

## ***First Class Club Fund Rabble Rousers***

***"Munge" Moore - March 2016***

“Time to PONY UP!

I watched the creation of the FCC close-up, as both Dale Hruby and Butch Ordway were employed at RJM and Associates when they were putting the club together, and have watched it grow and improve over its twenty some years of existence. I could mention others, but I would surely overlook some who make a major contribution. Believe we can pop up our collective chests for the FCC idea and building one of the best-ever class gifts to USMA. Other classes have followed our lead and made similar gifts but, once again, '58 has led the way.

Since retirement I have continued to follow happenings at the FCC through frequent visits, courtesy of Brad Johnson, who drags me to home football games and insists upon closing FCC on preceding Friday nights. My observation: FCC operation is in excellent hands. It has had only two managers: Pat Brown (who incidentally passed away at her desk at FCC) and Mike, who worked with Pat. Mike, now the manager, has a great staff that is enthusiastic and proud to be part of the FCC. Pat and Mike have maintained a parent-like approach to dealing with the cadets and have kept unfavorable incidents to a minimum.

The overwhelming use of the FCC by the First Class necessitated the patio addition, doubling the square footage. Cadets REALLY love the FCC. They use the club as a place to bring their dates, their parents, and other guests who stop by WP. There has been a rumor that FCC was being used by groups at the expense of the First Class. This is not true. Other groups use the FCC when the cadets do not. I feel that use by others when the First Class is not using it, is a positive as it is money, money, money for DCA which goes to support cadet activities.

It is time for '58 to relinquish oversight of the FCC. I believe the Class of '83 has accepted that responsibility. There could not have been a better choice. Dale Hruby, son of the same name, is a member of '83 and will assist with continued graduate oversight of a project his father started.

I hope to drag Brad off the corner barstool and back to the Thayer for many more years.

\$\$\$\$\$ DIG DEEP, CLASSMATES! WE ARE WELL ON THE WAY! \$\$\$\$\$

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