

2. What is most important to you in attending a reunion? 3. What did you enjoy most about the 50 + 5 reunion? 4. What did you enjoy least about the 50 + 5 reunion? 5. Suggestions for future reunions and events at West Point.

seeing old classmates	just being there. many could not make it because of health issues.	expensive breakfast. need lower cost options.	none that I can think of.
	Have to say that it was Billy Jackson's grandson getting to meet some of his granddad's classmates.		
Having time to visit with friends.	The dinners/ ballroom....dinners were very good and there was plenty of room to move about.	The bleachers at the parade. I am very surprise that people have not been hurt trying to get up and down the bleachers without rails.	Perhaps shuttles taking you from one location to another....30 minutes at each location Dropping you off and staying
Opportunity to see old friends.	Dinner with company mates.	The reunion was great. Only downside was travel to NJ from Northern VA.	
Time with old friends	Time with old friends	Distance from USMA	Too many stairs at Ike Hall for us.
seeing people i have not seen in 10 years because former Supe Williams cancelled my 50th so he could get a 4th star from the last administration	seeing classmates	NOT hearing from officers and cadets that the change of administration is a HUGE positive for the mission of USMA	do NOT make grads and their guests walk up 5 flights of stairs in Eisenhower Hall and NOT make grads and guests navigate the stands for class pictures---for my reunion ( 50 + 5 ) both events created risks of injuries---my class is all 75 +---not recent grads
Talking with classmates!	A chance to get together with classmates. And all the work done by Kathy Donohue and her team from AOG.	Cash only bar.	Maybe add a part of the Old Grad tour into the Monday schedule. Not the entire tour but maybe just a mess hall tour, or tour of the cadet uniform plant, or the old 1st Division. Something to help wives and guest get a feel for cadet life(not all spouses were in the picture years ago).
See my company classmates.	Seeing my classmates, lunch in Washington hall, cadet review.	Staying in the alternate hotel. I received an email notifying me on 3-30-2024 that hotel registration had begun; however when I called the parkridge marriott on 7-30-2024 I was told that all rooms were booked and I had to call the Montvale hotel. Not sure why more rooms were not available at parkridge.	Better organization/instructions for the class photo.
Reconnecting with classmates and celebrating the contributions of the class. Being inspired by the examples of how classmates lived the class motto--Serve with Integrity. West Point sacred ground and is always inspirational.	Time with classmates and friends. The Memorial Service The USMA update The opportunity for different activities during free time on Monday.	The jokes and story telling during the Tuesday night dinner. The presentation of SWI awards was appropriate, but the reports by committee chairs and the ad lib story telling was most inappropriate. The folks at my table, particularly the wives, were turned off. In general, classmates with speaking parts (e.g., business meeting, book presentations, awards, etc) need to prepare remarks and be disciplined in delivery.	The transition from bus to event and event to bus could be improved. For example, when we got off the buss for the Alumni Review, we were not told when and where to meet the bus for the memorial service. Also, the bus transition after the USMA update at Ike Hall was awkward and could have been better organized.
Running into friends. You should provide more opportunities to mix with friends, especially at our 55th, especially when our 50th was cancelled.	Running in to old friends.	We did not have the opportunity to mingle enough.	Reunions for classes of older folks (over 70), plan for bath room breaks every hour or so. Also, for classes over 70, do not have the Class climb 4 flights of stairs (Eisenhower Hall).
Time with Classmates	Time with Classmates		
spending time at WP	same as above	it was all good.	
Time with classmates to socialize.	The dinner with the company tav bles.	No planned event for Sunday night. It would have been nice if a company event had been planned at the hotel.	Specific time to go shopping at the cadet store.
Seeing and reconnecting with classmates.	Seeing and reconnecting with classmates whom I have not seen in many years.	The confusion involved with taking the class photos, with and without guests. Having 75+ year old people trying to navigate bleachers without handrails.	Continue to have First Class cadets eat with alumni in the mess hall after the parade.
Seeing and talking with my Classmates.	The Alumni Parade. Having the opportunity to speak one on one with the Superintendent. The brief on Monday from West Point Leadership.	AOG needs to do a better job giving information on: 1) Where Restrooms are available before the Alumni march on. 2) Getting Railings in the Bleachers or take care to get people like me who are (90% VA disabled) seated on the first row ...who can not traverse up bleachers without railings. 3) I was able to do all the walking on Tuesday because Classmates stayed with me to provide stability so I did not lose my balance. 4) They took people to the Cadet Store on Monday but it was closed 5) The program should start with the buses leaving at 915 am not 830 am.	See above
Reuniting with old friends and roommates/company mates	Classmates	Mess Hall meal was crowded, with 12 at a table--give us some more space to eat.	Have a hotel or resort a lot closer to West Point
Having the chance to meet and converse with classmates	I enjoyed reuniting with friends, some of whom I had not seen for many years. I also enjoyed the parade and the opportunity to meet and have lunch with a cadet in the Mess Hall. My wife and I passed on the afternoon session on Monday and just walked around the post. That was perhaps my favorite thing.	The lengthy class meetings and lengthy talks at the last night's dinner. We wanted to dance and by the time all the talking was done, there was almost no time left to socialize.	Provide more opportunities to walk around the post. As some people may find walking difficult, perhaps there could be shuttle buses over several hours to various stops that people might like to visit i.e. Trophy Point, the Cemetery, the Hotel Thayer, Ike Hall, etc. Many some would just enjoy a ride around the post. Provide more opportunities for conversation and camaraderie. We can read about donations, awards, etc. in emails. We only have one chance every five years to meet and greet our classmates.

That it is well planned, which it surely was.	Comradeship.	N/A	Keep doing it how you are. The AOG was superb to us. Mark Bieger is the real thing, and Kathleen Donohoe is a very fine soldier.
Interaction with classmates	Group dinners	The parade...much too long.	Moving around in the bleachers for photos was awkward and difficult for many of us old grads. Loading for bus transportation under Ike Hall was confusing and inefficient. Fresh thinking on both of the above is suggested.
Classmates	Classmates	Supes' Update	
Having time to connect with old friends in a QUIET relaxed atmosphere	Connecting with old friends and my company dinner on Sunday evening	Standing on The Plain for what seemed an eternity before the cadet review	1. completely eliminate music during the dinners. We are there to connect with each other, not yell at each other over the music. 2. after laying the wreath at Thayer monument have the class move into the bleachers and do not call them onto The Plain until 10 minutes before the cadets march on. Take the class photo during that lull in the action. Have the cameras set up before the class arrives for the cadet review. Have West Point tape off a section of the bleachers for the class to sit for its photo with the first two rows reserved for grads with mobility issues and spouses/significant others/families sit around that taped area before the grads arrive, then take the class photo before the cadet parade. 3. For the class photo ask West Point to provide five cadets at each side of the seating area to assist people going up/down the bleachers. Without handrails and with balance issues, moving into and out of the bleachers is dangerous.
Catching up with friends and time spent revisiting West Point.	Friends	Spending time on the buses.	Seeing an Army game.
Seeing and interacting with classmates.	The memorial service.	The meals. First, the desserts were great. Good selection and tasty. Chicken was served at every meal and it was awful. Tough and tasteless, even in Washington hall. If the meals were catered at the hotel, find a new caterer.	See above.
fellowship with classmates	review		
Seeing and visiting with classmates.	Parade and memorial1	Shuttle bus organization. Confusion in many areas by others and long wait times.	
Interfacing with my classmates.	Dinners with classmates	Having to assemble at 8-8:30 for bus to USMA	Assemble for bus at 9
Seeing and talking to classmates	Seeing and talking to classmates		For meetings in Ike Hall, there needs to be a better drop off for people having difficulty with walking and/or climbing stairs. The drop off at the bottom of Ike Hall required a climb of 4 stories to 4th floor. Those with canes and walking difficulty were not given directions or options other than to climb the stairs.  Taking pictures in the bleachers was a disaster for both grads and guests do to walking and climbing in the bleachers for picture taking. Directions should be for those needing assistance to get into the bleachers first. OR maybe take the pictures sitting in IKE Hall.
Seeing classmates I have lost touch with.		Meetings ran so long we didn't get to the Cadet store.	
1. Well-organized logistics and convenient hotel accommodations 2. An opportunity to interact meaningfully with classmates and current cadets (making the "Long Gray Line" more than a marketing slogan) 3. Time spent at West Point rather than at hotels or on busses) 4. Opportunities for intelligent discussion about how the academic program, cadet life, and military training (e.g., Camp Buckner) has changed over the decades since we were cadets	1. Interaction with classmates and spouses (especially at meals) 2. Time at West Point (beautiful day on Tuesday for parade and enjoying the beauty of the campus)	1. Drawn out award ceremonies at USMA and dinner events (too much self-congratulation) 2. Lack of serious interaction/answers from Superintendent to questions from the class along with frequent patronizing comments in his remarks at Eisenhower and Mess Hall 3. Lunch in the mess hall was too crowded, too noisy, too focused on awards ceremony 4. No unprogrammed time for walking around the campus, visiting the C-store, or library, or West Point museum, chapels, football stadium and other athletic facilities, etc. 5. Too much time spent traveling to/from West Point on busses	1. Provide forums for informal discussions with cadets. For example, schedule "meet-and-greet" sessions between alumni and cadets from the same companies we were assigned to as cadets. This might include visiting the barracks we lived in at West Point to see how day-to-day life has changed for the current generation of cadets. 2. Schedule time for visiting classrooms in session to observe/participate with professors and cadets in the discussions 3. Have the Dean and Commandant make informative presentations with time for Q&A
Nostalgia - a chance to see old friends and to catch up; and the opportunity to just wander about West Point.	The opportunity to interact with a cadet I ran into while wandering West Point.	Not enough free time at the Academy.	I would increase the amount of free time to just wander wherever you want at the Academy. I realize as we grow older that many cannot, or do not, want to just walk. However, as long as I am able to do it, I would prefer time to do more walking about, few more years anyhow.

Seeing and engaging with classmates and participating in reunion events such as the wreath laying and parade.	The reunion was superbly planned and organized by the AOG team, headed by Kathleen Donohoe. I can't say enough positive things about the reunion support we got from AOG. Having the support and logistics go smoothly makes all the difference in having a positive experience and being able to focus on interactions with classmates and the USMA events, including the two luncheons, in which we participated. I live in Colorado and don't have many opportunities to get back to West Point, so I value the times I do get back, and this reunion was a great experience.	I can't think of anything I really disliked. I attended our 52nd "mini-reunion" which was supposed to replace the 50th reunion we never had, and my experience there was no good. However, the hard work AOG put into making this reunion a superb event was apparent, and it was executed flawlessly.	Keep doing what you're doing so well - the dedication of the AOG team was greatly appreciated. This reunion probably will be the last one for many classmates, so some thought needs to be given as to what events and activities are planned for future reunions with fewer attendees and where there probably will be a significant number of those who attend with mobility challenges. I'm certain that AOG's experience with older classes has well prepared you for the challenges we will face.
Having time and opportunities to renew old friendships and to make new ones.	The Memorial Service. The time and opportunities to visit with others. The App was excellent.	Trying to hear the various announcements and talks at luncheons and dinners -- generally the audio support, poor use of microphones, made this a frustrating experience.	Perhaps include an update on the new buildings (since our graduation) and other changes to the "landscape."
Reconnecting with fellow grads.	Reconnecting with fellow grads	Bleacher photo shoot after parade takes too much effort for old folks.	Re-think the photo shoot for old classes. A great reunion overall! Thanks to AOG for another good memory!
Seeing Classmates and West Point	Having 12 Classmates from B4!	Would have enjoyed more time just walking around West Point	
Seeing the changes at the Academy and catching up with classmates I haven't seen in a very long time.	Walking around the Academy. Plus the wonderful, professional, courteous job done by Ms Kathleen Donohoe.	Too cold in Eisenhower Hall. So cold I had to leave and go outside to defrost.	Carve out some time for those who would like an "inside grad tour" where we get a closer look at the Academy (brings back memories, shows us the changes/improvements and enriches the experience for our guest(s)).
The opportunity to talk with old friends who I have not seen for some time.	That would be difficult to say, but I think that in addition to seeing classmates I would say the parade.	Getting on and off the buses, but I don't see how you could improve that.	Always include a parade whenever possible. It is the one thing I saw that was just like I remember it. It is nice to see the improvements at the Academy, but it is also nice to see something that was so much a part of my life as a cadet that is just as I remember it.
Interacting with classmates	Classmates	The bus rides but that is unavoidable	Hopefully we can get. The Thayer Hotel for the 60th
Spending time with classmates. Touring campus. Being informed about events that our class supports.	Company dinner. Wreath laying ceremony and parade. Eating in Cadet Mess Hall All the briefings. I brought my two sons who had never been to West Point. They were very impressed!	1. Climbing stairs in Ike Hall. 2. Climbing bleachers for Class pictures. 3. Lack of direction at certain points.	1. Consider age of Grads & Spouses - amount of walking & climbing stairs or bleachers without handrails. Provide more chairs at parade. 2. Provide more details about events ahead of time - where grads are to sit for class pictures / how bus shuttles will work.
Getting together with classmates and renewing friendships.	Gathering with classmates at luncheons and dinners. Visiting the library and being honored as a class while watching the Corps parade.	Not enough free time due to the scheduled programs running overtime. Miscommunications during off-loading buses for the parade, standing in the sun for an hour plus waiting for the parade to start, water only offered to the last row of graduates (I was in the front row), climbing the bleachers for the class photo and too many other functions going on besides several other class reunions, ie Distinguished Graduate presentations.	Insure accurate off-loading instructions for each bus. Don't have the class pictures on the bleachers. We were all over 76 years old and navigating the bleachers was too dangerous. A few classmates opted out of the photo because of this. It seemed like this was a well thought out endeavor, but the execution at the lower levels was not done well. I enjoyed being at the reunion and am glad that I attended.
interacting with classmates and their spouses	Lunch in Eisenhower hall; good food, opportunity to visit, relatively quiet, not rushed	Initial reception because it was too noisy. There should have been NO music at this reception. This was the first time to catch up. We did not need music to add to the noise.	Think about Eisenhower Hall and remember we did not have that facility. There should not have been so many stairs. We did not know where the restrooms were. Facility is excellent we just need some help to utilize it.
More time to just wander in ballroom and chat with classmates	Lunch in Ike Hall		
For this reunion it was to bring a daughter, son in law, and grandson with me to see West Point. If it think about reunions in general I attend to see class mates.	If I think about the reunion events I would definitely say the Memorial Service.	Meals at the hotel. Fellowship was great, food not so much.	For my class there should be better planning thinking about our mobility. Climbing stairs at Ike Hall, trying to negotiate the stands for the class photo and the distance from Washington Hall to the buses were challenging for many.
Reconnecting with classmates.	See above	I thought the presentations at the last dinner were too long. There were some with a lot of repetition. I understand the need for each of the presentations, but keep them short and to the point. Length presentations cut into time with classmates.  The music for the first diner was inappropriate and way too loud. A DJ with songs from our time at West Point, but not as loud would have been much better.	It would be nice to have a souvenir of the event. A coin with the class crest on one side and not of the event on the other would have been great.
Seeing everyone and a visit back.	See above.	Picture after parade seemed unnecessary	Speeches on Tuesday evening dragged on far too long. The reunion was extremely enjoyable despite that, and those involved in the planning and execution could not have done a better job.

<p>A chance to visit classmates and to visit facilities. provide an easy opportunity to visit the Cadet library, Cadet library, USMA Museum.</p>	<p>The Memorial Service at the Cadet Chapel.</p>	<p>Restricted access to Cadet facilities: Arvin Gym, Cadet Barracks, Library.</p>	<p>graduates and spouses needs immediate improvement to ensure the safety of the attendees. During the Class of 1970 55th reunion events, there were safety issues in every venue where graduates and spouses were physically challenged to safely negotiate numerous stairs (many without hand rails), walk long distances to subsequent events or to board transportation and needed hydration.</p> <p>Here are some problematic events that need attention and some recommended changes for AOG to consider.</p> <p>Eisenhower Hall. Upon entering Eisenhower Hall, the attendees were directed to take the stairs from the entrance to the third floor. The AOG Class guides/representatives did not take charge and utilize the elevators to transport the disabled/limited mobility attendees to the third floor. It seemed like no one was "in charge". All of the attendees were directed to take the stairs. It was painful to watch the attendees struggle to walk up 6 flights of stairs to reach the third floor. Fortunately, no one was injured.</p> <p>Recommended actions: The Officer Class guides should be proactive and take charge of loading the elevators with limited mobility attendees. Provide attendees an information paper at the AOG registration desk that outlines mobility assistance and instructions for each venue.</p>
<p>Having plenty of time with classmates. We want see as many as possible, have the chance to reminisce, tell stories and enjoy being together again.</p>	<p>I enjoyed the evening events because it gave us time to see as many classmate as possible.</p> <p>I also very much enjoyed going back to West Point and spending those 2 days at my alma mater with my classmates. The alumni parade and luncheon were special. It was great to be back on the plain and in the mess hall. The memorial service at The Cadet Chapel was well done and brought out our heart felt emotions for our lost brothers.</p>	<p>Long bus rides between the hotel and West Point. Can't the AOG find closer accommodations?</p>	<p>Hotels closer to West Point.</p> <p>More variety in the meals, too much salad, chicken, fish, etc.</p> <p>The format and food options for the opening reception is more preferable.</p> <p>Bar costs were too high like \$14 for a gin/tonic, \$5 for a soda, etc</p>
<p>Well coordinated and AOG support was super.</p>	<p>Classmates</p>	<p>Seemed like a long time to stand on the plain between the laying of the wreath and the start of the parade/review.</p>	<p>I think the amount of time is right on. Good job.</p> <p>Bill Malkemes</p>
<p>Catching up with old friends which I hadn't seen in decades.</p>	<p>Seeing my company mates</p>		<p>Cadets doing a little "Show &amp; Tell" in a company area, especially for wives and other family guests.</p>
<p>Connecting with classmates I have not seen for at least 10 years.</p>	<p>Connecting with classmates during the two dinner events, as well as the memorial service. It was also great watching the cadets parade before us.</p>	<p>Not much, except the hotel food could have been better. One suggestion would be to have the staff not uncover the food until the guests are ready for the buffet line. At best, the food was warm.</p>	<p>Tough question. The full service support provided by the WPAOG staff was exceptional, as always. Kathleen Donoho was outstanding as always!</p>
<p>More time to interact and talk with classmates without listening to long speeches and a loud band.</p>	<p>Church service, class briefing and interacting with classmates at meals. The company dinner was also enjoyable.</p>	<p>The long duration of standing for the parade activities and difficulties of us old folks navigating the bleachers. Extra chairs for some folks would have been helpful. We did appreciate the availability of water and medical personnel.</p>	<p>Overall the reunion was well organized and run. Perhaps opening the class meeting with a photo slide show of our time at the academy would have raised our spirits. Another idea that I've experienced that works well is have a roving photographer during the reunion, then have a reunion farewell slideshow as a final goodbye.</p>
<p>Reconnecting with classmates</p>	<p>Time with classmates and the mess hall lunch.</p>	<p>Distance that lodging was from the Academy and not having handrails on the reviewing stands, it was dangerous for older grads challenged with balance issues and weakened leg muscles.</p>	<p>Give more time for walking on and enjoying the beauty of West Point.</p>
<p>Time to converse with classmates</p>	<p>Conversations with classmates and the Memorial service</p>	<p>Photos after parade - getting everybody in stands was difficult and dangerous, without handrails!</p>	<p>Everything was great. AOG did a great job on panning and execution- but for older reunion classes, it would be great if there could be improvements to improve safety on reviewing stands fro class photos!</p>
<p>Seeing classmates I have not seen in a very long time.</p>	<p>I did not enjoy but was surprisingly moved by the memorial service. My classmates conducted a wonderful service.</p>	<p>I enjoyed all of it.</p>	<p>None Frank and Bill did a terrific job.</p>
<p>Transportation and the ability move between events especially for older grads with limited mobility. The USMA Staff assigned as escorts were incredibly valuable for this requirement. LTC Craig was outstanding and his incredible help and support was so appreciated!</p>	<p>See and speaking with classmates. Visiting the AOG Gift shop was great fun. The staff there was very friendly and helpful which in turn helped me to spend a lot of money on high quality items! Great job! Another highlight was the ability to meet and speak with cadets. They come across as such great young people! Thank you AOG!</p>	<p>The food at the Park Ridge was not good considering the cost, \$98/each Monday night and \$102/each on Tuesday night and one had to get up and serve oneself. The staff would not even bring a cup of coffee to the table! Again, when you are older and disabled, better service for that kind of money would be appreciated. The food at the Luncheon in Eisenhower Hall on Monday was very good as was the AOG Luncheon in the Mess Hall on Tuesday (a real highlight)!</p>	<p>It is indeed unfortunate that a Convention Center does not exist much closer to West Point. And, the Park Ridge is just not that great! When you travel and arrive later at night and have been missing meals, most hotels have room service. The Park Ridge does not, and not even an in room listing of local restaurants offering any kind of delivery. I have stayed at the Park Ridge several times in the past...they my ave seemed to have slipped a bit in the atmosphere of the establishment.</p>
<p>classmates.</p>	<p>Getting caught up on how everyone was doing.</p>	<p>There was a lot of sitting around.</p>	<p>During the dinner turn off the background music.</p>
<p>Spending time with classmates and wives at West Point</p>	<p>Catching up with classmates. The food was nice.</p>	<p>Too much time in Eisenhower Hall. We want to see more of the campus!</p>	<p>More free time at West Point, eliminate class meetings (do via Zoom).</p> <p>There should be more event facilitators to guide the people while outside and moving place to place, more signage, more precise instructions, perhaps an air horn to direct the people.</p> <p>We never understood the shuttle bus system around campus.</p>

Seeing classmates and speaking with cadets.	Seeing classmates. Didn't get to speak with cadets.	Spending five hours in Ike Hall at meetings.	Get us up on the level of the Plain more often and let us walk around freely. Also plan some time meeting with current cadets. It's almost as if someone had decided we'd be a bad influence, so we didn't get to talk with cadets. I would have enjoyed sitting in on some classes too, though I recognize it was finals week and perhaps not convenient for us to attend classes. As a career educator, I would have enjoyed speaking with professors as well, at least in my discipline (English Lit).
Having time to mingle and talk to classmates, many of whom we haven't seen in years. There was not enough time for this baked into this reunion.	The Sunday night company (B-3, specifically) dinner which we had arranged off-site at a local restaurant.	The long times spent on formal briefings.	Although the Park Ridge Marriott has been a mainstay of this, and past reunions, a closer site must be available so that bus transport time is minimized. Too much valuable time was lost in travelling to and from West Point. Class shirts and a better quality tote bag (plastic-really??) should be standard issue. Additionally, the AOG Gift Shop should be set up at the hotel selling class garb and memorabilia. Could be a real money-maker!
Time to chat with classmates!! BY FAR the most important event/thing. The AOG and Frank Monaco did an AMAZING job with a nearly impossible task.	Chatting	Not an AOG issue but...too many long-winded speeches (and knock off the jokes!!) That goes for the COM, too. He spent too much time telling us which songs, movies, foods, news was tops during our graduation year. Tell me about discipline and training. The dean did a much better job.	<p>suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Limit the Supe and Com to 15 minutes each...AND...remind them we are NOT their troops so don't use the same approach like barking "How are you all doing?" in a husky, command voice. We are grads just like they are and, in our case, old enough to be their fathers, so treat us as such or at least as peers.</li> <li>- Slides...too many and IMPOSSIBLE to read many of them, small print (Issue a handout booklet) AND... emphasize that the slides were available on the APP site for those interested.</li> <li>- Make a recording of Adjutant's Call and have it available for the noon and evening gatherings. In a ballroom or lunchroom with all those people, it is difficult via the microphone to get their attention or to quiet the talking. Have the recording (or a gong or airhorn) available so when the speaker needed to speak, sound an alarm of some type to quiet down the enthusiasm and listen.</li> <li>- ALLOW speakers THREE minutes to make their presentation and police that requirement. All too often speakers rambled endlessly, often repeating themselves several times. Get on with it!</li> <li>- Bus coordination: many times the bus drivers (Montvale particularly) were unsure of their schedule so those of us there (nor the hotel staff) knew when a bus would be on site and/or when or if they would return. Having said that, transportation was amazing. Busses going in multiple</li> </ul>
Cadets are there; done at a time of year that weather is most likely good	Having time to talk to my classmates, the parade and the memorial service	food could have been better and the wait staff wasn't monitoring the fullness or emptiness of the trays on the buffet line. The banquet on the last evening used at least an hour and a half conducting class business. It could have been done either much more efficiently or done earlier in the auditorium.	I appreciate what my classmates organized, but I think it could have been organized better
Having time to be with my classmates.	Having the time to reconnect with classmates. The memorial service.	The group picture	
Two things...having time to talk to classmates and their families who we only see at reunions and time to walk around West Point to revisit old haunts and see how it's evolving.	Seeing old friends/classmates. The memorial service was nicely done, but a bit long.	The photograph taking session following the parade. Too disorganized. He should have put all of the grads in a single bleacher and taken that photo and THEN had the family members come over for the combined photo. At our next reunion I'm certain that one bleacher will hold us all! Also, too much talking to us at various venues. Our first day (Monday) was sitting and listening all day.	An unscripted day at West Point during which grads and families and walk around and visit places that hold memories. Didn't happen this time. Have shuttle buses head to WP every 15 minutes from 1000 to 1200 and return to hotel every 15 minutes from 1500 to 1600. Three to five hours of free time at WP will give those that want to go time to see/show things to friends and relatives. Might need to include a lunch or info on where to lunch on WP if the unscripted day occurs.
Having sufficient time to meet with and visit with close classmates.	The final banquet and the opportunity to mingle and visit after the meal. Also, Jim Sullivan's MC'ing was superb!	The meals (food) for the most part was subpar at the best. For the cost of the reunion, I would expect something better than buffets.	More "organized" free time and fewer buffets.
Chance to talk with classmates	Dinners at the hotel	Standing way too long on the Plain waiting for the parade	The Dean should have used some visuals during his presentation.
Seeing classmates and spouses.	The memorial service at the cadet chapel. All the other events were very much appreciated and well done.	Please skip the group pictures after the parade. We all have cellphones and are taking pictures that matter to us. The group pictures are a waste of time and frankly it dangerous climbing around the bleachers.	A bit more time to explore the academy and skip the long distinguished grad videos in the mess hall.

			<p>Make the Class sit well forward....so many in the back left an audience out of hand grenade range.</p> <p>2. Stairs in Ike Hall ...the bus dropped us off on the bottom floor. And elderly ladies and men were stressed in the climb up. I carried two ladies the last leg of the walk up.</p> <p>3. Memorial.</p> <p>Yes, somber...but the speaker sucked.</p> <p>4. Data.</p> <p>A classmate gathered useful data about the class. Commendable, but the tone of we are "beating the odds," etc set a theme that carried over to the MEMORIAL, when celebration and gratitude would have been more welcome.</p> <p>5. AOG support</p> <p>Mark Bieger and his teams at every point were super stars</p> <p>6. Distinguished Grads...</p> <p>We get it.....follow the money.</p> <p>But for those of us who did the 20 / 25/ 30 / 35 years and or had combat and deployed lives of sacrifice, it rankled to see and to hear their pumped up resumes.</p> <p>The contrast between two members, Votel and Esper, with the others was remarkable....Votel and Esper SERVED, the rest whilst distinguished do not reflect what most of us signed up for.</p> <p>7. The cemetery</p> <p>Well done....signs for the fallen classmates, and up-keep and dignity in that solemn place were wonderful</p> <p>8. Schedule.</p>
My Comrades, and that my spouse might enjoy it	My Company events	<p>Two items..</p> <p>1. The photo shoot after the parade</p> <p>For starters: dangerous for the elderly ladies and men, negotiating the wall, and then the stairs.</p> <p>For utility: marginal, as one cannot see who is who....I will not keep a copy. Useless.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION. Smaller groups or trash it outright</p> <p>2 The Lunch after the parade</p> <p>Crowded, and not particularly inspiring....We get it, it is the AOG big deal. But as far as enjoyment or meaningful events, not so much</p>	
My classmates	The parade	Too much redundancy on several topics	<p>1. Cut back on the start times of the daily activities. Suggest 11:00 am.</p> <p>2. Check for places to reduce redundancy in the schedule.</p>
Seeing company classmates.	Seeing company classmates.	Bus trips and distance of hotels from WP.	Stay at the Thayer or have a classmate build a nice hotel in Ft Montgomery.
Seeing my classmates	A tour of CEAC arranged for me by AOG	Long bus rides	
Time spent with classmates at functions where reminiscing can take place	Company time spent together on Sunday night	<p>Bus rides</p> <p>Our own class presentations</p>	Keep up the good work
Time with classmates	Time with classmates	Bus rides and movement after parade to mess hall and then to chapel for movement challenged	<p>More movement challenged carts and better movement briefings!</p> <p>BTW, Kathleen Donohoe was wonderful!</p>
Learning what the Academy is currently doing.	Seeing classmates The Supe, Comm and Dean's updates.	Nothing.	Keep doing what you're doing.
Spending time with my classmates.	The most memorable events were the Alumni Parade and Memorial Service.		The AOG's support of the Reunion was phenomenal. I hope future reunion attendees appreciate the hard work and effort that the AOG puts in on events like this.