



USMA Class of 1965

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To: Members, Family and Friends of the Class of 1965

Subject: Annual Letter

The Bylaws of the Class of 1965, as amended on 3 July 2021, call for the Leadership Team to provide an annual report, this constitutes the 2022-23 report. The Leadership Team's normally meets on the even numbered months via Zoom. This year the schedule varied due to necessary discussions related to our upcoming 60th Reunion. Minutes are available for each meeting. Additionally, there were frequent exchanges of emails and phone calls.

Class Financial Status.

The Administrative Fund is the sole currently active fund from which class bills are paid, as of April 30, 2023, the fund held \$43,238. While that is \$14,000 more than a year ago our goal remains \$100,000. Thanks to all who contributed during the last year, for those who are ready to contribute the suggested contribution level is \$650. The Admin Fund covers the initial costs incurred for reunions, as well as class support for funerals of deceased classmates (flowers, or a \$200 charitable contribution in memory of the deceased and shipping of the class flag,) and any other incidental expenses. When the lights are turned off for the Class of 1965, remaining funds will revert to AOG to a fund we designate. The Leadership Team has not yet designated the recipient fund, but we have time as we are not near the date for hitting the light switch. There are 2 ways to make a contribution: (1) check to West Point Association of Graduates, 698 Mills Rd, West Point NY 10996, ATTN: Lisa Taylor-Ilardi, on the memo line write "Admin Fund Class of 1965," or (2) send via Zelle to Mitch at mebonnett@icloud.com.

We have four class endowments. The financial data shown below reflect current levels as made available by AOG.

- The Class of 1965 Maintenance Endowment funds the maintenance of the Arvin Alcove, Thayer Walk Memorial, and the Class Forum at Jefferson

Library. Balance: \$117,157, with \$4,743 available for disbursement in 2023. No disbursements were required in 2022.

- The Harry Dermody '65 Summer Leaders Experience Scholar Endowment covers personal expenses for one summer experience scholar each year. Balance: \$50,196, available for disbursement \$2,334. It is interesting to note that Kailey Bacon, who was the recipient of the scholarship last summer, is now a member of the Class of 2027. Harry would be proud!
- The Harry Dermody '65 Cadet Public Relations Council Endowment covers the cost for a cadet each year to travel to Massachusetts to speak to potential WP candidates. The endowment current balance is \$63,129 with current expenditure of \$2,672 for 2023.
- You may recall The Bob Jones '65 Fallen Graduates Memorial Scholarship Endowment was changed last Fall and is now the Bob Jones '65 Fallen Graduates Memorial Quasi Endowment mirroring the Gripping Hands Endowment and supplies educational benefits to families of those killed or wounded in the line of duty and provides aid to families of graduates in "times of trouble" without defining every trouble. Balance: \$514,307, annual available disbursement \$20,467

60th Reunion

Our 60th reunion is scheduled for April 24-27, 2025, at West Point, with The Hotel Thayer serving as the reunion headquarters. The reunion is in good hands with the B & L team, Joe and Diane Barkley and Mike and Carol Lapolla, as the planning team, and that planning is well under way. The Barkley's and the Lapolla's observed the Class of 1963's recent 60th reunion held at the Thayer; it was an excellent learning experience that will aid them in their detailed planning that will begin before the end of the year. Look forward to continuing updates.

Ring Melt.

The Ring Melt for the Class of 2024 which took place at West Point on January 13, 2023, included one ring from our class, the ring that belonged to Harry Dermody. Kay Dermody and grandson, Nathan Lampshire, Class of 2024, presented the ring.

Other Notable Events and Activities

- Ric Shinseki Tribute. Our congratulations to GEN (Ret) Ric Shinseki on his selection as the 2023 recipient of the George Catlett Marshall Medal, the Association of the United States Army's highest award. The citation cited his service as Army Chief of Staff and Secretary of Veteran Affairs. Past recipients of the Marshall Medal include Generals of the Army Dwight Eisenhower and Omar Bradley; Presidents Harry Truman, Gerald Ford, and George H.W. Bush – you are in excellent company Ric!
- AOG Advisory Council. The Leadership Team selected Jack Jannarone to represent the class on AOG's Advisory Council; Jack will serve until 31 December 2025. It is the last time the class will be invited to provide a member.
- Golf. Golf Outings have become fewer as we age. That said, there is an event scheduled for the Ocean City, MD area from 17 – 21 September. There has been an impressive response for a group of Octogenarians with twenty-four Classmates (both golfers and non-golfers) committing to attend.
- Army-Navy Football. The 2022 game was played in Philadelphia on December 10, 2022. Army won 20-17 with a game winning field goal in a crazy first ever overtime game. USMA 1965 Pre and Post game activities were especially joyful. Planning for Class activities are essentially complete for the game to be played in Foxborough, MA December 9th. Contact Fred Smith at fjs8108@Aol.com if you wish to participate.
- Lacrosse. Bob Radcliffe has been a member of the Men's Lacrosse Endowment Executive Committee responsible for encouraging financial support for the endowment from the Classes of the 50's and 60's. Bob's infectious enthusiasm resulted in '65 leading all Classes with 29 contributors!
- Over the past year there have been numerous gatherings, large and small, pictures of which the Scribe, Boo Buckosky, shares with the class. Such postings are not limited to classmate gatherings. You are encouraged to share family events, your travels, or anything that might be of interest to classmates. Send such write-ups to Gerry Buckosky at gerrybuckosky@gmail.com.

Classmate Deaths.

We lost 10 classmates in the last 12 months. Each is missed but not forgotten.

Name	Company	DOD
James Hennen	B-2	04 August 2022
Charles C Tice	x L-2	14 September 2022
Michael John Matteson	F-2	20 September 2022
Raymond J. Paske	L-2	21 September 2022
George W. Ruggles	D-2	13 October 2022
Terrill M. Throckmorton	D-1	01 December 2022
Thomas H. Carll	I-1	06 April 2023
Walter E. Nelson	G-2	16 April 2023
John Richard Malpass	M-1	22 April 2023
Stephen Clark Burrell	C-1	27 April 2023

Memorial Articles

The goal remains a memorial article for every deceased classmate. We are doing well, but it is a process that requires full class support. The publication of memorial articles is an Association of Graduates program, with Chuck McCloskey managing the program for the class. Memorial articles are written by widows, family members, classmates, associates, or multiple contributors. After approval by the next of kin, it is finalized by AOG and posted to the AOG web site and the Class web site. AOG's annual Taps magazine is a compilation of memorial articles for all West Point classes.

This year's issue of Taps will include memorial articles for at least 14 classmates; those so honored are listed below, along with those still needing a memorial article written. Classmates stepping forward to write or coordinate memorial articles is an expression of '65's lasting camaraderie and desire for the memory of our classmates to live on. Those who wish to help should contact Chuck at ccmcloskey@yahoo.com or (919) 610-9325; he will fill you in on the process.

You are encouraged to author your own memorial article, or prepare an autobiographical sketch, perhaps using the attached AOG outline as a guide. Such an exercise on your part would be an immense help to your family and friends. Each of us has a Cullum File maintained by AOG. Submit what you write to Marilee Meyer, AOG Memorial Articles Coordinator (marilee.meyer@wpaog.org), and she will file for future use. Do not hesitate, we are not getting younger!

2023 Memorial Articles		Memorial Article Needed
Arnall, Frank	Paske, Ray	Bishop, Joe
Gabel Dave	Philo, Steve	Brush, Bill
Hester, Art	Rood. Omar	Burrell, Steve
Keith, Jack	Sinnreich, Rick	Malpass, John
Ledzinski, Jerry	Stewart, Lance	Matteson, Mike
Marsh, Wayne	Tice, Chuck (ex-65)	Stockton, Jerry
McDonald, Tom	West, Lowry	Throckmorton, Terry

Funerals

The class continues its efforts to support families of deceased classmates. A challenging task is finding someone who will serve as the link between the class and the family of the deceased. Recently, an individual in each cadet company volunteered to do his best to find a classmate who will serve as the Point of Contact (POC) for a deceased company member. Additionally, many have made an informal agreement with another classmate to serve as the POC, an excellent move. If you have not done so already consider finding the POC for your family.

Previous Leadership Teams developed a funeral SOP based upon experiences gained through the decades. Part 1 of that SOP is entitled Planning Ahead, a copy of which is attached for your consideration. It suggests actions that you can take now that will make it easier for your family when the inevitable happens.

Our journey through life continues, with all its ups and downs. We remain an active and vibrant class. We travel, participate in gatherings, share opinions in lively discussions on the class forum, enjoy our family and friends and maintain our individual pride at being a member of the Class of 1965.

The Leadership Team wishes you all the best.

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