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Minutes, USMA '58 EXCOM, August 21, 2018

The EXCOM met at Andy Andreson's home. Present were Andy, Jack and Margi Downing, Audrey Webb, Lee Miller, George Sibert, and Frank Waskowicz. Participating via telephone were Jack Bradshaw, Tom Claffey, Mike Mahler, and PD Vanture. Palmer McGrew took ill and was unable to come.

West Point Leadership Conference. Andy gave a brief rundown of the Leadership Conference he attended at West Point, 16-18 August. Many changes are planned for the physical plant, to include complete renovation of the interior of the Thayer Hall academic building, a new humanities center below Battle Monument on Trophy Point, and expansion of Michie Stadium. He was most excited by the plan to name the new equestrian center located at the current Morgan Farms property beyond Highland Falls in honor of Butch Saint. He will notify the class of this splendid event in a separate message.

Andy reported that the incoming Class of 2022 is comprised of 1,209 cadets (drawn from over 13,000 applicants). Among these there are 293 females and 189 African Americans. A substantial number of the new cadets are recruited athletes. The authorized strength of the Corps of Cadets is 4,400.

Cadets today are able to choose from among 45 majors, and at graduation are offered commissions in 17 branches. Branch selection is no longer based solely on order of merit, but on an integrated assessment that includes individual ability, perceived talent and branch needs. This year Infantry, Field Artillery and Aviation were the most popular choices. Forty-one percent of the female graduates chose a combat arms branch.

Andy said that the ring melt was mentioned on numerous occasions, and he took the floor to attribute the event to our classmate Ron Turner. The ring melt will occur at West Point this year.

Andy said that most classes younger than ours do not have a system of CCQs because 4-year relationships are not forged in a single company. Assignment to companies is very fluid for a variety of good reasons. Leads one to wonder how the strong class bonds will flourish in the future.

Finances. AOG told Andy at the conference that there was no agreement between our class and the AOG regarding the ultimate disposition of funds. Lee Miller will follow up on this as the EXCOM was under the impression that there was agreement, at least in the case of admin funds managed by the AOG. To capsulize the situation:

1. The Perpetual Endowment Fund (comprised of some \$1.3M) is controlled by the Perpetual Endowment Fund charter, and is managed by the Perpetual Endowment Board, chaired by George Lawton. There is no need for an interface with AOG for these monies. This is a self-governing entity.

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2. The Class Gift Fund (comprised of approximately \$91K) is money held in an account with AOG. Any expenditures of these gift monies occur only with the active involvement of the class. At some time in the future — perhaps at our 75th anniversary — these monies will fold into the AOG's endowment, but not at the present.
3. The Class Admin Fund (comprised of \$89,563) is managed by AOG, with withdrawals authorized by the Treasurer or the Class President. This fund covers expenses such as cards and mailings by the WOT, \$100 stipend for flowers or charitable donation at the death of a classmate, and start-up costs for reunions or such other class events. When the EXCOM is no longer required for class business, it is planned that the balance of the admin fund will be transferred to the control of the Perpetual Endowment Board, which would issue checks to cover their own expenses and residual class expenses such as classmate funerals, the last toast and events planned for our 100th anniversary, namely presentation of our initial check to the Academy, and opening of the time capsule. The final version of the MOU directing these actions is attached. It will be signed by Jack Bradshaw for the class, George Lawton for the PEF, and Todd Browne for the AOG.

Andy said that West Point ranks high in the US News and World Report ranking of alumni giving, with some 31% of grads being involved. We are far ahead of sister academies.

Capelle Award. Andy reported that endowment of this award for future presentations at USMAPS is complete.

Widows Outreach Team. Audrey Webb provided a full report on activities of the WOT. Her report is attached.

Memorial Articles. PD Vanture provided details regarding his effort to have memorial articles written promptly for publication. Nine class memorial articles appeared in the most recent Taps magazine. A total of 188 memorial articles have been approved and published. Sixty classmates have produced and are in the course of writing living memorials. PD's detailed laydown on status of memorial articles is attached.

There was a good discussion of the complexities that are sometimes associated with memorial articles, chief among them is securing approval by the next of kin. AOG's guidance is that NOK approval is a must. However, Jack Bradshaw said that there is a provision in which a class president can approve completed memorial articles for publication.

Las Vegas Mini. Response to the mini planned for March 26-29 at the Park MGM Hotel has been excellent. Fifty rooms have been set aside. 28 rooms have been

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spoken for. Andy's July 11th e-mail to the class provides details. Plans are to keep it simple — a full time Benny Havens room, one reception, and one group dinner. Our classmate, Paul Wagner, lives in Las Vegas and has offered to help. A web site for the mini will be established with AOG help for registration and announcements.

Other DC Events. A picnic is planned for 20 September at Burke Lake. A luncheon is scheduled at the AN Club in Arlington for Oct 18. The joint USMA/USNA football luncheon is scheduled for Nov 27, and it's anticipated that Alan and Florence will once again host a tailgate on game day (Saturday, Dec 8). Palmer McGrew came down with a bug and was unable to attend, but we anticipate he will provide more details separately.

Senator McCain. Andy has been in touch with USNA '58 regarding their plans to honor Senator McCain at Annapolis when he is eventually succumbs to the cancer he is fighting. USNA '58 is planning on a wreath, and our intent is to match it — though in USMA colors. The cost is \$195.

Death Notifications. Jack Downing again put out a plea to contact him immediately via e-mail when a death occurs. He will take it from there, advising the AOG of details and initiating class support of funeral arrangement.

100th Anniversary. Jack Downing is continuing to coordinate with USMA '08 regarding events that will take place once we're long gone regarding integrating the opening of our time capsule and the presentation of our check to the academy in an appropriate way with USMA '08 activities at that future date. Jack also advised that he sent the Friendship Plaque to USMA '08, which featured our class coin.

Respectfully submitted



Frank Waskowicz
Secretary

Attachments

WOT Report

Synopsis of Memorial Articles

MOU regarding disposition of our administrative fund

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WIDOWS OUTREACH TEAM REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AUG. 2018

Just to review: For the 60th Reunion the Widows Outreach Team participated in at least four projects.

1. The Pin/Pendant project, which was intended as a tribute and a gift from the whole Class of '58, to all of the wives and widows of the classmates.
2. The Widows Luncheon. A booklet of poetry for Army Wives and other gift items were presented to all attendees.
3. A "Wives and Widows Memories" booklet was received by all who attended the Reunion.
4. Gifts to Florence and Alan Salisbury and Sue Kernan, who helped with some of these projects. (As an aside, Frank Wascowicz should have been included among those who also helped.)

Most of these projects were carried out successfully and completed. But there were still some loose ends that needed to be tied up after the reunion was over.

There were about 22 or 23 ladies who had contributed stories to the "Wives and Widows Memories" Booklet, but who had not attended the reunion, and thus had not received a copy of the booklet. Frank Wascowicz had 15-20 additional copies printed in a very attractive, legible form to add to the copies that were left over. I mailed about 23 of these booklets to the ladies, who had not yet received one, along with an explanatory note. I received several very nice thank you notes from a number of the ladies. They were very appreciative of our efforts.

Then I called the Salisburys to see if there was anything that I could do to help them with getting the rest of the pin/pendants mailed to the other ladies of the class who had not yet received one. Unfortunately, the Salisburys were having major remodeling problems because of a burst pipe in their beach house, so mailing these items to the ladies has been placed temporarily on hold.

There have been two classmate deaths since the last ExCom meeting. Harold J. Williams died on June 25, 2018. I wrote a note to his wife, whom I could not reach by phone. I since found out from daughter, Elise, that Pat has age-related dementia and will be going into assisted living in Covington, GA. Betsy Hall sent a "Grip Hands" booklet to the family.

The other death was John G. Evans on July 29, 2018. I am still trying to find out the location information for his wife Patricia. I sent an email to his listed NOK, daughter Ellie Flores. So far I have not had a reply. Again, Betsy sent a booklet as soon as she found out that John was gravely ill.

Submitted by Audrey Webb
for the Widows Outreach Team

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MEMORIAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Company/CCQ	Deceased Classmate
A-1/ Mlmiller58@verizon.net	
B-1/ rprice11@cox.net	Goodman, Gordon L – Died 22APR15 Need information from widow, Gail Kushner. Pat Kirk will help. Received eulogies from Stan Bacon Need more from children. A 700 word draft has been written
C-1/ gergermar@Cox.net	Lane, Glenn A – Died 14NOV15 - Jerry Mitchell in progress of writing. Gathering information from daughter and sister. Peck, James. W – Died 7NOV16 – Son Dan '83 will write
D-1/ okhill@hotmail.com	
E-1/ slmyers@mac.com	
F-1/ rgrhodes@starpower.net	Pedersen, Millard L – Died 27May14 - Dan Charlton wrote. Dusty Rhodes will complete.
G-1/ randreeson@cox.net	
H-1/ Branch58@aol.com	Rupprecht, Dennis A – Died 7OCT10 –Glenn Hall wrote, Devens to edit.
I-1/ ABauer0658@aol.com	Jones, Lincoln III – Ann Jones, widow, Patty Frost, Peter Jones to write. Now in progress. Died 16JAN13 Saint, Crosbie (Butch) – Died 7May18 – Tony Smith to write
K-1/ wserchak@comcast.net	
L-1/ Alanbs@aol.com	Paes, Joseph Albert – Widow and son to write. Tirre, Joseph C – Died 22DEC14 – Mike Mahler to write
M-1/ ottojt@verizon.net	
A-2/ Densford58™gmail.com	Coury, David: Died 1JAN 2000 - Densford to write
B-2/ vpvanture@hevanet.com	Plaue, Walter M. – Died 29 Jul16 – Karl Oelke wrote. Awaiting approval of widow or son.
C-2/ pete@penczerproperties.com	
D-2/ paulgruud@gmail.com	Keyes, Joseph Douglas – Died 8/16/17 – Widow Janice. Bill Murphy and Jim Tilley has been written. Waiting for approval. Mace, Arthur F – Died 19FEB18 – Frank Waskowicz To write.
E-2/ casb@gwu.edu	Weis, James H- Died 15JAN16 – Widow Susan Contacted
F-2/bill-morrison@bellsouth.net	Coffey, Raymond I – Died 5JUN09 – Ben Pelligrini will write with widow Gerry
G-2/ geolawton58™gmail.com	
H-2/ rjdowning@cox.net	
I-2/ sbacon58™sbcglobal.net	
K-2/tomsyl@cybermesa.com	
L-2/bshell™comcast.net	Sullinger, Carl W – Died 5JUN17 – Widow, Susan to write

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M-2/ jgschroeder2™windstream.net	
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NO MEMORIAL ARTICLES YET

Company	Deceased Classmate
A-1	
B-1	
C-1	
D-1	
E-1	Evans, John G – Unknown. Died 29 July 2018. Ellie Flores ellieflores@hotmail.com DeBoeser, Edward Vincent – Unknown, Died 15 Nov 17
F-1	
G-1	Cibosky, William – Unknown, Died 11 Jul 15 Garlick, Richard Vincent – Unknown, Died 15 Nov 17
H-1	Ganey, William G – Unknown, Died 1 Sep 15. Conjtact angela. Will find someone Carter, Daniel E – Unknown, Died 15 Jun 17
I-1	
K-1	
L-1	Peters, John W – Died 21 Jan 14 Shea, Joseph A – Died 7 Sep 16
M-1	Kyle, David S – Unknown, Died 5 Apr 13 Dodd, Edward N – Unknown, Died 22 Mar 15
A-2	Coury, David: Died 1JAN 2000 - Densford to write
B-2	Plaue, Walter M. – Died 29 Jul16 – Karl Oelke wrote. Awaiting approval of widow or son.
C-2	
D-2	
E-2	Williams, Harold H – Unknown Died 25 Jun 18
F-2	Doucette, Arvid S – Unknown Died 19 May 08 Fernandez, Claude E – Unknown, Died 24 May 15 Klempnow, Paul L J – Unknown, Died 19 April 13 Palladino, Don – Died 27 May 18
G-2	
H-2	
I-2	
K-2	
L-2	Reynolds, William M – Unknown, Died 20 Oct 14. Checking on daughter
M-2	Mathews, Bill Frank – Unknown, Died 24 Mar 17 Waiting to hear from widow. Will be a tough one Haynes, Ashton M – Unknown, Died 16 Jul 17 (ALS)

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LIVING MEMORIAL ARTICLES

Abernathy, John I-2	Sent to AOG	Miller, Lee A-1	Sent to AOG
Ackerman, Phil B-2	Working	Mitchel, Jerry C-1	Working
Bacon, Stanley I-2	Sent to AOG	Moscatelli, Robert I-1	Sent to AOG
Bradley, John A-2	Sent to AOG	Nun, John A-2	Sent to AOG
Bauer, Tony I-1	Sent to AOG	Nuffer, Fritz B-1	Sent to AOG
Betts, Jerry H-1	Sent to AOG	Oelke, Karl B-2	Sent to AOG
Bujalski, Jack G-2	Sent to AOG	Palladino, Don F-2	Has not started
Buckalew, Dick A-2	Not started	Patterson, Walt M-1	Sent to AOG
Chappell, Troy L-1	Sent to AOG	Price, Jack B-1	Working
Claffey, Thomas K-2	Sent to AOG	Prochaska, Jerry B-2	Written and will get to it
Cockle, Dave I-2	Still working	Rector, Kyle L-2	Sent to AOG
Daley, Mike I-2	Writing	Rudd, Paul D-2	Sent to
Devens, John H-1	Not yet started	AOGSchonberger, Dick B-2	Will do it after reunion
Downing, Jack H-2	Sent to AOG	Schroeder, John M-2	Sent to AOG
Dugan, Michael I-2	Writing		
George, John A-1		Schwar, Joe I-2	Draft sent to AOG
Gordon, Jack A-1	Sent to AOG	Sharon, Denny H-2	working
Craddock, Bo K-2	Written	Sibert, George H-2	Mostly written
Grete, Bob M-2	Partial done	Smith, TK I-2	Writing
Groh, Pete I-2	Writing	Soper, John H-2	Sent tp AOG
Hayden, LeRoy M-2	Sent to AOG	Swanson, Dave C12	Will work on MA after move
Herberger, Ken L-1	Not yet started	Toftoy, Chuck E-2	Sent to AOG
Hunt, Larry I-2	Sent to AOG	Vanture, Paul B-2	Sent to AOG
Jaschen, Daryl	Not started writing	Waller, Edgie G-2	Sent to AOG
Julian, Bob G-2	Half Done	Weckel, Edward D-1	Sent to AOG
Lawton, George G-2	Written but not sent	Weiss, Wayne G-2	Sent to AOG
Kubiak, John F-1	Sent to AOG		
Manges, Duff I-2	Sent to AOG	TOTAL 60	
Manos, John B-2	Writing		
May, Jack B-2	Draft written		
Mayer, Fred A-1			
McCann, Robert D-2	Sent to AOG		
McGrew, Palmer I-2	Obituary only.		
	Wants as MA		
30 to AOG			

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MOU Concerning 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. A written request will be sent to the WPAOG by a member of the PEF Board indicating the entity/individual to whom the funds should be disbursed with payment details. 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 1958 USMA ceases to exist, the administrative funds held by the West Point Association of Graduates in the name of the Class will be transferred to the control of the PEF Board to defray its administrative expenses.

Jack O. Bradshaw
President
USMA Class of 1958

Date

George C. Lawton
Perpetual Endowment Fund Board

Date

Todd A. Browne
President & CEO
West Point Association of Graduates

Date