

Class of 1973

United States Air Force Academy

Combined Officer and Reunion Committee Meeting

October 10, 2022 Serrano's Coffee Shoppe', 0900 to 1030

Attendance: Ron Scott (President), Dale Birch (past Senator), A.J. Ranft (Class Senator), Mike Arnett (Scribe), Don Rightmyer (Historian)(via zoom), John Stefonik (Secretary)

**Treasurer's Report:** *Ron for Kelly. We may exceed our book budget. Ron believes we have sufficient funds to cover all costs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt bars are about as budgeted.*

**Book Project Status**

Propose listing Mike Mosier on cover as author: *All agree Mike should be listed as author.*

Editing process (additional \$750 paid—200-page estimate exceeded): *As above, cost may exceed budget.*

Endorsements (hoping for three minimum: currently approaching former SECAFs Barrett and Wilson, former Deans Born and Armacost, Norwich U Maj Gen Anarumo, Congressman Lamborn, others?) *Ron will continue the search, good responses so far.*

Logistics for distribution to 2023/Class gathering (to include 2Lt bars already ordered/purchased) (Bob M lead?) *A call needs to go out now as the logistics will be challenging. All present committed to be available for their SQ. Bob Munson is coordinating.*

**2023 Winter Dining-In (January?)** *Bill Diffley handling coordination. All details not now available.*

Legacy program connection?

Theme (dark ages as prelude for spring/commissioning?)

Speaker (Klotz, Edwards, others?)

Class participation

Logistics (transportation, access)

**Reunion dates/location** *Spirited discussion of when and where. Consensus was: Attempt to get Double Tree for the Navy weekend. Subsequent inquiry by Ron indicated Cadet area not available if not a "Home" football weekend. Therefore, selecting the Army weekend would give the reunion access to the Cadet area and Academy functions, even though the game will be played at Bronco Stadium in Denver. Other "Home" games are possible; but, the schedule will not be available until spring of 2023--likely too late to schedule an acceptable venue. Upon reconsideration, all agree: Army weekend, Double Tree Hotel, streaming video of game available, in person option game attendance available to those wishing to attend in Denver, is the best option now available.*

*As a further note, all agree, the reunion should be focused on our common backgrounds and experiences and not current events. A survey by A.J. showed an almost even split on a contentious issue at the Academy. The Officers want to emphasize what brings us together; not what divides us.*

Planning with AOG and Third-Party contractor NET January 2023

*Antler's transitioning to apartment living. Although premier location and property, too much uncertainty associated with Antlers. Marriott has been good for the last two reunions, but the banquet facilities did not accommodate the attendance.*

*Receiving requests for warmer weather. Warmer weather a real positive; however, availability of Cadet area and AFA activities, unpredictability of Colorado weather, availability of streaming game at Double Tree, slightly overcame desire for earlier date*

*Mark Richardson (719-332-8236) from Doubletree by Hilton Colorado Springs reached out to me regarding our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Ron has already made several requests of Mr. Richardson to which he has replied " Sure, we can do that". Overriding impression is that they would like our business, would be flexible as to our requests and have a larger facility. And, for those classmates wishing to upgrade a bit: Cheyenne Mountain Resort and Broadmoor are less than a 5 minute drive from Double Tree.*

Banquet facility can accommodate 800 people

They can live stream

Willing to work with us on wine and beer (similar to Marriott)

*Charlie Clatterbaugh is setting up post-reunion cruise. Officers note that Charlie has proposed a cruise and as long as it does not conflict with the proposed Reunion dates and activities, classmates are encouraged to contact him for details.*

John Stefonik  
Class Secretary

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