#### Minutes, USMA '58 EXCOM, April 28, 2020

The EXCOM met virtually via telecom. Present were Jack Bradshaw (President), Andy Andreson (Chairman), Margie and Jack Downing, Gary Roosma, Tom Sands, Pete Trainor, Bob Hayden, Audrey Webb, Lee Miller, George Lawton, Mike Mahler, Mike Daley, JTerry Connell, and Palmer McGrew.

**Class Scribe.** *(Andy Andreson)* Andy discussed the situation involving George Sibert, and his inability to carry on his duties as Scribe due to a stroke that has impaired his ability to communicate. Andy had spoken with Pete Penczer to once again take on the Scribe's duties. Pete had acted as Scribe earlier when George was consumed with caring for his wife Judy. Pete has agreed. Pete will focus on social activities of the class. Terry Connell will continue his activities to notify the class of deaths and the compilation of data for future memorial services. Subsequent to the meeting, the Chair notified the class of these actions.

As agreed to in an earlier meeting, a complete listing of class losses will be provided in a memorial booklet at the planned New Orleans mini, but only the names of deaths since our 60<sup>th</sup> will be read. There will be a reading of all names at the 65<sup>th</sup>.

Concern was expressed by many that the data rich book that George created not be lost to the class. Building on the Class Locator booklet published by the class at graduation, George's "little black book" [actually grey] is a treasure that needs to be preserved. Robert Higgins will work with George's sister Kathy to secure the book.

**Class Documents.** There was a general discussion of where to deposit the voluminous records of the class — these include class columns, early class records regarding creation of the Perpetual Endowment Fund, the First Class Club, and our 10-, 30-, and 50-year books among other things. Mike Daley will follow up with the AOG to determine if they will accept and house these records. He also has a POC in the USMA library — a potential recipient that had been explored with no luck several years ago. Pete Trainor offered that they could be uploaded to our web site where they would be accessable in perpetuity. Frank Waskowicz will work to get these into Pete's hands to accomplish that. Frank cautioned that the records lack any clear semblance of organization.

**New Orleans Mini (Tom Sands**). Tom reviewed the status of the mini, now set for November when it is anticipated that the shutdown restrictions will be lifted. At last count, 59 classmates were planning to attend in November — several more now that the dates have been changed. Tom will continue to provide information directly to those who register for the mini.

**Advance Planning for our 65<sup>th</sup> (Garry Roosma).** Garry is working with Vince Mc Dermot (USMA '85) who sits in the AOG but represents the Superintendent directly in matters related to class reunions. The dates for our 65<sup>th</sup> are May 20-24, 2023. As reported earlier, we will contract with one of two possible Marriott hotels. Hotels normally begin accepting bookings two years out.

The question was asked if the cancelation of class reunions as a result of COVID-19 would affect us. The response that at this time that seems unlikely.

**Class Funds (Lee Miller).** Our Admin Fund is valued at \$8<u>6</u>,545, a decrease of \$973 due to expenses since the last reporting.

As you will recall, we turned management of our funds over to the AOG. That arrangement has been working fine.

As the AOG manages investment of funds in their control, we anticipated some growth with the market, but that also can result in a loss, which it has in the current market situation. This is reflected in our Class Gift Fund which is \$92,257, a reduction of some \$15K since the last reporting figure of \$107,765.

George Lawton reported that the PEF totals \$1,265,480 as of April 24. George gave a lengthly presentation on the current governance of the fund, its membership, and how investments were distributed. He indicated that the Perpetual Endowment reports are on the class web site, and for that reason this information is not repeated in this report.

**Memorial Articles (Bob Hayden).** Bob had earlier provided a status report on Memorial Articles (MAs). His report is included as an Appendix. He indicated that there are 32 classmates who have died with no article. Of these, half are in preparation. The other half – 17 – have no one assigned to write an article.

There was (once again) a discussion of some CCQs not doing their jobs. Policing this is difficult as the job is voluntary.

Bob said that there are not enough classmates writing their own MA. He indicated that the simple act of cataloging basic data about assignments would be very helpful to assist the future compilation of a suitable memorial article. Audrey Webb suggested that a form itemizing some basis facts could be sent to the class as one means to start a relevant data base that CCQs could maintain. This would help authors in writing a memorial article. Bob said he would follow up on that idea.

There was a discussion of some spouses not having been supportive in having memorial articles published. It was agreed that where widows have obstructed publication, that Jack Bradshaw could work directly with the AOG to ensure publication

**Web-Monitor Backup.** *(Andy Andreson)* It appears that Brian Bradshaw (Jack's son) is willing to act as back-up to Pete Trainor as Web Master. Pete and Brian will talk to firm this up. Obviously, the class appreciates Brian's willingness to help.

**Social activities. (Palmer McGrew)** Palmer hoped that at some point we would be able to reschedule the memorial service with follow-on luncheon in the ANCC Arlington. In

George's absence, responsibilities would need to be defined. The menu of roles and role players would be spelled out in the memorial booklet (which Frank and Terry would create).

Obviously the pandemic has caused many cancellations. Palmer is hopeful that the picnic scheduled for September will occur.

**Widow's Outreach Team.** *(Audrey Webb)* Audrey provided extensive detail on the activities of the WOT. There have been five deaths since our last meeting. Audrey, Barbara Raymond and Betsy Hall have all played roles in reaching to the surviving spouse.

Her report in the Appendix spells out the details.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before noon.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment 1 — Status of class memorial articles Attachment 2 — WOT Report

Gra	duates								
		rial Article Sta	tus WP Class	1958					
	July 2019			019 NOT as yet published					
Co	Regt	Last Nm	First Name	мі	Year Died	Mo died	Day died	code	Status
A	1	LGarrett	Donald	Roger	2019	9	19		No contact with family
A	1	LGordon	Jack						sent to aog
A	1	L Klotzbach	George		2016	12	9	Т	sent to aog Jan 2020
А	1	LMayer	Fred					W	writing
А	1	LMiller	Lee					т	sent to aog
В	1	LNuffer	Fritz					т	sent to aog
В	1	L Price	Richard					W	writing
В	1	LThompson	Thomas	М	2019	10	9	Т	sent to aog
с	1	LBond	Charles		2018	12	6		
С	1	Lane	Glenn		2015	11	14	W	writing
С	1	L Mitchell	Gerald					w	writing
С	1	L Moentman	Dwain		2015	10	6		
с	1	L Peck	James		2016	11	7	w	writing
D	1	LClarke	David		2020	4	18		
D	1	LHill	ОК					w	writing
D	1	L Weckel	Ed					т	sent to aog
E	1	LCabell	Charles					w	Written
E	1	L DeBoeser	Edward	V	2017	11	17		
E	1	LEvans	John		2018	7	29		?
E	1	LLupi	Joe					w	Writing
Е	1	L Myers	Sam					w	written
E	1	LRaymond	John		2016	12	1		
F	1	LCook	Gerald		2020	3	8		
F	1	L Crosby	Ben		2016	10	21	R	refused
F	1	L Kubiak	John					т	sent to aog
F	1	L Pedersen	Millard		2014	5	27	w	written goal is 2020
F	1	L Rhodes	RG					w	writing
G	1	LAndreson	R					т	sent to aog
G	1	L Cibosky	William		2015	7	11		
G		, LGarlick	Richard		2017				
G		LMacCleod	Albert		2011				refused
н		L Betts	Jerry					т	sent to aog

								8
Н	1 Carter	Daniel		2017	6	15	W	writing
Н	1 Devens	John					W	writing
Н	1 Loffert	John	W	2018	8	31	W	writing
Н	1 Munger	Robert		2012	1	12	R	refused
Н	1 Parker	William		2019	1	2		
Н	1 Robertson	George	Roger	2019	7	6		
н	1 Rudolph	Gerald		1982	10	14	R	refused
Н	1 Rupprecht	Dennis		2010	10	7	W	writing
Н	1 Victorine	Clifford		2007	7	29	R	refused
I	1 Bauer	Anthony					Т	sent to aog
1	1 Di Mauro	Phil					W	Draft written
1	1 Hill	John					W	Writing
1	1 Johnston	Alex					W	Writing
1	1 Jones	Lincoln		2013	1	16	Т	sent to aog
1	1 Moscatelli	Robert					Т	sent to aog
К	1 Barker	Robert		2013	5	13	R	refused
К	1 Buchanan	John	Charles	2009	5	21	R	refused
К	1 Jaschen	Daryl					W	writing
К	1 Martin	Donald					W	Writing
К	1 Serchak	Wiliam					W	writing
L	1 Chappell	Troy					Т	sent to aog
L	1 Herberger	Ken					W	writing
L	1 Peters	John		2004	1	21		
L	1 Tirre	Joseph		2014	12	14	W	writing
М	1 Dodd	Edwin			4	22		
М	1 Kyle	David		2013	4	5	Т	sent to aog
М	1 Lynne	John	Н	2009	10	29	R	refused
Μ	1 Patterson	Walt					Т	sent to aog
М	1 Smith	Frank	М	2009	11	7	R	refused
М	1 Villanes	Juan		2019	4	23		
A	2 Bradley	John					Т	sent to aog
A	2 Buckalew	RICHARD					W	writing
A	2 Coury	David		2000	1	1	W	writing
A	2 Densford	Charles					W	writing
A	2 McManigell	Richard		2015	10	6	Т	sent to aog
A	2 Nun	Lee					Т	sent to aog
A	2 Smith	Willis	A	2008	2	3		
В	2 Ackerman	Phil					W	written sent to aog?
A	2 Smith	Willis	A	2008	2	3		

В	2 Manos	John				1	W	writing
В	2 Oelke	Karl				-	Т	sent to aog
В	2 Prochaska	Jerry				-	Т	sent to aog
В	2 Schonberger	Dick				-	Т	sent to aog
В	2 Vanture	Paul				-	Т	sent to aog
В	2 Wyatt	Wayne					W	written draft
С	2 Koster	Brian		2019	1	5	R	Refused
С	2 Lyon	Harold		2019	11	9	W	family drafted
С	2 Swanson	Dave					W	writing
D	2 Byrne	Peter				-	Т	sent to aog
D	2 McCann	Robert				-	Т	sent to aog
D	2 Murphy	William		2019	2	10	Т	sent to aog
D	2 Ruud	Paul				-	Т	sent to aog
D	2 Tilley	Jim				-	Т	sent to aog
E	2 Hatcher	Charles		2007	3	9		
E	2 Toftoy	Charles				-	Т	sent to aog
E	2 Weis	James		2016	1	15	W	writing
E	2 Williams	Harold	Mac	2018	6	25		
F	2 Coffey	Raymond		2009	6	5		to aog
F	2 Doucette	Arvind		2008	5	18		writing goal 2020
F	2 Fernandez	Claude		2015	4		W	draft written
F	2 Klempnow	Paul		2013	4	19		No contact Pellegrini working
F	2 Palladino	Donald		2018	5	27	W	Connell writing
G	2 Bujalski	Jack					Т	sent to aog
G	2 Depew	David					R	refused
G	2 Julian	Bob					W	writing
G	2 Lawton	George					W	written
G	2 Palmer	John					R	refused
G	2 Waller	Edgie					Т	sent to aog
G	2 Weiss	Wayne					Т	sent to aog
Н	2 Baker	Robert		1992	2	6		
Н	2 Downing	Jack					Т	sent to aog
Н	2 Sharon	Denny					W	writing
Н	2 Sibert	George					W	writing
Н	2 Soper	John					Т	sent to aog
	2 Abernathy	John				-	Т	sent to aog

#### WOT Report

There have been several classmate deaths since our last EXCOM Meeting on January 21, 2020, four in March and one in April.

- Gerald (Jerry) Cook of F1 died on March 8, 2020, leaving a widow, Faye. After a service at a funeral home, he will be interred later at West Point.
- Richard C. (Doc) Heyerdahl died on March 15th. He was a member of I1, and he resigned after he had completed his plebe year. His widow is Cathy.
- John Sutherland passed awayon March 17, 2020, leaving a widow, Bea. He was in Co K2. His ashes will be scattered with Bea's, eventually, above the hills of Albuquerque.
- Hugh Fisher(x-'58), a former member of Co E2, died on March 27, 2020. His widow is Nancy.
- David Arthur Clark of D1 passed away on April 18th, leaving a widow, Eileen. The plans are that he will be buried later at Arlington.

All five widows have received a phone call and a sympathy note (myself and Barbara Raymond) from the Widows Outreach Team. Betsy Hall mailed the "Grip Hands" booklet of practical help to all of the new widows whose husbands had served in the military.

In addition to reaching out to these recent widows, the Widows Outreach Team collaborated in writing a short letter of encouragement during this time of social distancing. We sent it to all of the widows on the widows email list, and we received several responses of appreciation.

Some of the words of encouragement that we included:

"This unique pandemic has brought to many of us uncertainty and fear. But Ladies, we were married to military men! Just think of the challenges we have faced in the past. And we have prevailed!"

Remember...

"They also serve who only stand and wait." John Milton

And then a final thought from Margie Downing:

"DON'T GRIP HANDS .... WASH HANDS!"