

**USMA Class of 1958**  
**Perpetual Endowment Fund Board Minutes**

*November 9, 2016*  
*6108 Glen Oaks Court, Springfield, Virginia*

Board Members Present: Gerald ‘Jerry’ Mitchell (Chairman), Russell ‘Russ’ Robertson (Treasurer, Descendent Member, USMA 1982), John Nun (Past Chairman)

Board Members Present via teleconference: Valerie Coffey (Secretary, Descendent Member, USMA 1985), Dale Hruby II (Descendent Member, USMA 1983), William ‘Pat’ Connelly (Trustee Emeritus, USMA 1998)

Board Members Absent: Elena Ivanova (Designated Member, USMA 1999), Jason Crabtree (Designated Member, USMA 2008),

Others Present: George Lawton (USMA 1958), Alan Chase (USMA 1958)

*Chairman, Jerry Mitchell, called the meeting to order at approximately 1900 hours.*

**SUBJECT #1: 2015 Meeting Minutes**

DISCUSSION: Jerry Mitchell stated that the minutes of the 2015 annual meeting are very important, as they are the plan for the Perpetual Endowment Fund, leading up to the events in 2058. (See attachment 2 for 2015 meeting minutes.)

**SUBJECT #2: 2014 Perpetual Endowment Fund Meeting Minutes**

DISCUSSION: George Lawton made a motion that the 2015 minutes be amended to change Jason Crabtree’s title from “Trustee Emeritus” to “Designated Member.” George stated that in accordance with the PEF by-laws, Jason will not achieve the “Trustee Emeritus” title until the class of 2018 graduates, when the next “Designated Member” joins the board. The Designated Member is a full voting member. The Trustee Emeritus only votes when there are changes to the by-laws or funding allocations. After

this discussion John Nun made a motion that the 2015 minutes, provided to each attendee and available on the class website, be approved once amended. The motion was approved.

### **SUBJECT #3: Class of 1958 Membership on PEF Board**

DISCUSSION: The PEF by-laws direct the board membership should contain four members of USMA '58. Currently only two members are on the board. At today's meeting, Jerry Mitchell invited George Lawton and Alan Chase to participate, and the board approved the action for Jerry to solicit approval from the Class to add George and Alan as board members to fill the empty positions.

### **SUBJECT #4: Perpetual Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report**

DISCUSSION: Russ Robertson, Board Treasurer, presented the status of the Perpetual Endowment Funds (see Attachment 1). Russ reported that reported that six classmates currently have the Endowment Fund included on estate documents for a total of \$134,958.

Russ Robertson stated that his six year term as the Class Endowment Treasurer is ending, and he would like to stay on in an advisory role. Also, contributions to the fund can be made by check to the below address, made payable to "**Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund.**"

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### **SUBJECT #5: New Board Members Term of Service**

DISCUSSION: Dale Hruby is maintaining a list of Class of 1958 descendants who are potential board members and he recommended the

PEF Board change the by-laws to shorten the terms of service in order that more descendants can serve, to increase awareness of this enterprise.

*The board adjourned at approximately 1936 hours since there was no additional business to discuss. The next meeting is tentatively planned for February 2017. Topics will include membership and shorter terms of service on the board.*

Perpetual Endowment Fund Board:

/signed/  
Gerald C. Mitchell  
Chairman  
USMA Class of 1958

/signed/  
Valerie G. Coffey  
Secretary  
USMA Class of 1985

Attachments:

- 1 – 2016 Treasurer's Report
- 2 – 2015 PEF Board Minutes

## Treasurer's Report

STATUS REPORT  
AS OF 1 OCTOBER 2016  
FIDELITY INVESTMENT CHARITABLE GIFT FUND  
USMA CLASS OF 1958 PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT

1. CURRENT HOLDINGS/ASSET ALLOCATION (AS OF 1 OCT 2016)

US Equity	\$396,881	40%
Total Market Index	\$398,300	40%
International Equity	<u>\$188,974</u>	19%
TOTAL BALANCE:	\$984,155	

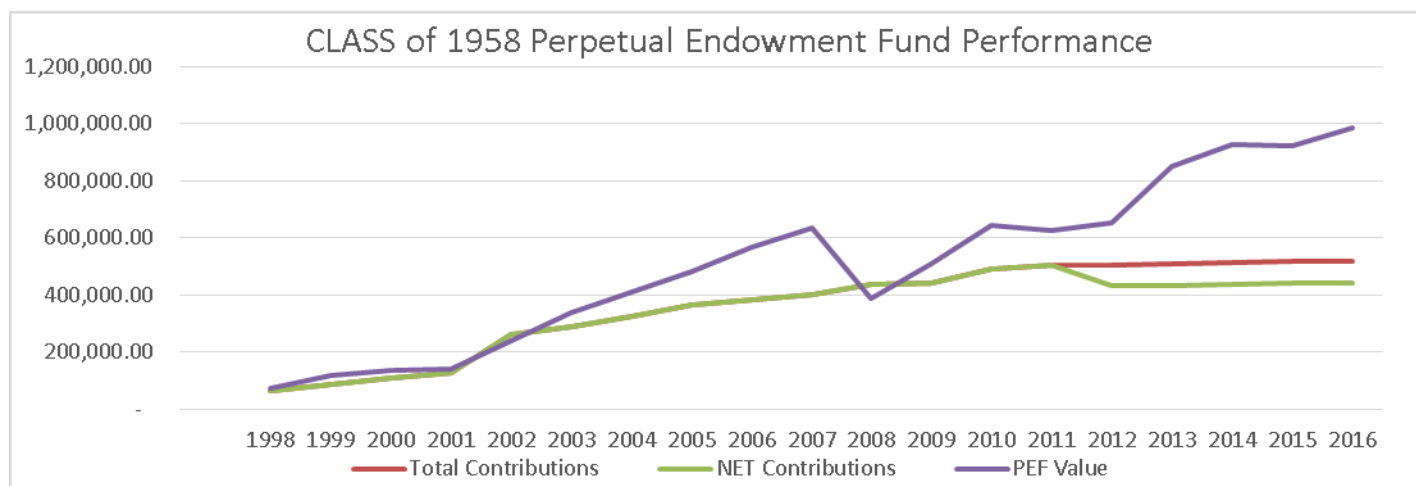
2. CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE INCEPTION

Gross Lifetime Amount Contributed:	\$518,929
Amount Granted to Class of '58 Fund:	\$ 75,750
Net Lifetime Amount Contributed:	\$443,179
TOTAL GAINS FROM EARNINGS:	<b>\$540,976</b>

3. FUND PERFORMANCE MEASURED AGAINST BENCHMARKS (As of 9/30/2016)

	Cumulative		Average Annual			
	3 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
<b>Total Market Index Pool</b>	4.33%	7.70%	14.26%	9.74%	15.61%	6.84%
DJ U.S. Total Stk Mkt Index	4.43%	8.14%	14.93%	10.39%	16.30%	7.49%
<b>U.S. Equity Pool</b>	5.40%	6.94%	14.25%	8.58%	15.03%	N/A <sup>1</sup>
S&P 500 Index	3.85%	7.84%	15.43%	11.16%	16.37%	7.24%
<b>International EquityPool</b>	6.00%	2.27%	6.00%	0.03%	7.06%	N/A <sup>1</sup>
MSCI AC Wld exUS Index	6.46%	1.92%	6.74%	0.64%	7.54%	1.97%

<sup>1</sup> Pool created 07/01/2011, therefore historic performance is not available for earlier periods.



#### 4. TREASURER'S NOTES:

a. The Endowment is back to having positive numbers so far this year. The markets have seen a lot of volatility recently, especially the international markets. Main drivers:

- 1) China's slowing growth (fears of world-wide recession)
- 2) Migration crisis in Europe
- 3) Oil Prices
- 4) Russia's involvement in the Middle East
- 5) The Federal Reserve's pending interest rate decision
- 6) U.S. Elections

b. The good news is the US economy which is slowly improving. This is one of the reasons for the strong dollar which puts pressure on foreign currency (and international investments).

c. Six classmates currently have the Endowment Fund included on estate documents for a total of \$134,958.

d. The fund makes an annual contribution of \$50 to the Class of 1958 Fund every June 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning in 2011. This helps satisfy a seven-year gifting requirement of \$250.

e. Contributions can be made by check payable to Fidelity Investments CGF. Mail to:

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**USMA Class of 1958**  
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*November 11, 2015*  
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Board Members Absent: William 'Pat' Connelly (Trustee Emeritus, USMA 1998),

Others Present: Anthony 'Tony' Smith (Executive Committee Liaison Member)

*Chairman, Jerry Mitchell, called the meeting to order at approximately 1900 hours.*

**SUBJECT #1: 2014 Perpetual Endowment Fund Meeting Minutes**

DISCUSSION: John Nun made a motion that the 2014 minutes, provided to each attendee and available on the class website, be approved as written. The motion was approved.

Once the 2014 Minutes were approved, Jerry Mitchell reviewed the minutes verbally, and stated that the 2014 Minutes are the plan for the Perpetual Endowment Fund, leading up to the events in 2058. (See attachment 3.)

Dale Hruby asked the board to consider methods to maintain the '58 descendent list as '58 graduates perish. Elena Ivanova stated that the

Association of Graduates has the capability to generate a report through the Advancement Services Office, which tracks graduate relationships.

## **SUBJECT #2: Status of First Class Club**

DISCUSSION: The PEF approved spending \$100,000 for a glass enclosure at the First Class Club in 2012. From the original \$100,000, approximately \$25,000 remains unobligated. Jason Crabtree made a motion that contingent on USMA '58 raising at least \$275,000 of the required \$300,000 for the club improvements, the PEF will authorize the donation of up to \$24,450 remaining from the original \$100,000 authorization to cover any shortfall after the raised funds are expended. [The intent of the Board is to cover any shortfall up to the limit of the remaining unobligated donation and that the fundraising effort would cover as much of the \$300K as it could, hopefully the whole bill.] The motion was approved.

USMA 1983 will assume responsibility for maintaining the First Class Club after a formal turnover from USMA 1958 at a time to be determined once repairs are completed.

## **SUBJECT #3: Fund Raising Idea from Mini-Reunion**

DISCUSSION: During the recent mini-reunion, a classmate asked if there was a possibility to borrow against the funds in the PEF, if the class member planned to make a donation in a will. After much discussion, this subject was tabled without a motion.

## **SUBJECT #4: Perpetual Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report**

DISCUSSION: Russ Robertson, Board Treasurer, presented the status of the Perpetual Endowment Funds (see Attachment 1). Russ reported that contributions this year of \$4,360 were not quite as strong as last year (\$5,290), with the March Back campaign continuing to be the main driver. He also reported that six classmates currently have the Endowment Fund included on estate documents for a total of \$134,958.

After presenting the Treasurer's Report, Russ Robertson made two motions:

- Motion to “rebalance” the investment funds by moving 3% out of the US equity/total stock market funds and placing those funds into the international fund. This motion was approved.

- Motion to put the international pool into an international “index” fund, which has outperformed the actively managed pool. The expense ratio for the current fund is 1.04% versus 0.17% for the index fund which does impact performance. This motion was approved.

Russ Robertson stated that he is proud to serve as the Class Endowment Treasurer. If you would care to send contributions to the fund, please mail your check to the below address, made payable to “**Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund.**”

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#### SUBJECT #5: **Potential New Board Members**

DISCUSSION: Dale Hruby is maintaining a list of Class of 1958 descendants who are potential board members (see attachment 2). This list was reviewed at the 2014 board meeting, and there is no change. Dale stated that there are six descendants who wish to participate now, and five descendants are younger, and have stated they wish to participate later in their careers. Currently Dale contacts descendants approximately five years after their graduation.

*The board adjourned at approximately 1936 hours since there was no additional business to discuss. The next meeting is tentatively planned for 4QCY2016.*



Perpetual Endowment Fund Board:

/signed/  
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Chairman  
USMA Class of 1958

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Valerie G. Coffey  
Secretary  
USMA Class of 1985

Attachments:

- 1 – 2015 Treasurer's Report
- 2 - List of '58 descendants
- 3 – 2014 PEF Board Minutes
- 4 – Example letter for '58 descendants
- 5 – List of items in time capsule

## Treasurer's Report

### STATUS REPORT AS OF 10 NOVEMBER 2015 FIDELITY INVESTMENT CHARITABLE GIFT FUND USMA CLASS OF 1958 PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT

#### 1. CURRENT HOLDINGS/ASSET ALLOCATION (AS OF 10 NOV 2015)

US Equity	\$383,056	41%
Total Market Index	\$392,458	42%
International Equity	<u>\$164,364</u>	17%
TOTAL BALANCE:	\$939,878	

#### 2. CONTRIBUTIONS SINCE INCEPTION

Gross Lifetime Amount Contributed:	\$518,579
Amount Granted to Class of '58 Fund:	\$ 75,700
Net Lifetime Amount Contributed:	\$442,879
TOTAL GAINS FROM EARNINGS:	<b>\$496,999</b>

#### 3. NET PROFIT/LOSS 2015 YEAR TO DATE

Value on 1 Jan 2015	\$923,339
Contributions:	\$ 4,360
Granted to Class of '58 Fund:	\$ (50)
Net Amount Contributed:	\$ 4,310
Net Gain from Growth:	\$ 12,229
Current Value (10 Nov):	\$ 939,878

#### 4. PERCENT APPRECIATION

2015 YTD:	1.32%	
Lifetime Increase:	112%	(Total Gains from earnings/Net Amount Contributed)

#### 5. 2015 YEAR TO DATE FUND (As of 10 November 2015)

U.S. Equity Pool:	1.17%
Total Market Index Pool:	2.05%
International Equity Pool:	0.01%

## 6. FUND PERFORMANCE MEASURED AGAINST BENCHMARKS (As of 9/30/2015)

	Cumulative		Average Annual			
	3 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
<b>Total Market Index Pool</b>	-7.42%	-5.88%	-1.13%	11.76%	12.56%	6.38%
DJ U.S. Total Stk Mkt Index	-7.27%	-5.49%	-0.55%	12.44%	13.26%	7.06%
<b>U.S. Equity Pool</b>	-9.99%	-7.02%	-3.65%	11.18%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>
S&P 500 Index	-6.44%	-5.29%	-0.61%	12.40%	13.34%	6.80%
<b>International EquityPool</b>	-9.45%	-4.24%	-6.33%	3.65%	N/A <sup>1</sup>	N/A <sup>1</sup>
MSCI AC Wld exUS Index	-12.16%	-8.52%	-12.04%	2.47%	1.95%	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Pool created 07/01/2011, therefore historic performance is not available for earlier periods.

Pool results include a Fidelity Charitable annual administrative fee.

## 7. TREASURER'S NOTES:

a. The Endowment is back to positive numbers so far this year. The markets have seen a lot of volatility recently, especially the international markets. Main drivers:

- 1) China's slowing growth (fears of world-wide recession)
- 2) Migration crisis in Europe
- 3) Greece and Brazil (among other emerging market credit concerns)
- 4) Russia's involvement in the Middle East
- 5) The Federal Reserve's pending interest rate decision

b. The good news is the US economy which is slowly improving. This is one of the reasons for the strong dollar which puts pressure on foreign currency (and international investments).

c. I typically rebalance the funds by putting any new contributions into the fund that was most underweight from its target. This has worked well over the past few years. However, with the recent significant outperformance of the US stock market as well as the strong dollar, the board should consider whether we want to "rebalance" the pools right now. The strategy would have the Treasurer move 3% out of the US equity/total stock market funds and place those funds into the international fund (while it is cheap).

d. One other proposal is to put the international pool into an international "index" fund, which has outperformed the actively managed pool. The expense ratio for the current fund is 1.04% versus 0.17% for the index fund which does impact performance.

e. \$4,360 of contributions this year not quite as strong as last year (\$5,290) The March Back campaign continues to be the main driver.

f. Six classmates currently have the Endowment Fund included on estate documents for a total of \$134,958.

g. The fund makes an annual contribution of \$50 to the Class of 1958 Fund every June 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning in 2011. This helps satisfy a seven-year gifting requirement of \$250.

## Class '58 Descendants

CL '58 MEMBER	OFFSPRING	CLASS	INTERESTED?	Primary email
Thomas J. Kelly	Kevin W. Kelly	1980	No response	
Dwain T. Moentmann	James E. Moentmann	1981	No response	
Claude B. Donovan	Michael E. Donovan	1981	No response	
Kermit M. Henninger	Kermit P. Henninger	1981	Not interested	
George R. Robertson	Russell G. Robertson	1982	Board Member, Treas.	<a href="mailto:RRobert783@verizon.net">RRobert783@verizon.net</a>
Millard L. Pedersen	William M. Pedersen	1982	Interested	<a href="mailto:pudfish@nc.rr.com">pudfish@nc.rr.com</a>
William P. Gillette	Deborah G. Nagle	1982	Interested	<a href="mailto:nagel.deborah@epamail.epa.gov">nagel.deborah@epamail.epa.gov</a>
Richard G. Graves	William W. Graves	1982	Interested	<a href="mailto:bill.graves@autozone.com">bill.graves@autozone.com</a> <a href="mailto:rgravesb@swbell.net">rgravesb@swbell.net</a>
Daryl G. Jaschen	Daryl D. Jaschen	1982	No response	
James W. Peck	Daniel W. Peck	1983	Interested	<a href="mailto:peckdw@yahoo.com">peckdw@yahoo.com</a>
Dale E. Hruby	Dale E. Hruby	1983	Board Member	<a href="mailto:dale_hruby@richards.com">dale_hruby@richards.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:dalehruby2@gmail.com">dalehruby2@gmail.com</a>
Frederick W. Kulik	Todd A. Kulik	1983	No response	
Will G. Merrill	Will G. Merrill	1983	No response	
Robert G. Finkenaur	Robert G. Finkenaur	1983	No response	
Edward J. Lucci	Edward B. Lucci	1983	No response	
Hugh P. Johnson	Jay K. Johnson	1984	No response	
Will G. Merrill	Michael F. Merrill	1984	Eventually interested	<a href="mailto:mike@smartphones.com">mike@smartphones.com</a>
Edward C. Weckel	Thomas E. Weckel	1984	Not interested	
Raymond I. Coffey	Valerie G. Coffey	1985	Board Member, Sec.	<a href="mailto:ycoffey2@knology.net">ycoffey2@knology.net</a>
Alan B. Claflin	Robert A. Claflin	1985	No response	
Ronald E. Hudson	Dale E. Hudson	1985	No response	
John W. Loffert	John W. Loffert	1985	No response	
Richard E. Thomas	Clifton R. Thomas	1985	No response	
Garret G. Roosma	Margaret A. Roosma	1985	Former Board Member	<a href="mailto:meg.roosma@us.army.mil">meg.roosma@us.army.mil</a>
Lincoln Jones	Peter L. Jones	1985	Interested	
Paul M. Bons	Vincent C. Bons	1986	Eventually interested	3171 Seton Hill, Bellbrook, OH 45305; 937-310-6033; <a href="mailto:bonsfam7@att.net">bonsfam7@att.net</a>

Richard G. Graves	Thomas C. Graves	1986	No response	
William S. Buchly	William P. King	1986	No response	
Raymond F. Tomlinson	Roy C. Tomlinson	1986	No response	
David A. Clarke	Timothy R. Clarke	1987	No response	
Gary P. Graves	Scott A. Graves	1989	No response	
Melville A. Drisko	Michael D. Drisko	1990	No response	
Heyward G. Hutson	Heyward G. Hutson	1990	Not interested	
Heyward G. Hutson	Robert W. Hutson	1990	Interested	<a href="mailto:rph95@roadrunner.com">rph95@roadrunner.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:robert.hutson@us.army.mil">robert.hutson@us.army.mil</a>
Stanley A. Slater	Scott C. Slater	1996	No response	
Ed Hale	Matthw L. Brown	2007	No response	<a href="mailto:matthew.brown23@us.army.mil">matthew.brown23@us.army.mil</a>
Paul M. Bons	Michael Hill	2007	Eventually Interested	<a href="mailto:michael.hill9@us.army.mil">michael.hill9@us.army.mil</a>
Bob Grete	Robert D. Grete	2009	Eventually interested	<a href="mailto:bobgrete@cox.net">bobgrete@cox.net</a> ; <a href="mailto:robert.grete@us.army.mil">robert.grete@us.army.mil</a>
Tom Maliska	Charles Maliska	2010	No response	
Bud Moentmann	Tom Moentmann (father: Jim)	2010	Eventually Interested	<a href="mailto:thomas.moentmann@google.com">thomas.moentmann@google.com</a>
Dick Graves	Colin Graves (father: William '82)	2011	Contact in 2016	
Dick Bauchspies	Brandon B. Lawrence	2011	Contact in 2016	
Ray Coffey	Sean Coffey	2013	Contact in 2018	
John Devens	Michael Devens	2013	Contact in 2018	
Ken Herberger	Christian Herberger	2014	Contact in 2019	
Pat Donovan	Jake Link	2014	Contact in 2019	
Bud Moentmann	Grant Peterson	2014	Contact in 2019	
Mike Daly	Brianna Burnstad	2015	Contact in 2020	
Dale Hruby	Christian McKenrick	2016	Contact in 2021	
Dick Reynard	Peter Basnight	2016	Contact in 2021	
Bill Wafer	Bill Wafer Jr.	2017	Contact in 2022	
Swede Olson	Jack Fagerland	2017	Contact in 2022	
George Robertson	Dana Robertson	2017	Contact in 2022	

**SUBJECT #4: Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) Board activities supporting the first major disbursement of funds from the PEF, and the opening of the USMA Class of 1958 Time Capsule on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Graduation during May of 2058**

DISCUSSION: The PEF Board will be the only functioning entity of the Class of 1958 as the years pass. The PEF Board will coordinate and organize the events in May of 2058 with the USMA Classes of 1998 and 2008 who will be celebrating their 60th and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries respectively at West Point.

The current PEF Board is as follows:

Gerald 'Jerry' Mitchell (Chairman USMA 1958),  
Russell 'Russ' Robertson (Treasurer, Descendent Member, USMA 1982), Jason Crabtree (Trustee Emeritus, USMA 2008),  
John Nun (Past Chairman USMA 1958),  
Valerie Coffey (Secretary, Descendent Member, USMA 1985),  
Elena Ivanova (Designated Member, USMA 1999),  
Dale Hruby II (Descendent Member, USMA 1983),  
William 'Pat' Connelly (Trustee Emeritus, USMA 1998).

Elena Ivanova is our AOG designated member, and William Connelly and Jason Crabtree are our Trustees Emeritus, and distinguished members of the Class of 1998 and 2008 respectively. The PEF Board will change in the coming years. When the Class of 1958 Executive Committee decides to disband in the coming years, the USMA 1958 members of the PEF Board will also step down, and be replaced by descendants of USMA 1958.

When our current AOG member steps down she will be replaced by another member of the AOG, preferably also a USMA Grad, and our current trustees emeritus decide to step down they should also be replaced by other distinguished members of their class. The AOG member and the trustees emeritus have no term limits. Other members of the PEF Board are limited to two six year terms per the PEF Bylaws. This explains how the PEF functions up to and through 2058.

A summary of some of the ideas that Jack Downing and others suggested might take place during our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the 60<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the classes of 1998 and 2008, and the first major disbursement of funds from the PEF per the PEF Bylaws, and the opening and perhaps reburial of the USMA 1958 Time Capsule are discussed below.

**SUBJECT #5: USMA 1958 Permanent Endowment Board and the activities surrounding the first major disbursement from the PEF and the opening of the USMA 1958 Time Capsule in 2058**

DISCUSSION: The PEB will be the coordinating group for all activities. The events will take place in May 2058 along with the USMA 2008 50th Reunion and all activities should be coordinated with that class and the AOG.

All USMA 1958 descendants should be given an opportunity to attend the events. Classmates and widows of classmates should inform their children and grandchildren of the events to take place in May 2058 with instructions of how to contact the USMA AOG so that they can attend the 2058 events. A suggested letter to descendants is at Attachment 4.

This is not an official Academy event, and it is meant to be “low-key” so as not to inconvenience the class of 2008 that will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, the AOG, or the Academy. That having been said, the Superintendent should be notified and be invited to address the group. This would also be an opportunity for the PEB to present the Superintendent with a check for the first major disbursement from the PEF.

The PEB might consider hosting a cocktail hour/mixer in the area prior to the official events where our descendants will have a chance to meet each other. The PEB might also arrange for USMA descendants who are cadets or recent graduates to lead tours of the academy grounds. The expenses for this could be borne by the PEF.

This will require early coordination by the PEB with the AOG, however the only involvement of the AOG is to refer descendants who call, to a point of contact in the PEB. The point of contact in the PEB will be the source of all knowledge required by descendants attending the events.

Elena Ivanova will put the PEF documents on the AOG server to establish a formal record of the PEF evolution. The time capsule is buried behind AOG; there is a paver marking the location. Items contained in the time capsule are listed in Attachment 5.

## **Draft Letter for Your Grandchildren**

On the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation from West Point (in 2008) we buried a Time Capsule to be unearthed in 2058. Also, that is the year that our Perpetual Endowment Fund will make its first donation to West Point. The Class of 2008, with whom we have a special, close relationship, will celebrate its 50th graduation anniversary. All of which makes 2058 a special year.

None of us will be around to celebrate, but our grandchildren may be, and we have made some preliminary plans to encourage them to remember us at West Point. Two groups we know will likely still be in existence: the West Point Association of Graduates (WPAOG) and the '58 Perpetual Endowment Board (PEB). These have both agreed to help. The PEB will be the action agency and the WPAOG will act as directing agency for our grandchildren.

It would be virtually impossible to track the whereabouts of our descendants, but you can leave some directions for them to contact the WPAOG in early 2058. WPAOG will then direct them to the PEB.

To assist you in this, here is a draft letter for you to leave for your grandchildren (and great grandchildren) with some directions. I suggest you modify the draft to suit your circumstances, put it in a strong envelope and, with a class coin if you have one, pass it on to those who follow.

Dear Grandson/daughter (use appropriate name)

This is (your name) writing to you from (date). Happy New Year 2058!

I wish I could be with you to celebrate this event; however, that is quite impossible. I do remember when you were born, and how happy I was to have our family line extended far into the future. Do you remember when we used to go (personalize this - - hiking, biking, swimming, camping, hunting, etc., etc?). These were some of my fondest memories, which I always cherished.

I want to take you back 100 years - - to 1958, the year I graduated from West Point. I don't know if you realize how important West Point was in our family history, because (personalize this - - it is here that I met/married your grandmother, started my career, etc., etc). In those days we were concerned about the onset of the nuclear age, the frightening aspect of World War III and the spread of communism



throughout the free world. We were depression babies and molded by the events of World War II. We witnessed the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent rise of militant Islam. We fought in the conflict in Viet Nam. The world certainly changed during our lifetime, and I suspect during yours. I cannot imagine the challenges and opportunities which you now face, but I hope it is a better world, helped in part by the sacrifices made by our Class during our careers.

We are very proud of our class. We are all men, since in those days women were not allowed in West Point. We all spent four years together and grew from boys to men. We then served together in both the Air Force (this was before the Air Force Academy) and the Army. As we took wives and children and grandchildren came, we bonded at our reunions. Even when we died, we wrote each others' memorial articles and stood by at our funerals. We shared a loyalty to the West Point motto, Duty, Honor, Country.

We have planned for two events to occur at our 100th Anniversary - - 2058, first, at the 50th Anniversary of our graduation, we buried a time capsule at West Point, which is to be unearthed then. It contains mementos from our days at West Point, such as items from our graduation, a "Bugle Notes" better known as the "Plebe Bible", a slide rule, a "Hop Card" and a plebe B-robe. I know that some of these are foreign to you, but I want to stir your interest.

Second, at this event, a substantial portion of our Perpetual Endowment Fund will be gifted to West Point - - the first of many gifts that will continue at 10 year intervals. (At our 40th Anniversary, we established a perpetual endowment, to be managed by our descendants, with the first major presentation to be made at our 100th Anniversary.)

During the unearthing ceremony, and the presentation of our class gift, we hope there will be an appropriate ceremony, attended by our descendants. We cannot be there, but we hope that our descendants will celebrate this occasion for us.

The year 2058 is also the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 2008 and we hope that they will also be at the opening of the Time Capsule since they too have items in it. We had a special association with this class. We attended many of the events in their cadet life from their entrance to their graduation. We got to know many of them as cadets and some afterward, even as they recuperated from their injuries in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Some may remember us.

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of your grandparents and to share our pride in having served our country. An opportunity awaits you to attend our 100th

Anniversary at West Point. I would be pleased if you would contact the Academy (the West Point Association of Graduates-WPAOG, if it is still in existence) and determine when this event will take place. It probably will be in May, 2058, but schedules change over the years. The WPAOG should be able to put you in contact with the Perpetual Endowment Fund Board that will manage this event. I encourage you and your family (which is my extended family too) to attend and help us celebrate.

You are our connection with the world that follows us. In the words of "The Corps", a well known West Point anthem, "Grip hands, though it be from the shadows" and remember that we live in your memories.

s/Your Name

## Items in Time Capsule

Items in Time Capsule	
Graduation Items	
Musicableux	
Banquet program	
Graduation Exercises	
Thayer Hall	
description Concert	
program Baccalaureate	
Service Pointer View	
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plebe Marchback	
Pointer Calendar	
West Point Songs	
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Customs & Traditions	
West Point Post Cards	
Lacrosse	
Paper	
Army-Navy	
program Signed ball	
Team picture	
Dumbsmack Day program	
"Michigan Lads at West Point" article	
Welcome Letter-Gen Irving	
'58 License plate	
Quill (one signed by Alexander Haig)	
Bugle Notes	
1958 Locator	
Garry Capelle tribute	
Salute to '58 "FaJJen 13"	
Program for Dedication of FCC	
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Christmas Week Activities	
Name Tag and Cadet Housewife	
Decorated B-robe	
1958 Assembly	
100 <sup>th</sup> Night Program "Disapproved"	
Cadet slide rule	
Signed copy of "We were Soldiers Once... and Young"	
"Thank you" letter from LTG (Ret) Moore for nomination as Distinguished Grad	
Silver West Point napkin ring	
Menu of Plebe Christmas dinner	
4-star insignia	
Music and recording of "Leaders for Our Nation"	
1957 Army-Navy football program	

Dept of English Style Manual (1954)
White belt, black be! white gloves insignia
Section marchers role- 4tn class math
L' Object D'Jgor: Mike Sigurski's check to the endowment fund and related papers
Wash Star report of the first 150 A-N game on 26 October 57
Golf towels:NY News headline stating that "West Point Plebes Start" with the July 6.
Cadet garter
'58 patch
West Point 50tn Reunion Tour Guide
Air Force Wings
'58 mug
Class Roster
Letter to Superintendent from Ed Weckel re. Endowment Fund
Letter to the classes of 2008 and 2058
1957 football Army 27-Penn State 13
'58 gold & black scarves
Congressional Nominating Letter
Cadet cuff links
Class trip to Maxwell AFB
Memorial Services Program
"'58 is Great" cover
USMA catalogue 1953-54
Summer leave addresses 1958
Letter to cadets from Mrs Holland, cadet hostess
Grade card kept on locker for Tac
Cadet pay statement
Quill
Ticket, Review Parade, June 1958
Hop card
Catholic Chapel weddings
'58 wrist watch
Roll call memorial service May 2008
Plebe B-robe
Class newsletter
Class summer trip to Maxwell AFB
Brass FD button
Class '58-'08 coin
Classmates notes
"Last night lighter"(1956)
Congressional nominating letter
50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Program
Stambaugh cadet nametag
<b>2008</b>
Bugle notes
Branch notification

Army Athletic Memories
Graduation program
Cadet Field Trainin SOP
Ticket 100 <sup>th</sup> Night Show
Track medal- I <sup>st</sup> place
Class of '08 DVD
Wine glass