



Class of Newsletter

Summer 2008

Letter from the Executive Committee Chairman (Palmer McGrew)

Item: Recently a prominent rich grad attended a Class function and asked afterwards if he could join the Class of 58.

Item: After the class chapel choirs/glee club sang "The Corps," at the Memorial Service in the Cadet Chapel, the organist/choir director challenged his cadet choir to do as well.

Item: Everyone was thrilled to tears at the sight of the entire Class marching, uniformed, to the Alumni Ceremony.

Huge thanks to Garry Roosma and his team for organizing such a fabulous reunion. Same to Alan Salisbury and his team for putting out such a wonderful 50-year book, and to Tom Carpenter and the gang for the marvelous DVD. The memories will last the rest of our lives. Alan even wrote the song for the pass in review march. What a class!

Grip Hands,

Palmer

P.S. I've just learned that some classmates are getting solicitations from West Point for donations. If you do make a donation, please keep in mind that a good way to donate is to put Class of 1958 Gift Fund on your check. That way we will have enough funds in our gift fund to cover future improvements to the First Class Club.

TAPS:

1. Deaths reported since the Spring 2008 Newsletter:
 - a. Bill McCaffrey, died 14 May 2008
 - b. Arvid Doucette, died 19 May 2008
 - c. Fran Schneider, died 27 June 2008
 - d. Lorna (Kirkpatrick) Forgit, died 1 July 2008

The following is the link to our class Eulogy page which Jack Downing (CINC Obit) suggests we all put in our "Favorites" file for ready reference:

<http://defender.westpoint.org/service/eulogy/1,1123,usma1958,00.html>.

Note: Class Flag: When it is learned that a Classmate has died, the EXCOM attempts to contact a classmate likely to attend the funeral to ask that he receive and deploy the class flag on behalf of us all. The flag, less the flag staff, is sent by overnight mail. We have had great success getting the flag to these events, provided we get timely notification. The response of the families of our departed classmates to the presence of our class flag at ceremonies and funerals has been overwhelmingly positive and grateful. This is a great symbolic reaching out of the class to

our grieving friends and deserves the support of all. Sincere thanks to all who have performed this important duty for the class.

Class Organization: The essential elements of Class Organization can be found at Enclosure 1.

Wounded Warrior Mentor Program: The wards at Walter Reed and Bethesda are full of Wounded Warriors who want to get linked up with a Mentor. John Herren, (301) 229-7713, jdherr@aol.com, has sent out a call for the active Mentors in the DC area to take on multiple recovering troopers to assist in their transitions. New Mentors are needed both in the DC Area and throughout the country. Training will be provided. '58 truly is Great!

Gift Ideas for the Holiday Season, 50th Reunion Products: The DVD, "58 is Great" and the Reunion Book, 50 Years of Service make great gifts for family and friends. Other ideas include our Class Coin and the Glee Club Alumni CD and DVD. They can be ordered as follows:

DVD "58 is Great" – Mail requests to Dale Hruby, 9502 Burning Branch Road, Burke, VA 22015; \$20 per copy; Checks made out to 1958 Class Fund. No Credit Cards, please. Include family addresses and we will mail directly to them at no extra charge..

50th Reunion Book – Handled by the AOG Gift Shop. Copies can be ordered by contacting Holger Bernhardt: holger.bernhardt@wpaog.org; Phone: (845) 446-1526. The price is \$85 plus \$14 S&H per copy. Credit Cards are acceptable.

Class of '58 – '08 Coins – Contact Jack Downing (703) 569-2887, ejdowning@cox.net. The price is \$12. Please pay by check made out to the 1958 Class Fund.

West Point Alumni Glee Club CD & DVD: Order from Terry Ryan (703) 263-2232, tryan@esinova.org. CD is \$15, DVD is \$20. Checks made payable to West Point Alumni Glee Club.

Calendar of Upcoming Events: This calendar (Enclosure #2) is based largely upon the Social Events List of the Washington DC Area put together by Joe Luman (703) 548-0889, jcluman1@verizon.net. It is provided 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. The calendar also includes activities taking place elsewhere in the world. 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.

Marchback from Plebe Hike: On August 18-19, Ed Weckel, Wally Ward and Will Collett will represent the Class of '58 by participating in the 9th annual Plebe - Alumni march back. Wally and Ed have participated in all to date - - Will missed the first one, but made all the others, a shortcoming he is not allowed to forget. They are asking a few of us to back them for \$1.958 per mile, which equals \$78.49. (More is ok). If 13 of us agree, we can deposit another \$1,000 in our Class Perpetual Endowment Fund. Over the years, March Back pledges have added over \$30,000 to our Endowment. If interested, please send your tax deductible check to Ed Weckel, at 120 Regent Drive, Bel Air, MD 21014. As usual, your check must be made out to: "Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund." (Your Editor's check has already been mailed).

FCC Handover: The Handover for the First Class Club will take place on Thursday, August 28. This is when we formally pass responsibility for the Club to the new First Class, the Class of '09. As in past years, we will meet for drinks at the Thayer Hotel around 1730, move to the Mess Hall for dinner with the troops at 1830, walk down to the FCC for the handover event that takes place whenever we have enough cadets present (usually around 2000 or 2030), and hang around to drink beer with the troops as long as we want. Over the years, up to a dozen classmates plus some spouses have attended and enjoyed the event. If you would like to attend this year contact Tony Smith (703) 838-0338, aasmith58@msn.com.

Reunions and Mini Reunions:

- 2009 – Mini in Tucson, AZ, Art Meyer is the coordinator.
- 2010 – Mini in Denver, CO, Rich Clements is the coordinator
- *2011 – Open
- *2012 – Open
- 2013 – 55th Reunion at West Point – Gary Roosma is, as always, Coordinator.

- (Note: There are rumors of a Hawaii or Orlando Reunion shaping up. Stay tuned)

Mentoring Class of 2008: Our mentoring role with the Class of 2008, which kicked off with the Marchback from their Plebe Hike in August 2004, passed the last Cadet milestone as four of our classmates, Mike Dugan, Butch Saint, Jack Bradshaw, and Tom Morgan presented the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant, suitably engraved, to each graduate as they came off the dais with their diplomas at graduation.

Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF) – As of May 6, 2008, contributions have been made by 501 classmates (or on their behalf). A total of \$430,352 has been contributed to the Endowment .

Prostate Cancer Support Group (PCSG) The class Prostate Cancer Support Group currently comprises 146 members total with 44 (PC). in consulting with individuals of your choice to help in making the tough decisions. Emphasis is on prevention, control and support. 44 members have been diagnosed with PC and stand ready to assist newly diagnosed classmates. To participate, contact Stan Bacon at <sbacon58@sbcglobal.net>. Or if you become diagnosed with PC, contact Stan in confidence and receive a copy of our Treatment Selection Table showing classmates, their diagnoses and treatments selected, so as to assist you– Stan Bacon

Communications Resources:

- a. Assembly –“The magazine of Historical Record for USMA Graduates.” – George Sibert is our Scribe and he does a tremendous job providing the running Historical Record of our class. Join the AOG and subscribe to ASSEMBLY!
- b. Class E-mail Net & Forum – Moderator, Dick Buckalew, who also keeps the class E-Mail Roster updated. Changes go to Dick. In addition to the spirited and informative exchanges on the Class Forum, the E-mail network is also used by our Class Representatives to the Association of Graduates and West Point, currently Alan Salisbury and Tony Smith, to report on briefings and other activities at West Point.
- c. Class Web Site – Our Web Site includes a number of handy links and pages reporting on such recurring items of interest as Skiing, Golf, Prostate Health, Obituaries, Class History, and recent Newsletters and Articles from George Sibert’s “Assembly” Column. Webmaster is Pete Trainor.
- d. AOG Website – The AOG recently announced a new and enhanced website. Each class has a dedicated page and we are in the process of evaluating how this will fit in to our communications scheme. “...the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) new web site is operational and ready at www.westpointaog.org. Log in with your Cullum number and password as you did with the old site..”
- e. CCQ's – The CCQ Roster is maintained by Dale Hruby.
- f. Snail Mail roster -- George Lawton, the tracer of lost classmates keeps tab on home addresses and phone numbers. Send all changes to George and he will coordinate with AOG and John Nun who actually updates the class computer records.
- g. ExCom Meeting Minutes – Produced and distributed via E-mail by John Raymond, Class Secretary. John is also the proctor of our Policies and Procedures.”
- h. Class Newsletter – Dale Hruby, Editor (703) 250-7182, <dalehruby@aol.com>. Published quarterly. Send him any items of interest or upcoming events and mention that you want it to appear in the next Newsletter.

Enclosures:

- Enclosure 1: Class Organization
- Enclosure 2: Class of 1958 Social Schedule 2008 – Joe Luman
- Enclosure 3: 2007 Financial Report

Enclosure 1: Class Organization: The Class of 1958 is currently organized as follows:

Class President: Jack Bradshaw, (847) 528-1800. jackabrine@earthlink.net .

Chairman, Exec. Committee: Palmer McGrew, (703) 323-9671 PALMERMCG@aol.com .

Secretary/Class Records: John Raymond, (703) 641-0227, JohnARaymond@aol.com

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

Class Gift and FCC Coordinator: Tony Smith (703) 838-0338, aasmith58@msn.com.

Communications/CCQ Liaison: Dale Hruby (703) 250-7182, dalehruby@aol.com .

Social Activities: _Joe Luman (703) 548-0889, jcluman1@verizon.net.

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

CINC Obit: Jack Downing (703) 569-2887, ejdowning@cox.net.

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

AOG Board Member: Al Salisbury, (703) 242-8648, AlanBS58@aol.com .

Class Rep on AOG Advisory Council: Tony Smith, (703) 838-0338, aasmith58@msn.com.

Liaison to Widows: Audrey Webb (Ex Officio ExCom Member) (703) 425-9302, no e mail.

Widow Support Group: Moderator, Sue Kernan, ladysue2000@aol.com.

Wounded Warrior Mentor Program: Bob Tredway (202)484-2981, BobTredway@aol.com .

Prostate Cancer Support Group: Moderator, Stan Bacon, sbacon58@sbcglobal.net.

_Perpetual Endowment Fund: Board President, John Evans at jhevan@aol.com.

Class Scribe: George Sibert, (703) 525-4094, gsibert@comcast.net .

Web Site Meister: Pete Trainor, (757) 345-3564, PBTrainor@cox.net.

Class Network Moderator: Dick Buckalew (210) 684-9669, Buckalew@West-Point.org.

Death Notices and Obituaries: Jack Downing (703) 569-2887, edowning@mcihispeed.net

55th Reunion Coordinator: Gary Roosma (802) 375- 1374, groosma@earthlink..net.

CCQ Network -- OIC – Dale Hruby, M2, (dalehruby@aol.com)

First Regiment

A1--Lee Miller, (301) 601-2733, (mlmiller58@comcast.net)

B1--Dick Price, (804) 684-0730, (rpricecell@cox.net)

C1--Jerry Mitchell, (703) 866-0145, (gergermar@cox.net)

D1--John Galen, (904) 285-8037, (JGalen620@aol.com)

E1--Larry Bullis, (717) 334-6323, (lnjbullis@earthlink.net)

F1--Bob Rhodes, (703) 360-5110, (rgrhodes@compuserv.com)

G1--Andy Andreson, (703) 385-2502, (randreson@cox.net)

H1--John Devens, (303) 346-1086, (jwdevens@gmail.com)

I1--Tony Bauer, (703) 960-3780, (abauer0658@aol.com)

K1-- Bill Serchak (301) 948-7780, weserchak@erols.com .

L1--Dick Reidy, (703) 569-2292, (papeach53@yahoo.com)

M1--Otto Thamasett, (703) 451-2086, (ottojt@verizon.net)

Second Regiment

A2--Chuck Densford, (512) 930-4717, (densford58@juno.com)

B2--Karl Oelke, (702) 233-2678, (oelkes658@earthlink.net)
C2--Peter Penczer, (203) 255-0300, (ppenczer@optionline.net)
D2--Paul Ruud, (530) 886-8806, (ruud@starband.net)
E2--Chuck Toftoy, (703) 276-0421, (cash@gwu.edu)
F2--Glenn Brown, (410) 836-9133, (lrcbrown@comcast.net)
G2--John Palmer, (970) 945-7258, (dunmovin@rofl.net)
H2--Joe Luman, (703) 548-0889, (jcluman1@verizon.net)
I2--Stan Bacon, (512) 345-7999, (sbacon58@sbcglobal.net)
K2--Bo Craddock, (281) 370-1555, (bfcraaddock@sbcglobal.net)
L2--Bob Higgins, (407) 365-4596, (higginsrm@aol.com)
M2--Ash Haynes, (360) 678-8491, (ashtonh@gte.net)

Enclosure 2: Class of 1958 Social/Activity Schedule for 2008:

National & International events:

50th Anniversary Italy Trip, 15 September – 2 October 2008. Jude Theibert has organized a Class of 1958 50th Anniversary Trip to Italy including the Amalfi Coast and Tuscany. Contact Jude at jitheibert@buckeye-express.com, or by phone at (419)625-0618.

D.C. Area OCCASIONS TO EAT:

FOUR Thursday luncheons with members of '58 and guests are held at the Army Navy Country Club (ANCC) beginning at 11:30 -- Joe Luman jcluman1@verizon.net

Following our general pattern, our initial 2008 lunch was held on the first Thursday, Feb 7, the second was with the Class of 1957 at Fort Meyer O Club on Thursday Mar 6, and the April luncheon was again back at the ANCC including Executive Committee election. May was our memorial service and luncheon (see below) plus the 50th Reunion at West Point. June was Recovery month. The July 24th Luncheon featured Butch Saint as speaker with a great turn out of the ladies.

The remaining Thursday lunch at the ANCC will be Sep 18th.

Other Lunches--

Class Memorial Service at Vietnam Memorial and Brunch at ANCC Arlington, held the Sunday before Memorial Day weekend, 10 AM at VN Memorial, Washington, DC and 11:30 AM at ANCC Arlington. Contact George Sibert at gsibert@comcast.net to attend memorial service. POC for lunch is Joe Luman jcluman1@verizon.net.

With USNA 1958 pre-Navy Game on 20 Nov at ANCC at 11:30. POC is Joe Luman, jcluman@comcast.net.

Army-Navy Game Tailgate 6 Dec 2008 – Florence and Alan Salisbury are in their new digs at Evans Farm in McLean, VA and will once again host the Tailgate – Details later.

Events at West Point:

Plebe Hike March Back, 18-19 August 2008, USMA, West Point, NY. Ed Weckel at Weck58@comcast.net, is POC to attend.

First Class Club Turnover to Class of 2009, Thursday, 28 August 2008, USMA, West Point, NY. Tony Smith is POC for specific information for those planning to attend.

Jim Ramsden Chemistry Award Presentation, May 2009 USMA, West Point, NY. Jack Downing at ejdowning@cox.net is POC for specific location/time/date information for those planning to attend.

George Walker Debating Award Presentation May 2009, USMA, West Point, NY. Tom Carpenter at tomcarpenter3@earthlink.net is POC for specific time and location information for those planning to attend.

**West Point Society of the District of Columbia
and the National Capital Region:**

Fall Luncheon
Program to be announced
Fort Myer Officers' Club
11:30 am, Wednesday, September 17th, 2008

Army-Navy Luncheon / Football Rally
Army-Navy Country Club
11:00am, Wednesday, December 3rd, 2008

Other Events of Note and Interest:

Malone Award: (May 2009) Annual presentation of the Malone Award to the most outstanding "Cadet Ranger," in the graduating Georgetown University ROTC unit at the annual military ball at Ft. Meyer Officer's Club.

Jerry Capelle USMA Prep School Award, May 2009 at the USMA Prep School, Fort Monmouth, NJ. Contact Bill Serchak at < wserchak@comcast.net > for specific additional information to attend.

Enclosure 3: USMA Class of 1958 Operating Fund Income Statement and Balance Sheet 2007

Revenues:

Class Coins	\$ 969.81
Checking Acc't Interest	\$ 18.44
Hat Sales	\$ 378.00
<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>\$1,366.25</u>

Expenses:

Class Coins	\$ 560.32
Memorials	\$ 1,321.09
Mailing/Postage	\$ 741.87
50 th Reunion Expenses	\$ 9,139.95
Gifts	\$ 538.46
Meeting Expense	\$ 164.74
<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 12,466.43</u>
<u>Net Income</u>	<u>\$(11,100.18)</u>

Balance Sheet (As of December 31, 2007)

Current Assets:

Checking Account	\$ 8,131.45
Rushmore Fund	\$ 17,555.32
T. Rowe Price Index Fund	\$ 35,013.48
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	<u>\$ 60,700.25</u>

Liabilities and Net Worth

Liabilities	\$ 0.00
Net Worth (01/01/07)	\$ 69,342.34
Net Income	
Operations	\$(11,100.18)
Unrealized Cap Gains	\$ 2,458.09
<u>Total Net Worth</u>	<u>\$ 60,700.25</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Net Worth</u>	<u>\$ 60,700.25</u>