

Class of 1960 55th Reunion Information UPDATE

31 July 2014

Dear Classmates:

With today's dissemination of the first official mailing to the class about the reunion next year, perhaps an update of the information I sent out in May is in order.

To remind, there will be at least two interesting extra events at West Point during the reunion that will certainly attract attention from many in our class. The first is the Senior Projects Day to take place on Thursday and the second is the Patriot League Track and Field Championships to be held on Friday and Saturday. There may also be other sporting events we may attend.

In order to take advantage of these events and provide maximum on the ground time at West Point for those who care to make more than one round trip by bus, we have structured the agenda with time for optional additional time on the ground for those who want to attend a special event or just take self-guided walking tours of old haunts and new.

The agenda is posted on this web site and was sent out by email today. It will also arrive at your home by USPS in hard copy during the first week of August. One change of note is that we will hold the Class Business Meeting Sunday morning to facilitate the early departure of trips to NYC and West Point on Friday morning rather than having classmates miss the meeting because of the trips.

Here again is a short description of events taking place at West Point during the reunion period:

1. Patriot League Track and Field Championships- Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 May

The West Point Men's and Women's track teams host the Patriot League Track and Field Championships on Friday and Saturday. To support the team, we plan to offer a special trip to West Point on Friday to attend the meet and also share breakfast with the team at Eisenhower Hall. The Coach has invited 1960 track team members and their spouses to this breakfast. We are still in the stage of completing planning, so all details are not yet available. We do plan to bus to Ike Hall, and then get everyone to the stadium. If we can, we will arrange for lunch again at Eisenhower Hall. We will ensure a return early enough for everyone to

get dressed for the dinner dance. Our initial scouting of the 2014 meet, which was held at Navy, indicates that we will be able to wander around and watch all events. Most likely the infield of the track will be restricted for team participants only, but you will be able to view all races from the stadium and get close to all field events. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome and can attend the breakfast, but for those of you who spent any time on the team, expect a special push to attend. The Saturday schedule for all is a West Point day and it is relatively busy. The choice to attend the track meet will be an individual one and can be fitted in among all other choices available to all.

2. Senior Projects Day- Thursday, 30 April 2015

Projects Day began in 2000 and has grown each year. With fifteen USMA departments and students from four other colleges participating in over 250 presentations, we are excited about this display of intellectual capital at this year's event.

Senior class members present their senior thesis, capstone projects, or research activities in either an individual or collective capacity. Students present to fellow cadets, faculty, clients, and, in some instances, to a group of guest evaluators. Highlights include capstone design projects, competition projects, thesis defenses, poster displays, various individual and group performances, film screenings, and presentations on various topics relevant to the Army and our social world.

USMA staff, faculty, and cadets from all classes as well as our many guests and visitors are invited and encouraged to attend any and all of the presentations, which are scheduled from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm in various academic buildings throughout the post including Thayer Hall, Mahan Hall, Lincoln Hall, Washington Hall, Jefferson Hall, Bartlett Hall, Building 606 (Law) and the West Point Club Ballroom.

Possible Side Trips to NYC and West Point:

1. Hudson River Cruise on Thursday

Bus to West Point and take two hour cruise on the Supe's ferry from So. Dock.

2. Visit to Ground Zero Memorial in NYC on Friday

Until this year, the visit to Ground Zero has required a group to have pre-purchased tickets to enter at a specific time. Now the facility is open to all and the new Museum which opened in May this year is the place that requires a

ticket. The Class of 1969 has planned a combination of the Water Taxi from the area of the Intrepid Museum and the Ground Zero Memorial site. More detailed information describing these trip options is attached as enclosure 1 to this memo.

3. "New Academy" Bus Tour on Friday

The Class has planned a hosted bus tour of the new facilities at West Point. This would include transportation from the class hotel to West Point, narration from a professional tour guide, step on /step off viewing of some of the new facilities, e.g., Library, Gym, New Prep School etc. plus lunch. More info will be available later.

4. Visit to Kykuit on Friday

This is the Rockefeller estate in Tarrytown NY which, in addition to the home, includes lovely gardens and a magnificent garage with a huge collection of antique cars. Lunch, bus transportation and tour could be included.

5. Attend Supe's Briefing on Friday

Bus to West Point, lunch, attend the Superintendent's briefing, have free time to visit the academy facilities on your own.

6. Brunch with Cadets on Sunday

This event offers an opportunity to speak one-on-one with today's cadets, an opportunity not normally afforded in our usual reunion schedule. Brunch is served family style, and the Cadet Mess Hall staff will direct you to a table when you enter the Cadet Mess. The cost next spring will be \$13 per person. Normally for this meal (and any meal in the mess hall) you have to be invited by a cadet, but special concession is granted for classes during reunion weekends. We can preorder tickets for this event and not have to be escorted by a cadet. There will be open seating at the usual tables of ten with cadets.

Proposed post-reunion activities:

1. Oceania cruise from NYC to Montreal 7-18 May

Tom and Bev Caraballo suggested this cruise on the Oceania Marina which departs New York on Thursday 7 May and finishes in Montreal on the 18th. Tom says the ship fills up fast, so early decisions are better. If you are interested you may contact Tom or Bev at 703-273-3911 or Wendy Epstein of ALWAYS TRAVEL at 301-571-0400.

2. Excursion to Ireland on 3 May

Mike Healey Mike@IrelandReunions.com from the Class of 1969 is involved with setting up trips to Ireland for post-reunion activities by West Point classes.

The 2015 Ireland Tour organizer will coordinate: Shannon airport bus transportation, daily escorted bus excursion tours, and evening activities, which are all described on the USMA 1960 Class Ireland Tour web page www.irelandreunions.com/usma60-ireland-tour/ . Cost of this seven night, eight day, tour is 999 euro per person (double occupancy) (under \$1,500 per person).

When: The week of 3 May 2015. Depart JFK or Newark airports for Shannon, Ireland Sunday, 3 May 2015, immediately after our West Point Reunion.

Where: The Dunloe, a Five Star Resort Hotel in Killarney, County Kerry, Ireland

How: Six night accommodation in five star resort hotel The Dunloe, www.thedunloe.com and one night accommodation in a hotel at Shannon Airport. Attendees will make their own air travel bookings for air travel to Shannon Airport, Ireland. On this class web site, please refer to the ***Ireland Tour early registration sheet.***

If you have any questions at this time, please direct them to me at cotstott@aol.com. We certainly expect to have a most enjoyable reunion next year, and we hope that you will make plans to attend and renew old friendships once again.

Best wishes. Go Like '60!

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President, Class of 1960

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