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COMMANDER'S CORNER — Well again, this issue is a little later than usual, but I wanted to be able to provide a little more info regarding the upcoming reunion in May of 2013. Additionally, I was involved in three other projects and had some medical issues to deal with, as well as re-locating back to our summer residence in Washington State. We have had another change in leadership for the 63C Group; their class representative on the Board of Directors is still Bob Ackerman and due to the recent passing of their Class Communicator, Jamie Jamison, Bob has temporarily taken on the Class Communicator role as well. If any of the 63C classmates are interested in becoming that Class Communicator, they should contact him about this key position. Sadly, in addition to the passing of Jamie, we have received notice of the passing of three other of our classmates: Richard Hayhurst, 63A; Sherman Skillman, 63A; and Marvin Dougherty, 63C. We were also sorry to hear that Marty McDonald, 63A Director, lost his wife Lynn.

When we receive notice of one of our members passing in time, we generally send flowers for the service, unless a donation is requested instead. In that case, we send a donation in the amount of what the flowers would have cost. For example, we recently received the following: "Thanks to all of you for your donation to the Heart Assoc. in Sherman's memory. He had suffered for several years but had always come through so it was a shock to us when he didn't make it. Hopefully, the donation will help to save others. Sincerely, The Skillman Family"

When we receive notice sometime after the service/burial, we send a condolence card to the spouse or family. So if you become aware of a death, or serious hospitalization of a classmate, please pass that info to your class communicator or one of the officers listed above, so that we can take the appropriate action.

On a more positive bent, looking forward to seeing you all in San Antonio in May of 2013, when we will remember the closing AF OCS, 50 years prior.

– TOM HANSEN, 63B

FINANCIAL REPORT — Even with the lower reunion attendance this year, we were able to refresh our Reunion and Memorial Funds. We currently have \$2,550 available with no known expenses until December, when we will submit a deposit to the 2013 reunion hotel.

–JOE SCARLETT, 63B

CLASS CONTACT INFO – Reference the comments above, here is a list of the current class communicators:

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63C – Bob Ackerman, 352-787-5480 or tobob@earthlink.net

63D – Chuck Ulmer, 719-528-5737 or chulmer@aol.com

Please be sure to keep your class rep updated on any change of address, telephone number(s) or Email

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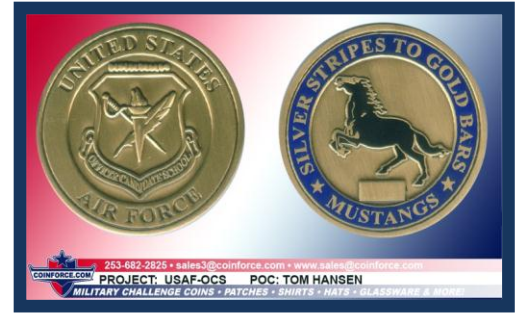
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OCS CHALLENGE COIN PROJECT — This project is designed to raise funds for our Association's future OCS Memorial projects and/or reunions. It is available to any Army Air Corps/Army AF/USAF OCS graduate or family member. The cost is \$15 which includes engraving your class number on the coin and postage, or \$10 without the engraving. The cost of engraving is slowly increasing, so if you want one engraved with your class number for the current cost of \$15, **now is the time to get it done**. You can send your orders, with your Class Number, and a check or money order made out to "Tom Hansen" to the following addresses: 97D Chinook Lane, Steilacoom WA 98388. — **TOM HANSEN, 63B**



50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION — ATTN: ALL AF OCS CLASSES AND INDIVIDUALS – We are committed to a reunion for 23–27 May of 2013 with the Holiday Inn, which is situated on the San Antonio River Walk. They have matched and guaranteed the lowest rate of the other hotels in that area, and have shown the most flexibility in meeting our specific reunion needs (More info on the hotel below). **The theme of this reunion**, open to all AF OCS types from 1940 to 1963 **is remembering the final closing of the AF OCS program 50 years ago in June of 1963**. One of the events we are looking at is a trip to Lackland AFB to include a basic training graduation parade, followed by a base tour to include the Museum with our OCS Display. The base has gone through some major renovations, and the only wooden barrack left (that we all remember well) is the one saved by the Museum Curator. Also we are looking at possibly touring Fredericksburg Texas, with a large array of quaint shops and a WWII Naval Museum, and another tour might include the LBJ Ranch and LBJ Museum. If there is enough interest, we might include a golf mini-tournament or a tour to Randolph AFB. Of course, we will have our Welcoming Reception, Association Business and Class meetings and the Banquet. For those willing to stay another day, or leave that afternoon, we will try to get our group included in the San Antonio Memorial Day Ceremony, which is a class event, on Monday morning. **We are certainly open to consider any suggestions of other possible tours or activities.**

As usual, our event will be open to any Army AF or USAF individual OC, and you will be able to sign-up for the events you want to be part of and arrive/depart at any time during the event. **We would certainly like to invite those classes who are still holding their own reunions to consider joining us in 2013, and if able, in the planning, funding and execution of this special OCS reunion event.** For classes interested in joining the planning of this project, please contact Tom Hansen at 253-380-5261 or c130hans@msn.com.

– **TOM HANSEN, 63B**

HOLIDAY INN ON THE RIVER WALK INFO – We have 70 rooms (King or 2 Double beds) reserved for 24-27 May 2013 at a rate of \$95 per night, which is a terrific rate for that location. Those rates are also available for three days before and after the reunion period, based on availability. They will provide all the necessary meeting rooms, to include a hospitality room with ice service free, and allow us to provide our drinks and packaged snacks for that hospitality room. Complimentary podium and mike for meetings and banquet will be provided, as well as a Southwest Reception with beer/wine/sodas. Self parking is available for \$8/day, discounted from \$18. There is an Airport-Hotel shuttle that services the downtown hotels. Of course, being located on the San Antonio Riverwalk gives you easy access to a wide range of restaurants, entertainment and shopping.



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