

CLASS OF '58 NEWSLETTER

July 31, 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 produce incredible results where ever they focus their talents and efforts. As Chairman, I am perpetually amazed at the variety and quality of the many programs in which our classmates are involved all over the world. Many are mentioned in this Newsletter, others are posted on our class website, and many others are covered in George Sibert's award winning Assembly articles. I commend all those sources to your further study for a full appreciation of the Great Class of '58.

I want to use this space to highlight two important, ongoing efforts: First, support of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen; and Second, support of West Point.

Volunteers are needed to help our servicemen, particularly those who have been wounded and brought back to Washington, D.C. and other stateside locations for

care and rehabilitation. We hope you will seek them out and provide your love and support to them. The medical and support staff at our hospitals do an incredible job of providing these heroes the best medical care available anywhere in the world and the staff at Walter Reed, Bethesda, Brooke, and other hospitals have reported a generous outpouring of contributions of such things as phone cards, gift certificates and such. However, we continue to discover a variety of unforeseen individual and family needs. Most of these needs are such things as transportation, lodging or even dealing with administrative requirements. These heroes and their families are proud folks, reluctant to complain or ask for anything. You have to meet them, get to know them and offer them your direct help. That is what is needed! We currently have two opportunities for this contact -- the monthly "Birthday Party," put on the first Saturday of each month by the Help Our Heroes Foundation at Walter Reed; and our own Class Picnic for the residents of the Mologne House, which will take place on Sunday, August 28th from Noon 'til 4 PM. A full description is included below and I urge you to put both events on your calendars and show up to show our support.

Our Alma Mater continues to need and deserve our support, both spiritually and financially. West Point continues to produce leaders of excellence for the defense of our Nation and our way of life. The honor roll of sacrifices made by Graduates continues to grow. Probe into every level of the War on Terror and you will find them there quietly and competently serving in harms way and elsewhere adding new chapters to the West Point Story.

No class gift can rival our First Class Club which continues to keep us linked solidly to the Corps. You will note I said we need to "support," these undertakings. Much of the cost of support of the First Class Club will be borne by the Cadet Activities Funds, which benefits from the net profits of the First Class Club Operations. But, our further financial support will still be needed if the Club is to continue to be a "First Class" facility. When you send a check to the West Point Fund, all you have to do is note that it is for the Class of 1958 Fund and it will increase our ability to support and enhance the best class gift ever. Having opened the First Class Club, some of our classmates said, "We are not through giving to West Point!" They went on to establish the Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment under the mentorship of Ed Weckel, and now under a formally constituted Board of Trustees that will carry on even when our Class is long gone (but not forgotten). Thus far, 73% of the class has contributed \$347,000 and the current value of the endowment is \$437,000. We have a sort of "Banker's Trophy" competition going on among the companies in this effort. The Endowment Board, in conjunction with the Class Executive Committee, will determine how and when we inform the Academy about the gift. However, large checks will keep showing up at West Point in perpetuity with our name on them.

Grip Hands,

Palmer

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> >. 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 (January 2005), the following class deaths have occurred:

Gary Kosmider

DOD: April 26, 2005
Place: Ft. Huachuca, AZ
Burial: Ft. Huachuca, AZ, May 2, 2005

Mel Drisko

DOD: June 23, 2005
Place: Chesterfield, VA
Burial: Arlington National Cemetery, VA, 1300, September 12, 2005

Jim Roberts

DOD: July 6, 2005
Place: Roanoke, VA
Burial: West Point, NY, July 27, 2005

OBITS.

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.

Obituary Articles:

George Lawton has provided some statistics of interest concerning the status of obituary articles on our fallen classmates. Since we graduated we have lost 100 classmates. Of those, 75 have had obits written and published or are waiting to be published by the AOG. Of the 59 who died over 10 years ago, 50 obits have been written, a rate of almost 85% which is pretty respectable. Of the 41 who have died in the last 10 years, only 25 obits have been written, or about 50%, which points out the need for all of us to give thought to helping those faced with the challenging task of completing this final page of all of our lives.

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: < www.westpoint.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 2006 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 firmly scheduled for April 14-17 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/join.cgi>.

SOCIAL EVENTS AND OTHER CLASS ACTIVITIES FOR 2005 - 2006:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>IN-CHARGE</u>
08-09 AUG'09	Plebe Hike/Marchback	West Point TBA	E. Weckel	
18 AUG	Turnover First Class Club	West Point 1700	B. Pointer	
28 AUG	Picnic for Wounded Warriors	Walter Reed	12- 1600	J. Herren
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	A/N Football Luncheon	Bolling AFB O' Club	1130	WPSDC*
03 DEC	A/N Game and Rally	Salisbury's	TBD	Al & Florence
2006				
JAN	WPSDC* Winter Lunch	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	WPSDC*
JAN	'58 Let's Feed the Homeless	SOME**Wash. DC	1100	G. Lawton
FEB	'58 Luncheon	ANCC***	1130	A. Andreson
FEB/MAR	Ski-Mini	Park City, UT		TBD
MAR	Hexagon Satire Review	Wash. DC	1430	L. Miller
MAR	'58 Stag Lunch w/ USMA '57	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	J. Herren
MAR	Founders Day Dinner	Hilton TBA	1830	WPSDC*
APR	'58 Stag Lunch & Class Meeting	ANCC***	1130	A. Andreson.
MAY	Ramsden Award	West Point TBD		J. Downing
MAY	Walker Award	West Point TBD		TBD
MAY	Malone Award	TBD, Wash DC	TBD	J. Herren
MAY	Capelle Award	Ft. Monmouth, NJ	TBD	B. Serchak
MAY	WPSDC* Spring Luncheon	Ft. Myer O' Club	1130	WPSDC*
21 MAY	Memorial Service Brunch	VN Memorial ANCC***	1030	G. Sibert A. Andreson
JUN	Horse Racing	Charlestown, WV	TBA	G. Lawton
JUL-AUG	Billie Nadal '58 Memorial Golf	Ford's Colony, VA	TBA	T. Nadal

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:

PLEBE-ALUMNI MARCHBACK, AUG 8-9: Ed Weckel, Class Marchback Section Driver, reports that six stalwart classmates have signed up to march all 64 miles back with the New Cadets of the Class of 2009. They are soliciting generous Pledges for the Class Endowment Fund. Watch your Class Website for the results of this effort. Send Pledges to Ed at: < Weck58@comcast.net >.

FIRST CLASS CLUB TURNOVER, AUG 18: A representative of the recently graduated Class of 2005 will symbolically pass the keys to the First Class Club to a representative of the Class of 2006 on the evening of 18 August under the auspices of the Class of 1958. All members of the Class of 1958 are encouraged to participate in this annual event ably coordinated each year by Bob Pointer, < point58@aol.com >. It is a most memorable event. Spouses, children and grandchildren & even some friends of classmates have previously participated and been most welcome. Participants will meet in the lobby of the Thayer Hotel at 1700, be bused to the Cadet Barracks, meet with the First Captain and his/her staff, eat in the Cadet Mess Hall and then proceed to the ceremony at OUR First Class Club.

PICNIC FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS, AUG 28: John Herren and Lee Miller are coordinating arrangements for the Class of 1958 to host a picnic on the grounds of the Mologne House at Walter Reed for some of the Wounded Warriors and their families who are living in that facility while the service members are recuperating from their wounds. John and Lee are being helped by Pete Brintnall, Bob Tredway, and Frank Waskowicz. Other volunteers are needed to help with the details. This group also needs to raise \$1800 to pay for this effort, so contributions are also needed. For further details, contact John Herren: < jdherren@aol.com >.

M-2 MACRO REUNION – Ash and Sally Haynes are coordinating an M-2 Macro Reunion 7–11 September 2005 in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Contact Ash Haynes at (360) 678-8491, or < ashtonh@gte.net >.

2005 MINI REUNION IN SAN FRANCISCO: The 2005 Mini '58 Reunion will be held in San Francisco 17 – 20 October. Headquarters will be at the Marine Memorial Club and Hotel. Paul Ruud < ruud@starband.net > is the Cadet in Charge. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 562-7463 and identifying yourself as attending the West Point Class of 1958 Reunion. Details can be found by going to the class website: < <http://WWW.west-point.org/class/usma1958> > and clicking on “San Francisco,” for a full menu of information and opportunities.

REPORT ON EVENTS SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2005

VIET NAM MEMORIAL SERVICE AND BRUNCH. The annual Class Memorial Service to honor our classmates killed in Viet Nam was 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 was a brunch at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington organized by Andy Andreson. Our special honoree this year was 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!

BILLIE NADAL CLASS OF '58 MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2005: The sixth annual Williamsburg golf outing was again a great success and a good time was had by all. Pete Trainor has posted a complete after action report on the new '58 golf website at: < www.west-point.org/class/golf58 >.

2008 CLASS FLAG CEREMONY: Al Salisbury represented the Class of 1958 by officiating over the unveiling of the official flag of the Class of 2008 at a ceremony at Camp Buckner in July. The flag was funded by the class of 1958 as a part of our 58-08 program to develop a close relationship our fifty year anniversary class.

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:<www.westpoint.org/class/1958>

Current Value	\$445,176.
Amount invested	\$347,875.
50th Anniversary Goal	\$580,000
Total from the Start	\$326,366

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.

Nominations are being solicited for a member of the class to serve on the Endowment Fund's Board to replace Church Hutton who has completed his term in that position and according to the by-laws of the Fund cannot be reelected. See the full letter on our class website www.westpoint.org/class/1958. (Note: The letter is enclosed in the snail mail edition of this news letter.)

COMMUNICATIONS.

You will note that this Newsletter is, as always, 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.

The Class Home Page on the internet at: <www.westpoint.org/class/1958> 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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