

## **TELECONFERENCE NOTES**

### **JULY 24, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Sullivan, Bill Cater, John Connors, Barney Forsythe, Frank Monaco, Charlie McGee, Tom Rabaut, Gil Harper, Bill Makemes, Bill Taylor, Ted Shadid, Dave Rosenblum, Steve WilsoMac Loven, Bob Werner, BJ Alexander, Bob Faraguna, Donna Jackson, Mac Love, Rich Brodner, Terry Young

**SECRETARY REPORT:** TJ said all recommended corrections to the last meeting minutes were incorporated and asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Barney so moved and Bill Cater seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously. In our January meeting, TJ reported that Sully discussed making the committee chairs voting members. However, no action was taken on that idea. If this is still an option, we need a motion to change the constitution and send it to the class for a vote. Sully said he felt there was a reluctance to approve this so he withdrew the idea. Gil said since they have not been voted by the class, they should not vote. He is happy to take part in the discussion and felt no need to be an actual voting member. JC said any voting member would have to be elected and the Constitution changed and thought the fact they participated in the meetings was good enough. Since there is no desire to continue this, the motion is dropped.

**Vice President:** There is an item raised by Bill Cater and Sully and that is a gift for Dave Brown. I looked at possibilities and recommend a Tiffany desk clock. I have one and really like it. The cost is \$1200 and wanted to ensure the Committee was OK with the expenditure. Sully said the Admin Fund would support this and thought it was appropriate for Dave's many years of service. Bill C thought it was appropriate but was concerned with perceptions/objections of some members of the class. Barney asked about the parameters on the Admin Fund. Bill said it only requires the approval of the EXCOM. TJ thought Dave's 50+ years as our President certainly earned this gift and Sully said he would handle any objections. Charlie reminded us that this gift comes to \$24/year. Barney made the motion to approve the expenditure and Bill C seconded. The expenditure was approved unanimously.

**CFO REPORT:** Bill C sent an email financial report previously and provided an update from the June 30 figures.

Original Report:

**ADMIN FUND:** \$36,818 (last report from March 31 was \$35,440). Bill did not know if there were any remaining bills to be paid from the 52nd Reunion.

**CLASS OF 1970 GIFT FUND:** Total balance of \$142,764 (last report \$125,875). Bill does not receive a report on new monies donated. Tom Rabaut may be getting these (reports of recipient and amounts are confidential).

CLASS OF 1970 NCEA ENDOWMENT: Total balance of \$4,442,924 (previous report \$4,673,489) consisting of \$2,563,278 principal (no change), \$997,708 Temp Rest (unrealized gain-last report \$1,392,784 and \$881,936 DDF (Actual earnings not distributed—last report \$717,428). Bill did not know if there any more expenses to be paid from the last NCEA.

CLASS OF 1970 WEST POINT CYBER LEADERS CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT: Total balance of \$2,752,488 (last report \$2,857,266) consisting of \$2,200,000 principal (no change) and \$414,187 Temp Rest (last report was \$651,869) and \$138,301 DDF (last report was \$44,099)

CLASS OF 1970 MacArthur Cup Award for Athletics Endowment: Total balance of \$241,696 (last report \$254,261) consisting of \$260,783 principal and \$19,087 (negative) Temp Rest (last report was \$6,502 negative). Bill has been informed by the athletic department that the \$20,000 previous mulligan money is still on hold and will fund the '22 and '23 award. Bill noted that the mulligan money will allow us to get above water again. We experienced a similar situation with NCEA in the past.

The total amounts in the 3 endowment funds are \$7,437,108 as of May 31, 2022. The total amounts at December '21 were \$8,239,560. The loss of 10% was due to market decline.

Bill reported the June 30, 2022 figures in a subsequent email.

ADMIN FUND: \$21,379  
GIFT FUND: \$136,757  
NCEA: \$4,222,067  
CYBER LEADERS: \$2,577.540  
MacArther CUP: \$229,691

DISCUSSION: JC asked if we get a report of fund performance from AOG. Bill said we do not and feels that this is not well handled by AOG. Therefore, it is difficult for him to answer how our funds are performing. Bill Taylor said AOG reports quarterly and believes it is posted on their website but he will investigate and report.

**CIO REPORT:** Frank reports he has three big projects:

Lessons Learned: This is the project headed by Ed Mitchell to capture appropriate lessons learned over the years (military, professional, parenting, etc.). Ed is getting a good response. The results will be published in a pamphlet.

Service Heritage: This will be launched tomorrow and headed by Bob Faraguna who will report later.

Sally Port: We're one of two classes (us and 1984) using this method but will continue to emphasize it. They have been asked to make a presentation at the Leader's Conference in August. We do experience a common problem in obtaining responses. Frank shared a screen shot of the latest survey. 678 emails were sent and 97% were delivered. However, only 450 classmates opened the last survey which is typical for the class.

**CLASS HISTORIAN:** He is a little behind in class notes but will get some out soon for review. He is setting aside room to report mini-company reunions which are happening with more frequency and will put something out by the end of the year.

**CLASS GIVING OFFICER:** Tom reflected on Bill's comments on endowments. It is important for us to know what percentage of the endowment is held by AOG and where it is invested. We should know and understand the mechanism of these investments. He did not say they are not doing everything correctly, it just would be good to know. Sully asked for his recommendation. Tom said it is hard to say with what little information we have. Bil Taylor will try to get that information. Bill C would be happy to work with Bill T and Tom on this. Bill T said AOG reports this quarterly on their web site. There is an AOG employee who is responsible for these investments and reports to the committee. Sully asked Tom to get the information and provide a report at the next EXCOM meeting.

**NCEA:** Barney is in continuing conversation with Jeff Peterson and Pete Kilner. He is trying to get a feel for the new Supe's support of NCEA. As a previous Comm, he should be very familiar with it. The next NCEA will be held November 14/15 and the theme is Followership. Colonel James is the new Director of the Simon Center and arrives next month. He is coming out of Garrison Command in Belgium and served previously as the Aviation Branch Rep in DMI.

**FAMILY COMMITTEE:** Donna Jackson reported that she has been in contact with 20 spouses. Her goal is to initially determine if they would like to be contacted and to ensure they know there is someone out there to provide help and support. They continue to contact folks every 6 weeks or so.

**CLASS INTERCOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** The results of the Class Zoom survey revealed that many liked the idea but wanted an agenda. They thought meeting quarterly was sufficient; only the 4th Regiment wanted them weekly.. Rosey and BJ recommended that the first one be an EXCOM Report. Dave recommended that since there were so many positive responses, we do one prior to the Army-Navy game and Thanksgiving. Sully said we would host one prior to the A/N game and discuss after that. Charlie said beware of having the EXCOM as the first one. It could be pretty boring. Bill M recommended a quick summary by Sully. JC said our goal should be to get members of the Academy Staff to talk (Coaches, Supe, Comm, Dean, etc.). Dave also said he would like to have John Stidd discuss his Appalachian Trail experience or

having one like, "what did you do on your summer vacation". Sully told Dave and BJ that this was their baby; do what you want. Dave reported that Bill Knowlton asked about nominations for Honorary Class Membership and asked what the procedure was. He thought a survey could be sent to the class for recommendations. There are two Honorary Members of our class and these were approved by the EXCOM. Dave and Sully asked about consensus. Frank thought since the EXCOM was voted on by the class they had the approval of the class to make these decisions. Bill C said because of the impact and importance, there should be in-depth discussion prior to going out to the class. He thought a survey would be too shallow. Gil thought something of this importance ought to be in our Constitution. We should be very judicious since this is of significant importance. Barney recommended we ask the Recognition Committee to draft a policy to be vetted into the Constitution for a vote. JC made a motion to pass this to Gil which was seconded by Barney. Motion passed unanimously. JC asked to be kept in the loop on language for the Constitution.

Dave mentioned that about 2 years ago Frank mentioned something about updating something at AOG to help write our memorial articles. He thinks it should go out to the class. Frank will send it.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:** Bill T reported that the 52 non-reunion was a success. 56 classmates attended and the overall impression was positive. Sully asked Bill to develop a structure of four sub-committees: reunion, special events, company gatherings (clearing house for issues), and golf outings. Bill asked Rosey when they will get the information on the Army-AF survey. Frank said the deadline is August 2 and will forward results. Mike Zolidas agreed to head the golf subcommittee. This year's event is in Oahu and next year's is in Clarksville, TN.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** Gil said Sully asked him to look at a "wow" list by trying to differentiate the title Mister in the AOG files. There are many who distinguished themselves but it is not readily apparent. He is also continuing the investigation of our class fountain. They have a meeting with AOG next week to discuss this issue.

**CLASS AWARDS:** Bill M reported they have 3 major awards: Distinguished Graduate, Sports Hall of Fame, and Serve With Integrity. They had 2 potential submissions for the Distinguished Graduate Award but one declined. The other asked that his name be withdrawn. They did not think their resume warranted the nomination. They are continuing work on Lynn Moore's HoF nomination along with others.. Sully reminded everyone that there were two All-Americans in our class: JC in lacrosse and Bill M in squash. He thought they ought to be considered and asked Bill in his position on this committee precluded him for nominating himself. Gil said all have been considered and are working. Bill reminded everyone that there are different considerations and this is a difficult process. JC said they should attempt to get transcripts from a conversation between Bill Parcels and George Young, former Army coach. Bill Parcels supposedly said he wanted Lynn on any team he coached because he was the best running back available,

**MACARTHUR AWARD:** Ted thought one of the most important persons in the HoF determination was the Athletic Director. Our MacArthur Award Program should put our class in good stead with him. Ted reported that four teams are being considered for this year's award: Men's Rugby, Woman's Tennis, Men's Basketball, and Rabble Rousers. He was not sure if we would be notified ahead of time of the winner. The particulars of the actual presentation are being worked out (ceremony, trophy location, class participation, etc.). He said the Athletic Department is very excited about this program. Ted suggested that we contact the Class of 2020 and ask them to continue to head this effort in the future. Frank will contact the Class President and discuss. Gil reminded everyone that the EXCOM previously approved the expenditure of \$1500 to develop and purchase coins to be awarded, He does not feel this will be sufficient to cover anticipated costs. They are having a trophy designed along with a plaque. The anticipated cost of the trophy, which we hope to last for 50+ years, is about \$1500. Gil requested another \$1000 from the EXCOM. JC made a motion to approve this request and Frank seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Gil reminded everyone that we won't have the hardware available until we get it right. Ted said we can have 4 people at the award presentaion. He asked if he could make the presentation along with his wife. Jim Oxley agreed to take his place if he can't make it. Bill M recommended JC be a back up also.

**CLASS MEMORIALS:** Bob Werner reported that they are making progress on the noble endeavor to memorialize our fallen brothers. There will be 10 in the next TAPS issue. Thanks to the great regimental reps and the organization in place, we are making headway. Steve wrote four of them and is a good source for anyone needing assistance. However, since the last report we lost 6 additional classmates. Many other classes are producing many more articles than our 10 ('65 has 23, '66 has 16, '76 has 13, '77 has 18). Bob said this would require continued support from the EXCOM and repeated reminders of their importance in our correspondence and at all gatherings. There are 48 remaniing articles to be written. Sully will emphasize in his letter going out soon.

**SERVICE LEGACY:** Bob Faraguna, after seeing some documents from his father's WWII service, discussed these with some classmates. Our fathers were closely tied to WWII and they thought it might be a good idea to capture their experiences and memorialize their legacy while we're still alive and can benefit. He talked to Sully who also thought it was a good idea. The program is in the beginning stages but has numerous points of contact. A letter will be going out tomorrow asking classmates to submit a paragraph or a page highlighting their father's (or mother's) service. Bill T asked how far back are we going? Bob said there was no limit. He knows of many classmates who had family ties to the Civil War. Frank screen shared a copy of the letter which will go out. Bob also said he would like to capture some post scripts (Eisenhower was a Major for 16 years between the wars, Edgar Allen Poe was disappointed he could not graduate from USMA so he dedicated his first book of poems to the Academy). Sully highlighted that this was important and right from the heart.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** There are a number of classmates nominated for the AOG Board of Directors or Advisory Council (Tom Rozman, Ralph Churchill, John Conners, Chip Leonard, BJ Alexander, Frank Monaco and Fred Lough). While we don't know exactly where they stand, we're ready to provide anything they need to get elected. This will give our class a voice in future dealings. Sully reported that he had a very cordial meeting with Todd Brown. Sully said he (Sully) was peaceful and calm. We are continuing our work on the revisions to the constitution. JC said there were numerous suggested changes and he will have something to present to the EXCOM before going to the class for approval. Two classmates need our prayers and support: Rich Rutledge just had prostate surgery and Mike Mahan. On a lighter note, he reported that Frank's #3 son, Joe, is being promoted to O-6 at Scott AFB on July 29th. Previously Sully provided a video of our Beast Barracks experiences. However, he can no longer find it and asked anyone who has access to forward him a copy. Frank said it was on Sallyport and will forward it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frank will send a Legacy Book to the new Supe. Ted asked if we need a motion to initiate discussion with the Class of 2020 about the MacArthur Cup. JC said this was normal communication and an EXCOM action. Frank is a FB friend of the President and will make the initial contact. Bill T reported that he has excess hats from the 52 Year Mini-Reunion which are already paid for. If someone knows anyone who should receive one, let him know. He'll bring them to Lynn's funeral. After discussion and negotiation the date of the next teleconference was selected on October 27, 7 PM EST. JC made a motion which was seconded by TJ and the motion was approved unanimously.

Barney made a motion to adjourn. Bill C seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM