

CLASS OF '58 NEWSLETTER

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SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2004.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>IN-CHARGE</u>
12 JAN	58s Lets Feed the Homeless	SOME, Wash DC	1100	Lawtons
21 JAN	Winter Luncheon WPSDC	Ft. Myer O. Club	1130`	WPSDC
01 FEB	Army-American U. Basketball AU,	Wash DC	1300	J Herren
12 FEB	Class Luncheon-Valentines	Towers, Tysons	1130	A.Salisbury
24 FEB-4 MAR	Ski-Mini	Park City ,UT		R. Moore
MAR	Hexagon Satire Play	Wash DC	TBD	L.Miller
04 MAR	Class Stag Lunch -USMA 57	Ft Myer O Club	1130	J. Herren
13 MAR	Founders Day Dinner	Hilton, Alexandria	1830	WPSDC
22 APR	Annual Stag Class Meeting/lunch	ANCC	1130	A. Andreson.
14-20 APR	Normandy battlefield tour	France		T. Morgan, D. Schonberger
23 MAY	Memorial Service/L. Spurlock Brunch	VN Memorial ANCC	1030	G. Sibert (Svcs) A.Andreson
19 MAY	WPSDC Spring Luncheon	Ft Myer O Club	1130	WPSDC
12 JUN	Horse Racing	Charlestown,WV	1830	G. Lawton
JUL	Billie Nadal USMA'58 Memorial Golf	Fords Colony, VA	TBA	T. Nadal
09-10 AUG	04 Plebe Hike/Marchback	West Point	TBA	E. Weckel
19 AUG	Turnover First Class Club	West Point	TBA	B. Pointer
SEP	Class event	TBD		
22 SEP	WPSDC Fall Luncheon	Ft Myer O Club	1130	Ft. Meyer
OCT21-24 OCT	Class Mini-Reunion	San Antonio, TX		J. Bujalski/Hayden
18 NOV	Class Stag Luncheon w/USNA58	ANCC	1130	A. Andreson
01 DEC	WPSDC A/N Football Luncheon	Bolling AFB	1100	WPSDC
04 DEC	A/N Game and Rally	Salisbury's	1130	Al & Florence

Note: All Class events are drag except stag luncheons indicated and the plebe hike.

REUNIONS.MINI-REUNIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2004 AND BEYOND.

There is only one reunion or mini reunion scheduled each year. They are Class-wide events, they are fully supported by the Class and the EXCOM, and they take precedence over all other Class events for the year. Participation in other events such as the Plebe Hike, Ski Trips and Boat trips is encouraged, but they are not reunions and they do not have the same status as a reunion. The 1958 reunion and mini reunion schedule for the next few years is as follows:

2004 is in San Antonio, 21-24 October. Jack Bujalski and Bob Hayden are in charge.

2005 is tentatively in San Francisco with Paul Ruud in charge.

2006 is tentatively in Savannah GA with Roger Waddell in charge.

2007 is tentatively in New Orleans with Tom Sands in Charge

2008 in May is our 50th reunion at West Point and Garry Roosma will be in charge with his committee.

2009 is tentatively in Tucson, AZ with Art Meyer in Charge or in Huntsville AL with Ray Coffey(Note that all the mini reunions after 2004 are tentative and they may be switched around as the situation dictates)

2004 MINI REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO. The reunion will take place from 21-24 October in San Antonio Texas. Jack Bujalski and Bob Hayden are in charge and they will be putting out additional information and will mail out registration packets in the coming months.

CLASS SKI TRIP TO PARK CITY UTAH. The Class Ski Trip will be at Park City, Utah and environs from 24 February until 4 March. Bob Moore is in charge and Tony Nadal is handling administration and the money. Considerable information on the details of the trip has been sent by email. For additional information contact Bob Moore at email BMoore8272@aol.com or phone 410 263 5492 or Tony Nadal at email rnadal9@cox.net or phone 757 258 3999. There is a lot to do for skiers and non-skiers alike, and a great time is planned for all. Also, a detailed schedule of events and other information, can be found at the class web site maintained by Pete Trainor at <http://www.west-point.org/class/ski58/Ski2004%20Form.htm> or <http://www.west-point.org/class/ski58/>

VIET NAM MEMORIAL SERVICE AND BRUNCH. The Class annual Memorial Service to honor our classmates killed in Viet Nam will be held at 1030 on 23 May, 2004 at the Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, DC. After the Service, at the VN Memorial, which is organized and conducted by George Sibert, there is a brunch at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington organized by Andy Andreson. Our special honoree this year is Lon Spurlock. This is an event that is held each year to honor our fallen classmates. This is a great time to visit Washington or to organize a company mini reunion in the Washington area, and to honor your classmates at the same time. We recommend it.

NORMANDY AND THE LOIRE VALLEY 2004 . This is the last call to reserve your space on the Class of 1958 Trip to Normandy/Loire Valley/ Paris with an optional Ardennes extension. Please send your \$200/person deposit to **Alpventures** now to make sure that you are included. Many of you have expressed interest in this trip and renewed that interest at our 45th Reunion in September. Now is the time to commit with your deposit. Also, please indicate if you want to go on the Ardennes/Battle of the Bulge extension. 2004 is the 60th Anniversary year of D-DAY and the Battle of the Bulge. What better way to see these famous, historic sites and relive the experience of World War II, than with classmates and friends. If you want to go, send in your money now. Deposits of \$200/person are due Tony Cisneros of **Alpventures** now. For more information on the tour and how to pay, call Tony toll free at 1-888-991-6718 or use his trip website www.alpventures.com/westpoint.html. *Allons...Auf Gehts* (Eisenhower said: *OK, let's go.*) See you in Europe for a once-in-a-lifetime remembrance of the Great Crusade, Questions? Call Tom Morgan, phone 253 983 8903 or email tmorgan58@hotmail.com

MARCHBACK 2004. This year's marchback on 9-10 August, is the 50th Anniversary of our own plebe marchback to the Academy. Yes, it was 1954 when our Class, over 700 strong, proudly marched back to the Academy to join the Corps. Unfortunately, as of this writing, plans for "old grad" participation are up in the air. A decision was expected before Christmas; however, none has yet been announced. There is a possibility that grad participation will be limited to the final two miles (instead of the 15 miles of previous years) so that the plebes can engage in a tactical exercise. Another option is to limit the number participants from any one Class to no more than 30 -- previous participation was based upon "first come - first served; ie, the first 120 to sign up were allowed to participate. It is impossible to predict the final decision. We are monitoring the situation and will notify the Class via the Internet when more information is available.

USMA CLASS OF 1958 PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT.

The Class Executive Committee recently established the goal to increase the value of the Endowment to \$580,000 by the 50th anniversary of our graduation. A suggested donation was not set; however, if every living Classmate were to contribute an additional \$900 to the fund over the next six years, the Class goal would be attained. On 31 December 2003 total contributions totaled \$287,621 and the value of our endowment was worth \$335,580.

We encourage you to be a "supporter". Donations may be sent to Ed Weckel at 120 Regent Drive, Bel Air, MD, 21014. Make your check payable to "Fidelity Investments Charitable Gift Fund". And remember, your donation is tax deductible. Make a donation now, particularly if you have not yet done so.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION.

The current committee assignments are:

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

Secretary and Class Records and Policy: Jack Downing (703) 569-2887.<71222.3245@compuserve.com

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

Class Gift: Andy Andreson(703) 385-2502.< randreson@cox.net>

Communications: Jerry Mitchell (703) 866-0145 <gergermar@cox.net>

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

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

Liaison to Widows: Audrey Webb (Ex Officio Member)

The EXCOM meets periodically during the year at the call of the chairman Palmer McGrew. The minutes of these meetings are sent out by e-mail, and they can also be viewed on the Class Homepage. Information on the Homepage is included under "Communications" below.

OBITS.

Red Warner was memorialized in the first edition of "Taps" a supplement to "Assembly" which was mailed out with the January-February 2004 issue of "Assembly." Obits will no longer be published in "Assembly," but they will be published in "Taps" using the familiar format that has been used in "Assembly." "Taps" is a first class publication. Initially it will be published twice a year and distributed with the January-February and July-August issues of "Assembly." As requirements grow, "Taps" will be published more often as a supplement to "Assembly."

Many of the memorial articles yet to be written are languishing. We need to get memorial articles up-to-date. As time passes, it becomes more difficult to gather information and build enthusiasm to finish the job. Authors and company CCQs should give these their attention. If there are doubts as to who these are, please contact Jack Downing at e-mail <71222.3245@compuserve.com> or tel. (703) 569-2887.

The status of individual obits can be checked on the Class Web Site at: www.west-point.org/class/usma1958 and clicking on "[Obituaries in Progress](#)". Eulogies can be posted and/or read for deceased classmates by clicking on "Taps" on the Class Web Site. We would like to urge each of you to visit "Taps" to add a eulogy to the site of any classmate you knew. The eulogies are helpful to Obit authors, and they provide comfort to the deceased's family and friends.

Consider writing your own memorial article, or at least putting away some information that would help the person who will write it. If you have ever had a biographical sketch written, this will do, and include a photograph that you would like to have used. These will be filed by the AOG until needed. Contacts are:

Jack Downing Association of Graduates

7909 Jansen Ct. Attn: Marilee Meyrs <ym5102@usma.edu> Phone: (800) 232-4723 ext 1583

Springfield, VA 22152 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996-1611

Ms. Meyrs is the keeper of the Cullum Files. Classmates that want information entered in their files should contact her. If you are writing a classmates obituary, contact her before starting.

TAPS.

Since the last newsletter, the following class deaths have occurred:

Mr. Richard E. Manning E-1 (Ex-58)

DOD: 11/26/2003

Place: Snellville, GA

Burial: Snellville, GA

Cynthia Claflin, wife of Alan B. Claflin, B-2(deceased)

DOD: 11/09/2003

Burial: West Point, NY 11/17/2003

CLASS HISTORY PROJECT.

The Class History Project Team has completed the planning phase, and we are now in the information gathering phase. At the 45th Reunion, an information packet describing the History Project was distributed, along with a Class History Questionnaire, a Class History Photo Log, a Class History Oral History package, and a Class History Project checklist. By the end of January, a mailing of the information package will be made to those classmates that did not get the package at the 45th Reunion. Each member of the Class now needs to get busy and start filling out the forms and gathering the necessary photos and documentation in order to make the History Project a success, and to make the 50th Reunion Book a valuable keepsake for our families.

The leadership team for the Class History Project is:

Chair: Alan & Florence Salisbury

Publisher: (Open)

Administrator: Glenn Brown

Art Dir/Designer/Multi-Media: Frank Waskowicz

Lead Editor/Historian/Editor, "War Stories": Don Martin

Editor, "Pass-in-Review": (Open)

Editor/Statistician: George Sibert

Oral History: Fred Goodenough

Web Master: Pete Trainor

Note that there are now two openings on the committee. The immediate need is for someone to take over the Editor, "Pass-in-Review" section, which has responsibility for pulling together the individual pages for each classmate based on the material submitted. The Publisher position includes responsibility for the physical production of the 50 Year Reunion book. Anyone wishing to join our team in either of these positions, please contact Alan Salisbury (AlanBS58@aol.com, 703-242-8648).

COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications with its members and constituents are important to the Class of 1958, the Academy, the AOG, and your ExCom. The means at our disposal are email, the Company CCQ system telephone calls, periodic newsletters, and "Assembly". By far the fastest, best, most efficient and cheapest is email. If you are not on email, this is a plea for you to join your connected classmates, and get on email. To get on email contact Dick Buckalew at email Buckalew@West-Point.Org. Try it, and you will love it.

We have started a widow's communication net over which they can discuss matters of interest to them. To become a member of this net contact the moderator, Mary Kay Olson, at makatie@comcast.net We have also set up a Prostate Cancer Support Group. To become a member of this net, contact the Moderator, Stan Bacon at sbacon58@sbcglobal.net.

"Assembly" your magazine for and about West Point and West Pointers is an important means of communication. We currently have 320 subscribers, which is somewhat better than the classes on either side of us, but this is not good enough. The class column, ably written by George Sibert, alone is worth the price of a subscription.

There are many items of interest in "Assembly", and you should subscribe if you haven't already. To subscribe, call 800 232-7821, ext. 1625.

The Class Home Page on the internet at www.west-point.org/class/usma1958 is a great place to get the latest information on class rosters, addresses, phone numbers, ExCom meeting minutes, class trips and other information regarding the class. For access to the class roster the password is <58isgreat> and the user ID is <usma58>. Pete Trainor is the web master for the home page. He can be reached at Telephone 757 345 3564 or email PBTrainor@west-point.org.

We need to improve our communications through the Company CCQS. CCQs have the responsibility to get the word out quickly, particularly to their Company members not on e-mail. CCQs are responsible for encouraging their Company mates to attend reunions, to participate in class projects, to inform of deaths of Company mates and communications with its member's family members and to take care of flowers and other requirements for the Company. If you are a CCQ and don't want to be, let us know. If you think your CCQ is not doing the job and you would like to help, let us know. We can assign a new CCQ or add an assistant CCQ if that is appropriate.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

CLASS RINGS. By now most of us are well aware of the Class Ring Memorialization project that our own Ron Turner suggested to West Point and the AOG, which is now up and running, and part of West Point's customs and traditions. Our class is one of largest providers of class rings, which are then melted down and mixed with gold for new rings for future classes. During the 45th reunion before the Supe's talk to the Class, John Calabro '60, AOG VP for Alumni Support made a surprise presentation to Ron Turner for his conception and execution of the Class Memorial Ring Program. Pop your chest up Ron. We are proud of you.

Over the years stolen, and lost West Point Class Rings have appeared on "ebay" and other places for sale, and Bill O'Neil and other members of the Class of 1992 instituted a program to recover these rings and return them to their owners, their heirs, and the West Point Community. The program has been running for five years with great success. To learn more about the program, and to participate go to the web site at

http://www.west-point.org/wp/ring_recovery/join.cgi

or email to http://www.west-point.org/wp/ring_recovery/join.cgi to learn more about the program

More photos of rings recovered are available and will be provided to any who asks to see them. Questions will be happily answered and should be sent to: usmarings@west-point.org and comments that would help us improve our effort are also very, very welcome.

Tax deductible donations to support the ring recovery effort are always needed, welcomed and greatly appreciated and can be made by the credit card or check with the information at this link: https://www-secure.west-point.org/ring_recovery

REPORT ON EVENTS SINCE 7JULY 2002

45TH REUNION WEST POINT. The 45th was great as was the Cruise from Boston to Canada after the reunion. Everyone had a great time. If you missed the 45th, vow to attend the 50th and as many of the mini-reunions you can in the future. The facilities, rooms, and the service and special events held at the Park Ridge Marriott were superb. Transportation to and from West Point was great, as were the events at West Point except the football game. Garry Roosma our Reunion Chairman had this to say:

The Class of 1958 45th Reunion held at the Marriott Park Ridge this past September was by all accounts a great time for all who attended. Many of our classmates worked hard to make the reunion a success. First, I would like to thank the Class Executive Committee for the help and guidance in the planning for the reunion.

The registration process by far the most time consuming job was ably handled by Will and Andrea Collett who kept many of us straight on our accounting. Tony Bauer our class treasurer was always at hand to write checks and balance the book. He tells me we even made a small profit. George Sibert again organized a wonderful and moving memorial service at Trophy Point (with service bulletins prepared and printed by Dan Brockwell). Thanks to Tom Sands who arranged for two golf outings, one at The West Point "mountain goat" course. Clark Bailey once again took care of the white hats. The class received many compliments on our appearance at the parade. As the Sergeant Major said "you set a new standard. A special thanks goes to Chuck Toftoy for making the Benny Havens Room a big success. 100 cases of Sam Adams beer and many different mementos made for a fun after hours meeting place.

The Class received great support from the Alumni Office and the AOG Alumni Support team who really helped with the paper work and planning.

Again my thanks to all who helped make the reunion a memorable event. I enjoyed working with all of you.

Garry Roosma, 45th Reunion Chairman

DANUBE RIVER CRUISE . Eleven classmates, wives friends and relatives took the cruise on the MV Mozart which traveled from Passau, Germany, down the Danube with ports of call at Durnstein, Melk, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade, Turnu Severin, Romania, and Russe, Bulgaria. Because of low water on the lower Danube we were not able to get to Constanta on the Black Sea. The Deilmann Cruise Line did a great job of reorganizing the itinerary so the trip turned out great. An informal poll of those that have taken all four class trips to Europe, rated the MV Mozart as the most luxurious with the best service. Best value trips overall in order were, the Adriatic trip on the Monet, the Danube on the Mozart, the Rhone on the Princesse de Provence and the Elbe on the Katharina. In fact all of them were great, and traveling with classmates and wives is a great way to go.

BILLIE NADAL USMA CLASS OF 1958 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2003. This was the first annual Billie Nadal USMA Class of 1958 Memorial Golf Tournament, named in honor of Billie after her death, by Tony. This year there were 56 participants, and all but 4 or 5 played Golf. This tournament and its antecedents, has become an annual event. It is as much a social event as it is a Golf event. Even if you are not a golfer you will have a good time at this event. Winners this year were for the women, low net, Mary Ruth Peck and low gross, Anne Kirk for the 2d time. For the men the winners were, low net, Jim Peck and low gross, Bill Parks. Bruce Hamilton and Jae Stanton tied for most balls lost, at 5. The long drive contest, which was held off the tee behind Tony Nadal's house, was won by Jae Stanton for the men and by Sally Herren for the women. Actually, everyone who attended was a winner. The highlight of the Friday night banquet was the unveiling of the Billie Nadal USMA 1958 Memorial Plaque. The 2004 event will be held in July in Williamsburg, on a date to be determined.

PLEBE MARCHBACK 2003. Nine members of our class participated. Bruce Hamilton and George Lawton participated for the first time, and there were seven repeaters (Bruce Mignano, Wally Ward, Ace Peck, Will Collett, Tony Bauer, Bill Buchly and Ed Weckel). Kick off time was a few minutes after midnight. The majority of the march was at night, over the slipperiest trails we've ever encountered. We slipped, fell, and were exhausted by the rigors of the march back. We arrived at the ski slope around 0600 and marched (skis would have been useful) down the slope, wondering what our knees and shins would be telling us later in the day. But we made it, and arrived at the ski hut covered with mud, a few with blood (no misprint), and beat up. It was tough march; the hardest of the four since old grads were allowed to participate. But it was a great experience!

HARPERS FERRY BATTLEFIELD TOUR. Fourteen members of the class and wives toured Harpers Ferry and the surrounding battlefields on 23 October on a visit organized by Herb and Betty Puscheck. We started on the Bolivar Heights Battlefield overlooking Harpers Ferry and the intersection of the Shenandoah and Potomac Rivers. A Park Ranger gave us a briefing on the Civil War battles and the strategy maneuvers leading up to them. After the battlefield tour we descended to the visitors center and Harpers Ferry proper. A female Park Service Ranger dressed in the attire of the time gave an interesting tour of the town and the history of the arsenal and other buildings as well as some of the local lore. The group later had lunch at the Hilltop Hotel Restaurant, which has a great view of the town and the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.

FIRST CLASS TURNOVER. The annual turnover of the First Class Club ceremony was held on 29 August. The event was organized by Bob Pointer, and it was a great success. The evening started out with drinks at the Thayer with the Cadet Activities Officer and the Cadet activities staff, followed by dinner in the mess hall. It is clear from the reactions of the cadets, that our gift to the Academy of the First Class Club is a winner. At the actual turnover ceremony at the First Class Club attended by the new First Class, 13 of our classmates and wives stood on the stage behind Dale Hruby who gave the speech that completes the turnover while we all drank beer and enjoyed the enthusiastic cheering of the cadets.

COMPANY MICRO-REUNIONS. C-1 had an "all classes" micro reunion at South Padre Island, TX, on 24-26 October, which soon became an "all companies" "all classes" micro reunion. Ten couples attended: Tommy Thompson C-1 '57, Sigurski C-1 '58, Tierney C-1 '58, Gonzo Meyers E-1 '58, Gonzo Densford A-2 '58, Gonzo Bacon I-2 '58, Joe Felber C-1 '60, Russ Baldwin K-1 '60, Jay Brooks C-1 '61, Hamp Hodges C-1 '61.

The Gonzos performed each evening at Benny Havens. We played golf, went birding and butterflying (the latest craze), and ate gloriously. This year the weather was great, a little warmer than usual but well within tolerable levels.

C-1 is going to try to schedule a 2004 C-1 micro reunion just before the '58 mini reunion in San Antonio on 21-24 October. Since it is about 250 miles from San Antonio to South Padre Island those who want to extend their stay could easily do both. We understand that perhaps E-1, A-2, and I-2 are planning pre mini micros in Austin or around Ft. Hood, before going to San Antonio.

If your Company event was not covered here or in "Assembly" bring it to the attention of your CCQ or Jerry Mitchell or George Sibert. Subscribe to "Assembly".

Gerald C. Mitchell
Chairman, Communications Committee
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