

Minutes for 45th Reunion meeting

9 Apr 2104

Roll call and introductions.

Plaza of Heroes Update (Curt Emery)

▪ Fundraising

Raised about \$850K of the needed \$1M.

Overall participation by classmates is about 30%.

Sqdns 7,13,15,19 and 33 are 50% or better.

7th Sqdn is a 67%!!

Sqdns 29, 30 and 36 are lowest at just above 10%.

We are now in the Landing (last) Phase and need to keep up the pressure to get this done.

Class of '65 who we are sharing costs with is more than 50% participation by their classmates.

Will follow up with email and postcard.

Sqdn reps need to KEEP ASKING!!

Goal is to have maximum participation – donate what you can -- \$100, \$200, \$1000 or more: once you see the completed project you will want to have been a part of it.

▪ Construction

Contractor meeting on 3 Apr.

Reduced cost over-run from 10% to 5%.

Current fundraising allows ground breaking to proceed.

Start date is now 15 May/Completion end of Aug.

Hope to set up a web cam at the construction site to monitor progress.

Items in current shortfall include: 16 AF Cross and 4 Silver Star plaques; Cadet Area replica; Story Boards.

Sijan statue on track (funded by '65)

▪ Dedication

Due to limited seating at Pavilion – we will rent a LARGE tent for overflow (costs split with '65)

And have video relay to tent.

Will invite AFC recipients and will pay for rooms and provide escorts as needed.

CORONA still expected to attend (CSAF, SecAF and Supt).

Planning on a 30-40 minute ceremony.

CO ANG F16 missing man fly-by on track, remain hopeful to get F4 and MiG.

Still need a VOLUNTEER for fly-by activities.

Due to position of tent in the AOG parking lot, expect to shuttle from stadium to AOG on Friday (O'Club parking area is NOT available due to CORONA activities).

Draft Reunion Schedule (Curt Emery) times are soft

Wednesday

- reception for early arrivals

Thursday

- 0900: Plaza of Heroes Golf Tournament
- Lunch with Cadets at Mitchell Hall, sign up required
- Afternoon Prep School mini reunion with '65
- 1800-2300: Class social and buffet at the Marriott

Friday

- 1000: Memorial Service. In front of Memorial Wall, WX backup, in tent
- 1045: Class meeting in tent
- 1115: Plaza of Heroes dedication and fly by
- 1200: lunch in tent for '70
- 1300-1500: USAFA staff briefings, Arnold Hall
- 1800 to midnight: Class Banquet, AF band and DJ. Marriott

Saturday

- Doolie Squadron gathering in morning (one option, this will not be included on schedule)
- Noon: football game, AF vs Army
- Graduation Squadron get together PM

Hotel (Mick Davey)

Marriott is supporting us very well and should provide a superb venue.

Meal choices have been made and provides options.

Banquet menu includes choice of Chicken, Steak and Vegetarian. Other needs will be provided on a case by case basis.

If you have a vintage '70s car that you would like to display it Friday night at the hotel, space will be provided – contact Mick Davey to confirm.

Class Memorial (Greg Gillis)

Plan is for Friday early (10'ish?) at the Memorial Wall replica at the AOG (same location as last two reunions).

Will invite widows of classmates via letter and will identify Grad sqdn reps as POC for escort and logistical support. It is expected that widows/family member will pay their own expenses.

Our classmates who are ministers will contribute to the ceremony. Expect to have a bugler and we are looking for a bag piper.

As you may remember the Memorial Wall replica had several issues with the engraving – corrected spelling, non-consistent date format, cracks and fading. This has been contracted to be corrected by the reunion. Our class will split the costs with the AOG (remember this was an earlier '70 class reunion project).

Entertainment (Roger Hill)

Same DJ from last year is booked (Sat night).

AF Band will provide a smaller group to perform a patriotic show.

Can't find the slide show that was played at 40th reunion, however we do have the CD from the 35th reunion and Mike Lambert has volunteer to make a new one from any/all photos sent to him. If anyone has photos to include send them to Mike (hmlambert@me.com).

CD will be played at hotel events and a copy made available for attendees.

Merchandise (Mike Torreano)

Expect to select one of two vendors by 1 May. Menu of items will be finalized by 1 Jun and on web site by 15 Jun for ordering. This year's vendors have fewer requirements for order minimums which will allow a wider selection to pick from.

Orders can be made up to 15 Sept. Expect to have items mailed to your home so you can bring/wear items at reunion.

There will be a VERY limited amount of items available at registration – so please order ahead.

Ideas for registration gift include: hat, shot glass, beer tankard. Several items “in storage” will be distributed at registration – visors, coffee mugs, etc.

Golf (Dick Rauschkolb)

Currently the Blue course has been reserved with a 9am shot gun start on Thurs.

Expect about \$100 per person to include green fees, cart, range balls, meal, prizes and goodie bag. There is concern that November weather could cause a frost delay.

Remember if you expect to play golf you need to arrive Weds night.

Doolie Sqdn Event (Rich Downing)

Bulletin was sent requesting volunteers to organize a gathering of Doolie Sqdn classmates during the reunion. No specific time has been included in the reunion schedule however options for event include: Weds night at hotel, Thurs or Friday morning breakfast at hotel/local restaurant, during Friday lunch at AOG, Saturday before football game (noon'ish kick off) either at stadium/hotel/restaurant/home. Currently only 5 of the 24 sqdns have volunteers step forward.

AOG Web site (Jack Mueller)

Site is up and running at XXXXXXXX. If you have anything you need posted provide to Jack (jack.mueller@aogusafa.org). We will add Josten ring rep info and draft schedule.

Other Issues (Curt Emery)

- Alternative activities: Tourist information will be available at registration for those wishing it
 - Costs: Any costs individual chairs are projecting need to be provided to Curt soonest
 - Non-Grad classmates: If anyone has non-grad classmate/preppies that wish to attend, pass their mailing info to Curt
 - Facebook is alive and well with much lively discussion and useful information about the reunion – take a look if you are a face book person. However the AOG web site remains the official reunion location
 - Football: there will be link on registration form that links to Athletic Dept to purchase tickets. Seating will be on the east side next to the cadet seating
 - Appears we do not have a class flag so Rich is in the process of having one made; jumped in by Wings of Blue, hung at Marriott, etc
 - Last minute questions/problems/ideas to Curt (cemery156@aol.com) or Rich (richdown70@gmail.com)
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