

Class of 1973

United States Air Force Academy

Combined Officer and Reunion Committee Meeting

Combined Minutes July 17th and August 24th, 0900 to 1030 Integrity Bank, Monument, Colorado

Attendance: Ron Scott (President) 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Bill Diffley (Vice President) 24<sup>th</sup>, Dale Birch (past Senator, Widow outreach/Cemetery coordinator) 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, A.J. Ranft (Class Senator, Reunion Chair) 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Mike Arnett (Scribe) 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, John Stefonik (Secretary) 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Bob Munson (Past President) 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, Kelly McCullar (Treasurer) 17<sup>th</sup>, Craig MacPherson (Webmaster) 17<sup>th</sup>

Meetings called to order 0900 by Ron

**Treasurer's Report (Kelly): As of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023** Legacy Fund Balance \$7,968.90; Agency Fund Balance \$5,138.88; Long Blue Line Fund \$1,315.15. Indication are that all debts associated with Legacy Class have been fulfilled and a positive balance remains. Ron and Bob plus Bill will coordinate with 2023 and AOG as to best use of leftover funds.

The next big investment is the Class Reunion. As Chair, A.J. is coordinating with AOG and AOG contracted Reunion Organizers. Current (24<sup>th</sup>) estimate is over 800 attendees each paying a fee, part of which will go to the Agency Fund. Continuing expenses include donation on behalf of deceased classmates to NCLS, web storage, and smaller items associated with deceased classmate recognition.

**CLASS SCRIBE: 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** Mike reports plenty of "buzz" associated with the timing of registration opening, cost, and selection of reunion dates, most of it positive and just inquiry. The need for a timely distribution of proposed officer was emphasized (17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Legacy Class Report:** Bill is tying up loose ends in the Legacy Class project. Most inputs from the Class of '23, AFA staff, AOG and '73 participants have been positive. Bars, Books, and '73 participation were well received by all. Big thank you to Bob for his tireless input, coaxing and coordination. All agree, it would not have worked without him.

**Cemetery/Widows** Dale asked for guidance as to widow participation in Class events. Consensus was that the Class encourages participation by widows and other family member in Class events; however, details and logistics will be handled by the deceased classmate's squadron and close friends; not the Class in general.

**Reunion Update :** 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. A.J. briefed the progress and impressive Class response. Two contracted hotels have sold out; at least one event is full--no more signups. Registration will remain open until just before the event, however, as of August 17<sup>th</sup>, there will be a "late fee" of \$25 per registration. A significant number of classmates still remain that are not registered but have attended previous reunions. Time is short, get your name in.

Agenda for the business meeting will be much the same as the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion. Ron will update past ideas and present them to Officers. John will oversee Class Officer election and any question concerning the Operating Instructions, Bill will give a vision statement for his term, Ron will summarize the past 10 years, Bob will discuss Legacy/Class gifts, Mike Mosier may discuss the book project. Time is of the essence, beer and munchies available across the street at the conclusion of the business meeting.

**Class Officers** As has been our procedure, Class Officers will be elected and installed in office at the Reunion Business meeting.

Current Class Officers recommend the following as voting Class Officers:

President: Bill Diffley

Vice President: Jim Parker

Treasurer: Bob Munson

Secretary: Kirk Samelson

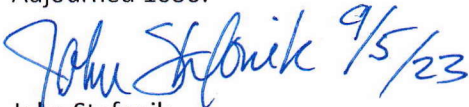
Senator: A.J. Ranft

Scribe: Mike Arnett

Note: The last three elections have been by unanimous consent of the class to the proposed slate. The President, in consultation with the other Class officers, may appoint non-voting positions as needed. Current examples are Reunion Chair and Historian.

**Operating Instructions** Operating Instructions adopted by the Class 15 years ago and amended 10 years ago may be amended by the Class at a Reunion. Changes will be considered by the Officers.

Adjourned 1030.

 9/5/23

John Stefonik

Class Secretary