

**Class Advisory Senate (CAS) Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2012**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Doolittle Hall**

**Members in Attendance:** See Attachment

**Others in Attendance:** “T” Thompson ’73, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association of Graduates (AOG); Gary Howe ’69, Executive Vice President of the AOG; General Steven Lorenz ’73, President & CEO for the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Endowment, Jack Mueller ’70, Director of Information Technology for the AOG, Roger Carleton ’67, AOG Board Vice Chairperson, and General Greg Lengyel ’85, Texas A&M, Commandant USAFA.

**I. Call to Order:**

Dick Sexton ’60, President of the CAS, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Doolittle Hall.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The July 2012 minutes were not read.

**III. Brigadier General Gregory Lengyel, USAFA Commandant**

General Lengyel had some introductory remarks about his initial impressions of the state of affairs in the cadet wing, and then he proceeded for about an hour to answer questions.

- The Commandant thought we might be interested in how the wing was doing with respect to Headquarters Air Force’s mandate to reduce the size of the wing down to 4,000 by 1 October 2012. We did not quite get down to that number, but there are a number of cases pending, which indicate we probably will have achieved that directive by the end of this semester. Since the staff supporting the wing has not been reduced yet, monetary savings are not particularly impressive, but these reductions are in-line with reductions that are being seen across our service.
- Unlike classes in the past, where attrition normally reduced class sizes, the current graduating class is the largest of the four, and the Doolies are the smallest class. This situation is leading toward some unusual results. For example, next year’s summer cadre will be about 14 percent smaller than previous years. Some bases around the country have been conditioned to expect cadet help over the summer. Many of those expectations will not be filled. The Dean has been sending outstanding students overseas for broadening summer assignments. That program will be severely curtailed.

- One of the first actions General Lengyel did was to bring in all the squadron/group/wing commanders and the various team captains. He told them he held them accountable for those under their supervision. To date he has not relieved any squadron commanders as he is more concerned about the culture they are fostering in their squadrons than the actions of a few outliers. He is creating a sense among the cadets that their cadet chain of command is responsible for the actions of the cadets versus a game of cadets versus the establishment.
- There were a number of interesting details that he told us about which were on-going in the wing:
  - This fall he front loaded a fair amount of outdoor training to take advantage of the good weather for activities leading up to Polaris Warrior that occurs in the spring. He also reduced the number of Silver Weekends, but made the training periods longer. By doing so, the cadets will now have an entire week off at Thanksgiving. Points will be given toward Honor Squadron for all activities, even Polaris Warrior, to make all relevant.
  - He has the cadets wearing their blues four days a week. Over time the cadets had gotten too casual about how to wear their uniforms. The general feels they will begin to act like they dress. Even in Washington, the Air Force is going back to wearing blues more often.
  - He has them doing more morning formations. In sum, he is slowly introducing our cadets to meeting the challenges of higher military standards.
  - Of late alcohol incidents are down by about 50 percent. That could be a statistical anomaly or it could be that the cadets are making better decisions. He told them that regardless of what the State of Colorado says, marijuana is against Federal law, and the military does not tolerate drug use at all.
  - There was an initiative in the past called Post Agenda For Change. It came about after a series of sexual harassment incidents. Since then, some changes have been made. For example, an alcohol violation may not result in immediate dismissal. However, a cadet, who is old enough to drink, and then provides alcohol to an underage cadet will probably be eliminated without a second chance.
  - The general emphatically stated that Academy standards have not changed.

- He also was very impressed with our Honor Code. He feels that probation is an outstanding aspect of our Code. He explained his thinking by this example. His grandfather used to come to the dinner table wearing a coat and tie. No one does that any longer. Thirty years ago, one would dress nicely when boarding an airliner. Now pajamas are just as likely to be worn as not. To refuse to admit that the environment from which our cadets come to us is markedly different from what older graduates may have experienced is not realistic. Our basics go through a number of Honor classes during their first two months here, and then they take the oath. To expect all of them to change from what they have been exposed to for 18 years over a single 8-week period is not realistic either. Some cadets need more time to change. The probation experience has proven over and over again to be an extremely effective rehabilitation program. However, toleration still remains to be one of the hardest aspects of our Code to overcome. It was also noted that the Class of 60 made a change to the Honor Code created by the Class of 59 that allowed a second chance to some cadets in the Class of 61 and beyond. The point was made that second chances has not been a recent adaptation of the Code.
- Sexual harassment numbers are up, but he suspects that is because the cadets trust the system more now than before. What qualifies as a sexual harassment incident for statistical purposes is not always clear cut. For example, some cadets have reported incidents that occurred before they even became cadets. Those reports still go into our accounting system. Or running into the stands at a football game, a woman feels her bottom being pinched. If she reports that incident, it will be counted as an incident. In other words, the crime of rape is only one of many areas that will be tabulated. Our numbers will be published next month.
- There has been a rash of thefts in the wing of late, and they do not know who is doing it. Text books are among the items being stolen.
- Air Officer Commanding (AOC) manning is looking good. The program to get each AOC a Master's in Counseling is no longer being funded by Headquarters Air Force, but the Academy will fund it out of hide as it has been found to be an outstanding program. This master's program counts as professional military education. We get to select some of the very best to come to the Academy as AOCs although some commands have been allowed to place a freeze on some of their officers. Most commands have been very cooperative. Academy Military Trainers (AMTs) are down in numbers. About one in four squadrons have one AMT.

- With respect to the First Shirt/First Snow embarrassment, General Lengyel is most upset that the Academy did not get out ahead of this one with a proactive Public Affairs announcement. The Commandant's shop did have some forewarning about this "tradition." He told the cadets he expected them to exercise good judgment, which unfortunately some did not. Among the areas he addressed before the incident was that this activity needed to be voluntary. In other words if a First Shirt did not wish to participate, then he or she should be left alone. Following the incident, General Lengyel spoke to the wing. He showed them two fictional newspaper articles that ridiculed similar incidents. He expressed his disappointment, because every worthwhile military organization needs to exhibit good order and discipline. He told them you never see in good organizations juniors challenging those more seniors in such an undisciplined manner. He sent an email to the Dean and the Athletic Director detailing much of the same message, and that email was sent to The Independent and was incorrectly attributed to the Dean.

#### **IV. General Lorenz '73, Update on the Endowment**

General Lorenz reported on how the Endowment was doing with respect to its goals.

- The goal was to raise \$9 million this year, and they have received and/or have pledges for \$12,350,645.
- He would like to see the goal toward for deferred gifts grow faster than it has. Currently, it is at 36.63 percent of its goal.
- Likewise he would like to see more Long Blue Line contributions. The goal was for \$150,000 and so far \$128,312 has been raised. He emphasized that every penny designated for the Long Blue Line goes directly to the AOG. Ultimately, he would like to see a Long Blue Line endowment that would be large enough to be self-sustaining from its investments.
- The goal for participation from graduates was for 5,500 new contributors. To date 3,994 have come on board.
- The Endowment is considering taking on the task of rehabbing the football stadium. One anonymous donor has indicated a willingness to contribute \$1,500,000 toward that effort.
- Lastly, he reported that the total cost of the Center for Character and Leadership Development (CCLD) will be about \$43 million. Twenty-seven million came from Military Construction, twelve million from Endowment efforts, and another four million came from the Moeller family. He expects to see the building completed in 21 months.

## **V. “T” Thompson ’73, Update on AOG**

The AOG was extremely active since August 2012. Some of the highlights were

- There was a Class of 73 retirement party for General Swartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF).
- There a Super Reunion II for minority graduates from all five service academies.
- Over 1,200 attended the tailgate at the University of Michigan football game.
- There were 31 AOG chapters two and a half years ago. There are now 74 with conversations on-going with 3 more.
- After the Air Force-Navy football game, The Blue Alliance held a function that CSAF Welch attended. This is an alliance of gay and lesbian cadets, graduates, etc.
- The second Chapter Presidents’ Conference was held in the fall. The local Rampart Chapter was recognized as one of eight distinguished chapters. It was the second such award for the Rampart Chapter.
- The USAA insurance company has become part of the AOG’s Affinity Arrangement. This is the first time this company has participated in an arrangement such as this.
- The AOG’s communications department won ten awards for its communication efforts. For example, it won the CASE’s gold medal for its alumni magazine.
- There will be no changes on how reunions will be doled out by class next year, but the Superintendent has asked the AOG to look into various options such as combining reunions, determining which classes will get the more desirable weeks, etc.

## **VI. Roger Carleton ’67, Update on the AOG Board**

Brian Binn, ’72, is stepping down from being the AOG Vice Chairperson. He will be taking Ms. Nancy Burns position in Harmon Hall. Roger will be taking his place.

Roger reported that at the next AOG Board meeting on December 7, 2012, the Board will start work on a strategic plan. They would like inputs from the field no later than December 6<sup>th</sup> as to what the graduate community would like to see the Board pursue in the coming years.

The AOG will be holding elections for a number of positions that are becoming vacant or are have the incumbent volunteering for a second term. Twelve candidates will be presented to the graduates. Voting will be from February 1 to March 3, 2013. The Board will attempt to contact as many graduates as possible by email, but regular mail will be used to reach those without an email account.

### **Dick Sexton '60, Remarks**

Between now and the next meeting, Dick Sexton would like the CAS to take on two taskings. The CAS officers (president, vice president, secretary, and three Executive Officers) have terms of office expiring on December 31, 2012. Dick is actively recruiting volunteers for these six positions.

Dick Sexton would like to produce another Moving Forward document and submit it to the AOG Board before their May 2013 meeting. Dick presented some possible topics;

- He would like to recognize the superb work that has been done by the AOG and the Endowment.
- He would like member input on steps need to be taken to “institutionalize” the progress that has been made and promote closer integration of effort.
- Dick Sexton noted that Terry Storm, '61, AOG Board Chairperson, asked the Board to make a personal financial donation to the AOG Long Blue Line. This fund will be used to support AOG operating costs. Dick would like to see a similar contribution commitment by the CAS and all members of the graduate community.

### **John Borling, '63, Update on the Class of 63 Gift on USAFA Class Histories**

General Borling submitted a paper outlining the progress done to date on the Class Histories. See attachment. Class Historians can go to [www.classhistories.org](http://www.classhistories.org) for more information.

**IX. Close/Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Bob Muldrow, '67

Minutes approved by: Dick Sexton, '60

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Atch 2: USAFA Class Histories (UCH), Missing Information, 13 November 2012

**Attachment: Members in attendance (in-person or by phone)**

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MEMO TO USAFA CLASS SENATORS  
FROM LOU MATJASKO, GIL MERKLE, JOHN BORLING--- (Members UCH Development Team)  
SUBJECT USAFA CLASS HISTORIES (UCH)--- MISSING INFORMATION

Fellow Graduates: With internet functionality, look and feel developed, the Class Histories project ([www.USAFAClassHistories.org](http://www.USAFAClassHistories.org)) is in the content gathering stage (acquisition, storage, and maintenance) with emphasis on insuring that key information of all the graduated classes is presented. Further, we invite additions to the Academy Archive section of the Web Site.

We now work at adding content for 1963 classmates and invite all the other classes to use our developed templates to do the same or link individual class sites to the UCH. Gil ([merkleg@texas.net](mailto:merkleg@texas.net)), Class Technical Officer, and Lou ([smatjasko@msn.com](mailto:smatjasko@msn.com)), Class Historian, can advise on the process. Email access to both is also on the UCH Web Site.

The AOG, and, hopefully, the official Academy site will have links to the UCH enabling easy access. The UCH can be a definitive and evolving first person focused USAFA history with its target audience of: Cadets, past present and future and all those who care about them. With open access, the USAFA story, class by class, graduate by graduate, can be preserved and enlarged over the generations with a lasting legacy of information and documentation that will otherwise be lost.

At this point, however, certain information gaps exist that require remedy and we ask the Class Senate representatives to become involved. We request that every class create a means to capture individual class histories. This would entail, at minimum, the appointment of an involved history officer (s) who would manage the process for the particular class. Ideally, that officer would enlist others in the class to assist the history effort and effect coordination. Similarly, the appointment of a class technical officer to assist coordination efforts is highly recommended.

For the moment, the classes of '61,'63,'64,'68,'70,'71,'73,'81,'82, and 2007 have an identified historian. The individual class crests are currently pictured on the UCH for all classes. However, the heraldry (the meaning behind the design) is missing for the classes of: '66,'67,'68,'69,'70,'72,'73,'74,'75,'77,'83,'84,'86,'87,'88,'89,'90,'92,'93,'95,'97,'99,'06,'07, and '09.

All classes (2012 being collected) have key data information already uploaded to include vital class statistics. The missing information detailed above should be forwarded to Lou Matjasko for upload. Again, should individual classes wish to link their sites (if one exists) or use the 1963 developed templates, we welcome those initiatives recognizing that content management has to be an individual class responsibility. The tools to make it 'easy' are in existence. Lou, Gil and John ([JLBViking@yahoo.com](mailto:JLBViking@yahoo.com)) await your emails/calls and will follow up individually as well. Thank you.

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