



Class of 1958 USMA Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2010

Letter from the Executive Committee Chairman (Jim Hall): At the 3 Feb Class Luncheon held at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, I was pleased to be able to recognize Palmer McGrew's long and faithful service to the Class of 1958 as Chairman of the Executive Committee. On behalf of the Class and the Executive Committee, it was a privilege to present Palmer with a beautifully decorated West Point stein and a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the Executive Committee for more than 20 years – the last ten of which he served as Chairman. I am only beginning to appreciate the true extent of that contribution as I encounter some of the innumerable aspects of the job I have inherited.

As issues arise, it is especially gratifying to have the opportunity to communicate with Classmates that, in some cases, I had not heard from since graduation. I look forward to renewing more old friendships, and I'm honored to represent the Class in this position. More of you will also have the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee – since the vote amending the Class By-Laws now permits classmates who reside outside the DC area to serve on the EC. Two positions will be filled in 2010. Dale Hruby is chairing the nominating committee which will seek nominations to present at our Class Meeting in Denver in October. Rich Clements is leading the Mini-Reunion planning effort for our next get-together on 10/10/10. It should be no trouble remembering the date. Plan to attend!

58 is Great!

Jim Hall

TAPS:

Deaths reported since the Fall 2009 Newsletter:

- **Michael W. Riordan**, (H-2) – Died 27 October 2009; San Antonio, Texas.
- **James P. Mellin**, (L-2) – Died 27 October 2009; Bloomington, Minnesota.
- **Pat Bowen** -- Widow of Frank Bowen, (D-2), Died 1 November 2009; Humble, Texas.
- **Frank M. Smith**, (M-1) – Died 7 November 2009; New Iberia, Louisiana.
- **James D. Stanton** (L-2) – Died 22 November 2009; Savannah, Georgia.
- **Norma Miller**, Widow of **Ray Miller**, (D-2) , Died 28 November 2009; Wheat Ridge, Colorado.
- **Mary Melnik** , Wife of **Bill Melnik**, (A-1), 12 December 2009; Fountain Valley, California.

- **John F. Tierney (C-1)** – Died 3 January 2010; Mission, Texas.
- **Michael S. Jones, (I-2)** – Died 16 January 2010; Montgomery, Alabama.
- **Gerald H. Zimmer, (I-2)** – Died 21 January 2010; Tucson, Arizona.
- **John R. Deeley, (K-2)** – Died 1 March 2010; Luray, Virginia.
- **Virginia Day, Widow of Wayne Day, (G-2),** Died 21 May 2010, Winchester, Massachusetts.

Obituaries and Eulogies: The obituaries of the following Classmates appeared in the Spring/Summer 2010 issue of the “Taps,” supplement to Assembly magazine:

- **Richard E. Bauchspies, (F-1)**
- **Peter D. Hidalgo, (K-1)**
- **William J. McCaffrey, Sr.,(M-2)**

The following is the link to our class Eulogy page:

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

Memorial Articles: The “3d Special Initiative,” which has been posted on our Class website by Bill Serchak. This initiative gathers together the guidelines, suggestions and recommendations for making easier for our survivors the task of writing Memorial Articles. If anyone on the snail mail list wants copies let us know. **(Bill Serchak)**

“In Lieu of Flowers...”: Frequently survivors are faced with a decision regarding an alternative to flowers as a means of memorializing the departed. Death notices often designate a specific Charity or a Memorial Fund as appropriate “In Lieu of flowers...” The Class Executive Committee would like to suggest that we all consider designating either the 1958 Class Fund, or the Class of 1958 Perpetual Endowment Fund “...in Lieu of Flowers.” Such a decision could have a beneficial impact on both funds if you consider that over 300 of us each represent approximately \$100 from the class memorial fund at the time of our passing into the Long Grey Line. It is important to inform your next of kin of such a decision, preferably in writing.

Class Flags: We now have three class flags which should ease some of the pressure getting proper coverage of funerals and memorial services in the future. Just to review, when it is learned that a Classmate has died, the Company CCQ should attempt to get firm information from the family or a responsible representative concerning funeral and memorial plans. The ExCom will assist the CCQ in trying to contact a classmate likely to attend the funeral to ask that he receive and deploy the class flag on behalf of us all. We have had some requests for the flag for wives’ ceremonies and have been able to honor those requests since there were no competing requests for Classmate ceremonies. The Flag, less the flag staff and Reunion Streamers, is sent by overnight mail (paid for by TK Smith’s commercial account – Thanks TK). We have had great success getting the flag to these events, provided we get timely notification. Sincere thanks to all who have performed this important duty for the class. **(Dale Hruby)**

Call for Nominations for Executive Committee Members: A committee has been appointed to select nominees for two vacancies on the Class Executive Committee. The election will take place at the class meeting during the Denver Mini in October 2010. The committee members are: Dale Hruby, Dick Schonberger and Tony Smith. Under provisions of the recent change to our By-Laws, all classmates are eligible to fill these

positions regardless of their Geographic location. All nominees should be volunteers and agree in advance to stand for the election. Submit nominations via e-mail or in writing to any of the three committee members by September 30, 2010. **(Dale Hruby)**

Class of 2011 Ring Melt: The 10th Annual Ring Melt was held at the Pease & Curren Refinery in Warwick, RI on 1 March. Every West Point Class for the last ten years has "Gripped Hands" with Graduates from the past, with the inclusion of donated Class Rings in the Ring Melt. This year, Brandon Lawrence '11, participated in the ceremony donating a ring belonging to his grandfather, Colonel **Richard E. Bauchspies '58.**

ExCom Meeting – 22 April 2010: The minutes of the April 22 meeting of the Executive Committee have been posted on the Class Web Site by **Pete Trainor**. The main item of discussion was the six week experiment in limiting the volume of communications in the class Forum. The committee had previously agreed to conduct a six week test limiting each participant in the class Forum to two messages per day. At the end of the test period, the CCQs were asked to poll their company mates concerning this trial. A plurality (54 out of 141 respondents) of those responding voted to discontinue all restrictions and the Executive Committee accordingly concluded the test by removing all restrictions. It was further agreed that alternatives to the E-Mail format should be explored to consider other Forum packages (software and hardware) that may meet our needs better than the current model. An ad hoc technical committee will be selected and chaired by **Dale Hruby** to address the issue.

Perpetual Endowment Fund Report Available: The Chairman of the Perpetual Endowment fund, **John Evans**, has posted the report of their recent annual meeting on the class website and indicates it is available upon request. You are invited to review the minutes of the November Annual Meeting of 2009 on the Class web site, USMA1958, link Endowment Fund, link= Recent Minutes. Funds were up 30.6% for 2009. This beat the DJIA 18.8% and S/P 23.8%. Questions can be emailed to, John Evans at (Ejhnevan@aol.com). **(John Evans)**

Wounded Warrior Mentor Program: An update on the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program is Enclosure # 1 **(Dick Schonberger)**

Gift Ideas from the Class Store:

DVD "58 is Great" – Mail requests to **Dale Hruby**, 9502 Burning Branch Road, Burke, VA 22015; \$20 per copy; Checks (only) made out to "USMA Class of 1958" Include mailing addresses and we will mail directly to them at no extra charge.

50th Reunion Book – There are now just about 40 copies of our 50th reunion yearbook remaining. **Al Salisbury** will be sending a handful to libraries such as Leavenworth and Carlisle. He is open to suggestions as to other places to send gratis copies. After that, we do not want these books to become landfill or go to recycling. So, Al will send these out to those who want them at a final closeout price of \$25.00 per book, including postage. Remember, all proceeds go to our class operating fund, so it's for a good cause. If your children or grandchildren don't have copies, now is the time!. Send your checks made out to "USMA Class of 1958" to Alan Salisbury, 7249 Addington Dr, McLean, VA 22101. Thanks for helping the class fund and promoting the class legacy! **(Al Salisbury)**

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

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. Several new CD's and DVD's are now available. They can be ordered directly: <https://secure.west-point.org/wpagc-store/>>

Malone ROTC Award: On 22 April, 2010, the Malone Trophy was awarded to Junior Andrew Kim, the outstanding cadet of the Georgetown ROTC Ranger Challenge Team. This was the 13th year in which the award has been given. One of our past recipients was commissioned in the Infantry, served two tours in Iraq with the 101st Airborne Division, and is now transferring to Special Forces. His mother works closely with the '58 Wounded Warrior Program as a college counselor for wounded soldiers and marines at Walter Reed Medical Center. (**John Herren**)

Cappelle USMA Prep School Award: This year, the Commandant of the United States Military Academy Prep School (USMAPS) presented the Annual Award established by the Class of 1958 in memory of Jerry Cappelle to the outstanding company of the year, who enjoyed a Pizza Party put on by the Class of 1958. (**Hugh Trumbull**)

Class Grandson Graduates: On Thursday, 20 May, at 1530 in the First Class Club, Tom Carpenter presented an inscribed pewter tray on behalf of the class of '58 to Cadet Tommy Moentmann, Bud's grandson. Tommy played wing on the USMA Rugby Team that made it all the way to the Final Four of the National Rugby Intercollegiate Championships. He has branched Aviation. (**Tony Smith**)

Olmsted Award Honors Tony Smith: The Olmsted Foundation has established a perpetual award in recognition of the contributions Tony Smith has made over the years to the Foundation and to West Point. The **Brigadier Anthony A. Smith Award for Excellence in Foreign Studies** will be presented annually to two graduating cadets who have demonstrated outstanding character and exemplary leadership potential. On 21 May 2010, Tony made the first two awards to members of the class of 2010. (**Dale Hruby**)

Ramsden Chemistry Award: On Friday, 21 May 2010, Jim and Rae's son, Jim Ramsden, Jr., presented James Ramsden Award for Excellence in Chemistry and Life Sciences to Cadet Lauren H. Beckler and she will join the Medical Corps after medical school. (**Jack Downing**)

Walker Debate Award: On 21 May, 2010, Tom Carpenter presented the George Walker Memorial Award for excellence in Debate to the year's outstanding Cadet debater, Derrick Jerke from North Dakota, who will become an Armor Officer probably attending one of the last Armor Basic Courses to be held at Fort Knox. (**Tom Carpenter**)

History Tour – Ford's Theatre: On July 15, the Class of '58 Civil War Group will visit Ford's Theater for a tour of the museum accompanied by a park ranger, attend a briefing by a Ranger, and attend a play about the Lincoln assassination. The museum has just recently reopened after a major renovation. (**Herb Puscheck**)

Marchback 2010: Ken Herberger's grandson, Christian P Herberger and George Huff's grandson, Christian D Miller will both be sworn in on the Plain in July and enter as members of the Class of 2014 (yes, both are named Christian). Both Ken Herberger and George Huff are planning on making the March Back in August. The graduate march back is tentatively scheduled to take place 8 - 9 August. Registration is scheduled to open in May. If you would like to be notified when registration opens, sign up for e-mail notification at www.usma.edu/daa.

Operating Fund 2009 Financial Report: The report will be posted on the Class Web Site. If anyone would like a paper copy of the report, please send a request to: Tony Bauer, 5904 Mt Eagle Dr # 808, Alexandria, VA 22303 Tel # 703-960-3780. He will be happy to send you a copy. **Tony Bauer)**

Giving to West Point: Many of us receive an annual solicitation from the AOG to support the activities at West Point. However, what may not be clear in the annual appeal for funds is that you can designate your contribution to go to the Class of 58 Fund, which is used by the Class to support such projects as the First Class Club and the Walker Debate Room. To ensure that your contribution is credited to the Class of 58 Fund, all you need do is indicate "Class of 58 Fund" in the remarks section of your check. Otherwise your contribution will be directed to the Supe's Fund or elsewhere. This is to inform you that you have the option of directing your contribution, if you desire to do so. All cadet activities are worthy of our support. And as a reminder - contributions to the Class of 1958 Endowment Fund are directed to Meg Roosma (46383 Woodlake Pl., Sterling VA 20165) - - not to the AOG."

FCC Handover to the Class of 2011 -- 12 August: -- For those of you who have not had the opportunity to participate in this proud annual event, this year it will be held on 12 August. Contact **Tony Smith** (703) 838-0338, aasmith58@msn.com..(**Tony Smith**)

Reunions and Mini Reunions:

September 7-22, 2010, Grand Circle Travel River Cruise of the Rhine and Mosel Rivers:
The 16 day trip will be on the GCT's Melody ship and will start September 7, 2010 at Antwerp and end at Basel. To make a reservation call 1-877-220-2540. Our "Group # is 20100 and our Service Code is G020100. There are options for pre and post trips. You may get information on the trip at the following link:
<http://www.gct.com/gcc/general/default.aspx?oid=233466&linklocation=search>.
Direct questions to Jude Theibert, at (419) 625-0618. or jjtheibert@buckeye-express.com .(**Jude Theibert**)

2010 -- October 10-15, Mini in Denver, CO, **Rich Clements** is the coordinator..
See Enclosure #2 for details of the Reunion.

2011 – Mini in Orlando, FL – **Bob Tallgren** is coordinator

2012 – Washington, DC – Palmer McGrew is coordinator

2013 – May -- 55th Reunion at West Point – **Gary Roosma** is, as always, Coordinator.

Class Organization: Class Organization Chart can be found as an Enclosure to the Fall/Winter Newsletters and is posted on the class website. Please notify **Dale Hruby** of any changes or corrections. (**Dale Hruby**)

Enclosures: (Those marked "Snail Mail" are or have been posted on our Class Website and therefore are not attached to the E-mail Version of this Newsletter)

- Enclosure #1: Wounded Warrior Update
- Enclosure #2: Denver Mini Reunion, 10-10-'10 (Snail Mail only)

Enclosure #1: WOUNDED WARRIOR MENTOR PROGRAM (WWMP) UPDATE

In 2004, a small group on DC-based '58 classmates led by Lee Miller, Bob Tredway, John Herren and Pete Brintnall determined there was a need to establish a Wounded Warrior Mentor Program to counsel and assist wounded warriors and their families. The program was designed to get them going down a path to meet self-defined goals to a new productive life and profession, projecting a time frame of three to five years. This, in turn, led to the founding of the "Class of 58 Wounded Warrior Mentor Program". The pillars of our WWMP are education, internships and jobs both in the federal government and corporate world, as well as the maximization of benefits to the wounded warrior and his family. Initially, mentors recruited from local '58 volunteers served the wounded warriors at Walter Reed. From that beginning, the WWMP has continued to grow and evolve in scope, mentoring resources, and participation. As of December 2009, we now have over 300 trained combat officers and senior NCO's mentoring over 400 wounded warriors at Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval and Ft Belvoir with 50 additional wounded warriors in our Follow-On Mentor Program around the country. We have evolved into a dynamic program to assist wounded warriors of all services and genders with mentors from all academies and services, including those from 27 USMA classes. Our WWMP has support within DoD, including Admiral Mullen, CJCS, and the Army, Marine and Air Force commands we serve. We have received many requests to assist other DoD organizations and provide outreach to them with our program serving as an emulation model using our functional structure, concepts, processes and lessons learned. There are currently WWMP programs existing or underway at seven outreach installations. Our WWMP provides support to these outreach programs by initially briefing the chain of command and case managers, then training the initial group of mentors to help these programs get off the ground.

An essential part of the WWMP is to identify follow-on mentors who can step in when the wounded warriors return home after separation. Many feel lost and abandoned during this dramatic change period and the follow-on mentor assumes a key role as these warriors reorient to their new life circumstances. A database has been established to track volunteers who remain "mentors in waiting" until a wounded warrior is identified who will be residing in the area. Wounded warriors being separated are queried on their interest in a follow-on mentor. If so, the follow-on mentor will then be identified and trained by Dick Buckner '61, who coordinates the Follow-On Mentor Program. He will provide information on the wounded warrior and coordinate the hand-off from the primary mentor to the follow-on mentor. A request for follow-on mentors was made at the Tucson mini and 15 classmates signed on to be either a follow-on mentor or to be a leader for the program in their local area. Several classmates have been follow-on mentors and have done an outstanding job in assisting the wounded warrior and his family on the last leg in the path to their personally set goals. In doing so, they have made a significant impact in the lives of the wounded warriors they have mentored.

An ongoing need exists for geographically dispersed follow-on mentors. We hope that more classmates will step up to this worthwhile and rewarding effort. If you would like to participate or gain more information, please contact Lee Miller, email: mlmiller58@verizon.net; TP: 301 601-2733/Cell: 240 620-5019 or Dick Schonberger: email: Richard_58@verizon.net; TP: 703 425-9412.

