



# Class of                      Newsletter

## Winter 2011

**Letter from the Executive Committee Chairman (Jim Hall):** A good time was had by all at the Denver Mini-Reunion in October. Thanks especially to Rich Clements and his team for making all the arrangements. During the Class Meeting held in Denver, we unanimously elected Paul Ruud and Karl Oelke to fill two positions on the Executive Committee (EC). Paul will be taking a look at future uses for the Class Data Base developed during our preparations for our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, a post that has been unfilled until now. Karl will be taking over the communications activities formerly handled by Dale Hruby.

As he leaves the EC, Dale's many contributions to Class Activities over the past years were recognized. While responsible for communications activities on the EC, Dale published the Class Newsletter, coordinated with CQ's, and handled deployment of the Class Flag for funerals and memorial services held for deceased classmates. He has kindly offered to continue to handle flag requests as a separate Class function. Many thanks to Dale for a job well done!

Our next major gathering is scheduled for the Orlando Mini-Reunion during the period 25-29 September, 2011 (**Enclosure #3**). Bob Tallgren and Doug Sedgwick are making the arrangements. They have promised our enjoyment at an exotic tropical paradise – namely the Loews Royal Pacific Resort. Make your reservations now at (866) 360-7395.

Best wishes to all for a great New Year in 2011!

**58 is Great!**

**Jim Hall**

**Class Organization:** Class Organization Chart can be found at **Enclosure #1** to the Winter Newsletters and is posted on the class website. (**Karl Oelke**)

## **TAPS:**

Deaths reported since the Summer 2010 Newsletter:

- **Jack Lynne, (M-1)** died 10 October 2009
- **Barry Zwick, (L-1)** died 15 June 2010
- **Clark Bailey (D-2)** died 5 July 2010
- **Dennis Rupprecht, (H-1)** died 7 October 2010
- **Bill Wafer, (E-2)** died 5 November 2010
- **Frank Smith, (M-1)** buried 16 October 2010
- **Butch Ordway, (G-1)** died 24 September 2010,

**Obituaries and Eulogies:** The obituaries of the following Classmates appeared in the October—December 2010 issue of the “Taps,” supplement to Assembly magazine:

- **Frank S. Bowen, III (D-2)**
- **Karl F. Prunitsch (F-2)**
- **John F. Tierney (C-1)**

The following is the link to our class Eulogy page:

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

**Perpetual Endowment Fund:** John Evans announced the new treasurer for the Perpetual Endowment Fund: Russ Robertson, USMA '82, son of Gail and George Robertson (replaces Meg Roosma). The current Perpetual Endowment Fund (PEF) minutes, dated 4 November 2010, are now on our class website.

<<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958>> Copies will be snail mailed upon request. Make donations payable to Fidelity Investment, CGF, for USMA Class 1958; send to Mr. Russell Robertson, 8606 Cross View, Fairfax Station, VA 22039. (**Dusty Rhodes**)

**Marchback Earns \$50K for PEF:** Ed Weckel, Wally Ward and Will Collett wrung pledge contributions of \$25,000 from 137 of our classmates and their friends and families which was matched by an anonymous donor for a total of \$50 K to contribute to the Perpetual Endowment Fund for their efforts in the Marchback. This stalwart trio reports on the experience at **Enclosure # 5. (Ed Weckel)**

**First Class Club Turnover:** On 12 August 2010, we conducted our annual "formal" handover of the First Class Club to the class of 2011. Gary Roosma gave a few very well-chosen and well-received remarks on behalf of the class of '58. The First Captain and the Class President, both said a few words. A 2d Lt from last year's class was there to hand over the framed charter for the FCC to the new First Class. Also present from '58 were Tom Morgan, Brad Johnson, Wally and Jo Ward, Branch Worsham, Pete Penczer, Chuck Hansult, Tony & Bonnie Smith, and Barbara Bauschpies and her daughter Deborah Lawrence. The full report is at **Enclosure #4. (Tony Smith)**

**Prostate Cancer Support Group:** "The class finished the year 2010 with three new PC diagnoses, one less than statistically expected, but still three too many. This brings the known class total to 74 cases, five less than the national average for a cohort our size; see <<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958-pc/usma58pc.htm>>. The key to success lies in modifying our lifestyles as described in our PC Prevention and Control Guide at <<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958-pc/pcprevgd/index.html>>. Our class PC support group currently numbers 147 and addresses all prostate issues, cancerous and otherwise in a confidential and sensitive manner. If you would like to join, contact: (**Stan Bacon.**)"

**Reunions and Mini Reunions:**

**2011** – 25-29 Sep 2011: Mini in Orlando, FL, **Bob Tallgren** is coordinator, (**Enclosure #3**). The Mini will be preceded by a Caribbean Cruise, 17-24 Sep – Betty Puscheck is the coordinator (see below).

**2012** – Oct (?) 2012: Mini in Washington, DC – **Palmer McGrew** is coordinator

**2013** – 18-22 May 2013 -- 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion at West Point – **Gary Roosma** is coordinator.

**55<sup>th</sup> Reunion:** Date of '58 55th Reunion is Saturday, 18-22 May, 2013, at Park Ridge Marriott in New Jersey (where we stayed for the 45th Reunion). No detailed schedule has yet been made--suggestions welcome. (**Gary Roosma**)

**Other Calendar Events:**

**Ski '58:** 27 Feb -- 5 Mar 2011 at The Mountain Chalet at Snowmass, CO

(<<http://www.mountainchalet.com/>>), \$169 per night for two people (a few slots remain, but need to make reservations soon) See **Enclosure #2** for details. (**Karl Oelke**)

**Class Memorial Ceremony & Luncheon** -- Vietnam Memorial & Army/Navy CC-- 22 May 2011

**Marchback with the USMA Class of 2015** -- 7-8 August 2011.

**FCC Turnover** – Mid August 2011

**Pre Reunion Cruise (17-24 Sep 2011):** At Bob Tallgren's request we have arranged for a USMA 58 group of classmates and friends to cruise the Western Caribbean in conjunction with the Florida Mini. This

is an unusual opportunity. The cruise will be aboard "The Oasis of Seas," a new class of cruise ship, the largest afloat with 6000+ passengers. Friends who have been on it rave about the experience. One could spend the entire cruise and never leave the ship. But the itinerary is exciting, too. See RCCL/Oasis of the Seas. The price should appeal to us frugal types. Ocean view cabins without Balcony are \$820 pp.(double occupancy), plus \$292 (taxes and fees). Ocean view with balcony are \$990+ tax & fees. The cruise begins in Ft Lauderdale on 17 September 2011 and returns on 24 September, the day before the Mini. We can arrange transportation to the Mini. A number of classmates have already signed up. Only twelve more cabins are on temporary hold. Sign up by calling me and sending a check for \$50 pp ( \$100/couple) made out to Friendly Travel. Payments are refundable up to 4 July 2011. Betty Puscheck 703-768-2380

**Enclosures:**

- **Enclosure #1: Class Organization**
- **Enclosure #2: Ski '58- Snowmass, CO**
- **Enclosure #3: Orlando Mini**
- **Enclosure #4: First Class Club Turnover Report**
- **Enclosure #5: 2010 March Back Report**

**Enclosure #1 –Class Organization:**

The Class of 1958 is currently organized as follows:

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

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**Cancer Support Group:** Moderator, Stan Bacon, [sbacon58@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbacon58@sbcglobal.net).

**Perpetual Endowment Fund:** Board President, John Evans, [jhevan@aol.com](mailto:jhevan@aol.com).

**Class Scribe for Assembly:** George Sibert, (703) 525-4094, [gsibert@comcast.net](mailto:gsibert@comcast.net) .

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**Enclosure #2 –Ski '58 – 27 Feb- 5 Mar, Snowmass, CO:** Ski '58: Sunday, 27 February, thru Saturday, 5 March 2011 at The Mountain Chalet at Snowmass, CO (<<http://www.mountainchalet.com/>>), a ski-in, ski-out lodge, located on the Fanny Hill slope, about a 2 minute ski down to the main Village Express lift, as well as the new Base Village. \$169 per night for two people (12.8% lodging tax, subject to change--pretty standard here in the Roaring Fork Valley, Aspen to Glenwood Springs. (a few slots remain, but need to make reservations soon). Goodies included:

(1) MEALS--BREAKFAST AND LUNCH--daily full, hot breakfast buffet for all as well as daily hot soup lunch, which will include two choices of soup, fresh hot rolls, fruit, cookies, iced tea, lemonade. Both breakfast and lunch will be served at the Chalet, in their dining area, which is ski-in, ski-out.

(2) "Go Army, Beat Navy" dinner gift certificates good at the Base Camp Restaurant in the new Base Village. Each guest gets \$20 certificate, usable at any time during our stay.

(3) "USMA Class of '58 is GREAT apres-ski social" hosted by Snowmass Hospitality at the Mountain Chalet with complimentary beer, wine, soda, and light hors d'oeuvres.

(4) A similar event Sunday night hosted by the Mountain Chalet, also free of charge.

Contact Karl Oelke ([oelkes658@gmail.com](mailto:oelkes658@gmail.com); 970-945-1043) if interested in more details.

**Enclosure #3 – Orlando Mini 25-29 September 2011:**

Dear Classmates, Wives and Widows,

January, 2011

Greetings from Orlando in the center of the sunshine state of Florida - the site of the ***Great Class of 1958 Mini Reunion 2011***. Here in Orlando, you will be entertained, amazed, excited and rejuvenated like nowhere else. In addition to Orlando's famous theme parks, attractions and resorts, Orlando offers global gourmet dining, indulgent outlet shopping, sophisticated arts and cultural events, world class golfing and countless museums and historical sites.

To give you the best possible reunion, the Orlando Mini Committee (OMC) has contracted with **The Loews Royal Pacific Resort Hotel** at **Universal Studios** in Orlando, ([www.loewshotels.com/en/Royal-Pacific-Resort](http://www.loewshotels.com/en/Royal-Pacific-Resort)) They are very anxious to host our mini reunion.

We have negotiated a fantastic nightly rate of **\$99.00** plus tax. Reservations are to be made individually and this can begin **immediately**. As an indicator of just how prestigious the Royal Pacific is, Lebron James was staying at this resort when we met to sign the contract. Steven Spielberg had been in the hotel the day before.

The dates of our reunion are **September 25 to September 29, 2011**. Our very attractive room rates are good three- days prior and three-days after the dates of the reunion. The average temperature range is from 71 to 89 with about 5.50 inches of rainfall during the month. With more than 300 days of sunshine each year, you'll definitely want to spend some time outside.

Some of the reasons we chose the Royal Pacific over the other resorts:

- ✓ *Complimentary* water taxi access to Universal City Walk and its two theme parks - Universal Studios and Universal Islands of Adventure.
- ✓ *Complimentary* shuttle access to the Universal Parks from the hotel.
- ✓ *Front of the line* access for all attendees and their families staying at the Royal Pacific.
- ✓ *Complimentary* self-parking only for the USMA '58 Reunion attendees
- ✓ *Complimentary* sleeping room internet access
- ✓ No resort fee

Both of the Universal theme parks are adjacent to Universal City Walk and include the exciting, recently opened **Wizarding World of Harry Potter**. ([www.universalorlando.com/harrypotter](http://www.universalorlando.com/harrypotter)). We are also located just minutes from SeaWorld, Walt Disney World, and Epcot Center. The Grand Floridian Hotel at Disney offers a wonderful "High Tea" for the ladies. For the shoppers there is the Orlando Prime\_Outlet Mall, Mall at Millenia and upscale Park Avenue in Winter Park. Here you will also find the Charles Morse Museum with its world famous Tiffany Glass Collection.

For those looking for a restaurant for the traditional "Company Night" Dinners, there are several restaurants in the Royal Pacific Hotel and a multitude in Universal City Walk. No need to drive anywhere as you can ride the water taxi to your destination.

For the golfers in the class there is really good news! The Royal Pacific has exclusive arrangements with three highly rated golf courses in the Orlando area - all in close proximity to the hotel.

- ✓ The **Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge** which has hosted three PGA Tour Q-School Finals and has two spectacular eighteen-hole courses.
- ✓ The **Metro West Golf Club** which was voted the #1 Public course in Orlando, and
- ✓ **Mystic Dunes**, the most difficult of the three courses, was rated 4-star by Golf Digest.

The Hotel provides *complimentary transportation* to all three courses.

Having this fantastic resort facility at our disposal, one should really consider coming to the reunion early and staying over a night or two. By all means, bring the kids and grand kids as they would certainly enjoy all the many attractions.

To make your reservation at the ***Loews Pacific Royal***, call **866-360-7395**. Be sure to specify you are with the **West Point Class of 1958 Group**. Also mention you would prefer to be located in ***“Tower 3”***.

**Attached** for your information is a tentative *Schedule of Activities* for the Reunion. In February you will receive a Registration Form containing details on planned events, optional activities and costs.

Bob Tallgren

**Attachment: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES - 2011 Class of '58 Mini Reunion - Orlando**

**Sunday, September 25, 2011      Registration at North Desk    12:00 – 20:00**

- **Welcome Reception 18:00 - 21:00**                      (Coral Sea)  
Hors d' oeuvres and cash bar  
Benny Havens open 21:00 – 24:00

**Monday, September 26, 2011      Registration at North Desk    10:00 – 16:00**

- **Class Breakfast Meeting 08:00**                      (Coral Sea)
  - **Memorial Service 10:00**                              (Wantilan Pavilion)
- Optional Activities include:  
Golf at Metro West Golf Club  
Universal  
Disney  
Shopping (The Mall at Millenia)  
Company dinners at Local Restaurants  
Benny Havens open 10:00 - 22:00+

**Tuesday, September 27, 2011      Breakfast Buffet 07:00 - 09:00    (Coral Sea)**

Optional Activities include:  
Golf at Orange County National (PGA)  
Winter Park Tiffany Museum Tour,  
Luncheon and Shopping on Park Avenue  
Kennedy Space Center  
Disney  
Cirque Du Soleil  
Benny Havens open 10:00 - 22:00+

**Wednesday, September 28, 2011      Breakfast Buffet 07:00 - 9:00    (Coral Sea)**

- **Pre-Banquet Reception 18:00 - 19:00**
- **58' IS GREAT Gala 19:30 - 22:30+ (Pacifica Ball Room)**  
featuring the Bobby Mercer Swing Orchestra

Optional Activities include:  
Golf at Mystic Dunes Golf Club  
SeaWorld  
Disney  
Shopping (The Prime Outlet Mall)

**Thursday, September 29, 2011      Farewell Breakfast 07:00 - 09:00    (Coral Sea)**

#### **Enclosure #4: First Class Club Turnover Report:**

Classmates: On 12 Aug, we conducted our annual "formal" handover of the First Class Club to the class of 2011. This event is now a tradition at West Point, and the team from the Director of Cadet Activities has it down cold. The Firsties are represented by the First Captain and the Class President, both of whom say a few words, they manage to find a 2d Lt from last year's class to hand over the framed charter for the FCC to the new First Class, and they unveil a framed class crest for the new First Class to be hung in the Club while they "own" it.

Gary Roosma gave a few very well-chosen and well-received remarks on behalf of the class of '58 to tell the Firsties why we made the gift and what we expect from them. Also present from '58 were Tom Morgan, Brad Johnson, Wally and Jo Ward, Branch Worsham, Pete Penczer, Chuck Hansult, my wife Bonnie, and Barbara Bauschpies and her daughter Deborah Lawrence. Barbara and her daughter were escorted by Barbara's Firstie grandson, Brandon Bauschpies Lawrence, a very personable young man who is inclined to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and branch Aviation.

As usual, there was a good sized crowd from the class of 2011 at the event -- they were packed three deep at the bar ordering countless pitchers of beer. (We made a lot of money for Cadet Activities.) The handover now takes place during Reorg Week, during which (by decision of the Com) the FCC is closed and opened to the class solely for this event. Hence, this was the first opportunity for the class of 2011 to use the Club.

It is always fun to see the different personalities of the classes as they participate in the FCC handover. Unlike any other class that I have observed, the class of 2011 adopted a "business casual" dress code for the event that had the gals in skirts (some in high heels) and the guys in slacks and shirts (as opposed to the normal Firstie FCC attire of cutoff jeans and basically anything goes scruffy shirts). I thought the Tacs might have dictated the dress code but found out that it was self-imposed by the cadet leadership. In fact, the (female) cadet I talked to about it was quite proud of how sharp they all looked. Go figure!

The class of 2011 First Captain, Marc Beaudoin, hails from Chelsea, Maine, and is the first person in his family to pursue a military career. He stands #1 in general order of merit and plays right wing on the national champion West Point Team Handball team. An international history major, he greatly enjoyed his semester at the Institut Catholique in Lyon, France, (warms my heart to have the First Captain be a Francophile!) before coming back to be King of the Beasts this summer. Wants to branch Infantry (like a First Captain should), but already has received a Truman Scholarship and intends to apply for a Rhodes.

It was a fun evening. The cadets are very tolerant of us old fogeys, the USMA Administration indulges and supports very well our annual event, and the Firsties are very, very appreciative of our gift. 'Tis a great pleasure and a source of pride to see how important the class of '58 gift is to the lives of the First Class.

BTW, when you drop in to visit the FCC on your next trip to USMA, be sure to ask the Club Manager to sell you a First Class Club T-shirt. The print on the back shows the Army mule shooting pool and two of the billiard balls have the numbers "5" and "8" - very cool!

Best regards to all,

Tony (Tony Smith)

#### **Enclosure #5: 2010 March Back Report**

I am proud to report that Wally (Ward), Will (Collett), Ken (Herberger) and I accomplished our mission! I am prouder yet that 137 of you supported us to the tune of \$22,069 (Ed. Note: Actually \$25,000, see below.)...



This weekend I received my annual shot of Black, Gold and Gray. I had the privilege of trekking through the boonies with three class mates, some fellow grads and the Class of 2014. It restored my faith in this nation and its young men and women, who are not interested in accumulating the material things of life - - who are more interested in serving their nation than Facebook accounts, texting, tweeting, and playing the latest Wii or X-Box game. It was an awe inspiring experience - - one that I wish I could share with each of you. But all who receive this message are members of the Long Gray Line, or directly related thereto, and I want to report to you that the Corps is well!

The cadets I spoke with all had a common motivation - - to serve their country and give something back to this great nation of ours. They were "gung ho" and had a great attitude. I asked a firstie about the aftermath of the President's visit, and the rumors which had circulated about massive slugs. According to him, there were no slugs - - just a "talking to" by the chain of command. He did confirm that the cadets were seated four hours prior to the President's talk.

As far as the MB itself -- The buses were 30 minutes late to pick us up. That meant we could have slept another half hour. Instead, we waited 30 extra minutes at Buffalo Soldier Field in the wee hours of the morning. The weather wasn't intolerably hot, but most of us had sweated through our march uniforms by the first break. At the end of the MB, our shirts were soaked. Time to complete the MB was about four hours, not counting rest breaks. I understand that two companies diverted from the route (i.e. - got lost) during the MB - - this from the scuttlebutt of other grads. Our company took the wrong route through the golf course, but outside of walking through some freshly mown grass, we didn't lose any time.

As usual, Class of 58 marched in the first rank of eight after we assembled in graduate mass formation. What does this mean? By seniority, we are mighty old, since we form up by seniority of Class. Dick Williams, Class of 45, was again the senior 12 mile marcher. We spoke a lot with Dick. He walks 6 miles every morning. I understand his picture is in today's Washington Post. A photographer from the WP followed him around before the MB and at the ski slope, but she was not allowed to accompany us on the MB itself. We spoke briefly with the new Supe. He is very personable and outgoing. He indicated we need to "keep the faith" with respect to the football team, and invited Will to suit up.

The "goodies" the grad marchers receive continues to grow. In addition to the MB hat and shirt, we received an Old Grad T shirt, WP sunglasses, and a wrist band which reads "Go Army Beat Navy".

The next MB is scheduled for 7 - 8 August 2011. Hopefully a few more 58ers will join in the fun. Better yet, if you are accompanied by a grandson/granddaughter.

MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU.

Ed Weckel -- for Wally, Will and Ken

P.S. Just want you to know that Meg ( Outgoing PEF Treasurer) has received a matching check of \$25,000 for our Class Endowment. This is a bit more than the \$23,292 the class contributed. We all owe our thanks to a classmate for this generous gift which will help keep our class remembered into perpetuity. Perhaps more importantly, it may assist the Corps of Cadets reach future goals.

P.P.S. A Classmate wrote: "Send me Meg's address, I will make up the difference between the 25,000 and 23,292." (Note: \$25k is the amount "matched" by our anonymous classmate and \$23,292 is the amount the rest of us contributed. This addition will bring the class contribution up to the matched gift.)

Who would have guessed that when we started this campaign 2 months ago, we would raise \$50k for the Class Endowment?

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