

50th Co OCS 2023 Reunion Planning Group Meeting: November 7, 2022

The 2023 Reunion Planning Group met via Zoom on November 7, 2022. In attendance were Bob Hines; Brian Flora; Brian Walrath; Scott Davis; Mike Eberhardt; Steve Porter; Peter Nowlan; Bill Thoroughgood; and Lou Lallo. A summary of the meeting was prepared by Lou Lallo and Brian Flora.

1. *Comrades in Distress:* Brian Flora became aware of three classmates who had family losses. Brian himself lost both a dear nephew and a cousin. Bill Fulton's sister passed away. Bill Adams let us know that Judy, his wife of over 50 years, recently passed. We have communicated with each of them, and our thoughts and prayers go out to our classmates and their families.

2. *Website Update:* Bob Hines noted that our website received close to 800 hits during the last 30 days, which is amazing. He expects that interest in the website may even increase after we send out the reunion video. Bob and Scott Davis are considering how to enter classmates' locations on the map that classmate Steve Layton provided. The idea is to have an easy visual reference guide to show where classmates are located around the country, in hopes of facilitating regional gatherings. Once finished, we will distribute it to the class and post it on the website. For the record, classmates seem to be scattered out all over the country.

3. *Reunion Video Update:* Scott reported that the reunion video he received from the video production crew (which was commissioned to produce our commemorative video) "needs work." Videomeister Scott will be wielding his magic editing scissors to improve it for release to the classmates and posting on the website.

4. *Our Search for a 2023 Reunion City:* The following cities/areas were discussed by the reunion committee after a short presentation by the committee member asked to research them: San Antonio, TX – Bill Thoroughgood; Kansas City, MO – Lou Lallo; Memphis, TN – Peter Nowland; New Orleans, LA – Steve Porter; Colorado Springs, CO – Brian Walrath; Nashville, TN – Bob Hines; the Smoky Mountain, TN area – Scott Davis; and Oak Park/Chicago, IL – Brian Flora.

- The assigned member gave a short background report on his city's attractions, hotels, and accessibility. Committee members were asked to rank and send their top three choices to Lou and Scott for evaluation by COB the next day.

- **Drumroll:** It turns out that the 50th Company will be heading to Kansas City, Missouri in the fall of 2023 for its fourth reunion!

- Lou sent several Kansas City hotel recommendations to the committee members provided by a friend of his who knows the city well. The members will research the hotels on the Internet and be prepared for a discussion at our next reunion Zoom meeting on November 21.

5. *Future Meeting Dates:*

- **November Shoot the Breeze :** Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2pm, ET

- **Special 2023 Reunion Planning meeting:** Monday, November 21, 2022, Noon, ET

- **December, 2023 Reunion Planning meeting:** Monday, December 5, 2022, noon, ET

- **December, 2023 Shoot the Breeze:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 2pm, ET.

Lou Lallo