

Class of 1958 Newsletter -- Spring 2007

Letter from the Executive Committee Chairman (Palmer McGrew)

How long has it been since that beautiful spring in 1958 when we coasted toward graduation? Here's one indicator. We have class grandchildren graduating from West Point this year! If someone had told us we would be this old someday we might not have believed him, or cared. But here we are and we are still not just active, but leading the way for other classes, younger and older. A couple of examples:

- Our program to support severely wounded soldiers at and after Walter Reed is going strong and growing. Our team of volunteers has worked around the institutional problems and finding ways to continue to provide sorely needed assistance to the wounded even though bureaucratic roadblocks make it difficult.
- A lively discussion has been going on the forum about the forum. It shows how much many of us value the opportunity to interact with our classmates. The forum may not be for everyone, but it is a valued tool for a number of us.
- The internet, using Email list servers, has been invaluable in reconnecting our class after years of diverse service, and it continues to be important to us as a class. We constantly seek to find ways to keep classmates connected. If you are not on Email, or don't participate in any of our Email lists, you are missing a lot. Please consider joining your classmates on line.

Now we prepare for our 50th and we hope that everyone who possibly can will attend that big reunion. In connection with that, we are now letting contracts to put the First Class Club into the best shape possible by May 2008. We can still use some donations to make that a reality.

Class of 1958, pop up your chests! We have a lot to be proud of.

Grip Hands,

Palmer

Taps:

- a. Deaths since the last Newsletter (Summer 2006):
 1. Jo Ann Barker; DOD: 28 January 2007; Place: Unk;
Burial: St. Alban's, WV
 2. Clyde Brown; DOD: 26 December 2006; Place: Lawton, OK;
Burial: West Point, NY
 3. John B. Cook; DOD: 11 September 2006; Place: Ft. Worth, TX;
Burial: Ft Worth, TX
 4. Sylvia Degen; DOD: 15 September 2006; Place: Palm Harbor, FL;
Buried: TBD
 5. Fred Easley; DOD: 1 April 2007; Place: Buelton, CA;
Burial: Newport News, VA
 6. Les Gibbings; DOD: 11 December 2006; Place: Fayetteville, SC;
Burial: West Point, NY
 7. Charles T. Hatcher; DOD: 9 March 2007; Place: Toledo, OH;
Burial: Grand Rapids, OH
 8. Paul Makowski; DOD: 11 October 2006; Place: Silver Springs, MD
Burial: Arlington, VA
 9. Burt Miller; DOD: 5 March 2007; Place: Tucson, AZ;
Burial: Fresno, CA

- b. Obituaries and Eulogies: The obituaries of the following classmates have appeared in the "Taps," supplement to "Assembly," magazine in the issues indicated:
1. Claude B. Donovan, III and James A. Frick appeared in the January/February 2006 issue.
 2. Thomas F. Cartwright, appeared in the September/October 2006 issue.
 3. Robert F. Degen, Willie J. Marshall, and Richard B. Webb appeared in the January/February 2007 issue.

The following is the link to our class Eulogy page which Jack Downing (CINC Obit) suggests we all put in our "Favorites" file for ready reference:

<http://defender.west.point.org/service/eulogy/1,1123.usma1958,00.html>

- c. Class Flag: The Class Flag has been logging in a lot of miles as a result of the program initiated and tested last year. Palmer has been coordinating this process, but understandably he is still looking for a volunteer to take over. Feedback from the families has been universally deeply appreciative of the honoring of our classmates in this manner,

Calendar of Upcoming Events: This calendar is based largely upon the Social Events List of the Washington DC Area put together by Andy Andreson. It is provided (as Enclosure 2) with the hope that those of you living outside the DC Area might coordinate a visit to the Nation's Capitol with a Class of '58 gathering of one sort or another. You will note that the calendar also includes activities taking place elsewhere. If you are planning some type of activity involving a gathering of classmates and want to open it to the rest of the Class, let us (ExCom) know and we will add the event to this list. As more and more of us move into full retirement and can be found wandering the world's highways and byways, it is quite probable that if you advertise an event a lot of classmates will show up.

Reunions and Minis

2007 – 21-24 October – New Orleans Mini – This will have us arriving on Sunday and departing on Wednesday (similar schedule as Savannah). Our reunion hotel will be the Omni Royal Orleans. (Tom Sands -- OIC)

2008 – May -- Our 50th at West Point – Gary Roosma is OIC

2009 – Art Meyer is exploring a Mini in Tucson/Phoenix, AZ,

2010 – Rich Clements is exploring a Mini in Denver, CO.

2011 – Wide open although there are rumors of Hawaii

History Project and 50 Year Book : "SIR! There are 12 and a butt months until our 50th reunion!!! The Uniform is White Hats and Dark Blazers,..." **But more importantly there are five and butt weeks until the deadline (May 30th) for submitting your own personal information to be included in the magnificent 50 Year Howitzer-type reunion book.** The details of accomplishing this are laid out in Enclosure 3.

Class Grandsons: George Sibert earlier noted that we have four Grandsons in the Corps: Mike Hill '07 (Paul Bons), Robert Grete '09 (Bob Grete), and two plebes: Charles Maliska (Tom Maliska) and Tommy Moentmann (Bud with father Jim '81 in between). Bill Morrison recently called George to correct the record. Matthew Brown '07 is grandson of Lynn Hale Allen and Ed Hale (died in UH-1 training accident on 8 June 1966). Total of five grandson cadets at the moment. And, '58 has TWO grandsons graduating this year -- Mike Hill and Matthew Brown! Tony Smith is coordinating a presentation of a gift to them from the Class and all Classmates who might possibly be at West Point for Graduation Week should contact him.

First Class Club: The Summer of 2007 will see a flurry of activity preparing the First Class Club for the turnover to our Reunion Class, the Class of 2008 and for our 50th Reunion. Tony Smith has previously reported via e-mail on the coordination and plans for renovation (being done by the USMA Directorate of Public Works) and enhancements (being done by us and the Cadet Activities Office). Copies of these e-mails are included as an Enclosure 4 for the Snail Mail

addressees. Jack Bradshaw has been beating the drums to raise money from the class to fund our portion of the enhancements. Jack's e-mail report on the fund raising effort is Enclosure 5 for the snail mail crowd. It is not too late to contribute to this very worthy cause. Mail your check, made out to the West Point Fund – Class of 1958 Gift Fund, to the Association of Graduates; 689 Mills Road; West Point, NY 10996.

Mentoring Class of 2008: The great Class of 1958 has taken seriously our mentoring role in developing the Class of 2008 and in building a strong link with them beginning with their swearing in and a great showing for their Marchback from the Plebe Hike three years ago.

Affirmation Ceremony: On Sunday evening, August 13th, Palmer McGrew and Alan Salisbury represented the Class of '58 at the Affirmation Ceremony for the Class of 2008. After the Class of 2008 took their vow affirming their commitment to the Army and our Nation, they were each presented one of the coins our class provided symbolizing our link to them in the Long Grey Line. A copy of Alan's e-mail report to the class is Enclosure 6.

Marchback for Plebe Hike, August 2007: As Firsties and Cadet Officers, the Class of 2008 will lead the Plebe Hike Marchback in August 2007. Fifty-three of our classmates marched along with them when they were Plebes, hopefully we can get a great turn out for their final Plebe Hike. Ed Weckel reports that Registration for the 12 - 13 August March Back will be delayed several weeks, as the Directorate of Academy Advancement (DAA) is attempting to allow on line registration. This is a first! Last year the longer version of the march back was a best seller, and sold out in a month. Therefore, if interested, I suggest you get your applications in ASAP. I will attempt to notify you soonest when registration begins.

Remember - - this is one of the last opportunities we will have to bond with our 50th Anniversary Class, the Class of 08. Let's be honest - - your kids and grandkids have probably heard all of your war stories ad infinitum. Give them something else to remember you by - - something they can relate to - - a 15 mile march through the boonies, starting after midnight. At their current age, they will most likely feel the pain. If they say it's not much, challenge them to get their butts out of bed after midnight and walk over some unfamiliar narrow, wet and slippery trails - - for 15 miles. Then rechallenge them to do it again at 70 years of age! They'll get the picture.

In short, if health permits, please give this year's march back serious consideration - - especially those of you who are within a day's drive from West Point. And if you can't join in, please consider supporting the FCC - - write a check payable to The West Point Fund-Class of 1958 Gift Fund. Mail it to Association of Graduates, 698 Mills Road, West Point NY 10996. You'll be glad you did.

Stay Healthy, Ed Weckel

FCC Turnover to Class of 2008, August 2007: At the end of August 2007, the class of 2007 will pass responsibility for the First Class Club to our protégés, the Class of 2008. Hopefully all repairs and upgrades discussed by Tony Smith in recent e-mails to the class (These e-mails are enclosed with the snail mail Newsletters) will have been achieved and our pride and joy will be presented to the Class of 2008 in "First Class" shape. As always, Bob Pointer will be coordinating the Changeover Ceremony with the Cadet Class Officers and the Cadet Activities Officer. This will be another great opportunity to reach out and touch the class of 2008 and solidify our relationship. Put it on your calendar.

Butter Bars (?) in 2008 – In the recent past, it has become the custom for the 50 year reunion class to provide each graduating cadet with a set of Second Lieutenant gold bars to represent the Long Grey Line linkage between the classes. The impact of the recent announcement by the Department of the Army that the Green uniform will be phased out has not yet been determined. Hopefully this will be resolved before May 2008.

Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF)

Report from the PEF Board: This past January, the Perpetual Endowment Board announced that they had selected Dale Hruby, II, (USMA '83), son of Dale & Dodie Hruby to fill the descendant position. There were other highly qualified descendants who expressed interest and all would have been fine selections. The PEF Chairman, John Evans reports that our Class Perpetual Endowment is now worth over 600k - -\$602,000 (as of 23 April 2007). Amount invested was \$385k. Contributions are still being accepted to this fund, although the Endowment Board recommends you first support the Class FCC initiative before making additional contributions to the Class Perpetual Endowment. Four hundred Ninety Five (495) Classmates have supported the endowment. We need five more to reach 500! Questions should be addressed to class members of the Endowment Board - either, John Evans, E-1 (Chairman) Lee Miller, A-1, Bob Rhodes (F-1) or Ed Weckel (D-1).

Activities since the Last Newsletter(Feb 2006)

Hexagon Satire Show: Once again this year, Lee Miller organized a fun filled and gourmet event in Georgetown for the annual Hexagon Show. A great time was had by all.

West Point Leaders Conference: Palmer McGrew and Alan Salisbury attended the annual West Point Leaders Conference. Alan chose to report on the conference by linking to a very thorough report prepared by Mike Layman of the class of 1987. Please note the discussions with the new Supe about the ethical ramifications of Cadets drinking at the Firstie Club. This is a very interesting perspective. <http://www.westpoint.org/class/usma1987/content/view/64/59/>
This report is Enclosure 7 in the snail mail packet.

Malone Award: (May 5). Bob Tallgren, M-2, represented the Class of '58 in making the presentation of the Malone Award to the most outstanding "Cadet Ranger," in the graduating Georgetown University ROTC unit at the annual military ball at Ft. Meyer Officer's Club.

Annual Financial Report: The Annual Financial Report for the Year 2006. As of 31 December 2006, the report showed: (1) Operating Fund = \$69,342.34; (2) Perpetual Endowment Fund = \$565,500; and the Class Gift Fund = \$108,120.35. (Editor's Note: These are end-of-the-year numbers and will not agree with more current numbers reported elsewhere in this Newsletter). The complete report will be posted on the Class Website. A full copy will be Enclosure 8 with all snail mail issues of the Newsletter. Anyone desiring a personal copy can request one from Tony Bauer, 5904 Mount Eagle Drive, #807, Alexandria, VA 22303, or < Abauer0658@aol.com >.

Communications Resources:

- d. Assembly – "The magazine of Historical Record for USMA Graduates." – George Sibert is our Scribe and he does a great job providing the running Historical Record of our class. It isn't all that expensive, so get with it and join the AOG and subscribe to ASSEMBLY!
- e. Class E-mail Net & Forum – Moderator, Dick Buckalew, who also keeps the class E-Mail Roster updated. Changes go to Dick.
- f. Class Web Site – Webmaster, Pete Trainor
- g. CCQ's – Dale Hruby, Junior Officer of the Guard and monitor of the Snail Mail roster. Send all changes to him and he will coordinate with AOG and John Nun who actually updates the class computer records.
- h. ExCom Meeting Minutes – Jack Downing, Class Secretary. Jack is also the proctor of our policies and procedures.
- i. Class Newsletter – Dale Hruby, Editor. In view of the increased activity in the class in the run up to our 50th Reunion, the newsletter will be published quarterly for the foreseeable future. Send Dale any items of interest or upcoming events and mention that you want it to appear in the next Newsletter.

Enclosures:

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Enclosure 1 – Class Organization: The Class of 1958 is currently organized as follows:

Class President: Jack Bradshaw (812)-988-1619 < jackabrine@earthlink.net >

Chairman: Palmer McGrew (703) 323-9671 < PALMERMCG@aol.com >

Secretary/Class Records: Jack Downing (703) 569-2887, < edowning@mcchispeed.net >

Treasurer: Tony Bauer (703) 960-3780, < ABauer0658@aol.com >

Class Gift and FCC Coordinator: Tony Smith (703) 838-0338, < aasmith58@msn.com >

Communications/CCQ Liaison: Dale Hruby (703) 250-7182, < dalehruby@aol.com >

Social Activities: Andy Andreson (703) 385-2502, < randreson@cox.net >

Class Initiatives: Bill Serchak (301) 948-7780, < weserchak@erols.com >

Class History: Alan Salisbury (703) 242-8648, < AlanBS58@aol.com >

Class Rep on AOG Advisory Council: Tony Smith, (703) 838-0338, < aasmith58@msn.com >

AOG Board Member: Al Salisbury (703) 242-8648, < AlanBS58@aol.com >.

Liaison to Widows: Audrey Webb (Ex Officio Member) (703) 425-9302 ,

Widow Support Group: Moderator, Sue Kernan, at: < lady sue2000@aol.com >.

Liaison to Help Our Heroes Foundation: Bob Tredway (202)484-2981, < BobTredway@aol.com >.

Prostate Cancer Support Group: Moderator, Stan Bacon, at < sbacon58@sbcglobal.net >.

Permanent Endowment Fund: Board President, John Evans at < jhevan@aol.com >.

Class Scribe: George Sibert, < gsibert@comcast.net >.

CCQ Network -- OIC – Dale Hruby, M2, (dalehruby@aol.com)

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B1--Dick Price, (804) 684-0730, (rpricecell@cox.net)

C1--Jerry Mitchell, (703) 866-0145, (gergermar@cox.net)

D1--John Galen, (904) 285-8037, (JGalen620@aol.com)

E1--Larry Bullis, (717) 334-6323, (lnjbullis@earthlink.net)

F1--Bob Rhodes, (703) 360-5110, (rgrhodes@compuserv.com)

G1--Andy Andreson, (703) 385-2502, (randreson@cox.net)

H1--John Devens, (303) 346-1086, (jwdevens@gmail.com)

I1--Tony Bauer, (703) 960-3780, (abauer0658@aol.com)

K1--Ron Turner, (706) 846-5373, (ron458@aol.com)

L1--Dick Reidy, (703) 569-2292, (papeach53@yahoo.com)

M1--Otto Thamasett, (703) 451-2086, (ottojt@verizon.net)

Second Regiment

A2--Chuck Densford, (512) 930-4717, (densford58@juno.com)

B2--Karl Oelke, (702) 233-2678, (oelkes658@earthlink.net)

C2--Peter Penczer, (203) 255-0300, (ppenczer@optionline.net)

D2--Paul Ruud, (530) 886-8806, (ruud@starband.net)

E2--Chuck Toftoy, (703) 276-0421, (cash@gwu.edu)
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G2--George Lawton, (703) 715-0068, (Gcl58@aol.com)
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I2--Stan Bacon, (512) 345-7999, (sbacon58@sbcglobal.net)
K2--Bo Craddock, (281) 370-1555, (bfcraaddock@sbcglobal.net)
L2--Bob Higgins, (407) 365-4596, (higginsrm@aol.com)
M2--Ash Haynes, (360) 678-8491, (ashtonh@gte.net)

Enclosure 2: Class of 1958 Social Schedule for 2007:

- Class Luncheon, Thursday, 26 April 2007 @ 11:30 AM, Army Navy Country Club (Arlington), Fort Richardson Room. This is the Class Election luncheon. Spouses/guests invited. Andy Andreson at < randreson@cox.net > is POC to attend.
- WPSDC Spring Luncheon, Wednesday, 16 May 2007 @ 11:30 AM, Fort Myer Officers' Club. Program TBA. Contact www.wpsdc.org or respond to WPSDC mailing to attend.
- Jerry Capelle USMA Prep School Award, Thursday, 17 May 2007 at the USMA Prep School, Fort Monmouth, NJ. Contact Bill Serchak at < weserchak@erols.com > for specific additional information to attend.
- Class Memorial Service at Vietnam Memorial and Brunch at ANCC Arlington, Sunday, 20 May 2007. 10 AM at VN Memorial, Washington, DC and 11:30 AM at ANCC Arlington. Dave Nidever, L-2, will be focus of memorial service. Bob Higgins, L-2 CCQ, will coordinate. Contact George Sibert at < gsibert@comcast.net > to attend memorial service and Andy Andreson at randreson@cox.net to attend brunch.
- Jim Ramsden Chemistry Award Presentation, Thursday, 24 May or Friday, 25 May 2007, USMA, West Point, NY. Jack Downing at ejdowning@cox.net is POC for specific location/time/date information for those planning to attend.
- George Walker Debating Award Presentation, Thursday, 24 May 2007, USMA, West Point, NY. Tom Carpenter at tomcarpenter3@earthlink.net is POC for specific time and location information for those planning to attend.
- Class Luncheon, Thursday, 19 July 2007 @ 11:30 AM, Army Navy Country Club (Arlington) Cocktail Porch. Spouses/guests invited. Andy Andreson at randreson@cox.net is POC to attend.
- Plebe Hike March Back, Sunday, 12 August through Monday, 13 August 2007, USMA, West Point, NY. Ed Weckel at Weck58@comcast.net is POC to attend.
- First Class Club Turnover to Class of 2008, Thursday, 16 August 2007, USMA, West Point, NY. Bob Pointer at point58@aol.com is POC for specific information for those planning to attend.
- WPSDC Fall Luncheon, Wednesday, 19 September 2007 @ 11:30 AM, Fort Myer Officers' Club. Program TBA. Contact www.wpsdc.org or respond to mailing to attend.
- Class Luncheon, Thursday, 27 September 2007 @ 11:30 AM, Army Navy Country Club (Arlington) Cocktail Porch. Spouses/guests invited. Andy Andreson at randreson@cox.net is POC to attend.
- 49th Class Mini-Reunion, Sunday, 21 October through Wednesday, 24 October 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana. Full details to be published well in advance of reunion. Tom Sands is principal coordinator and host.

- Army Navy Game Class Luncheon with Navy '58, Thursday, 15 November 2007 at 11:30 AM, Army Navy Country Club (Arlington) Fort Richardson Room. Andy Andreson at randreson@cox.net is POC to attend.

-- Army Navy Game Tailgate and Pot Luck at Alan and Florence Salisbury's, Oakton, VA, Saturday, 1 December 2007. Time TBD based upon kickoff time. Separate invitation flyer will be distributed for those planning to attend.

Enclosure 3: Procedures for 50 year Reunion Book:

Those of you who have been procrastinating on getting your inputs in for inclusion in the 50th Yearbook need to get into gear NOW and submit your information for inclusion in the book. The editing and production cycle to produce this book in time for our reunion requires that we set a deadline of **May 30th** to receive your individual information!

The KEY ITEMS we need are:

1. The **bio sketch** you want to appear in your half-page of the 50-Year book. This should be approximately 450 words in length, telling your story the way you want it to be told. Please try to observe this limit so we don't have to edit it down for you, possibly omitting what you think is important. You can put any additional information you want, beyond the 450-word limit, in the "War Stories" section which has no word limit. (This "bio sketch" item belongs in the "Histories" section of the data collection system on the class web site....more below.)
2. A **"career photo"** of your choice to appear on your half-page along with your cadet photo (which we already have for everyone) and bio sketch;
3. A **"family photo"** of your choice which will appear in a separate section of full-color family photos. Be sure that we get names for those in the picture;
4. **"War stories"** or anecdotes (humorous or serious) that you can provide, preferably involving classmates, from our cadet days, from your military career, or from civil life. These can be of any length, you can submit as many as you like, and our editors will select and edit these for another section of the book bringing the personality of the great class of '58 to life.

Photographs in digital form can be uploaded into the database in the "Pictures" section under "Family" information. They should be scanned at 600 dpi (minimum of 300 dpi) to print well. You can also mail photos to Alan Salisbury (2605 Geneva Hill Court, Oakton, VA 22124) and he will get them scanned and processed for the book.

We urge you to use the History Project database on our class web site (see below) to provide this information, along with other data that is being collected to create a profile of the class and to serve as an archive of information on our class. Glenn Brown < lucbrown@comcast.net > is CINC Database and can provide assistance in getting you on the site and entering your information. Those who can not use this system for any reason, contact Alan < AlanBS58@aol.com > or 703-242-8648, and he will work out an alternative for you.

The brief steps to use the on-line class data collection system are as follows:

First: Go to the Class Web Page: <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/>

Then: Scroll down the left side of the Page and click on "Class History"

Then: Click on the bar at the top that says: "Click here to Enter/View data for the 50th Reunion Yearbook"

This brings you to the start of the exercise. You must first Log In by clicking on the "Log In" link on the left side of the page. In order to log in and have access to the database, you need two things:

1) a Login Number. This is wpxxxxxx where wp stands for West Point, and xxxxxx is your Cullum number. (Classmates who did not graduate, have a special six digit number assigned by the AOG. If you don't know your number, ask Glenn Brown and he will get it for you.)

2) Password. If you have forgotten your password (or never knew it it is NOT the same as your AOG password), you can quickly get one as follows:

a. Go to: < <http://tools.west-point.org/users/acctrequest.mhtml> >

b. There you simply enter your last name and select "1958" from the class year graduated list.

c. The system will respond with possible matches (name and Cullum number) which will be yours plus any others in the class with the same last name.

Simply select your name.

d. The final step is to enter your e-mail address...must be the same one that is on the class e-mail list (i.e., the one that is used to send this message to you). Your account will be set up and the password will be immediately sent to you at that e-mail address. You are then good-to-go and can enter the system immediately!

Your initial password is a randomly generated password, is case sensitive, and very obtuse. After you have entered it correctly, you can change it to something easier for you to remember.

Once you are on the system, it's simply answering questions and filling in the blanks. We suggest you write your bio sketch and war stories in advance using a word processor, and then simply copy and paste them into the system where they belong.

A special note for class widows: We hope you or your children can contribute information on your husband's behalf, particularly photos. Where an obituary has already been written, we will draw from that as a fallback if we do not receive new material. (We will have to edit to the 450-word size limitation, and would rather that you did that to your liking if possible.) You are also encouraged to contribute stories for the "War Stories" section; remember, these are NOT limited to real "war" items...your own reminiscences of your husband (family) will be welcomed, as will any other anecdotes or stories that you want to share that relate to the class, your children, etc. You have many unique perspectives on cadet/Army/Service/civil life, and the unique experiences of being married to a member of our class that are certainly worth sharing. Contact me directly < AlanBS58@aol.com > or 703-242-8648) for any advice or assistance you may need.

Your project team has been hard at work for some time now and I can promise you that this yearbook will be a prized family heirloom. It is being published for us by Jostens and will be similar to the Howitzer in size, form and quality. One classmate said recently after completing his entries: *"I hope we are getting more classmates to spend some time on this class, and very personal, history endeavor. As I wrote in one of my notes, this should be a great opportunity to 'talk' with our children and grandchildren."*

NOW would be a good time to get started!!!

Enclosure 4: Report on FCC Renovations and Embellishments from Tony Smith:

Classmates,

This will update you on the renovation of the First Class Club (FCC).

This week, Dale Hruby and I approved the award of a second construction contract, this one for the rest rooms. (The first, smaller contract, already reported to you, was to upgrade the AV in the Entertainment Center.) The contractor will essentially gut the rest rooms. The scope of work includes replacing toilets, toilet partitions, and urinal dividers, new sinks in the men's room, new floor and wall tiles, new doors, upgraded lighting, installing ventilation (there was none), replacing ceiling tiles. All that will be retained from the old facilities are the men's urinals (more on this later) and the sinks and Corian counter top in the ladies' room; everything else will be new.

We received a wide range of prices on bids from three contractors (difference of \$41,000 between highest and lowest bidders). We selected and negotiated a contract with the low bidder at \$123,294. This includes the AOG's 15% cut (\$18,494) and a \$14,000 contingency to cover possible additional electrical work and to replace the urinals, if necessary. (Contingency funds are returned if not used.)

Ah, yes, the urinals. The existing urinals are antiques, but entirely functional. We, and the contractor, want to retain them if possible, not only to save \$\$ but because they look cool. The problem is that one has a slight crack. If removing this urinal (to tile the floor) damages it further so that it is no longer functional, we'll replace all the urinals. Never knew that urinals could be so fascinating, did you?

In tandem with our contactors, the USMA DPW (Post Engineers) will take on major maintenance work that will include repairing/replacing floors and sub floors everywhere, replacing all carpeting, replacing ceiling tiles, and repainting all walls. They are also replacing flooring and sub flooring in the kitchen where the cooks were about to fall through the floor and building a canopy covered new service ramp to unload deliveries. They have already fixed the roof leaks they could find. DPW will expend a lot more money than the class of '58 in this renovation.

The AOG is earning its fee. Their man finds the contractors, negotiates with them after receiving our guidance, and will ride herd on them when the work starts. We could not have done this nearly so well without the AOG.

Dale and I brought the contactors, DPW, AOG, and the FCC managers together on a conference call Wednesday to motivate them and coordinate work schedules. Work will begin on 1 June after the class of 2007 leaves and is to be completed by mid-August before the class of 2008 needs to use it. The Club will be closed over the summer to let the work go on unimpeded.

I'd have to say at this point that Dale and I are pleased with the progress. The rest rooms won't compete with the Ritz-Carlton, but they will be a vast, I mean VAST, improvement over what's there now. DPW continues to be totally cooperative and supportive. I have written the Supe to tell him of our progress and to report the splendid cooperation of the various elements who have a piece of this.

What remains for Dale and me to accomplish is to purchase furniture and curtains (for darkening) for the Entertainment Center. The small number of chairs and tables there now should be reupholstered or replaced and augmented. We intend to press Dodie and Bonnie into service on this decorating task.

Bonnie and I leave Monday for three weeks in Asia (hope to see Pete and Sammy in Bangkok). I'll respond to any queries/comments in May after our return.

Best regards to all, Tony

Enclosure 5: Fund Raising Letter from Jack Bradshaw (Updated 4 /24/07):

Dear Mates in USMA 1958,

I am writing this letter to ask you for money. Not for me, but for a project to enhance and renovate the First Class Club at West Point. Our Class Gift to West Point is the Club, and it needs some refurbishment.

Our Class is proud of this Gift to the Corps of Cadets. Many have visited it. It is wildly popular with Cadets, and it often serves the needs of the Academy leadership for social functions as well.

Thanks to the efforts of some of our Classmates, especially Tony Smith and Dale Hruby, we have reached a firm agreement with the Academy to renovate and repair with Army funds and to enhance with Class of 1958 funds.

We haven't much time. In May of 2008, and 14 months go by fast for us "seniors", most of us in the Class will gather at West Point to mark the 50th anniversary of our graduation. We will surely gather at least once in and around the First Class Club, allowing us to feel good and proud about this Class Gift. We want it to look very good! So we need to do some work, and we need money for that.

Contributions continue to arrive in the Class Gift Fund, but the pace has slowed.

We have not reached our goal, but we have enough to cover the major project launched by Tony Smith and Dale Hruby.

Our goal was \$200,000 when we began this effort in October to upgrade the First Class Club. We have reached \$153,530.

Here's how.

- Individual contributions range up to \$26,000.
- Twelve donors have contributed \$5,000 or more. Two of those are widows.
- Twenty-nine Classmates have donated \$1,000 to \$2,583.
- 142 Classmates have contributed. Also, six widows have donated to the effort.

Contributions by Cadet Company:

A1--\$2,040; A2--\$720; B1--\$2,875; B2--\$5,648; C1-- \$1,200; C2--\$16,950;
D1--\$1,050; D2--\$1,800; E1-- \$1,600; E2--\$1,800; F1--\$1,675; F2--\$8,483;
G1-- \$2,700; G2--\$2,637; H1--\$2,650; H2--\$1,960; I1-- \$15,039; I2--\$4,668;
K1--\$850 (Note: K1 widows gave a total of \$16,000!); K2--\$1,850; L1--\$33,100;
L2--\$1,850; M1-- \$6,925; M2--\$14,120

In Memory of Fred Easley: Barry Zwick shared many memorable moments in Santa Barbara CA with Fred for years before Fred passed away. In Fred's memory Barry donated \$1,000 to this FCC work. And, by the way, Fred made a contribution himself in his last months.

Here is the easy way to make a contribution: write a check payable to The West Point Fund-Class of 1958 Gift Fund and mail it to Association of Graduates, 698 Mills Road, West Point NY 10996.

Thanks to you who donated in the past to establish the First Class Club and to you who have given to this endeavor to make the Club an even better place for Cadets to enjoy and to remember.

Jack Bradshaw

Enclosure 6: Affirmation Ceremony for the Class of 2008: On Sunday evening, August 13th, Palmer McGrew and Alan Salisbury represented the Class of '58 at the Affirmation Ceremony for the Class of 2008. This ceremony took place in Robertson Auditorium on the third floor of Thayer Hall, and included the Tactical Department and the Academic Board as well as the members of the class of 2008. The following is Palmer and Alan's account of the event:

"The 'official party' for the ceremony included the Comm, BG Caslen, the Dean, BG Finnegan, myself (Alan) and CSM Laidlaw, the guest speaker, and CDT Adria Perkins, the class president. Following the invocation by the Chaplain, CDT Perkins introduced me (Alan) and I gave some brief remarks

CSM Laidlaw, the guest speaker, has a distinguished record of combat service and has been a part of the class of 2008 training cadre in the past. They clearly have bonded with one another as his remarks reflected.

The Comm then addressed the class, having only been on board since this summer. He is a true combat troop leader kind of guy and I'm sure commands a lot of respect from the class. He reminded the class of why they were there in the context of the world situation today and the role they are preparing to undertake. He further got specific about the oath they were about to take (obligating them to active duty service even if they drop out of the Academy for any reason, and affirming their commitment to a lifetime of service to the Army and the nation). He then administered the oath.

After the oath, Tac officers and NCO's immediately presented our class coins to each member of the class, broken into company groups within the auditorium. Those of you who have ordered coins from Jack Downing will be very pleased with the quality of the coin, with the two class crests (1958-2008) on opposite sides. Palmer and I spent some time with the Class of 2008 leaders, both before and after the ceremony,... We can be proud of this great group of people and of the entire class.

Enclosure 7: West Point Leaders Conference. FROM: Mike Lyman '87

This is an open post, feel free to pass it on or send a link to it on the 87 web site at:
<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1987/content/view/64/59/>

I attended the AOG Leaders Conference for the third year in a row last week. As usual AOG put on a good meeting and presented a lot of information in short period of time. AOG will be putting the formal proceedings online shortly so I will mostly cover my impressions and some of my notes.

In general, this seemed to be very similar to the previous meetings. The same type briefings and similar information being presented as the last two year. Some of the same questions were being asked and some of the presentations are of things that still aren't quite there. The big difference this year was a general impression that we actually were just about there on many things and that after just eight months, the leaner AOG governance structure was having an impact. One very noticeable difference was the presence of the Board of Directors through out the weekend. While the old BOT had many people at previous conferences, the BoD was there and very actively participating throughout the conference.

The first day started out with a briefing by Ted Stroup '62, our new chairman and he spoke during many of the sessions. It was very clear that Ted has directed the Board of Directors and our committees and task forces to take a very serious and business like look at what AOG does and make sure it does it right. He made it clear the directions are to make the hard business decisions that businesses have to make. The clear picture was that while fund raising was still important, focus on the grads was very important. Still, on recurring theme through out the conference was

the expectation that AOG leadership would be “donors of record” to the Long Gray Line Endowment. The amount wasn’t important but supporting the AOG to support the grads was important. Ted also talked about abolishing the old committees and establishing new ones that are called out in the by laws and establishing task forces to tackle specific issues at the direct of the BoD.

We met the new Supe, LTG Hagenbeck, '71. His presentation was similar to previous years but mentioned a few things that were his focus. One was the change in the mission of USMA last year have been very important with our friends in DC. The other was a focus on ethics and honor that extends beyond the academy. He mentioned many of the ethical issues that have cropped up in the war. One of his focuses is on people policing their own, both cadets and the officers on staff. He mentioned officers talking about watching drunk cadets coming back from the Firstie Club and asked if they just watched or did anything. He talked to the cadets about policing their own on issues like drinking. He mentioned that drinking incidents were actually on the decline and that efforts to teach responsible drinking were working.

We had a lunch time presentation by LTC John Nagl '88 on his “Trying to eat soup with a knife” paper on the army’s efforts to learn and relearn counter insurgency fighting. Mentioned that the one successful effort in this area that the British did with the Malaysians took 12 years. If that’s the benchmark, we’ve got a long way to go. It was not an optimistic, all will work out well presentation but showed what we were learning and how we were adapting but that we’re not there yet.

After lunch we had a recent commanders panel talking about their Iraq experience. This was not an all is well presentation either but instead a very realistic assessment of where we are and how things are going. At the lower levels we’re doing pretty good and adjusting. Most action able intel is coming from the unit themselves and not from above. Soldiers know they are making the country safer they are making a difference. The officers actually had favorable things to say about the press that actually managed to get out of the green zone and see what was actually going on. COL Geczy (sp?) made an interesting observation that today’s officers are from the “spoiled” generation that inherited an Army that had been rebuilt after Vietnam and that the Vietnam generation could really help with lessons learned when it comes time to rebuild the army this time around. (That was also a general comment in the class break out sessions as the younger classes were looking at the older classes for ideas on how to support the families of our fallen grads.)

We had a fantastic presentation from LTC Craig Flowers the head of DCA. Very informative and very funny. The man has a second career a head of him in stand up comedy. He has been on the job for about five months and has been directed to turn around several programs that were losing money. There are 116 clubs cadets participate in. DCA has a \$19 million/year budget and the clubs directly get \$1.8 million for their own budget. The rest goes to support the DCA infrastructure like transportation, staff salary, facilities etc. (Don’t let the 10% going to the cadets fool you, that’s 10% directly to the clubs, the rest still supports the programs but not directly into the clubs’ budgets.) One major issue he is facing is the theater loses about \$200K per year if my notes are right and that needs to be turned around. They are working hard on that, canceling shows they know will fail, bringing in others that will work and doing smart things like actually letting security know there is a show coming up and working to eliminate the long lines to get on post. Another way he will increase funding is taking over the USMA memorabilia business from AAFES which did about \$400K in business in USMA stuff last year. He really needs our support which mostly comes through our donations to AOG and some directly to him. (I believe I heard him say he can take about \$5K donations directly but I may have misheard that.)

LTC Flowers also reported on class rings since that was an issue remaining from last year’s conference. Ring prices are coming down, (no hard numbers) but are still higher than some other schools. There is no direct comparison with other schools so comparing to others schools isn’t

quite accurate. One example is monthly on site visits from the ring vendor to take care of issues with cadet's rings. Cadets now have the option to bring in outside stone which may save them money. The stones do have to be appraised before being turned over to the ring company to protect everybody but that seems understandable to me.

From there we went into break out sessions and I attended the class sessions. We started out with a presentation by Tom Mulyca '73 on the pending upgrade to the AOG website. They are both switching to a content management system which will make updating the site much easier and having outside consultants help restructure the site. The new system will make it easier for the staff to get content on the site and in January they will be hiring a content manager to help get that done. The new system will offer new capabilities to classes and societies for type and save websites rather than creating a web page and uploading it like most do today. Some classes are already doing similar things at WP-ORG with content management systems and are quite happy with that approach. When AOG's system comes online, classes and societies will have the

ability to leverage AOG's system or use WP-ORG's capabilities to use other technologies beyond what AOG will be offering. I personally see the sites I maintain using both WP-ORG and AOG to leverage AOG's database and WP-ORG to do things AOG won't be able to provide.

This was followed by a great presentation by Greg Louks '88 on how AOG has changed the way we build facilities at West Point. The old way was create an estimate for a project, raise those funds, turn the money over to USMA and then have the facility built. Bids on those projects typically were 40% higher than the estimates. AOG now manages the building of the facilities. They get the right to do it from USMA, manage the process and do get the costs down considerably. When the building is done, it is turned over to USMA. An example savings was building the new press box at Michie Stadium. AOG was able to have it build for \$5million LESS than the bids that were being made to the academy. AOG is saving millions and getting things built faster than USMA was able to do it.

We had a retention initiative briefing from Dave Lyle '94 that was largely a repeat of what we learned last year but with actual numbers from the first run with year group 06. The overall goal was to get many soon to be officers to change their commitment from 5 active, 3 reserves to 8 years active by buying a guaranteed shot at grad school, guaranteed first post or branch of their choice. The program was a major success with a large number of USMA and ROTC cadets making the commitment. Numbers should be available when AOG posts the conference materials shortly.

This left very little time for Joel Jeb to introduce himself as the new class support person and talk about the programs under his area.

The next morning we had a briefing from Mike Mahan '70 essentially on development (fund raising) 101. It was a very good briefing on how they do it, the staff and comparisons to other schools. We have major differences. Most schools use students for phone calls and the university president spends most of their time fund raising where the Supe and cadets cannot do that. Most universities exist entirely on fund raising while USMA gets money from congress. We raise less money than comparable universities but 34% of grads give which is significantly better than most schools. One major difference is we give mostly via class gifts and gifts given directly to a specific projects and most schools want the money to come in free of strings so they are free to use it as necessary. A few classes in the 80s have given unrestricted gifts which frees the Supe to use the money to use the money as necessary rather than wait until a need is identified and funds are raised. I think unrestrictive gifts are the way we all ought to start giving and hope I can talk my class into do that with our next gift.

Our session with Mike lasted longer than expected so Geoff Louis '64 had to give just a fast, high level view of AOG's finances. Details will be posted on the web so I won't go into any details.

Mike and Geoff also provided a 75 to 100 page fund raising booklet and a CD that I have not had a chance to look at in detail yet.

John Calabro '68 talked very quickly about this year's elections. Those emails have already gone out so I won't go into detail on the election other than to reiterate that last year hundreds of votes were not counted because grads selected somebody other than John as their proxy and those other grads did not show up at the meeting to cast those votes. With no real choice in this year's election that's not much of an issue like it was in last year's election where we had a choice at least for some of the Board of Director positions.

Ellen Houlihan '82 and Ted Stroup talked about governance. Much of this covered ground well covered in the past and will be up with the meeting notes soon. One thing they did cover is the need to continue to evolve the position of the advisors which remains somewhat nebulous right now.

They talked about the changes to the nominating committee that establishes the selection of candidates and how most of the members of this committee are not members of the BoD or the Advisors.

I skipped out of lunch to go shop at the cadet store and book store so I did not hear COL Douglas Boone's presentation.

After lunch VADM Norb Ryan from MOAA talked to us about legislative issues facing the military. It was very informative but I don't have any specific notes so you can catch that briefing on the AOG's notes when they get posted.

We then broke out into break out sessions again and I went to the class sessions again. We had a general best practices discussion that talked about things like taking care of family members of our fallen classmates, fund raising ideas, memorial articles and general stuff like that.

Alan Salisbury then did a presentation on the work of his Communications, Outreach and Marketing task force. They are looking at all the vehicles available, their constituencies and service providers available. There are no sacred cows and everything is apparently on the table. They are looking closely at what needs to be done and how it can be done at what service levels. For those who have looked for better AOG and WP-ORG cooperation this is the area will it will occur and Alan was very clear that WP-ORG is considered a significant service provider and vehicle for communications and that the graduate community could not communicate nearly as well as they do without WP-ORG. The conversations largely focused on how to continue to improve AOG communications and dispelled many of the long held notions like younger classes that are not actively engaged and older classes that do not fully embrace email and the web.

Saturday morning we had a final wrap up session to summarize our breakouts and to talk about ways to improve the conference before heading up to the Supe's box to watch the acceptance parade.

Besides the business the conference provided ample social time with a reception Thursday night and dinner Friday night and plenty of time at breakfast before the sessions. It was great to see old friends and meet others who I have met by email and worked with on various projects and spend time getting in touch with the LGL in the real world as well as I remain in touch with them in cyber space.

Enclosure 8: 2006 Financial Report – Tony Bauer

USMA Class of 1958 Operating Fund Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2006

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNT \$ 19,231.63

RUSHMORE FUND 16,822.06

T. ROWE PRICE INDEX FUND 33,288.65

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$ 69,342.34

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

LIABILITIES \$0

NET WORTH

AS OF 1/1 06 \$ 60,768.24

NET INCOME

FROM OPERATIONS 3,463.95

UNREALIZED CAPITAL GAINS 5,110.15

TOTAL NET WORTH 69,342.34

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH \$ 69,342.34

Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment Fund

BEGINNING YEAR VALUE (01/01/2006): \$482,709.90

SUM CONTRIBUTIONS AND CAPITAL GAINS: 82,790.10

ENDING YEAR VALUE (12/31/06): \$565,500.00

Association Of Graduates Class Gift Fund 2006

Available Balance as of December 31, 2006 \$108,120.35

Enclosure 9: Class of 1958 Mailing Roster:

[Click here to view the roster](http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/lists/roster.pdf)

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