



USMA Class of 1961

“Second to None”



CLASS COMMITTEE MEETING

1 February 2020

MINUTES

Class Committee

President
Bob Glass

Vice President
Vacant

Treasurer
Dick Buckner

Secretary
Ed Brown

Scribe
Marty Ganderson

Ex-Officio
Lucy Paone

1. The class committee met by conference call at 1010, 1 February. Members participating were Bob Glass, Ed Brown, Marty Ganderson, and Lucy Paone. Dick Buckner was not able to participate and Todd Counts participated as his back-up. Mike participated as Ed’s backup. Pete Gleichenhaus participated as the Class Advisor to the AOG Advisory Council and Gary Hyde participated as the 60th Reunion Chairman.
2. Old Business: The committee approved the summary of the 27 November 2018 meeting.
3. 60th Class Reunion Update:
 - a. Gary reviewed the extensive process he followed in recommending we return to the Park Ridge Marriott as the hotel for the 60th reunion which the committee accepted in June 2019. The contract with the Park Ridge Marriott was signed on 14 August 2019.
 - b. Rooms are available 13-18 May 2021; however, arrangements can be made if classmates want rooms prior to or after those dates.
 - c. Gary will send classmates a survey in May 2020 to get their preference for activities. Gary and Ed will develop a letter to send to classmates without e-mail address to get their input.
 - d. The reunion schedule will be developed from the results of the survey.
 - e. All events will be set up with the convenience of attendees being the principal objective.
 - f. Classmates will be given instructions for making hotel reservations after input from the survey is received.
 - g. All reunion bills will be paid from the class admin account thereby saving on associated sales taxes.
 - h. Key principles for the 60th Reunion are:
 - Reunion plan based on class preferences.
 - An outstanding hotel for our purposes.
 - More time to relax, socialize, and tour.
 - Private places to meet, relax, and enjoy old friends.
 - A flexible itinerary.
 - A streamlined transportation plan.
 - Lower costs.
 - A memorial room to remember our deceased classmates.

4. Status of Classmates and Spouses:
 - a. Living Graduates: 352 of 534 (65.9%)
 - b. Deceased Graduates: 182 (34.1%) – 1 in 2020 (Jim Looram); 8 in 2019 Larry Welsh, Don Lionetti, Bruce Shroyer, Jim Goldstine, Joe Amlong, Scott Dillard, Reid Russell, and Carl Hansen); 9 in 2018; 13 in 2017; 7 in 2016
 - c. Living Graduates with Addresses: 350 (Jimmy Connors is only “lost” graduate; Luke Boeve’s status is unknown)
 - d. Living Non-Graduates with Addresses: 40
 - e. Deceased Non-Graduates – 60 including 25 determined by comparing names and dates of birth with the Social Security Death Index – 0 in 2019; 1 in 2018; 3 in 2017; 3 in 2016
 - f. Classmates with Mailing Addresses – 521, includes widows and non-graduates (60 do not have e-mail addresses – 25 graduates, 28 widows, 7 non-graduates)
 - g. Widows with Mailing Addresses – 131 (118 graduates; 13 non- graduates) (28 without e-mail addresses)
 - h. Golden Girls – 125 (114 graduates; 11 non- graduates) (25 without e-mail addresses)
 - i. E-Mail Addresses – 461 (53 not registered with the AOG –14 graduates, 30 widows, and 9 non- graduates)
 - j. E-Mail Addresses at the AOG – 409 (includes 1 whose address is no longer valid)
 - k. Widowers – 39 (15 remarried)

5. Status of Admin and Gift Funds: Todd reported the following:
 - a. Admin Account:
 - January 1, 2019 Balance – \$65,561
 - Revenue – \$2,551
 - Expenses – \$6,689
 - December 31, 2019 Balance – \$58,423
 - b. Gift Account
 - January 1, 2019 Balance – \$370,926
 - Revenue – \$87,676
 - Expenses – \$10,374
 - December 31, 2019 Balance – \$448,228

6. Golden Girls Status:
 - a. Lucy notified the committee that the semi-annual Golden Girls Directory was distributed on 1 December.
 - b. Ed added that since publication two widows have been added [Ann Hansen (Carl Hansen) and Mary Looram (Jim Looram)]; two widows have died [Marie Sweeney (Jim Raynis) on 12 Sep 19 and Petie Walters (Sandy Walters) on 27 Dec 19]; one has become lost (Katherine Finlay); one has asked not to be included; plus some other address updates.
 - c. Lucy intends to send an e-mail to the Golden Girls when Gary publishes the 60th reunion survey encouraging them to come to the reunion.

7. Class Notes and Website: Because of AOG and Class web site security concerns that Marty expressed, the committee asked him to coordinate with Sam Weiss and AOG to determine what if any security issues there may be and report to the committee with informed recommendations which can include "No change."
8. Memorial Article Status: Ed provided the table below giving the status of graduate memorial articles.

Company	Graduates	Deceased	Articles Published	Articles Needed	2019 TAPS	2020 TAPS
A-1	22	7	1	6		
B-1	22	8	4	4		3
C-1	21	5	2	3		1
D-1	26	7	5	2	2	
E-1	22	9	5	4		
F-1	24	6	4	2	3	
G-1	25	12	7	5		1
H-1	25	11	4	7	1	
I-1	23	8	1	7		
K-1	22	4	4	0		
L-1	18	4	1	3		
M-1	24	10	4	6	1	
Subtotal	274	91	42	49	7	5
A-2	21	9	9	0		
B-2	22	7	3	4		
C-2	22	7	5	2	1	1
D-2	24	10	7	3	1	
E-2	20	5	1	4		
F-2	21	10	0	10		
G-2	20	2	2	0	1	
H-2	20	4	2	2		
I-2	23	10	2	8	1	
K-2	22	9	5	4		
L-2	24	8	7	1	3	3
M-2	21	10	6	4	3	2
Subtotal	260	91	49	42	10	6
Total	534	182	91	91	17	11

Notes:

- The number of 2019 and 2020 TAPS articles is included in the number of articles published.
- As many as four additional articles are in the approval process for publication in 2020 TAPS.
- Suspense for approval for publication in 2020 TAPS is 28 February 2020.

9. WPAOG Activities:
 - a. Pete advised the committee that he participated in two meetings in 2019 as the class advisor to the Advisory Council. In addition, he served on the 2019 Thayer Award Committee.
 - b. Pete expects to attend the two 2020 Advisory Council meetings – one in April and one in November. For 2020, he is a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.
 - c. Pete expressed concern that the WPAOG Career Services Office may appear to be encouraging graduates to terminate their military service instead of limiting its services to those graduates who have determined to end their military careers. He noted that the leadership of the AOG promises to ensure that the Career Services Office is providing assistance only to members who have made a decision to leave active duty or to those who have already done so. Pete will monitor this and keep the committee apprised.
10. Widowers Group Proposal:
 - a. Ed briefed the committee on the proposal he received from Corkie Rittgers to form an informal group to support class widowers.
 - b. Pete reminded the committee of the prominent role that close friends play in supporting new widowers and the committee agreed that this connection should not be usurped by someone who does not have a close association with the widower.
 - c. The committee agreed that Ed will work with Corkie Rittgers to establish an informal program to notify new widowers that other class widowers are available and willing to offer support and guidance *if desired*.
11. West Point Center for Oral History: Bob reiterated the committee's concern that many deserving classmates have not been interviewed by the West Point Center for Oral History. Bob will contact the center and recommend classmates that they should consider interviewing.
12. Class Committee Status: Bob discussed whether the committee should appoint a vice president. The committee agreed not to do so at this time but wait until the election of class officers at the 60th reunion.
13. Army Sports Hall of Fame:
 - a. Bob expressed concern that, even though Bob Kewley has previously been recommended for membership in the Army Sports Hall of Fame based on his exemplary record as a varsity pitcher from 1959-1961, he has not been selected.
 - b. Bob provided the committee the significant statistics Bob Kewley amassed during his career.
 - c. The committee agreed that Bob Kewley should be re-nominated for membership during the next nominations period, August 1, 2020 - February 1, 2021.
14. Other Business: None

15. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1145.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "E" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ed Brown