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COMMANDER'S CORNER – Well, we're just under a year away from our next reunion in Dayton OH on 11–15 September 2011. During that event, we will be dedicating the OCS Plaque in the Memorial Garden of the National Museum of the US Air Force (yes, that's its new name). Our goal for this reunion is to keep it as short and inexpensive as possible, so along that line we will be running the event using our own members.

Once that event is behind us, we will begin gearing up for a major reunion event in San Antonio, TX during 2013 to commemorate the closing of the Air Force Officer Candidate School 50 years earlier. We hope to have several other classes join with us in planning and holding that event.

It has been a good period for our membership since the last newsletter, as we have had no notice of any of our OCs passing away; however, we did sadly lose an OC Mother, Carole Sanford, wife of Ed Sanford, 63A, on 1 September.

Finally, with the re-opening of the Lackland Museum that includes an exhibit of the OCS program, we have basically achieved the three major OCS Memorial goals we identified at the start of this organization. I thank all of you who worked on and/or contributed to those efforts.

See you in Dayton.

Tom Hansen, 63B

FINANCIAL REPORT – After paying out the reunion hotel deposit, paying for the OCS Memorial Plaque and the installation/life time maintenance fees for the AF Museum Memorial Park, our overall balance of \$1,045 is about 1/3 of our normal operating balance. The reunion will help to replenish our Reunion and Memorial funds to some degree, but we have no significant expenses anticipated until the 2013 Reunion event.

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION - ATTN: ALL AF OCs - In May of 2013, our Association is planning a reunion to remember the closing of Officer Candidate School in 1963. As usual our event will be open to any AF OCS graduate from 1942-1963, and we would like to invite other classes, that hold their own reunions, to consider aligning their event schedules to join with us in planning and executing this event remembering the 50th Anniversary of the program's closure. For any classes interested in joining this project and making it an OCS Reunion to remember, please contact Tom Hansen at 253-380-5261 or c130hans@msn.com.

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 the following addresses: 97 D Chinook Lane, Steilacoom WA 98388

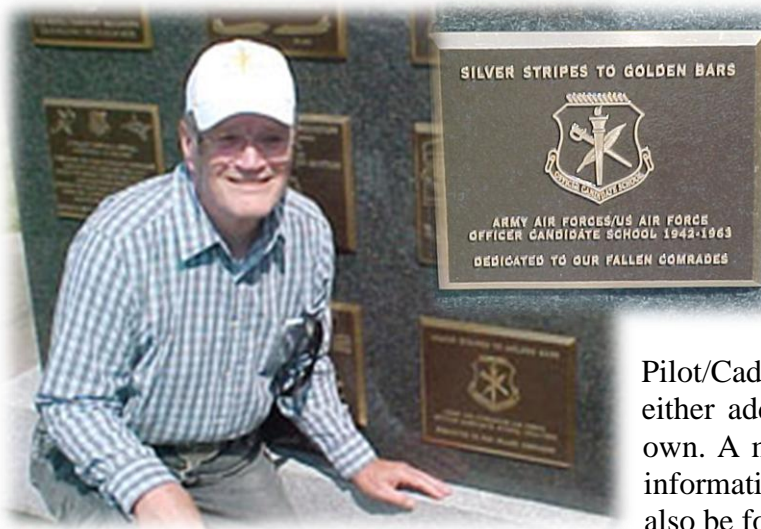
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AF MUSEUM PLAQUE PROJECT – A plaque commemorating the Air Force Officer Candidate School was put on display on 1 September, 2010, at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. The plaque is mounted on Memorial Wall number two in the Museum’s Memorial Park. This joins three other displays elsewhere in the park which commemorate individual classes (54B, 58A and 63C).



The plaque, which was designed and purchased by the 63rd Officer Candidate Wing Association, was manufactured by Dodds Monument Company, a company which started business in Xenia, Ohio, in 1864. It will be officially dedicated during our 2011 Reunion.

If you happen to be visiting the Museum, or their web site, and want to see the plaque, it and the other OCS displays are listed under Pilot/Cadet Classes. I am attempting to get that changed to either add OCS to the heading or give us a heading of our own. A map to help you locate the plaque is available at the information desk in the lobby of the Museum. The map can also be found on the Museum website.

Tom Lubbers, 63C

OCS WEB SITE STATUS – Several months ago, the web site was ‘hacked’ into by a person or persons unknown and severely damaged, data-wise. While there was never a privacy issue for our members, the data destruction ultimately led to the decision to build a new site on a commercial server with a commercial host. This will provide faster access for you and increased security for our data.

Fortunately, Michèle was able to provide us with a recent set of back-up data from which to reconstruct the site. With back-up in hand, my wife, Pat, and I accepted the challenge of rebuild and maintenance. Needless to say, since we have only limited experience along these lines (i.e., learn as we go), reconstruction has proceeded slowly.

The new site can be seen at this address: www.usafocsalumni.org.

The bottom line is that this is a “work in progress.” If anyone has professional web design and maintenance experience, we would be more than happy to accept that assistance or turn it over to someone more knowledgeable. We are trying to keep this within the OCS family to preclude asking for funds from the membership to support a commercial web designer.

We would also very much like to hear your thoughts and recommendations on the “look” and content of the site. Just send an e-mail to the webmaster (Fred) at f4holm-ocsweb@yahoo.com. (You can use the “Contact Us” page on the web site.)

We are working on moving all the Shavetails into the ‘Flipping Page’ format that you see for Class 63-A. If you place your mouse cursor near the lower right or left corner of the page, you will be able to ‘turn’ the pages as you would a real book.

Also, we would like to update the biographies before the 2013 Reunion. You can just send us an e-mail with any information you would like to add or any changes.

Fred Holmes, 63C

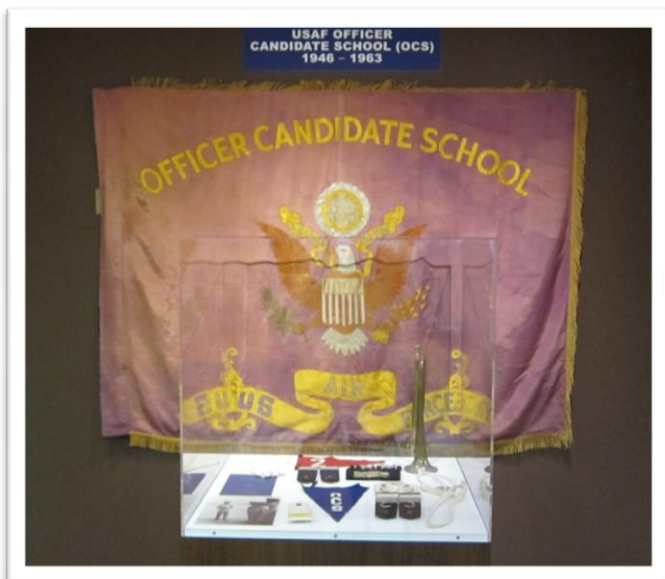
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2011 REUNION, DAYTON, OHIO – The overall planning factors for this next reunion were to keep it short, sweet and inexpensive, with the current economic situation being one of the major factors. The Monday and Thursday travel days are generally the least expensive for airline tickets. The Hope Hotel room rates are the lowest in the area, but the facilities are excellent and fully meet our needs. The hotel will provide a sizeable hospitality room that we can stock on our own, and also has a full service restaurant open 6AM–10PM. The reunion length will be three days, instead of our normal four, which saves a hotel night, and we will be running the reunion with our own volunteers. Finally, we will be offering only three optional events. As usual, these optional events will depend on sufficient sign-ups to cover the transportation costs. In the case of the Golf Tournament, it may require the golfers to arrive one day early, depending on the tee times we can arrange with Wright-Patterson AFB Golf Course. The Carillon Historic Park tour showcases Dayton’s rich heritage of creativity, invention and milestones that changed the Nation and the World, involving 25 major exhibits including the Wright Flyer III, automobiles, train cars, bicycles, cash registers and a 1930’s print shop. For those who have recently visited the AF Museum, or prefer another venue after the Memorial Plaque dedication ceremony, we are negotiating a possible lunchtime matinee performance at the La Comedia Dinner Theater. With all this in mind we are hoping to hold the individual registration cost to around \$75–80 dollars. The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Sunday, 11 Sep	Golfers arrive and register. Golfers meeting in Hospitality Room
Monday, 12 Sep	Golf Tournament, Registration, Hospitality Room and Welcome Reception
Tuesday, 13 Sep	Business Meeting/Elections, Class Meetings, Carillon Park with Dinner, Hospitality Room
Wednesday, 14 Sep	Dedication Ceremony, AF Museum or Lunch Theater, Farewell Reception and Banquet, Hospitality Room
Thursday, 15 Sep	Farewell Breakfast on your own in restaurant and departures

Shortly after the beginning of 2011 we will be sending out registration forms, which will include the specific details and costs for the optional events and banquet meal options.

LACKLAND MUSEUM UPDATE –The renovated Museum officially re-opened on 12 August and is now called the USAF Airman Heritage Museum. Using interactive technology and museum quality lighting, it now consists of 31 exhibits, one of which depicts the OCS program from 1942–1963. The initial exhibit is fairly basic, but we hope to make some upgrades by providing ideas and materials to further improve its content and appearance. Finally, in addition to the majority of museum visitors being families of Basic Military Training (BMT) graduates, it will be used for an enhanced educational program utilizing guided lectures on AF history and heritage during week 7 of BMT.





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