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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE 63RD OFFICER CANDIDATE WING ASSOCIATION

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COMMANDER'S CORNER: Well, our OC Wg Association is coming up on its fourth anniversary next month, and we're making reasonable progress with our OCS Memorial projects and reunion programs. Our class membership now consists of the last five graduating classes, with the addition of 62D. We are also in contact with individuals/classes from 30 different classes, including six classes from the 40's, the latest being 47B. If my history is right, that was the first class to actually graduate as Air Force Brown Bars.

The upcoming reunion in Washington DC is our first one we've run east of the Mississippi, and the majority of the attendees so far are from that side of the country. On the other hand, with the current economic situation, we have lost the attendance of some of our regular attendees from the western areas. As of this newsletter, our attendance looks to be in the low eighties, but we should still have sufficient bodies to ensure all but one of the scheduled tours. I guess you have to expect that type of decrease in attendance, when people's 401K's have become in effect 201K's.

To help fund the completion of the OCS Program display in the Lackland History and Traditions Museum and a future project for the AF Museum Memorial Garden, we have designed, purchased and are putting on sale an AF OCS Challenge Coin (see item below). There are several versions of the origin of these coins (see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Challenge_coin). For the era most of us were involved with, they were used to challenge for drinks at the bar. If you had yours, the challenger paid; if you didn't, you paid. Over the last decade, their use has become more ceremonial/award/recognition in nature, and they have become collector items for many. I have about 35-40 different ones myself. In our case, we see them as being similar to a class ring for those who survived a demanding commissioning program. They are golden in color to represent the gold bars we achieved, and have the Mustang figure to indicate our strong enlisted background.

Tom Hansen, 63B

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FINANCIAL REPORT - After paying off the Lackland Memorial benches, we have \$1,244 remaining in the Memorial Fund, \$1,000 in the Reunion Fund and \$380 in the General Fund. We will be paying \$1,033 for the OCS Challenge Coins. It will take sales of 100 coins to cover the cost, and then the remainder of the sales will go into the Memorial Fund to support the Lackland Museum project and a projected Memorial of some type for the Memorial Garden at the National Museum of the US Air Force (new name). Just in the first week, I have orders for 35 coins.

AF MEMORIAL SERVICE - As part of our upcoming DC Reunion, we will be holding a memorial service to remember our deceased classmates at the AF Memorial on 11 October at 8 AM. Hank Beebe, 63C, has been coordinating this event for us, and it should be one to remember for those in attendance. With that in mind, if you are an OCS Grad and live in the DC local area, but aren't attending the reunion itself, please feel free to join us for this event.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS – Bob Harmon, 63B, at the request of our Vice Commander, Mike Annast, 63A, went out to the five classes asking for nominations to the five elected officer positions. He also queried the current officers as to their willingness to run again. As a result, the following individuals have been nominated for the positions indicated:

Tom Hansen, 63B – Wg CC

Mike Annast, 63A – Wg/CV

Joe Scarlett, 63B – Comptroller

Tom Lubbers, 63C – Dir of Comm

John Steele, 63D – Dir of Ops

Since there was only one nomination per position, these individuals will be confirmed at the Reunion Business meeting and will serve until the next Association reunion.

ASSOCIATION ISSUES/CONCERNS – If you have any ideas, issues and/or concerns about the Association goals and operations, you can contact any of the officers above or the Association Director representing your class. They are the following individuals:

Marty McDonald, 63A, 703-461-3493 or mmcdon5279@aol.com

Bob Harmon, 63B, 909-982-5300 or cptstarch@aol.com

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OCS CHALLENGE COIN PROJECT – This project is designed to raise funds for our Association's future OCS Memorial projects. It is available to any Air Corps/Army AF/USAF OCS graduate or family member. The cost is \$15 which includes engraving your class number on the coin and postage, or \$10 without the engraving. You can send your orders, with your Class Number, and a check or money order made out to "Tom Hansen" to one of the following addresses:

Prior to 15 October – 97 D Chinook Lane, Steilacoom WA 98388

After 15 October – 1681 W. Dalehaven Circle, Tucson AZ 85704



MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATES: The Lackland AFB History & Traditions Museum project has encountered another significant speed bump. We have the approved display area and case, an agreement to cover the program from its start in 1942 until its termination in 1963, and were working a game plan to fill in the display with pictures and charts. However, our on-site coordinator, Bob Karre, 63C, has encountered a major health problem that will make him physically unable to continue for at least the near future. **WE NEED HELP FROM AN OCS GRAD, OR TWO, IN THE SAN ANTONIO AREA.** It doesn't matter what class they are from, as the display is not about the 1963 classes, it covers the entire AF OCS program. If you are willing to help coordinate the completion of this OCS Memorial project, please contact Bob at 210-659-2578 or robertkarre@sbcglobal.net.

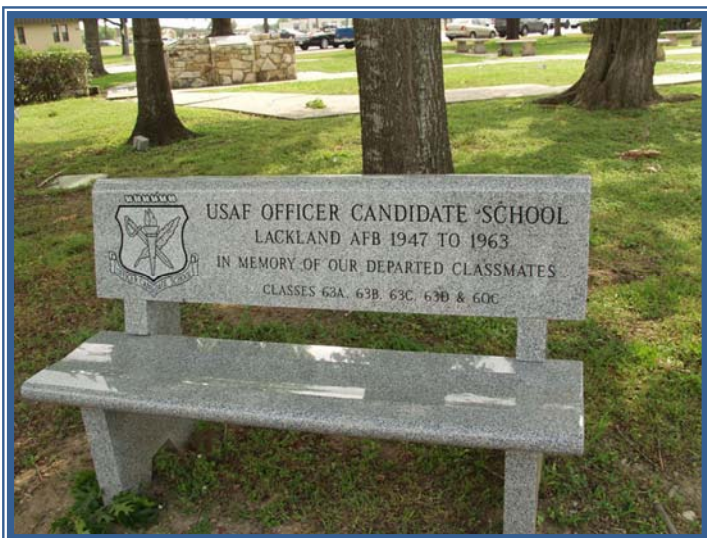




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IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED CLASSMATES
CLASSES 63A 63B 63C 63D & 60C



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