

## Class of 70 Reunion Kickoff Meeting

15 Jan 2014

AOG Board room

Curt Emery, Chair, presiding

1. Curt opened the meeting:
  - a. Welcomed everyone including those on call in. Introductions were complete. In addition to classmates Sara Dozier our AOG rep was in attendance.
  - b. Listed the goals of the reunion as:
    - Reconnect with Classmates
    - Update on the current Academy and AOG structure, issues and successes
    - Have FunHowever placing the dedication of the Wall of Heroes as a centerpiece of the reunion
  - a. Reunion date is 7 Nov in conjunction with the Army football game (noon kick off)
  - b. Success to the reunion is to obtain maximum participation through personal contact of the squadron reps as occurred at the 40<sup>th</sup>. Many of the Squadron reps from the 45<sup>th</sup> have again volunteer again and were included in the call in to the meeting.
  - c. Noted though the cost to complete the Wall of Heroes/SEA pavilion that was dedicated at the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion was appx \$1M, but that due to previous donations and an anonymous \$250K classmate donation we are within \$200K of our goal. During communications with classmates it is important to emphasize the desire that all classmates make some contribution. Currently only about 23% have contributed to project.
  - d. There is a class of 70 Facebook site that classmates are encouraged to join for informal discussion however the AOG web site will be used as the single/official site for information, schedules and registering for the reunion.
  - e. As most of the reunion committee chairs are veterans it is hoped that Reunion planning will be limited to three meetings. Committee chairs should communicate actions and decision points via email to ensure all Reunion committee is kept informed of progress.
  - f. The committee Chairs were then asked for updates.
1. Gary Dahlen/Wall of Heroes and dedication Ceremony
  - a. It is set to be the best reunion event ever.
  - b. The dedication will be conducted jointly with the Class of 65 that is also having their reunion that weekend. Class of 70 is lead.
  - c. Currently planned for late morning on Thurs
  - d. Dedication will include the Sijan, AF Cross and Silver Star Plaques and the expanded area to the east of the pavilion.

- e. Invites will be extended to Corona and Falcon Foundation that will also be meeting that week.
  - f. Discussing option to invite AFC recipient/families, POWs/families, KIA/families, etc
  - g. Presented overview of ceremony concept
  - h. Requesting CO ANG F16 missing man formation
  - i. Working with Collins Foundation to obtain F4 flyby chasing a MiG.
  - j. In discussion with classmate John Penney about obtaining a MiG
  - k. Need to orchestrate a Public Affairs master plan to include regional, state and national resources both military and civilian to cover event and project
  - l. Need volunteer to assist with flyby and PA master plan
  - m. Ideas/comments welcome to Gary
2. Chris Dunbar/Hotel
- a. Marriott has been selected as host hotel and contract has been signed
  - b. Overflow hotel will be Hyatt House.
  - c. Contract for 400 rooms/nights at \$129 Weds through Sun.
  - d. Catering minimum is \$25K
  - e. Failure to meet these minimums could result in hotel penalties.
  - f. Cut off for hotel reservations that will count toward quota is 5 Oct
  - g. We get 1 free room night for every 50 booked
  - h. Deadline needs to included in correspondence to classmates
  - i. Contract includes:
    - i. Weds night social
    - ii. Thurs night Buffet
    - iii. Fri night reception/dinner
  - j. Menu selection will occur after food tasting in March.
  - k. Need to ensure vegan options are considered
  - l. Need to ensure bars are adequate for number at each event
3. Roger Hill/entertainment
- a. Reviewing options for hotel entertainment
    - i. Weds night social - none
    - ii. Thurs night Buffet " background music
    - iii. Fri night reception/dinner " DJ (4 hours booked) and group from Band of the Rockies
  - b. Suggestions welcome
4. Greg Gillis/Memorial Ceremony
- a. Current projected for Friday afternoon at chapel
  - b. Working with AOG on brochure
  - c. Will contact Class of 70 ministers for speaker
  - d. Will provide list of known lost classmates to Reunion committee and Sqdn reps to help updates and correct
  - e. Will invite widows, April.
  - f. Larry Bush will place class pendants on all 70 gravesites in AFA cemetery.
5. Mike Torreano/Merchandise

- a. Reviewing option of what to offer, suggestions welcome
  - b. Will be online ordering and mailed out prior to reunion
  - c. Need suggestions for reg gift
6. Rich Downing/Class Flag
  - a. We do not have a class flag for the Wings of Blue to jump in with
  - b. Will have a flag in time for reunion
7. Dick Rauschkalb/Golf
  - a. Standard plan
  - b. Complicated by short daylight hours, cold weather and de-conflicting with planned events
  - c. Class of 65 has priority but may plan together
8. Jack Mueller - IT/Media
  - a. Reviewed AOG web site
  - b. General information will be on Class of 70 Reunion page which is in the public area, i.e. does not require AOG member logon
  - c. AOG web site should be up and running for registration in Apr
  - d. Other social media (Facebook) should be used for informal discussions and should include instruction on how to get to and use AOG reunion page
9. Rich Downing/Doolie Sqdn get together
  - a. After feedback from 45<sup>th</sup> reunion planning time set aside for Doolie sqdn classmate gathering
  - b. Currently looking at Sat morning prior to game in lieu of class tailgate
  - c. Will request rep from each Doolie sqdn (only 24) to host, plan and execute
  - d. Options would be to host at their home, at a restaurant (IHOP, Golden Corral, etc), attend Quarterback Club tail gate at stadium, have a tailgate in the parking lot, etc
  - e. Finalizing accurate list of Doolie sqdn assignments and will then email to classmate to seek volunteers
10. Other discussion/decisions
  - a. Fee Policy: One fee for both AOG members and non-members.
  - b. Mitchell Hall Lunch: Class will be offered 200 seats at Thurs lunch. Will be offer first come to Grads and spouses at registration.
  - c. Class ring repair: Jostens rep will not attend reunion. AOG has a POC to assist with contacting Jostens for repair/replacement. AOG POC info will be posted on Reunion web page and in correspondence.
  - d. Classmate widows: We will invite widows to attend. Names of those that accept will be provided to sqdn reps who will be responsible for providing escort(s)
  - e. Non-graduating classmates: Will be included in mailing if requested. This includes Prep school classmates that did not attend AFA.
11. Curt thanked everyone for their time and efforts and ended meeting
12. Next meeting will be held at the AOG on 19 Feb.

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