



USMA Class of 1965

*Strength and Drive*

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Classmates,

You may recall the annual letter from the Leadership Team, 26 July 2021, did not include our financial status since the data was unavailable from AOG. This supplemental letter fills in that gap as well as addressing other items of interest.

**Finances.** We can report that as of 31 Dec 2021, the Admin Fund contained \$32,319; the current balance is a tad less than that. The Admin Fund is the fund from which we pay bills accumulated by the Class. Expected expenses from now to the conclusion of Class activities is \$100,000. The Admin Fund covers the cost of providing Class support for funerals of deceased classmates (flowers, shipping the Class flag, charitable donations in honor of the deceased), initial costs incurred for reunions and other incidental expenses. Our goal is to increase the balance to \$100,000; we need your support.

**60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion.** Our 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion, scheduled for spring 2025, is a short 3 years in the future. The time for the planning process to begin is now with the formation of the 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Committee by the selection of a chairperson, co-chairpersons, or a team. The team of Bill & Nancy Hecker and Jim & June Harvey did a spectacular job of chairing the “55 +1 Reunion.” We know they will be more than willing to assist by making themselves available for consultation. The Leadership Team is seeking volunteers to begin the process, offering your talents and expertise in planning a memorable reunion at our rock-bound highland home.

**Autobiographical Sketch.** In our 26 July letter, we appealed to you to complete your autobiographical sketch and submit it to AOG for safe keeping. The next issue of “Taps” will contain at least twenty-one classmate Memorial Articles, a testament to the willingness of the Class to step up to the plate and prepare a classmate’s Memorial Article, as well as Chuck McCloskey’s excellent management of the process. We can and should assist future MA writers by completing and submitting to AOG an autobiographical sketch using the attached comprehensive outline as your guide.

Regrettably, the pandemic required the cancellation of the April golf outing organized by Bob Radcliffe and Fred Laughlin. The good news is Bob’s plan for a possible June outing in the Myrtle Beach area, so stay tuned. The Class continues to display camaraderie and spirit evidenced by a phenomenally successful 55 + 1 Reunion, frequent local classmate gatherings, robust discussions in the Class Forum and other platforms, and significant attendance at the Army–Navy Game. We remain a group of venerable gentlemen who continue to live by our motto - “Strength and Drive.”

On behalf of the entire Leadership Team...Godspeed!

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