

USMA Class of 1958 EXCOM Meeting, 9 September 2025

Andy Andreson hosted a virtual EXCOM this date, with Jack Bradshaw, Mike Daley, Bob Hayden, Gary Roosma, Mike Mahler, Tom Sands, Pete Penczer, and Church Hutton attending. Tony Bauer and Audrey Webb could not attend but their reports are included.

1. 2025 Thayer Award to Tom Hanks (Andy Andreson)

We discussed the ongoing political kerfuffle concerning this event at some length, but decided we had no basis for action and would take no Class action on it. Andy confirmed that position in a follow-on letter to the Class, saying the AOG had advised him senior USMA and AOG leaders had met with Mr. Hanks, decided to postpone the Award presentation, and would present it to him at some future date. Andy's letter recommended that individuals likewise take no action at this time.

2. Status of Our Rabble Rousers (RR) Endowment (Mike Daley)

Mike said our endowment and naming rights for the RR Cheerleaders and Dance Team were approved and will be recognized during the 11 Oct football game. The Supe or a DIA representative and several donor reps typically make brief remarks on the field. If shown on the replay screen, we may be able to see that on TV.

News from the Rabble Rousers has been good. Their first two newsletters covered structure of the team, explained different exercises, and noted recent results. Their next newsletter will highlight our endowment. They did well at the May Nationals, where hundreds of teams competed in this now intercollegiate and not club sport.

Mike met with the coach and watched a ninety-minute practice. Those cadets are athletes; many are gymnasts. The sport requires individual, small group and large group coordination; giving leadership and teamwork opportunities to all. He was very impressed by the enthusiasm, approach and spirit he saw during the practice.

3. Proposal for 2026 Mini-Reunion (Andy Andreson)

Andy proposed a Class mini-reunion in 2026, in view of the long time between our 65th and 70th reunions, saying Williamsburg or New Orleans might attract people. Jack suggested we ask the Class first to assess interest. Andy will send a message shortly to the Class proposing those options for a mini, and Jack will call possible coordinators in those cities to see what might be feasible.

4. Planning for Our 70th Reunion in DC in 2028 (Andy Andreson)

Andy said AOG coordination is underway to support our 70th Reunion, which will likely be at one of the Arlington Crystal City hotels on Eads St. The Army-Navy Country Club and National Airport are close by, the local Metro system provides access across all of DC, and the only question is whether or not we should open our “Last Toast” bottle of Armagnac there. As that idea is gaining strength, Andy asked for inputs from classmates: write or email him to make your wishes known.

5. Treasurer Report (Tony Bauer)

Tony reported that as of 12 Sept the Admin Fund was at \$53,219.21 and the Gift Fund at \$216,849.81. If the EXCOM decides to support RR operational expenses on an emergency basis this fall, we have ample resources available to do so.

6. Widow’s Outreach Team Report (Audrey Webb)

Since our January 2025 report, seven classmates, two wives, and three widows (Mary Ann Maxson, Sylvia Clark, and Maureen Gall) have died. We must sadly report that four new members have now joined our widows group:

- Lucy Moore, widow of Olin Joel Moore, E-2
- Pamela Case, widow of Robert Oliver Case, I-1
- "Mimi" Sigler, widow of James (Jim) Sigler, A-1
- Henriette Gordon, widow of Henry (Jack) Gordon, A-1

Margie Downing, Betsy Hall, Barbara Raymond, and Audrey Webb have reached out to them, and again thank all who give help and support to our Class widows.

7. Major Construction at West Point (Mike Daley)

Mike said the new East Michie stadium stands are due to be completed by the 2026 football season. They will extend to the Reservoir, blocking all but a small view of it from the existing stands, and closing off the road on that side of the stadium.

Construction of the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) building is proceeding where the hospital was in our day, i.e., across from USMA Headquarters. Making room for it has required extensive blasting of granite, but it will be a state-of-the-art facility and include underground parking.

The Thayer Building (the old Riding Hall) with a hundred or more classrooms is being completely renovated to meet modern communications and other needs. Finding temporary classrooms for cadets during this “redo” has been complicated.

8. Other Comments

a. Mike notes our big Class contributions to cadets when he can – especially the FCC, Ring Melt, and RR endowment. Cadets in turn express much appreciation.

b. He said families seeking funerals at WP should contact the Cemetery Memorial Office, which handles paperwork, schedules services, and coordinates support such as for honors and a chaplain. The AOG can also assist in arranging funerals: POC: Barbara St. John at tel: 845-446-1670. New graves must use a standard headstone similar to the WWII style and follow a template for allowed format and wording.

c. Jack said plaques of our Class and 1983 are outside the entrance of the FCC. Just inside the door at left are pictures of classmates who led the establishment of our gift. We decided there was no need for our Class flag to be inside the FCC.

d. Andy and Bob said the CCQ for A-2 was not from A-2; a fix that had worked well and might be a model for others. Bob Hayden reported after we met that we have added 3 new CCQ's: A1-Roger Waddell vice Lee Miller; G2-Bob Julian vice Lee Fay; and L2-Dick Trabert vice Bob Shellenberger.

There being no other business, we concluded at 1230 -- Church Hutton, Secretary