

TELECONFERENCE NOTES

JANUARY 16, 2025

Members Present: James Sullivan, JC Connors, William Cater, Frank Monaco, Charlie McGee, Tom Rabaut, Terry Young, Bill Taylor, Dave Rosenblum, John Beasley, Bill Terrill, Donna Jackson, Keith Jarrett,

James Sullivan, Class President, called the meeting to order at 1908.

CLASS SECRETARY: TJ had nothing new to report. He mentioned that all corrections were made to the October '24 minutes and asked for a motion to approve them. Motion made by John Connors and seconded by Tom Rabaut. Motion approved unanimously.

Dave asked about voting. He thought the constitution stated only class officers can vote and other committee members can only provide comments. JC confirmed that was the case.

VP REPORT: JC previously provided an email highlighting the update on the fortress West Point restoration project.. The project is in good shape and is getting lots of support at the Academy. It has been added to the Supe's funding priority. He reminded us that the class provided \$500,000 at our 50th Reunion to get this project started. He suggested we send information to the class providing this summary and let them know they can still donate.

CFO REPORT: Bill said this would be an abbreviated report since he has not received the latest update from AOG. As of the end of September '24 there is \$9K in the Admin Fund, \$370K in the Gift Fund (increased \$17K), \$4.9M in the NCEA Endowment (down \$52K after paying the latest expenses of last year's conference), \$3.18M in the Cyber Conference Endowment (\$65K increase), and \$3.45K in the MacArthur Cup. Overall, our funds are in great shape. He has been talking to Tom about raising the MacArthur Cup fund and Tom will discuss further. Bill Taylor asked if our class gets credit for the restoration contribution (yes).

CIO REPORT: We lost two classmates since our last teleconference (Dixon and Roberts). The reunion planning is on track. Registration will be open in March. Menus have been selected. We're looking for the best time to have the widow's function. He will visit the hotel in the next few weeks during the Cyber Conference.

He is trying to find out the best way to display the new ebooks from our two projects. He thinks it will be through Sally Port.

He told Bill Cater that they will need some working money from the Admin Fund which will be reimbursed once registration funds start coming in. They will need about \$10K. Bill will coordinate with AOG to transfer these funds.

TJ mentioned that he has a number (exact amount unknown) of 50 Year Affiliation Coins. He would like to bring them to the 55th and provide one for each registered classmate until we run out.

CLASS HISTORIAN: Our two project books look terrific and both are almost ready to go. Ed Mitchel had 143 submissions with 760 lessons Learned (502 pages) and Mac Love had 133 (565 pages). Charlie thought the 55th Reunion would be a good time to present these both to the Supe.

CLASS GIVING OFFICER: Before Tom started his presentation Sully commented that Tom, John Beasley, Bill Cater and Jeff Gault did an amazing job on the scholarship fund raising. They already raised over \$400K.

Tom provided some thoughts on this campaign. He said the purpose carried the day. It sold itself. Messaging was key. There was a significant uptake after each email. He cautioned to not assume everyone reads each email, While we should not send too many, we also can't send too few. These emails must be perfect. He thought each email they sent with errors decreased contributions. Kerry Lawrence emphasized using donations from the mandatory retirement distributions and they received many. Tom said we need to show how that is a simple process.

MacArthur Cup: He said this is an extremely important award which recognizes outstanding performance both on the field and off. It also recognizes the three legs (excellence, ethics and future) the three things that define our class. A \$10K award is insufficient. It needs to be raised to \$25K which will require us to raise \$800K. His initial thoughts are that we should target our corps squad team captains who know all the members of the team and have their respect. JC mentioned that most teams already have a fund for their team. Lacrosse was the highest producing team and only raised \$500K. Tom said Barney experienced similar obstacles when trying to raise money for the track coach's award. We can emphasize doing pledges since all the funds are not needed right away and we need a simple streamlined method to use. He would like to raise these funds by the 55th. That will require an immediate notification message and about two messages per month to keep it rolling. It will be difficult to raise the entire \$800K by May but \$500K is certainly doable. He thinks it would be a good idea to have the trophy displayed at our reunion and have a member of the winning team provide a short presentation on what it meant to their team. Bill Taylor said he would ensure the trophy is at the hotel. Bill Cater asked when we start counting donations. It should start on May 1, 2024. He also said we should try to get a \$200K match. Rosy mentioned that many people wait until the end of the year to make contributions. We should emphasize that they can do it now. Charlie asked if AOG follows up on pledges and Bill reported they do (95% of previous pledges fulfilled).. Charlie also asked if we considered trying to get contributions from outside the class (corporations dependent upon military contracts, etc.). They will try. Tom asked everyone to text him with any other ideas they may think of. Tom cautioned that the scholarship fund sold itself. This effort will be a little more difficult. He and Bill Cater will discuss this soon and try to have the initial email ready by the end of next week. Bill Taylor stated that ODIA and AOG are in close contact. Any class raising more than \$1M will get their class name on the new trophy case.

NCEA: Barney was unable to attend but previously reported he had nothing new to report. Planning for '25 continues. Very pleased with the Simon Center and their performance running the NCEA.

FAMILY SUPPORT: Donna provided a read ahead email outlining her contacts since our last teleconference. She also reported that she's made initial contact with the most recent widows. Donna is in discussion with Frank concerning widow events at the reunion. Sully said he recently spoke with Marge Brigadier and she would like to talk with Donna.

ICC REPORT: We have the survey notice ready to go out for what to do with the finial that Dave Trammel has donated, although Rosy and Frank don't think it is necessary. Sully said he is very concerned with consensus and a survey is the only way to get it. Joe Alexander sent out an email advertising our next class Zoom scheduled in one week. Rosy asked if we can get contact info by regiment for the election reps. Frank can provide.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE: We will know the results of the Distinguished Graduate selections by tomorrow (January 17). If not selected they will automatically get resubmitted next year unless the individual asks not to be considered. Bill said it took 5 submissions for Roedy's approval.

Reunion information was already covered by Frank. They are finalizing the entertainment, menu and agendas.

AWARDS COMMITTEE: John Beasley reported that Athletic Hall of Fame nominations were submitted for Lynn Moore, Bill Malkemes and Mike Mahan. He also said the nomination for honorary class membership for Jo Ann Crawford was submitted to the EXCOM. 85 classmates received the SWI Award and two are pending.

NOTE: The nomination for Jo Ann Crawford was shared with the EXCOM on January 18 and voted on by email. Her nomination passed unanimously.

CLASS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Bill Terril reported for Steve Wilson. Steve provided two read aheads summarizing their efforts.

Year End Status Report from the Memorials Committee:

Organized in 2021 and published their first memorial articles in TAPS2022.

As of 31 December 2024:

Prior to 31 Dec 2021: 97 deceased classmates
44 memorial articles published
45% completion

Jan 2022 – Dec 2024: 41 deceased classmates (total of 138)
108 memorial articles published
78% completion

Projected TAPS2025: ***All deceased prior to 2021 have been completed***
Presume 138 deceased classmates
128 memorial articles will be published
93% completion

Bill Knowlton (1st), Willy Terrill (2nd), Bill Addy (3rd), Dale Reagor (4th), Bob Werner, Donna Jackson, Company Representatives, and all volunteer authors deserve great appreciation for the further recognition by AOG of our class leading the way with tremendous respect for their fallen brothers.

Sully praised this committee for their outstanding work. Rosy mentioned that Don Pratt agreed to write Paul Dixon's memorial article (just determined this week). Bill

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Keith had a meeting this week with the four regimental reps (Spracher, Steve Cook, Dave Rosenblum, and Jim Kee). He asked them to reach out to the previous election committee for ideas and problems. They worked out a proposed schedule and tasks to complete. They will start the first week of March. He would like to announce the results of the election Monday during the reunion. The constitution states elections would occur the first week of June. That was before our reunions were moved to May. JC said there was no reason to go through the process of changing the constitution and we can easily

justify we are following the intent of the constitution. Tom made a formal motion to hold the election in May and the officers to take their positions in June in keeping with the constitution. This was seconded by JC. Motion passed unanimously. Keith reviewed the nomination sheet and saw no need for revision. He said current members would be on the slate unless we ask to be removed. However, we will need to update our nomination sheets. Keith said there have been conversations about having someone in the background to take over in case the current officer can't continue. He suggests that instead of designating the individual we add a box on the election sheet they could block saying they would be interested in helping out if needed. Current members could then reach out to discuss further.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Morning report: 137 fallen, 612 present for duty. We lost 17 in 2024 but still have an 81.7% survival rate.

He asked for any new business. Bill Cater asked if we should meet more often as we approach the reunion. Sully thought that would be necessary for the class officers but not the entire committee. He will let us know when those meetings will occur.

Possible dates for the next meeting were discussed. JC made a motion that it be held on April 17 at 7 PM (EST). Bill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

TJ Moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by JC. Meeting completed at 8:11 PM.