

TELECONFERENCE NOTES  
JANUARY 30, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Sullivan, John Conners, Bill Cater, Frank Monaco, Charlie McGee, Tom Rabaut, Barney Forsythe, TJ Young, Phil Doleac, John Van Vliet, David Rosenblum, Bill Taylor, Gil Harper, Bill Malkemes, Ted Shadid, and Bob Werner.

Sully called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence for our two fallen members, Steve Strom and Kurt Reineke. After, he directed we follow the previously provided agenda.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** TJ said the minutes from the previous meeting were provided with two amendments (SWI Coin funding and appointment of Tom as the class Giving Officer). Dave's appointment as the Class Intracommunications Committee Chair will be included in these minutes. TJ recommends we conduct a formal vote since we did not get replies from all via email. Sully asked for a nomination (JC) which was seconded by Barney. The nomination passed unanimously.

**VP REPORT:** JC is working on the Class Constitution revision and will provide that soon. He will also present Frank with his SWI Award.

**CFO REPORT:** Bill previously provided his report via email. The report was based on information received from AOG on January 27, 2022 for the month ending November 30, 2022. The December reports were not ready for release. The Class has a total of approximately \$8.3M in assets.

1. **ADMIN FUND:** \$21,498 (last report \$41,386). It appears that the DGA weekend in September has been paid.

2. **CLASS OF 1970 GIFT FUND:** \$112,942 (last report \$101,565) consisting of \$107,536 of cash/market value and \$5,406 in pledges receivable (last report \$0).

3. **CLASS OF 1970 NCEA ENDOWMENT:** \$4,838,773 (last report \$4,738,456 consisting of \$2,563,278 principal (no change); \$1,558,067 TEMP REST (unrealized gain on principal-last report \$1,457,751); and \$717,428 DDF (actual earnings not distributed-no change). The DDF is usually posted once a year.

4. **CLASS OF 1970 WEST POINT CYBER LEADER'S CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT:** \$3,054,127 (last report was \$2,981,809) consisting of \$2,200,000 principal, \$771,094 TEMP REST (last report \$698,776) and \$83,033 DDF (no change). The principal was fully funded in January 2020.

5. **CLASS OF 1970 MACARTHUR CUP AWARD FOR ATHLETICS ENDOWMENT:** \$260,644 (last report was \$254,300) consisting of \$256,500 principal (no change) and \$4,144 TEMP REST (last report was negative \$2,200) and no DDF. Since our last meeting Ted Shadid received communications from the WP Chief of Staff stating there is about \$24,000 remaining from monies previously advanced from the golf Mulligan money. This will fund the 2022 and 2023 Award at \$10,000 each. The remaining \$4,000 will be deposited into the MacArthur Cup Endowment. Bill will monitor to ensure this happens.

**ADDENDUM:** Bill Cater received the December 2021 data from AOG subsequent to our meeting. It is included here. Data valid as of December 31, 2021

- Admin Fund: \$20,826
- Class of 1970 Gift Fund \$127,623
- Class of 1970 NCEA Endowment \$4,933,830
- Class of 1970 Cyber Leader's Conference Endowment \$3,122,705
- Class of 1970 MacArthur Award for Athletics Endowment \$271,014. An additional \$4,283 was added to the principal from the excess "mulligan monies" that was provided several years ago.

Bill noted that we can be extremely proud of our great class of 1970 and our many contributions (financial and so many individual and collective ways we have participated) to West Point.

**CIO REPORT:** They are continuing their work on getting everyone on SallyPort. They continue to post everything on the class web page and our FaceBook page (450 members and very active). Widows are not allowed on campaigns in SallyPort but Frank is working with AOG to change that. He also reported that he has many Legacy Yearbooks under his pool table. If anyone wants one, he will gladly mail them.

**CLASS HISTORIAN:** Charlie reported he received very positive response concerning the birthday wish concept. 25 of 36 companies have signed up. Charlie and his group are continuing to look for volunteers. A number of companies are using Sully's concept.

Charlie informed the committee of an idea proposed by Ed Mitchell. Our class has a fountain of experience and knowledge about being a cadet, officer, husband, father, professional, etc. and we ought to attempt to capture that somehow. Patterned after General Pershing's book to capture the lessons learned in WWI. Other classes have done something similar. He is proposing that we survey the class and ask for their input on various subjects then compile that information in an e-book to be presented at our next reunion. Participation would be strictly voluntary. Their concept is to have Frank forward a template electronically and ask for input. Ed volunteered to edit and compile the replies. Obviously a work in progress. If anyone has any ideas on this please send them in.

**CLASS GIVING OFFICER:** Tom expressed his pleasure at being with us. Since our fund raising has ended, AOG Fund Reports have stopped. He reported that he and other classmates (Joe Reeder, Jack Zoeller, JC) will attend a dinner with Senator Jack Reed, '71, concerning the Revolutionary War fortifications at West Point. The purpose of this meeting will be to determine if there is any support for governmental funding. Barney asked if we should get Jim Johnson, the WP Historian, involved since he was a part of previous efforts. JC thinks it might be premature at this point.

**CLASS NCEA REPORT:** Barney reported that NCEA is a go for March 28, 29 2022. Our class will be represented by Sully, Barney, Bill Taylor and Bill Wattendorf. The theme this year is Honor Communities (living an honorable life in communities). Great line-up of guest speakers: Ex VN POW and retired Naval Captain, Porter Hallerburton, former Seal Team 6 member Chris Musselman, former Olympic cyclist Scott Mercer, former FBI Special Agent Randy Gardner and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Houston Dr Hamler Summers. Because of COVID attendance is limited to Service Academies only.

**CLASS FAMILY COMMITTEE:** John Van Vliet was happy to report that Donna Jackson (Widows sub-committee) and Rick Thibideau (widowers) continue to do a great job in getting things running. The spouses document is finished and being reviewed. They still have a fundamental issue in what is required to identify next of kin since AOG records are incomplete. They will continue to work this issue

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Dave Rosenbloom thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve. They are now looking for a Regimental Rep for First Regiment. Sully indicated that Billy Alexander volunteered to be Dave's Deputy. Dave has already stated discussion with him.

**CLASS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:** Bill Taylor said we now have a previously unplanned min-reunion possibility to be held in conjunction with Fred Lough's DGA in May. They have a survey currently running to determine the level of interest and hope to wrap that up by February 16. They do have the hotel on stand-by (Winchester Hilton). They plan for arrival and company dinners on Sunday night, Monday relatively free pending who is allowed to attend to formal dinner that evening. Tuesday is the parade and a possible reception, then a Wednesday departure.

**CLASS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:** Crash Werner said his committee is organized and evolving. He needs a replacement for the 2nd Regiment Rep who stepped down recently. They had 52 articles that needed to be written but it increased to 55. 11 have been assigned and 8 are in some form of completion. That leaves 36 that need to be assigned and written. He said they continue to find Collum data that is out of date. Steve Wilson will help anyone write an article. Frank said he will forward the AOG template on how to write your own,

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:** Gil had a question concerning Associate Class Members and Honorary members. We have two Honorary members (Gus Lee and Joan Emmer). There are numerous associate members (individuals who started with the class but dropped out, etc.). Gil stated that Ted has a charter and is ready to give his report.

-MacArthur Award: With the help of LTG Caslin they got the Academy to respond. The Chief of Staff stated that only one award was made and better communication will be established. Ted is researching ideas on how to make the award more impactful and meaningful (giving class coins to individuals, display cases, and having our class members present during the presentations. He also brought up a new subject: Army Navy competition. He reported that Navy keeps accurate track of their victories and is ahead by a large margin. Ted recommends that we start a recognition program (start at some point and go forward). He will present something. BT said he would be happy to help because swimming has not defeated Navy since 1991.

-Class Awards Subcommittee: Bill Malkemes has some possible candidates for the Sports Hall of Fame (Lynn Moore and JC). The SWI Award is picking up steam. They identified 20 awardees so far. They believe it is being well received by the class.

Gil closed by saying he was continuing to research what needs to be done to the class fountain and what the plans are.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

-TJ reported that Greg Knight made a request to have Coach Monkin talk to the class via Zoom since our reunion was cancelled. TJ thought having Coach address the class would be good if he can fit it in but we should not attempt to bargain as a result of the reunion. The Academy had to make tough decisions and we should live with it. General consensus was we can ask and see what can be scheduled.

-Sully said he and Joe Reeder would represent the class at the Upcoming Cyber Conference.

-John Mearsheimer has volunteered to give a Zoom presentation to the class of various geographic and political hotspots. Sully will coordinate and schedule.

-Sully received a very poignant note from Mac Love concerning Kurt Reineke's Uncle who wrote the Alma Mater. He will forward this to the class.

-Sully provided kudo's to various members of the Class Leadership Committees and thanked them for their continued support and hard work.

-The last item of business is that Sully proposes we change the class constitution and make the four committee chairs class officers with voting rights. That would increase the officers to 12. These members should eventually be elected rather than appointed. No discussion necessary now; we'll take it up at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24th. There being no further business, Bill Taylor made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Baarney and passed unanimously.