



28 April 2021

Classmates and Friends of the Class of 1960

We have reached an especially important milestone in our Class Gift campaign as we prepare for the rescheduled, now virtual, 60@60 reunion to be held on 8 June, the 61st Anniversary of our graduation.

Presentation of our gift will take place on 28 May 2021 at West Point and will be recorded for inclusion in the virtual reunion. The **Class of 1960 Cyber Research Center Endowment** provides a permanent opportunity for the continued support of extracurricular activities to enhance the leadership development of Cadets to meet the challenges of the future. The establishing document includes the following statement of purpose:

“The purpose of this endowment is to support the mission of the West Point Cyber Research Center, which is to educate and train cadets in cyberspace operations, provide graduate research opportunities, and build and sustain deep ties with the national cyberspace operations community. Distributions from this endowment can be used for all expenses related to the center, including staffing, technology, and administrative expenses.”

In April 2018 we informed our Classmates of the selection of the Cyber Research Center (CRC) at West Point as the recipient of our 60@60 gift based on a strong plurality of 39% of participating classmates preferring that choice. Cadet Activities was preferred by 31% and both the Semester Abroad and Academic Scholarships received 15% of the votes. Three years later our selection has been well received both within the Class, the AOG, and certainly the CRC. We should be proud of what we have accomplished to date and continue to maintain a positive attitude that this permanent endowment will grow in value. Our collective decision was based on the initial survey that revealed Classmates who stated a preference preferred a Virtual gift, 62.92%; an Endowment (Perpetual Gift), 52.22%; and the gift be named after the Class of 1960, 86.45%. We have met those criteria. A briefing describing the Cyber and Engineering Center Academic Building, [CEAC Building](#), provides an overview of the importance of Cadet Cyber education and initiatives.

As of the end of March, we had received the campaign donations and pledges shown in the table below. These funds, plus the investment income over the same period established the initial baseline for our gift of \$850,000. We should each be proud of both our class’s participation rate and the generosity of Classmates and friends who donated.

	Classmates			Other Donors *		Outstanding Pledges	Total Commitment **
	Participants	Rate	Donations	Participants	Donations		
31 December 2020	197 of 341	57.77%	\$ 606,874	20	\$ 32,055	\$ 8,563	\$ 647,492
31 March 2021	197 of 338	58.28%	\$ 630,117	25	\$ 33,395	\$ 7,400	\$ 663,512

* Other donors include widows, ex-Classmates and Friends of the Class – we have had some from each.

** Total amount obligated as of date shown to support the during the Campaign Period (Nov 2016 to 31 March 2021).

Going forward, following the formal presentation of our gift and our virtual Class reunion on 8 June, we will close this campaign on 30 June 2021. In July, additional funds and investment income in support of the CRC will be transferred from the Class Gift to the Endowment account. Our endowment funds will be available for use after CY 2022. The Class Gift account and the Endowment account will both be available for future support and donations. The CRC, through the AOG will provide an annual Stewardship Report to the Class to provide visibility and updates to the activities of the CRC we have supported. An illustrative example of what to expect in this regard is provided as [Stewardship Report](#).

Our Class has acquitted itself well recently in The ALL ACADEMY CHALLENGE, scheduled this year for 16 -20 May - our final opportunity for a two-fer. **There is still time to join in as a participant or to make an additional commitment!**

Let’s Go Like Sixty down the backstretch of this campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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