'80 Classmates and Friends,

We're just three months out from the big event! Things are coming together nicely, and based on the early response, there will be lots of us making the trek back to USAFA in October! We've already filled the Holiday Inn, but DON'T WORRY! We have an "overflow" plan at other nearby hotels. Still make your reservations through the Holiday Inn (mention Class of 80 reunion) – to get the reunion rate. Help us help you and call for reservations as soon as possible.

Included with this letter you'll find 4 items:

- 1. The actual registration form for all activities during the reunion. We have worked hard to contain costs while still providing a first-rate reunion experience. However, we need accurate counts to insure each event runs smoothly! You will help our planning tremendously by accurately signing up for events **early**. I know some of you may not be able to finalize plans until the last minute, but our ability to accommodate folks at the last minute is limited, so avoid disappointment and sign up for events now. Remember, the costs are **per-person**. Thanks for your help!
- 2. The most current schedule showing times and places to be.
- 3. Notes & Information sheet with more details on reunion events, hotel checks, tours, extra activities, transportation, class photo, memorial, tailgate, etc.
- 4. Another set of souvenir order forms (in case you lost the first one!!!)

Right now, the football game is set to kick off at 1200 hrs. The start time is subject to change due to our TV contract – we'll keep you posted. If you already have reserved seat tickets to the game, you can exchange them one-for-one for seats in the class block. Contact the AOG for details.

Thanks to those of you who volunteered to coordinate squadron events on Friday evening! However, I still need reps from CS 01, 02, 03, 06, 07, 08, 11, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35 and 38. This isn't a difficult task: you just need to poll your squadron mates and make any arrangements for your squadron event. The reunion committee can help you find a place – we've even reserved several party rooms at the hotel. We'll also supply reps a squadron address roster. Things will go much more smoothly for your squadron event if you appoint a representative **before** the reunion. Contact me to volunteer. We'll post squadron reps on the Class web page in the near future.

I want to make another pitch for our Class gift projects. The initial response has been quite good! We've collected over \$10,000 of our \$50K goal for this year's gift (Class Memorial Pavers and initial funding for the USAFA Humanities Institute website project). We've also received nearly \$50K in pledges towards our \$1,000,000 Class of 1980 Legacy Gift we want to present at our 30th reunion. I suspect many of you are like me...procrastinating until the last minute to send in your contributions and pledge cards. Do what I just did – mail your contributions and pledge cards today! It will help us minimize fund raising expenses if you mail your gifts before the July deadline. Lots of

USAFA classes are watching our efforts closely – let's make the first attempt to raise "7-figures" a trend setting success! Thanks!

We have not made any special child-care arrangements. Attempts by other classes have failed miserably. I suggest you contact the Child Development Center at the Academy. They can be contacted at: Voice (719) 333-6779/6863, Fax (719) 333-6463. They may be able to recommend childcare if they can't accommodate your needs.

We are making progress on the lost souls list. The updated list is attached. Be sure to send updated information to reunions@aog-usafa.org in addition to me and Bud Uyeda.

That's it for now. We'll update schedules on the AOG homepage and at <u>http://usafa80.tripod.com</u>. Contact me with questions. Take care – see you in October!

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