

USMA 1958 Executive Committee Meeting, 16 January 2024

Andy Andreson hosted a virtual EXCOM meeting that he, Jack Bradshaw, Tony Bauer, Mike Daley, Mike Mahler, Bob Hayden, Church Hutton, Audrey Webb, Garry Roosma, Terry Connell, Pete Trainor, and Russ Robertson (PEF) attended.

1. Response to Classmate Deaths (Jack Bradshaw)

Jack asked if we are doing enough to honor a Classmate upon his death, now that our one-time \$25K gift to the PEF has replaced our donation of \$100 to a charity chosen by his family. Terry said when CCQs report a death, he and the AOG send Class notices. Usually, the CCQ communicates with the family.

In the past, Jack also wrote condolence letters to the NOK but discontinued those a few years ago. He will send examples of the letters to Andy, and we will consider whether to send future such letters, perhaps from Andy or other EXCOM members. Andy said the latest AOG data show 60% of our Class is gone and 40% still living.

2. Location of Our 70th Reunion (Andy Andreson)

Andy said '59 will hold its 65th Reunion this year at DC, not West Point. Should we do likewise for our 70th? We expect 15-20 classmates in their 90's; they could not fly into WP but could into DC; and a Marriott is near National Airport. Garry said the AOG recommends 70th reunions be at WP in May, with all in the Thayer. Timing is important for AOG support: if we select DC, we must tell AOG this year, if we select WP, we can delay until 2026. The EXCOM will discuss this further.

3. Social Schedule and Mini-Reunions (Andy Andreson)

Andy said that our '58 luncheon this year with '57 will be at the Fairfax ANCC on 7 March, and our Memorial Day luncheon will be 19 May at the Arlington ANCC. Whether we will have another summer picnic is TBD.

4. Class Agreements with External Entities (Church Hutton & Mike Daley)

To identify any that might impact '58 in the future, Church searched all minutes and queried Linda Wascowicz and earlier EXCOM members. Mike queried the AOG. Beyond our constitution, bylaws, and PEF documents, '58 has only two agreements (both attached) with external agencies: Jack's 2017 MOU with '08 on how it will commemorate our 100th, and his 2018 MOU with the AOG on transfer of our Admin Fund to the PEF when '58 ceases operations. Mike said the AOG supports us without a formal agreement. There are thus no surprises in this arena.

Church added that our draft checklist to close '58 operations at a future date had circulated with few changes. It is attached for archiving, to aid future EXCOMs.

5. Treasurer's Report (Tony Bauer)

Tony said that on 30 November 2023, the Gift and Admin funds had balances of \$41,362.04 and \$345,246.17 respectively. Both are in good shape. On 5 January, he filed the IRS Form 990-N required of us as a 501.c (19) veteran's organization.

6. CCQ Status and Memorial Articles (Bob Hayden)

Bob said CCQ's occasionally change; with five changes in 2023, two in 2024, and one pending. Memorial Articles can go either through CCQs or directly to AOG, but any to be published this August must be at AOG by 29 Feb. When classmates die, AOG sends on-file articles back to families for editing. He said 74 classmates have died without MAs on file, a few preferring not to have one. An obituary is not sufficient for an MA, but information in an obit can be used to write one.

To see the status of the MAs, go to the '58 website Home page, then a "Deceased Classmates" link on the left. That will take you to a page with a link to the AOG list of deceased graduates. Enter a name and class on that form, and the name of the deceased and circumstances of death will appear. An asterisk by a name shows a person with a published MA, and the published MA is included.

7. Perpetual Endowment Fund (Russ Robertson)

Russ said the PEF, now at \$2.25M, is even for 2023 after a poor 2022. Its Board tracks 57 descendants as potential members and is in close touch with '08 on our time capsule and 100th anniversary (see 4, foregoing). Jack's MOU provides much flexibility for uncertainties and descendant desires. Russ added that the Class of 2008 is very proud to be associated with the Class of 1958.

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

Audrey's report on our 15 losses this period is attached. Terry, who coordinates all our death notifications, said the Outreach Team was doing a wonderful job.

9. New Class Flag Coordinator (Andy Andreson)

Andy said Otto Thomasett had long and superbly orchestrated our Class flag, its stand, and a new extendible flagpole to Class funerals and other ceremonies. He needed relief. Alan Chase will thus take over those duties on 31 January 2024.

10. Reservist Burials at Arlington National Cemetery (Andy Andreson)

Several had asked about rules for burying reservists at Arlington such as Norm Gustitus, a USAR O-6. To be eligible for Arlington in-ground/columbarium burial, Andy said Reserve Component retirees must have had active duty service, but they may be eligible without that at other national cemeteries. For all new Arlington burials, Congress has mandated standard white DoD gravestones because privately designed ones can require much more maintenance and topple over in soft ground.

Three items are required for in-ground burial at Arlington of a reservist showing their Reserve rank on a gravestone: (a) DD Form 214, showing active duty service, (b) official letter from USAR or National Guard showing final rank at retirement, and (c) verification that he/she received retired pay from that Reserve Component.

Andy noted that anyone with a DD-214 (active duty honorable discharge) can still be buried in the columbarium at Arlington Cemetery, but in-ground burials there require a full active duty retirement or the combination of the three items above.

Andy and Mike concluded by saying rules for burials at national cemeteries have become increasingly centralized and complex. It is thus essential that classmates desiring such a burial confirm the details in advance with the planned cemetery.

There being no other business, Andy concluded the meeting at 1230.

Church Hutton, Secretary

Attachments: a. Bradshaw 2018 MOU with Class of '08 on 100th Anniversary
b. Bradshaw 2017 MOU with AOG on Transfer of Admin Fund
c. Draft Checklist for Future Closure of 1958 Class Operations
d. Widow's Outreach Team Report

A Memorandum of Understanding on the Disposition of the Class of 1958 Administrative Fund

Purpose

This memorandum establishes an agreement between the USMA Class of 1958 and the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) concerning the final disposition of the USMA 1958 Administrative Fund.

Interested Parties:

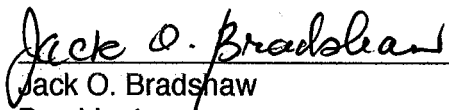
- a. The USMA Class of 1958
- b. The Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF) Board of the Class of 1958
- c. The West Point Association of Graduates

Discussion:

In October 2017 the USMA Class of 1958 transferred its class administrative funds to the WPAOG to administer. USMA 1958 governance documents and the By-Laws of the PEF specify that expenses of the PEF Board will be paid from class operating funds. When the Class Executive Committee ceases to exist, the residual funds from this administrative account managed by the WPAOG should be transferred to the PEF Board. The funds will not be retained by WPAOG and will not be transferred to the PEF itself. The PEF Board will use these funds for its operating needs.

Agreement

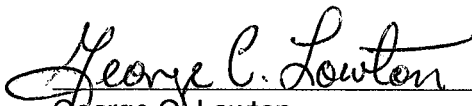
It is understood and agreed by all parties to this memorandum that when the Executive Committee of the Class of USMA ceases to exist, the administrative funds held by the West Point Association of Graduates in the name of the Class will revert to the control of the PEF Board to defray any residual Class and PEF expenses.



Jack O. Bradshaw

President
USMA Class of 1958

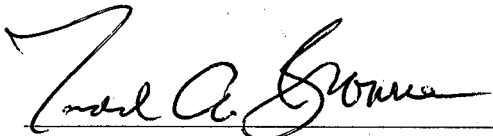
11 Sep 2018
Date



George C. Lawton

Chairman,
Perpetual Endowment Fund Board

5 Sept 2018
Date



Todd A. Browne

President & CEO
West Point Association of Graduates

28 Sep 2018
Date

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR USMA 2058 EVENTS

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to outline plans for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the West Point Class of 1958 and the 50th Anniversary of the Class of 2008.

Interested Parties:

- a. Current USMA class of 1958.
- b. Class of 2008
- c. The Perpetual Endowment Board, Class of 1958 (PEB).
- d. The West Point Association of Graduates
- e. Superintendent, USMA
- f. USMA Class of 2058
- g. USMA Museum

Discussion

Our two classes shared several memorable events during the Cadet years of USMA 2008. In 2008 the Class of 1958 celebrated the 50th anniversary of its graduation as the Class of 2008 graduated. We marked the occasion by interring a Time Capsule behind Herbert Hall, which houses the West Point Association of Graduates. The Time Capsule remains the property of the Class of 1958 until the event in 2058 after which ownership will pass to the Class of 2008.

USMA 1958 created and funded a Permanent Endowment for the benefit of USMA. It is over-watched by a Permanent Endowment Board and will make a major donation to USMA in 2058, marking the 100th anniversary of the Class's graduation. 2058 will, of course, be the year when USMA 2008 celebrates its 50th anniversary.

We recognize that it is futile to make specific plans four decades in advance for celebration of these anniversaries, but we do wish to note the occasion with this MOU and document with it the wishes of USMA 1958 concerning it.

Expected activities for the celebration in 2058:

- a. 50th anniversary reunion of the graduation of the Class of 2008.
- b. Presentation of a major monetary gift to the Academy from the Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment Fund(PEF).
- c. Opening of the Time Capsule (TC).

Timing and Location

We expect that the date of the USMA 2008 reunion will be determined by the Academy, and we wish for the USMA 1958 activities to take place at the same time. We expect that the 2008 planning committee will coordinate with the

USMA 1958 PEB to arrange for the unearthing of the Time Capsule and the presentation of the 1958 gift to the Superintendent.

The Time Capsule opening might take place in the area behind Herbert Hall where it was dedicated 2008. If the First Class Club still exists, the ceremony might take place there, to commemorate the support our two Classes gave to the operation of the Club. In any event the USMA 2008 planning committee will select and coordinate the location with the USMA 1958 PEB.

Authority:

The Class Executive Committee (EC) is the decision-making authority for the Class of 1958. It will dissolve eventually, well before 2058, and the Perpetual Endowment Board will have authority concerning the 2058 commemorative events which are the subject of this MOU.

TC Contents: A list of the contents is attached. Disposition of the contents after the TC is opened will be decided by the Class of 2008. Some possibilities are:

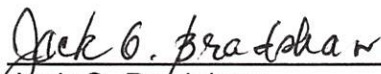
1. Distribute them to our descendants.
2. Donate items to the USMA Museum.
5. Return some or all to the TC for reburial along with mementoes from the Classes of 2008 and 2058

Funding

Costs associated with the handling of the TC and any USMA 1958-sponsored events will be borne by the PEB. Future TC costs will be the responsibility of the Class of 2008.

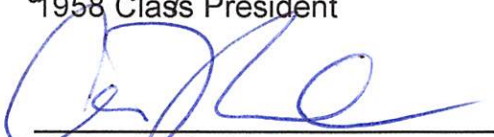
Coordination

The USMA Class of 2008 will arrange for the conduct of these celebratory events in 2058 and will coordinate with all interested parties. The PEB will seek to notify and involve any interested descendants of the Class of 1958.



Jack O. Bradshaw
1958 Class President

Date: 5 April 2017



Adrian D. Perkins
2008 Class President

Date: 10 April 2017

Draft Checklist for a Future Ending of Class of 1958 Functions

Situation: At some future point, EXCOM members will determine that they must terminate Class functions. This draft checklist is intended to anticipate now what may be required then of what may be a smaller EXCOM, to facilitate ending Class of 1958 relationships and responsibilities in an orderly and comprehensive manner.

Legal Status: Years ago, the Class of 1958 applied to the IRS and was designated a 501.c (19) organization, which provides tax-exempt status to qualifying veterans' organizations and auxiliaries. The Class receives assistance from the WPAOG, a Federal 501.c (3) entity, under their normal policies without a formal agreement. Those relationships have saved the Class much admin and expense, enabling an EXCOM in the future to terminate Class functions it manages with modest effort.

Conceptual EXCOM Steps to Closure:

- * Update this Procedure: coordinate with AOG and USMA to refine this checklist IAW with any changed facts and policies that may apply.
- * Vote to End Functions: conduct Class vote to terminate Class functions (minus PEF) on selected date and advise surviving members and families.
- * Assign Checklist Tasks: ask Class individuals to carry out selected tasks.
- * Pay Off Debts: settle any outstanding Class funding or other liabilities.
- * File Dissolution Document: advise AOG and Superintendent in writing that Class of 1958 is ending formal functions on selected date.
- * File whatever document IRS requires to close a 501.c (19) organization.
- * Coordinate Other Stakeholders: advise Class POCs and institutions that 1958 supports or with whom it interacts, that it is ending functions on selected date.
 - Lawrence M. Malone Award (Georgetown University ROTC)
 - George Walker Award (USMA Dept. of Social Sciences)
 - James Ramsden Award (USMA Dept. of Chemistry & Life Sciences)
 - Gerald C. Capelle Award (USMA Preparatory School)
 - W. E. Serchak Astronomy Award (USMA Dept. of Physics & Nuc. Engr.)
 - Anthony A. Smith Award for Excellence in Foreign Studies

- William G. T. Tuttle, Jr. Award for DoD/Govt. Business Acumen
- Wounded Warrior Mentor Prog. (Mil. liaison for this 503.c (3) program)
- Prostate Cancer Support Group (1958 coordinator of this group)
- Widow Outreach Team: (1958 coordinator of this group)
- Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment Fund (Chairman of this group)
- * Transfer Funds: ask AOG to transfer remaining Class Admin Fund to PEF (per Bradshaw 2018 MOU) and remaining Class Gift Fund to AOG.
- * First Class Club: coordinate with FCC to terminate Class relationship and organize “Final Toast” ceremony with 1958’s encased Armagnac.
- * Classes of 1983 and 2008: advise of foregoing and invite to “Final Toast.”
- * Proposed Disposition of Class Items:
 - Class Flag & Streamers: permanent display in FCC, with request that it be made available to PEF for ceremonies when latter makes gifts to USMA.
 - Time Capsule: transfer to PEF for use at 100th anniversary ceremony.
 - Other Class Pins, Photos, Mementos: to be retained by owners.
- * USMA Media: notify USMA Public Affairs and *West Point Magazine*.
- * Assist AOG and PEF: ask if there is interest in archive of Class files to provide historical record of Class contributions, ethos, and lessons learned.

WIDOWS OUTREACH TEAM REPORT, JANUARY 16, 2024

Since the last EXCOM, July 11, 2023, we sadly lost 15 Class of '58 members. Barbara Raymond sends the family a note, Audrey Webb calls them by phone, and Margie Downing and Betsy Hall assist otherwise as is needed. Our outreach is to the families, not to the classmates. Fourteen of those lost left behind widows and/or beloved companions to grieve their passing. They are as follows, though not necessarily in the correct chronological order of their passing:

GLENN LEMAR BUGAY, G-1
d. July 22, 2023
Widow: POLLY BUGAY

JUDE JOSEPH THEIBERT, M-1
d. Aug. 11, 2023
Widow: JO ANNE THEIBERT

JOHN FRANCIS REILLY, G-1
d. Sept.24, 2023
Widow: JANET HIGGS

WILLIAM (BILL) SHEPARD II, F-1
d. Sept. 25, 2023
Former Wife/Friend: NONA SHEPARD

ROBERT EDWARD D'AMORE, C-1
d. Oct. 7, 2023
Companion: CHRISTINE TWOHIG

MAX GALEN PEARSALL, E-2
d. Oct. 21, 2023
Widow: MINNIE PEARSALL

PAUL DUDLEY VANTURE, B-2
d. Oct. 23, 2023
Widow: VIRGINIA VANTURE

STANLEY C. TONEY, A-2
d. Oct. 23, 2023
Companion: PAT LENZ

RICHARD K. CLEMENTS, H-2
d. Nov. 24, 2023
Widow: NADINE CLEMENTS

GERALD (GERRY) P. SCHURTZ, E-2
d. Nov. 11, 2023
Widow: BONNIE SCHURTZ

JOHN LEE PALMER, G-2
d. Dec. 17, 2023
Widow: BARBARA PALMER

RONALD L. BELLOWS, K-1
d. Dec. 18, 2023
Widow: BARBARA BELLOWS

KENNETH ARTHUR LOHR, K-2
d. Dec. 9, 2023
Widow: BEVERLY LOHR

NORMAN L. GUSTITIS, K-1
d. Jan. 8, 2024
Widow: MARIE GUSTITIS

In addition, Charles (Chaz) B. Porciello passed away Dec. 25, 2023. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, on Jan. 13, 2022.

Many classmates have been lost, but the Widows Outreach Team is glad to have a small part in bringing comfort and assistance to those special loved ones who have been left behind.

May the Lord bless each of you in the New Year, as well as those whose names were mentioned in this Report.

Submitted by Audrey Webb for the Class of '58 Widows Outreach Team (Margie Downing, Betsy Hall, Barbara Raymond, and Audrey Webb)