
Class of 1958 Newsletter

Winter 2006

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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Letter from ExCom Chairman: The Class of 58 sets the standard for participation, initiative, and good looks. Well, maybe good looking *wives*, anyway. I am often asked by other class leaders why that is. How, they ask me, do you get so many people to do things? I say, in most cases my classmates ask me if they can and I just say "yes." You guys and gals make the class great. Of late I notice that we seem to be wearing down a tad. Maybe we're trying to do too much. Isn't that a great problem to have, doing too much? I try to participate in everything and I can't, so I know how much is going on. But, if you aren't in there pitching with the rest of us, you ought to know what you're missing. For just one example, the guys and gals working with our severely wounded soldiers come back with glowing reports of the impact of working with these outstanding men and women. It is truly inspiring. I encourage all of you to join in with your classmates at the first opportunity. Of course, come to reunions, take the trips, ski, play golf, those go without saying. But less obvious might be the service opportunities. Get involved in our class projects. You'll be glad you did, and we'll be glad you did. Got some ideas? Fire them in. And hold on tight, we're not slowing down. After Savannah we're going to New Orleans. Full speed ahead, damn the hurricanes!

Grip Hands,

Palmer

Editor's Note: Volunteers are still needed to help transport and assist Walter Reed Patients attending the Glee Club Concert at the Library of Congress on 11 March. Details are below. Contact Palmer.

TAPS: Since the last Newsletter (July 2005) the following class deaths have been reported:

- a. Name: **J. Barrie Williams**, A-1
DOD: 10 August 2005
Place: Williamsburg, VA
Burial: Arlington, VA

- b. Name **John S. Andrusko**, Ex'58
DOD: 12 September 2005
Place: Phoenix, AZ
Burial: Unknown
- c. Name: **Richard A. Simmers**, K-2
DOD: 2 December 2005
Place: Laconia, NH
Burial: Laconia, NH
- d. Name: **Mary Kosmider**, Widow of Gary, A-2
DOD: 18 January 2006
Place: Sierra Vista, AZ
Burial: Ft. Huachuca, AZ
- e. The obituaries of **Pat Donovan**, G-2 and **Jim Frick**, F-1, were published in the January/February 2006 issue of the "Taps" supplement to Assembly, published by AOG.
- f. On 21 May, we will once again gather at the Vietnam War Memorial on the Mall in Washington, DC to honor our classmates who gave their lives in Vietnam. This year we will honor **Bob Degen**, D-2. The ceremony at the Wall will be followed by a buffet lunch at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington.

Calendar of Planned Events (As of Jan 2006): This calendar is based largely upon the Social Events List of the Washington DC Area put together by John Herren. It is provided here with the hope that those of you living outside the DC Area might coordinate a visit to the Nation's Capitol with a Class of '58 gathering of one sort or another. You will note that the calendar also includes activities taking place elsewhere. If you are planning some type of activity involving a gathering of classmates and want to open it to the rest of the Class, let us (ExCom) know and we will add the event to this list.

25 Jan – WPSDC* Winter Luncheon at Ft. Myer OC, Speaker: MG Farmer
 26 Jan -- "Feed the Homeless" at SOME***, Wash., DC, OIC=Lawton
 8 Feb -- Class Luncheon, ANCC**, Speaker: Rhodes, OIC=Andreson
 25 Feb-04 Mar -- Ski-mini , Sun Valley, Idaho – OIC=Wilson
 2 Mar -- Class Stag Luncheon with Class of '57, Ft. Meyer OC, OIC=Herren
 10 Mar -- West Point Glee Club Concert, Kennedy Center. OIC=Salisbury
 11 Mar – West Point Glee Club Concert, Library of Congress. OIC=Rhodes/Salisbury
 18 Mar -- Founders Day WPSDC*, McLean Hilton, Speaker: BG Scaparrotti, Cmdt, USCC
 26 Mar – Bataan Memorial March, White Sands, NM – OIC=Mathis
 28-29 Mar – Civil War Staff Ride – Appomattox, VA, OIC=Downing
 20 Apr -- Class Stag Luncheon & ExCom Election, ANCC**, OIC=Andreson/McGrew
 May (Dates TBD) – Walker, Malone, Capelle and Ramsden Awards, OIC=TBD
 14-17 May -- Savannah Mini-Reunion, OIC=Waddell/Stanton
 17 May -- Spring Luncheon, at Ft. Myer OC, WPSDC*
 21 May -- Vietnam Memorial/lunch at ANCC**, (R. Degen, Honoree), OIC=Sibert/Andreson
 10 June -- Harness Horse Racing, Rosecroft Raceway, Ft. Washington, MD, OIC=Lawton (?)
 Aug TBD – Plebe Hike March Back , West Point & Vicinity, OIC=Weckel
 Aug TBD – First Class Club Turn Over to Class of 2007, West Point – OIC=Pointer.
 14 Sep -- Class Luncheon, ANCC**, – OIC=Andreson
 6-8 Oct – Billie Nadal Golf Tournament, Williamsburg, VA, OIC=Nadal
 16 Nov -- Class Stag Luncheon with USNA '58, ANCC** (Navy will host)
 29 Nov – WPSDC* A/N Game Luncheon, ANCC**
 2 Dec – A/N Game Rally & Pot Luck – Salisbury's, Oakton, VA, OIC=TBD

NOTES: Wives and guests are invited to all events except the 2 Mar, 20 Apr and 14 Nov luncheon/elections which are coordinated with other groups which makes space limitations a consideration. Details on events hopefully will be published on e-mail or snail mail 3 weeks before the event. (OIC's, please Note.)

*WPSDC = West Point Society of DC

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

***SOME = So Others Might Eat, Washington, DC

Notes on Upcoming Events and Activities:

March 10 & 11 – **Cadet Glee Club Concerts:** The Cadet Glee Club will conduct two concerts in the Washington, DC area. The first will be at 6 PM, 10 March on the Millennium Stage in the main lobby of the Kennedy Center. Open to the GAP. No tickets, first come first served. The second Concert will be in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library of Congress at 7:30 PM. Tickets are free but must be ordered from Ticketmaster for a small service charge. Volunteers are needed to help house the cadets as well as to transport and assist patients from Walter Reed. (Al Salisbury, L-1).

March 26 -- **New Mexico Bataan Memorial March:** The annual Bataan Memorial March at White Sands Missile Range, NM will be on Sunday, March 26th. People can walk the 26.2 miles or they can choose to go 15 miles (no awards for this). There are age categories for 50-59 years of age, 60-69 years of age, and 70 + years of age. Information and details on web site www.bataanmarch.com, and you can register there as well. Carole and Neil Mathis are offering free room and board and transportation to and from the march site at the missile range for two couples for that weekend. If you would like to take them up on this offer, call Neil at 505-525-3294 or e-mail: rnmathis@zianet.com. (Neil Mathis. K-2)

March 28 & 29 -- **Appomattox Staff Ride:** This is an announcement about for a two-day Civil War Staff ride covering the Appomattox Campaign which ended with Lee's surrender to Grant (2-9 April 1865.) The ride (bus) will be on 28-29 March and will be led by Chris Calkins, Petersburg Park Ranger and the very top expert on this campaign and Gus Person, Ft. Belvoir historian. The only cost is your own meals and an overnight stay at Ft. Pickett which will be either \$25 or \$16 depending on whether you get a room with separate or shared bath. (Jack Downing, H-2),

14-17 May -- **Savannah Mini:** The poopsheets have been mailed out to the class by Rube Waddell, A-1 and Jae Stanton, L-2, who are standing by for the returns to come rolling in. They are prepared for us to celebrate Mother's Day in the Heart of the South. Please don't forget to get the poopsheets returned so their planning can move ahead.

10 June – **A Night at the Harness Races:** George Lawton has once again arraigned for a Class of '58 Night at the Races. This year we will meet at the Rosecroft Raceway, just off the DC Beltway in Fort Washington, MD. The plan includes dinner, watching the harness racing trotters and perhaps a wager or two. Watch for details later in the Spring. (George Lawton, G-2)

Reports on Class Activities Since July 2005 Newsletter

The Directors of the **Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF)** report that due to favorable market conditions and your great support, our Class Perpetual Endowment has reached a milestone. Our Endowment is now worth over \$500k - - \$501,396 to be exact. Amount invested was \$368k. (Ed Weckel, D-1).

Help Our Heroes Foundation 10K race in DC on Sunday, 6 November. George Lawton took on the job of organizing and coordinating the class support of the first annual Help Our Heroes Foundation 10 K Race which was a big success. George got help from the Tredways, Brintnall, Ordway, Bauer, Lee Miller, and many others. These efforts extended from 4 November when the race packets were coordinated and issued to participants through the race day activities which needed 60 volunteers.

Reunions:

San-Francisco Mini: 17-20 October 2005 – The hard work organization and coordination of Paul Ruud, Jerry Lewis and their team appears to have knocked another one out of the Park in the mini-reunion arena. By my count, they sent out 22 update e-mails which is an indication of the attention to detail of that crew. Well done guys and gals.

Note from Widows' Liaison: Audrey Webb reports that six widows attended the San Francisco Mini-reunion and that they all deeply appreciated the support they were given by Paul Ruud and his team as well as to the entire Class for helping out with the accommodations. Indications are that there will be an even better turnout for the Savannah Mini in May. Audrey can be contacted at (703) 425-9302 or you can contact Sue Kernan on E-mail at: ladysue2000@aol.com.

M-2 Macro – Victoria, British Columbia: 7-11 September 2005. Ash and Sarah Hayes orchestrated a "Flanker Festival," for ten M2 couples in the wonderful city of Victoria, British Columbia. The big guys were joined by Tom and Grace Morgan who added much needed perspective to the event. As Tom Morgan was heard to observe, "Everything was Pooka!"

I-2 Micro Reunion – Ocean City/Bethany/Rehoboth? Palmer?

Class Communications, Or: “How to Stay in Touch with the Great Class of 1958”

Assembly: The Association of Graduates publishes our alumni magazine, Assembly, six times a year and bills itself as “the magazine of historic record for USMA graduates.” Our George Sibert is considered by all to be the paragon of Class Scribes. With over 150 columns to his credit, he has been a masterful author of the historic record of our great class to this point. Individual Obituaries are published three times a year in the “Taps,” supplement to Assembly. These publications have greatly improved in recent years and contain a wealth of interesting articles and insights into our Alma Mater, its History as well as current events and developments.

Class Newsletter: Produced twice a year by the Class Executive Committee, the Newsletter is designed to keep the Class informed about a wide variety of activities, achievements and undertakings of the Class all over the world. The Summer issue will normally include the annual Financial Reports from the Class Treasurer, Tony Bauer, and the Perpetual Endowment Fund Board. It is distributed via e-mail to all whose e-mail addresses have been shared with Dick Buckalew. A hard copy of the Newsletter is sent by snail mail for those who have not given us an e-mail address. The key requirement for you all is to keep us informed of your most valid addresses.

Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings: Compiled by our class secretary, Jack Downing, the minutes report the key discussions and business conducted at the Executive Committee meetings which are scheduled by Chairman Palmer McGrew on an “As Needed,” basis. These minutes are distributed to the class E-mail list, posted on our website and included as an enclosure to the Semi-Annual Class Newsletter.

Class Forum on the Internet: Our Class forum, moderated by Dick Buckalew, is a lively, active place for the e-mail exchange of ideas and information on a wide variety of subjects -- everything from some pretty corny humor to deep philosophy and problematic discussions of serious national security issues. Some class business even gets discussed.

Class Website: Our handsome, interactive class website is masterfully maintained and updated by Pete Trainor. The website contains class rosters, recent Assembly Class Columns and Newsletters, Minutes of ExCom Meetings, Obituary Status and much, much more. Check it out.

Prostate Cancer Network: Under the masterful moderation of Stan Bacon, an e-mail network of our classmates continues to explore a variety of Men’s Health issues. This website has become a valuable resource benefiting many well beyond our class network.

Widow Support Group: Audrey Webb and Sue Kernan are liaison and moderators for the Widow Support Group with the goal of enabling widows to remain aware and, as desired, active in class activities and undertakings. They have especially encouraged the ladies to attend the class mini-reunions by and have

CCQ Contact List: The absolutely most critical element of communications in the Class is the CCQ system. Our CCQs have served us well over the years and will hopefully continue to be the essential network of communications in every direction. Our website has a comprehensive list of CCQ duties and expectations put together a few years ago by Jerry Mitchell. All are urged to look this list of duties over as they address some of the most essential elements of our class cohesion.

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