



USMA Class of 1945 Annual Meeting

30 April 2007



The annual meeting of the Class of 1945 was held at the Myrtle Beach Marriott Resort at Grande Dunes, 8400 Costa Verde Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, 29572 in conjunction with a mini reunion of the Class.

Before the business part of the meeting, Dick Williams, Chairman of the reunion committee, welcomed those classmates, widows and family members in attendance. He then called on George "Gouny" Wallace to give a brief history of the Class. Gouny covered some of the highlights to include the "military coup" suffered by our originally elected Class President, Doug Kenna. He also, in a lighthearted way, explained the difference between the First and Second Echelons of our Class.

After these activities, Class President, Bob "Mac" Mc Daniel, called the meeting to order at 1012 hours.

Mac now called on the Secretary to read the minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting. As the Secretary started reading the minutes, it was moved and seconded that the reading be waived and the minutes be accepted as written. The motion carried by voice vote.

Since the Treasurer, Keith Nusbaum, was unable to attend the reunion, Mac called on the Assistant Treasurer Jim Herbert, to give the Treasurer's report. Jim reported that, as of 31 December 2006, there was \$389.51 in the checking account and \$24,252.80 in the Class Administrative Fund that is invested for us by the AOG. The Administrative Fund earned \$1,095.11 in 2006. At this time, it was moved and seconded that the Statement of Accounts be approved as presented. The motion carried by voice vote. (A copy of the Statement of Accounts as of 31 December 2006 is attached to the file copy only of these minutes at enclosure 1.)

At this time, Bob Parr, Chairman of Special Activities, asked to be recognized. He stated that the annual decoration of classmates' graves in Arlington National Cemetery would be on Sunday, 27 May, at 0945 hours. At the present time we have 106 classmates buried there. He is in need of a team leader and would appreciate all the help he can get. He suggested bringing family members (especially children) along to assist. He asked anyone willing to be a team leader to see him after the meeting.

Now, Ed Mason, the "volunteer" chairman of the 65th reunion committee asked to be recognized. He handed out a preliminary planning document that listed various jobs that needed to be filled and briefly discussed planning that had already been done. He asked anyone who could and was willing to help to contact him.

Mac now called on John Pauly to make a presentation. John spoke about Jack Broughton and his service in the U.S. Air Force. He especially extolled his performance in Vietnam. John now asked Jack to come forward, at which time he presented him with an electric desk clock (with the Academy Crest on its face) on behalf of the Class.

Mac now stated that the next order of business was the election of members to the Board of Governors. He reported that the following (Harry Amos, John Fitzpatrick, Bob Parr and Bill Zook) were the proposed slate. They had completed their first two-year term and were being nominated for a second two-year term. He stated that nominations could be made from the floor. It was immediately moved that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded and it was passed by voice vote. The nominees were elected unanimously. (The list of names of the members of the new Board of Governors is attached to these minutes at enclosure 2).

Sam Lessey, a member of the West Point Board of Visitors, now asked to be recognized. He spoke about some of the activities at the Academy and spoke briefly about the retention problem (now at about 50%) and some of the actions that the Department of the Army is taking to help increase the rate of retention.

Hap Macintire, Class Scribe/Historian, asked those assembled to send him news that he can put in the Class column in Assembly.

Before closing the meeting, Mac spoke to classmates about the importance of writing their own obituary so that their survivors would not be burdened with that task. He also suggested that the ladies might consider preparing theirs for the same reason.

Mac now stated that he knew of no outstanding old business and also knew of no new business; therefore he adjourned the meeting at 1114 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Elkey
Secretary

Enclosures:

1. Statement of accounts as of 31 December 2006 (attached to the file copy only of these minutes).
2. Board of Governors (See link to Members of Class Board and Appointed Officers, 2007–2008 under Current News this Class Page.)