



NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2012

Letter from the Executive Committee Chairman (Jim Hall <jbh58@verizon.net>):

Thanks to all who voted on the resolution dealing with expending class funds for the proposed enhancement for the First Class Club. With a number of late votes received, we now have over 150 responses – 136 of which were positive. We are now coordinating with the vendor and the USMA Department of Public Works regarding some engineering challenges. See Tony Smith's report below for a more complete description.

Since our announced decision to minimize snail mail postings of the Newsletter, we have greatly increased our efforts to reach all Classmates via email and the Class Webpage. Karl Oelke has worked closely with Company CCQ's to get all Classmates signed up on our email listings. I was happy to see Dick Buckalew recently posted a new mid-month January roster listing another 11 names since the 1 January roster which added 5 names. While the email postings contain a wealth of info, don't forget to frequently visit the Class Web Site maintained by Pete Trainor at www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/. Here you will find our Class Roster, list of Class Events, links to the Class Notes maintained by George Sibert as well as other 58 Web Sites, the Class Newsletter, minutes of the Executive Committee and the Perpetual Endowment Fund – just to name a few. See Karl Oelke's news item below for more info on his communications efforts.

Don't forget to plan to make the Washington, DC Mini-Reunion scheduled for 5-8 October 2012 at the Fair Oaks Marriott. Hope to see you all there.

58 is Great!

Reunion/Mini-Reunion Planning and Discussions (Joe Luman <jluman1@verizon.net>)

A great opportunity awaits a fortunate classmate--you can host a mini-reunion.

58's mini-reunions, like the Basin Street of song, are the place where the elite always meet. This year it's in Washington DC (actually, Fairfax County) on Columbus Day weekend, October 5-8. After our 55th reunion at West Point next year, we'll return to minis in 2114.

Volunteering to host the 2014 mini (or a later one) is an opportunity to employ those leadership skills that cost the taxpayers so much money. You may not live in a tourist center, but at this stage most of us can get by with the chance to interact with classmates and their wives. The opportunity to gather together is the primary requirement.

As to the workload, the Executive Committee has proposed a framework that will be of great help. Reservation and payment for outside activities like tours be the responsibility of the attendees rather than the reunion chair. Along with the help you'll get from classmates, this proposed change (comments invited) will make it easier to be the man of the year.

Here is your chance to have a grand Hurrah by bringing USMA '58 to your town. Past hosts can tell you how much they enjoyed the experience, and it is one that you'll never forget.

And don't forget to put the 55th reunion at West Point, 18-22 May 2013, on your calendar.

Memorial Articles (Jack Downing <ejdowning@cox.net>)

Currently there are 25 memorial articles outstanding for deceased classmates: Bob Baker, Bill Bicher, Ray Coffey, Dave Coury, Bruce Davenport, Don DeJardin, Arvid Doucette, Tony Forster, Buck Griffin, Harvey Jahn, Tex Lenart, Paul Makowski, Pat Mellin, John Nowak, Mike Riordan, Denny Ruppecht, Paul Schonberger, Dick Simmers, Jae Stanton, Will Smith, Bob Tredway, Barry Zwick

Data-Base Reminder (Paul Ruud <ruud@starband.net>)

We ask each of you to review and update your personal data in the Class data base. Potential uses of the data base include the following: (1) We will not publish a 55th reunion book, so the database will be the most current source of information about you; (2) people writing memorial articles will be able to find information and an updated picture; (3) an updated data base will make the legacy of the Great Class of 1958 available for generations. The data base can be accessed at <<http://usma1958-reunionbook.west-point.org>>. If you have forgotten your password, follow the instructions to have it emailed to you. A critical part of the update is to insure that you have given classmates unrestricted access to your information. We'll ask CCQs to give a status report on their company in the days leading up to the Washington mini-reunion.

Some eye-opening statistics: Of 416 living classmates, 92 have not made ANY entry in the database, and 80 deceased classmates have no entries. An additional impediment to writers of memorial articles is that 37 classmates have designated their databases as "restricted from other classmates."

If you haven't done so, please update your database. Only 20 classmates have done so since publication of the 50-year reunion book.

Newsletter Hard Copy Minimization (Karl Oelke <oelkes658@gmail.com>)

As we've said before, we'd like everyone to get the Class newsletter via email or by accessing the Class website. Doing that saves the Class money and saves me time and effort to print and post hard copies via snail mail. So please, if you can do so, let Karl know that you'll either go on the "58USMA" email list (the most restrictive, used only for a very few official notices) or that you'll access the newsletter on the Class website (<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1958/>).

FCC Enhancements (Tony Smith <aasmith58@msn.com>)

We continue to work on finalizing plans for the retractable enclosure for the First Class Club (FCC) that will allow the patio to be used year-round and that will greatly increase the FCC's capacity. The vendor and engineers from the USMA Department of Public Works (DPW) met on-site just before the Christmas 2011. We have a revised proposal from the vendor reflecting the results of this meeting. DPW is currently reviewing that proposal. We are hoping to realize the same sort of joint effort between the class and the DPW that we achieved in the major FCC renovation that was completed prior to our 50th Reunion. DPW is operating, like all military facilities in these times of financial restraints, in a severe budget climate that may hinder their ability to support the project as generously as they did in 2007-2008."

Wounded Warrior Mentor Program (Dick Schonberger <richard_58@verizon.net> and Lee Miller <mlmiller58@verizon.net>)

The Class of 58 is proud of beginning the Wounded Warrior Mentor Program in 2004 at the old Walter Reed, now closed as a result of the BRAC. The program has grown to include programs at the new Walter Reed National Medical Center in Bethesda, Ft Belvoir and Ft Meade with 300 Wounded Warriors being mentored one on one by mostly combat veterans. Our mission remains to assist Wounded Warriors and their spouses to a new productive life and profession with a three to five year horizon. We are now a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit all volunteer organization with virtual offices and no budget, directed by an Executive Coordinating Committee with the mentors being supported by approximately 100 volunteer subject matter experts.

We are fully accepted by all the Warrior Transition Units (WTU) where we operate and work hand in hand with their cadre. Many of our Wounded Warriors now in the WTUs are ill and injured, and in many cases, less seriously wounded not requiring extensive and prolonged treatment and rehabilitation. As a result, we are working on a model to expose them to the opportunities available and then provide them with the knowledge to move forward in life on their own. Standby guidance will be available from our mentor teams as required. We are optimistically looking forward to the winding down

of OEF in a year or two. Until then, the Class of 58 will continue to provide the leadership and mentors for our program to assist Wounded Warriors and their spouses.

Ski '58 Snowmass (Karl Oelke<oelkes658@gmail.com>)

26 February-3 March 2012, Mountain Chalet Snowmass, \$169/night w/breakfast and lunch, ski-in, ski-out.

Treasurer's Report (Tony Bauer <ABauer0658@aol.com>)

As of 31 December 2011, the Operating Fund contains the following amounts:

T Rowe Price Account	\$32,529.54
LEGG Mason Account	5,398.91
USAA Checking Account	1,354.05
Total	\$39,282.50