

After-Action Report

OCS *SPRING* Class Reunion

Sunday March 26 to Wednesday March 29, 2023

Prescott, Arizona

Our OCS *SPRING* Class Reunion was held from Sunday March 26 to Wednesday March 29, 2023, at the LaQuinta Inn and Suites in Prescott, Arizona.

Attendees were Donn Berney and his daughter Julie Galyon and her husband Derek Galyon; Fred Britton and his wife Libby Britton; Cecil and his wife Carolyn Brown; Jerry Cooper; Alan Shroyer and his daughter Michelle Thomas. (There were ten attendees consisting of five classmates and their five guests.)

Unfortunately, several classmates had to cancel their registration at the last minute for medical reasons:

- Fred Spaulding had bladder cancer surgery scheduled for Thursday of that week.
- Sam Rock was undergoing physical therapy treatments for his back and had foot surgery scheduled for Friday of that week.

The hospitality room had been well stocked by Donn Berney and Fred Britton with refreshments and snacks.

Sunday night's eatery outing was BBQ at Colt BBQ in downtown Prescott, where the manager had served in the Guld War with the 82nd Airborne Division.

On Monday morning, we attended a Celebration of Life for OCS Classmate Ray Fauth who had died from cancer a few days before Christmas 2022. Jerry Cooper and Donn Berney spoke of Ray and our OCS days to over 75 attendees. Carolyn Brown read her poem that she had written and read at our 50th Year anniversary graduation from OCS at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1967.

Don Berney and Fred Britton made several Presentations to Joann: a Senior OCS Blue Helmet Liner with the name "FAUTH" inscribed on the back of the helmet; a picture collage of Ray and Joan that had been created by Carolyn Brown; Carolyn Brown's framed poem; a certificate of recognition for Joann and a pin and certificate for Ray's service in Vietnam.

The Celebration of Life gathering was held at a Community Center and was followed by a delicious Mexican dinner served on the premises.

On Monday evening, most classmates and their guests ate in the motel bar Cooper's Pub (no relation).

Tuesday morning we attended the Military Honors Ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery with the playing of Taps, a 21-gun salute by a honor guard,

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and folding of the American flag which was then presented to Ray Fauth's widow Joann. Following the ceremony, the group met and enjoyed dinner at Olive Garden hosted by Joann Fauth.

Our business meeting was held on Tuesday and the minutes have been prepared and posted on our website.

Our banquet was held Tuesday evening at the famous Palace Restaurant located in the middle of Whiskey Row in downtown Prescott where Wyatt Earp and his brothers along with Doc Holiday frequented in the late 1800's.

We had a separate dining area which had an American flag and a table set up to conduct our Recognition to Fallen Classmates ceremony.

After Donn Berney opened the dinner, Fred Britton delivered a very inspirational prayer.

Donn Berney and Jerry Cooper conducted the Recognition to Fallen Classmates ceremony noting that Classmate Ray Fauth had passed away since our FALL reunion in Myrtle Beach. Ray's widow Joann Fauth attended the banquet along with her granddaughter, daughter, and son-in-law.

The service was outstanding, and the food was delicious. We ordered our meals directly from the menu.

Following dinner, Donn Berney made a few remarks, and the banquet was concluded by group picture taking, which will be posted to our website.

After the pictures were taken, everyone returned to the hospitality room for final visitations.

Overall, it was a great reunion, and every attendee intends to attend our **FALL** Reunion in San Antonio, Texas in November 2023!