

Dear Classmates Class Family,

Greetings and a belated Happy New Year to all! Hopefully, this one promises to be far better than the last. Most of us have now begun receiving the CoVid vaccine and many have already completed the two dose series.. We mourn the loss of Lindy Blackburn and pray allop our extended family will keep well until all are safely vaccinated.

This memo provides advance notification of class events that will take place between now and the end of the year. While separate e-mails will go out for each activity, these dates are provided early for scheduling and planning purposes. Please print out these pages, share them with your spouse or significant other and post these dates to your calendars.

Note in particular our fast-approaching Annual Gloom Period Happy hour which will take place virtually this Thursday 25 February from 5:30-7:00pm Eastern, graciously hosted by Dave Hill. A class-wide Zoom invitation went out on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> and a follow-up reminder will go out on Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.

I hope you will consider joining us for as many class events as you can make. Best wishes to the entire BOTL Family for a happy and healthy 2020, KC

### **2021 Class Calendar of Events**

**As soon as CoViD Restrictions Permit and Monthly Thereafter in Northern Virginia: BOTL Food and Friends Get Together.** Sponsored by Pete Bazzel and Tammy Peterson, these informal no-host brunches or dinners occur monthly at various locations in the DC area. All who can make it are welcome. Contact Pete Bazzell at [petebazzel@aol.com](mailto:petebazzel@aol.com) to get on the evite list.

**25 February (Thursday) -- BOTL Virtual Gloom Period Happy Hour, 1730 Eastern; 1630 Central; 1530 Mountain and 1430 Pacific.** All are cordially invited to join in this class-wide event graciously hosted by Dave Hill. Following a brief review of Academy news and reminder of class events, it's an open forum to greet those you haven't "seen" in awhile. Protocol if you want to speak is to raise your hand. As the moderator, Dave will see your mike light up and call on you.

**16 March – WPAOG Virtual Founders Day Celebration.** With West Point Societies unable to conduct traditional Founders Day celebrations this year, the AOG is hosting a global FD celebration on **16 March from 1830-2030 Eastern.** Log in to your Sallyport account to register([www.sallyport.wpaog.org](http://www.sallyport.wpaog.org)). As an incentive to those registering, the AOG is offering a 10% discount coupon at the AOG Gift Shop (enter code FD21) ([www.wpaoggiftshop.com](http://www.wpaoggiftshop.com)).

**22 April (Thursday) -- Class Spring Luncheon, Washington D.C.** Should CoViD restrictions permit, at 1130 on Thursday, 22 April we will hold our Class Spring Luncheon at Mylo's Grill in McLean, VA. An email will be distributed in early April with definitive information. **Regardless, we will conduct a Virtual Spring Zoom on the same day, 1730 Eastern; 1630 Central; 1530 Mountain and 1430 Pacific.**

**2-9 June 2021 - Seine River Cruise** - Based on the success of previous class river cruises, Dave Wallestad arranged for a Seine River cruise and Normandy tour from 2-9 June coinciding with the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day. Given the CoViD situation in Central Europe and the UK, all but seven classmates have cancelled out of this mini-reunion cruise. Although Viking intends to re-start river cruising on 1 April, it is unlikely that this cruise will occur. At present, the only US citizens permitted to enter France are those holding diplomatic or official passports. Other Americans are admitted only under exceptional circumstances and must quarantine for a week upon arrival. Returning American citizens must show evidence of a PCR test taken less than 72 hours prior to arrival in the United States. This is not the summer to be travelling to France, Germany, Portugal or the Benelux. For current status, contact our cruise coordinator Andres Ploompuu, '81 at [aploompuu@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:aploompuu@cruiseplanners.com).

**TBD 18 - 19 June (Friday & Saturday) - BOTL Williamsburg Golf Event.** The third annual BOTL Williamsburg Golf event will take place Friday and Saturday 19-20 June, with golfing on the afternoon of the 18<sup>th</sup> and morning of the 19<sup>th</sup>. Friday evening there will be a dinner for classmates and spouses. If interested in participating, please contact Roger Hoopengardner at [rog hoops@aol.com](mailto:rog hoops@aol.com) or 757-903-4246.

**24 June (Thursday) - Class Summer Luncheon, Washington D.C.** Should CoViD restrictions permit, we will hold our Class Summer Luncheon at 1130 on Thursday, 24 June at Mylo's Grill in McLean, VA. An email will be distributed in early June with definitive information. **Regardless, we will conduct a Virtual Summer Zoom on the same day, 1730 Eastern; 1630 Central; 1530 Mountain and 1430 Pacific.**

**13 July (Tuesday) – CLOSING DATE for 2021 Army-Navy FB TICKET SALES.**  
Ticket sales open mid-May for Army A Club Members.

**5-12 September 2021 – USMA '69 Scotland RnR Tour.** Mike and Victoria Healy are offering a USMA '69 Scotland RnR Tour from 5-12 September. Those interested can find the itinerary at this link: <https://scotlandnr.com/the-itinerary/> As an initial step in the planning process, please indicate interest by emailing Mike at [ballycmike@gmail.com](mailto:ballycmike@gmail.com).

**23 September (Thursday) - Class Fall Luncheon, Washington D.C.** Should CoViD restrictions permit, we will hold our Class Fall Luncheon at 1130 on Thursday, 23 September at Mylo's Grill in McLean, VA. An email will be distributed in early September with definitive information. **Regardless, we will conduct a Virtual Fall Zoom on the same day, 1730 Eastern; 1630 Central; 1530 Mountain and 1430 Pacific.**

**6 November (Saturday) – Army-AF Game, Dallas, TX.** Although this is not a class event, a number of classmates plan on attending this first game against Air Force to be held at a neutral site since the 1965 game our plebe year. This year's game will take place at Globe Life Field in Arlington, TX. Tickets are available through the Army Ticket Office 1-877-TIX-ARMY or [www.goarmysports.com](http://www.goarmysports.com).

**9 December (Thursday) – Beat Navy Luncheon, Washington, D.C.** Should CoViD restrictions permit, at 1130 on Thursday, 9 December we will hold our Beat Navy Luncheon at Mylo's Grill in McLean, VA. An email will be distributed in late November with definitive information. **Regardless, we will conduct a Beat Navy Zoom on the same day, 1730 Eastern; 1630 Central; 1530 Mountain and 1430 Pacific.**

**11 December (Saturday) – Army Navy Game, Meadowlands, East Rutherford, NJ**

### **Looking Ahead to 2022**

**28 May-6 June – BOTL Elbe Cruise Mini-Reunion.** This is the Elbe River cruise that was cancelled in 2020. Many classmates took the refund Viking offered at the time. Many are now starting to come back. This cruise is now available for booking/re-booking through Andres Ploompuu '81, at [aploompuu@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:aploompuu@cruiseplanners.com). This is a Viking river cruise on the Elbe River, commencing in Berlin and concluding in Prague with pre-cruise extensions available in Berlin beforehand and post-cruise to Krakow, Poland. For those interested, on 26 and 27 May, Mike Colacicco, John Greathouse, Bruce McBane and KC Brown will be offering a tour of Cold War Berlin as they knew it during their service there during the 'Seventies, 'Eighties and 'Nineties.