

## **Class of 1973 Officer Quarterly Meeting**

January 13, 2020, 9:15 – 11:15

Pikes Peak Library 21c, Conference Room B6  
1175 Chapel Hills Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Attendees:** Ron Scott, Bill Diffley, John Stefonik, Kelly McCullar (by telephone), A.J. Ranft (by phone), Dale Birch, Rich Fazio, Gary Blokland, Craig MacPherson (by telephone), Mike Arnett, "Trapper" Carpenter, Joe Kahoe

### **Agenda:**

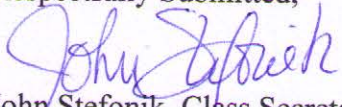
1. Meeting called to order by Ron Scott at 0915, minutes of last meeting were approved online shortly after the October meeting.
  2. Treasurer Report submitted by Kelly; details may be found on Class website. No discrepancies were noted or discussed.
  3. Dale and Rich attended a briefing by the USAFA Commandant--interesting insight to a few of her recent actions available from Dale or Rich.
  4. Legacy Class update presented by Bill Diffley: next event of note is Exemplar Dinner fall of 2020. Bill emphasized that we are guests only at the 2023 events. We make suggestions; they make decisions.
  5. Our Class Legacy Gift Project is for each Classmate to have a current estate plan by our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion and consider adding USAFA to his estate plan. Bob Munson is heading the project in coordination with the Endowment (now the Air Force Academy Foundation [AFAF]).
  6. NCLS Registration is now open. As many classmates as possible are encouraged to attend. Bob Munson is coordinating our participation. Looking for Ambassadors, new program, to greet NCLS participants. Email from Bob will detail our part.
  7. Forged in Blue. Bob and Steve Lorenz continue to coordinate '73's Forged in Blue participation. Policy for handling rings was established at the last quarterly meeting (see minutes). A trickle of rings are starting to show up. Classmates are encouraged to consider donating rings after consultation with loved ones.
  8. Widow Liaison: Dale briefed Class interaction with deceased Classmate spouses--this will be an ever increasing and important function as we age.
  9. Class Heritage Project: Rich briefed commendable Class participation in programs such as Wreaths Across America. He also brought attention to a Heritage update. Who we are
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and what the Class has accomplished should be recorded. Several details remain to be addressed. As with Widows: how, when, and where we acknowledge Classmates who have passed and Classmate accomplishments will only increase in importance and magnitude. Rich also led a discussion about how we might build upon recent '73 activity at the cemetery and generate even more interest and support among our classmates.

10. Class History Project. Ron briefed a new and technologically advanced approach to the Class History Project: interviews, data collection, electronic compilation of information. All this with a view to producing a book "Living Honorably: The Story of the Class of 1973, United States Air Force Academy." A massive project, to be sure; but one that needs to be written. How many other classes have a Commandant of Cadets, Academy Superintendent, and Air Force Chief of Staff (not to mention Medical Doctors, Attorneys, Astronauts, a Certifiable American Hero, and near uncountable flag (stars on their shoulders) officers in their ranks.
11. Social Schedule: Much applause to and for Gary and his wife for coordinating exceptional Class gatherings--Christmas Party has always been a highlight. Gary will be pursuing other dreams and asks another Classmate to step forward to set social events.
12. Class Cruise: Charlie Clatterbaugh has taken the lead in dispensing information and addressing details of a Class 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Cruise to be de-conflicted from the Class's 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Army weekend, early November of 2023. Class officers neither encourage nor discourage a 50<sup>th</sup> Cruise. We want to ensure it does not detract from maximum attendance at the 50<sup>th</sup> at AFA. "50<sup>th</sup> '73 Central" will be the Antlers Hotel, downtown Colorado Springs.
13. Next Quarterly Meeting: April 13, 0915, Pikes Peak Library 21c, Room B6.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John Stefonik, Class Secretary

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