this event was discussed briefly. Soon our libation bottle of Armagnac will be displayed and protected at the FCC, and our hope is to have the Toast there at our 75th Reunion. We resolved to revisit this subject from time to time. An option is to celebrate with a Toast at our 70-year gathering. Roosma reported that we can expect about 13 classmates to attend this, based upon WPAOG experience.

WIDOWS OUTREACH TEAM REPORT to EXCOM APRIL 18, 2023

There are six new widows reported since the last EXCOM meeting on Dec. 6th, 2022.

Betty Cockle wife of Dale Cockle I-2 d. Dec.16, 2022

Barbara Davis wife of Charles (Chuck) H. Davis G-1 d. Dec.17, 2022

Jody Krankel wife of Josef (Joe) Conrad Krankel F-2 d. Dec.20, 2022

Marcia York wife of Michael (Mike) W. York (C-2) d. Feb. 1, 2023

Anne Isaacson wife of John L. Isaacson (E-2) d.. Feb. 6, 2023

Hsi Nan "Sheena" Jenkins wife of Homer Jenkins (M-2) d. July 3, 2015.

Although they were not widows, we will greatly miss both Betty Puscheck and Nancy Abernathy, who passed away earlier this year.

Ellie Wilson, widow of Gene Wilson, has very graciously agreed to arrange a get-together for the widows attending the Reunion. Margie Downing of our Widows Team will be working with Ellie. The latest count of those widows attending the Reunion is approximately eight.

Best Wishes to the widows, wives, graduates and other guests, who will be gathering together. May you all have a GREAT 65TH REUNION!!

Audrey Webb