



# *USMA Class of 1961*

## *"Second to None"*



### **CLASS COMMITTEE MEETING**

#### **16 November 2016**

### **MINUTES**

**Class Committee**

*President*  
**Bob Glass**

*Vice President*  
**Bruce Shroyer**

*Treasurer*  
**Dick Buckner**

*Secretary*  
**Ed Brown**

*Scribe*  
**Marty Ganderson**

*Ex-Officio*  
**Lucy Paone**

1. The class committee met by conference call at 1040, 16 November. Members participating were Bob Glass, Dick Buckner, Ed Brown, Marty Ganderson, and Lucy Paone. Bruce Shroyer was not available.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Ed asked about the status of the Superintendent's memorandum to the staff and faculty concerning a review of the memorials at West Point dealing with the Civil War.
  - b. Bob reported that he had no update to the information the Superintendent provided during his briefing at our 55th reunion but he is of the opinion that Reconciliation Plaza is not in jeopardy.
3. Personnel Status
  - a. Living Graduates: 384 of 534 (71.9%)
  - b. Deceased Classmates: Grads – 150 (28.1%) – (6 in 2016; 2 since 55th reunion – Ron Neutzling and Frank Sisk)
  - c. Living Grads with Addresses: 382 (Jimmy Connors is only "lost" grad)
  - d. Living Non-Grads with Addresses: 45
  - e. Deceased Non-Grads – 55 including 23 determined by comparing names and dates of birth with the Social Security Death Index – (3 in 2016; 1 since 55th reunion – Roy Haarman)
  - f. Classmates with Mailing Addresses – 538, includes widows and non-grads (57 do not have e-mail addresses)
  - g. Widows with Mailing Addresses – 109 (22 without e-mail addresses)
  - h. E-Mail Addresses – 480
  - i. E-Mail Addresses at the AOG – 429
  - j. Widowers – 38
4. Widows Issues: Lucy reported that the semi-annual Golden Girls Directory will be sent on 1 December by e-mail to the 88 widows with e-mail addresses and by mail to the 22 without e-mail addresses.
5. Treasurer's Update: Dick reported the following balances:
  - a. Admin Account – \$52,004.47
  - b. Gift Account – \$333,342.94
  - c. Bob noted that six classmates continue to make monthly electronic fund transfer donations to the gift fund that total \$452.00.

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6. Reconciliation Plaza:
  - a. Bob briefed the committee on the services that Paul Magliato, the AOG's Repair, Maintenance and Minor Construction Manager, can provide in the maintenance of Reconciliation Plaza.
  - b. At the time of our 40th Reunion, we were alerted to the fact that at some time in the future, we would have to provide a Reconciliation Plaza Maintenance Endowment to the AOG to generate sufficient annual funds to maintain the site.
  - c. The committee is currently discussing when we will move funds from our Gift Account for this purpose, likely prior to our 60th Reunion.
  - d. Dick will request a proffer for \$10,000 for the 2016 and 2017 maintenance program.
7. 55th Reunion Financial Wrap-up:
  - a. Gary Hyde notified the committee that \$15,020.90 remains in the reunion account he established.
  - b. Gary will send the balance to the AOG for deposit in the class admin fund..
8. Scribe's Report:
  - a. Marty stated that publication of class notes on the AOG website has slowed for all classes.
  - b. Marty expects additional class '61 notes to be available within the next week or so.
9. National Purple Heart Hall of Honor:
  - a. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, located in New Windsor, NY, commemorates Purple Heart recipients through its Roll of Honor, a database of Purple Heart recipients representing all wars for which the award has been available.
  - b. Enrollments are voluntarily and are made by recipients, their families or friends.
  - c. According to information gathered from the Register of Graduates and 50th Anniversary Yearbook questionnaires, at least 50 classmates have received 64 awards of the Purple Heart but at most 5 are included in the current Roll of Honor.
  - d. A message has been sent to the class encouraging enrollment of all qualified classmates. In addition, information is posted on the class web site.
10. AOG Notification of Widows:
  - a. The AOG CEO and President sends a condolence letter to the family on behalf of the entire Long Gray Line shortly following a Graduate's death.
  - b. About a month later, Class Services also sends a condolence letter to the Widow/Widower which states that they are now designated an Associate Member of the AOG and provides information on memorial articles and TAPS,
  - c. The letter from Class Services will now include Bob's and Lucy's names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses as class president and widow's coordinator.
11. Other:
  - a. Vietnam War Commemoration: Ed asked the committee members to review the Vietnam War Commemoration frequently asked questions and to provide their recommendation whether the Class of 1961 should apply for partner status.
  - b. Memorial Articles: Bob asked committee members for their recommendation for a strategy to increase the number of memorial articles published for deceased classmates.

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The meeting adjourned at 1200.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Brown", written in a cursive style.

Ed Brown