

CLASS TELECONFERENCE NOTES  
APRIL 20, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Sullivan, JC Connors, Bill Cater, Barney Forsythe, Tom Rebaut, Frank Monaco, Charlie Magee, TJ Young, Gil Harper, Bill Taylor, Bill Malkemes, Donna Jackson. Steve Wilson, Bob Warner, John Norton, Bob Farraguna, Ted Shadid

Sully called the meeting to order at 7:07 EST.

**Secretary:** Nothing new to report.

**VP:** JC previously sent emails concerning a recommendation for Honorary Class Membership. The new constitution has not been approved. The old constitution required a class vote. The new constitution allows for the EXCOM to review the recommendation and make a vote. He recommends we circulate the new recommended constitution to the EXCOM for final review then send it to the class for a vote. Gil provided a dissenting opinion. If we have a constitution we ought to follow it. Barney said we ought to follow the constitution, but is not in favor of approval for making someone a member who is doing their job. Bill C said we need to be careful in setting a precedent. Previous members selected had a long association with the class and the Academy. There are other members of AOG who have supported us so where do we draw the line? Tom R reminded us that it is not a bad thing to have AOG and its members on our side and Frank agreed. Sully said that before we make a decision we need to get our house in order and approve the constitution. JC will forward the final version for review then have it sent to the class for a final vote. Approval would require 75% approval of the respondents.

**CFO:** Bill previously provided the following spreadsheet.

He stated that everything is in pretty good shape. He is working with Tom to review the "other" column. They believe this amount should be higher but need to review some more. Although the MacArthur Cup show a negative it will be back to normal and might get back to positive after the Academy Challenge. We can always move funds from the Gift Fund but he doesn't want to make a recommendation yet. In talking to the MacArthur Committee they anticipate an annual cost of \$1-2K for coins and engraving which would require \$25-50K in the endowment to support. He needs to know the NCEA and Cyber projected budgets so we can determine if additional funds may be necessary.

**CIO:** Frank said he had four items: two service projects (Lessons Learned and Legacy), 55th reunion and SallyPort. He indicated the service projects will be covered later. They expect to publish them in 2025. Planning for the 55th Reunion will start in June. He will be asking for additional volunteers to help. He is having difficulty getting the statistics from SallyPort (how many opened them, etc). So he will continue to use 1970 Distro and FaceBook to get information out. As we have seen recently, we are

loosing classmates quickly. When this happens, there are numerous things he has to notify the class. He would like to identify someone who can do this for him in case he is one of those whose notification is required. Charlie volunteered.

**CLASS HISTORIAN:** Charlie stated he had four areas: WOW, SWI, Legacy and Lessons Learned. He has moved the bubble slowly on the WOW effort. Work continues. He wants to ensure that the information on the SWI Awards gets into the Collumn File. Each has to be submitted individualoy and not in mass. John Norton discussed the Lessons Learned project and passed on comments from Ed Mitchell. He wants to ensure we are all reaching out to classmates to capture their ideas. Ed said, "What is the one experience you would like to pass along?" This lessons learned book will be a book of wisdom and useful for future classes. They want to put Serve With Integrity at the beginning of the booklet and asked for comments. All agreed. He provided a chart showing participation so far but needs help in getting better exposure. He asked if it would be possible to get company and regimental reps like we had for the Legacy Book. Steve recommended he contact Bill Knowlton who did a fantastic job with the Memorial Articles. Sully said Rosey already has that in place in the Intercommunications Committee and should be contacted. Bob Farraguna discussed the Legacy Project and said they are getting great stories. Pictures really add to the effect. The stories can be about fathers, mothers, relatives, etc. We just need to capture these stories before they are lost.

**CLASS GIVING OFFICER:** Tom got a short letter out to the class concerning the Academy Challenge. He believes this will result in the additional funds necessary to provide a comfort zone on the endowements. Frank asked Tom to remind him to send out additionao rekinders. JC provided the expenditure for the Cyber Conference (\$110K) and it is well within our ability to pay from the Endowment. He apologized for any premature misgivings about funds.

**NCEA:** Barney said the new POC for the NCEA has been identified. It is Major Chastine Crayne. They had a good initial planning meeting. The projected topic is Developing Judgement. \$100-200K is the projected expenditure. It is tentatively scheduled for November 15/16. He'll get more details as we get closer.

**FAMILY SUPPORT COMMITTEE:** Donna stated she continues to do what Sully asks her to do and sends out Easter and Christmas cards. Sully asked her to compile her expenses and provide to Bill. Donna said it isn't necessary and she likes to do it but Sully wanated to get it on the record. She said there is a problem in getting the down the line next of kin when the spouse is also passed away.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES:** Bill informed us that Mike Zolidis has the Golf Outing well in hand, 45 classmates are currently signed up; total of 80 people. Some companies are having mini-reunions in conjunction with this. He reiterated he will assist in the reunion planning and getting additional volunteers.

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS:** Gil reported that he visited AOG in March to discuss the renovation plan for Herbert Hall and future of our class fountain.. He said all the topics they wanted to discuss were covered, to include the plaque for our fallen classmates. There will be a follow-up meeting in June. They will continue to work on the nominations of Mearsheimer and Heineman DCG nominations. Our class can only nominate two per year so others will have to get in the que unless a Society nominates an individual.

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** As anticipated, the SWI nominations have slowed down. Bill M mentioned that not all nominations have been approved. They will continue to push the Hall of Fame nominations of John Conners, Lynn Moore and himself. Someone asked if Randy Flores' award went out. Bill mentioned that it had and the family was extremely appreciative and honored. Sully mentioned he received a very nice letter from the family.

**MACARTHUR CUP:** Gil reported that the award presentation was outstanding. They are looking at the seond presentation this summer. He reported that there was an empty trophy case in the correct spot which they were able to use. Could not have asked for a better location.

**CLASS MEMORIALS:** There are 10 articles in the '22 TAPS and 35 projected for the "23 version (3 from 1st Reg, 12 from 2nd, 4 from 3rd and 4 from 4th). Although they made considerable progress they need to continue to be proactive. Classmates must update their form for the Collum file and the EXCOM needs to make a push to get this going. Steve said it is very easy; merely type in the info and forward it. Frank will send out the form again. They also encourage folks to write their own articles in preparation. There was a question as to what to do when families do not agree to release the article for publication. AOG told them that many families eventually change their mind. They believe the best approach is to prepare the article and hope the family agrees. Steve asked about missing in action classmates. He wanted to ensure they didn't want just fund raising notifications. Frank stated that they are specific in selecting notifications.

**CLASS PRESIDENT:** Morning report: 112 fallen, 637 present for duty. That is an 85% survival rate which is above the national average. Sully also provided the scramble data for our class. He complimented all involved in the MacArthur Award presentation; extremely well done. He provided an update on John Norton and mentioned that Fred Lough was instrumental in assisting with John's medical coverage. John is improving steadily.

**NEXT MEETING:** After discussion it was agreed that this meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26th at 7 PM (EST).