

EXCOM August 27, 2019 v2

Minutes, USMA '58 EXCOM, August 27, 2019,

The EXCOM met at Andy Andreson's home. Committee members present were Andy, Audrey Webb, Margi Downing, Lee Miller, and Frank Waskowicz. Members participating via telephone were Jack Bradshaw, Paul Vanture, Bob Hayden (succeeding Paul), Mike Daley (succeeding Tom Claffey) and Mike Mahler. George Lawton was present as Chair of the Perpetual Endowment Board (PEB). Jack Downing was present to discuss 100th Anniversary activities. Also participating via phone was Tommy Sands regarding a New Orleans mini, and Vic Shen USMA '98 to discuss coordination of activities at our 100th Anniversary.

Las Vegas Mini. (*Andy Andreson*) Andy read a note from "Tank" Reid's son, Jay.

Dear General Andreson,

I wanted to thank you and the Class of 1958 for the U.S. Military Academy Bicentennial Coin. Really enjoyed meeting with all the guys/gals – although I met so many people. I can't recall their names. It is difficult for me to travel, but if you are in Las Vegas, look me up. I was very impressed with the class of 1958 — very unique — we have no reunions with my medical school class. Thanks again. Let's keep in touch. Feel free to give my address/phone# to anybody in your class. If you ever need anything, i.e., medical advice, feel free to call.

Jay

June 2058 Activities (*Jack Downing/Vic Chen USMA '08*) Jack introduced Vic Chen, who assured us that '08 is prepared to do what is necessary to orchestrate USMA'58-related activities at West Point on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of our graduation. Coordination between the AOG, the PEB, and USMA '08 will occur. A Memorandum of Understanding signed by both Jack Bradshaw of USMA'58 and Adrian D. Perkins, 2008 Class President governs USMA '08 support. Jason Crabtree USMA '08 is on the PEB which has a clear charter. Unsettled at this point is how class progeny will be invited/advised about details of the event once scheduled.

Jack provided talking paper as an introduction to discussion on the subject. It is attached as Attachment 1.

First Class Club (FCC). At one time, we envisioned that responsibility for the FCC would pass to USMA'83 and later to USMA'08. The AOG, however, has come to see the First Class Club as an opportunity to make money. We understand that USMA'83 has committed to a \$3M endowment fund to maintain the club, with no expectation of fixed responsibility for the club. There could be some dynamics at play as the current Supt, General Williams, is a member of USMA'83. Mike Daley indicated that he would discuss sponsorship with General Williams over the upcoming football weekend. Regardless, our class has fulfilled its responsibilities and can take great pride in the high regard all have for the FCC.

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West Point Leadership Meeting 14-17 August, 2017 *(Mike Daley)* Mike discussed highlights of this annual event held on the occasion of AOG's 150-year anniversary. It was a broad review of all that is going on at West Point. Attendees were broken into three groups: class reps (which included Mike), parents, and society reps. The Supt stressed academy concern about terrorist activities. DoD ID cards will allow individuals to vouch for others in their automobile. In the absence of DoD ID, grads will need to get Grad Passes. The option will be long waits in line.

- Construction funds of almost \$1.5B exist to accomplish major changes to the physical plant. These include:
 - (1) Thayer Hall – new to us, but almost 50-years old — will be complete gutted and upgrade to first class academic facilities
 - (2) A building will be constructed between the WP club, the tennis courts, and the library to house academic departments in rotation during construction
 - (3) A new academic building will be constructed south of Grant Hall in the area of the old hospital and central apartments — both gone
 - (4) Delafield Pond will be filled in — replaced by a new indoor/outdoor swimming facility
 - (5) Expansion of the USMA cemetery. Mike cautioned that if one plans to be buried at West Point, there are two individuals (one at AOG; the other at the cemetery) that need to be contacted to coordinate burial arrangements.
 - (6) Complete rebuild of Camp Buckner that will allow on-site tank and artillery training.

Mike indicated that all the slides would be released.

[ED: I think I found the link on the AOG site under Class Leadership, but was unable to persuade the site that I knew my user name and password. I will send on information to access the presentations when it is found.]

*The list of military construction projects affected by the President's raid on military construction **projects** include an Engineering Center and a parking structure at West Point, both planned for June 2020.]*

West-Point.org. (Andy Andreson) The web site has been disrupted for several weeks as the result of deliberate sabotage that sought ransom. Ransom payment was denied. Pete Trainer has been following actions regarding restoring the server. Many folks have proposed options that might be explored (John Brinson, Stan Bacon). Discussion was held in abeyance as we've been told that things will be up and running in 2-3 days.

Audrey asked if personal information/pass words were compromised. The response was that did not occur.

Web-Monitor Backup. (Andy Andreson) Andy said that Pete Trainor has asked that the EXCOM find a "back-up" (not a replacement). This will ease Pete's travel planning.

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New Orleans Mini, May 26-28. (Tom Sands) Tom provided information for a very appealing mini in New Orleans – focused on the superb WWII museum. Roomscost at the new hotel being built adjacent to the museum are project to be \$186 which includes taxes. A memorial service would be held in the museum followed by a class dinner on the 28th. More details are provided in the paper Tom provided which is at Attachment 2.

Status of Distinguished Grad nomination for Alan Salisbury. (Mike Mahler) The nomination package is coming along very well. Mike has 7 excellent endorsements in hand with three others likely. Both Jack Bradshaw and Tony Smith have reviewed the nomination. Suspense for delivery to the AOG is 3 November.

DC activities. (Andy Andreson) Andy reviewed four activities previously announced in the Washington area:

- A picnic at Burke Lake Park on September 26
- A luncheon at the Army Navy Club in Fairfax on October 17
- The tradition luncheon with USNA'58 on December 5
- The tailgate party at Alan and Florence Salisbury's on December 14.

Funds (Lee Miller) Lee provided several exhibits that summarize the standing of our Administrative fund which totaled \$88,807.01 on June 30, 2019. [He provided an Income/Expenditure statement for the period Dec 12, 2018 through May 30, 2019. See Attachment 3]

The Gift Fund, which is managed by AOG and committed to yet-to-be defined projects totaled \$97,798 on June 30.

George Lawton said that the PEF has a value of approximately \$1.3-million.

Memorial Articles. (Paul Vanture/Bob Hayden) PD provided an overview of the status of class memorial articles. He reported that the most recent edition of Taps contains articles of eleven classmates. Paul did provide an update on memorial articles in progress, and a recap of classmates for which no author has been identified. These are:

Charles Bond, Co C-1
John Evans Jr, Co E-1
Vince DeBoeser, Co E-1
John Raymond, Co E-1
William Cibosky, Co G-1
Richard Garlick, Co G-1
John Peters, Co L-1
Edward Dodd, Co M-1
Richard McManigell, Co A-2
Harold Williams, Co E-2
Arvid Doucette, Co F-2
Paul Klempnow, Co F-2

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The committee expressed its gratitude for PD's dedication to the memorial article program, and welcomed Bob Hayden who will ensure an orderly transfer of responsibilities for this important class effort.

March-Back. Mike Daley complimented three classmates who were involved in the Plebe Marchback.. Wally Ward who led the march back, Ed Weckel, and Will Collett (who completed the final 2-miles)

Widow's Outreach Team. (Audrey Webb) Audrey described the most recent activities of the WOT:

- Updating the "Grip Hands" booklet
- Corresponding with new widows
- Completing distribution of the pin/pendant project to recognize the ladies of the class. Audrey described the efforts to minimize costs of mailing the materials.

These efforts are described more fully in the notes Audrey used for her discussion. [See Attachment 4]

Round Table. Jack Bradshaw reflected on how well the class has weathered the dispersal of classmates — accommodating a strong EXCOM membership and involvement of classmates regardless of geographic location through the use of telecommunications. He also said the EXCOM needed to look ahead for possible events following Las Vegas, and to consider options to our dependence on WP.org.

Continued telephonic involvement of USMA'08 in EXCOM meetings. It was felt that there was no need for USMA'08 participation at every EXCOM meeting, that the Chair is best postured to determine future involvement.

Respectfully submitted



Frank Waskowicz
Secretary

Attachment 1 — Jack Downing memo
Attachment 2 — Tom Sands concept for a New Orleans mini
Attachment 3 — Lee Miller's financial report
Attachment 4 — Audrey Webb's WOT report

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Attachment 1

Notes for ExCom meeting 8/27/19

Two members of the class of 2008 were invited to be with us today. Jeremy Evans, acting president of the class who is in Washington state and Victor Shen, class Treasurer who is stationed in Germany. However, last Friday evening I received an email from Jeremy saying, "I apologize profusely- a business trip popped up for Monday/Tuesday... I'll plan on attending these quarterly meetings via dial-in from now on time/schedule permitting!"

Vic Shen is with us. Vic, please say a word to the '58 Executive Committee.

The MOU describes the two important events for our class that will take place during our centennial in 2058, the monetary gift to the Academy from our Perpetual Endowment Fund and the opening of our Time Capsule. Another event will also take place then is the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the class of 2008.

None of us will be around to celebrate these events, but the MOU outlines the activities we expect, and leaves the details to those who follow, especially the PEB who will represent our class, the AOG and to the class of 2008 who know us.

I would like to speak of the Long Gray Line.

I recall marching in a review in 1958 for the class of 1908, back for their 50th anniversary. I did not meet or talk to any of them and never saw them again. Too bad. These men fought in the First World War. What stories they could have told us.

100 years before us was the class of 1858. These men fought the Civil War. Of course, we couldn't have known them but we could have met their grandchildren. My great grandfather was born in 1840 and could have been in the class of 1858. I didn't know him but I knew his granddaughter, my mother. He was wounded at Vicksburg. I treasure his belt buckle as a memento. Our grandchildren will meet members of the classes of 2008 who knew us and will hold the mementoes we saved for them.

We first met the class of '08 at our 50th and their graduation. They too have mementos in the TC and last year, on the occasion of their 10th anniversary, we presented them with a "Friendship Plaque" that contained two mounted class coins, one with the '58 face up and the other with the '08' face up

There is a question of which grandchildren to invite to the 2058 activities. I had several long discussions with the AOG data manager and the class assistant. Our conclusion is that it is impractical for the AOG to follow all of our descendants. We should concentrate on those who are and will be USMA graduates. This is the responsibility of the PEB with the help of the AOG if needed.

We can invite non-graduates to the events of 2058 by contacting them through the "Grandchildren's Letter" that appears on the class web site. There is a section of that draft that encourages the grandchildren in 2058, to contact the AOG for contact with the PEB.

Of course, the details must be left to the members of the PEB and AOG of the time. I have faith in them, but we can send the letter to our grandchildren.

The audience for the presentation of the PEF check will be enhanced by all the events that will occur at that time. The audience will include members of '08 and 2058, their guests and our grandchildren and their guests. Especially if the class of '08 and 2058 decide to rebury the TC with their mementoes for another 100 years.

Open for discussion.

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Attachment 2

**Class of 58 Mini
New Orleans
May 26 – 28, 2020**

Location: Higgins Hotel (WW2 Museum Hotel)
1000 Magazine Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
www.higginshotelnola.com

The room rate for the hotel is \$159 + tax per night single or double occupancy, with tax the bill will be approximately \$186. Currently, activities will be scheduled to allow arrival on the morning of the 26th and departure on the 29th. However, for those arriving early or staying later, the rate will not change. A Benny Havens room will be provided (\$100 per day) including water, ice, glasses, tables, chairs and will be serviced daily. We are allowed to bring our own “packaged” snacks to the room. Barbara and I have not made a list, but we plan to acquire most of the snacks from Costco. Any wine/beer/etc we would like to acquire from the hotel would be at a 50% reduced rate. The hotel is not yet open, but we have seen to room mock ups and they are superb. The hotel will open in October. Please check the web site to get a good idea of the facilities. Obviously, the entire facility has a military theme.

We have not developed a notional schedule as yet, but would plan to have registration and Benny Havens open by 1000 on the 26th with a welcome reception at 1800 or so. We have not decided if the reception will be at the hotel or the WW2 Museum. I am working with Dr Rob Citino (senior historian (taught a year at West Point and two years at the AWC) to develop some special opportunities for the class. Current plans have a Memorial Service on the 28th followed by a closing dinner that evening. If you wish to have a class meeting, let me know and we will work that in.

Obviously, a number of the activities will relate to the Museum (www.nationalww2museum.org). It is a must see for all and will probably begin on the 27th with a welcome from either Dr Citino or the Museum CEO followed by a showing of the movie (50 minutes), “Beyond All Boundaries”, narrated by Tom Hanks. One of the available is to have all charges for activities at the Museum to be charged to the individual room (of those who participate).

The hotel is directly across the street from the museum and there are a number of good restaurants within walking distance. Discount tickets to other New Orleans attractions will be available through the hotel. A “Hop on Hop off” city tour bus stops at the hotel. For the 2007 New Orleans Mini, we set up a website that provided for registration as well as being an information portal. I can do the same for this mini, unless there is a desire by the Excom to use the AOG.

Attachment 3

Balance Sheet for Class of 58 Administrative Fund as of June 30 2019

Assets

Funds Held by AOG (Value of Admin Fund)	\$88,653.62
Cash/Market Value of Investments	\$88,653.62
Net from Income Statement Ending June 30 19	\$306.39

Total Assets	\$88,960.01
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable

5/17/19 Frank Waskowicz Printing	\$53.00
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6/23/19 Memorial Juan Villianes	100.00
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Total Accts Payable	\$153.00
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Total Liabilities	\$153.00
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Net Worth Assets minus Liabilities (Ending Net Assets)	\$88,807.01
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Income Statement for CI of 58 Admin Fund 12/31-18 thru 5-30-19

Revenues

Interest and Dividends from Investments from AOG:	\$1,124.42
Real Gains and Losses from Investments from AOG:	82.51
Unrealized Appreciation from AOG Index	\$1,161.75
Other Class Revenues	
Check Received from Wades for Luncheon	74.00

Total Revenues for Period

\$2,442.68

Expenses: (All entries by month)

Class Activities

1. 1/24/19 Lee Miller IRS Income Tax for 2018	\$39.95
2. 2/5/19 Memorial Donation William Parker	100.00
3. 2/11/19 To Tony Bauer	24.46
4. 3/12/18 Memorial Donation Fred Goodenough	100.00
4. 2/19/19 Memorial Donation William Murphy	100.00
5. 3/26/19 Memorial Donation Brian Koster	100.00
6. 5/30/19 Postage Mary Hall	25.10
7. 5/30/19 Reimb Admin Exp Mary Hall	56.15
8. 5/30/19 Contribution to Code of Support	1,000.00
9. 5/30/19 Memorial Donation Arthur Meyer	100.00
Total Class Activity Expenses	\$1,645.66

← Fee to IRS

Management Fees to the AOG for this period

\$490.63

Total Expenses for Period

\$2,136.29

Revenue-Expenses for Period

\$306.39

Tues., August 27, 2019 Attachment 4
Report From Widows Outreach Team

Betsy Hall has been making a few updates to the "Grip Hands" booklet that has been distributed to widows and others. She is now down to four, so Frank W. will be printing another batch soon with the updates. So many have found this booklet to be extremely helpful and comforting at a time of uncertainty in their lives.

There has been a death since the last meeting — George Robertson. His widow is Gale, who is having memory issues. She was contacted on the telephone by me (Audrey) and by Barbara Raymond by a written note.

By far the biggest challenge recently has been the on-going (seemingly endless) pin / pendant project for all of the ladies of the Class of '58.

After much research, our team, with the help of Angela Ganey, had determined that the best mailing solution was \$1.19 per padded envelope, plus \$1.15 postage. ~~but the~~

~~submitted~~. That figure was approved at the last ExCom meeting.

After a delay, Alan and Florence Salisbury printed ^{hop cards} and attached the pins to ^{the} hop cards for each lady.

Frank W. printed an elegant and meaningful card to be included. This was to explain the reason for the lady to be receiving the pin and another thank you for her sacrifice.

So all was ready to actually start to get the pins ^{ready for} mailing. But the Post Office threw a curve ball and increased the price of the envelopes from \$1.19 to \$1.49. Also the new envelopes weighed slightly more and would therefore increase the postage.

~~But~~ Frank W. came to the rescue with a company that sold similar envelopes much cheaper. I ordered a case of 250 envelopes and have started addressing them. Margie Downing is assisting me with many hours of work. We are currently in the middle of this tedious task but ^{are} making progress. Angela is planning to take them to the Clifton P.O. to be ~~hand~~ cancelled. I brought some finished envelopes so that you can see the final product. We hope to complete this project before there is another death — especially Margie's or mine!

Submitted by Audrey Webb