
CLASS OF '58 NEWSLETTER

January 15, 2005

THE CLASS OF 1958 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (ExCom): The ExCom meets periodically during the year at the call of the Chairman, Palmer McGrew. The minutes of these meetings are sent out by email, and they can also be viewed on the Class Website. Further information on the Website is included under "Communications" at the conclusion of this Newsletter.

The ExCom is currently organized as follows:

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Message from ExCom Chairman, Palmer McGrew: "The Great Class of 1958 continues to show the way for the rest of the Long Gray Line. Our reunions are magnificent, our minis are maxis, our class gift is the best there is, our marchers set a new record last fall and our record of community service is unique. It was a Class initiative that finally pushed TRICARE FOR LIFE out of committee and into reality. Having used this benefit many times, I can testify that it is a remarkable one.

"We can never say "thanks" often enough to the many volunteers who help make the Class of '58 so special. Thanks! We are all in your debt.

"Now, we have an opportunity to do something for our wounded soldiers who, in many cases, face a daunting future. Imagine a soldier who lost his legs to a car bomb in Iraq, has an incomplete education, few non-military skills, and does not have a supportive family to assist him or her in establishing a new life. The future is frightening, the feeling of abandonment is strong, and the need for help is great.

"We have agreed with the Help Our Heroes Foundation to provide mentor/advocates for some of these severely wounded soldiers, especially those who have passed out of Walter Reed and been relocated to facilities outside the DC area. We are also helping soldiers here, but we will be asking many of you to volunteer in this effort throughout the rest of the country. Please do volunteer in this important effort. It's the least we can do for these men and women who have given so much for their country."

Grip Hands,

Palmer

(Editor's Note: Bob Tredway, who has agreed to spearhead this effort for the class, will provide an update on this program at our February 10th Class Luncheon at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WALTER REED INJURED AND DISABLED: As Palmer McGrew noted in his opening letter, the Class of 1958 Executive Committee is working with the Help Our Heroes Foundation (HOHF) to provide mentoring assistance to disabled patients being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Bob Tredway has taken the lead in this important undertaking. He has written a detailed description of the project which can be read on our Class Website at: <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/>. The plan is to put a network of mentor/advocates/big brothers in place across the U.S. These classmates/volunteers will become follow-on mentor/advocates when patients depart Walter Reed and return home or are placed in other military or civilian hospitals outside the Washington, DC area. The concept is to link the soldier with a volunteer residing in the vicinity of the soldier's new location. However, volunteers are needed now here in the Washington, DC area. If you can volunteer, please contact Bob Tredway via e-mail: <BobTredway@aol.com>, as soon as possible and provide your contact data. This program is an extension of our life-long commitment to "leave no soldier behind." We will make a difference. These soldiers need us. Please consider even revising your schedule to enable your participation in this program. Thank you for your support. [Click here for a Volunteer Registration Form.](#)

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TAPS: Since the last Newsletter (July 2004), the following class deaths have occurred:

Mary Jo Crowley, wife of Frank Crowley, D-1

DOD: 10/17/04

Place: Worthington, OH

Burial: West Point, NY

Charles W. Profilet, E-1

DOD: 11/13/04

Place: Plantation, FL

Burial: Davie, FL

Robert F. Durkin, F-1, First Captain

DOD: 11/14/04

Place: Melbourne, FL

Burial: Arlington, VA

OBITS.

Charlie Glover, I-2, was memorialized in the Jan-Feb 2005 edition of "Taps," a supplement to "Assembly." Obits are no longer published in "Assembly," but will be published September, January and May in "Taps" using the familiar "Assembly" format. As requirements grow, "Taps" will be published more often.

This issue of "Taps," also contains an excellent article on the Class Ring Memorialization Program, recognizing once again that this was the brainchild of our classmate Ron Turner.

Obituary Articles: Designated authors of obituary articles and company CCQs should give these their attention. We have a backlog of incomplete activity in this area which is uncharacteristic of the Class of

'58. We need to get on with it. If there are doubts as to who is responsible, please contact Jack Downing <edowning@mcihispeed.net> or tel. (703) 569-2887. The status of individual obits can be checked on the Class Web Site at: <http://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 family and friends of the deceased.

Cullum Files: Consider writing your own memorial article, or at least putting away some information in the Cullum Files that would help the person who will write it. If you have ever had a biographical sketch written, this would be very helpful. Include a photograph that you would like to have used. Such items will be filed by the AOG until needed. Contact is: Marilee Meyer (800) 232-4723, Ext. 1545; <ym5102@usma.edu>, or snail mail to her at: Association of Graduates, 698 Mills Road, West Point, NY 10996-1611. Ms. Meyer is the keeper of the Cullum Files. Classmates who want information entered in their Cullum Files should contact her. If you are writing an obituary, contact Marilee before starting.

REUNIONS, MINI-REUNIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2005 AND BEYOND.

There is only one class sanctioned reunion or mini-reunion scheduled each year. Those take precedence over all other Class events for the year and receive the full support of the ExCom. Participation in other events such as the Plebe Hike March Back, Ski Minis, Individual Company Reunions, and Boat Trips is strongly encouraged, but those activities 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:

(Note: Mini Reunions after 2005 are all "tentative" and may be switched around to meet changing circumstances or needs. Those in charge will let the ExCom know when they are ready to go "Firmly Scheduled" Status.)

2005 is firmly scheduled for October 17-20 in San Francisco, CA with Paul Ruud in charge.

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

2007 is tentatively in New Orleans, LA with Tom Sands in charge.

2008 Our 50th Reunion is firmly scheduled in May of 2008, at West Point. Garry Roosma is in charge.

2009 is tentatively in Tucson, AZ with Art Meyer in charge or in Huntsville, AL with Ray Coffey in charge.

CLASS HISTORY PROJECT. The Class History Project Team has completed the planning phase, and is now in the information gathering phase. Al Salisbury reports that participation is only about 10% of the class. The team still needs someone to serve as editor of the "Pass in Review," section which includes the individual classmate write ups. Anyone wishing fill that position, please contact Alan Salisbury at: <AlanBS58@aol.com>, (703) 242-8648).

CLASS RING MEMORIALIZATION PROJECT: 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, has become firmly embedded as part of West Point's customs and traditions. Additional details can be found at: http://www.west-point.org/wp/ring_recovery/

SOCIAL EVENTS AND OTHER CLASS ACTIVITIES FOR 2005:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>IN-CHARGE</u>
19 JAN	Winter Luncheon WPSDC*	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130`	WPSDC
24 JAN	'58 Let's Feed the Homeless	SOME**, Wash DC	1100	G. Lawton
04 FEB	Army-American U. Basketball	AU, Wash DC	1300	J. Herren

10 FEB	'58 Luncheon Tredway/Rhodes	ANCC***	1130	A. Andreson
27 FEB-5 MAR	Ski-Mini	Steamboat Spgs, CO		M. Dugan
20 MAR	Hexagon Satire Review	Wash DC	1430	L. Miller
03 MAR	'58 Stag Lunch w/ USMA '57	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	J. Herren
19 MAR	Founders Day Dinner	Hilton, McLean	1830	WPSDC
21 APR	'58 Stag Lunch & Class Meeting	ANCC	1130	A. Andreson.
26/27 APR	Petersburg Battlefield Staff Ride	Petersburg, VA	TBD	J. Downing
MAY	Ramsden Award	West Point	TBD	J. Downing
MAY	Malone Award	TBD, Wash DC	TBD	J. Herren
18 MAY	WPSDC Spring Luncheon	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	WPSDC
19 MAY	Capelle Award	Ft. Monmouth, NJ	TBD	B. Serchak
22 MAY	Memorial Service/G Hussey	VN Memorial	1030	G. Sibert
	Brunch	ANCC		A. Andreson
18 JUN	Horse Racing	Charlestown, WV	1830	G. Lawton
13-15 JUL	Billie Nadal '58 Memorial Golf	Ford's Colony, VA	TBA	T. Nadal
08-09 AUG	'09 Plebe Hike/Marchback	West Point	TBA	E. Weckel
AUG	Turnover First Class Club	West Point	TBA	B. Pointer
15 SEP	'58 Luncheon	ANCC	1130	A. Andreson
21 SEP	WPSDC Fall Luncheon	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	WPSDC
OCT	Petersburg II Staff Ride	Petersburg, VA	TBD	J. Downing
17-20 OCT	'58 Class Mini Reunion	San Francisco, CA		Paul Ruud
17 NOV	'58 Stag Lunch w/USNA '58	ANCC	1130	A. Andreson
30 NOV	WPSDC A/N Football Luncheon	Bolling AFB	1130	WPSDC
03 DEC	A/N Game and Rally	Salisbury's	TBD	Al & Florence

Note: All events are drag except the Plebe Hike Marchback and stag luncheons.

* WPSDC = West Point Society of DC, Chapter of the Association of Graduates, USMA

** SOME = So Others Might Eat

*** ANCC = Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA.

NOTES ON ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS SCHEDULED IN 2005:

'58 TO FEED THE HOMELESS: George Lawton has set up an opportunity for the Class to feed the homeless in Washington DC on 24 January 2005 at 11AM-1:30PM. "So Others Might Eat," (SOME) is located at 71 'O' Street, NW, in DC. We need about 15 people. If you talk to those classmates and wives who have fed these people in past years, they will tell you it is a positive and uplifting experience. Let George know if you can help on the 24th of Jan.

CLASS SKI TRIP TO STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO: The Class Ski Trip will be at Steamboat Springs, CO and environs from 27 February until 5 March. Mike Dugan is in charge. For additional information contact Mike at email <mikexxxdugan@msn.com> . There is a lot to do for skiers and non-skiers alike, and a great time is planned for all. Hopefully, a detailed schedule of events and other information, will soon be found at the class ski web site: <http://www.west-point.org/class/ski58/>

ANNUAL HEXAGON SATIRE "With Levity and Jest for All:" Lee Miller is coordinating a Theatre and Dining event by obtaining a block of tickets for the Annual Political and Social Satire, the HEXAGON Show at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts followed by dinner at Bistro Francais both located in Georgetown, Washington DC. Show tickets are \$25 and Lee needs a commitment by NLT February 15th. Contact Lee at: <mlmiller58@comcast.net> or (301) 601-2733.

B-2 MICRO/MINI REUNION: Karl Oelke, B-2's CCQ, reports that Jack & Lee May will host a Micro/Mini Reunion of their Company B-2 classmates in Gainesville, FL, from 15 thru 17 April 2005. All those who have not committed are urged to make a decision and let Karl know so that billeting rates can be favorably negotiated. Contact Karl Oelke at: (702) 233-2678, or < oelkes658@earthlink.net >.

STAFF RIDE – SEIGE OF PETERSBURG: Jack Downing reports that the next Fort Belvoir Staff Ride is scheduled for 26 & 27 April 2005 0600-1800hrs. This is a one-day trip. The subject will be: Petersburg I, the Siege of Petersburg July 1864-April 1865 (Operations south of the Appomattox River). (Note: In October 2005 Staff Ride, Petersburg II operations north of the James River). Our first stop will be at the Petersburg National Military Park. We will end at Fort Gregg, on the Boydton Plank Road. Our guide will be Tracy Chernault, park historian at Petersburg. We will stop for lunch at Burger King. For further details contact Jack Downing or Gus Person (703) 806-0100.

VIET NAM MEMORIAL SERVICE AND BRUNCH. The annual Class Memorial Service to honor our classmates killed in Viet Nam will be held at 1030 on 22 May, 2005 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 George Hussey. 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.

PLEBE–ALUMNI MARCHBACK 2005: Ed Weckel indicates that a great New Year's resolution is to get in shape for this year's Plebe-Alumni Marchback on 8-9 August 2005. Registration will begin on April Fool's Day. Additional information is available at <http://www.usma.edu/DAA/2005%20events.htm> Ed will attempt to keep us advised.

M-2 MACRO REUNION – Ash and Sally Haynes are coordinating an M-2 Macro Reunion during the period 7–11 September 2005 in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. (Ash opines that flankers can't have "Mini," reunions.) Several of the participants are planning Alaska Cruises in conjunction with this gathering. Contact Ash Haynes at (360) 678-8491, or < ashtonh@gte.net >.

2005 MINI REUNION IN SAN FRANCISCO: The 2005 Mini Class of '58 Reunion will be held in San Francisco 17 – 20 October. Headquarters will be at the Marine Memorial Club and Hotel. Paul Ruud informs that a full plate of activities and opportunities awaits us. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 562-7463 and identifying yourself as attending the West Point Class of 1958 Reunion.

REPORT ON EVENTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER, 7 JULY 2004

BILLIE NADAL CLASS OF '58 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2004: The fifth annual Williamsburg golf outing (the second year as the Billie Nadal Memorial Golf Tournament) was again a great success and a good time was had by all. The attendance was slightly lower than prior years, probably due to the proximity of Labor Day. Pete Trainor has posted a complete after action report on the new '58 golf website at: <http://www.west-point.org/class/golf58/>

PLEBE-ALUMNI MARCHBACK 2004: Fifty years after our own Plebe Hike in August 1954, Fifty-two members of the Class of '58 joined the Class of 2008 for the Marchback from the Plebe Hike. A full account of this record setting effort is contained in George Sibert's Class Column #143 in the Nov/Dec issue of "Assembly," and includes a full account of that effort with observations by the organizer, Ed Weckel, as well as Hal Lyon, Don Palladino and Wally Ward. This Column, complete with full color photos can also be seen on our Class Website, posted there by Webmeister, Pete Trainor

FIRST CLASS CLUB TURNOVER: Jim Weis reported on the transfer of responsibility for the First Class Club from the class of 2004 to the class of 2005. Those representing the class were: Bob Pointer (event organizer), Brad Johnson, Bill and Jan Edwards, Tony and Bonnie Smith, Jim and Susan Weis, Alex and Lois Pensiero and Branch and Nancy Worsham. Tony Smith made remarks on behalf of the Class of '58. Jim's complete report can be seen on the Class Website. Members of the Class are encouraged to participate in this annual event ably coordinated each year by Bob Pointer, <point58@aol.com>.

THE 'ALAMO' REUNION: The 2004 mini reunion in San Antonio was a smashing success with a great turnout, at an unbelievable location literally across the plaza from "The Alamo." Jack Bujalski and his committee did an outstanding job of organizing the events and opportunities. Further details are contained in George Sibert's 144th Class Column in the January/February issue of "Assembly." A number of classmates left directly from the Class Memorial Service to take a cruise out of Galveston. Details and full color photos from the "Alamo" mini can be seen on the pages of the class Website.

REPORT ON THE PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT (50th Anniversary Gift): Here is a quick look at our Perpetual Endowment submitted by Ed Weckel. A more detailed report can be seen on our class website: <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/special/perpetual.htm>

50th Anniversary Goal	\$580,000
Total from the Start	\$326,366
Value Jan 2004	\$335,880
Contributions '04	\$ 38,744
Value Dec 2004	\$408,470
Shortfall	\$171,530

Factoids: Largest Contribution in 04=\$5,000.00; Smallest Contribution in 04=\$1.00*

Number of contributors = 407; Number of contributors in '04 = 117.

Number of months to attain goal at last year's rate of contributions - - - - -54 months (4.5 years)**

* Not a typo

**We need to get this down to 3.5 years.

Last year the Prince Igor/Marcus Rex caper netted \$10,000 for our fund. Contributions in support of the 50th Anniversary Marchback netted another \$3.5k. (Note: The Fund Received a "cash" donation from a Classmate known as HOB in the form of a million dollar bill. Upon close examination, several prominent flaws were noted - - in addition to the fact that the US doesn't have a million dollar bill - - yet. We might auction this off at a later date.)

Send your check to Ed Weckel at 120 Regent Drive, Bel Air, MD, 21014. Checks **must** be made payable to "Fidelity Investments CGF." In response to a Classmate's death, we recently received several checks made payable to the "Class of 58 Fund." Fidelity will not honor these checks. They had to be forwarded to Tony Bauer, the Executive Committee Treasurer for deposit in the Class fund. Therefore, if a donation is desired to our Perpetual Endowment, your check **must** be made payable to "Fidelity Investments CGF." Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS.

You will note that this Newsletter is liberally peppered with "hot links" to websites and email addresses. This is no fluke. Communicating electronically is the way to go folks. Those who receive this Newsletter electronically can click and view most of the more detailed articles mentioned herein to say nothing of having access to color photos which can be enlarged or printed out for your viewing pleasure. This is proving to be more and more useful to our aging eyes. Communications is 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, which has become another pace setting undertaking for other West point Classes. To become a member of this net, contact the Moderator, Stan Bacon at: <sbacon58@sbcglobal.net>.

The Class Home Page on the internet at: <http://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) 345-3584 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, communications with 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.

“**Assembly**” is the best source of current information about what is happening at West Point and the incredible variety of activities of Graduates throughout the world. Currently 320 Classmates and families of Classmates are 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. You should subscribe if you haven't already. To subscribe, call (800) 232-7821, ext. 1625.

This “Class of 1958 Newsletter” is produced and distributed twice a year in January/February and again in June/July. If your Company event, or any other activity that you feel should be covered, was not covered here or in “**Assembly**” bring it to the attention of your CCQ, Dale Hruby or George Sibert. Get connected via E-MAIL and subscribe to “**Assembly**”.

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