



February 25, 2021

**Dear Classmates, Wives, Family Members and Friends,**

Quick email to tell you how delighted we are with the enthusiastic response to the opening of room registration for our 55th Plus One Reunion! Thanks to all of you, we are already needing to add additional rooms to our room block. So we are off to a great start leading up to a fun and most memorable reunion for all to enjoy!

### **FIFTY-FIFTH REUNION PLUS ONE AOG WEBSITE UP & RUNNING**

Just FYI, AOG now has our reunion website up to date and running. You will want to refer to it often, as it will be your "go to source" for the most current reunion information available. Just click on the link below to find our tentative Reunion Schedule, how to register for hotel rooms, and the "See Also" box in red, that will have additional information that will be helpful to you. This is also where you will register for the reunion when registration opens in early April.

**<https://www.westpointaog.org/1965reunion>**

Included in the "See Also" box at this time is information about how to request and receive one of the Vietnam Commemorative Pins that will be presented at the reunion. The link also has pictures and additional details about the types of pins available. We are including some of the information from the website in this letter. Please read and email Nancy Hecker should you wish to put your name on the list to receive one of these special pins at our Memorial Service.

### **VIETNAM COMMEMORATIVE PINS – FRESH LIST**

In preparation for our original reunion scheduled for April 2020, a significant number of classmates had emailed to say that they had never heard of the Vietnam Commemorative Commission or the presentation of the Commemorative Pins. They indicated that they would very much like to receive one of the pins at the reunion. A list was started so that Chuck Nichols could obtain the correct number and correct type of pins to be presented at the Memorial Service.

To keep things cleaner for our July reunion, we are going to start over with a fresh list. If you have not yet received a pin and would like to receive one at our rescheduled reunion in July, please send an email to Nancy Hecker at [nancyhecker@mindspring.com](mailto:nancyhecker@mindspring.com). That way Chuck will have a revised count of the number of lapel pins needed. These special pins will be quietly and respectfully presented to you following the Memorial Service on the Friday of our upcoming reunion (July 2, 2021).

This "lasting memento of the Nation's thanks" is now proudly worn by more than 2 million previously unheralded patriots! Many thanks go to Chuck Nichols, Terry Ryan and the West Point Alumnae Glee Club for procuring the pins for our classmates and widows who wish to receive one during the reunion.

Please Note: The Vietnam Commemorative Committee has a pin for veterans and widows (widowers) of Vietnam-era service members. They also have a button for family members of deceased veterans and a special pin for widows (widowers) of service members killed in Vietnam. In emailing Nancy to request a pin, Chuck asks widows to please note if they are a widow of a classmate killed in Vietnam, so that they might receive a special Gold Star pin.

### **LAST, BUT NOT LEAST**

If you will be attending but not staying at the hotel or have have booked outside our hotel block of rooms, please email Jim Harvey at [JimJuneH@cox.net](mailto:JimJuneH@cox.net).

That's it for now. If you haven't yet booked your hotel rooms, you may wish to do so sooner rather than later. At the moment, we are still able to add additional rooms to our block, but there will come a time when we can no longer do so. This is just a friendly reminder, as we don't want you to be disappointed.

*Strength and Drive,*

Bill and Nancy Hecker      Jim and June Harvey  
Co-Chairs Fifty Fifth Plus One Reunion