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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

Irony spices all history. The story of the birth of the United States Military Academy provides a good case in point: it must have brought smug smiles to the faces of many when Thomas Jefferson, who had long thwarted George Washington's efforts to establish a national institution to educate military leaders, ultimately became the very person who founded the Academy. After assuming the responsibilities of the Presidency, Jefferson quickly came to recognize that the nature of the American republic demanded officers imbued with democratic values and, furthermore, who were citizens of unquestioned character. The country needed a West Point.

The Academy's purpose today, nearly two centuries later, remains much as it was first envisioned in 1802: TO PROVIDE THE NATION WITH LEADERS OF CHARACTER WHO SERVE THE COMMON DEFENSE.

Leaders of character. . . . That phrase is irreducible, the three words comprising an indivisible entity. Not merely leaders are we to produce, but leaders-of-character.

What, then, one is led to ask, is character? Why is it so critical, this essential modifier?

Character, said General Matthew Ridgway (Cl '17), is "the bedrock on which the whole edifice of leadership rests. It is the prime element for which every profession, every corporation, every industry searches in evaluating a member of its organization. With it, the full worth of an individual can be developed. Without it—particularly in the military profession—failure in peace, disaster in war, or at best mediocrity in both will result."

British General Sir James Glover held that "a man of character in peace is a man of courage in war."

Truly competent leadership requires a complex array of traits, but, in our Army and in our land, it requires above all men and women of character. And the core component of character is integrity—it is not by accident that "honor" occupies the central position in West Point's motto.

At the Military Academy, the inculcation of character is indeed central to everything we do. It is inextricably im-



bedded in each of our three primary thrusts of intellectual, physical, and military development. Instructors are charged to demonstrate it; coaches to develop it; tactical officers to shape it; all of us to exemplify it. In a comprehensive and totally absorbing process, the Academy's spartan lifestyle and sustaining environment purposefully nurture a solid grasp of values. Integrity permeates the Academy's environment; it is an imperative, as is our abiding emphasis on a moral-ethical code.

That emphasis apparently places us outside the mainstream of higher education nowadays. Stung by criticism leveled last year by the Secretary of Education—he charged that only a few colleges "foster moral discernment in their students"—several presidents of rather prestigious universities around the country responded, saying in effect: "If students haven't been taught ethics by their families and their schools before they get to us there is very little we can do." Quite to the contrary, we at West Point feel there is in fact much that can and ought to be done. To begin with, rather than banishing "ethics" to the periphery of the curriculum, rather than feeling content with offering a course or two on morality, we make character development the very touchstone of all else we do. We just cannot see how an educational institution could rationalize the graduating of students who have not undergone ethical development, who do not know the difference between right and wrong. Colleges that believe they

are meeting their obligation to our nation by turning out morally rootless graduates have not grasped (or have forgotten) a key aphorism about education and life: Finding the truth is an intellectual pursuit; telling the truth is a moral pursuit.

The challenge to American education in the waning years of this century is to develop leaders for our nation—responsible leaders, leaders for a lifetime. That has always been West Point's very purpose—and remains our proud tradition.

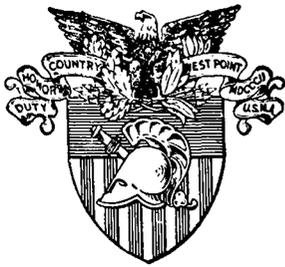
The following story, related to me recently by one of our graduates, makes the point eloquently:

When I retired, I went to work as executive director of a commission, the chairman of which was then Governor Nelson Rockefeller. One meeting happened to be scheduled for 13 October 1973, the day Vice President Spiro Agnew resigned because of ethical lapses. Rockefeller was caught up in TV coverage so our meeting slipped. He asked me to fly down to Washington with him to talk about our business. It was evident that he was very concerned by the Agnew scandal. During the flight he began reminiscing about some of his problems as Governor in dealing with unscrupulous people. Then he turned to reflecting on those few he had worked with who were honest and straightforward, specifically including the four military people who had worked for him: Tom Farrell, Cort Schuyler, Frank Farrell, and Ted Parker—all retired generals who had headed major departments for the state. Suddenly, he looked at me and asked: "Tell me, Fred. Where do you military get all of that integrity?"

Thomas Jefferson would have loved it.

Best wishes for the holiday season and the new year,

Dave R. Palmer  
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Back: The Tree of Life curtain hangs in the ark in the new Jewish Chapel. See article on the Jewish Chapel, page 20.

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# SENATOR BARRY M. GOLDWATER RECIPIENT OF THE 1987 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

**O**n 24 September 1987 the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy presented its 30th annual Sylvanus Thayer Award to noted aviator, public servant, and author Senator Barry M. Goldwater.

The award, given by the Association since 1958 and funded through a donation by The Honorable Clare Boothe Luce, the 22nd recipient of the award, is presented annually to an outstanding citizen of the United States whose service and accomplishments in the national interest exemplify personal devotion to the ideals expressed in the West Point motto, "DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY."

The award is named in honor of Sylvanus Thayer, Class of 1808 and the 33d graduate of the Academy, who nine years later became its fifth superintendent. Serving in this capacity until 1833, Thayer instituted at West Point those principles of academic and military education, based upon the integration of character and knowledge, which have remained an essential element of the Military Academy. He is acknowledged as "The Father of the Military Academy." Under his direction the United States Military Academy became the first technological school in America; and his curriculum, textbooks, and engineer graduates were in great demand among the nation's colleges and scientific institutions as they developed throughout the 19th Century.

Following introductory remarks by Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, the 53d superintendent of the Military Academy, General Michael S. Davison, president of the Association of Graduates, conferred the award on Goldwater at a banquet ceremony held in Washington Hall. Earlier that afternoon, Goldwater had been honored at an informal reception in Cullum Hall followed by a review of the Corps of Cadets.

Barry M. Goldwater was born in Phoenix, Arizona, on 1 January 1909. He was graduated from Staunton Military Academy in Virginia in 1928. At the time he received the Kable Legion of Honor, Staunton's highest award, as its best "all-around" cadet, an award assuring his appointment to West Point. Family illness, however, necessitated his returning to Arizona to enter the family's business, Goldwater's Incorporated. Starting as a junior clerk, he earned his promotion to the firm's presidency in



General Michael S. Davison, President of the Association of Graduates, presents the Thayer Award medal to Senator Goldwater as Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent of USMA, looks on.



Superintendent Palmer shows the Thayer Award plaque to Senator Goldwater.

1937 and in 1953 was named its chairman of the board.

Commissioned in 1930, Goldwater served with the Army Reserve until 1941 when, several months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, he volun-

teered for active duty with the Army Air Corps. As a pilot with the Air Transport Command, he ferried aircraft across the North and South Atlantic, and to Africa, India, and China. He participated in the first flight of P-47 fighters across the

North Atlantic. At war's end, he left active duty, taking a reduction from lieutenant colonel to captain to organize the Arizona Air National Guard and to serve as its chief of staff until 1952.

He then continued his service with the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a major general in 1967 after 37 years' service. During his career as an aviator he logged over 15,000 flying hours in over 160 types of fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

Barry Goldwater first held a public office as councilman, City of Phoenix, from 1949–1952. In 1952 he was elected to the United States Senate from Arizona and served continuously in the Senate until 1965 when, because he had been nominated by the Republican Party as its candidate for President of the United States, he chose not to run a concurrent campaign for his Senate seat. Defeated in that presidential election, he again was elected to the Senate in 1968, 1974, and 1980. He retired from the Senate on 2 January 1987.

Senator Goldwater served with the following Senate bodies:

- Armed Services Committee (Chairman 1982–1986)
- Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee
- Select Committee on Intelligence (Chairman 1982–1986)
- Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee (Chairman of Communications Subcommittee)
- Select Committee on Indian Affairs
- Small Business Committee

He was a member of the Board of Visitors, United States Military Academy, from 1972–1974, served three terms as chairman of the United States Air Force Academy's Board of Visitors, and served on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Senator Goldwater has received many awards and decorations recognizing his service to our nation, as well as honorary degrees from a number of colleges and universities in the United States and abroad.

He is the author of numerous books, including: *The Conscience of a Conservative*, *Why Not Victory?*, *Where I Stand*, *The Face of Arizona*, *Down the Green and Colorado Rivers*, *The Conscience of a Majority*, *The Coming Breakpoint*, and *With No Apologies*.

In 1934 Senator Goldwater married Margaret Johnson of Muncie, Indiana. He has four children and ten grandchildren. Mrs. Goldwater passed away in December 1985. Senator Goldwater resides near Phoenix, Arizona.

In speaking to the large audience at the presentation ceremony, Senator Goldwater directed his comments and their delivery to the cadets attending. His sincerity, candor, and patriotism drew frequent applause.

He stated that receiving the Thayer



## 1987 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD

### CITATION

#### BARRY M. GOLDWATER

As a distinguished soldier, airman, public servant and author, The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater has rendered a lifetime of outstanding service to the United States and to its citizens. Through his extraordinary contributions to our nation's decision-making process as well as to its aeronautics and national defense programs, he has exemplified the ideals of West Point expressed in its motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Beginning with his commissioning in 1930 as a Reserve officer in the Army and continuing with his subsequent decade of service with Reserve units, his active duty with the Air Transport Command during World War II, his service organizing and directing the Arizona Air National Guard from 1947 to 1952, and his subsequent service with the Air Force Reserve until his retirement as a major general in 1967, Barry Goldwater wore his country's uniform with great distinction throughout 37 years of continuous service.

In more than thirty years of responsibility as a United States Senator, Barry Goldwater established an unsurpassed national reputation for honesty, candor, and love of country. He consistently demonstrated strong support for our Armed Forces, urging the nation to build a strong defense while advocating a balanced national budget, a healthy and free economy, and the greatest possible freedom for individual action and achievement. During the 1974 crisis in our Presidency, he was a leader in seeking its resolution and, in so doing, earned the gratitude of the American people. His effective leadership, legislative skill, and wise counsel throughout his career as a United States Senator exemplified dedicated service, high integrity, and strong patriotism in the finest traditions of American public service.

As a prolific speaker and author of numerous books and articles, Senator Goldwater addressed major questions of American national strategic interests, national defense, the economy, and the social problems of our times. Always he demonstrated the moral courage to face difficult issues candidly and with the highest ethical standards thus winning the respect and admiration of his fellow citizens.

Through his long and selfless service to his country, Barry Goldwater has made a significant and lasting contribution to the security and welfare of the United States. His willing and continuous response to his country's call to duty clearly symbolizes the values expressed in the motto of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1987 Sylvanus Thayer Award to The Honorable Barry M. Goldwater.

*Michael S. Davison*  
MICHAEL S. DAVISON  
General USA (Retired)

Award was the greatest honor he had ever received and added that "The Academy, and its honor code, have influenced me all my life." He then pointed out that the principles of the Honor Code of the Corps of Cadets have been present in the leaders of all great countries throughout history and warned that

"No free nation ever was formed without men and women who lived those values. No country ever survives without them."

He counseled that living an honor code becomes automatic and instinctive and that the officer whose life always is governed by its precepts will be honorable, an outstanding soldier, and a great



First Captain Greg Louks presents the Senator a full dress hat as a memento from the Corps.



The Reviewing Party at the parade honoring the Thayer Award recipient.



Senator Goldwater receives congratulations from cadets.



American respected by his peers. "And," he added, "you will get as much satisfaction as you will experience in your lifetime."

The Senator reminded his audience that he believed that the Military Academy has lived up to its responsibilities as "the premier educational institution in America in teaching integrity as well as academic subjects." Then he illustrated his point by recalling that some years ago, when a number of cadets had violated their honor by cheating in academic work and a number of national figures advised that the incident be treated as a minor offense not calling for dismissal of the cadets involved, the Academy had stood firm and dismissed all guilty cadets. "An institution vital to the nation's future," the Senator concluded, "could not violate its own honor."

He warned his audience that "God has not ordained that Americans shall be forever free or that the United States

shall live eternally. Our liberty is not guaranteed. It must be fought for every day of our lives. Every citizen must be in the fight." He pointed out, however, that all men and women do not see that responsibility. Because of that, he charged his young audience, "Serving them, guiding them, influencing them is the task of leadership. And leadership is what this institution is all about." "West Point," he concluded, "is one of the most critical institutions offering the nation men and women who will preserve the United States of America."

"Our country," he added, "has been in deep trouble many times in our two centuries. And it was men of leadership, men instilled with duty, honor, country who bailed us out. Many of these leaders came from this Academy, and many more will come from it in the future."

Goldwater expressed concern for a "flight from basic principles of character" in the public and private sectors in

America today and explained "We need our public officials and citizens to understand what 'Duty, Honor, Country' means. There would have been no Watergate, no Iran scandal, under the Honor Code. Neither would our country be in trouble."

In concluding, he reminded the Corps that "This nation needs you—you cadets—to lead us in the future, to devote your lives even after your military careers are over, to our country" for "there is no last hurrah in the struggle to remain free."

Following his acceptance speech, and remaining on his feet despite a long and demanding day, Senator Goldwater personally greeted hundreds of cadets who insisted upon giving him their personal congratulations on his selection for the 1987 Sylvanus Thayer Award.

COLONEL (RET) JAMES W. WENSYEL  
SECRETARY, THAYER AWARD COMMITTEE

# Homecoming 1987 Alumni Exercises



Approximately 900 graduates returned to West Point for Homecoming Weekend, 15–18 October 1987. Reunion classes present included 1967, 1972, 1977 and 1982. The Classes of 1967 and 1977 had the largest number returning with approximately 300 each. The oldest graduate present was COL Wellington A. Samouce '24, who led the march across the Plain to Thayer Monument.



# 1967 Homecoming





*From the Collection of the U.S. Military Academy Library*

# 1972 Homecoming





# 1977 Homecoming





# 1982 Homecoming



# Reunion Classes **1952** 25-27 September





# 1957

11-13 September





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# 1962

1-4 October

“Sixty-two” returned in style with a super job done by the committee at the Academy who planned and carried out a superb weekend! From arrival ceremony for the limo carrying the effervescent Kimsey/Caufield party to the final breakfast, the gathering was great.

After a brief cocktail party, opening night saw classmates dancing in the hotel disco that brought back memories of the 2-0-2 and twisting of the '60s. Came the dawn and most of the twists appeared to be in the backs and necks of the players. In the commentaries offered by Butzer, Gorden and Phillips, we learned about the sad facts that we wouldn't meet the PT standards of today's classes! I think a number of us aged during the parties. As the supe said, some of my classmates had aged so much they didn't recognize me.

The fellowship linking our class was evident. We missed those not present and renewed the bonds linking our class now at the quarter century mark. I'm pleased to have had the chance to enjoy the company of the best of men, once again. 62 . . . continues to do.

Bill Mogan







# The West Point Jewish Chapel

By Lewis L. Zickel, '49



The last vestiges of winter at West Point were still holding the high ground. Gloom Period had not yet yielded to the promise of spring. The work day was drawing to a close as the project manager tried to catch up on his paperwork. He glanced out of the construction trailer window and noticed a cadet staring intently at the cluttered construction site. His curiosity drew him from his work to the cadet. He asked:

"May I help you?"

"I certainly hope so, Sir," she replied. "My fiancé and I are planning to be married in *that building* on Graduation Day and I am not so sure that it will be ready in time."

"Young lady, you will be married here on that day," he promised her.

And so it came to pass. Lieutenant Christie Bishop ('84) married Lieutenant Keith Samuels ('83) in the new Jewish Chapel, the first of what promises to be a long line of weddings and other notable events. Actually, that wedding fulfilled the second of two promises. The first was made to Superintendent Lieutenant General Willard Scott that the 1984 Baccalaureate Services for the graduating Jewish cadets would be held in the new chapel.

More than twenty years earlier, when the newlyweds were toddlers, an idea germinated in the minds of several graduates to build a Jewish Chapel at West Point. Both Mert Singer ('38) and Bob Granik ('45) individually recall starting dialogue on this subject as early as that.

*About the Author: COL Lewis L. Zickel, Retired AUS, a 1949 graduate of USMA, is a forensic engineer specializing in the investigation of structural collapses and other failures. He has been involved in the Jewish Chapel project since shortly after its inception. Zickel resides in Dobbs Ferry, NY.*

Shortly thereafter, Rabbi Avraham Soltes was appointed Jewish Cadet Chaplain. He brought creativity, charisma and a very special brand of enthusiasm to West Point which was to shape and direct Jewish Chapel Squad activities for a generation. In 1967 he was summoned by the Superintendent, Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, who announced his support for the construction of a Jewish Chapel at West Point. General Bennett selected the old quarry on Merritt Road for the site and had arranged for the Corps of Engineers to prepare a graphic study of the building.

The seeds were thus sown, but it was to be a long way to the harvest. In the beginning we were seeking a beginning. The only experience from which we could draw was that of our Catholic brothers who, in 1899, sought "a suitable place for worship" for the "officers, cadets, enlisted men, and cooks and maids in officers' households." At that time, there were approximately 20 Catholic cadets in the Corps. After a heated debate, Congress passed a law permitting the construction of a sectarian chapel at West Point, but, in keeping with the Constitutional separation of church and state, required that such a chapel be funded from private sources. This same law governed the construction of the Jewish Chapel.

This endeavor promised to be laden with complexities, the extent of which proved to have been somewhat underestimated by our enthusiasm and optimism. The interests and requirements of the Department of the Army and the Academy had to be dealt with on one hand, while conducting a dignified and effective fundraising campaign on the other. Simultaneously, the design and

construction of the chapel had to be kept in concert with the fund-raising campaign for budgetary purposes and with the requirements governing architecture and construction at West Point. This required a lean, responsive organization.

In April 1968, the West Point Jewish Cadet Chapel Fund, Inc. was formed and presided over by Mert Singer. The Articles of Incorporation of the Fund were signed on 9 October followed by a letter of support from the Superintendent, Major General S. W. Koster, to the Supreme Court of the State of New York on 29 November. This was the forerunner of the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund, Inc. which functions to this day. Most members of the original committee were graduates of West Point in civil life. There were a number of non-graduates, one of whom was to become the driving force behind the program. All were active businessmen, professionals, elected officials, and clergymen. All carried substantial workloads and responsibilities of their own. Gradually, this group boiled itself down to a few who were willing and able to devote a substantial amount of time and unwavering commitment to the task at hand. Singer moved to Texas, vacating the chairmanship of the fund in September 1970.

Our first watershed meeting was held on 30 September 1974 in New York City at the office of Saul Horowitz, Jr. ('46), president of the HRH Construction Company, to explore fund-raising strategies and to begin tailoring our organization. Saul was our leader. His quiet strength and sound judgment provided us with the direction needed to achieve our objective. Less than a year later, Saul was returning to New York from New Orleans where, as president of the Associated General Contractors of Ameri-



Sanctuary viewed from the choir loft.



ca, he had been chairing its national convention. His return flight crashed at John F. Kennedy Airport. We lost a friend and a leader, a devastating loss to all of us.

Herbert M. Ames, the only non-graduate in the active group, firmly picked up the reins of leadership and accomplished the objective. One cannot adequately describe his executive abilities, objectivity, and sound judgment. We owe him a debt of gratitude for his selflessness and complete dedication to the project. He possesses the ability to assign responsibility along with the required level of authority to exercise it while lending moral support at just the right time. Herb generously shares the limelight with others, always understating his own role.

The organization created consists of Officers and Trustees backed by a Committee of Overseers and a National Advisory Committee. The body of the Committee of Overseers is made up of national leaders of industry, business, government, and Academy graduates. The National Advisory Committee consists of 17 U.S. Senators, 48 U.S. Congressmen, 18 general officers, an admi-

ral, and 15 officers and executives of national, secular, and religious organizations. An ad hoc committee selected from the Officers and Trustees was designated the operational organ with specific assigned responsibilities for each member. The committee consisted of Herb Ames, Alvin E. Orlian ('43), Robert Granik ('45), Stanley Love ('46), Lewis L. Zickel ('49), Harold Gottesman ('50), Jerome Waldor ('50), Alan Lichtenberg ('51), Louis Gross ('54), and Herbert Lichtenberg ('55). Though all were tasked with fund raising, three specific operational tasks were assigned: Alan Lichtenberg, treasurer; Bob Granik, legal counsel; and Lew Zickel, design and construction. The balance of the committee provided advisory backup in addition to their fund raising efforts. Herb Ames provided direct liaison with the USMA command and the Department of the Army. At the outset of operations, the committee was reminded of the old saying defining the origin of the camel. This admonition was taken seriously. Every effort was made to avoid committee decisions where decisions by the responsible individual was appropriate and proper. Each member, therefore, functioned with substantial autonomy, but each was sensitive to those matters which deserved, if not required, committee approval. Without rigid rules of operation, each possessed a sense of the limit of his autonomy. Working relationships were quite comfortable. A remarkable characteristic of the ad hoc committee was its responsiveness to calls to convene, even on short notice. In the 13 years from the creation of this group to the present, it was never necessary to cancel a meeting for lack of a comfortable quorum. Some members traveled from areas far beyond the New York Metropolitan area to at-

tend these meetings.

By 1974 it became necessary to initiate a number of key actions simultaneously. Preliminary design had to commence to establish firmer fund-raising goals. Fund raising had to be accelerated in order to meet the government's requirement that the fund demonstrate to USMA acceptable evidence of its fiscal ability to construct the chapel prior to breaking ground (one Dick's Folly overlooking the Hudson River is enough). A proffer had to be made to the Secretary of the Army as a prerequisite to obtaining a license and to receive the right of entry to construct on the site.

Because of the importance of the project and its highly visible position on the ridge overlooking the Plain at a point between the Cadet Chapel and the Catholic Chapel, it deserved, and we therefore selected an architect of the highest repute. Max Abramovitz of Harrison and Abramovitz had a long-established national reputation for his work on such projects as the United Nations Building, part of Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, and several outstanding religious buildings.

The style and configuration of the chapel were closely coordinated with the superintendent and his staff. One crisp Hudson Valley day, after a meeting with Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry, during his tenure as superintendent, he escorted our group to the Plain where he drew our attention to a crane boom rising over the ridge line at the site. A red flag flew from the tip of the boom. He explained that the elevation of the flag was on an imaginary line drawn from the top of the Cadet Chapel tower to the spire of the Catholic Chapel. The top of the Jewish Chapel was not to exceed that elevation. Zickel remembers thinking that determining that elevation above the Mean Sea Level Datum would have been a fine problem for a plebe surveying class. The chapel was actually built to an elevation four feet below the established limit line to provide a better proportional relationship to the length and width of the sanctuary. The architect had established the width of the sanctuary equal to that of the high-roofed portion of the Cadet Chapel sanctuary. Dimensional and spatial relationships were developed from this. The architect received design approval from the Plans and Approval Board at West Point.

On 27 May 1976, the Secretary of the Army signed the right of entry at a ceremony held in his office. This was attended by Herb Ames, Rabbi Soltes, Al Orlian, Bob Granik, Bernie Abrams ('47), Lew Zickel, Congressman Jack Murphy ('50), Bob Peltz ('50), Alan Lichtenberg, Eugene Marder ('49), and Herbert Lichtenberg. This was an important milestone along the road to fruition. One year later, Secretary of the Army Alexander,



Ark containing the Scrolls.



Tablets on the facade are an extension of the Ark projected through the window.



Jewish Chapel choir performs at Baccalaureate Sabbath Service, May 1985.

General Goodpaster (Superintendent USMA designee), Herb Ames and members of the fund met with President Jimmy Carter at the White House to discuss the project with him. At the close of that meeting, President Carter signed a proclamation supporting the construction of the Jewish Chapel. President Ronald Reagan added his support when he took office.

Another momentous event occurred in 1981 which was to this project what a booster rocket is to a missile launch. Marty Silverman, president of North American Corporation, pledged \$1 million dollars to the chapel fund. He also pledged himself to the program and provided us with the wizardry we needed to raise the required funds. He committed himself to the project in many ways and became an active member of the ad hoc committee. His is the story of the American Dream personified.

Marty, the son of an immigrant from Poland who settled in upstate New York, worked his way through New York University and Albany Law School from which he graduated in 1936. In World War II, he fought as an infantry soldier in the Third Army where he rose from the rank of private to captain. He was highly decorated and left the Army as a major after he served as an attorney in the war crimes trials. He volunteered to assist in trying the German troops responsible for the Malmedy Massacre. When he returned home, he and his wife Dorothy started a business which has grown to be one of the largest leasing companies in the United States. Later, he was to play an even more important role in the chapel project.

Fund raising from other sources continued. Committee members established local fund-raising groups led by local graduates in major cities through-

out the country. Fund-raising events were held from time to time. The most colorful of these took place at the Red Parrot Night Club in New York City on 2 May 1982. The West Point Glee Club, the Hell Cats, and the Color Guard added an impressive dimension to the occasion which was well-covered by the media. One way of raising funds was to offer the opportunity to memorialize donors or someone of their choosing on plaques soon to be erected in the chapel and dedicated.

Time had become a serious factor as it brought inflation with it and the need for even more donations. Each year of delay increased the cost of the chapel.

In that same year, the committee took steps to select and to enter into a contract with a construction management firm. There was considerable discussion as to the size of the companies under consideration. There was some concern over the possibility that a large company might consider this a project so small, that it would not provide its best personnel or the attention it deserved. When Tishman Realty and Construction Company was suggested, it was received with some skepticism by some of us because of its size. These fears were rapidly dispelled when it was discovered that the president of the parent company was James R. Endler ('56), a former Corps of Engineers officer. Furthermore, he was planning to assign his classmate Robert Segal, a retired Corps of Engineers officer, as field project manager. Bob had just completed building the Epcot Center in Florida. Tishman was a fortunate and a correct choice.

The design-construct team brought an interesting military history to this project. In addition to the background of Jim Endler and Bob Segal, Max Abramovitz also had a unique military engineering

past. During World War II, Max built airfields in China for General Claire Chennault and his Flying Tigers. He went on to serve as a civil engineering officer in the Air Force where he rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel. The Jewish Chapel to these men, therefore, meant much more than just one more project to build.

Abramovitz, the Tishman organization and Zickel commenced working together as a design-construct team. Though cost was a factor, quality was given priority. The chapel was not to be treated as a depreciable real estate asset in the cost control process.

As 1982 drew to a close, we realized that we were finally on the edge of commencement of construction. Two issues remained to be resolved. We still had not completed raising all of the funds necessary to meet the criteria set for "proof of fiscal ability to perform," and the funds for off-site utilities had not yet been released by the U.S. government. It became necessary to make construction a reality in the eyes of prospective donors. We therefore requested and proposed that the money on hand be used to start work without full funding. Marty Silverman came to our rescue a second time. He personally guaranteed the U.S. government that all funds necessary for the completion of the chapel would be available. This met the "fiscal ability" criterion. This left one remaining obstacle: the funding of off-site utilities.

On Monday, 20 December 1982, Herb Ames convened the committee on short notice at Alan and Herb Lichtenberg's office. Herb had received word that the release of funds for off-site utilities was imminent. A ground-breaking ceremony was, therefore, considered for December 28th, if the funds were released in



"Right of Entry" signing ceremony at office of the Secretary of the Army; (left to right): Alan Lichtenberg, Herbert Lichtenberg, Robert Granik, Rabbi Soltes, Sec of the Army Hoffmann, Bernard Abrams, Robert Peltz, Congressman John M. Murphy, Lewis Zickel, Alvin Ovlian, Eugene Marder.

time. Herb called the superintendent, Lieutenant General Willard Scott, who agreed to the date and offered the full use of his Public Information Office. A guest mailing list was prepared and the text of an invitation telegram written. All arrangements were made for a luncheon at the Thayer Hotel for all attendees. Key post personnel and services were alerted to prepare for the ceremony. Everything was in place, waiting for a "go." The funds were released the next day. The telegrams were time dated 0231 23 December 1982. On December 28th, over 150 people attended the ceremony. We mobilized construction forces as the New Year turned. The first daily report issued from the field was dated 10 January 1983. Work had commenced.

Construction moved forward at a deliberate pace, punctuated from time to time by the unforeseen. The first of these contingencies arose out of site conditions. Rock excavation was expected but not to the extent that excavation had to be carried to reach acceptable bearing material. Approximately 2,700 truckloads of blasted rock eventually were hauled from the site for disposal off-post. Thus, the first \$1 million dollars was spent bringing the building out of the ground. A late requirement arising out of a then-recent and unanticipated federal law was that the structure be designed and built to resist seismic loading. The second \$1 million dollars was spent on the concrete superstructure. Dimensional control of the concrete formwork was an engineering feat in itself as the two long parallel side walls of the sanctuary crept upward to their height of close to 60 feet. Formwork carpentry approached cabinet work in quality and precision to assure that the steel roof trusses would fit.

Zickel made periodic visits to the site to review the status of the work, its quality, and to attempt to keep delays caused by decision-making timeframes from slowing field activities. Segal's foresight and management skills minimized crisis delays and errors.

Each month construction bills were rendered to Zickel for analysis and approval. Once he approved them for payment they were forwarded to Alan Lichtenberg for disbursement of funds with an information copy to Herb Ames. Constant communication was maintained between Zickel, Segal in the field office and Tishman's accounting department. Some months, a single bound copy of all construction bills had the bulk of a fair-sized telephone book. The monthly disbursement for construction averaged more than \$350,000. In the construction management process there is usually no general contractor. The owner deals with each subcontractor and supplier through the construction manager who functions as the owner's agent. Therefore, each subcontractor, each vendor, and each expenditure by each person generated one or more invoices each month which were assembled into the monthly billing requisition. It is a fine system of cost control, but it is the quintessential paper chase.

Over the course of construction, we entered into contract with forty individual contractors and vendors in addition to Tishman Construction Company of New York, the architect, and a number of special consultants. Each required separate bookkeeping and disbursements totalling over \$7 million dollars.

Once construction fell into its routine, the committee turned its attention to interior decoration, furnishings, and works of art. Herb Ames wisely suggested that we engage an "artist in residence" of high repute to render judgments on the acceptability of all donated artifacts and that no one be permitted to bypass his judgment, regardless of marital relationships, friendships, or the size



At ground breaking ceremony (December 1982); Superintendent (LTG) Willard Scott with Herbert Ames.

of his donation.

Sidney Simon, a sculptor and painter, was selected for this position. His credentials are outstanding. His works are and have been exhibited in the Metropolitan Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum Art Annals, the American Embassy in Paris, and Cornell University Medical Center. At the start of World War II, he was selected by President Roosevelt to organize and create a corps of artists to "paint the war." Many of their paintings now hang in the corridors of the Pentagon. A representative collection on loan from the Pentagon has been exhibited in the new chapel. As a member of General Douglas MacArthur's staff, Sidney designed the five-star pentagonal array for the newly created rank of General of the Army. His

personal creations are prime focal points of interest in the chapel. He designed the ark containing the scrolls, the tablets on the facade, the Eternal Light hanging over the altar, and the mezzuzah, a capsule mounted on the entrance door post containing a scroll with the words, in keeping with the mandate of Deuteronomy 6, that the declaration of the existence of only one God:

"Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God,  
The Lord Is One"

be written "... on the door posts of thy house and upon thy gates."

The curtain within the ark, mandated for the original temple of antiquity to separate the scrolls from all else, is a particularly noteworthy work of art. This is a multi-hued Tree of Life perceived by Simon to be dyed and woven in such a manner as to cause the colors to blend with subtle gradations in hue. To properly execute his concept required an artist with exceptional skill in fiber technology and dying techniques. By chance he learned of Paula Renee who had developed techniques for controlling colors through the use of microwave and convection ovens. She translated his creation into cloth. Each element of the curtain is symbolic of Biblical events and history. It is married to our early American heritage through the use of appliques sewn to the base material depicting the Tree.

The curtain was completed in June 1985 and received an Award of Excellence from the International Juried Art Competition in Harrison, New York. It was placed on exhibit at the Long Point Gallery in Provincetown, Massachusetts the following month and was stolen. It was valued at \$25,000. A media campaign and an offer of a reward resulted in its anonymous return six weeks later. It had not been damaged. In October 1985, it finally was installed in the chapel.

High on each sidewall of the sanctuary, Max Abramovitz designed and located five "eyebrow" windows after experimenting with a variety of natural lighting effects on scale models. These are glazed in clear glass. Each window represents one of the Ten Commandments. Each commandment was expressed in artistic symbolism by Philip Ratner, an artist and sculptor of renown. In addition to a substantial number of religious and educational institutions, his work is on display at the White House, United States Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island. He translated his designs into the clear glass panels using a flexible diamond tipped grinding tool. This is the same technique used in etching Steuben glass.

Sidney Simon has screened a large number of art works donated to the chapel. One of the most generous gifts of art was donated by Mr. Bernard M.

Bloomfield of Philadelphia. He brought 34 pieces of antique silver and pewter Judaica which had been collected over many years from sources throughout the world dating as far back as the 17th century. He also donated the original copy of the first English translation of the Bible from Hebrew ever printed in America. These items are displayed a few at a time in museum cases in the chapel gallery, cadet lounge, and library.

The architect, during the construction period, began selecting interior furnishings from pews to lounge furniture. Furniture was required for the rabbi's study, two administrative offices, the cadet lounge, library, sanctuary, ante room, bride's room, conference room, and two classrooms.

The physical layout of the building is designed to draw visitors through it. In keeping with tradition, the sanctuary, as in all synagogues, is oriented to the east, the direction of Jerusalem. This requirement governed the floor plan. The entrance to the building is located in a courtyard at the north end of the complex. One enters in a westerly direction into donor's hall, a comfortably spacious, rectangular, sky-lit area. The route of travel then turns southerly into a long museum-gallery where art and artifacts are displayed. The gallery opens to and passes by one side of an open landscaped court dedicated by his family to the memory of Saul Horowitz. Across the court from the gallery is the library. Continuing southerly through the gallery one enters the semi-hexagonal ante room to the sanctuary. The cadet lounge lies further to the south beyond the ante room. The sanctuary is adjacent to and east of the ante room. One enters beneath the choir loft and steps into the rear of the seating area with its soaring 54 foot-high ceiling.

The interior walls of the sanctuary are exposed bush-hammered concrete. This hand-worked process removes the surface cement matrix from the concrete exposing the coarse aggregate, thus producing a textured surface. The high eyebrow-shaped windows are trimmed in limestone. The starkness of the stone and concrete is softened by a wood-strip barrel vault ceiling, wood pews, and the wood altar area. Scarlet pew cushions, the wine colored drape on the bima (lectern) and the American flag on the altar punch spots of color into the grey concrete. When the ark doors are opened, the Tree of Life curtain adds color to the surroundings and becomes the visual focal point.

Tragically, Rabbi Soltes died in May 1983 before the chapel was completed. As Moses, he was allowed to see the Promised Land, but destined not to enter it. Be Thou At Peace.

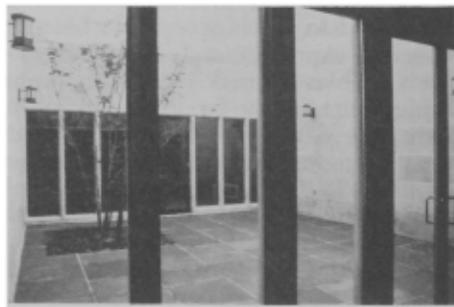
Chaplain (MAJ) Marc Abramowitz arrived at West Point in September of

1983. His first official duty was to officiate at the luncheon at the Hotel Thayer held just prior to the cornerstone laying ceremony. Rabbi Abramowitz occupied the "house" and made it a "home." In his four years at West Point he has touched the lives of Jewish cadets from the classes of '84 through '90 as their spiritual leader, teacher, and counselor. Chaplain (LTC) Abramowitz left West Point in late July 1987 to join the faculty of the Chaplain's School. Well done. Chaplain (MAJ) Kenneth Leinwand took his place.

On 3 May 1985, one year after construction was completed, the Eastern New York Chapter of the American Concrete Institute selected the Jewish Chapel for its annual award for the best architectural use of concrete. The following year, on 9 June 1986, at a ceremony at the Department of Defense, William Howard Taft, IV, Deputy Secretary of Defense, awarded the architect, Max Abramovitz, the department's 1986 Award for Design Excellence for his design of the West Point Jewish Chapel.

On 23 September 1986, the West Point Jewish Chapel Fund formally transferred the "building, fixtures, furniture, and grounds" to the United States Government as a gift at a ceremony held on the chapel grounds. Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, Superintendent, accepted the gift on behalf of John D. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the Army.

This story cannot be completed without acknowledging the help and close support of the seven superintendents who served from 1966 to the present: Generals Bennett, Koster, Knowlton, Berry, Goodpaster, Scott, and Palmer. The period of intense activity occurred during General Scott's tenure. His and his staff's assistance and cooperation were invaluable. USMA Cadet Chaplain Richard Camp and his predecessor, Chaplain Ford, were always there with their support, cooperation, insight, and help.



Memorial courtyard

And so our work is done, the culmination of a generation of effort. In the interim, three of us made their Last Roll Call, while the remainder watched each other age. We look forward to an official ceremony yet to come, the formal dedication of the chapel.

# Rediscovering the 60's: The 1988 West Point History Symposium (13–15 April 1988)

by MAJ Randy Kolton and CPT Jim Carafano

In a speech on Memorial Day 1884, Civil War veteran and future Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes passionately observed that the "generation that carried on the war has been set apart by its experience . . . in our youth our hearts were touched with fire." John Wheeler, USMA '66, a veteran of another war in another age, referred to Holmes' ideas in *Touched With Fire, The Future of the Vietnam Generation* by maintaining that "the decade [of the sixties] bears special attention. . . . Each of us had been touched with fire." Wheeler's words underscore

tators who have agreed to undertake original research, write and rethink our assumptions and conclusions about the decade. The list includes John Lewis Gaddis, David Rosenberg, Marc Trachtenberg, Joseph Tulchin, George Herring, David Calleo and Donald C. Watt. During the current academic year each scholar will also present his early findings to cadets, faculty and other members of the West Point community through an associated lecture series.

The 1988 History Symposium is the third sponsored by the Academy and by far its most ambitious. The forces un-

derstandings will also be open to cadets and the general public. The theme should appeal to both academic and military professionals, as well as students with a wide range of interests. In the end the conference will foster and encourage scholarly research, support USMA instruction in history, and enhance the growing American dialogue which has sought to reexamine the decade "touched with fire."

The symposium is being organized and conducted under the direction of Colonel Robert A. Doughty, Professor and Head, Department of History, and



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David A. Rosenberg, US Naval War College, meeting with cadets at the 1982 History Symposium. Professor Rosenberg will also speak at the 1988 symposium.

that the time has come for Americans to reevaluate and reappraise the turmoil and challenges of the sixties.

During 13–15 April 1988, the Department of History will sponsor a symposium on "The Theory and Practice of American National Security, 1960–68." Supported by generous grants from the Association of Graduates' West Point Fund, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Unisys Corporation, the symposium will reconsider the crucial issues that American policy makers confronted during these turbulent years. The heart of the event will be the efforts of distinguished scholars and commen-

leashed in the 1960's are still reshaping American society. In that respect, the symposium offers not only a reflection on the past, but also an insight into the present. The stark realities of the decade—shattered domestic and foreign policies, the crumbling of America's economic might and a cold war turned hot—may have changed our nation in ways we yet still do not understand. The cry "No More Vietnams" appears frequently in current foreign policy and national security debates. Yet, historians suggest that we have to understand fully America's involvement in the war before we can attempt to apply our knowledge of history to contemporary problems. Perhaps the new research undertaken by the symposium speakers will help provide some of that understanding.

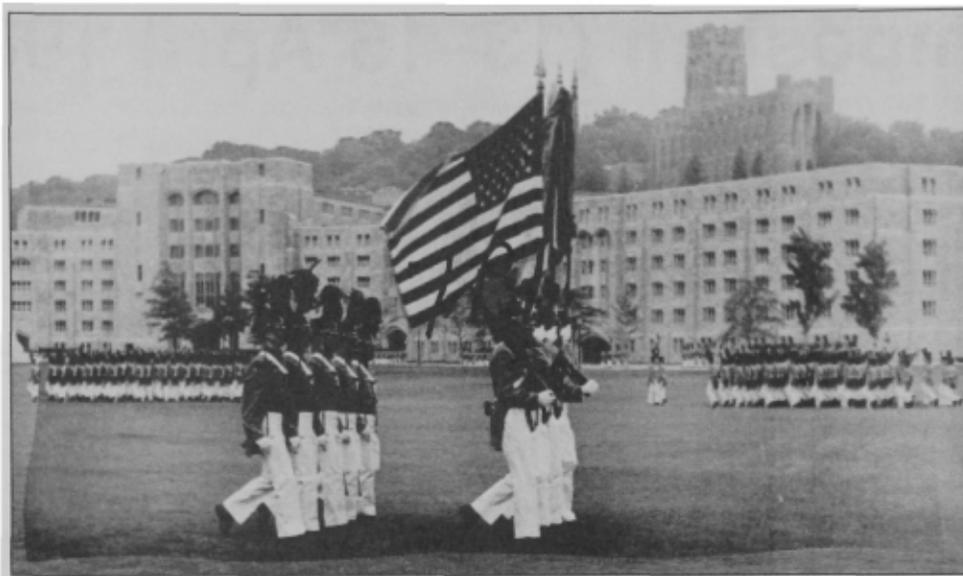
In addition to the speakers and the long list of distinguished Americans, soldiers and scholars invited to attend the

Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. Brower, Associate Professor for American History and the project director. In addition to supporting cadet instruction in American history, international relations, and related studies, the papers presented will be published as collected essays. The results of both previous USMA symposia have been published and well-received (Don Higginbotham, ed., *Reconsiderations on the Revolutionary War*, Greenwood Press, 1978 and Norman A. Graebner, ed., *The National Security: Its Theory and Practice, 1945–1960*, Oxford University Press, 1986). Individuals interested in more information or in attending the symposium should contact LTC Charles F. Brower or CPT Jim Carafano, Department of History, USMA, West Point, New York 10996. All symposium lectures are open to the public at no cost.

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# Project 2002: USMA Looks Ahead

By Major Gary S. Coleman and Colonel Larry R. Donnithorne



**P**roject 2002, a planning initiative begun in the fall of 1986, is nearing the culmination of its first stage. The last issue of the *Assembly* contained a report on the initial results of Project 2002 and described in detail three key concepts: the **Purpose** of the Military Academy, the **Mission** of the Military Academy, and the **West Point Experience**. Using these initial concepts as reference points, further fundamental concepts have been tentatively defined—with their final articulation scheduled to be completed early in 1988. These are the concept of **Leaders 2002**, the **West Point Environment**, and the concepts of **Intellectual**, **Military** and **Physical Development**. When the formal expression of these concepts is completed this winter, the first stage of the Project 2002 planning process will draw to a close. The result of this first stage is a broad description of why and how the Military Academy “does business.” These overarching concepts (Figure 1) will serve as both short and long range planning guidance for all major Academy activities.

The Project 2002 planning process can be located within the broad context of institutional planning. Loring M. Thomp

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## The Overarching Concepts

- Purpose of USMA
- Mission of USMA
- The West Point Experience
- Leaders 2002
- West Point Environment
- Concept of Intellectual Development
- Concept of Military Development
- Concept of Physical Development

Figure 1

son, the Vice-president and Dean of Planning at Northeastern University described strategic planning this way: “Strategic planning deals with the fun-

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damental characteristics of a college or university. It provides a set of basic policies . . . which serve as useful guides

<sup>1</sup>Thompson, Loring M., “Strategic Planning,” in Asa K. Knowles, *Handbook of College and University Administration* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1970), pp. 4-14.

for the detailed planning of programs.”<sup>1</sup> The role of West Point’s eight overarching concepts is just that: to summarize the strategic planning which has been accomplished and to guide the more detailed program planning that follows. The first three concepts were the subject of an article in the September issue of *Assembly*. The definition of the last five concepts—initial drafts which are described in this article—will mark the close of the current stage of strategic planning. At that time, all eight concepts will be combined into a single document of institutional guidance.

The concept of **Leaders 2002** builds upon the purpose of USMA—to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense. By describing the character, knowledge, and actions to be expected of future Army leaders, it clarifies the target at which are aimed the processes of intellectual, physical, and military development. The first draft of the concept of **Leaders 2002** follows:

Leaders of our Army in 2002 will be called upon, as they are now, to accomplish missions by influencing people—people in organizations. Those leaders will need to be men and women with deep wells of character, soldiers committed to the values of the profession of arms, citizens imbued with the virtues Americans have traditionally expected of uniformed leaders: integrity, loyalty to nation, selfless service. Courage, candor, competence, confidence, and commitment will remain watchwords.

Leaders of 2002 will employ weaponry of unprecedented automation and technological sophistication; neverthe-

less, they will lead people, not machines. Human circumstances will be changing more quickly than in the past, but basic human nature will be no more nor less tractable than ever; therefore, leaders must be historical-minded. Leaders will need to be broadly educated, learning both from the past and from an awareness of their own times and experience, developing a cross-cultural understanding of the physical world, of people, and of societies on a global scale. Effective leaders will be articulate in English and able to communicate in other languages. They will be teachers.

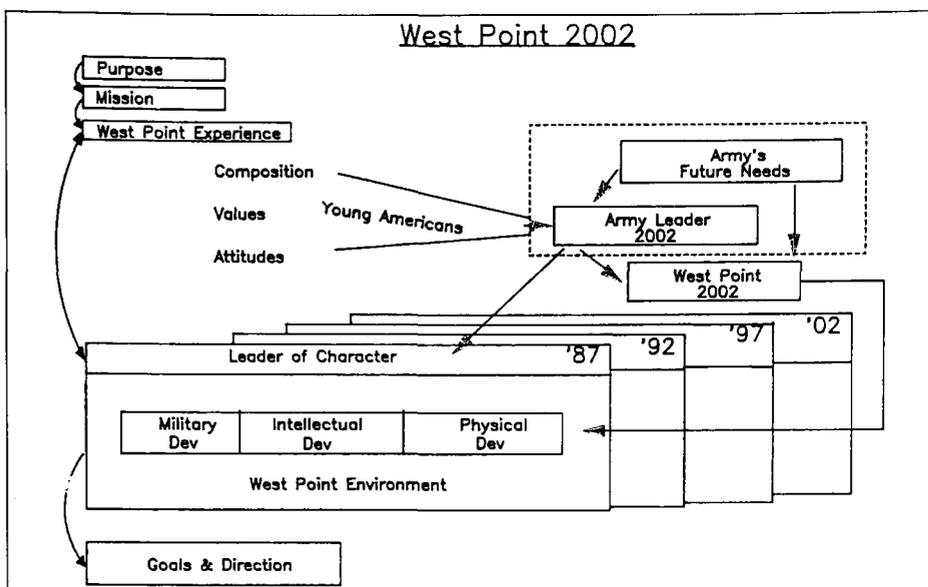
Leaders of 2002 may operate in environments of peace and war drastically more complex than before. They will need to gather and interpret information for

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analysis, diagnosis, problem solving and decision making—under complex, uncertain, and ambiguous conditions. They will need to determine what ought to be done and do it in a timely way on their own initiative, exercising independent action as a team player within a larger organization. They will need to pursue goals vigorously and persistently, unafraid to attack problems when necessary with daring and creativity, accepting responsibility for the consequences of their actions, and encouraging the same freedom of thought and action for their subordinates.

Leaders of 2002 will set the example of self-discipline, maintaining their fitness to lead physically, intellectually, and morally. They will establish that mutual trust with their subordinates which enables enlightened obedience—obedience that serves not only the immediate mission but also the institutional purpose and at times requires asking, “Why, sir?” Prepared intellectually and by cultivated habit, effective leaders will be able to respond to a variety of leadership situations, advancing mission accomplishment and support for subordinates in different ways at different times while seeking always to balance these twin demands of leadership.

The concept of the **West Point Environment** provides the setting for the fulfillment of the Military Academy’s purpose, the accomplishment of its mission, and the sustainment of the West Point experience. The first draft describes the West Point Environment as follows:



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Located on ground revered in American history, West Point is a place of striking natural beauty. Midst Revolutionary War fortifications and captured cannons, imposing halls rise from stony cliffs washed by a mighty river. Monuments to heroes invoke ghostly images of the “long gray line”—two centuries of graduates whose tradition of valor and service provide the standard by which future leaders will be measured.

Within this granite citadel flourishes a vibrant union of people, ideas, activity, challenge—a company of military professionals and aspirants striving together for excellence. Social interaction is spirited, for here are young men and women drawn from all corners of the nation, as diverse in their origins as they are alike in their dedication to excellence and aspiration for service. Living and working closely together, challenged to follow and to lead, tempered in the crucible of competition, they experience a growing sense of camaraderie in the profession of arms.

Thoroughly military, the West Point environment reflects order, precision, organization, and discipline. Living a spartan lifestyle, responding to strenuous physical demands, challenged daily to think clearly under pressure, given increasing responsibilities for other people, each cadet learns self-discipline—to subordinate personal desires to duty to a higher cause.

Integrity is the central and essential element of the environment. As teachers and mentors exemplify high ideals of public service, an appreciation of these ideals proceeds apace with the development of mind and body. West Point’s moral-ethical environment brings from the past the ethos of “Duty, Honor,

Country” and gives it to those who will be leaders in the future, thereby sheltering the nation’s enduring values from capricious loss. Encouraging spiritual inspiration and human understanding, the Academy supports opportunities for religious growth and diverse cultural expressions. Regardless of religious persuasion or background, the cadet practices the moral imperatives of the Cadet Prayer: to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole can be won.

Rooted in abiding values, steeped in a tradition of selfless and disciplined service, the West Point environment nurtures young leaders for our nation, men and women of integrity, wisdom and courage—leaders of character, leaders for a lifetime.

Within the West Point environment, cadets develop physically, intellectually, and militarily in an atmosphere which promotes their concurrent moral/ethical development. The **Concept of Intellectual Development**, as articulated by the Office of the Dean, is being developed by an extended, collegial process involving much of the faculty. It builds upon a conceptual foundation for intellectual development which identifies the goals as follows:

1. Creation of a foundation upon which to base future intellectual growth, to include: knowledge in the basic sciences, mathematics, engineering, and humanities; an interest in world affairs; and an appreciation of American society and the role of the military in it.
2. Development of the ability to communicate clearly and concisely.
3. Stimulation of a lifetime of intellectual curiosity based upon logical reasoning, habits of critical analysis, and intellectual self-confidence.

4. Commitment to professional growth and development predicated upon possessing the technical base required to master the tools of the military profession, and recognizing the necessity for continued intellectual development through formal schooling and independent study.
5. Establishment of an environment that fosters development of the judgment and ethics expected of an American military officer through a willingness to examine moral problems, establish strong ethical precepts, and maintain an unwavering devotion to truth.

The method by which the above intellectual goals are realized is described as follows:

In order to accomplish the intellectual goals established for its graduates, USMA divides the formal curriculum into two distinct but interdependent phases: a balanced core curriculum that provides the broad foundation required of all graduates, and a more narrowly focused elective program that demands the mastery and practice of higher level analytical skills achieved only in the context of an intensive study of a discipline. The core curriculum provides the breadth of knowledge necessary for a future officer in basic and applied sciences and engineering in order to meet the challenges of a technologically complex Army; in addition, it provides a solid foundation in the social and behavioral sciences and the humanities to meet the dynamic leadership demands of a complex and changing social world. The elective program fosters the development of higher intellectual faculties by providing depth of study in an academic field of choice. Through pursuit of either a field of study or a major, the cadet acquires the ability to learn independently and to think systematically using the methodology of a particular discipline.

**The Concepts of Physical and Military Development** are being developed by the Commandant of Cadets. Major elements of the military development concept are as follows:

Expectations of dedicated and selfless performance of duty demand a tailored concept of military development as a fundamental dimension of the four-year West Point experience. Graduates of West Point should be leaders of character who are excited by the challenge and possibilities of military service to the nation. As they join the Army, they must have that full degree of competence needed to grow in the crucible of experience and subsequent schooling.

Military training at West Point is designed to provide the Regular Army with leaders well grounded in professional ethics, who possess intellectual capacity and technical competence, and who are

able to integrate these qualities to achieve success in either peace or war. Cadets learn about the military profession through a four-year program of sequential leader development. That program combines theory and competency training through mentoring by officers and practical experience. During the academic year, cadets learn of the Army's history, its customs and traditions, and its role in providing for the common defense. A broad spectrum of Army capabilities is covered, from organization and mission to weapons and tactics. During the summer months, cadets acquire additional military skills and have opportunities to lead small

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military units. They experience the array of adventure offered in a military career by participating in activities from parachuting to firing tanks, from the Arctic to the tropics. They also experience the dynamics of leading while serving as trainers for other cadets at West Point and for soldiers in the training base and with Army units around the world. These opportunities provide the great personal satisfaction that comes from seeing the impact of one's leadership on the motivation and performance of others. Development as leaders is measured over time; the emphasis in leader development shifts from training to evaluation as commissioning approaches.

West Point expects its graduates to exemplify the Army's highest standards of moral excellence. Such excellence is fostered throughout the West Point experience by continuous education and training in the meaning of duty and honor. While military knowledge and skills will be necessary for USMA graduates in both war and peace, their moral virtue will be the steel reinforcement in the concrete of military competence.

Major elements of the physical development concept are as follows:

To meet the physical demands placed on military leaders, cadets are taught how to maximize their physical potential and how to promote unit fitness to meet the specific mission demands expected in combat. Cadets also learn to cultivate lifestyles common to healthy people and supportive of a mission-ready national defense.

The mental aspects of total body fitness—to include the attributes of self-confidence, perseverance, courage, determination, aggressiveness, the will to

win and the ability to think and to act purposefully under physical and mental stress—are developed through frequent, emotionally charged, stressful situations presented in combatives, fitness testing, confidence and obstacle courses, and in highly competitive intercollegiate, club, and intramural sports programs.

The competitive athletic experience develops in a cadet leader traits such as selflessness, teamwork, initiative and courage. It offers the all-important experience of commitment and dedication to a common goal, together with the sacrifice necessary to achieve it. The athletic program is guided by the principle "Every cadet an athlete, every athlete challenged." Each cadet participates in athletics at the highest level of competition commensurate with ability—the level at which the cadet is truly challenged. During the four-year program, each cadet participates in a team-contact sport requiring team member interaction. The social, moral, ethical, and competitive attributes developed in the athletic arena prepare cadets for their future roles as military leaders.

Essential to a full understanding of all eight overarching concepts is the recognition that cadet moral-ethical development is central to all that is done. Moral/ethical development is not depicted as a distinct, separate process similar in kind to the intellectual, physical or military development processes, and thereby brought down to a level common to all other developmental thrusts. Rather, it is an integral part of each of the three developmental processes *and* of the West Point environment. Envisioning the moral/ethical development of cadets in this way serves to better capture the pervasiveness of ethical "instruction" in daily Academy life. Although numerous activities directly promote the ethical development of cadets, it is essential to recognize that all Academy personnel who come in contact with cadets are potential "teachers" of ethics. Every institutional policy, program, standard and action "teaches" cadets about ethics. The central obligation for every officer is to be an ethical role model. Moral/ethical development must permeate the West Point environment and never be seen as the responsibility of a chosen few or any specific department.

The formal definition of the concepts of **Leaders 2002**, the **West Point Environment**, **Intellectual Development**, **Military Development**, and **Physical Development** will complete the definition of the overarching concepts. **Project 2002** will move this winter into its second stage, the pursuit of more detailed goals and objectives based upon the foundation of the overarching concepts and designed to move USMA into its third century.

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	1986	1987
<b>ACADEMICS:</b>		
Conferences (SCUSA, Leadership, Senior)	\$ 51,000	\$ 70,000
Faculty Development & Research	25,000	35,000
Cadet Educational Travel	45,000	53,200
Library Acquisitions/Restorations	30,000	20,000
Other (publications, cadet projects, etc.)	11,600	11,300
	<u>\$162,600</u>	<u>\$189,500</u>
<b>ATHLETICS:</b>		
Athletic Training Trips	\$106,800	\$105,000
Recruiting/Highlights Film	60,000	70,000
Facilities	85,000	29,000
	<u>\$251,800</u>	<u>\$204,000</u>
<b>ADMISSIONS:</b>		
Program Support	\$ 25,000	\$ 9,500
AOG Scholarship Program	135,200	152,000
	<u>\$160,200</u>	<u>\$161,500</u>
<b>CADET ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Extracurricular Clubs/Items/Activities: uniforms, equipment, transportation for all clubs/activities, i.e. Parachute, Cadet Band, Rabble Rousers, Mule Riders, Water Polo, Debate Forum, Dialectic, etc.	\$172,500	\$237,000

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# PERSPECTIVES

by Dr. Judith McCabe  
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This past May another class graduated from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) almost simultaneously with the graduation at the Academy itself. It is a special achievement for the 184 soldiers who started ten months earlier as aspirants for a coveted prize, an appointment to West Point. Cadet Candidate José M. Sentmanat, winner of the Army Pride Award for the USMAPS class of '87, may well have expressed their uncertainty of those past months in a poem he wrote for publication in the school newspaper, *The Knight Crier*.

## Perspectives

If I were to triumph,  
And my every design  
From the most intricate blueprint  
To the simplest sketch  
Culminated in glory before my  
eyes . . .

If I were to fail,  
And my every dream  
From the mightiest ambition  
To the lowliest hope  
Were dashed and lost for all  
eternity . . .

The sun would still rise the next  
morning,  
The snow would still fall in the  
winter,  
The stars would remain in their  
courses,  
For I am, as we all are, but a speck.

A proper perspective is essential to  
wisdom.

He is right; but attaining that kind of  
perspective in the face of such struggles  
and achievement suggests some inter-

esting human elements. Thus, this article profiles the USMAPS soldiers and reveals whatever may be both ordinary and special about the young men and women who reach the Academy via our program. With this purpose specifically in mind, I observed the phenomena of these human "specks." I was not too

doubt, is flawed. They are not things or tangible images at all. Rather, they are part of a process going on at USMAPS that helps a group of promising young adults grow into fully qualified cadets. They are "hydroponic!" LTG Andrew Chambers observed in his graduation address to the USMAPS class of '87



A company weekly room inspection

surprised to find that the more I sought the typical Cadet Candidate (C/C), the more each appeared atypical; and, of course, the more I discovered their quirks and special achievements, the more they looked like typical cadets. I did discover, however, that they viewed themselves as being in a rather unusual situation—a little like ugly ducklings waiting to grow into cadets and, as such, feeling a bit embarrassed and inadequate in comparison to their direct-entry-into-West Point peers. Their perception, although it perhaps stems from the perfectly natural source of youthful self-

(USMA '91) that graduation was a "rite of passage" and a mark that the awkward potential of a year before had gracefully matured into confidence. SAT scores had risen—some dramatically; thinking on paper was a skill achieved and not a "beastie" any more; a few hours of math a day had become a matter of course; and best of all, that West Point Admissions Committee with all its awesome power had given its approval. During the 10 month process at USMAPS, each C/C had grown and changed until he was full-fledged and ready to compete with the direct entry plebes.

In seeking to discover the typical C/C, which I did not find, I did, however, learn some interesting background material. These young men and women certainly don't fit any ready stereotype. They are interested in learning and committed to self-improvement. They also are patriotic. That is obvious from their commitment and the many testimonials they give. Most recently, and certainly most publicly, has been the testimony of

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Tara and Tracy Miller (USMAPS '83), the first female twins to graduate from West Point (USMA '87). Being a "first" at West Point has created considerable interest in and recognition of these two young women. On 28 May 1987 they appeared on the "Good Morning America" television show and gave frank testimony of their patriotic ideals, stating in essence that patriotism was a significant motive in their choosing to attend West Point. And in a 15 May 1987 article that appeared in *The New York Times*, Tara says, "we're from a very patriotic family, and because of our upbringing and the type of parents we have, we believe in a calling that is going to help others." These comments speak for the majority of our C/Cs who share a similar commitment.

Since C/Cs are very actively involved in the well-being of their country, we

also the first in their families to choose a college education. Of the others, many come from homes in which both parents went to college. Well over half of my very random sampling of C/Cs came from homes in which both parents worked. Many are survivors of "broken homes," a phrase which they use with a certain equanimity and even cynical humor. Having two sets of parents and various combinations of siblings at graduation is not unusual. They all seem to take the splintered, neo-nuclear family very much for granted whether it is their own or someone else's. They sound pretty much like any other group of American college students so far.

They were all born in the 60s, so, in addition to working moms and political independence, luxury toys and probably too much television, they are also the kids of the Vietnam vets. Although many

are the first in their families to choose a military career, the class is liberally sprinkled with Army brats and a few Navy and Air Force progeny. They heard the Beatles while turning somersaults in mom's tummy and war stories at daddy's knee. And they are certainly the better for it. One son of a green beret, John Pomory (USMAPS '87, USMA '91), put it this way in an English class composition selected for inclusion in *Volleys*, the USMAPS publication of student writing. Mr. Pomory wrote a review of the movie *Apocalypse Now* to coincide roughly with the release of the newer movie, *Platoon*; it is not a favorable review, for he laments the distorted picture of the Vietnam soldier which the movie promotes:

While the soldier of Vietnam was filled with pride, compassion, and



"Taking boards" in USMAPS mathematics class

may think they are active politically as well. Not necessarily; in fact, many C/Cs do not even identify with a political party. In my poll (informal, I readily admit) of this past year's students I found most were independents; of those who chose an affiliation only a few more leaned toward conservative rather than liberal views. They are not undecided or independent because they are uninformed or uninterested, but because, as independent thinkers, they are not yet ready to be pinned down to party views. They certainly do have strong views and passionate concerns and make an effort to be informed about matters of national and international importance.

Likewise, in religion they are independent, a situation not unlike the population as a whole. But, there are several C/Cs who choose not to identify themselves in a religious sense at all. This is a sign, I believe, of their inquisitive nature and desire to learn more before choosing identities. I do not believe it is a sign of ennui or indifference. Many are



USMAPS half-marathon, Ft. Monmouth, NJ



Extemporaneous speaking (English class)

respect for human life, he has been doomed to being remembered as a cold, blood-thirsty, selfish drug-user by the soldier of *Apocalypse Now* . . . . Generally speaking, the soldier of the Vietnam era was much like the soldier of any other war. Early on in the war, the soldier was a young, brash warrior filled with the pride of fighting for his country and fueled by his misconceptions of the glories of combat. Soon enough he learned to respect the power of war and finality of death. Fear, which the soldier knew instinctively, became a constant part of life in Vietnam. The gung-ho, macho men that originally went to Vietnam evolved quickly into a realistic, humble breed that fought hard and sometimes callously, but never for the sheer thrill of battle.

This gallant attempt to set the record straight, to reveal the truth in life and the lie in art, owes a good deal to the enormous respect C/C Pomory unabashedly shows for his father. Pomory explains in another paper, without the slightest tremble of the self-consciousness that is so typical of young men that age when they speak about serious things or emotional experiences, just how much he admires that Vietnam Green Beret. John writes of "The Washington Trip" during which he, "a lesser mortal" and the "indestructible" Green Beret whom he calls daddy, visited the Vietnam memorial. He writes

See, behind all the dollar signs there was an ulterior motive. Georgie was there to fight for his country. He did so and died. It turns out that there were Green Berets who caught bullets with their teeth and slept on live grenades. But they weren't indestructible. It's true that no one is indestructible. And there it was; I'd seen the story of the Green Beret. It was not the muscles, it was not the thrill of the fight, nor the smell of death that made someone truly worthy of the Green Beret. It was the heart that drove them on to success. Realizing then that the Army at the core was the same, I knew that it all must represent something greater. Stepping back into life, I put my arm around my father's shivering back. He looked at me and smiled; then biting down hard on his lower lip, he touched the cold wall as if consoling the lonely memorial. Snapping back to the rigid position of attention, he saluted the Vietnam Memorial with military grace. After taking a deep breath, he executed an aboutface and marched firmly from the wall as a tear rolled down his cheek. Still trying to comprehend

what I had seen, I asked, "Daddy, what was that?" Trying very hard to look ahead of me and smile, he said, "That was America." Perhaps it was then that I decided to be a soldier.

There are also some rather unusual C/Cs. One C/C's parents fled Castro's Cuba; another told me that his mother is the only white in an all-black college and, as such, attends on a minority scholarship. I understand that one of my former students is modeling suspenders in *Esquire*. They are all avid music fans but cannot agree on what exactly to call the music they like. They reject most labels—"rock and roll," "new wave," "heavy metal," and "punk rock" all leave much to be desired as descriptions of the music they enjoy. So far this is not unusual. The American population as a whole is colorful, inventive, and even glamorous in multiple degrees and dimensions. But, perhaps the C/Cs, like the cadets they join, are more health conscious, both physically and morally, than their peers in civilian colleges. Mandatory PT, physical fitness, athletic competition and countless Army standards that discourage smoking and alcohol use and encourage good nutrition help the young adult develop and maintain good habits. Then, of course, drug tests do serve as a deterrent. Mandatory AIDS testing has brought this segment of the population to an informed concern about the dangers of sexual promiscuity. Even more important, this testing has encouraged a sense of self-respect—an understanding that responsible behavior can bring the best possible good into one's life. These are experiences and attitudes that are not fostered yet on the civilian campuses in any but a random manner; thus, they separate the C/C in a real way from his civilian counterparts.

The moral health of the C/C is encouraged as well. Although the honor system is not formally a part of the mission of the prep school, it is recognized, observed and utilized to guide the personal and professional conduct of the C/C. By R day, the plebe from USMAPS has already confronted the extraordinary demands of this system; it is not just an abstract ideal—rather, it is a familiar guide for the conduct of daily life. So, although the C/C is "typical" of the population at large, he has experienced, at the same time, some very special training that will make him atypical. This does not mean he is guaranteed to be a paragon of virtue; he may not be. He may even choose to never let this experience show.

But there are some C/Cs whose talent is so irrepressible that they can only glow. Those special people are also typical. In this past year we have more than one attention getter who started out his brilliant career at USMAPS. I mentioned

earlier the Miller twins who were not too self-conscious to talk about patriotism to a national TV audience. These women are remarkable because they both simultaneously solved problems at one school in order to be successful at another. It should be a matter of great pride for any cadet to have met the multiple demands that an extraordinary school like West Point places upon them. But these women, and all the other graduating former prepsters, have proved themselves twice worthy.

Then there is Kevin Houston, a freckle-faced, sandy-haired gazelle on the basketball courts. We are proud of him, too—not just for the dazzle he creates spinning and running and leaping through the air. Not just because he was the nation's leading Division I scorer last year. Not just because he became Army's all-time career scoring leader in basketball last winter (surpassing, by the way, the old mark of 2,296 points set by former prepster Gary Winton, USMAPS '74, USMA '78). But, we are proud of him because we didn't lose him. He proved that those who believed in his potential enough to give him the chance at the prep school were not wrong. And there are about 150 more of those stories in every USMA graduating class. Not every one of them will be on "Good Morning America" or featured in *Soldier's Magazine*. But they are there—young people who were gathered together from far and wide all sharing a need for that process to allow them into West Point and to make it. In fact, the current First Captain, Greg Louks, is a graduate of the prep school. Our present Commandant, who for the previous three years served at West Point as Chief of Staff, Office of the Commandant, recognizes the need for this potential to be guided not only by discipline and commitment but also by vision—the ability to see beyond the immediate year at USMAPS. As a result, he has fostered this long-term process orientation of preparation for a leadership role in the Corps of Cadets during his past year at USMAPS.

C/Cs come to us from two main avenues. They come from the Regular Army and directly from West Point recommendations as Enlisted Reservists. Thus, about half are men and women who have already made the Army their choice. These RA soldiers come to us from all over the country and abroad and from many previous MOSSs. They are Airborne, Special Forces, Air Assault, Ranger, Jungle Expert, Infantry, Medical Technician, Armor, Artillery, Language Specialist and many others. Some have been in the Army for over two years; others have just begun. These RAs may feel a little out of place at a preparatory school. They are generally well-qualified both academically and militarily for West Point but they are here and not there. Why? Because the prep school

remains the primary avenue through which the RA can enter West Point. These soldiers have been recognized by their commanders for their professional leadership and aptitude. But they need to realize that potential in academic performance and in the commitment to West Point and a military career as a commissioned officer. The prep school accomplishes this. It becomes a period of adjustment for the RA soldier from the Regular Army to college work and from a job to a career. This is not an easy adjustment to make. Many of these RAs were very happy with their jobs in the Army and were uncertain that they really wanted to give them up. They also had reasons why they chose enlistment rather than college in the first place. Sometimes those reasons win out and the RA goes back to the job and the direction he prefers. But the majority choose to go on and the prep school becomes an avenue to direct these talented individuals to West Point and into the officer corps. This past spring CPT Charles Gemar (USMAPS '75, USMA '79), now an astronaut, visited the prep school. His homecoming to the school is yet another confirmation of the value of identifying talent in every area.

It is true that everyone has a period of adjustment when he goes away to any school. What's so special about the RA that any other C/C or USMA cadet, for that matter, doesn't face? Well, they have been "on the job" in the Army and that in itself is a special experience. They have been treated like adult men

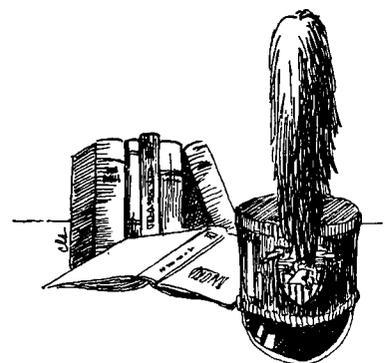
and women. While their civilian counterparts were sitting in high school classrooms fighting boredom and senioritis, these people were tramping around in field packs, jumping out of airplanes and learning combat skills. They saw the Army in a very realistic, day to day sort of way. And most of them liked it. They did their jobs well enough to impress their superiors with their ability and commitment. They are grown up also in the sense that they are used to having control of their lives and free time—even in the Army! When they arrive at the prep school they are involved in quite a different regimen—one which incorporates primary academic identity and even mandatory study barracks. Only their weekends are their own—provided they don't commit a breach of regulations which might result in the nasty business of punishment tours or walking the area. Their social life is dramatically altered and the "Army" they are a part of is dramatically different as well. They are no longer "Airborne" and they feel awkward with clipped wings.

The other group consists of ERs. They are students hand-picked by West Point for basically the same reasons the RAs are given an opportunity. That is, they are recognized as having leadership potential but they don't quite meet the standards for direct admission. Rather than let these slip away into obscurity, West Point recommends a year at the prep school to develop basic academic skills and military aptitude so they can meet the standards and fairly compete in

a plebe class. This group mostly comes directly out of high school and about half of them are recruited athletes. Like the RAs, these are people it would be a pity to lose. The athletes, for example, are perfectly capable of growing into excellent soldiers and officers. But they may fall short of the numbers—low SATs or grade average may mean only that their love of sports throughout high school created an imbalance in achievement. After a year at the prep school with an Academy appointment as the incentive, these athletes can rebalance their skills, develop and mature academically and succeed at a very difficult and respected college. Benny White (winner of the Coach's Award and leading pass receiver for football, USMAPS '83, and a four year letterman in football at West Point, USMA '87) is running, jumping, living proof of that.

And every year is like that. Keep your eye on those RAs with the 700+ SATs who do A+ work in English at West Point or that ER who raised his SATs and can burn the ball across home plate while an indestructible Green Beret looks on. There is no such thing as a typical C/C or an ugly duckling after all. However, there are approximately 185 young people every year who receive appointments to West Point who have been given a chance to prove themselves and did. The fabric of every graduating class at West Point is reinforced by this small group of earnest achievers. The officer corp is enriched by it as well. Yes, a proper perspective is essential to wisdom.

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# Invitational Academic Workshop Enlightens Scholars on West Point

By Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Branch*

**W**hen cadet Andy Eberhard, a senior from Athens, Georgia, was considering his college choice while in high school he pondered Georgia Tech, Davidson, Washington and Lee University, and the University of Georgia. He chose West Point.

Steve Rotherth, now in the midst of his second year at the Academy, had considered the University of Illinois and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology for engineering. Playing basketball at Warsaw High School in a community of 1,800 in the western part of Illinois, Rotherth had hoped to continue his athletic career. He chose West Point.

Mike Williams, a senior from Jenkintown, a suburb of Philadelphia, considered a service academy a non-option when he was considering his college career. He applied to Swarthmore, Williams College, Davidson, Carleton and Yale. Likewise, he chose the U.S. Military Academy.

Three young men from different parts of the country decided to come to West Point after much consideration. However, the most positive influence on their decision was the experience they had while attending the Military Academy's Invitational Academic Workshop after completing their junior year in high school.

The Invitational Academic Workshop concluded its 12th annual conference this past June, attracting 400 of the nation's top scholars. The program was instituted in 1976 at the suggestion of Brigadier General Frederick A. Smith, former Dean of the Academic Board. The purpose at that time was to provide students a better understanding of college and the Military Academy's academic offerings, and to provide a better insight on the difficulties of the transition from high school to college level work. The workshop also increased the awareness of the West Point staff and faculty to the attributes and talents of today's high school students.

## How effective is the Invitational Academic Workshop?

"I would say the Invitational Academic Workshop opened my eyes about West Point," said Eberhard. "I was never really serious about considering a service academy, but my parents suggested that I attend the workshop. They felt I might get something worthwhile out of it.



Colonel Pierce A. Rushton Jr., Director of Admissions, plans for 1988 Invitational Academic Workshop. The workshop attracts outstanding scholars throughout the nation, the only candidate contact program geared specifically to outstanding scholars.



Steve Rotherth.



Cadet Andy Eberhard (right) is joined by classmates Kirk Hotelling and Morgan Hanlon following graduation from Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Eberhard became interested in the U.S. Military Academy after attending the Invitational Academic Workshop.

"I would credit the workshop more than anything else in helping me make up my mind to attend West Point," added Eberhard. "I had spent a lot of time looking at college catalogs. I was somewhat undecided about what I wanted to do, so I wanted to go somewhere where there was a wide variety of courses. The most enjoyable thing was the contact

with the cadets. We spent a lot of time asking questions . . . what it was like at West Point and what the cadet did. There was excellent feedback."

Rotherth echoed the comments of Eberhard on the influence of the Invitational Academy Workshop. "We found out all of the aspects of cadet life," said Rotherth. "We found out about academics

### Invitational Academic Workshop

Workshop Year	'76	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	'83	'84	'85	'86
Attendees	299	276	258	279	305	287	385	391	398	402	385
Subsequent Files											
Opened	102	59	83	141	119	150	163	174	149	177	224
Resulting Offers	50	17	34	78	57	74	49	69	65	82	53*
Accepts of Offers	34	15	24	52	43	55	31	50	47	65	57*
Yield (% of Attendees)	11.4	5.4	9.3	18.6	14.1	19.2	8.1	12.8	11.8	16.2	14.8

\*As of 25 Feb 87.

and all the military training the cadets go through. Since it is five or six days you really have an opportunity to find out quite a bit about the Academy."

"I was really impressed by the cadets," said Williams, whose grandfather, William R. Kintner, graduated from West Point in 1940. "I wasn't really interested in West Point, particularly after hearing some of the horror stories my grandfather told me. But at the workshop I saw how intelligent and confident the cadets were. They knew exactly what they were going to do and where they were headed. I was very impressed with that, particularly after seeing my sister come home from college after one year and still very much undecided about what she was going to do."

Obviously, the Invitational Academy Workshop (IAW) has been successful. Since 1976 approximately 13 percent of those who attend eventually enter USMA.

"The Invitational Academic Workshop is the only admissions contact program that brings top scholars as a group to West Point," said Colonel Pierce A. Rushton, Jr., Director of Admissions. "Our focus has changed in recent years from the original intent, but we feel it is even more important as a program. Now, we are looking at the IAW as an admissions program for those students who have expressed an interest in attending the Academy. We also know that scholars are the most competitive group of youth to enroll, because they have so many opportunities."

The Policy Board of the Military Academy recently approved the continuation of this student workshop program, and the need should not be underestimated in view of the increasing competition for quality high school students.

Population trends indicate the total high school graduate population will decrease from 2.8 million in 1983 to a low of 2.3 million by 1992. That means competition among highly selective colleges and universities for top quality high school students will increase just as dramatically, especially for the toughest markets such as scholars, athletes, and minorities.

A recent *New York Times* article highlighted a program initiated by Ohio State University in an effort to increase its black enrollment. The "Young Scholars Program," which will begin in the spring of 1988, will select 200 sixth graders from five urban areas and encourage them to attend and finish college through a series of summer workshops, tutoring programs and financial incentives.

The goal is to enroll upwards of 1,400 students from grades 6 through 12 in an effort to increase black enrollment at Ohio State. The university has suffered a decline in black enrollment of 5.75 percent from 1981 to 1985, and 19 percent during the last 10 years.

These types of recruiting programs are used by colleges throughout the country in order to assist in meeting their admissions goals. The U.S. Naval Academy conducts a similar student workshop in which computer science, chemistry, physics, engineering, oceanography and architecture are among the courses covered. Two sessions are held each summer, attracting 300 students for each one-week seminar program.

Likewise, the Air Force Academy holds a Summer Scientific Seminar for high school students heading into their senior year. A total of 500 students attend the two one-week sessions.

Coordinating the workshop takes a great deal of time and effort for the Admissions Office, Office of the Dean and Office of the Commandant. As the proponent agency, the Admissions Office coordinates the invitation and student selection process. While scholarship is key to selection, the Academy considers extracurricular, community and athletic involvement in its deliberation for invitations and seeks the well rounded student. The Dean's Office coordinates the academic portion of the seminar, while the Commandant's Office is responsible for providing cadet support during a particularly busy military training period.

There are two distinct academic program areas for the IAW—the Humanities/Social Science program and the Engineering/Science program. During

the 1987 Invitational Academic Workshop the Humanities/Social Science program included four workshops: Geography, remote sensings and computer mapping; a combined Humanities Workshop with the English, Foreign Language and Behavioral Sciences and Leadership departments coordinating activities; a West Point and American Revolution Workshop, and a Presidential Campaign and Election Workshop prepared by the Social Sciences Department.

In the Engineering/Science program there were workshops in computer applications and programming; communications and electronics; digital integrated circuit electronics; automotive engineering, computer aided design; calculus; airplane wing design; optics and nuclear workshops.

"There is a lot of work preparing for the workshop by the 13 departments," says Captain Richard Wagner who coordinated the program for the Dean's Office. "I think there were many favorable reactions by the students. For one thing, they were very bright for high school juniors and well behaved. They also were very interested in classes where there is hands-on work, such as making a digital clock and an AM radio."

Perhaps the most difficult part for the Dean's Office is scheduling faculty members, since many staff members participate in training and research projects during the summer months.

Cadets are asked to participate on a voluntary basis by the Commandant's Office, primarily because they are splitting training time. Some cadets must report to another training site across the country at the conclusion of the workshop. Consequently, there may be an additional personal travel expense if the cadets do not reside fairly close to the Academy.

"This is the first time I was involved with the workshop," said Major Gary Heumphreus of the Commandant's Office. "However, I believe the cadets enjoyed the contact with the participants. I think you see them grow as members of an organization as well. For example, the cadets face a role reversal situation whereby they are almost serving as tactical officers since they are responsible for the students and take them under their wing. So, it is a good learning experience for the cadets."

#### What is the ultimate payoff for the Military Academy?

Perhaps a closer look at those who have attended the workshop and are now members of the Corps of Cadets is a clue. First classmen Andy Eberhard and Mike Williams both rank in the top five percent of their class. Likewise, Steve Rotherth is in the top five percent in his class.

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# In The Lead: Research by Faculty and Cadets of USMA

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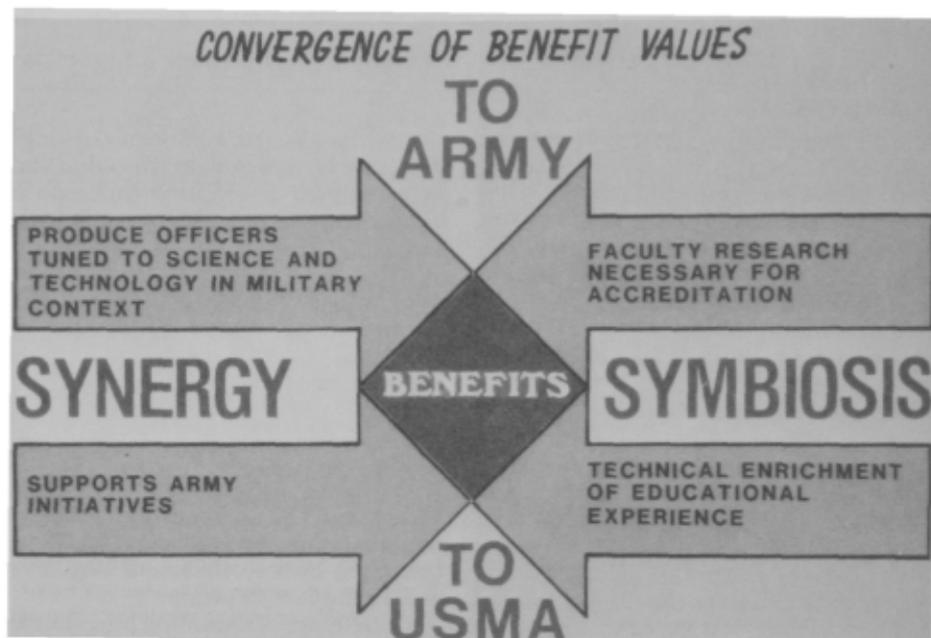
The fine young men and women who regularly constitute the graduating classes of the United States Military Academy are by far the most significant product of West Point. Lesser known, but nevertheless of great importance to the Military Academy and the Army, are the many research efforts conducted by both faculty and cadets. Abstracts of recently completed and current research projects underway at USMA have been compiled by the Academy's Directorate of Resource Management in a monograph entitled, *In The Lead*. Research efforts at West Point have provided benefits not only to the specific Department of Defense agencies sponsoring the projects, but also to the Military Academy and the United States Army, as a whole.

The various projects outlined in the monograph represent a substantial portion of the research-related and scholarly efforts being accomplished at West Point in support of national and defense interests. Not only do these efforts reflect the extent to which the Military Academy's investigations are at the cutting edge of scholarship and technology, but they also illustrate commitment by the military faculty and the cadets to the furtherance of knowledge in areas of prime concern to the Army.

Research efforts outlined in the monograph are divided almost equally into the following categories:

- Testing of weapons materials and weapon systems, and development of improved weapon components
  - Computer modeling and software development for combat and engineering purposes, including terrain analysis
  - Engineering projects and environmental concerns
  - Studies involving international relations and security issues
  - Investigations related to soldier performance and health
  - Pure research in several areas
- Over half of the faculty research doc-

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umented in the monograph involved extensive use of computers, and virtually all of the studies and projects employed the computer to some extent. A vast majority of the Volunteer Summer Training (VST) projects of the cadets involved extensive computer use with many efforts centered around the development of computer software for specific applications.

Few of the investigations conducted by the USMA faculty described in the monograph were the result of full-time research or study; most were accomplished by the instructors in addition to their normal teaching duties. Cadets who participated in such programs as the Foreign Academy Exchange Program did so for periods of varying length during summer leave. Cadets undertook research projects during Volunteer Summer Training periods at many national laboratories and defense installations through the sponsorship of host commands, and many cadets were able to continue their research during the academic year as part of an elective course in their individual field of study.

Two research cells have been established within existing academic departments. The Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis conducts research within the Department of Social Sciences.

The Department of Geography and Computer Science is home, since the summer of 1986, to the Office of Artificial Intelligence Analysis and Evaluation.

The research conducted by the faculty and cadets of the Military Academy pays dividends in many ways. The sponsoring agencies of the Department of Defense and the Army receive the direct benefits of research in their areas of concern. The quality and variety of research serves to enhance the reputation of West Point as an academic institution. This serves as an aid in the accreditation process and strengthens the admissions program. The opportunity to conduct research and scholarly investigations enriches the individual cadet's educational experience and produces officers (both faculty and graduated cadets) attuned to science, technology and scholarship in the military context. Finally, as BG Roy K. Flint, Dean of the Academic Board, has noted: "The military faculty at West Point represents the largest single pool of multidisciplinary academic expertise in the U.S. Army. Rotating faculty, upon reassignment, infuses the Army with those scientific and technical skills sharpened during their assignment at USMA."

Some research "success stories" at West Point include the development of

low cost simulators for target acquisition and engagement, a study of the causes of cost overruns and schedule slippages in major Army research and development programs, an analysis of the accuracy of combat simulations and models used by the Army War College, the development of a system of computer-aided terrain analysis, a mathematical analysis of optimal ration design, the development of a holographic aiming circle for the artillery, and a study of future Army personnel requirements based on computer modeling of force structure projections.

The successful development of the Armor Crewman's Acquisition, Detection, and Engagement Simulator (ARCADES) by the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership in 1986 led to sponsorship of an improved version. The ARCADES 2, sponsored by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC), will consist of two high fidelity Bradley Fighting Vehicle turret simulators for use on an instrumented model range employing scale model vehicles and aircraft. The computer controlled systems will measure the rate and accuracy of fire in simulated direct fire engagements using a remotely controlled, high resolution, video system and digital shot registration. The officer in charge of this research effort is LTC Timothy R. O'Neill. Benefits of the project to the Army include the availability of a multipurpose research simulator for investigations in gunnery principles and training. The system also has potential for use as a relatively low cost, yet realistic device for target tracking practice. The direct benefit derived from the project by USMA is the establishment of a unique facility, at West Point, for the practical application of design principles and human performance measurement for use in applied electives. A parallel project, also under the direction of LTC O'Neill, involves the development of a

series of 1 to 16 scale models of potential threat vehicles such as the Soviet T-72 tank, the BMP-2 infantry fighting vehicle and the HIND helicopter. These models are designed to provide realistic targets with accurate structural and dynamic characteristics that will allow their use as surrogate training devices. Because "the human visual system is acutely sensitive to the invariants of 'lawful' motion" (because humans mentally anticipate the regular motion of moving objects), unless the test models are properly designed their dynamic characteristics will not match realistic motions closely enough to provide convincing simulation. This project is also being conducted under the auspices of the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

Another study, conducted by COL Gordon W. Arbogast of the Department of Engineering, sought to identify causes of cost overruns and schedule slippages in major Army research and development (R&D) programs. Data was collected over the past nine years on forty programs of the Army Material Command to include the XM1 Abrams tank, the Advanced Attack Helicopter, the Blackhawk helicopter, the Bradley Fighting Vehicle, the Multiple Launch Rocket System, and the Patriot, Stinger, and Pershing missile systems. Analysis of the data employed econometric modeling techniques and identified four key variables that were responsible for cost overruns and increases in development time. Follow on validation studies are planned. This project benefited the Army by identifying those critical variables which directly affected Army R&D programs and, perhaps just as importantly, those that did not. Benefits to the Academy included the opportunity for USMA faculty to contribute directly to acquisition management in the Regular Army, the contacts made with acquisition man-

agers at HQDA, AMC, and in program management offices, and the generation of useful data for cadet follow on investigations.

The purpose of a joint research project conducted by the Department of History and the Department of Engineering was to provide the Army War College with confidence statements regarding the output of selected combat models used in the study of strategy and tactics. Research performed by the Department of Engineering consisted of analyzing the various model assumptions, algorithms, and inputs to determine the fidelity and sensitivity of combat results to certain key variables. The engineering portion of the project was under the direction of MAJ Edward F. Smith. Research conducted by the Department of History focused on the historical validation of the War College models through comparisons of past military campaigns, such as the World War II Battle of Kharkov, with battle outcomes predicted by the different models. This effort is currently under the guidance of MAJ Michael W. Cannon of the Department of History. The Model Validation Program continues to evolve to include the analysis of field test data for use in other combat models and the conversion of research models to operational tools for the training of field units. In April 1987, two officers from the Department of Engineering, LTC Roger Hoopengardner and CPT Chuck Allen, traveled to the Naval War College to evaluate and observe the use of the Joint Theater Level Simulation (JTLS) model, which simulates warfare at the level of joint operations. CPT Allen returned to the Naval War College in the summer of 1987 to participate in the Global War Game exercises. Another automated planning system developed at USMA is Brigade Planner, which is being fielded to the maneuver brigades of the 8th Infantry Division (Mechanized) in Germany. The Army benefits from this research through increased confidence in the use of combat models to train tactical and strategic decision makers at all levels of command. The project provides the Military Academy an educational and research tool for cadets and faculty in combat modeling and large scale simulation.

The Military Academy, through the efforts of the Department of Geography and Computer Science, is acknowledged as the leader in providing functional automation in terrain analysis to Army units in the field. Long recognized as vital to success on the modern battlefield, automated terrain information is made available through the MICROFIX system. Currently MICROFIX is the only microcomputer fielded which provides automated terrain information retrieval. Since May 1984, faculty mem-



A member of Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership tests a model of the Soviet HIND helicopter.

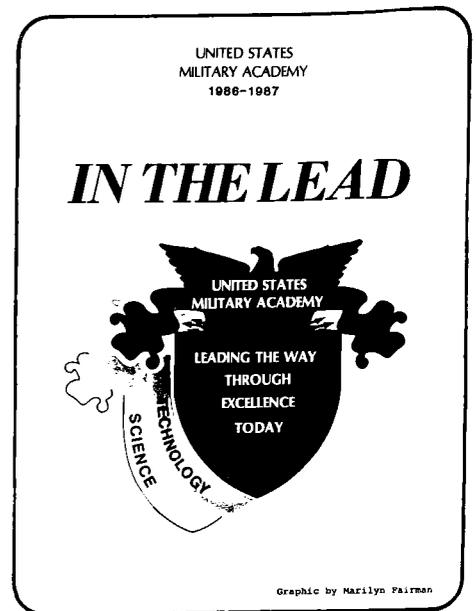
bers have traveled in excess of one million miles in support of the FORSCOM sponsored program, performing such activities as facilitating the test and evaluation program, conducting seminars on the system, and participating in introductory field training throughout CONUS, the Federal Republic of Germany, Korea, Hawaii and Panama. A more sophisticated version of the MICROFIX system, TOPOFIX, is currently under development at USMA and will provide rapid battlefield terrain information in support of the AIRLAND Battle. These are only two of a series of projects being conducted by the Computer Graphics Laboratory under the direction of COL Gilbert W. Kirby, Jr. Officers involved in the research include MAJ Scott Loomer, CPT Gene Ressler, CPT Carl Swanson, CPT Clark Ray and CPT Pam Bowers. Cadet Dan Smythe '87 also contributed to the investigations. The Army benefits from this research through an improvement in the quality, quantity and timeliness of terrain information provided to the combat commander and staff. Cadets and faculty receive the opportunity to conduct "real world" research in an area with positive impact on their Army. The project also shows the applicability of USMA academic courses after graduation in support of the Army mission.

The Department of Mathematics contributed to research conducted by the United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Center in Natick, Massachusetts in food engineering and ration design. The purpose was to determine ration ingredients and menu combinations that will be widely accepted by soldiers, remain low in cost, and be easy to prepare. The project was enhanced by CPT Ronald G. Houle, Department of Mathematics, through the introduction of mathematical optimization techniques which helped determine the best combinations of ingredients or the best mix of items for the Army Master Menu. Response Surface Methodology was introduced to the research personnel as a useful optimizing technique in ration design, given constraints on cost, preparation, and availability of ingredients. Benefits derived by the Army include reductions in the cost of rations being fielded and improvements in the acceptance level of rations by soldiers. Benefits derived by USMA included the opportunity to exchange ideas on research techniques with civil-

ian laboratory staffs and an opportunity to apply mathematical techniques to Army research problems.

The Department of Physics has been involved in research directed toward development of an artillery aiming circle using white-light holographic techniques. Originally conceived by COL Peter D. Heimdahl, this state of the art laser imaging system would serve as a replacement for the conventional aiming device used in emplacing artillery. Initial efforts, under the guidance of MAJ Donald Ponikvar, focused on the development of the proper holographic image. Recent efforts, directed by MAJ William M. Decker, have concentrated on developing techniques that will allow the hologram to be viewed at a distance using the standard gunner's quadrant optics. Cadet William Prior '87 presented a paper summarizing the results of the investigation to the Eastern Colleges Science Conference in April 1987. Cadets Wade Cook '86, Eric Conrad '86 and Robert Elwell '87 contributed directly to this project through individual research efforts. This research benefits the Army through the more rapid positioning of artillery, the capability to simultaneously aim all guns in a battery in lieu of the current one-at-a-time technique, the elimination of oral transmittal of aiming instructions, and simplified nighttime sighting procedures with an illuminated aiming circle. The Military Academy benefits by gaining the opportunity to conduct in-depth research in holography and maintaining proficiency and currency in state of the art military electro-optic technology.

Within the Department of Social Sciences, the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis has conducted research directed toward modeling the military retirement system. This model determines how changes in the military retirement system will affect the Army's force structure and total financial obligational authority and outlays. Mortality rates were used from the Department of Defense's actuary, the National Institute of Health for Americans both covered and not covered by life insurance, and the insurance industry's own estimates. The methodology of the National Bureau of Economic Research was used to compare costs of different retirement systems. Force projection models, reflecting the underlying quality of the current Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, were also incorporated into



the study. An accurate estimate of the costs of military retirement was provided and shown to be comparable to the costs of private pension plans. The Army benefited by gaining a more accurate estimate of the true costs of the retirement system on which to base its programs and plans. The Military Academy gained the opportunity to blend the USMA management leadership program with a "real world" budgetary concern, the costs of retirement systems.

These are only a few of the research "success stories" documented in the monograph entitled *In The Lead*. *In The Lead* was compiled and edited by Shirley Ellsworth of the Directorate of Resource Management, USMA. Research conducted by the faculty and cadets of the United States Military Academy continues to provide extremely useful services to the Army, the Department of Defense, and the Federal agencies that sponsor the various technical, scientific and scholarly investigations. In return, the results of faculty and cadet research enhance the academic reputation of West Point and produce officers closely attuned to the technological and scholarly needs of the Army. As USMA Superintendent LTG Dave R. Palmer noted, "In this age of rapidly expanding technology, the United States Military Academy continues to support Army initiatives with a breadth of research unimaginable by its early engineer graduates. This support is one of our four major products for the Army and the Country."

# Academic Limits

By BG ROY K. FLINT, *Dean of the Academic Board*



To the professional soldier, evaluations are a way of life. ARTEPs (Army Training and Evaluation Programs), AGIs (Annual General Inspections), semi-annual APFTs (Army Physical Fitness Tests), and a host of others form the fabric of everyday life in the Army. Therefore, the announcement of an impending institutional evaluation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the reaccreditation of our engineering programs in 1991 by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), does not of itself seem a reason for undue excitement. Yet, in many ways, these **accreditation evaluations** are two of the most critical events that will take place at the USMA in the next decade; and the Academy is already gearing for the visits in 1989 and 1990.

Over the next several years, and with increasing intensity as the actual time for the evaluation visits draw near, a large number of the USMA faculty, staff, cadets, and alumni will be involved in the accreditation process. Let me discuss the meaning and significance of accreditation for the Military Academy.

Why should we be concerned about accreditation? One important reason is that accreditation goes directly to the heart of our ability to meet our fundamental purpose: provide to the nation leaders of character. Whether intended or not, and despite the fact that accreditation is a voluntary process, accreditation is used as a short-hand indicator of the quality of an academic institution or program. In essence, it has become for the school advisor, the parent, and the student as consumer, an academic "Good Housekeeping seal of approval." For the Military Academy, committed to attracting the highest quality young men and women, institutional accreditation becomes an essential ingredient. This largely explains the more recent decision (1981) to seek program accreditation of the four engineering majors by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) commencing with the class of 1985.

Note that I am discussing two types of accreditation. The first of these, and perhaps more familiar to Academy alumni, is institutional accreditation. Conducted by regional accrediting agencies, this evaluation focuses on the institution

as a whole. The Military Academy first participated in the institutional accreditation process in the early 1930s. Since 1949 USMA has been evaluated decennially by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional organization with responsibility for New York State.

A second type of accreditation, however, is program or specialized accreditation. This accreditation focuses, not on the institution as a whole, but on a specific program of study. Primarily associated with professional disciplines—in our case, engineering—program accreditation is concerned with improving the quality of education within that program area. It also certifies that graduates of a particular program meet the minimum standards for entry into the professional field. As many Academy alumni are aware, in a majority of states today the certification, which can be earned through graduation from a professionally accredited program, is a mandatory requirement for professional licensing, and in an increasing number of universities, a prerequisite for entry into graduate-level programs.

Although less well understood by the general public, program accreditation, like institutional accreditation, has become an important factor in USMA's ability to recruit students with interest in the engineering and the engineering sciences and was an important reason behind the Academy's decision to seek accreditation of the four engineering programs by ABET. This relationship to recruiting becomes particularly significant when decreasing trends in the college-bound population through the next decade are compared to projections of increasing Army requirements for officers with technological and engineering degrees by the year 2002.

But, the most important reason for the accreditation activity that is now beginning has less to do with the immediate impact on recruitment, than institutional self-improvement. According to the Commission on Higher Education, "Institutional improvement is the objective and the accrediting process should facilitate the attainment of the goal rather than make accreditation an end in

itself."<sup>1</sup> The description of the accreditation process, and how West Point will prepare for it, illustrates how we plan to achieve that goal.

Procedurally, the accreditation process takes place on a decennial basis, commencing approximately 18 months prior to the end of the accreditation period. The first step in the process is for the institution, in coordination with the regional accrediting agency, to develop a plan for self-study leading to the preparation of an institutional self-evaluation report. This report, based upon the purpose and mission of the school, *as identified by the institution itself*, becomes the basis for an independent assessment by a team of educators appointed by the regional organization. Subsequently, at a time mutually agreed to by the institution and the evaluation team, but after completion of the Institutional Self-Study Report, the Academy will be visited for approximately two days by the evaluation team. The primary focus of their visit will be to evaluate the educational effectiveness of the academic program, but the visit will also evaluate all the other Academy programs and mechanisms in terms of their support for teaching, learning, and accomplishment of the overall mission.<sup>2</sup>

As this scenario indicates, and as the Academy realized, the most important part of the accreditation process will be the conduct of the Institutional Self-Study. The formal visit of the evaluation team, and the interaction with the Middle States Association, will indeed be important because of the opportunities they will provide to validate on-going programs and to engage in a dialogue about ways to improve; but that communication must spring from a comprehensive look at the Academy generated by our own desire to improve. The motivation to conduct that intensive examination is certainly there, and the timing is good in light of the Superintendent's Project 2002.

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<sup>1</sup>Commission on Higher Education, *Handbook for Institutional Self-Study*, Philadelphia, 1984.

<sup>2</sup>*Ibid.*

# The COM Reports

By BG FRED A. GORDEN *Commandant of Cadets*



Without question, being appointed the 61st Commandant of Cadets is the highest honor that I have ever received. Marcia and I want to assure all of you of our full commitment to upholding the cherished traditions of the Long Gray Line as we work with today's members of the Corps to prepare them for service into the 21st Century.

Peter Boylan, who donned his second star before he departed West Point, left a highly disciplined and motivated Corps of Cadets. He and Kathy deserve the heartfelt appreciation of all alumni for their three years of exemplary service. I know that all of you join me in saluting them and in wishing them continued success as they assume their new duties.

At this writing, I am beginning my third month in command of the Corps. These first two months have been filled with excitement and challenge. The transition from troop leading to leader development as the principal task has offered some subtle, but distinct, challenges. Fortunately, I also inherited a well trained staff of officers, noncommissioned officers and civilians who know their business, and have done a superb job in bringing me on board. Together with the Superintendent, the Dean, the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and others, they have ensured a constant direction for the Corps as they have sought to bring me around to the proper heading.

My most significant emotional event to date has been that of experiencing our Alma Mater's timeless tradition for equalizing its graduates by way of what we call a class reunion. I am sure that I am not the first "Com" to experience it, but I assure you that a class reunion quickly and emphatically rectifies any and all false feelings of personal grandeur that the "Com" may have assumed. '62 celebrated its 25th reunion in early October, and I have enough "humility" from my classmates to hold me throughout my full tour here. At the same time, I was greatly challenged to restrain my recently revived instincts in favor of "winking at, or overlooking" various classmates' behavior as the weekend's activities unfolded. Fortunately, most activities were not held at West Point, which mitigated against ready recourse to the Officer-in-Charge and the conduct of an area formation.

Seriously, the spirit embodied in our class motto "'62-Can Do" kindled a warmth and cohesion reminiscent of earlier days. It was much akin to that being developed today by those four classes at West Point who as they bond among themselves, also link themselves with all alumni through their own class mottos:

Class of 1988—"No Task Too Great!"  
Class of 1989—"Strengthen the Line"  
Class of 1990—"Proud and Mighty"  
Class of 1991—"Duty Shall Be Done"

The "great" class of '88, of course, leads the Corps! The First Captain and Brigade Commander is Cadet Greg Louks of Zim, Minnesota. Louks was the commander of the first detail of Cadet Field Training (Camp Buckner) this past summer. The deputy brigade commander is Cadet Patty Abt of San Antonio, Texas. Abt was Louks' XO at Camp Buckner. The brigade executive officer is Cadet Lee Walters of Burke, Virginia. Walters was the second detail commander (King of Beasts) for Cadet Basic Training (CBT). The 1st Regimental Commander, Cadet Jack Peak of Parma, Ohio, and Cadet Craig McGinnis, 2d Regimental Commander, of Lima, Ohio, were company commanders in CBT. The commander of the 3rd Regiment is Cadet Ed Haywood of Stone Mountain, Georgia. His summer job was King of Beasts for the first detail. Succeeding Louks for the second detail at Camp Buckner was Cadet Tim Hess of Spring Grove, Pennsylvania. Hess now commands the 4th Regiment. Rounding out the summer leaders are Cadet Dave Weirnerth of Rochester, Minnesota and Cadet Jeff Muhlenkamp of Bradfordwoods, Pennsylvania. They were the commanders of Summer Garrison Regiment at West Point and Combined Arms Training for the Third Class at Fort Knox, respectively.

I suspect that many of you want to know the same thing that has been asked about most often by graduates, that is, "How's the Corps; are the cadets living up to heritage and expectations?" The question is not unlike the one that I fielded frequently concerning today's young soldier when I was Assistant Division Commander of the 7th Infantry Division (Light). The answer, then and now, is that the young people of today's

Corps of Cadets, and of our Army, are exceptionally deserving of the mantle passed to them, and are committed to preserving our customs and traditions.

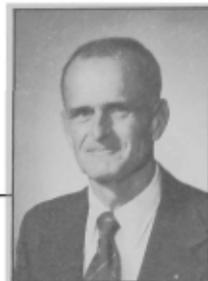
Before returning to West Point, I—like many of you—had heard rumors of many changes in the Corps. What I have found is that at the Academy and in the Corps that things are very much alive, dynamic, and above all in good health and repair. I consider it a major duty to insure that the high standards that have been set are maintained. As we strive to achieve excellence, be assured that we are not retooling the car but merely tuning the engine and trimming the chassis. I suppose our Air Force alumni might describe this as trimming the aircraft that it may remain true in flight, even though the passengers are moving at a double time up and down the aisles! This piece of aeronautical allegory should invoke in all of you fond recollections of your respective experiences in cadet gray. Today's passengers are enjoying the ride just as we did.

I will report "trim adjustments" within the Corps in future columns. Until then, I will continue my endeavor to wield the sword of command more by the handle, and less by the blade. Beat Navy!



# The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics



As I write this column for the December **ASSEMBLY** we are five games (almost half way) through our 1987 football season.

Football dominates the college athletic scene in the fall; our five completed games are testimony to that fact.

Although we have a 2 and 3 record at this time I have been tremendously impressed and very proud of the team's performance. Our loss against Holy Cross was a bitter pill. We made mistakes in the first half which they capitalized on immediately; we simply could not catch up. In the following two weeks the Army team won two one-sided games against Kansas State and the Citadel. They played well offensively and defensively in both of these games. Support from Army folks in the Manhattan, Kansas area was especially heartwarming, and the team certainly provided graduates and adherents an inspiring performance.

The Wake Forest loss was a devastating one in that we lost both our Number One and Number Two quarterbacks. Tory Crawford went down with a knee injury which required arthroscopic surgery the night of the game; junior Mark Mooney, who took over after Crawford's injury and did a fine job, was also injured with a dislocated toe which is extremely painful and limited his mobility.

We headed to Boston for the Boston College game with a third string quarterback who had played almost no varsity football in his first two seasons. Boston College was favored by 20 points and after a win over Pittsburgh the previous week, looked to be a formidable opponent for a wounded Army team. Second classman Bryan Babb, however, came through in championship fashion, and the Army-Boston game was a truly classic college football encounter. The game went down to the very last series of plays with Army still having a chance to win. Babb performed beautifully rushing for over 100 yards and running the wishbone in excellent style. The loss was disappointing but cadets, graduates, and the West Point community could indeed hold their heads high as we returned to West Point that evening.

I believe the team and staff look to the rest of the season with optimism and enthusiasm, believing that the 1987 football season will still be an exciting and

successful one for the Army team.

Most of our other fall sports have winning records.

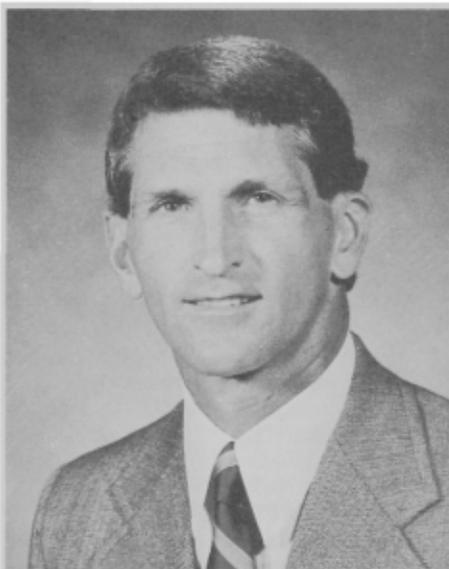
Men's Soccer is 7 and 3, undefeated in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Two of their losses were to nationally-ranked Rutgers and George Mason University. They have recorded four straight shutouts in their last four games.

Women's Volleyball continues undefeated with our best start since the sport began here in 1978. They have won two major tournaments, are now 15 and 0 and will soon be recognized by the NCAA in their weekly rating system.

Our Men's and Women's Cross Coun-

try teams are undefeated at this writing—our men having won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament for the second consecutive year, and our women moving up from fourth place last year to second place this year. Top finishers for the men were Cadet Tyno Carter '89, and for our women, Cadet Teresa Sobiesk '88.

Our Men's Tennis team is undefeated. They finished second in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament, having won last fall. Number One player



Jim Worthington



Bryan Babb

1987 Sports Summary							
Fall Sport	Games Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Captain/s	Navy	
Women's Volleyball	15	15	0	0	1.000	Shelly Shumaker	
Men's Tennis	5	5	0	0	1.000	William Degutis	
Men's Cross Country	4	4	0	0	1.000	Tom Feder	
Women's Cross Country	2	2	0	0	1.000	Lisa Benitez	
Men's Soccer	10	7	3	0	.700	Sean Mitchiner	
Water Polo	15	9	6	0	.600	Scott Maitland	Lost
Women's Soccer	12	5	5	2	.500	Kimberly Knur Karen Weglinski	
Football	5	2	3	0	.400	By Game	
150 lb Football	3	1	2	0	.333	Vic Mondo Carl Woods	
Women's Tennis	7	2	5	0	.286	Ellen Dexter	
Fall Totals	78	52	24	2	.679		0-1



Mrs. Douglas MacArthur with Colonel "Red" Blaik at Colonel Blaik's memorial to the Army Athlete

Mark McMullen continues to perform in very strong fashion for the cadets, and help from the Class of '91 and potential in '92 has Coach Bob Detrich very optimistic about the future of Army Men's Tennis.

150-lb. Football is 1 and 2 after their first three games with both losses to Cornell.

Women's Soccer is 5-5 and 2, having lost several games either in overtime or in the last few minutes of the contest.

Water Polo is 9 and 6 after winning Pool B of the Eastern Tourney Round Two over the weekend.

Women's Tennis suffered the resignation of their head coach two days before their first meet. We were fortunate in acquiring the services of Mr. Jim Worthington, a member of the Department of Physical Education staff who has done a

truly outstanding job in bringing these young women back together to operate and play as a team. They managed a third place finish in early October in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament, a notable achievement under the circumstances.

A highlight of the fall was the dedication of Colonel Blaik's memorial to the cadet athlete and a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Blaik Gallery located in the new football office/"A" Room complex underneath the east stands at Michie Stadium. The Blaik Gallery is a tribute on the part of the Academy to Colonel Earl H. "Red" Blaik, who left such a rich legacy to present and all future cadet athletes.

We continue our efforts to provide a program of which the Corps and our graduates can be proud.

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while also battling for a spot as a starting forward on the Army basketball team.

Williams, who went to Jungle School in Panama last summer and worked as an assistant editor for the *Field Artillery Journal* at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, looks forward to a future assignment in Italy or Germany following graduation. He is currently preparing for the lead role in Orson Welles' adaptation of *Moby Dick* as a member of the Theatre Arts Guild.

Eberhard, whose father, Wallace Eberhard, has taught journalism at the University of Georgia for the past 14 years, is the S-4 or Supply Officer for the 4th Regiment at the Academy. During the first semester of his junior year he was an exchange student at the Coast Guard Academy, a program which permits a cadet to view life at another service academy.

Rothert not only excelled in the classroom, but turned in a strong performance during his first year as a member of the Army basketball team. He averaged 6.3 points and pulled down three rebounds a game during his first season. He was named to the All-Rookie team in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. Army finished third in the league with an 8-6 record, its highest finish ever, and 14-15 overall.

#### What about the future?

"We feel the Academic Workshop will continue to be an important program in our effort to remain competitive with highly selective colleges throughout the country," says Colonel Rushton. "It requires some hard work, but we feel it is a valuable communication program for outstanding scholars. It is also rewarding to know that cadets and students who participate value the experience, and that the program has reached a maturity level where cadets see the value for students who follow their footsteps as workshop participants."

#### Academic Workshop Enjoys Military Flavor

In recent years many students attending the U.S. Military Academy's Invitational Academic Workshop have been sons and daughters of military personnel. The 1988 Invitational Academy Workshop, scheduled from June 19-24, is expected to attract more military offspring. Attendees are required to provide for their own transportation and pay a registration fee. For additional information on the Invitational Academic Workshop contact the Director of Admissions, U.S. Military Academy, ATTN: Invitational Academic Workshop, 606 Thayer Road, West Point, NY 10996-1797.

# Book Reviews



## THE ROAD TO TRINITY

By MAJOR GENERAL K. D. NICHOLS, U.S.A. (RETIRED), *William Morrow and Company, Inc.*, NY, 1987, 401 pp.

The proliferation of technologically sophisticated weapons systems is transforming the way in which wars are fought. The officer corps is challenged not only to develop the strategies and tactics required to most effectively utilize these systems, but also to provide the scientific and managerial skills required to conceive, develop, and procure them. Fortunately, the Army can benefit from the past experiences of the men who led the largest and most aggressive research and development program ever undertaken: the Manhattan Project. In his book, *The Road to Trinity*, General K. D. Nichols provides an insider's view of the challenges and successes of leading the U.S. program to create the first nuclear weapons.



General Nichols constantly impresses the reader with the enormous challenge of organizing and committing resources to a project which was based upon concepts that required the continuing extension of existing science and technology. There are many fascinating accounts of how he combined the talents of independently thinking scientists and engineers, each a leader in his own field, in order to create a functioning team. However, while aptly expressing the extreme sense of accomplishment after each success in the proj-

ect, Nichols also describes the frustrations that he and his superior, Lieutenant General L. R. Groves, encountered. Despite the importance of the Manhattan Project, the author encountered difficulty in receiving priority support from government agencies. Critical decisions that would ensure that nuclear weapons would be available to hasten the termination of the war had to be made based upon incomplete scientific data. As might be expected, wartime Pentagon planners considered a tank on the battlefield today to be more important than the possibility of a superweapon tomorrow. Although frequently confronted with such dilemmas, Nichols articulates the degree of commitment and sheer force of will that was required to be successful. However, not all the problems were directly related to weapons production. For example, new industrial sites and accompanying towns (such as Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Hanford, Washington) had to be planned and created. At these sites, Nichols had to appease the local and state politicians that were offended at the secrecy of the major facilities and operations occurring inside their jurisdiction. Nichols also found himself negotiating with resistant contractors to share in the risk of constructing massive facilities to produce weapons-grade fissionable material using untested techniques.

General Nichols' ability to solve the personality and human interaction conflicts inherent in an endeavor of this magnitude is particularly entertaining and instructive. His problems ranged from coercing businessmen from competing firms to share proprietary information to quelling local religious leaders protesting the integration of "good" girls with "bad" girls in the dormitories at Oak Ridge. As one of the primary leaders and motivators, Nichols had to convince scientists to commit their talents to the creation of a weapon of mass destruction despite their deep ethical objections. Included in this book is the inside story of the security hearings on Robert Oppenheimer. His methods of making independent decisions while under the scrutiny of General Groves were especially innovative.

General Nichols describes his role after World War II as a top military advisor to the Secretary of Defense during the time when the fundamental U.S. strategy for the use of nuclear weapons

was established. Although his advice to use nuclear weapons during the Korean Conflict was not accepted, the author made significant contributions to the initiation of the hydrogen bomb program and the concept of nuclear deterrence. Additionally, he provides a perspective of the early years of the U.S. guided missile programs as an assistant to the presidential advisor on these matters.

General Nichols' description of his career after retiring from the military is perhaps the most valuable portion of the book. As the General Manager of the Atomic Energy Commission, the forerunner of today's Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the author provides a unique viewpoint of the birth of the nuclear power industry. After his resignation from the AEC in 1955, the author spent almost thirty years as a private consultant in an attempt to foster the growth of that same nuclear power industry.

In addition to his historical contribution, the book contains an analysis of current events based on the author's experience with nuclear power since its inception as well as the development of the guided missile program. He provides a succinct analysis of the U.S. nuclear power industry and compares it to the more successful industries in France and other countries. Included in the current events is a clearly written portion on the accidents at Three Mile Island and Chernobyl that puts these incidents in their proper perspective. Interestingly enough, the author's background in guided missiles, nuclear weapons, and nuclear policy-making enable him to make compelling arguments for the Strategic Defense Initiative.

Although this book is an excellent historical account that provides many previously unpublished details of the Manhattan Project, some understanding of the elementary concepts of nuclear weapons design and the overall historical context is required to follow the author's story. Additionally, because this book represents a sort of diary, the contents are frequently distracting, switching from a topical to a chronological presentation of the material. His occasionally cryptic writing style sometimes leaves the reader without a full understanding of the significance of an event.

General Nichols has provided an enlightening and perhaps invaluable his-

torical account of the Manhattan Project and the beginnings of American nuclear strategy as well as of our nuclear power program. His book is informative, pleasant to read, and of particular interest to the military officer. Even more today than at the birth of the nuclear age, the range of possibilities afforded by futuristic weapons and high risk technology is enormous. The lessons to be learned in this field are still ongoing. General Nichols' book affords us guidance for the future as well as insight into the past.

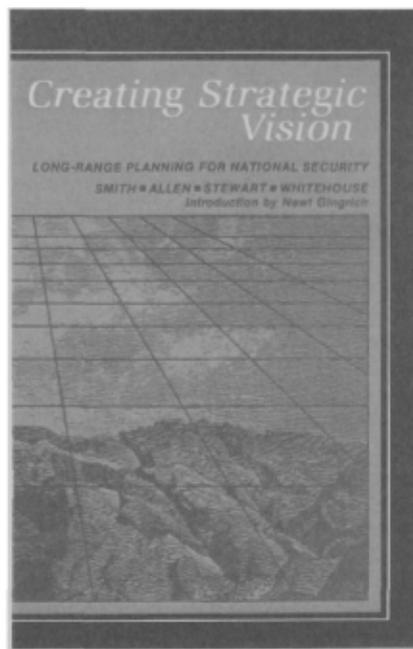
Reviewed by MAJ William E. Eichinger and CPT (P) Patrick J. O'Reilly, Instructors, Department of Physics, USMA

## CREATING STRATEGIC VISION

Chapters by MG (RET) PERRY M. SMITH, COL JERROLD P. ALLEN, COL JOHN H. STEWART II, and F. DOUGLAS WHITEHOUSE, with an introduction by CONGRESSMAN NEWT GINGRICH. Washington, D.C.: National Defense University Press, 1987, 133 pp.

While a great deal has been written about strategic planning in business, until recently, little had been done to translate that experience and scholarship to government. In 1977, under the direction of Secretary John Stetson, the Air Force studied a number of examples of strategic planning in the corporate world, distilled from those examples certain attributes that were correlated with success, and, with these attributes as a guide, developed their own long-range planning process. Seven years later, in 1985, MG Perry Smith, then commandant of the National War College but previously the Director of Air Force Plans, directed a year-long research seminar that reviewed the Air Force experiences with institutionalized long-range planning. Four thoughtful essays, the fruit of this seminar, are compiled in *Creating Strategic Vision*. The authors recount the Air Force experience and propose an institutional framework for long-range planning. They review planning models and methodologies for developing alternative futures and select the combination they feel is best suited to national security policymaking. Finally, they demonstrate their proposed model by deriving a plan for dealing with the Soviet Union in the uncertain years ahead. As Congressman Newt Gingrich notes in the introduction, the authors are pioneers in the field; their work requires development, extension, and critical examination. While *Creating Strategic Vision* is a good first step, those seeking rigorous theory, empirical evidence, or irrefutable proofs are bound to be disappointed.

The first essay, written by MG Smith, presents a number of points that appeared in slightly different form in an article entitled "Creating a Strategic Vision: The



Value of Long-Range Planning" in the *Air University Review*, September-October 1986. MG Smith recommends that long-range planning be institutionalized in all government agencies, coordinated across the government between agencies, collated at the top, and ultimately shared with alliance partners. He argues that while decisionmakers may prefer ad hoc studies to systematic long-range planning, only institutionalized planning can insure that daily decisions routinely take into account long term consequences, that they add up to a coherent policy, and that they contribute to a long-term strategy. MG Smith also describes the attributes that should be sought in long-range planners. The job calls for a truly exceptional individual: he should be operationally qualified but independent in his thinking; talented but not ambitious; an insider, so he is credible, but nonetheless free of any institutional bias that might resist divestiture. If such people exist, they would no doubt be superb planners. MG Smith then lists fifteen "laws" of long-range planning; they might better be called balances which must be struck. For institutionalized planning to be effective, the planning group must have the support from and regular access to the top decisionmaker, a privilege the group must protect by insuring concision and relevance in their products. The planning should be institutionalized yet flexible, and ad hoc studies should be used to complement the process. The planning group should be in close contact with the parent organization while preserving the independence of its analysis; it should contribute to the development of implementation strategies, but bypass the normal coordination process in proposing new ideas. Finally, MG Smith argues that planners should reject determinism. He argues that good planners

must believe that man can alter the course of the future. My rejoinder would be that good planners must acknowledge that current realities and continuing trends constrain their range of action. These "laws" are derived from MG Smith's vast personal experience in Air Force planning and, while valuable as such, we cannot expect the skeptic to be convinced on that criterion alone. One particular question comes to mind: can the specific experiences of the author be generalized?

The second essay by COL Allen first tries to evaluate the utility of long-range planning by comparing a number of case studies—the Navy, the Department of State, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and NASA. COL Allen shows that only NASA has institutionalized long-range planning and asserts that NASA's success can be largely attributed to this innovation. This contention is poorly supported, and the relevance of NASA as an example can be questioned. The argument, as a result, unravels. In reviewing the case studies, however, COL Allen does derive a few of the "laws" that MG Smith asserted in the first essay and demonstrates their relevance in a number of institutional settings. The most valuable part of COL Allen's essay is the summary of the last decade of experience with institutionalized long-range planning in the Air Force. He describes in detail the development and the evolution of the Air Force planning process since 1977 from an insider's point of view, a quick, dense synopsis for those who seek such detail. COL Allen wants to call the institutionalization a success. He provides ample evidence that planning has been institutionalized, but the skeptic may be left wondering whether that has helped the Air Force set priorities, elect divestiture, gain the initiative. Can we call the process a success without establishing its contribution to the coherence and efficiency of policy?

The third essay may be the most valuable. COL Stewart offers the uninitiated a non-technical explanation of the various tools of the planning group. He first reviews three long-range planning models which are commonly used: the Futures Group strategy formulation process, the Air Force's Force Structure Development Model, and Ascher and Overholt's strategic planning model. COL Stewart contends that the last of the three is the most appropriate for national security planning because it is a proactive model that assumes the United States has more than a marginal influence over its environment. The reader may detect the bias against determinism creeping into COL Stewart's analysis. The degree of influence the United States has over its environment is, at the least, arguable. COL Stewart then reviews the methodologies that are used to generate a set of possible future situations or alternative futures that serve as

input to the models, against which strategies are evaluated. COL Stewart reviews the technical methodologies—trend extrapolation, simulation modeling, cross-impact matrix analysis, the Delphi technique—and less technical methodologies—scenario building, expert judgment and genius forecasting. While he recommends a mix of methods, he affirms that the non-technical methods should be used to frame the issues, and the technical methods should be relegated to supporting roles.

In the final essay, F. Douglas Whitehouse, a Soviet specialist and economist, generates two alternative Soviet futures and uses the planning model that Stewart endorsed in the preceding essay to develop a strategy for the United States. Whitehouse's purpose is to illustrate the process and not to develop a comprehensive strategy. His strategy, however, is interesting if simplistic. The illustration is useful because it reminds the reader, after COL Stewart's rather rigorous discussion of models and methodologies, that long-range planning remains, fundamentally, a subjective art.

*Creating Strategic Vision* ends abruptly with no concluding chapter. The book collates four essays, not independent but not integrated either. As a result, the reader is subjected to a fair degree of repetition, and occasionally some confusion.

As budget constraints force us to more clearly prioritize competing objectives, and as weapon development cycles grow longer, long-range planning will gain importance in the Army. For the Army officer that wants to better understand institutionalized long-range planning in governmental organizations, *Creating Strategic Vision* provides a brief introduction to the subject and a bibliography that could be an excellent guide to further study in the field. We should thank the pioneers for this solid start but hope that a more rigorous and extensive study will soon follow.

Reviewed by Jeffery W. Long, CPT, Armor, Department of Social Sciences, USMA

## OH, GOD I'M DEAD

By ALLEN CLARK, *Texas Publishers, Co., Austin, Texas, 1986.*

Many books currently in print describe, often in excruciating detail, individual and collective experiences in combat. Works such as Guy Sajer's *The Forgotten Soldier*, Frederick Down's *The Killing Zone* and *Aftermath*, and James Webb's *Fields of Fire* have brought the intense experience of combat home to many of us. These kinds of books are particularly important and instructive at a time when the military has lost or is losing, due to normal retirement and attrition, a large percentage of its combat experienced veterans. Works such as these not only provide

important philosophical lessons, but also become useful learning tools in our continuing efforts to prepare for the eventualities of combat.

After a first reading of Allen Clark's book *Oh, God I'm Dead*, it has a decidedly familiar ring. It is a story that you've heard many times before . . . man becomes soldier, serves country, goes to war, is seriously wounded. Yet, in spite of a severe physical handicap, through hard work, faith and perseverance, he recovers and becomes a successful and contributing member of society. A happy ending, but nothing particularly new or excitingly different.

Nonetheless, Allen Clark, in simple, almost matter-of-fact prose, does in fact, have something to say—a message worth reading. This message, presented in the form of examples from his life, focuses on the importance of the concept of DUTY and what it really means to live up to this standard, not only as a soldier, but also as a civilian. This concept is one that should be at the very heart of selfless, professional service.

Clark's life, at least his military life as he portrays it, seems to be one characterized by always doing his duty, and that duty is to always do the right things—and for the right reasons. This may very well be his most important message, the need to always do one's duty, both morally and ethically. He did his duty, by avoiding the easy out. He volunteered for service in Vietnam. Once there he sought out the tough jobs; he volunteered for Special Forces, instead of being content with a military intelligence job at a desk in Saigon.

He did his duty by taking charge during an attack upon his compound, exposing himself to enemy fire, to execute his responsibilities as an officer, and professional soldier—again, his duty as he saw it. This strong duty concept is even evidenced by his concern for his family's feelings and welfare as he lay severely wounded. He was deeply concerned about the manner in which the news of his injury would reach them and he dutifully tried to reduce the severity of the impact of this news, through letters and other communication.

He did his duty by making the "tough" decision when required, such as turning in an intelligence officer who had compromised himself and his mission. He also prevented two Green Beret sergeants from "punishing" (killing) two agents who were guilty of compromising themselves. "That's murder, and it is wrong." It would have been very easy to acquiesce at a time when many lives were being lost everyday, and the rules of engagement in these kinds of operations were not clear cut.

Despite these positive examples of a commitment to duty and honorable service to country, there are some mixed or

unclear messages with which the reader is left to wrestle. This lack of clarity is a function of the fact that what we actually have here is two books—Allen Clark before being wounded and Allen Clark after. The second book appears to be a retrospective view of a man in his mid-forties who seems to want to feel good about himself and the things that he has done since his military service ended. His sense of duty, the important message in the first half of the book, seems to become displaced by other considerations.

In the second half of the book, Allen Clark the civilian, questions arise concerning the author's intent and motivation in writing this book. In fact, Mr. Clark does not seem to adequately address some key and often potentially contradictory issues, especially as they apply to the concept of duty. In the publishers' foreword, for example, it states that the reader will likely think of Allen Clark as a great patriot and civic leader whose most outstanding characteristic is his powerful ability to lead his fellow citizens to be better Americans. Although this may very well be true, this assessment of Allen Clark as a dutiful civic leader is not well supported in the book. It is not clear if many of Clark's own self-reported behaviors, after his return to civilian life, are truly based on the ideas of selfless service, and the concept of duty.

In one instance, Mr. Clark declined to accept a temporary assignment in Washington to study the reorganization of the Federal Government's bureaucracy; yet three years later, he campaigned vigorously to become the head of the Veteran's Administration. Furthermore, upon being appointed as the Deputy Administrator of the VA, he abruptly resigned because of "an unacceptable management environment." These actions hardly seem to be indicative of an effective, selfless leader; nor do they evidence a commitment to the duty concept which seems to be the primary message he wants to convey. The reader is left wondering—where else could a person of his obvious talents have made a greater contribution than to the organization that seems to have been so instrumental in his recovery and return to society as a contributing member?

The "bottom line" message or story of this book, besides the concept of duty, may just be that war is indeed a terrible experience, and does horrible things to young men. In Allen Clark's case, the war left him handicapped. But there is always hope. One can return to society and become a productive member based on one's willingness to accept the challenges of physical handicaps, the support of a responsive medical system and the unending contributions of friends and family.

The messages presented by Mr. Clark are not startling or new. But in any event, one will finish this work with a better appreciation and understanding of what

our duty is and the price we may have to pay in meeting the responsibilities dictated by this concept. Even if all this book does is help you reaffirm and strengthen some things you already know and believe, then reading it will have been of value.

Reviewed by MAJ Joseph NG LeBoeuf, MAJ Dennis Thompson, Assistant Professors, Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership, USMA

### IN THE COMBAT ZONE: AN ORAL HISTORY OF AMERICAN WOMEN IN VIETNAM 1966-1975

By KATHRYN MARSHALL, *Little, Brown and Company, Boston, 1987.*

Although women have served in every war the United States has fought, they are the forgotten participants. Few of us consider the extent of women's contributions to our military history or how they fared under combat conditions. We instead allow media images, such as M.A.S.H.'s "Hot Lips Hoolihan," to form our views of women in combat. Through the oral histories of twenty American women who served in Vietnam, Kathryn Marshall's *In the Combat Zone* offers a more accurate perspective. Their stories give us some insight into the feelings, experiences, and performance of women serving under combat conditions.

Whether or not you believe that women should participate in combat, they have been and most likely will continue to be active and essential in this country's wars. *In the Combat Zone* makes no judgments on the issue of women in combat, it simply presents the personal accounts of some women's experiences. Nor does it provide an assessment of these women's performance or offer any suggestions for the future. For military readers, however, *In the Combat Zone* provides a valuable resource for learning about women's performance in our most recent conflict and for judging the impact of an increasing percentage of women in the military on our combat readiness. Marshall's book also offers female soldiers a unique opportunity to read about women whose experiences they may someday be required to repeat and even surpass.

Since Marshall offers no evaluation of the effectiveness of her characters, we must infer this information from the women themselves. They portray themselves as hard-working, concerned professionals, none of whom were properly prepared or trained for what they would face in Vietnam. The nurses were not technically prepared for the trauma and diseases they would treat. The Red Cross volunteers were not prepared for the combat conditions. For both groups, most admit at some point to breaking

down and being unable to function for a brief period, usually due to physical stress or the death of a soldier with whom they had become close. Yet, to their credit, each found a way to cope in order to remain effective in her work.

These women's descriptions of their Vietnam experiences are remarkable for their haunting similarity to tales told by male Vietnam vets, such as those presented in Fred Down's *The Killing Zone* and James McDonough's *Platoon Leader*. Both men and women speak of the overwhelming heat, the horror of the casualties and death around them, the uncontrollable excitement and ultimate disappointment in going "back to the world," and the struggle to come to grips with their memories. Like the men, the women talk of the pride, patriotism, fear, loneliness, and frustration of combat.

Unfortunately, *In the Combat Zone* does not present a balanced view of women in Vietnam. Of the twenty vignettes, only one is told by a black woman. Marshall defends herself by claiming that many black women withdrew their interviews, but the absence is glaring. Additionally, the stories were edited by the storytellers themselves. We must question how much self-protection, as well as the ten years between the experience and the telling, distorts the accuracy of these narratives. To her credit, Marshall admits to these limitations in her afterword, but a negative effect is still possible.

Given the value of this collection, one of the most unfortunate weaknesses was the sequencing of the narratives. In the first three vignettes, Marshall includes the two most poorly told stories in the book. Readers must struggle through these first vignettes in order to get to the accounts of the insightful, fascinating women beyond. It is well worth the struggle, but the best approach may be to begin with the fourth vignette.

The most critical lesson military readers can learn from *In the Combat Zone* is the moral responsibility of government and military leaders to properly prepare all soldiers, men and women, for the role they will play in combat. To hesitate to train women for combat, knowing they will be confronted with it, is wrong. Our leaders' indecision about women's combat roles not only threatens women's lives and well-being unnecessarily, it also decreases our military effectiveness.

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### SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY

By COL O. Z. TYLER, JR., *Exposition Press of Florida, Inc., Pompano Beach, FL, 1987.*

Colonel O. Z. Tyler, Jr. (USMA 1931) has written a book for readers searching for a middle ground between historical romance and the arid profundities of "real history." *Sweet Land of Liberty*, as he calls it, "fictionalized history," an account of a New England family's experiences from early settlement through the War for American Independence. Given that generations of Americans know their country's history primarily from the novels of John Jakes and television mini-series, an attempt to dramatize and personalize accurately the colonial and revolutionary American story is an excellent idea.

Colonel Tyler tells of the Williams family, beginning with the arrival of nineteen-year-old Job Williams at Newport in 1639. After a few adventures, he joins a caravan moving out to the Massachusetts frontier. En route, he falls in love with a young widow, Mary Horton, and after carving out a homestead in the vicinity of Andover, Job marries the widow, beginning his own family line. Job's progeny spread throughout New England, and as far away as Barbados, participating in major events of colonial history. Wars play an important role in this account and Williams men are prominent in all, from King Philip's War through the Revolution. Social history is perhaps somewhat neglected, although the Salem witchcraft trials drive family members from Andover. The last half of the book concentrates on the French and Indian War through the Revolution, even presenting a Loyalist perspective. Throughout, the theme is brave men and women creating a society in a vast wilderness based on liberty and how they protect that society from all comers, whether Indian, French, or British.

The book's structure may be a problem. The author presents the story through family scribes, who carry it from one generation to another by collecting accounts from relatives for the purpose of recording a family history. Thus, the reader is to feel that he is reading a family diary. Some of the accounts are exciting. However, the device sometimes results in a series of vignettes. Readers may have trouble keeping numerous cousins straight and elect to follow the story of the moment. Colonel Tyler does not apparently draw upon Philip Greven's study of colonial Andover, even though he places the Williams ancestral home in that locality. But he has not written his book for historians, and the general reader will be satisfied with this story of an American family. *Sweet Land of Liberty* should especially pique the interests of young people and that alone is a worthy achievement.

Reviewed by Captain Steven C. Gravelin, Department of History, USMA

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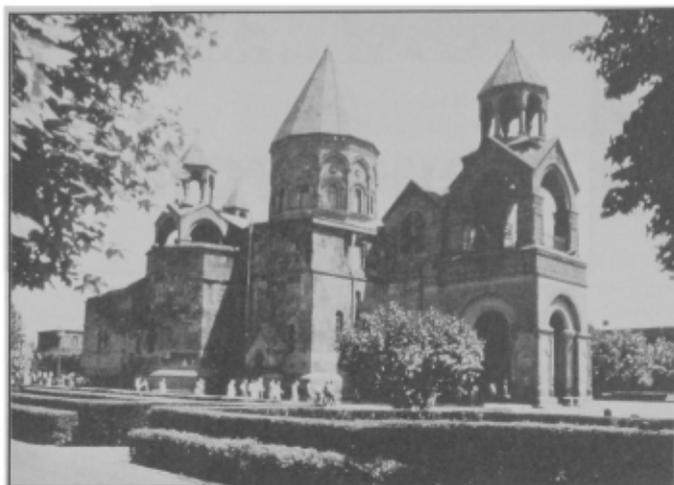
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# News from the Societies



## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The 1987-88 Association of Graduates Speakers program has begun with GEN Michael S. Davison '39, President of the Association, and Board of Trustee members LTG William J. McCaffrey '39, Denis F. Mullane '52, William R. Raiford '52, LTG Walter F. Ulmer, Jr. '52, Lee B. Gray '53, and Lewis (Bob) Sorley '56 planning visits to more than 35 West Point societies.

The intent of the program is to provide West Point societies with speakers who have special insights about the Academy; to point out ways in which our alumni, working through their societies, can best help West Point; and to continue the success of the May 1987 societies' conference at West Point in drawing the Association and the West Point societies closer to each other and to the Academy.

The speakers, guests of the societies at business meetings, luncheons, Founders Day dinners or other special social gatherings, present updates on happenings at West Point: academics, athletics, changes in command, physical changes to the West Point campus, and other matters. Along the way they share some interesting Delinquency Reports, B-Aches (often more interesting), and current Corps' folklore which tend to show that despite all the changes some things remain the same. They also discuss the West Point Societies Program of the Association of Graduates, how the Association's staff can help a local society, and some very successful programs instituted by various societies.

Societies host speakers while they are in their cities but are not responsible for transportation costs; expenses to the local society are minimal.

Speakers and societies where visits have been coordinated so far include the following:

GEN Davison	
Dayton-Cincinnati-Columbus	Dinner 10 Nov
Indianapolis	Lunch 11 Nov
Washington	Lunch 27 Jan
Philadelphia-New Jersey	Lunch 28 Jan
Hawaii	Lunch Late Mar- Early Apr

LTG William J. McCaffrey	
Tampa	Founders Day Dinner 11 Mar
Fort Myers	Founders Day Lunch 12 Mar
St. Louis	Founders Day Dinner 18 Mar

LTG Walter F. Ulmer, Jr	
Raleigh	Dinner 6 Nov
El Paso	Lunch 8 Dec
Austin	Lunch 2 Feb
San Diego	Dinner 4 Mar

Mr. Denis F. Mullane	
Orlando	Lunch 15 Sep
Detroit	Lunch 18 Sep
Nashville	Lunch 26 Oct
Los Angeles-Santa Barbara	Lunch 20 Jan
Palm Springs-Orange County	Dinner 23 Feb
Colorado Springs-Denver	Dinner 11 May

Mr. Lee B. Gray	
Salt Lake City	Founders Day Dinner 4 Mar

Dr. Lewis (Bob) Sorley	
Charleston	Lunch 5 Nov
Richmond	Lunch 21 Jan
Boston	Dinner 26 Jan
Houston	Lunch 11 Feb

Visits to other societies are pending.

If any society is interested in participating in the program between December 1987 and May 1988, and has not yet contacted Morris Herbert or Skip Wensyel to arrange it, please do so as soon as possible by calling 914-446-5800 or 5860.

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CHICAGO

Under Jim Nalepa's ('78) leadership, the West Point Society of Chicago (WPSC) is off to another great start. Jim has instituted a bimonthly Benny Haven's night, which started on 30 Oct at the University Club here in Chicago, under the auspices of Dick Gallagher ('63). This is an informal get-together that will begin at 1900 hours and will be a good chance for new members to meet some existing members. A satellite hookup is also planned for the Air Force game.

On 7 Nov, the WPSC helped Ft. Sheridan celebrate its Centennial at a gala black-tie ball. On 8 Nov Denny ('65) and Judy Coll hosted a brunch for MG and Mrs. Peter Boylan ('61) who recently transferred from West Point to become LTG Rick Brown's '56 deputy out at Fourth Army. The brunch was attended by most of the senior military in the area as well as a number of senior businessmen. Nalepa and his staff are working on the 1988 football game in Ireland but report some difficulty in making direct arrangements without going through the promoter. Stay tuned on this one.

WPSC is planning another coaches' dinner, probably in early Jan, which will bring together 15-20 of the top football prospects in the Chicago area, along with 15-20 of the top West Point candidates in the area with the coaches. The new membership roster was mailed to everyone in early Oct. Several extra copies are available at \$25 per copy. For information on the coaches' dinner or a copy of the membership roster, call Winnie at Alumni Services (312-256-4422).

And finally, Nalepa's at it again! He's invited Richard Milhaus Nixon to be our guest speaker at Founders Day. Stay tuned for time end events. Best wishes from Chicago.

—Denny Coll '65

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA

The Society turned out in force on 26 June for a luncheon at the Eglin AFB Officers Club. Activities began with Attention to Orders called by Haydon Grubbs '53 and invocation by Chuck Stewart '47. President Fred Dent '56 introduced MAJ Cliff Jordan, local West Point admissions officer, who gave a comprehensive and helpful run-down on the current status of the admission program.

A highlight of the luncheon was the introduction of four future members of USMA '91 and their parents. New cadets were George Bailey (Walton County High School), David Brooks (Washington High School), William McSween (Crestview High School), and Toni Rodgers (Woodham High School). Needless to say the air was rife with intonations of gratuitous advice, and a few commands of "Drop that bag Mister!" could be heard in the background. We wish these



Keith Nance '60, WP Society Northwest Florida, congratulating George Bailey, new cadet '91.



J. Arnold, C. True, B. Sibert, B. Palmer, all CI '36, and J. Shortall '43 WP Society NW Florida luncheon June 87.

future cadets well, and in all seriousness, hope that their send-off was as gratifying to them as it was to us!

—Fred Rall '56

### SPACE COAST WEST POINT SOCIETY

An enthusiastic representation of our society met at brunch in the Space and Missile Room of the Patrick AFB Officers Club on 12 Sep to kick off both the Army football season and the inauguration of our officers for the coming year. Over the eggs benedict and "Georgia ice cream" (grits to you) outgoing President **Bill Clarke '54** reported on his trip to the inaugural Presidents' Conference with its emphasis on admissions support for USMA, dissemination of information about USMA, and our society's involvement in local community activities. Bill then announced the results of the recent election of **Steve Griffin '78** as president, **Tom Wiley '65** as vice president for Society Affairs, **Jack Dibble '40** as vice president for USMA Support and **Hal Stirling '46** as secretary-treasurer.

The AOG has given us a printout of all the graduates in our area by Zip Code to bring our roster up to date, and we're looking forward to a full year of activities, starting with the Army-Navy game rally at the Patrick Officers Club on 5 Dec and climaxing with the visit of **BG Fred A. Gorden '62**, the new Commandant, at our Founders Day dinner.\* Space Coast Society members who have ideas or questions are encouraged to send them to the society at P.O. Box 4484, Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

—Steve Griffin '78

\*The society's Christmas dinner will be held in the Commodore Room of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club, on 16 Dec. For information on the dinner call **Hal Stirling '46** at 305-254-3321.

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Greetings from all of us here in the Philippines. I am writing for the president of the West Point society here as he is out in the field as brigade commander. As you may have read in the news reports, our country has been having some political and economic problems. But rest assured, the Filipino West Pointers have been living up to the ideals of Duty, Honor, Country. Led by Sec of Def **Rafael Iletto '43** and General **Fidel V. Ramos '50**, we are contributing our share to maintain democracy in the Philippines.

We would like to inform you of a new set of officers of the society: president—**COL Thelmo Cunanan '61**; sec—**MAJ Manuel Briones '73**; asst sec and treas—**CPT Romeo Posadas '75**.

Our major activities include the annual Founders Day celebration and the yearly get-together with the alumni of Annapolis for the Army-Navy game. Our recent victories against Navy have boosted our morale. Of course the Annapolis group paid for our lunch, which was most welcomed.

We are also pleased to inform you that we have 9 American West Pointers in the society: **M. D. Roush '50**, **F. Nerone '53**, **C. Teeter '58**, **R. Ryer '62**, **J. Murphy '65**, **F. Garabato '73**, **I. Keehu '75**, **G. Curtis '77**, and **J. Madigan '79**.

We send our warmest regards to all our fellow alumni and, of course, **BEAT NAVY!!!**

—Romeo Posadas '75

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA

Writing for a quarterly publication of necessity involves some predictions and/or some old news. As of the end of Sep the West Point Society of Philadelphia is planning to host several events in Nov and Dec. Members of the society are being asked to host cadet members of the Glee Club in their homes for the Thanks-

giving weekend following their performance in Philadelphia. On 2 Dec the society will represent Army alumni by attending the annual Maxwell Club football luncheon at the Adams Mark Hotel. The Academy superintendents and athletic directors are the honored guests at a Maxwell Club luncheon each year just prior to the Army-Navy game.

The highlight of the fall-winter social calendar of the society is the Army-Navy dinner dance at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia on 5 Dec, the eve of the game. This year Army is the host and the society, with some monetary assistance from the Association of Graduates, is responsible for what has become a popular and successful pregame party for Army and Navy alumni, active duty personnel and on a space available basis others who attend the game. **BEAT NAVY!** The society has invited **GEN Michael S. Davison '39**, president of the Association of Graduates, to be the guest speaker for a luncheon at the Union League of Philadelphia on 28 Jan 1988.

A business hours telephone number has been established for coordination of matters with the West Point Society of Philadelphia: 215-864-0807. Officers and members of the Board of Governors may also be contacted directly at any time.

—Al Griebing '50

### WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALASKA

The West Point Society of Alaska consists of graduates and friends of USMA stationed at three Army posts, as well as retirees and civilian members from throughout the State. Recently, the society has endeavored to increase the participation of its members and thereby inspire camaraderie, promote enthusiasm for Army sports, and support the ideals of our Alma Mater in "The Last Frontier."

On 26 Mar of this year, the society celebrated Founders Day with a dinner at the Fort Richardson Officers Club. Over 60 graduates and guests enjoyed the affair. The oldest grad speech was given by MG (ret) **Bruce Staser '44**. The youngest grad present, 2LT **Frank Kennedy**, represented the Class of '86 with his remarks. Featured speaker for the evening was MG **George R. Robertson '58**, commander of the North Pacific Division, Corps of Engineers. MG Robertson spoke highly of new programs at the Academy, and, as a former Glee Club member, was prevailed upon to lead some rousing choruses.

The society's new president for the coming year will be MAJ **John Beasley '70**, who replaced outgoing president LTC **Terry Durbin '66**. LTC Durbin will remain as past president. Other members of the board include COL **Phillip Mock '63**; LTC **Fritz Lash '69**; MAJ **Gary Bowen '73**; and CPT **Steve Jarrard '82**. Planned events for the fall are a mem-

bership social, and the annual Army-Navy game brunch. Beat Navy!

—Steve Jarrard '82

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PUGET SOUND

Our society's activities during the summer consisted of two picnics. The first was the annual Seattle area picnic on Saturday 18 Jul. It was attended by about 35 members, spouses and kids. Several came from the Tacoma area. This congenial event was hosted by **Mary and Jack Barnes '42** on the terrace of their beautiful Seattle home overlooking Seward Park and Lake Washington. Attendees made the most of their hot spa, swimming pool, refreshments and good conversation.

The other picnic was at the Officers Beach Club on American Lake at Fort Lewis on Sunday 30 Aug. We had the largest turnout ever. In addition to the normal contingent of retired members there were six active duty graduates present. The oldest grads attending were **Coburn Smith and Charles Howze '31** and **Bill Call '32**. The youngest grads were 1LTs **Steve Taylor '84**, **Blake Nelson '85**, **Pete Jones '85**, and the fairest of all: 2LT **Erin O'Brien '86**. The society thanks **Donna and Rick Bunn '65** for the boat rides they provided and the committee for the affair: **Dorothy and Ed Lee '37**, **Louise and Flip Fenili '43**, **Pat and Corky Nordgren '53**, and **Maria and Wolf Fletter '63**.  
**BEAT NAVY!!!**

—Win Curley '41

## WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ANNAPOLIS

The Naval Academy still hasn't figured out what happened. There, on a Friday evening late in June, were the sounds of the "French National Defile" and the "Official West Point March" blaring across the Severn River! What was it? Who was it?

It was the West Point Society of Annapolis conducting its first annual summer cruise, inside enemy territory. The cruise turned out to be a ball. Seventy-six grads, spouses, and friends representing 18 classes from '33 to '77 turned out. While the weather didn't cooperate, everyone stayed dry, ate a lot, drank enough, and enjoyed the DJs playing of 4 decades of music.



West Point Society of Annapolis picnic at USNA Aug 87.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of an honorary WPSOA membership to Mayor Dennis Callahan

of Annapolis. Mayor Callahan promised to put it in a place of honor in his office, "to keep 'em honest." The society plans to make this incursion into enemy territory an annual affair.



Phil Polak '45 presents Honorary Membership to Mayor Dennis Callahan, and Mrs. Callahan, of Annapolis, MD.

The West Point Society of Annapolis continued its assault on NAVY last August 29th, holding a family picnic on Naval Academy grounds. All of the 1st term exchange cadets and one middle roommate joined alumni from '33 to '78 for a barbecue and good time on the banks of the Severn River. The society also celebrated its first anniversary at the picnic and plans to continue to exploit its unique location in Annapolis, MD, the heart of enemy territory. Look for more news and activities as victorious ARMY teams visit NAVY for competition this year.

—Bill Taylor '70

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## Academic Limits

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To take advantage of this momentum, early this fall the Superintendent appointed an Accreditation Steering Committee. Chaired by Colonel Peter Stromberg, Professor and Deputy Head of the Department of English, this committee will guide the Academy's activities in preparation for an evaluation visit in the fall of 1989. Based upon an earlier study prepared by the Office of the Dean, the Superintendent had already approved a recommendation to pursue a comprehensive evaluation of the Academy with special emphasis placed on a limited number of designated areas deemed critical to the Academy's development through the next decade. One of the

initial tasks of the Steering Committee will be to recommend to the Superintendent by January 1988 the areas requiring special emphasis.

The selection of a comprehensive self-study format with emphasis on selected areas of special interest, and the decision to begin the process early in calendar year 1988, is a reflection of the Academy's commitment to use the accreditation process as a springboard to institutional self-improvement. Conducting a comprehensive evaluation will of necessity entail wide involvement by the USMA staff and faculty—in itself a major goal of the accreditation process—as every area of Academy activity is scruti-

nized with regard to its support of the Academy's mission. The alumni, too, will play an important part in the preparation, as their important views are solicited in the critical area of assessing the outcomes of the four-year Academy experience. I urge you, therefore, to provide any comments you may want to contribute to the accreditation process.

Over the next several years, as accreditation inevitably comes to dominate the activities and topics discussed at the Academy, remember its primary purpose: improving the Academy. Widespread participation will insure that objective is achieved. The momentum already generated indicates we're on the right track.

# AUDITOR'S REPORT 1987

The Board of Trustees  
The Association of Graduates of the  
United States Military Academy

We have examined the balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1987, and the related statement of revenue and expenses and changes in fund balances for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy at March 31, 1987, and the results of its operations and the changes in its fund balances for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The basic financial statements referred to in the foregoing opinion are set forth on pages 2 through 6, inclusive, of this report. Our examination of the basic financial statements was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information shown on pages 7 through 9 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Peat Marwick Main & Co.

July 22, 1987

## BALANCE SHEET March 31, 1987 (With Comparative Totals for 1986)

	1987			Total	1986
	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted Funds	All Funds	Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash .....	\$ 811	\$ 372	\$ 33,879	\$ 35,062	\$ 83,199
Accounts receivable .....	8,833			8,833	16,283
Inventories .....	125,421			125,421	140,214
Marketable securities (market value: 1987, \$24,952,971; 1986, \$21,072,480) .....	771,559	125,963	21,780,772	22,678,294	18,893,310
Other investments .....			73,941	73,941	70,392
Equipment (less accumulated depreciation: 1987, \$115,528; 1986, \$89,011) (Note 2) .....		234,737		234,737	201,418
	<u>\$ 906,624</u>	<u>\$361,072</u>	<u>\$21,888,592</u>	<u>\$23,156,288</u>	<u>\$19,404,816</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities .....	\$ 4,381			\$ 4,381	\$ 2,861
Deferred compensation (Note 3) .....	561,004			561,004	500,156
Fund balances .....	341,239	\$361,072	\$21,888,592	22,590,903	18,901,799
	<u>\$ 906,624</u>	<u>\$361,072</u>	<u>\$21,888,592</u>	<u>\$23,156,288</u>	<u>\$19,404,816</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES Year Ended March 31, 1987 (With Comparative Totals for 1986)

	1987			Total	1986
	Operating Fund	Equipment Fund	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
<b>Revenue:</b>					
Contributions .....	\$ 23,055		\$ 4,168,262	\$ 4,191,317	\$ 1,723,286
Bequests and grants .....			736,438	736,438	620,049
Investment income and gains on sales of securities .....	574,864	\$ 12,835	1,412,497	2,000,196	3,408,853
Sales—gift shop .....	292,225			292,225	269,696
Subscriptions and advertising .....	338,175			338,175	330,836
Dues and memberships .....	25,386			25,386	26,449
Other .....	64,587	126	60,537	125,250	122,406
	<u>1,318,292</u>	<u>12,961</u>	<u>6,377,734</u>	<u>7,708,987</u>	<u>6,501,575</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Awards, grants and contributions .....	4,426		2,361,373	2,365,799	1,905,837
Publications .....	455,500			455,500	414,645
Alumni records and services .....	202,538			202,538	191,906
Gift shop costs .....	283,367			283,367	252,463
Development .....	288,494			288,494	224,982
General and administrative .....	298,935		22,887	321,822	327,028
Other .....	32,665	37,420	32,278	102,363	63,945
	<u>1,565,925</u>	<u>37,420</u>	<u>2,416,538</u>	<u>4,019,883</u>	<u>3,380,806</u>
Reimbursement to Operating Fund of certain general, administrative and development expenses incurred in behalf of Restricted Funds .....	<u>(274,569)</u>		<u>274,569</u>	<u>4,019,883</u>	<u>3,380,806</u>
	<u>1,291,356</u>	<u>37,420</u>	<u>2,691,107</u>	<u>4,019,883</u>	<u>3,380,806</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses .....	26,936	(24,459)	3,686,627	3,689,104	3,120,769
Other changes in fund balances: Board designated and other transfers between funds .....	(217,667)	32,000	185,667		
Funds balances, beginning of year .....	531,970	353,531	18,016,298	18,901,799	15,781,030
	<u>\$ 341,239</u>	<u>\$361,072</u>	<u>\$21,888,592</u>	<u>\$22,590,903</u>	<u>\$18,901,799</u>
Fund balances, end of year .....					

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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# Bulletin Board



## ASSEMBLY to PUBLISH 5 ISSUES in 1988

There has been a growing demand for space in ASSEMBLY magazine—because Class Scribes need it for their columns and because of the growing variety and level of activity at the Academy and throughout the Association of Graduates requiring coverage. As the Association has become more active in its support of the Academy, there has also been a need for more frequent communication with the alumni body through ASSEMBLY. Consequently the Board of Trustees has approved the increase from four to five issues each year.

During 1988 the issues are scheduled to be mailed at mid-month during the following months:

February  
April  
July  
October  
December

**Subscriptions:** Those who have currently subscribed for the 1987–88 subscription year have paid for, as in the past, four issues, which under the new publishing schedule are December 87, February, April, and July 1988. Also, as in the past, subscription notices to graduates will be mailed the first week in April covering, for the new schedule, the following issues: October and December 1988; February, April, and July of 1989. Although subscription revenues must cover production costs, it is hoped that no increase in rate will be necessary next year.

Questions should be addressed to the Publications Office: 914-446-5800.

## USMA Admissions Opportunities for Children of Military Personnel

Increased nationwide interest in the Military Academy has included some increase in applications from children of active duty, retired, and deceased military personnel who are eligible for nomination in the Presidential or Deceased and Disabled Veterans categories. The Academy obviously must have procedures to permit all applicants in these categories to obtain a full and fair opportunity to present their case for qualification. Recognizing the unique nature of

military life and its impact on the secondary school records of service children, the Superintendent has announced that service children who have applied for admission will be given every opportunity to complete the full admissions process, particularly the assurance that records submitted in complete and timely fashion will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee—that is to say, none of their applications will be deferred based on preliminary indicators alone. This policy will also be applicable to other candidates whose special circumstances, such as overseas schooling, frequent moves, etc., might warrant similar consideration. (Applicants for the Class of 1992 eligible for nomination in the categories cited and who have not been scheduled for medical and physical aptitude examinations, should advise the Admissions Office if they want to continue in the admissions process.) *This policy in no way modifies the existing standards or requirements for admission.* It only assures that those who may have been placed at a disadvantage by virtue of their parents' military service will undergo evaluation with that factor clearly in mind. In giving this guidance, the Superintendent emphasized that the Admissions Committee can only review the records of those candidates who provide all required academic and administrative information, and who have completed the Physical Aptitude examination. In addition, in order to be selected for admission, a candidate must have a nomination, be fully qualified, and have a record sufficiently strong to win a vacancy in his/her nomination category.

## Codicil Club Expands

In ASSEMBLY magazine (September 1987), we announced a new policy whereby, beginning on 1 April 1987, we would publish in ASSEMBLY the names of all donors who notify the AOG of a pending bequest for West Point in their will.

The names below were received since 1 April 1987 and printed in the Bulletin Board section of the September ASSEMBLY: Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Beck (friends); Mr. Lawrence T. Talcott '31; LTC Oliver E. Wood '39; COL John E. Aber '40; COL John F. T. Murray '41;

COL Albert F. Turner '49; LTC David H. Rumbough '53; and LTC Gerald A. Richardson '56.

The following names have been received since the publication of the September ASSEMBLY: Mrs. I. Sewell Morris, W'32; COL Duncan Sinclair '35; COL Robert H. York '38; Mr. Reynold M. Eckstrom '45; BG Samuel K. Lessey, Jr. '45; COL Allan J. English '49; Mr. Paul D. Summers '51; LTC Robert B. Beveridge '53; Mr. William R. Schulz III '54; and Mr. Richard R. Robson (friend).

The total value of these bequests as announced by the donors who have told us of their intended amount would be \$1,113,000. It is our policy not to announce individual amounts nor to list the names of any individuals who have not given approval for their name to be released.

## Stevenson '29 Responds to Class Letter

Members of the Class of 1929 and widows of deceased members received a letter from Class President Paul W. Thompson in early September which encouraged the consideration of a Living Trust for the benefit of West Point. General Thompson outlined, in convincing and understandable terms, how such a trust would benefit certain individuals and their spouses during their lifetime while providing a gift for West Point in the future.

The initial response to this letter has been very encouraging. Over 30% of the 195 recipients have responded and seven have asked the Planned Giving Office to provide detailed information on which to base an investment decision.

At this date (early October), one member of '29 has already made a decision to proceed. Colonel and Mrs. Hugh W. Stevenson had 100 shares of Dow Chemical common stock valued at \$10,900 which they used as a gift to create a Charitable Gift Annuity—one of the types of Living Trusts suggested by General Thompson. This provides an annual income greater than the dividend on the stock. In addition, there are capital gains tax advantages as well as a deduction for federal tax purposes in the year of the gift.

The AOG's Planned Giving Office will compute the benefits of the family of Living Trusts which are made available through this program. Inquiries should be directed to Colonel Richard L. Gruenther, Director of Planned Giving, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996 (or phone reverse 914-446-3028).

### Parents Club of West Point: Generous in Donations and Service

The Parents Club of West Point (PCWP) recently demonstrated its generosity by donating six granite benches to the new Multi-Purpose Sports Complex. These elegant but very serviceable benches which stand on the building's outside landing are the latest contribution in a long line of generous gifts by this active and committed club.

This \$10,000 project was the most challenging for the PCWP to date, according to Jack Williams, club president. At first, members were concerned about funding such a large project, but they put all worries aside when the club was able to raise the total amount in less than four months. The group solicited donations from club members and also held fund raisers such as dances, boat rides, and a golf tournament.

The PCWP has funded many worthwhile projects since its inception in 1976, including the self-perpetuating Omar N. Bradley Award given to a graduating senior, a \$3,000 donation for the Cadet Color Guard pikes, and also a \$1,300 contribution to the families of the

101st Airborne Division whose loved ones died in the 1985 Newfoundland crash.

Aside from giving monetary donations to USMA, club members work hard both to recruit potential cadets from area high schools and also to help retention by supporting families of fourth class cadets through that difficult first year.

The PCWP has a membership of approximately 325 families. Whenever the club holds one of its many socials or benefits it can count on many of the families to attend. Williams describes the club as a very active group of people who enjoy social activities, supporting various West Point projects, and who above all, enjoy "sharing the West Point experience."

Making sure that the PCWP is successful in all its endeavors is Williams' biggest challenge, he says. He has spent over a year as club president and says that enthusiasm, a positive attitude, and the ability to delegate are the most important characteristics of a parents club president.

Williams believes that the biggest reward he has received from being club president is simply the continued success of the club. The donation of the benches has been the highlight of his term, he says. Like all of his club members, Williams is very proud of this most recent contribution to the Academy. According to Williams, the most rewarding part of the project was "seeing the benches in place because they fit in so well."

Clare Morris  
Parents Club Coordinator

### USMA Symposium, April 13-15, 1988: "The Theory and Practice of American National Security, 1960-1968"

The United States Military Academy, with the generous support of the Unisys Corporation, the Association of Graduates, and the National Endowment for the Humanities will sponsor a history symposium entitled "The Theory and Practice of American National Security, 1960-1968" at West Point, New York, April 13-15, 1988. Historians and political scientists will present papers on political, strategic, economic, and other aspects of American national security policy during the Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson administrations. For further information contact: Lieutenant Colonel Charles F. Brower, Department of History, USMA, West Point, New York, 10996.

Session I: The Eisenhower National Security Legacy 14 Apr 88 (am)

Moderator: Henry Graff, Columbia University

Paper I: John Lewis Gaddis, Ohio University, "The Eisenhower Legacy and American Grand Strategy, 1960-1968."

Paper II: David Rosenberg, Naval War College, "McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and American Military Strategy and Policy, 1961-1968"

Commentators: Richard D. Challener, Princeton University, and Melvyn P. Leffler, University of Virginia

Session II: The Practice of American National Security in the 1960's 14 Apr 88 (pm)

Moderator: Professor Anna Kasten Nelson, American University\*

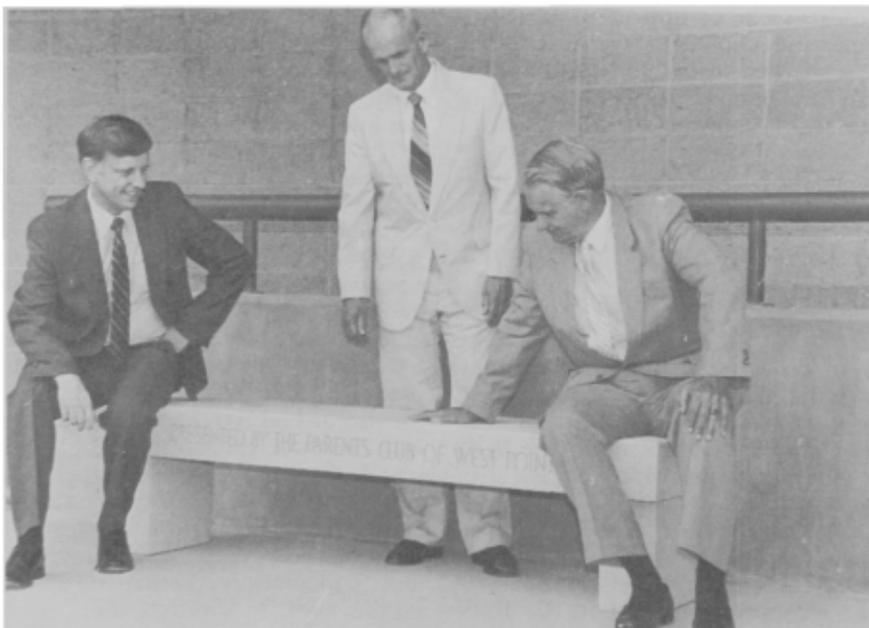
Paper I: Marc Trachtenberg, University of Pennsylvania, "The Berlin Crisis"

Paper II: Joseph S. Tulchin, University of North Carolina, "American Hemispheric Policy in The Sixties"

Paper III: George Herring, University of Kentucky, "Vietnam and American National Security"

Commentators: Professor Warren I. Cohen, Michigan State University\*, and Professor Thomas G. Paterson, University of Connecticut

\*Invited



Jack Williams, club president (left) and George Bristow, project chairman (right) admire the fruits of their labor as Carl Ullrich, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics inspects one of the new granite benches.

Session III: Perspectives from Within  
and Without 15 Apr 88 (am)

- Moderator: Lawrence Kaplan,  
Kent State University
- Paper I: David P. Calleo, Johns  
Hopkins School of Ad-  
vanced International  
Studies, "Crumbling  
Hegemony: An Eco-  
nomic View of Ameri-  
can National Security  
in the Sixties"
- Paper II: Donald C. Watt, Uni-  
versity of London, "A  
Foreign Perspective of  
American National Secu-  
rity, 1960-1968"
- Commentators: Samuel Wells, Wood-  
row Wilson Center,  
and Akira Iriye, Uni-  
versity of Chicago
- Concluding  
Observations: Robert H. Ferrell, Visit-  
ing Professor, Depart-  
ment of History, USMA

### Leadership is Responsibility

As it does at all of our Class reunions, conversation at our 60th last May got around to the dreadful August day of our yearling summer when the grand old man, Colonel Merch B. Stewart, was our Commandant and two of our classmates were wounded on maneuvers at Popolopen. A line of cadet infantry was advancing toward the objective under the covering fire of a battery of French 75mms when a round of shrapnel burst above the infantry. One of the lead shrapnel balls hit our classmate Bert Holtzworth in the right hip, seriously wounding him; another hit our classmate Jack Carmichael higher up his back, wounding him so badly before the discovery of sulfa drugs and antibiotics that he died of peritonitis a few days later.

The artillery battery was manned by cadets under the command of 1st Lt. Williston B. Palmer '19, who arrived at West Point with us, taught special sections of plebe English one year, was to teach special sections of yearling English the next year and then to be a Tac for

two years. The reason for the round bursting where it did was never determined.

Some 25 or 30 years later I heard the rest of the story.

The afternoon of that day, while Williston Palmer was alone in his Bachelor Building apartment with the thoughts of a 24-year-old lieutenant we can only guess at, waiting to meet the train bringing the parents of the two youngsters to West Point, his phone rang. When he answered it, he heard, "Mr. Palmer, this is Colonel Stewart. The responsibility is entirely mine. That is all, Mr. Palmer." And Colonel Stewart hung up.

—Thomas M. Watlington '27

### For Parents of a Handicapped Child

Are you the parent or grandparent of a child with a severe handicap? If so then you and I share a common bond. If you are not a parent or grandparent, do you know a graduate with a family member who is handicapped? Please write to me and share with me your situation or pass on my name and address to that other graduate.

I believe that there is a critical need for parents/grandparents of children who are handicapped to know that they are not alone in this world, that others face similar situations daily. Since the birth of our oldest son 31 years ago, my wife and I have found great happiness in our relationships with other parents of special children. I know that other parents also have found support and comfort in their relationships with us.

I would like to share your concerns and problems along with your joys and dreams. And I would like to begin, with your assistance, some sort of support network for other graduates, young men and women just now beginning to face the joy and sadness of their special children. This would be a support network of graduates around the world who are ready to talk or listen, laugh or cry.

If you are interested, contact me. All information will be confidential unless

you want to release it to someone.

Charles. M. Luce  
3502 Deerfield Drive  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Telephone 803-782-3696  
Class of 1954

### C1 Company History

In an attempt to learn more about the lineage of C Company, 1st Regiment, our history team asks once again for support from C1 graduates in the form of information on our past. We extend sincere thanks to those who responded to our appeal last year, and we hope for an even better response this year. We will welcome any



and all information you might have to help us reconstruct our history, even if it is limited to the years and company mascot when you were here (i.e., Cobras, Charging Charlie, Crusaders, etc.). We are particularly interested in the mascot since it would provide continuity to our past. This history will be placed in company books that will be kept up to date by the history team and available for inspection by cadets and visitors. Please send your responses to:

Company Historian  
c/o CPT J. Turner  
Tactical Officer, Company C1  
West Point, N.Y. 10997

# Report from the Classes



## '15

COL E. DeTreville Ellis  
24 West Irving Street  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
Tel: 301-654-7685

Mrs Richard Marshall (Ethel) Winfield, Sr died recently, no details now available. She was the widow of our Richard. Their son COL Richard Marshall Winfield, Jr Jun '43 died on 12 Feb 86. His obituary is on p 171, Jun 87 *ASSEMBLY*. Her son by a former marriage, COL Robert S Bridges, died recently. The Class extends its sympathy to the family.

James A Van Fleet sent his "love and best wishes to all our Class wives, full members of '15." He is generally alone at the Withlacoochee Ranch, Polk City, FL. At times his daughter Betty is there with him, but she has children and grandchildren in NC, and must be with them at times. His other daughter, Dempsey, is the wife of MG Joseph A McChristian, Ret '39, and they live at Hobe Sound, FL. They have 3 children, the oldest being Joseph A Jr (Tanker) '65, who later resigned to accept a position at City Bank and then later at American Express Co. All the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren visit him at the ranch from time to time. He has been on several visits, with more planned before the yr is out. He visits the U of FL frequently, where he was head coach for two yrs. Later he expects to visit the George C. Marshall Research Library, Lexington, VA where all his mil records are stored. He expects to visit NYC to attend the WP Soc of NY annual meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria on 27 Oct. Another trip takes him to Dallas, TX to attend the reunion of the 90th Div, which he commanded during much of WWII, including the epic crossing of the Moselle River.

Mary Tate recently had a lovely two wks with her family in VA, having visited Arlington en route. CPT Mark Wise is now on duty in Panama. His wife Susie, our granddaughter, and their family are with him.

Satchie Naiden has rented a house at 901 Murphree St, Troy, AL 36081 and will move there after 15 Oct. Her daughter Charlotte lives in Troy, and Satchie wants to spend more time with her children. She will visit her other daughter, Satchie, in TX often for long visits.

Alice Mason keeps quite busy doing volunteer work "in 5 different things," including a nursing home. This past summer she went back to IA, where she grew up, and visited family and friends. Her health has been wonderful.

Ida Ryder sent greetings to all. She wrote, "WP will always be a happy memory." Her brothers were '13 and '14; her husband, Charles W Ryder '15; her son, CWR, Jr '42; her grandson CWR, III '70. She also wrote, "In Jun 42 Doc & I were in TX when he was ordered overseas. . . . There were delays in sailings from NYC, and Doc & I found we could get to WP for CWR Jr's graduation. Two days later he was married at Governors Isl and we attended the wedding. . . . On return to our hotel, we found Doc had to leave at once for overseas. . . . As he and his aide started towards the door, Doc turned and said 'By the way, what is your address?' With hardly a second's thought, I replied 'WP of course.'"

Eileen Leonard, to quote, "The big event for me this yr was the May wedding of my granddaughter Kathleen Leonard to Patrick Logan in Boise, ID. My son-in-law & daughter, David & Eileen Foster, traveled from VA to Boise for the wedding, by air to Denver, and by Amtrak from there. My great-granddaughter, Jackelyn Diekemper, was flower girl. Kathleen & Patrick live in Seattle, where he is an architect and she works in Newborn Intensive Care at Swedish Hosp. In Oct I look forward to a visit from my son Jack Leonard & his wife Betty from Boise. I will be 97 in Jan and am as well as can be expected. My best wishes to all of '15 at Christmas and in 88."

Midge Strong will be 97 in Jan. She is still in a nursing home and is doing well for her advanced age.

Lucy Fox is well and still living in the Convalescent Hosp in Menlo Park, CA. She remembers Army days, but does not talk about them unless it is brought up.

Bruce Eloise Lorch worked in her garden in early mornings and late afternoons this summer, as usual. Each younger Lorch is well and happy. Her son John was driving in his van, on a main road, when a wheel and axle from a new car going in the opposite direction, hit the van and damaged it in several places. John was not really hurt,

but was quite shaken up. Your scribe had a somewhat similar experience many yrs ago, but he was able to pull off the road in time and was not hit. John Lorch ret 3 yrs ago, but is back in sch studying to be a realtor, as he is only 55 and needs a job. John's oldest son, John, Jr married Sue Taylor recently. Karen, John's only unmarried child is still in college. Bruce Lorch's youngest grandson, Lee Reed Lorch, Jr, 5, entered kindergarten recently, and is very proud of attending the same Anchorage, KY sch that his daddy attended.

Det Ellis thanks those who advised him of the passing of Frances Chickering, whom he had known in Ger in 1921-23, and later. He would still like to obtain the address of Thea Gillette, who moved and left no forwarding address.

Mary Larkin was in Ireland for the summer with her daughter Jinney & her husband, Hugh McCann, a former ambassador from Ireland to France.

Anne Chapin sent her love and best wishes to all of '15. She still has her great sense of humor and is always smiling. She is confined to a wheelchair, but scoots around very well for her age. She will be 93 yrs old in Nov. She is in a nursing home.

Jessie Sayler is still in a nursing home in Savannah, GA. She is doing as well as can be expected, at her age—91 on 17 Sep. She sent Christmas greetings to all of '15, as did her son, John '49.

Marguerite Gikelson's son Tom left the service and is with the State of AL as research monitoring and evaluations dir. He likes the work very much. He is also studying for his doctorate and is very busy. She sent best wishes to all of '15.

Your Class offs send greetings of the season to all.

## '16

COL H. Crampton Jones,  
USA-Ret  
3000 Gold Avenue  
El Paso, TX 79930  
Tel: 915-565-1630

Charlie Haskins wrote a fine letter from his home in VT, praising the fall coloring in New England. He has our Class spirit even though he failed to graduate with us. He says that he still is able to walk to town twice a wk and the round trip is one-half mile. His daughter calls each day after her work.

One of Charlie's favorite quotations is

this: "All that I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all that I have not seen."

**Apr '17**  
MG Frederick A. Irving  
1101 S. Arlington Ridge Rd.  
Apt. 1110  
Arlington, VA 22202

We have lost another of our beloved classmates. **Joe Collins** died 13 Sep at his home in Wash DC of cardiac arrest. A memorial mass was held at Ft Myer Memorial Chapel on 16 Sep. Interment was in Arlington Natl Cemetery. Full mil honors were conducted. Some honorary pallbearers came from as far away as CA, TX and New England. He will be greatly missed.

The US Army Ordnance Sch and Center, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD has named a new facility, Slaughter Hall, in honor of our classmate **BG Willis R Slaughter**.

**Jun '18**  
COL E. W. Gruhn  
15 Stillman Avenue  
Cornwall-on-Hudson,  
NY 12520  
Tel: 914-534-9464

**Squire Foster's** obituary is in this *ASSEMBLY*. Be sure to read. His regiment, 330th Inf, 83rd Div, VII Corps, fought all the way from the Cherbourg Peninsula to the Elbe. (The Rhine bridgehead near Wesel had been secured by the 17 Abn Div, commanded by our classmate, **Bud Miley**.)

The **Grenatas** celebrated his 90th birthday with a large family dinner party at the Thayer after the Wake Forest game. The **Gruhns** enjoyed the festivity.

**Bee Rundell** visited her son Bud Jun '43 in Sep in McLean, VA. Those charming DC Class widows had a party for her at Evan's Farm. **Peg Jadwin** had a very bad fall; five days in hosp and a mo in bed.

**Charlie Blanchard**, our oldest, has very poor vision, anemia, and weak legs. He enjoyed his *90 Yearbook*.

**Barbara Robinson**, at her summer place in Plymouth, MA, enjoyed visits by stepson Michel Jan '43 & wife, and by Huddleston '46 & his wife, B's daughter. Barbara is still doing social work.

The **Gruhn** clan celebrated **Steve's** nth birthday on 7 Aug. Tom & Marga from Glendale, AZ and Ruth & Alan (the Bryans) from Edmonton, Alberta, who were en route to Mainz, W Ger for a conference of anthropologists, attended. Our family reunion lasted a whole week. Our house seemed so empty afterward but it was great while they were here.

**Louise Bishop** and her daughter dropped in on their way to Cape Cod in Jul, where they had a hostess, the sister of our classmate **Clarence Townsley**.

**Alice Kramer** will stay in CA. Nix on TX! **Louise McKee** is having ills. Says

she seems to spend so much time with doctors, adding "I will spare you the details of my 'organ recital.'"

**Nov '18**  
COL Bryan Evans  
5708 Overlea Road  
Bethesda, MD 20816  
Tel: 301-229-2227

Will start with the sad news and perhaps better will follow. **Fred Butler** died in San Fran on 20 Jun. He was buried in the San Fran Natl Cemetery with his wife, **Phillipa**, who died in 84. Fred had a very distinguished career, both mil and civ, but no one knew of his death except the Bohemian Club of CA which published an obit in the San Fran *Chronicle* of which **Al Wedemeyer**, being a member, received a copy which he turned over to **Wanny**. Fred's daughter, **Patricia Reardon**, lives in San Fran but apparently was ignorant of our Class organization and failed to notify **Wanny** or me of Fred's death.

**IP Swift** died in Winter Park, FL on 29 Jul following a stroke the previous wk. His wife **Gertrude** died in 79 and is buried at Arlington where IP has been interred. He ret in 54 and our Class has heard nothing from him since. His daughter lives in West Springfield, VA, in the Wash Metro area, the wife of **Charles J Simmons**, LTG Ret '46.

**Vic Broome** & wife **Aline** plan a visit to Russia either before or after our 70th next yr, which they plan to attend.

**Bob Schow** writes that only **Art Pulsifer** gives him any news in his region.



**Nov '18: Bob & Tiny Schow** outside their home in Boca Raton, FL

**Art** has been having trouble with his bad leg, has been in Ft Gordon, GA hosp where they gave him a sonogram and said, "No operation." **Art** visited his son and family in CA during Jul and plans to make the 70th next yr though he finds travel difficult.

**Bob** says he hasn't heard from **Jake Freeman** since **Jake** moved to his area a couple of yrs ago. **Bob** enclosed the picture published in this column with his report, and says a couple of hrs after it was taken he had a breathing problem, was taken to the hosp for 6 days to find he had not had a heart attack but a lung

infection from which he is now recovering. Thanks for the foto, **Bob**.

**Chuck Gildart** writes he had **Mimi Norman**, her daughter & husband from Tucson, AZ as luncheon guests. A complete surprise for him and his daughter & son-in-law, **Ruth & Lewis Draper**. **Chuck** has just gotten out of the hosp with a bad case of bronchitis. He gives us a new address for **Frank Durfee** (see end of notes).

**Rose Dana's** eldest granddaughter, daughter of **William H '52**, is to be married 20 Dec. She is an 8th-yr med student, has passed the State Board exams, 4 yrs at U of CA, Irvine, CA, and a diploma from U of CA, San Diego. **Rose** plans to attend the wedding. **Bill**, father of the bride-to-be, still flies for NASA and is chief pilot at Edwards AFB.

As of Sep the **Morrisons, Mendenhall, Riani, Isobel Lock, and Rose Dana** regret they will be unable to attend our 70th. **Chuck** says the **Morrisons** are well, active in bridge circles and occasionally take a turn on the dance floor.

**Wanny** had a note from **Al Riani** thanking him for his birthday card, mentioning the impressive 90-yr folio he had received from AOG which had arrived just in time to show guests at the birthday party given him by his daughter & husband. Says he is still in good health, takes beach walks daily and still has his driver's license.

**Wanny** has had some brief correspondence with the son of our **AW Johnson** returning **Wanny's** questionnaire on the reunion. Says his mother is now in a nursing home in Charlottesville, VA and will not attend the reunion, that he is now teaching engring at the U of VA, will attend his 35th Reunion at VMI same time as our 70th and wishes us all a successful one. Sister **Molly Robinson** is wife of US geological survey scientist and resides outside Denver, CO.

**Corp Chorpene** from San Ant, hub of the Central Region, says that to date he, **Carolyn Christiansen** and **Chief Brimmer** seem to be the only candidates for the 70th. Has made his usual phone checks with constituents and learns the **Fonvielles** are moving to Austin, TX to put **Jon** in a nursing home, selling their home in New Braunfels, all effective 1 Sep. **Jon** had a bad fall and now has broken ribs and other difficulties.

Telephone checks on **Isobel Blair** and **Helen Hahn** indicate both are getting along quite well. Their correct addresses appear at the end of these notes.

**Chief Brimmer** says, "Tell the gang that I tell my doctors that I want them to get me in shape for our 70th where I can meet them all."

**Corp** traveled under invitational orders to Ft Peck, MT and spoke at the 50th anniv of the closing of the Ft Peck Dam. **Corp** was on duty there for 5 1/2 yrs during its construction. Enjoyed talking

to the many active duty Engr Corps offs present including the current Chief of Engr, Vald Heiberg '53.

Please make the following changes in your directories: Isobel Blair—Box 272, 125 Factory St, Sterling, CO 80751, tel: 303/522-4130; Helen Hahn—2277 S. Oswego Way, Aurora, CO 80014, tel: 303/750-2010; Frank Durfee—100 Calle Patricia, San Clemente, CA 92672-3105; Jon Fonvielle—Westminster Manor, Apt #34, 4100 Jackson Ave, Austin, TX 78731.

'19

COL L. Stone Sorley, Jr.  
PO Box 161  
St. Davids, PA 19087  
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Al Wedemeyer, at Boyds, MD sounded well but not tip top; he seems to hate to complain. He does not make his summer trips to San Fran, the Bohemian Club gatherings and Stanford U as he used to. Classmates in the far west miss his cheery visits that they used to look forward to. Dade sounded quite well and one feels sure that she looks after Al with ample TLC.

Nancy Echols's Jun letter from Reston, VA arrived just too late to make the Sep ASSEMBLY. She was giving a party for 22 including Pat Echols, Jr and daughter Nancy's husband Dabney Chapman. Pat Jr has a JD degree from Georgetown U and is practicing law in Arlington. The Dabneys have bought a 200 yr old house on the Potomac in Shepherdstown, WV. Recently Lelia Phillips, Nancy's eldest daughter, with her beagle, drove her Winnebago from Ft Dodge, IA to visit her mother. In Jul daughter Betsy, her husband Gerd and their 2 children were expected by Nancy on their annual visit from Khartoum, Sudan.

Hei & Ann Heiberg, Brandenburg, KY visited daughter Heide and family at Greenville, SC at Thanksgiving 86. In Jan 87 he had surgery for a bladder tumor, repeated in Apr. Since then he has been doing very well. In May, Ann & Hei drove to Indianapolis, took AMTRAK to Denver whence they drove to CO Springs to visit friends, then AMTRAK from Denver to Salt Lake City where they explored the Mormon area, heard the great choir, visited the ski slopes still covered with snow and very chilly at 60° after 80° at home—and viewed the world's largest open pit copper mine. Their trip on AMTRAK was great, with excellent food, breathtaking scenery, and they hope to repeat next yr. Home for Hei's birthday on 7 Jun at the Ft Knox OC, with 24 adults and 9 children, the party was a real bash. Also in Jun Hei viewed a ceremony at Knox where the 5th Bn, 33rd Armor was redesignated the 2nd Bn, 10th Cav, a direct descendant of the 2nd Sq, 10th Cav,

Hei's old outfit, which he had taken to USMA for station in 1931 when the original 10th Cav was disbanded.

Nina Wood, Albuquerque, NM sounds full of life and *joie de vivre* and voiced no complaints. Her daughter Dorothy in Wash DC is well and still enjoys horseback riding. Son Edward and his family also are well. They have moved to Parkersburg, WV from OK.

Herb Jones from DC: the regulars from '19, Flory, Hammond, Jones, Ovenshine, Wedemeyer, plus Evans and Wanamaker Nov '18, plus McClure '22, all made the 1 Sep stag luncheon. Al Wedemeyer brought his biographer, Eiler '44, as a guest and Eiler showed Herb a cover of the first book on Al. Titled *War and Peace* it also carries a pencil sketch of Al on it and may be published about 1 Oct. Mose Chadwick has not been attending the luncheons; he has to use a walker and does not drive so Herb will try to have someone pick him up. During a visit of several months to her place on Siesta Key, Sarasota, FL, Mary Hedekin had serious knee surgery from which she has fully recovered. She had been told that without it she would probably be confined to a wheelchair; her decision was quick. Checking with Dorothy Ferenbaugh at Army Distaff Hall, Herb found her in fine spirits and good health. As a well settled resident at the Hall she is actively engaged in welcoming new residents, assisting them in adjusting to their surroundings and new way of life. She reports that Dottie Wilson, while still in the infirmary, continues to improve; Marge Brannon is better but still requires a wheelchair; Rosalina Kerr uses a wheelchair too but she pushes hers. Hope Rogers has knee trouble which does not prevent her getting around a lot. Gertrude Taylor is her usual healthy self as is Mary Hopkins, too. Rhoda Springer, who is in San Ant on some property matters, expects to return to DC in Nov.

#### DEATHS

BG John J Burns died 21 Apr 87. After a mass of Christian burial at Ft Lewis, WA he was interred with full mil honors. He is survived by four daughters: Mrs Jane McCutchan, Ms Aisjah Hopkins, Ms Marilyn Brooks and Ms Sheila Varon. After a relatively brief illness Mrs Elizabeth Drury died 30 Jun 87 at Walnut Creek, CA. She is survived by her husband, COL (Ret) Frederick W Drury; sons Frederick Drury, Jr and Richard T Drury, USAF (Ret); 5 grandsons; two granddaughters and 5 great-grandchildren. Her ashes will be interred at WP at a future date. BG Joseph A Holly, USA (Ret) died at La Jolla, CA on 19 Aug 87 where memorial services were to be held on 26 Aug. His remains were to be cremated, then sent to IL.

The Class extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved families.

#### VITAL STATS

Living grads 38; missing 2; deceased grads 244; widows 84.

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With great sadness I report that Rose Harris (J), Shorty Kelly, Jack Reybold, Claudia Duffner, Fritz Cross, Libby Winslow, Jo Walker (JH) and Mac MacMillan have died. We of '20 extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Rose Harris died in Jul 86 at home in Hamden, CT. This belated news came from family friend Edward Opack who also said that Joe has been in Arden House, a nursing home in Hamden, for over 3 yrs and is "relatively well." They had no children.

Shorty Kelly died 19 Jan 87 after a short illness in a Huntsville, AL nursing home where she had been for some yrs, while husband Paul was in another nearby. Both have been lovingly cared for by devoted son Paul, Jr, a WWII 1LT now ret from CE Civil Service. Shorty was buried in Huntsville. Surviving besides Paul and Paul Jr are one daughter, 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren (as of 1980).

Paul, Jr also sent further news: "... Dad lost use of right hand after another stroke last Nov. He is physically handicapped from arthritis and strokes."—(confined to wheelchair)—"His mind is great which makes me very, very happy. We talk and laugh about the old days. He is getting the best of care and is a survivor. ..."

Claudia Duffner died 25 Aug 87 at her home in Palmer Lake, CO after prolonged illness. For many yrs she needed 8-hr daily nursing care until 3 Feb 87 when she was hospitalized at the USAF Academy Hosp, then moved to Penrose Hosp in CO Springs. Returned home 10 Feb—her condition required nurses around the clock until her death peacefully over 6 mo later. She was buried in Palmer Lake's Memorial Garden Cemetery. Before her confining illness, she was very active in DAR, USAFA Officers' Wives Club and devout church work. Surviving besides husband Carl are a niece in SD and a nephew in ID. This news was in a letter Carl wrote Charles Holle. Having no children, he & Claudia were very much alone and very close, especially in the last yrs. With no relatives of his own, Carl is now alone more than ever. He is philosophical about it—"... as one hears so much these days 'I shall overcome' (This, too, will pass)... I've been doing household duties—cooking, ironing, laundry, shopping—nothing new, one can do anything one wants to, especially a soldier. ..."

mental constitution, self-discipline and devout faith and love shine through in his letter to sustain him in his advanced yrs.

**Jack Reybold** died 5 Jul 87 of heart failure at Heritage Hall Health Care, Leesburg, VA to which he had been recently moved from the VA Hosp, Coatesville, PA where he had been for many yrs. He was buried with full mil honors in Arlington near his uncle, former Ch of Engrs LTG Eugene Reybold. Attending with his cousin, Ms Carol Curtis Warner of Reston, VA were **Anne & Charles Holle, Lemnitzer, Rehm and Routheau**. Jack cmded the 15th Armd Cav in WWII's Normandy Landings; was wounded and captured in the Battle of St Malo, Aug 44 (BSM-PH); and became a prisoner in the Ger POW Camp on the English Channel isl of Jersey. He was freed when the isl was recaptured by British and French forces 1 May 45, 11 days before he was to be executed for masterminding the escape of 2 fellow offs, George Haas and Edward Clark, on Christmas Day 44. Surviving besides Carol Warner are several grandnieces.

Carol Warner also gave us further news: 2 yrs before **Jack** died, he was able to leave the VA Hosp and, in her close care, attend the joint British-French 2-wk celebration (1-14 May 85) of the 40th anniv of the liberation of the Channel isl of Jersey. Reunited with other surviving POWs of his regiment, including Haas and Clark, he was warmly received by the grateful people. There was a gala round of joyful colorful parades, receptions and banquets (one at Government House) as well as a visit to the St Malo and Dol battlefields on mainland France.

**Fritz Cross** died of pneumonia on 13 Jul 87 at the North Park Hosp, Chattanooga, TN. He had been in failing health in a nursing home there for a yr. He was buried in the family plot in Highland Memorial Cemetery, Knoxville, TN. Fritz had resd in 27 and became a successful banker. Surviving are 3 daughters, Barbara Jean Greer, Marilyn Doster and Lela Spitz; son LTC (ret) Freeman Jr '57; 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren (as of 1981).

**Libby Winslow** died 13 Jul 87 in a nursing home in Charlottesville, VA. She had been in nursing homes in CA, NY and VA for many yrs. She was buried in Arlington beside **Hugh** who died in 82. **Duke Samouce** attended with surviving family members: daughter Elizabeth, son Hugh, Jr, one granddaughter, nephew Ted Knappen, Jr and one grandniece.

**Jo Walker (JH)** died 4 Sep 87 after many yrs in a nursing home in San Ant. She was buried in the Ft Sam Houston, TX Natl Cemetery beside **Jimmy** who died in 83. Surviving are sons LTC (ret) James, Jr and Michael, daughter Marjorie Morris, 25 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Mac MacMillan** died on 11 Sep 87 in a nursing home in Brookline, MA of pneumonia brought on by cardiac and pulmonary failure. Memorial services were held in Carbondale, IL, his former home, with full services and interment planned for a later date at the West Point Cemetery beside his wife **Margaret** who died in 76. This news came from his daughter Ann whose husband, Dr Wacker, is dir med services at Harvard U. Mac resd in 26 and became active in community and U IL affairs, and govt contacts in Wash. He returned in WWII to serve with distinction as air inspector Hq AAF (later IG USAF) (AM-LN); IG Hq ATRC; and IG 3AF, retiring in 59 as COL USAF and prof aerospace at U IL(CM). Surviving besides daughter Ann are sons Rev William and James, and 9 grandchildren (as of 1980).

This yr's annual elections for 4 of the 8 members of the Class Governing Comm resulted in the reelection of **Kreuter, Lemnitzer, Rehm and Routheau** for another 2-yr term. Close runners-up were **Eastman, Haswell, McQuarrie and Singer**. On their nominating and election ballots, classmates were asked for brief news of themselves. Some replied as briefed below—

**Routheau**: Crippled by arthritis.

**Dixon**: Vision trouble. Woozy (non-alcoholic) at times. Still wobbling.

**Smith (CW)**: Stroke in Jan slows me down. Play bridge twice/wk.

**McQuarrie**: Feeling fine but hearing loss and poor vision inhibit needed exercise. Walk with care. **Ruth** unchanged. Sleeps most of the time. Recognizes some people she knew before.

**Turnbull**: Just had close call with congestive heart failure.

**Durst**: Feeling my age but we are in best of health and enjoy life.

**Haswell**: Can move about but handicapped by arthritis. Generally all right.

**Mabus**: Looking forward to new hip joint with no great joy.

**Robinson**: Excellent health except for some arthritis. Depend on cane and walker.

**Singer**: I'm fine. Nena had stroke 23 May; home since 10 Jun; now (10 Aug) doing well with walker. May celebrate our 65th at La Louisianne Restaurante.

**Hinds**: We love it at our new San Ant Army Ret Residence.

**Duffner**: Claudia very ill for some time with nurses around the clock. I get around but no longer in town and other affairs except some church work. Do all shopping and house work.

**Blaik**: As to be expected at 90.

**Engelhart**: Still bowling. Margo had to give it up—bursitis and polymyalgia rheumatism.

**Kreuter**: Recovered from shingles which spoiled 2-mo vacation with son Bob's family in HI May-Jun.

**Reuter**: Better than most at 90. Still operate tree farm in WA.

**Lem Lemnitzer** is slowly recuperating at home after several wks and op at WRAMC.

**Eloise Smith (RO)** has recovered from op in Jun.

**Millard Pierson** was in and out of hosp several times this yr with breathing problems. Reports that **Marian & Johnny Johnston (EC)** are now in San Ant's new Army Ret Residence.

**Mary Seybold** was in WRAMC during Aug.

**Russ Eastman** has recovered from bout with pneumonia. **Helen** has been with nursing care at home for some yrs.

**Louise George** enjoyed a visit in Aug from her sister, Sister Rose Louise, CSJ of St Louis, MO.

**Elton & Duke Samouce** had a happy visit from **Bob & Patty Kreuter**, now on plane tour of places in US starting with NY; then WP which Bob wanted Patty to see (most enjoyable through welcome by Dick Gruenther '46 of AOG); and now (Sep) on way to Virginia Beach, VA. They both looked well, happy, carefree and enjoying themselves.

**Larry Bartlett's** daughter Betty Carmanico of suburban Philadelphia writes of the happy family reunion at Larry's El Paso home on the occasion of his 89th birthday 9 Sep. Present besides Betty were son Larry, Jr & wife Ginnie of Pago Springs, CO; son Don & wife Helen; grandson Gregory; grandson Larry III & wife; granddaughter Donna & husband with 3 great-grandchildren and grandson Don, Jr & wife—all of El Paso. Unable to attend but all there in spirit were Larry's wife **Helen** who died in 84; 6 grandchildren with spouses and 6 great-grandchildren of suburban Philadelphia; 1 granddaughter & husband with 3 great-grandchildren of Marietta, GA; 1 granddaughter & husband with two great-grandchildren of Santa Fe, NM; and 3 great-grandchildren of El Paso. My computer says this makes Larry the patriarch of 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 17 spouses. Betty also writes, "Dad is doing great after recovering from pneumonia last fall. . . . Maintains own home and takes active part in all that is going on around him. . . ."

We have a happy sequel to the news in the last ASSEMBLY of **Marcia Lystad's** generous offer of **Abe's** Class ring to any classmate needing it. It went to **Mac McQuarrie** who had just lost his.

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During this yr 3 of our classmates became 90 yrs old: **Milo Cary** 9 Jan; **Myron Leedy** 29 Aug and **Bob Taylor** 14 Nov. On behalf of the rest of the Class I extend to the 3 of you our sincere con-

gratulations and here's wishing you many more happy yrs of a happy, healthful life.

In these notes is a picture of **Myron Leedy** with his two daughters, **Charlotte** and **Daisy**. The picture was taken the



1921-22: Myron Leedy and his daughters

day that Myron was celebrating his 90th birthday. **Charlotte** wrote me that the birthday celebration lasted 3 days. Myron has moved from Wash DC to Hillhaven Center, 400 East 33rd St, Vancouver, WA 98663.

Upon leaving WP on 23 May our daughter **Jackie** & her husband **Ken** (who by the way is the editor of *Beautiful British Columbia Magazine*), **Hazel** & I drove to Cornwall-on-the-Hudson to visit my alma mater New York Military Academy. I graduated there in 1918. We then proceeded to Monticello, NY where my parents had a summer home back in the 30s and 40s, just to see what changes had been made in the past 50 yrs. There were none. Our next stop was at Skaneateles, NY to visit my brother who was recuperating from a serious operation. From there we went to Toronto, Canada for a visit with our granddaughter. On the way back to FL we stopped off at the Corning Glass Works where it is interesting to see how glass ornaments are made. Gettysburg, PA was next. I spent a mo at Gettysburg Coll before entering the Academy. It was there that I met **Willie Wilhide** and **Johnny Weikert '23**; we were fraternity brothers. We then spent 3 days in Wash, DC visiting the Smithsonian Museum and friends. It is amazing how Wash DC has grown since I ret from the Pentagon in 55. Where we lived in Arlington is almost like downtown. We finally arrived home after covering 3200 mi, and I did not drive a single foot of it. Our daughter & her husband did all the driving. It was a most enjoyable trip that included our Class reunion.

**Minna Cook** wrote to **Mark McClure** to express her thanks for receiving the memo about our reunion that we all signed and thanked him.

In a phone conversation with **Carol Olmsted** she told me that **George** is getting along all right. He has his good and bad days. Power to you, **George**—we

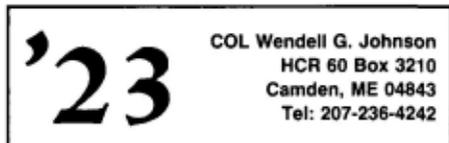
are thinking about you and praying for your early recovery.

**Mark McClure** attended luncheons with the '18 and '19 Classes at Ft McNair and then with the Class of '20. He enjoys these luncheons and being with old friends.

**Bev Kane** has moved to a new and larger apt at the Army Distaff Hall. It is apt #219.

In the early part of Sep **Marge Lawton** fell and broke her arm. Ordinarily the Lawtons stay at Ogunquin, ME until the end of Sep, but Marge wanted to go home so they returned to Bethesda. Marge is doing OK but she cannot do a lot of the things she would like to do such as cook meals. So now they have **Bill** and the chief cook.

I still have no info about the whereabouts of **Jackie Reed** nor **Virginia Thorpe**. If anyone knows anything about them please write me. Also please write to me about what you and your family are doing.



When you read these notes in Dec 87, our 65th Reunion will be only about 150 days away. So, if you haven't already notified **Joe Smith** or **Ken Sweany**, co-chm, please answer their questionnaire on your intentions. Many have already done so as of Aug-Sep and their names are listed at the end of these notes. It appears we shall have a sizeable gathering at the Thayer from 18 to 21 May. Furthermore, many more classmates and widows have sent generous contributions to the West Point Fund for credit to the 65th Reunion Fund of '23. We hope for more.

The editors of *ASSEMBLY* (AOG Publications Comm) sent us scribes a long memo in Jun on the space crunch to accommodate class notes and obituaries in each issue now that about a thousand more graduates join our ranks every May. The Jun 87 issue devoted 104 pp to class notes, 22 pp to obituaries, a total of 126 out of the *ASSEMBLY*'s 176 pp. It was decided to adopt the most modern electronic production and publication process available and this has already been phased in. It began with the Dec 86 issue. It has worked so successfully that it has also been decided to publish 5 issues of the magazine in 88, giving a 25% increase to space annually for class notes and obits. For the present the rule of thumb limiting each class scribe to 60 column inches (2 full pages) will remain in effect because many do not use that much.

Now for the news of who is doing what and where. Some not good, others better, many OK. **Charley Gettys** is permanent-

ly hospitalized in Lebanon VA Med Ctr, PA as a result of a massive cerebral hemorrhage he suffered 2 yrs ago. His daughter **Margaret Gettys Coon**, answering Reunion questionnaire for **Charley**, wrote that he cannot read, write, eat or walk, but understands what is said to him and can nod "yes" or "no." He welcomes notes and cards. When notice of the reunion was read to him he indicated he wanted all classmates to know he's with them in spirit and wanted to participate again in the final Class gift. Accordingly, a check was sent. Through these notes we send you, **Charley**, thanks from the Class for your message and contribution and our affectionate best wishes. **Don & Dot Tredennick** were taken over to visit **Charley** by the **Coons** on 11 Jun and hoped to go again soon. **Joe Smith** sent Mrs Coon a note of appreciation and expressed the sympathy and friendship of **Charley's** classmates.

**Tred** has recovered extremely well from his Feb stroke and is busy with his duties for the Class and with exercise classes on Mon and Wed. He even offered to relieve me of scribe duties beginning in 88, but I wrote him that everyone must feel as I do that he'd done his duty as a scribe for many yrs and now it is my turn to serve the Class as scribe. I added that he shouldn't be bothered with Class news, having the duties he'd taken over from **Kenner Hertford**. He writes me frequently sending news that he gets about the Class. We are lucky to have **Tred** with his dedication to the interests and activities of our Class, and of the Academy.

**Robby Robinson** wrote **Tred** from Sun City, CA welcoming him to the "Stroke Club," saying he had one in late 86 and gaining a little, but slowly. He added, "We will both live to hoist one together one of these days. Don't think I can make the reunion, but **Moe Cavender** is going to try. He'll be 90. Thanks for the fine job you have done as scribe."



1923: The Cavenders with Lois' sister Louise Johnson

**Moe & Lois** also wrote to **Ruth** & me that with **Lois'** help they plan to make the 65th. **Moe** added that he can no longer see to read or write but can still



1923: Cavender receiving trophy from Red Cross rep of "Swim & Stay Fit" for completing 2,000 mi



1923: Ralph & Jane Neal

get around with Lois' help. On 27 Jun they were guests of the Robinsons at March AFB OC, celebrating Robby's 88th.

When Mike Buckley wrote Tred last summer about his illness he reminded him "we are reaching the doubtful area of senior-senior citizens," mentioning those who had been OLG last Founders Day. He reported, "our ranks out here have been sadly depleted . . . and we miss Trooper's infrequent visits because he no longer drives, for his eyes are failing." He added, "Jack Harmony is about the same. We see him every couple of wks, and we think he enjoys the hour's ride through the country. Ruth Johnson (Mrs FRJ) is still holding out in good health. We saw her at Harriette Pesek's funeral last month (May)." Mike & Eleanor plan to attend the 65th.

Doris Heaney wrote us that she had phoned the Tredennicks and talked to both Tred & Dot. She said, "See my children who come to see me when they can . . . recently married grandson and bride came for a short visit . . . another on the USS Coral Sea came in to help celebrate his 30th birthday. Am so happy to have my daughter with me. We're company for one another. My best to the Class."

Roma Breidster wrote thanking me for my letter telling of Tred's stroke and recovery and of my admiration for her fortitude in doing things despite her emphysema and dependence on oxygen. I'd like to quote from her heart warming letter but will only mention that she fought off letting Fritz know how she felt when they celebrated their 50th anniv with a trip across Canada in 80; then, although on oxygen the summer of 81, went fishing with Fritz and their sons at a resort in NW WI. She had passed out a couple of times in 82 when Fritz died, and the dr warned her she must have constant oxygen. She also mentioned that two of her granddaughters had met Dan & Bettina Chandler in Dallas and had dinner with them and, "Knowing Dan, can well imagine the wild tales he told them about their grandfather."

A reporter for the Huntsville, AL Times of 7/12 gave Doug Pamplin a write-up making him "the area's second oldest living grad of WP." She quotes many of his views and his recollections of WP. When Doug ret in 53 he returned to Huntsville, his hometown, ending his career in the Coast Arty, the "Guns we never used in anger, but fired a few times for practice." Lolita commented, "Douglass has no inhibitions, if he thinks of something, he says it." Commenting on Ollie North and the Iran-Contra hearings and newspapers playing up the story he said, "People like to hear about the scandals. If you've got a little stink, stir it. Maybe it will stink more."

Bill & Victoria Craigie went to Russia 29 Jun, returning to NY 15 Jul, enjoying 3 days each in Moscow and Leningrad, and over a day in Stalingrad (Volvograd). They also spent 9 days cruising the Volga and Don Rivers on the Alexander Pushkin, celebrating Jul 4th with about 100 other Americans on board. Bill plans on taking in the Stearman Fly-ins at Galesburg, IL in Sep and Jennings, LA in Oct. He reported that his son Jack (John H '51) and Jamison's son "Punch" (Lewis W '49) both work for Rand Corp in Santa Monica. When Punch gave a party for his twin sister Judy, there was a distinct WP atmosphere with Dave Schlatter's son David '51 also there along with the Jamisons and the Craigies. David works for Hughes Aircraft Co. "Punky" Jamison and "Berbe" Schlatter go out from San Ant occasionally to see their young folks in CA.

Lee & Esther Shafer's annual family reunion at Ocean Village was the best ever this yr with perfect weather and great companionship. They had the same 4-bedroom and 2-bath house on the wonderful beach which hasn't gone honky-tonk but is quiet and sophisticated. They celebrated their 64th. Santiago & Carmen Guevara returned to the US from the Philippines in Apr, with a stop-over in Honolulu and a couple of mos in CA before returning to Wash DC.

Our northern CA reporter Ray Pierce sent more news on Mike & Eleanor Buckley who attended a family reunion in Pomeroy, WA where Eleanor's grand-

father settled yrs ago. From across the country 150 guests gathered, in age from 6 mos to 94 yrs. So many were from Pomeroy that someone asked if they owned the county. Answer: "No, the bank does." Mike said the older ones talked, the middle aged played baseball and pitched horseshoes, and the youngsters rode horses. Their son Tom conducted Mass on Sun. A great time was had by all. The Palmers celebrated Glenn's 90th 11 Jul and their 60th anniv and Elizabeth's birthday on 8 Aug.

Ray says Trooper Price is still writing books, despite serious eye problems, a recent book having just gone through third printing. The traveling Pierces are still going places: in June to Wellesley for Mary's 60th reunion and on to Wash area for a wk with son Dick & wife Dottie. While there they saw Virginia Post, Dottie Torrence, and Dottie Kehm. Then they returned to CA for the wedding of grandson WRP III (Bill) and Kristi Strandburg. At the dinner reception at Moffet Field, Bill announced, "I would like to propose a toast to a couple who really started all this—my grandparents who are celebrating their 57th anniv today." Also during the summer Ray & Mary visited 4 natl parks along with some of their family, 6 to 9 strong. In 3 wks they enjoyed Mt Ranier, Glacier, Yellowstone, the Tetons, and Livingston, MT, Ray's hometown.

Al Johnson wrote that he & Evelyn have their daughter, son-in-law and 2 grandchildren living close by which makes it ideal for them. They enjoy their boat and are well, though Evelyn has back problems and he "shuffles along with the aid of a cane." He enjoys receiving ASSEMBLY to learn what the classmates are doing.

Jim Hicks reported from Medford, OR that his activities are limited because of heart attacks 3 yrs ago, making him unable to attend the reunion. Last Jun Joe & Anna Perle Smith attended the funeral at Arlington of Martha (Mrs Lew) Morton. They often represent the Class on these sad occasions for which we all are grateful. Fortunately they live in Georgetown, DC.

Ken & Laura Sweany survived the summer plague of cicadas that swarmed in their area noisily, damaging many trees, oaks and dogwoods. Their son Phil visited them in Jul during the muggy 94° weather. Owing to Laura's poor eyesight and discomfort in sitting many hrs in a car seat, they decided not to make their fall trip NE as in past yrs. Jack White plans to attend a football game at WP in Sep and the reunion next May. A great nephew was married last May when the thermometer hit 94. Jack kept busy gardening during the summer.

We had planned to have Jan White and her stepson Tommy (Wappie's son) & his wife drive over to Camden to lunch with

us at the Yacht Club in Aug, but the day after arriving in ME from NJ, Tommy had a mild heart attack. He had a few days in the hosp followed by a wk of recuperation before driving back to NJ. Ruth & I shall stop by Jan's in Augusta area when we drive to NH on 23 Sep.

We enjoy the fall coloring in the White Mtns of NH and shall spend 4 days there again this yr at a colorful, historic farm inn, making drives through the scenic valleys. In Aug our son Jerry and family came from Houston to spend a wk at the cottage we rented on our Lake Megunticook. Then a cousin of mine flew up from Wash to relax there in the second wk we had the cottage. On 25 Aug we headed "downeast" to New Brunswick and on the 27th crossed the Bay of Fundy, St John to Digby, Nova Scotia, and drove on to Hantsport, home of a cousin of Ruth. It was fun getting acquainted with 2 cousins (and families), the age of our sons, after which we all drove in separate cars to Chester, NS, an east coast yachting resort that Ruth had visited in 1920. That afternoon 27 assorted cousins of 4 generations gathered for a jolly lobster picnic, most came from Nova Scotia except us and a couple from Darby, England. They all were of the Sircom clan of Ruth's father who went to the States in the 1890s. We spent a night and a half day at the picturesque Algonquin in St Andrew, NB, both going to NS and returning. With the pacemaker Ruth



1923: The WG Johnsons celebrating their 55th at Rockport, MA

got last Jun she has been sprinting ahead of me, shuffling slowly with my cane.

Last spring Abner McGehee reported that he & Alice planned an auto trip across the southern states, visiting relatives, to Wash DC and returning in May via TN (birthplace) and OK. In Jun they were to "houseboat" at the San Juan Marina on Lake Powell.

In Sep I phoned Kenner who had tried to call me and had a brief chat. His voice had the same cheery tone as yrs ago. He said he & Betty hope to get to the reunion next May though he is legally blind and Betty has back problems, and her mother is also a care.

Ken Sweany learned of 2 substantial gifts made to WP by classmates and had

this confirmed by AOG; namely a bequest in Bob Dulaney's will to AOG Endowment Fund, and a gift from Bruce King of stock shares, credited to annual giving of Class of '23. We thought you should know. Ken's Treasurer's Report of late May shows our Class Fund to have \$3648.91 in the bank and earning interest of \$17 or better monthly. AOG has informed me that in late Aug our fund balance for the 65th Reunion Gift Fund had reached \$18,838. Let's make it twenty grand or better by May.

With regret we report the death of 2 more classmates: Franklin K Gurley, 7 Jun, Mill Valley, CA and James B Workman, 21 Aug, Atlanta, GA. Tred and Ken have written next of kin, and Ken has sent a contribution in memory to our Class Gift Fund at WP. Ken has learned from AOG records that there are 48 living classmates for whom addresses are known plus 4 unknown; and of those graduating in '22, 7 are living; also 10 ex-cadets alive. The records show 66 descendants of '23 have graduated, none at WP now. Among the widows listed on the print-out mailed last summer we know the following have died: Ellertorpe, Grove, Gunn and Hardin. Enough statistics!

Bulletin No 2—1 Sep on Reunion shows 21 classmates planning to attend with 23 wives and friends, and also 4 widows. These are the classmates now hoping to make it: Buckley, Craigie, Cavender, Enslow, JA Evans, Guevara, Ed Howard, Hertford, WG Johnson, Bruce King, McGehee, Neal, Patterson (ex-cadet), Pamplin, Price, Rosenberg, Sweany, Joe Smith, GC Stewart, Tredennick, JH White. Widows: the Mrs Whitson, Wilder, R Stone, and Heaney. If all come we shall be 48 at WP. Bulletin No 2 has been sent to all reunionists and gives instructions on making reservations at the Thayer and about ticket requests for dinner dance and alumni luncheon. Dress for everything is informal (coat and tie for gentleman, ladies accordingly). For more info call Joe Smith at 202-333-7479 or Ken Sweany at 301-825-8004.

In mid-Sep John Stoder signed up for reunion, to be accompanied by 3 daughters.

Grip Hands.

'24

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Over 600 former members of the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team, which Rupert Graves cmded during World War II, attended a reunion of that org in Albany, NY, last Aug. The regiment is famous not only for its combat record but for the large number of talented people it produced. Six of its

members advanced to general off rank after the war, including 3 LTGs. Terry Sanford, elected last yr to the US Senate, served with the 517th all the way through Italy, the abn invasion of southern France, the Battle of the Bulge with Ridgway's paratroops, and in Ger.

Rupert goes on to tell us that while in FL he attended a sch for teachers who want to teach foreign students who do not speak English. The prog had been very carefully worked out by a prof at Syracuse U. After finishing the course, Rupert was assigned two young Japanese. Rupert finds this work very satisfying. This is not his first venture into pedagogy. After retiring from the Army, Rupert took his master's degree in mathematics at Purdue U in 58 and taught that subject at the Indian River Jr College in FL until 1971.

Jenny Bertsch reports that life in Belleair Bluffs, FL is busy and socially active. She enjoys the company of Louise Cummings who lives in the same waterfront neighborhood.

Tommy & Lucie Holmes are living quietly in LA and thankful they have good air conditioning. They report that after their 4 married granddaughters had 10 sons, the first great-granddaughters arrived a few mos ago. Tommy & Lucie's only son is working on a job in Philadelphia. When his work is finished he expects Tommy to come east and show him WP.

The following notes came from the West Coast Thundering Herd in CA. Tom Malin underwent surgery for an aneurysm of the aorta last Feb. He has since returned to business and lawn bowling. Betty Van Wyk was in a serious auto accident while returning from San Fran. She fell asleep at the wheel, totally wrecked the car, and was removed from the wreckage with great difficulty. She was hospitalized for 5 days with a cut on her head and a cracked knee cap. Her leg had to remain in a cast for a few wks. The last get-together of the West Coast Corral was on 19 Aug at Del Mesa Carmel. Those present included Martha Conrad, her son Don & daughter-in-law Diane, Mae Coombs, Camille DuVal, Jule Justice, Margaret Kielty, Tom & Gwen Malin, and Pat Stebbins. Pat gave them a talk about her recent trip back East. Tom Malin was elected pres for the coming yr and Martha Conrad will be the secy/ treas.

Doretta Murphy writes from TN that she is going out of the greenhouse bus which she and her daughter and son-in-law have been conducting. Although the bus is very lucrative it is hard work for her family and very time consuming for her. So they decided to sell out. Otherwise, things seem to be going well for Doretta.

Walter Gillespie writes from Wallops Isl, VA and sends his regards to his



1924: Rupert Graves (seated) with members of the 517th Pcht RCT

surviving classmates, but says that thinking about our thinning ranks makes him sad.

On 10 Sep, 10 classmates in the Wash area held their monthly luncheon at The Westchester. On the same day, at the same time and at the same place, and with the same menu, 24 ladies of the "Twenty-four Wives" held their quarterly luncheon, but in another room. The separation was only a matter of tradition and not the result of mutual hostility. And then on 1 Oct, the annual Class party was held, again a luncheon at the same hr and place, but this time for everybody. Those present included Peter & Bunny Hains, Art Trudeau, Loreine Vogel, Clyde & Lorraine Eddleman, Alice Fletcher and daughter Betty Adams, Bob & Florence Dewey, Milrae Nelson, Charlie & Jean Palmer, Betty Beurket, Anne Moore, Susie Smythe, Ed & Laura Hart, Brick Moore, Betty MacCloskey, Janet Berry, Fran Blanchard, Ginny Glasgow, Marguerite Stevens, Lorraine Gants, Hazel Van Way, Polly Polsgrove, Doug & Kitty Smith, Helen Dasher, John & Mae Hincke and Marian Weinaug. The attendance at each of these 3 affairs included almost all those classmates in the Wash area, which indicates that the local chapter of the Thundering Herd is still alive and well, socially.

We regret to announce the following: Stephen Wilson Ackerman died on 29 Jul in Atlanta, GA, and Augustine Davis Dugan died on 16 Jul at Ft Bliss, TX. We have no details except that Gus was very active right up to the last.

Robert Vernon Lee passed away in Williamsburg, VA on 23 Jul; interment with full mil honors was in the Arlington

Natl Cemetery on 27 Jul. A large attendance of classmates and friends was present.

'25

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On 12 Aug Hubert Cole reported the death of his wife Elizabeth on 17 Jul of blood poisoning compounded by cancer problems. Funeral services were held followed by interment in Arlington Cemetery. Services were attended by Hubert, Don Dunford, Jane Galloway, Versa Underwood and Christina Dealy, daughter of George Deuterman.

On 26 Aug, Hubert again wrote of the death of "Tip" Van Brunt wife of MG Rinaldo Van Brunt on 23 Aug. Funeral services were held on 25 Aug in Arlington Cemetery where she was buried. Besides Van Brunt the Class was represented by Don Dunford and Cole.



1925: At the marriage of Mike, youngest son of Wilmer Bennett, to Sarah Reed at Baton Rouge, LA, 27 Jun 87

The AOG has reported to Charlie Saltzman the death of John Widder Bryan on 3 Aug 87 at Middletown, CT.

This scribe has been physically incapacitated since mid-Aug with a detached retina in the right eye, leaving one eye with which to see with some difficulty. I have had 3 ops and was released from Letterman Army Hosp on 25 Sep. However, I still wear a patch over my right eye. Obviously I have had little time to devote to this column.

'26

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Hank Ross sends the good news that his speech is coming back slowly, that he can make himself understood one-on-one. He didn't like the arrangements for the 55th reunion of his Harvard Med Sch class and sent a letter as a surrogate for his presence. Quotes show Hank hasn't lost his sense of humor: "On my trip to S. Africa . . . chose to ask an old friend to join me. She had buried 3 husbands so in case of emergency she would know what to do." Hank recounts that on his trip he was mugged in London but fought off the three attackers who got nothing, nor did he get any help from the many bystanders who watched the affray. A Grand Salaam to Hank who was among our last classmates who contributed full-time to the GNP and now is the last on a part-time basis.

Margaret McNerney continues her volunteer work teaching retirees how to produce bright and cheerful greeting cards (wish the one she sent me could be reproduced in full color). Although 83, she does "all the driving for my friends." Nonetheless, as a sort of insurance she has sent a deposit to the Army Distaff Hall in Wash DC so that she's on their list.

The Class will be saddened to learn that Stag Stagliano died 29 Aug. Among the accomplishments of this able off: graduation from MIT in 30 and from Harvard Bus Sch in 38, service as Com of the Finance Sch in Indianapolis, IN. Unfortunately, Army MDs had misdiagnosed a colon problem in 75, and since then he has suffered a continuous series of hospitalizations and ops, spending his last 4 yrs in a nursing home. The Class offers his widow Frances loving sympathy over the loss of a respected member.

John William Lawhon, who was one of those who entered the sallyports that hot day in Jun 22 but did not graduate with us, died 12 Jun. We sympathize with his family over the loss of this fine man who started on the same road as we.

Freddie Munson's latest letter didn't make joyful reading. Ted Barbour is ailing. Admiral Sims stumbled as he was about to return from the funeral services

of his daughter in Albuquerque, NM (more on this later, Scribe) and was seriously injured. It will be some time before "he is back in battery," Freddie says. **Flossie Strickler**, Strick's widow, who lived for yrs in Wash DC, died in San Ant, TX 18 Aug and was buried alongside her husband in Arlington Natl Cemetery, the Class sending flowers. Nevertheless, Freddie closes out in an upbeat tone, "The rest of us (refers to the large Wash DC group) seem to be breathing regularly."

The hurricane season is more than half over and has left the area where **Bill & Ethel Deyo** live in FL unscathed so far. In addition to appreciating that blessing, Bill adds a touch of gratitude, "When I see people in wheelchairs (and he must see a lot of them), etc, I feel fortunate that our problems could be worse."

The Elderhostel nature trip to the British Isles for **Marje Brady** "was one of the best. Twenty good people all interested in 'Nature.' Flowers and archaeology in Ireland, history and local culture in Wales (how they can sing!) and deer, eagles and salmon leaping in Scotland. Age was no barrier for these folks, all of them hikers and walkers at home. Thank heaven for my daily dog walks!" Now she is in a frenzy of activity ("... the house went from immaculate to chaotic in 24 hrs.") as she gets her home reroofed and repainted, ready for winter. **Spud** reports son **Brookner Jr** in AK is celebrating his 50th birthday.

Some wretched and distressing news from **Skinny Ringler**. The condition of his ailing wife **Wave** (she was his cadet OAO; they've been married more than 61 yrs) had worsened so that he was no longer able to care for her at home; he had developed a rather serious heart condition himself. "... Son Bill '57 was so worried about us that he persuaded us to come to LA. Wave is now in a nursing home just five mi from here and I am going to live with Bill. ..." So in Aug the Ringlers left their Cherry Hill home which they had occupied since **Skinny's** ret. **Skinny & Wave**, you have the sympathy and support of the Class. Maybe some kind words of fraternal reassurance would help you both bear these blows. The new address is 208 Chimney Ln, Haughton, LA 71307.

From **Jimmy Burwell**, our SE correspondent, we learn that **Muffet Johnson** is slowly recovering from a very serious op performed on 6 Jul. Mail showing our care and support and addressed to the Harlingen home will reach her. Good news from **Kathleen Osborne**: **Ralph** has been able to leave bed a couple of times daily recently and enjoys TV from a chair. Keep up that improvement, **Ralph**! **Marcy & Jim Burwell** chose 87 as the yr to explore and to enjoy the Pacific NW. They especially liked Vancouver BC and the gorgeous Butchart gardens in

Victoria BC. They finished their trip by a cruise along the AK coast within the Inland Passage where they saw in Glacier Bay huge glaciers calving icebergs with an enormous roar and huge splash.

As **Freddie** reported, **Admiral Sims** had gone to Albuquerque for the memorial service of his daughter **Shirley**. He is unsteady on his feet and usually uses a cane to move about. Just as he was preparing to leave his hotel room he tripped over a bag, fell and broke the left hip. Through the spirited and relentless efforts of **Carleen**, her husband (complete with untreated broken hip) was flown back to Wash DC and entered Bethesda Naval Hosp that same evening. Now Admiral is back home undergoing rehab treatment and, according to **Carleen**, highly motivated to recover soonest. We all wish you that full and early recovery, Admiral, and sympathize with you over the untimely loss of **Shirley**.

**Spud Murphy**, our West Coast stringer, has a short report. **Don & Ro Booth** have had poor health this summer but now are back in good shape. **Hal Forde** claims he has no news other than his dropping the teaching load he had been carrying. He says he & **Betsy** are revolving in the old-timers' circle of retirement. **Spud's** remarks on **Marge Brady**, combined with passages from a letter, have already appeared. **Aline Kirchoff** says that **Kirk's** condition is unchanged. She took a trip to VA on 1 Aug to attend the wedding of a granddaughter, a trip she enjoyed immensely. **Beth McNaughton** runs over to her old home 4 or 5 times a wk to paint in her studio. No longer able to paint from the ground, she is rummaging through her sketch books—she has kept them up over the yrs—(5 trips to Tahiti and several to Japan)—to find inspiration. She loves to paint! **Jack Black** left 24 Sep on a 3-wk trip to Europe. He will visit Switzerland, then take the famous downstream Rhine trip. En route home he'll see Amsterdam, London, Wash DC. Good luck and a fine trip!

**Sally Creasy** reports that **Bill's** brother-in-law, **A.L. Evans Jr '39**, is preparing the former's obituary for **ASSEMBLY**. She plans on staying in her Pine Bluff apt.

Like a flock of avenging Furies chasing an apprehensive victim, misfortune and adversity continue to pursue **Mac McFarland**. He had been struggling with diabetes, trying to keep down the blood sugar when, for no reason he could name, he stumbled and broke his right hand, the writing one. Now the break has healed and the cast removed, though **Mac's** wrist is weak. Still, he claims that **Kay & he** have come through the dangers and perils of this summer in fair shape even though they are kept busy with pills and shots; both are in better shape than this spring.

**Red Reeder & Dort** have had a fine summer; she is rapidly recovering from an illness which had kept her quiet for some time—much better now and en route to improvement, **Red** says. As always, he is deeply concerned in Army football and anticipates a fine and satisfactory season for our team.

'27

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**Mac Miller** was the source of the material in these notes, drawn from letters he received announcing enjoyment of his after-action Bulletin No 4. Particularly enthusiastic and moving was one from **Ray Bell** which included this praise, "It brought into sharp focus many of our living and deceased classmates."

**Harry Paxson**, who had never been to a reunion, wrote **Mac** how much he and his family, wife **Bess** and daughters **Nancy** and **Alice**, had enjoyed the 60th. He was very pleased with the Reunion gp picture, on which he commented, "I can say that all 31 of us have aged nicely to our current 80-plus yrs."

**Paul Jennings**, x-27 sent from Honolulu an informative letter of appreciation of Bulletin No. 4 "with all the dope about the Reunion." He expressed his great disappointment at not being able to attend, which they had planned to do with **Ray Bell** from Pensacola. Unfortunately, due to **Paul's** recuperation from five ops, doctors advised against his attending. **Paul** hoped to get back to Azalea Trace, Pensacola, in the first part of Oct, if he had his doctor's release to travel by then. There the ret complex provides an excellent health care facility, one of "good insurance."

**Mac** also had an early Sep letter from **Jean Burgess**, including her comment that "the reunion must have been a huge success," judging from the pleasure she had heard expressed by the San Ant gp. She also wrote that **Evelyn Flock** had fallen and broken a hip some wks before, but seemed "to be getting along satisfactorily." Best wishes! We all hope **Evelyn** is now in fine shape!

**Mac's** son **Rusty**, now a major of Armor, has completed a 4-yr tour in Ger and is stationed at the desert tng center near Barstow, CA. **Mac & Jean** will probably take a trip in the spring to see **Rusty**, his wife, and their two children. Have fun!!

The scribe received only two letters this quarter, from recent comrades of the 60th, **George Martin** and **Hal Jordan**, who also reported their enjoyment of the fine reunion. They fitted right in with all of us who attended and hope to make the next one!

This is indeed a brief report for this **ASSEMBLY**. Apparently there was just

too much quiet around everybody to stimulate reporting to the scribe. Let us hope that more will come in for the next issue, making it a big quarter! Please write!

'28

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Planning for our 60th continues. Before you read this I hope (my arthritic hands being willing) you will get a special letter with some details.

**Bob Browning** died at the Army Residence in San Ant on 18 Jul. His remains were cremated and inurned in the Ft Sam Natl Cemetery. **Bess** wrote that she & **Bob** had moved to the Army Residence in Jan. She expressed her appreciation of how they had been received and how the Class had rallied around. I express here to **Bess** and her family the deep sympathy of the Class.

**Fran Denniston** wrote me to express her appreciation for the flowers and sympathy sent for **Denny's** death.

A note from **Fran Myers** reported on **Sam's** death and the services at Ft Sam. She expresses her appreciation for the support by members of the Class and especially for the flowers. She also reported that **Sue Mundy** had died and was buried at Ft Sam on the same day as **Sam**.

I had a brief note that we had lost **Pinkie Brown** but no details.

**Forrest Allen** wrote that he & **Helen** had had some health problems. **Helen** a second mastectomy and he a burst aneurism of a small artery. Both are coping with some help.

Next yr **ASSEMBLY** will publish 5 issues—so deadlines will be different. Next one is this mid-Dec.

'29

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** It's difficult to sit here on the balcony overlooking the beach on Sanibel Isl when it's too hot to go shelling and dream of a white Christmas. That's what we're doing and hoping for one in Alexandria, VA with **Bills I, II & III**, and their wives assisting **Santa Claus** with our great-grandchildren, **Evan** and **Nora**.

By the time you read this our next deadline for class notes will be past. Future ones for 5 issues in 88 will be the 15th of Feb, May, Aug, Oct and Dec. I'll need info and assistance and as those dates are for arrival at WP if I could get it by the 5th it would be a big help.

Last issue I got too verbose so in conformity with the publication board's directive the editors cut a picture and some text so will try a reprise—near the front.

**Charley Tench** bemoans the temporary (we hope) deferment of the mini-reunion with **Pinky Wetzel** which **Pinky** told me about when I saw him in Coronado last yr. Lots of factors including old age, retirement of passenger service on the Weehawken Ferry and the West Shore RR, the confusion of the West Side Bus Terminal in NY and lousy bus service were overpowering. Let's hope the flesh catches up with the spirit and the mini-reunions continue. **Charley** has had some health problems including anemia, but with the help of his "Jeeves" he's been able to continue living in his home and dodging a move to a ret home. Can understand his feeling and I don't know of one in New Orleans, but if he can find one like **Pinecrest Place**, I'd suggest running (figuratively speaking) to the nearest entrance.

**Paul Freeman** is pretty much on the go including a trip to the Baltic countries in Apr with a select group from CA Commonwealth Club which culminated in Moscow's Red Square on May Day. That



1929: Paul Freeman, Red Square, 1 May 87

tour was much more comfortable than **Mary Anne's** 10 yrs ago. Took a long time after **Paul's** dealings with the Soviet Mil during his tour in Ger after the Berlin Wall crisis, for him to convince himself that he would enjoy visiting **Rodina**, the homeland. He did enjoy it.

The 9th Inf Regt was **Paul's** first asgmt when he reported to Ft Sam along with **Eddie Wright**, **Norry Longacre** and **Satan Buck**. He is now "Honorary Colonel" of "Manchu" Regt stationed at near-by Ft Ord. It's unique in the Army's new regt system in that it has not only 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Bns there, but custody of all the 9th's trophies and memorabilia including the famous "Liscum Bowl" which is named after **COL Liscum** who was killed while leading the charge of the regt against the walls of Tientsin in 1900. One of the silver cups is dated '29 and carries the names of the 4 '29ers. **Paul** denies giving **Clara Bow** her champagne bath in the bowl which was that big. The 9th is active in current tng as I can attest from some of the ADPA meetings I've attended. The cmdrs of the 9th—present **Wass de Czege '64** and honorary **Paul Freeman '29**. No current



1929: Cmdrs of the 9th

report on his summer fishing trip to SW CO and the San Juan River. In other West Coast news **Ducky & Martha Hail** celebrated their 50th on 24 Jul.

**Paul Thompson** is back from a couple of trips to France so he & **Josette** could get groom and family from Albuquerque; the bride and entourage from Orlando; the wedding and reception held and then get back so they can greet the couple in Orlando on 1 Oct. Somewhere he has to prepare and deliver two papers to the chief of engr and the Engr Sch at Belvoir on "Assault Tng Center" and "6th Engr Special Bde," both of which he commanded.

He's also written you about bequests and trusts and received an interim report from AOG that they had received more indication of interest—but not actions—than they had expected.

Also on the East Coast the planned '29 picnic turned into a brunch 24 Aug at **Nick & Jackie Nichols** for **Bill & Nell Thompson**, **Fenn Sykes**, **Beth Person** and **Della Caraway**. **Jim Winn** is apparently recovered sufficiently from his time in 3 hosps—including **Walter Reed**—to be home again. **Lou Quill** is back on **Hilton Head** after a trip to DC for her granddaughter's wedding which was also a fine family reunion. Took the long way home via Pgh, thence to Grove City where the last 3 of the "old gang" attended their 60th HS reunion. Less than a wk later son **Jimmie**, family and friends arrived for a wk's visit and were joined by his sister **Barbara** & her husband for part of that time. **Lou** is now recuperating and I hope planning a visit to FL before she sees this. **Kirk & Ginny Kirkpatrick** had a fine trip in Aug flying to Montreal for a 2-day stopover before a 2-day trip to Banff via Rail Canada and next day to Vancouver and later to Victoria and Seattle before flying to CO for **Kirk's** usual birthday party at Garden of the God's Club for about 20, including his grandson from **Cornell** and his admiral brother x-'29. When I talked to him Labor Day, they were still recuperating.

Sorry to say several corrections are needed in the Jul Roster: **Logan Clarke** died 23 Jul; it's **Tommy DuBose**; mine is ok but a couple of mi away from the

original Poinciana listing; **Jimmy Stevenson's** new zip is 34209; **Herb Vander Heide's** address is 6845 Elm St, Suite 611, c/o Robert J Davenport; **Jim Winn** needs a N.E. added to Edwards Ferry Rd; **Paula Bryan** has moved to 128 W Main St, Mt Sterling, KY 40353; **Betty Harkins' Apt** is 1220; **Gertrude McKee** is in AF Village II, Apt 133, 5100 GEN John D Ryan Blvd, San Antonio 78245; **Betty Reilly** died in Jun.

In the geographical section **Nichols** is in Tucson, AZ; **Paula Bryan** in Mt Sterling, KY; all in HI are now widows, and **Betty Reilly** should be deleted from Alexandria, VA.

**Jim & Jean Gavin** were on the Cape while we were (should be other way around) but we made phone contact only. Several of you may have heard from John Norton, Chm of "Troops of Jim Gavin," about the "James M Gavin Scholarship Fund," which has been established by several of his WWII comrades in arms, and invited to participate. It outlined briefly some of Jim's many accomplishments. **Logan Clarke** was probably one who did participate, for Marion requested that our Class memorial gift be made to Jim's fund and it has been done.

Have had a hard time getting **K.D.'s** book *The Road to Trinity*, for B. Dalton bookstores don't seem to be much in evidence in our part of FL so I followed Kirk's suggestion and sent Nick a check and asked him to send me a copy. (It arrived just about the time these notes had to be in the mail so I've jumped around in it via the index and find it very interesting.) While waiting for it, I got



1929: Nick briefing Paul on *Road to Trinity*

Richard R Brook's *The Making of the Atomic Bomb* from the Largo Library. The jacket has a comment "The complete history of the bomb . . ." by Tracy Kiddy. From the little I've known about the Manhattan Project, a few of Nick's and Kirk's activities, and my subsequent association with GEN Farrell at AEDC, it is an exaggeration of stupendous proportions. A couple of comments about Kirk were convincing to me that they (MEP) had a real security system during the war, for Kirk was on Tinian and Guam preparing facilities for loading the

'A' bomb from Apr to Oct at the same time I was on Guam and visiting Saipan and Tinian for the supply of conventional bombs for B-29s. We both dealt with Nimitz, Spaatz, and Adm Tom Hill (he more frequently than I), but so far as I know neither of us was aware of the other, and he didn't know about **Pinky Wetzel**, **Heiny Zimmerman** or **Pie Nyquist** x-'29 being on Guam and they certainly never mentioned him to me.

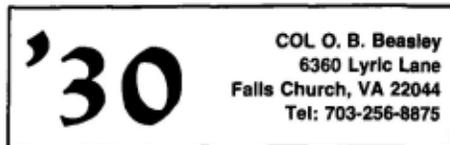
Several notes to pass on greetings and some info from **Louise Woodbury**, **Cathryn Adcock Lancaster**; **Bob Crandall** says they have pretty well recuperated but restricted to the desert S.W. He also says I must use a computer—I don't, except by reference to **Paul Thompson's** or my son-in-law **Dave Riggs** who can talk their language. A comparative near neighbor of his, **Hugh Stevenson** says that since disposing of their cabin in the mts and motor home, their traveling is pretty limited. They see **John Hammond**, a close neighbor, whose traveling is even more limited. **Marion Clarke** expressed her appreciation and that of their sons for Class memorial, etc. As **Logan** requested after a short service, his ashes were lowered into that beautiful blue water beyond the reef as a member of the honor guard blew taps.

**Roy Vincent** bemoans the chicken, peas and rice served in unattractive surroundings by the Western PA WP Club after the one at the Harvard-Yale-Princeton Club where the attendance was double that at the "O" Club. Hopes that next time he drives 275 mi for a Class get-together there are more there. (Hope we can make one Oct or Dec.)

**Billy Greear** reports all is well at the ARC better known as the "Crestway Country Club," and **Betty Harkins** concurs; that when he saw **McKenzie** got a report on his visit with his two daughters, a trip to Prince Edward Isl, 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Sounds like Mac is the champ unless someone can come up with 7 or more great-grandchildren—is anyone closer than **Frank Blue** with 4? **Bill & Vivi Vestal** celebrated their 41st anniv at a posh club. **Hunt & Anita Bassett** were consistent with nothing to report. **Josie Cuno** is recuperating from her open heart surgery aided by her daughter in Wichita Falls; **Helen Poinier** is taking advantage of the flexibility of ARC and going on a cruise this fall—hope for a report on her return. **Carolyn Jark** is sans worries now she's sold her home. **Betty Harkins** joined **Billy & Helen** for a fishing trip that produced more chiggers and bites than fish. **Billy** hopes for more success with doves. **Marilou Hammack** enjoys her house, etc and seems to be doing fine. Some question about **Marion Zimmerman**. **Libby Napier** is now the lone '29er in AF Village since **Gertrude McKee** moved to the new AFII and **Jean**

**Keirn** went to Bethesda. **Libby's** daughter **Betty** is planning on driving her to the 2nd Air Div reunion in CO Springs as **Zeke** cmded the 489th Bomb Gp. Her distance vision is fine but unfortunately the closeup variety isn't.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND BEST WISHES FOR A PROSPEROUS, HAPPY, AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.



As you read this I hope we are still enjoying another successful Army football season! Depending upon actual publication date, we may still be looking forward to another chance to BEAT NAVY!

In Apr your scribe talked with **Curly Dunn** while in San Ant. She was in great spirits at that time. Imagine my shock when **Andy O'Meara** called me on 2 Sep to say she had died on 30 Aug, and that funeral services were held there on 1 Sep. Interment was at WP on 3 Sep where **Tommy** is buried. **Andy** had been notified by **Hawley Oakes '56**. Those of you at our 55th Reunion will recall that he was our sr faculty 'guide' and that his wife is **Curly's** daughter **Carolyn**. The **Oakeses** are now ret and live in Chapel Hill, NC.

So, we have lost another member of our dwindling tribe, a lovely lady, beloved by all who knew her.

If you read your Sep *ASSEMBLY* carefully, you saw on p 39 an unusual honor bestowed on our Trustee Emeritus **Johnny Murrell**. It seems **Johnny** befriended **John A Hammack '49** back in '52 when he really needed help getting started in the oil business. To show his gratitude **Hammack** has donated to the new USMA Multipurpose Sports Facility 85 bronze plaques of team captains and most outstanding athletics since 1890. The gift is in honor of **Johnny Murrell**. Read this article and you will know why we are all proud to be classmates of **Johnny**.

In the same issue of *ASSEMBLY* (Sep 87) pp 42 and 43 there is a report by the WP Fund Comm. If you did not read this report please do so. It shows that our Class led all others in total contributions in FY 87 by far, with the amazing sum of \$653,151. This feat was accomplished almost singlehandedly by our **Jim Herbert** who donated \$649,650 for the Preparatory Scholarship Prog. What a splendid thing to do. **Jim** must have heard about the shocking lack of knowledge among graduates of 80% of our high schools nationwide. **Jim**, we salute you!

**Cecelia Stokes** sent me a lovely note 5 Sep to say she & **Hall** are at long last settled in AF Village. Their new address

is Col John H Stokes, 4917 Ravenswood Dr #160, San Antonio, TX 78227. They moved into a nice garden apt there in Apr after 26 yrs in Key West. **Happy Brooks** has been to see them and they look forward to seeing other classmates in the area. Hall had a slight stroke before they left Key West. He is in good shape physically, but finds it hard to say what he wants to say at times. We hope that SA will be all you two hoped it would be.

**Larry Talcott** wrote on 10 Sep that our inimitable **Jimmy Darrah** had passed away 7 Sep in St Peter's Hosp near Lacey, WA. He had been in poor health for months. Jim was born in Leavenworth, KS where he lived until appointed to USMA. In WWII he cmded AA units and served with Hq Wes Pac. After the war he served on S&F Ft Bliss, and had a tour in Oki. He ret in 60. He is survived by his wife **Marge**, 4 sons, two sisters, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Funeral services on 10 Sep were held in Mountain View Gardens Chapel, followed by a graveside service with mil honors in Mountain View Memorial Park.

**Jimmy** was one of my roommates first class yr. To know him was to love him. We served together on Corregidor, where he hosted the bachelor party the night before my marriage there in 34; and participated in the ceremony the next morning.

The **Darrahs** are an Army family. **Jim's** dad was USMA '95 and served in the Moro Campaign 1903-05. He was a BG brig cmdr in WWI, and ret in 37. **Jim's** son, **James T Jr '55**, served with the 1st Air Cav Div in Vietnam, with Hq UNC in Korea, and with the Army's Avn Safety Agency at Rucker before ret in 79 as a COL.

**Marge** is an Army girl. To her and all their wonderful family, our deepest sympathy. We hope your memories of happy days and joyous togetherness will sustain you now.

We had a card and a call from **Sid Wooten** in Aug. He & **Mary** were to return from Nantucket in Oct. Both of them were in good shape, and the weather there was as good as it is supposed to be.



1930: Folks with Vails '38 at Garden of the Gods Club

A very nice letter from **Buck Folk** in Jun brought news of his family. **Herron** seems to be free of cancer now after four ops and 15 mos of chemo. However her Alzheimer's type of brain disorder has worsened somewhat. They have a sitter 6 mornings a wk that enables Buck to do chores, play tennis and so on. They still have an active social life as shown above at a luncheon honoring Bill & Betsy Vail '38 in Apr.

**Buck** advises that the ret community that was planned for CO Springs has failed. If it is started again by someone else he will let us know. We send our best wishes to the Folks, and our hopes that **Herron** can beat the odds again this time.

In response to my remarks about his first book, **WW (Bill) Harris** wrote a brief note from CO in Jun with several book reviews enclosed. The book's title *Puerto Rico's Fighting 65th Inf. From San Juan to Chorwan* tells it clearly. Bill assumed cmd of the 65th in the US in 49 where he trained the outfit. He then led the regt from debarkation until it captured the heights overlooking Chorwan and thereafter until the antagonists met at the peace table. The Leavenworth Mil Rev had this to say: "More than an overview of combat ops or personal observations, this book furnishes abundant examples of individual and small unit heroism and aggressive initiative while fighting outnumbered and winning amidst difficult combat conditions—excellent reading for US combat leaders of today." Our sincere congrats Bill, and the best of luck with your new book. Please keep us posted.

**George Mayo Jr**, secy '40 sent me a welcome note in late Jun. He owns a getaway place in Madison City, VA. While there he heard a lot about our **Bob Porter** who lives nearby on Middle River. **George** enclosed a copy of the *Madison City Eagle* for 28 May that has a great write-up on **Bob's** place. There are some 125 acres in the home which has been surveyed but once since the original survey by Geo Washington. According to the paper, and classmates who have been there, **Bob** has several hundred azaleas and rhododendrons that put on a superb display every yr in May. **Bob** has put in many of these plants himself with the aid of a pickaxe to break the hard Albermarle clay. As you would expect there are many visitors in the spring.

This yr **Bob** went to Portland, OR for the annual meeting of the American Rhododendron Soc. He was accompanied by his son, a physician, who lives with him. These meetings help growers to locate new and better plants, which they obtain by purchase or barter of seedlings or cuttings.

**Bob** says his wife, who died in 73, was a very good gardener and loved the many gardens they had during their active

service. She is buried in the oldest part of the garden. We all hope that **Bob** will have many quiet and peaceful yrs to enjoy his gardening efforts.

**Ray Brisach** remains much the same in an excellent VA hosp in WV. **Charlotte** spends a great deal of her time there because Ray eats better when she is there. His doctors have advised her to take more time off to herself, advice which their friends all endorse. Ray's daughter was able to spend 3 days with him in Sep.

**Bill & Sally Carter** spent several days late in Aug as guests of **Casey & Molly Odom** at their home in Signal Mtn, TN while attending the wedding of Sally's granddaughter. Bill reports many interesting discussions with them on the state of the nation and similar subjects. Casey has his established routines of exercise, including a little golf. He resents having to move a bit slower than several yrs ago, but considering everything, is doing well. Molly is fine, and still the gracious lady she has always been. We hope the **Odoms** can get back to the East, and are planning on our 60th in 1990!

Some of you will remember that I quoted in part a delightful "remember when" article in the notes for Jun 87. At that time the author was unknown. I now know that the authoress was **Nardi Reeder Campion**. She wrote us a charming letter on 15 Aug and enclosed the complete original article as published in the *Boston Globe* 17 Jul 83. Ms Campion read this amusing piece at her 45th reunion at Wellesley College. She now resides in Hanover, NH. To her our thanks for a job well done!

**Hank Royal** wrote on 27 Aug that **Mayme** has not made much progress this summer. Her speech is better, but she is still confined to her bed. She remains at home for which they are both grateful. It appears that Alzheimer's may be setting in. **Hank** is still able to get workouts 3 times a wk at the local health club.

**Hank** takes a keen interest in the affairs of the local VFW Chapter and the Amer Legion Post. He sent me copies of two resolutions he has drafted for them. One, intended to limit the award of the Purple Heart to members of the mil services, was approved through VFW channels all the way to their natl convention. It should have been acted on there in Aug. The other, which opposes the change in the name of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to the Tomb of the Unknowns did not get through channels in time for the Legion's state and natl conventions. Unfortunately, as of this date, the Congress has passed this legislation, and the President has signed it into law. You will be able to see the results in a few wks if you have a chance to visit Arlington.

**Kate Weber** sent in a card from Lumber Bridge, NC on Labor Day to say that

she & Fritz were invited to Raleigh by the governor. They were guests of honor at an Olympic Festival held at the Museum of History. They were shown films of Fritz's exploits in Berlin in 36 in the steeplechase, fencing, racing, and swimming. Fritz later presented medals to modern pentathlon winners at Meredith College. The Webers also plan a trip to Bermuda, and later a trip to Eur where they have seven descendants, plus two daughters-in-law. Thank you Kate—keep those cards and letters coming.

**Pie Nyquist** sent us a nice letter on 1 Jul which has little to say about him, but enclosed a brief article about **Dave Baker**. It appears that Dave made the most of his two yrs at Harvard Bus Sch. After ret in 56 from the USAF as a MG he joined Capital Airlines and served as pres until 61. He then served in intl ops for Sperry, Univac, and the US Dept of Commerce until 76. He engaged in private intl consulting until 80, at which time he ret completely to Naples, FL, where he now is. **Dave & Shirley** have one son and a married granddaughter who now lives in Tampa. This is good news indeed!



1930: Our pres Pete King with Betty and travel friend Frank Addison

A note from our pres 4 Sep enclosed the accompanying shot of the happy couple **Pete & Betty King** with a friend enjoying a cruise on the *Sea Goddess* on the Med. Pete said the on-time air travel, the luxurious ship, and the superb weather all combined to make a delightful voyage. Any trip that includes Venice in the summer will be good!

**Pete** also enclosed a card indicating that there was an exhibit of his sculpture and ceramics work in the Herb Cottage on the grounds of the Natl Cathedral in DC from 18 to 28 Sep inclusive. I hope many of you were fortunate enough to see this exhibit.

**Pete's** Christmas message follows: "Dear Classmates of 1930:

I would like to take this opportunity to send my holiday greetings to all of you scattered all over the US as you are at this time. WP advises me that as of 3 Sep 87, we still have 89 classmates on this side of the 'Extended Long Gray Line' and that our Class Fund had increased to \$26,135 as of 15 Jun 87. If any of you have any

suggestions as to how we might spend this at WP, please let me know.

I seem to enjoy walking a little slower and certainly count my blessings everyday. Hope you do also. Have a very happy and blessed Christmas.

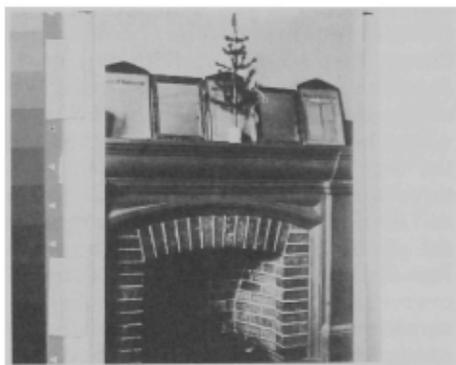
Best Regards—Pete"

To which **Mary & Ben** add Amen and Merry Christmas!

'31

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**Chet & Imogene Young's** grandson, Lawrence J Lincoln II, became a member of the Class of '91 on 1 Jul. He follows in the steps of his brother, James B Lincoln, by a yr. (The paternal grand-



1931: Plebe Christmas

parents are Abe '33 and Mary Lincoln.) These cadets sprout from Imogene's family tree and represent a 6th direct line USMA generation stretching all the way from Sylvanus Thayer's successor as Supe, René E DeRussy 1812. Sometimes, this line proceeded distaff-wise—but nevertheless a line just as direct as that of a king succeeding his mother, the queen. The lineage is certainly one of our longest. Its patriarch graduated but 10 yrs after the Academy's founding. He was 22 yrs old and our 88th graduate. The first man in his class to be admitted (Mar 1807), over 5 yrs as a cadet, he was the last of the Class of 1812 to graduate. Although an engr, he also had the rare distinction of being listed as the goat of the class. But no goat, he; those early classes had no established course length, nor did they have class standings. A bit of more recent history is pertinent here. Long before Ft DeRussy was built as part of our coast defenses of Oahu TH, the ring of forts thrown up to protect the city of Washington during the Civil War included a Ft DeRussy.

In an eye-opening article in the Jul issue of *Proceedings US Naval Inst*, **Jake Smart** presents a strategic perspective of the islets and shoals that lie between the mainland states of Asia and the insular states off the coast. Those who find a copy from their Navy friends or a library will agree Jake's article is most illuminating.

By the time you read this, **Don Little**, to put it in his words, "has done it again." Our congratulations and all good wishes go to him and his bride, **Virginia Otey Ward**, sister of our own **Pete Otey Ward**, whose wedding in Lynchburg, VA as this is written is to be on 10 Oct.

While one of your classmates idly watched a cable TV run of stock market tapes recently, there appeared an over-the-counter stock with the symbol "USMA." Recalling **Dick Jewett's** "USMA-31" car license tag at our 55th Reunion, he presumed that no one but Dick could be responsible for a firm with this symbol, and that without a doubt (it being Dick), he had found a practical application for descriptive geometry 50\*. Sad to say, however, Standards & Poors lists "USMA" as a manufacturer of industrial sewing machines, a far cry from the shades and shadows of yearling yr.



1931: Roller and Wilroy, Deke's 80th

That's **Deke Roller** bearing down into his birthday cake at a surprise celebration of his 80th. **Willie & Shirley Wilroy** and the Mid-South WP Soc made the arrangements, the setting was the Wilroy Hernando home. Deke's bride **Jayne** was there. And the cake—Shirley had the icing emblazoned in black, gold, and gray. Recently, I was notified that Deke entered a nursing home in Anacoco, LA in mid-Sep.

At our 18 Sep Wash area luncheon at the ANCC, **Johnny Davis** told the 12 of us that he is representing the Class at the 24 Sep Thayer Award ceremony at WP honoring Barry M Goldwater. Our next luncheon is scheduled for 11 Dec.

**Dick Lawson** is a frontiersman. Recent events prove the point. When droves of squirrels invaded the bird feeders in his yard, it was only natural for him to apply his expertise as a trapper. Proceeding with the counseling of the wildlife people, he had painlessly caught at last count 40 of the critters and toted them unharmed by car to free them in an acceptable environment far, far away from his bird feeders.

**Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook** escorted a family gp of half a dozen other grown-ups and 7 grandchildren on a 3-wk expedition to their old stomping ground, China. Ernie is pictured taking a short

break in front of an 800 yr old camphor tree in beautiful Hangzhou.



1931: Easterbrook, China again

Shortly after the McNairs left a party last Aug, Lucille tripped getting out of their car ("I didn't even have a drink," she said) and broke her hip. Happily, necessary replacement parts have proved quite satisfactory.

Harry & Norma Cooper, after watching Nolan Ryan throw a 16-strike out game in the Astrodome, headed east to see the daughter of their youngest son, Michael USNA '59, become a bride. Carl Kohls claims to be the first in the Class to file a copy of his autobiography at the WP Library.

At our 17 Jul ANCC luncheon, one of our regulars, Bill Dick, unaccountably (at that time) wasn't there. A loyal member of my far-flung staff brought to light the summer issue of the 25th Inf Div's "Tropic Lightning Flashes!" which highlighted the honoring of Bill & Fran at its 16-19 Jul annual reunion in Cleveland. Bill served with that div in the South Pacific in WWII and again as its artillery cmdr in Korea.

The cadet chapel was the scene of an interservice wedding on 27 Jun when Chuck & Helen Westpheling and many of the family witnessed the happy event—marriage of their youngest son, Ernie '65, to LT USAF Gail Bigelow.

Warren & Margot Hoover spent a delightful wk in Aug with Moppy Perry and his daughter Susie at the Perry summer cottage on Lake Caxton, PA. Among other relaxing ventures, they picked 25 lbs of blueberries in an hr at a nearby farm. The picture of Moppy, Susie, the Warrens and Gussie Hardick and her granddaughter Laurie was snapped at the summer home of Gussie's daughter Joanne & her husband Bob Wise at Rainbow Farms, Eaglesmere, PA. Gussie looks just fine.

Last Jul John & Eloise Hansborough took the fascinating USAA-Penn State cruise of the Don and Volga Rivers in addition to a visit to Moscow and Leningrad. Once on deck of the *Alexander Pushkin*, they encountered a '31 reunion cap—and sure enough Joe & Edyth Carroll were aboard to join them. Highlights were Volgograd (known by all before



1931: Perry and daughter, Gussie Hardick and granddaughter, and Hoover



1931: Carrolls and Hansboroughs on the Volga

Stalin's downgrading as Stalingrad), the big industrial city Togliatti (named for the Italian communist leader), and the towns where Lenin was born and raised. John has a pacemaker and a left eye implant and anticipates shooting possibilities just as soon as he gets his right eye implanted.



1931: North guardhouse—replacement of Grant Hall is underway

After returning home from a Scandinavian trip, reported in the last *ASSEMBLY*, and after resumption of his normal schedule of exercise and walking, Dean Herman woke up with a heart attack. After 2 wks in the hosp, he resumed his exercise schedule. Dean had a 4-way heart bypass 5 yrs ago. So, after a stress test, decision will be made whether to go for another bypass, a balloon job, or just medicine.

Please, if you haven't already done so, read the Bulletin Board feature on pp

53-54 of the Sep 87 issue of the *ASSEMBLY* titled "Obituaries." The policy of the AOG in regard to this subject is that "every graduate of WP is entitled to a memorial article published in *ASSEMBLY*." The Wash gp is in full accord, and the prog we suggest for accomplishment of our part should be in your hands by the time you read this. As all know, the *AOG Register of Graduates* italicizes the names of deceased. It is hoped you will check the *Register* and let me know where you can help. Our latest records indicate that such articles have not been published on over 90 of our classmates who have joined the Long Gray Line. Among them are Blanning, Fleeger, Jones SE, McClellan, Pahl, Raker, and Saint who lost their lives on POW ships, on the Death March, or were KIA on Bataan; as well as Donaldson and Marshall, KIA in France and Italy, respectively.

Add Dishman had been confronted with Parkinson's disease for a yr and on 19 Nov 86 received serious injuries in an automobile accident from which he never recovered. On 25 Jul he passed away in a Rockledge, FL nursing home. His cremated remains were interred on 28 Jul in the yard of St David's by the Sea Episcopal Church at Cocoa Beach. Bill & Helen Cassidy and Dan & Mary Callahan, many other grads and their wives, and 27 family members attended the services. Add is survived by his wife Alice and their 6 children, 19 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandsons. For 10 yrs after ret from the Army, Add, as an employee of Pan-Am, was superintendent of pad safety at Cape Canaveral.

Eddie Brown's widow Mike died peacefully in her sleep at home in McLean, VA on 6 Jul. She had suffered a recurrence of liver cancer, and her small frame had dwindled to 70 lbs. She had been cared for beautifully by a live-in attendant from the NVA Hospice. Mike was buried in Arlington next to Eddie on 10 Jul. Those of '31 attending the services were the Dicks, Greer, Betty Hall, Marion Hockenberry, Imogene Young, and me.

Ned Cotter's OAO of 65 yrs dating from HS days, Elizabeth, died in her sleep on the night of 11-12 Jul at home in Palo Alto. She was buried in the Golden Gate Natl Cemetery on 15 Jul. Curly Wilson's son Daniel Wilson '60 attended the service. Curly had roomed in I Co with Cotter and McCrimmon.

New addresses and/or tel nos: Candler, 12929 Pierce Rd, Saratoga, CA 95070, tel (408) 867-1493; Margaret Parker, Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon Ave, NW, Wash, DC 20005, tel (202) 541-0302; Cornelia Read, tel (202) 541-0201; Bobby Westermeier, tel (202) 541-0180.

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**YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG TWICE.** After strolling Flirtation Walk at our Reunion and proving that Kissing Rock is there to stay, **Bill & Lois Powers** drove through Canada to a grandson's wedding in Chicago, then through the Ozarks to New Orleans. After a trip on the *Delta Queen*, drove to Ft Walton Beach where they took vacationing **Esther Wray** to dinner and among other things discussed **Stan's ASSEMBLY** obit which Bill is writing. They next stopped at **Rick & Jack Coffey's** new home where Jack produced the menu card for 4 Jul 28 at the Cadet Mess; our first "at ease" meal as plebes.

Arriving home after 5 wks on the road, they immediately gave a party for 122 at their yacht club. They then had nothing to do until a 4-day houseboat ride on the St Johns before going to Williamsburg for a granddaughter's wedding.



1932: A bugle fugue by Jamison

**NATL SOJOURNERS? SO JOURN THE PARTY!** Archie Lyon, natl past pres and present everything else of the Natl Sojourners, brought **Helen** with him to the natl convention in San Ant. The Sojourners are what you might call a mil auxiliary of the Masonic Order. I joined in the Philippines as a young LT just before, pardon me if I drop a name, GEN Douglas MacArthur joined the same chapter.

We took the occasion to have the **Lyons, Ralph & Maurine Davey, Landon & Liz Head, Chuck Clark,** and Caroline Jark, chez nous for a Sun replay of our 55th. Entertainment featured margaritas, beef fondue and a revue of action photos taken at WP by **Ruth McCawley** (over 100), **Isabel Porter** and **Pat Zitzman**.

**BACK IN HARNESS!** The slick paper brochure of Heritage of Eagles describes the new Museum of Avn which is to be built at Robins AF Base; a huge rotunda with wings leading off at 3 levels. Exhibits will portray the stories of flight, avionics, logistics and the history of air-



1932: Mary Cain, Latrelle Duncan, Eloise Hansen and Campbell

craft. Its Research Center "will provide an environment where the US AF, academic institutions and the def industry will work together in a creative logistics laboratory."

It's not a reticent plan and to convert the ideas to structures, they have designated **Bob Scott** as the campaign chm. Bob has moved, lock, stock and word processor, from AZ back to his native GA.

**Bob** also wrote that his latest book will be published by Bantam Books in Mar. Its title, *The Day I Owned the Sky!* surprises me—I didn't think he would impose such a brief time span.



1932: Roscoe Huggins with Flopsie

**FINAL FAREWELLS.** **Roscoe Huggins** had been hanging in there for a long time, never complaining, getting top flight care from **Birdie** and the med profession of which she was a part. We both knew **Birdie** as an Army nurse in WWII but **Roscoe** didn't see her after V-E Day until 5 yrs after each of their spouses died. They met again and were married in 78.

**Roscoe** had more than his share of symptoms from that insidious disease known as old age but **Birdie** was always there helping him along. He was living at home under **Birdie's** constant care when he passed on quietly. Graveside services with full mil honors were held at WP.

**Ed Suarez** phoned the sad news about **Don Hardy**. We all knew that **Don** had been ravaged by cancer and for the past yr had been in dreadful shape. To the

limit of his ability, however, he would take part with the others in the activities in his Winter Park area. Through it all



1932: The Reeses with the Hardys

**Don** had the constant help of **Marian** who married **Don** in the Cadet Chapel the day after graduation. A note of consolation—their son had just visited them shortly before **Don** died. He was cremated and buried at WP.

**Honey Whalen** was another career off; 30 yrs service including Eur in WWII (LM & BSM), AFF and 3 yrs in Japan. After ret he served 5 yrs in the MD state legislature. Cancer finally did **Honey** in. Funeral services were at Ft Myer with burial at Arlington.

**Jim Boswell** phoned the sad news when we lost one of our loveliest ladies. **Sis Trice** simply went to sleep in her own home one night and never woke up. It was diagnosed as a sudden heart attack caused by the blockage of a main artery.

The deepest sympathy of our Class goes to **Birdie Huggins, Marian Harding, Betty Whalen,** and **Harley Trice**.



1932: Harley & Sis Trice

**THE FAMILY SEQUOIA.** San Ant had its first ever Grand Prix, a two mi race of high powered racing cars twisting around the middle of town. It was staged by the Alamo Grand Prix Assoc whose pres is **Bev Coiner**, the son of our late **Dick & Helen**. The race was very popular and is scheduled to be an annual event under the sanctions of the Intl Motor Sports Assoc.

**Charlie Williams III '57**, son of our **Charlie** and grandson of **Charles Sr '19**, was among those honored at a formal ret review at Ft Myer. During 30 yrs of



1932: Sundt, Charlie Williams Jr, McCawley, Charlie Williams III, and Lyon

active duty, young Charlie collected a CMV, Purple Heart and 7 Air Medals in Vietnam, served 4 yrs in SHAPE and got two MSMs while serving as def attache first in Poland, then in Ger. Along with his proud parents, Archie & Helen Lyon, John & Ruth McCawley and Danny Sundt were at the ret ceremony.

I got a phone call from Bob McLane's son Bruce whom we all met when he accompanied his dad to our 50th. He brought me up-to-date on Bob who had been hit by a car which resulted in his losing a leg. Bob is now living at the Spring Valley Convalescent Home, 9009 Campo Dr, Spring Valley, CA 92077. I followed up with a chatty phone call with a female attendant there who said Bob was doing very well, gets around in his wheelchair and has a congenial roommate.

Son Bruce is ret from the NY Police Dept, lives in suburban Westfield, NJ and is delighted that his lacrosse playing son in HS is on track for WP. Prime purpose of his call was to find out how to subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* for Bob.



1932: Bill & Shirley Ellery

Omitted in the Reunion Report in the last issue were Stan & Ann Sawicki and By Paige. Stan had made a masterful speech at the reunion of his WWII unit and By got to our reunion with Suzie, but the airline had another destination for his suitcase. He still looked like a model for Brooks Bros at all of our formations.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!** A letter from Cal Smith described a surprise party for 50 given by Lib Johnson to

celebrate DB's (gulp) 80th birthday. Among the close friends were the Johnson's lovely daughter, son-in-law and 3 very attractive grandchildren. DB hammed it up by reading the many cards and opening presents which consisted mostly of liquids no more harmful than sulphuric acid.

**CLASS RINGS.** Birdie Huggins has Roscoe's Class ring which she will give to a classmate who needs a replacement. With that one, we have two rings and a miniature on hand. Let me know if you want one. A classmate's son who is a grad and has lost his ring would also be an appropriate recipient. (Merle Williams, Jr '62 wears his late dad's ring.)

Speaking as the Class archivist, I would like to identify our current '32 couples who have been married the longest. Any pair who were united within a yr of graduation and can still write, please give me the pertinent data: date, place, classmates or other peculiar guests present, etc.

**IMPORTANT, ACHTUNG, HEY YOU! ASSEMBLY** will appear next in *February* and be printed 5 times a yr thereafter. Send me your news as it occurs anytime during the yr, and I'll get it in before my next deadline.

'33

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PLEASE KEEP your good resolutions and mail your Christmas cards early this yr. Cards to Lincoln, Sparrow, Carver, Hurlbut, Harry King and other local '33ers are our chief source for the Mar notes.

By when you read this our 55th Reunioneers Steve Fuqua and Hurly Hurlbut will doubtless have issued another bulletin. Responses as of now (end Sep) indicate a good turnout.

Four more have joined '33's Advance Party in the Long Gray Line: —On 19 Jun 87 Emile Greco died in Burnet, TX, where he was buried. Pugh Pearson and Blackie Myer attended his funeral. His wife Louise, having predeceased him, he is survived by stepdaughters Mrs Margaret Byrd (wife of COL Leon C Byrd, Ret '45), Mrs Ann Durr (wife of LTC John Durr '46), and stepson Jack Adkins; there are 13 grandchildren. —On 27 Aug 87 Dick Montgomery died in Longboat Key, FL, of complications following surgery. Ted Conway represented '33 at memorial services there. Funeral with full mil honors was at Arlington. Dick is survived by two sons, Thomas C and Richard M Jr; a daughter Nancy M Hunter; a brother Charles W; 4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and friend Helen Holt. —On 30 Aug 87 Dave Gibbs died of cancer at Ft Huachuca, AZ, where he was buried with

full mil honors. Ted Schull represented the Class. Dave is survived by his widow Betty; by sons David Jr, and Paul (Pablo); daughter Mrs Pat Carpenter; and 6 grandchildren. —On 30 Sep 87 Gordon Eyler died at Wyckoff, NJ. He will be buried at WP. He is survived by his widow Connie, their two sons Frank '61 and Gordon, Jr, and 4 grandchildren.

To Emile Greco's stepchildren, to Dick Montgomery's family and Helen Holt, to Betty Gibbs and her family, and to Connie Eyler and her family, the Class extends a handclasp of deep sympathy, friendship and understanding. We stand ready to help in what ways we can. Please stay in touch.

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From Rosalyn Beck, "My new address is now Madison House, Totem Lake, Apt 240, 12215 NE 128th, Kirkland, WA 98033."

Further from Angie Whitaker Blandford's letter to Lincoln: "Little did I know (at the time of the last reunion) how heavily I would someday lean on Bill's classmates for support—the phone calls I received, the visits to him at the nursing home, the help with the funeral. . . ."

"Present at the memorial services for Dick Montgomery here," wrote Ted Conway, "were Gen Aubrey S Newman ('25) & Dorothy, Bob & Jane Douglas, Eleanor & myself, besides the immediate family and friends. Dorothy Newman was of great help to (Dick's friend) Helen Holt (they were neighbors on Longboat Key). Eleanor & I went on to Eagle, AK to attend our granddaughter's wedding."

Don Cubbison forwarded a copy of Dick's obituary—"Another fine classmate gone on ahead. . . . I'm puzzled that in some cases I'm the lone survivor of a gp. Dalton, Herlong, Vidal and I shared a summer camp tent. Tague, Plapp and I cmded the 3 105mm bns of the 87th in the Battle of the Bulge and Olson an Inf bn. . . ."

"Molly & I live close enough to one son and one daughter to see them often. Ted, our state dept ace, will be here from Jerusalem on leave in Oct. Our eldest son Donnie is en route home from being head cmd sgt maj of USAR Japan—he'll ret in 89 with 35 yrs service!"

Ebe Downing thanks the Class for its gift to their and the Hartels' grandson. "Tommy Moorman did a fine job of arranging for the presentation—it was one of the highlights of the graduation ceremonies."

"We had a tough winter," says Bing Downing, "but things are looking up. . . . Bimbi & I are planning to cut the Gordian knot and have signed up for Ginger Cove, a ret community near Annapolis."

A welcome letter from Chuck Dunn. "Dana's chronic asthma plus an infec-

tion put her in intensive care last Jun, but she's now well on her way to recovery. We feel very fortunate. Our daughter Dana Lee & son-in-law (CPT) Harry Walker (USNA '59) and our 3 grandchildren were of inestimable help. Sorry we won't be able to make the 55th."

From the **Fletters** a great account of their peregrinations in Eur, including England and Scotland. "Saw the place in Scotland where the Rangers trained. Thought of **Bill Darby**, of course. Our first cruise out of Copenhagen to Norway we were joined at our table (sheer luck) by **Marjorie Ryan** and daughter Jean Farrell—great fun! We're planning to make the 55th, of course, and will come in our VW Rabbit Diesel. Only have 144,000 mi on her. . . ."

"Our children," writes **Betty Gibbs**, "all came to be with me (at **Dave's** funeral) and insisted on taking me to CA for a grandson's wedding. Am blessed to have a COL Freeman from Huachuca as survivor assistance off to help with problems . . . Dave was tremendously brave in facing his cancer."

"Thanks for the picture of **Alston's** funeral," says **Lisa Grimes**. "Except for the pain in my heart, which time will heal, I am well."

**Pat & Rita Guiney** keep us informed not only of themselves but of other classmates. —**Pat** is still having a hard siege from spinal problems. End Nov they'll return to Denver for a hopefully longer lasting nerve block. As for their children, "Patrick may move East (Boston area likely); Margie's (dr) husband Ken (retiring from the Army) has had a good job offer in Hershey, PA area. —"**Sam Otto** called us to say his grandson is in USMA ('91). —"Thought you might like to have the enclosed clipping from **Cam Longley**. **Lee** says she's thankful **Cam** came out of that one OK! —"We spoke to **Lee Whelihan** and are distressed to learn of **Bill's** death. So many good friends, it seems, are passing. . . ."

"Just back from another trip," reports **Duncan Hallock**. "Visited our son and family in Seattle, traveled with them to Victoria and Vancouver. We were in



1933: Red & Sue White at their 50th

Vancouver when the **Hurlbuts** were there en route to AK. Dined with them in

the rotating restaurant atop the Sheraton Landmark. **Barbara & I** then drove down to SFO via the Olympic Peninsula, the OR coast, the Redwood Forests and the wine country. Have told Steve we expect to be at the 55th."

By phone **Fritz Hartel** says he & **Dotie** have had a rough yr but "we think we've rounded the corner." The **Essmans**, he says, are moving into a condominium. (Good luck, **Gray**, new address, please!)

**Leo Heintz** reports from Asheville. "**Ted & Eleanor Conway** on short visit as guests of Renfroe '34, who invited a gp of grads to their lovely new condo-home at Timberlands, for KT's. **Eleanor & Allyn** being Sweetbriar grads, highlight of the evening was **Eleanor's** rendition of their alma mater—'Yankee' style!"

"I've had some trouble with an ulcer around my ankle," says **John Honeycutt**, "probably poor circulation. (But) am encouraged by treatment started by a young dermatologist. . . . On the brighter side, my daughter Mary with Dr husband and two kinder, seven and two, have been with us a wk."

**Gracie & Harry King** return to Wash 26 Sep, following another of their wonderful Mainiac summers. **Gracie** tells about an elderly couple (in their 90s) who were getting a divorce. When asked why they delayed so long, they replied, "We've been waiting for our children to die!" Thanks, **Gracie**—we needed that. . . .



1933: Blackened remains of **Cam Longley's** narrow escape

The **Longley** clipping sent us by the **Guineys** says, "the pilot (**Cam**) was over Freeport Center when he noticed smoke coming from the cabin's lower firewall. He requested permission to land. As the plane rolled to a stop, flames sprang from the lower right side. . . ." "**Lee** is happy that the plane was totalled," says **Cam**, "because she didn't like it from the day we bought it. We flew up to visit **Bob & Posie Neely** in Sun Valley over Labor Day and enjoyed the 'Wagon Days' parade."

Letter from **Mac McClelland** opens on a sad note, "My eldest daughter, Jo McNamee, died 19 Jan of a strange disease, lupus. She left a son Kirk, who is

VP of a local bank; daughter **Dodita**, a sr in HS, made 1300 on her SAT test and has received offers from schs across the country including applications to apply for USMA, USNA, USAFA, Wellesley. —Last spring we cruised to the SW Pac, including NZ, several isls, and Sydney, Australia. —On 11 Jun we celebrated our 53rd with dinner at Club Giraud. Present were **Dahlen, Hetherington, Myers, Thorlin, and Cooper**. Also 5 '33 widows—**Nancy Breit, Florence Cahill, Dora Due, Thalia Frenznel, and Sue Shields**. —Both **McCrays** have been in and out of Brooke General." [ED—to **Mac McCrary**: we hope this finds you both well recovered. Please let us have your new address.]

**Billie Olson** sends her best. "I'm coming to VA in Sep to see my first granddaughter."

Address change from **Dan Parker**: (summer) Rte #1, Box 807, Dale Rd, Meredith, NH 03253; (winter) 11113 Pelham Lane, Fairfax, VA 22030.

"We're getting ready to move to the Army Residence Community," writes **Pugh Pearson** (Aug). "You've been through it so you know what a hassle it is to get everything ready. . . . We hope to make the 55th!"

"As I sit here," says **Phil Pope**, "having consumed the traditional 4th of Jul feast of salmon and peas, I figure it would be kindly of me to send old **Bert** an envelope of fresh cool Cape Cod air. So here it is, enclosed. . . ." The **Popes** are now back in Laurel, prepared to play their hospitable roles in '33's Intl Golf Tournament.

A most interesting letter from **Bob Rayburn** thanks for info on the Army's Fairfax ret residence and gives a rundown on his status. "Both children married and gone. I'm on my own and in good health. But I realize the time will come when I have to actually ret. . . . 'Look forward to seeing you at the 55th.'"

"**Bess & I** represented the Class at the rites for **Dave Gibbs**," writes **Ted Schull**, "at the beautiful 100-yr-old cemetery at Ft Huachuca—an impressive ceremony, which Dave would have approved. . . . I talked with Dave on the phone a few wks earlier and was struck by the cheerful fortitude with which he was accepting his prospects, like the real soldier that he undoubtedly was."

"**Carolyn & I** are in our last 3 mos in Carmel," says **Oscar Senter**. The **Elys** were at Pebble Beach in Jul and Aug, the **Van Ways, Leslies** and **Bob Meals** are all in this area. **Jane (Beeler) & Milton Greenfield** visited the **Elys** for a couple of days in Aug, an occasion for party and pics. "In Sep we fly to Norfolk for a 2d Bomber Assoc Reunion, then to DC to see the Redskins, **Carolyn's** son and 3 grandchildren."

**Cal Smith** zeroes in from CO Spgs: ". . . had recent fun visits from **Bill &**



1933: Standing: Meals, Senter, Ely, Leslie, Van Way. Seated: Goldie Van Way, Jane (Beeler) Greenfield, Helen Ely, Ruth Leslie and Carolyn Senter

**Helen Ely, Mac & Dodie McClelland.** Bill shot a cool 75 (his age) resulting in unpleasant extractions from my pocket-book. Mac & Dodie, visiting their attractive daughter Libba Barnes, looked fine and in good spirits. Svava Chapman took pics during a xtail-supper given by Libba. Our only absentee was Miss Atha Moorman who's been in and out of hosp but is feeling better."



1933: Wally Thinnes at Schloss Petronell

We're indebted to GEN Bruce Clarke's son, Bruce Jr, for the pic of Wally Thinnes in his beautiful Austrian schloss on the Danube. "As you can see," writes Bruce, "he looks well and vigorous, and he is."

"We've had several hotly contested all '33 foursomes," sez George Van Way, "and are now proposing that the center of the '33 Intl Golf Tourny be moved to Carmel, the center of the golf world. C'mon out and bring your sticks!"

#### CLASS MATTERS

**Nature of This Column.** Some readers may note that, perhaps naturally and unavoidably, our news deals increasingly with the mortal aspects of our lives. No less noteworthy, we hope, these notes reflect the character, the courage and the philosophy with which our people "accept what they cannot change,"—and the loyalty with which they help each other through the barbed wire, and over the rough terrain.

**Old Letters and Papers.** Recently we sent a copy of Bob Speiser's war diary to

the US Army Mil History Inst (Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013-5008). The dir wrote, "The Speiser diary is just the sort of material [we want]. Part of our mission is to serve as the Army's central collection point for all personal, unofficial papers such as diaries, letters home, and reminiscences, which will then complement the official documents and records [of] the Natl Archives."

The AOG and the Archives Dept, USMA Library, are also interested in getting copies of graduates' papers, published items, etc.

**'33 Intl Golf Tournament.** See next notes for winners.

**Class Luncheon with USNA '33.** Will have been held 17 Nov, Ft Myer.

**Earlier Deadline for Next Class Notes.** To me NLT 12 Dec 87, please.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

'34

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**Pee Wee Fellenz**, invalid for 11 yrs by a series of strokes, died 21 Aug in St Petersburg, FL. Mary, with their 3 daughters and 3 sons, attended the Arlington funeral. Pallbearers were Marshall Stubbs '29, Bob Breeden, Burt Bruce, P Stanley Brown, JB Richardson, and Johnny Stevens who is Class reporter in DC and NVA. Mary Fellenz's loving attendance through those yrs for Pee Wee at home and in nursing care, and his love of public TV carried him through with sunshine. Mary's messages always come through loud and clear with "a toast to the gallant gentlemen of '34!" Even in bereavement! What an inspiration Mary is to us left behind.

**Bob Bahr** died 28 Jun in Savannah. Bob had returned there with Mary Ann after ret, having served as CO Savannah Engr Dist. He had been in on planning and constructing 3 hydroelectric flood and control projects. Bob was also active in local political, anti-crime and civic orgs. The Savannah Press tribute closed with, "Good soldier and always a good citizen. The world needs more Bob Bahrs. We're glad he shared his last 25 yrs with us." Cy Betts sends—Bob Bahr's death occurred without any of us knowing anything about it. We simply had no opportunity to express our sympathy with the usual flowers. I wrote to Mary Ann to say that even so his classmates want to do something, and I now have the address of the St John's Episcopal Church to which I am sending an appropriate memorial. Mary Ann's letter told me a lot about Bob that I didn't know, although I suppose I'd have a better awareness if I had read his bio in the "50th" book. He said there that the Army had put him out to pasture in 1960 for a heart disability. The story Mary Ann

tells is the way we'd all like to go—easy and neat, but hard on the survivor. I'll quote her letter, "Bob's death was very sudden—a wonderful way to die but gee—what a shock. We had been to a midday party, got home about 2:45. Bob said he felt dizzy and that was it. He was gone by 3:00—no pain, no fear, just no pulse. I had called the EMS and they were setting up to do an EKG. I was holding up his arm to help the EMS technician when I realized no pulse. I am so glad I was right there with him." Jack White now has in his hand a "position" paper from Bill Kern and Johnny Stevens that is negative to the proposal of Jabo's comm who are unanimously in favor of their original recommendation. Jack plans a letter to the Class sending Jabo's report and the Stevens/Kern shot. The rest is up to the Class as a whole, at least those who choose to vote when the time comes. Jack also has Paul Hanley's agreement to chair the Reunion Comm of Bill Neal, Bob Finkenauer and Ellis Davis.

From Gainesville, GA, Lydia McCrary sends this heartwarming recital of her life since Tom's death. Hats off! to Tom's OAO.

"Dear Class of '34,

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation for all of the expressions of sympathy, flowers, memorials, and letters sent to me by the Class and individual members of the Class. I was overwhelmed and am deeply grateful.

"I have endeavored to return to the main stream of life as quickly as possible. There were very big hurdles to overcome. How could I be comfortable with Tom's close friends and classmates without him by my side? Our friend BG (Monty & Willa) Montgomery solved that problem for me by taking me with them for a mo tour of the Orient. We were in Japan, Korea, Thailand, China, and Hong Kong.

"On 2 Sep, I leave with 3 of my art students for a wk in Paris and a wk in the Chateau country of France. They will return home and I will fly to Ger to be with our daughter Jenny. She now lives in Neesbach, Ger, a small town near Frankfurt.

"All of this traveling would not have been possible if it had not been for our son Rex & his wife Jean staying in our home while I am away. Jean supervises the care of my mother while I am gone. She is still in her own home at 98 yrs of age.

"Now I know I can manage alone. I plan to represent Tom at the 55th Reunion, I know he would want it that way."

Faith escorts Hal Edson to and from the hosp for frequent care. New drug and catheterization treatment are helping.

Gene Corrigan, driving through SEDC was mugged badly and robbed.

Send him & **Hope** get well messages *por favor*.

**Jim Snee & Louise** writing to Pres White—thank comm for a super-grand mini in San Antone. Jim continues—“Tell **Patsy** that I enjoyed dancing with her. In fact that was the last time I was able to dance. I hadn’t been feeling at all up to par and when we got to Pensacola we put in at the Naval Hosp where I passed out and stayed for two wks. When I came to again I was in intensive care wondering what all the tubes were and why all the attention. Louise filled me in. It seems I had septicemia (whole body blood poisoning) caused by diverticulitis. There was an abscess on my liver and a gall bladder full of stones. I’m OK now except for a bothersome colostomy. It has been a long hot summer but it ends next wk when I go back to Pensacola and have things reversed.

“My doctor here says I’m a survivor. I tell him I know but how many times do I have to prove it?”

“Regards to all the guys and gals and see you at the next reunion.”

**Jack & Ruth Renfroe** write, “The TX get-together—Even though we had committed ourselves to attending, asked ourselves if we really felt it would be worthwhile. Well, as soon as we got to Santonio and got swept up in the activities, we knew we had been right in attending. We just felt sorry for those who were unable to be there.

“Driving eastward toward Houston after the reunion, we got a real taste of TX friendliness. Our alternator suddenly went on the blink, and *four* times we got helpful battery jumps from natives of that great state—twice from the same people, and once from a TX Ranger!

“We returned to NC by way of Palm Beach, FL, where we attended the wedding of John Dick, CPT, USA Med Corps, the son of Somers Dick ’35. Finally got back to Asheville on 4 Apr, the day after a record breaking 13-in snowfall there.

“On 28 May we pulled up stakes from the house we had occupied here since 78 and moved about 1/3 mi down the road to a new condominium area appropriately called the “Timbers” since the builders preserved every tree they could possibly spare. It is all on a steep hillside; we, fortunately, are at the lowest level, in one side of a two family structure. We still have a great view of the mtns but are not so high up the hill as to give us headaches in winter (we hope!).

“Our new address is 1502 Timber Dr, Asheville, NC 28804, phone (704) 253-7028.”

**Betty Moseley** writes from AL, “Ironic that today the *ASSEMBLY* arrived, the day that **Jeff** went to rest.

“’34 seems to be on the road—great! Just now I’m content to battle Montgomery and environs. A lovely dinner at Ft

Rucker-USMA reunion. Not too many grads around here, even though the Air Univ—mostly AF Acad folks.

“So glad to see pics of old friends—sorry I couldn’t get to SA—it must have been a grand time. It’s wonderful to see and read about our peers.

“Spent a bit of time in NH with my son Dick, now ret LTC—lovely country. Much love to all.”

John Cleveland ’33 writes of our classmate: “**Edmundo Valdez Murillo**, in Houston hosp during Class mini, returned to Ecuador in Jul. Surgery included several bypasses, long-time cardiac intensive care. **Maria Angelica** and M.A. Jr were with Ed. E.V. Jr also joined to help family morale. Edmundo Valdez is my first cousin (his father and my mother were brother and sister). Incidentally, Edmundo’s father, Enrique Valdez is a natl hero in Ecuador—died in combat (he was a COL) fighting the Peruvians in a border war in the early 1900s. A postage stamp commemorates his memory.

Our peripatetic Chakalakas (TX runners) **Dudley & Frankie Wilmeth** eulogize the Elderhostel movement as the most economical, congenial and comfortable way to see the world “and have your brain stirred.”

How **Frankie** keeps up with him I dunno but the Whirling **Dudley** (Wilmeths), the Elders in Elderhostels (my pun, don’t blame Dud) attended one wk sessions at Kearney State NE, Mountain Center, CO, U of WY, a Laramie Bar Ranch, UT State at Logan, U of UT and U of Nogales, AZ. Dud sez, “this will be our last yr. We set out to do the original 50 locations but the number of attractions has increased to more than 1000. That’s faster than light.”

Now on with the ubiquitous classmate—saw **Clark & Marian Lynn** in Lawton, OK. “They were in good health and had a new Buick 4 days old. We enjoyed tamales, enchiladas, guacamole and pralines—all served Carta Blanca. We saw **Bill & Anna Wise**, and **Dick Legg** and his daughter **Karen** at the Wise home overlooking Boulder. It is a beautiful location where you can breathe clean, fresh air and drink the water, if it’s in Coors beer. **Bill & Anna** were leaving the next wk for a cruise on board a friend’s ship (now I know the real meaning of ‘friendship’) in WA.

“We saw **Fern Huffsmith** in Loveland, CO. She has a beautiful location in Big Thompson Canyon and the river is 30 ft from her kitchen door where the trout gather for handouts and get hooked.

“We talked to but didn’t get by to see **Dede & Evelyn Simenson** in Boulder. They live on Old Tale Rd, a name that has always intrigued me.

“We visited **Lee & Mary Ingram** at Leisure World in Mesa, AZ. They have a home right on the golf course. The Ingrams ‘motor home’ around the nation

and had just returned from FL in time to get caught in my ‘Classmate-Trap.’

“We visited **Nadine Shaughnessy** in Phoenix. She still retains ‘world traveler’ status and her passport frequently needs a supplement for additional visas.

“When we were in Salt Lake, we visited Ft Douglas, a beautiful old post, but only learned that it is cmded by COL Fred Hillyard, son of **Harry & Eddrea** when we saw **Polly Elliott** in El Paso.

“We saw the Hubbards of **Harry & Charlotte Hubbard’s Hefty Heifers**—the 4-H Club of Harry’s Marfa Ranch. **Axel & Dotty Waugh** getting some respite from his completed tour of CMC, MOWW, are packing for Denver, Hong Kong and Bangkok. This El Paso partying is the best thing north of the border.”

Dud winds up with, “During his 3-yr term as scribe, voluntary contributions from classmates not only paid for all scribe activities associated with the 50th, and not only did it not cost the Class Fund one cent, but left the Fund \$1000 richer. What other class can say that? That’s why ’34 is UNIQUE!”

**Polly Elliott** brags: “My grandson **Chip** (Charles B Elliott IV) is in the Class of ’90. Are there any other grandchildren of ’34 in the Class of ’90?”

**Betty & Dick Moorman** write, “We have been back in El Paso in our new home since Christmas 86. We would love to have you drop in at 614 Bluff Canyon Circle, El Paso, TX 79912, (915) 584-7690.” Dud continues—**Dick Moorman** wore his WP sweater. We ate outdoors around **Alex Stuart’s** swimming pool. He wore black, gold and gray—and his ’34 bolo, made by **Betty Moorman** who gave all of us one at our 45th Reunion. **Charlotte Hubbard** says a woman’s work is never done. She had just cleaned 3 houses at the ranch in Marfa. **Alex** is the dedicated leader of a gp he has formed to try to get psychiatrists, psychologists and educators to see that the nation’s future lies in the dev of character in our children. He has founded the Natl Character Lab and devotes his time, his talent and his resources to it.

“In summary, there is no other enjoyment that can equal that of being with classmates. How lucky we are to have finished the Academy at the same time.

“**Frankie & I** are going home to settle down for a long time. In Dec we’ll send you a two-line Christmas card for your Jan deadline. Sincerely, Dud.”

**Moon & Nancy Northam** in summer operate a beach colony at Small Point, ME; they winter at FL home. This yr they attended her 50th at Punahou, HI and had visits with **Harry & Mildred Lardin** and **Jack & Chizu Stanley**. After a stroke **Harry** is making a remarkable comeback under **Mildred’s TLC**. Photo shows their mini-reunion with **Bill & Anne Kern, Johnny & Francie Stevens**, and **Gene & Hope Corrigan** at daughter



1934: Northam, Lardin and Stanley in HI

Sally Northam's home in Silver Spring, MD. Taking time out from resort operation the Northams attended their 3rd Elderhostel at Mont Allison Univ, New Brunswick, near Nova Scotia.



1934: Northams, Kerns, Corrigan and Stevenses in Silver Spring

Dale Smith pens, "While cleaning up my files one day I found I had all the letters I had written to my family during plebe yr along with most of the letters they'd written to me. I put them in chronological order and they made an interesting nostalgic history of our yr of travail. Virginia urged me to annotate them and make a book of it. Perhaps she figured this would keep me out of trouble. I have worked on the project off and on for about 7 yrs.

"My plebe yr 'wife,' John Lawlor helped me with his letters as did Tom Foote and Ralph Bucknam. Other classmates provided anecdotes. Red Reeder gave me much good advice and encouragement and suggested I include material about WP today so that the book might interest young people. This required a lot of research and several interviews with helpful plebes. The book should be out next spring, the title *Cradle of Valor*—a phrase my father used in a letter." Dale requests photos from your "A" book and anecdotes. He'll edit and return all items faithfully cared for . . . and promises to make the 55th.

Scribe & Muff had a delight filled visit and dinner with John & Janet Diefendorf at their new investment in ret living: Williamsburg Landing is a sumptuous community on the James River.



1934: John & Janet Diefendorf at Williamsburg Landing, VA

Chez Dief is luxurious with handsome antiques and reproductions, their quarters match the colonial decor of the community. A visit with them is worth a hundred pictures and will get you a delectable meal at the Landing. Use old phone no to confirm your reservations with your gracious hostess and host.

Dief has written several poems which, after copyright, he plans to release to the ASSEMBLY. One, a sort of Alma Mater for sports teams put to music by Cy Betts, would replace a few Army fight songs lost through lack of use. We hope to publish in next issue.

Dief is recovering from 3rd cataract operation, all successful cornea transplants. One membrane done second time by laser to create diaphragm. Hardy Dief in and out of clinic in 15 mins and drove home!



1934: Tyson, Ward, Blair with Evelyn Ward, Helen (Routh) Bentley and Muff Blair at Ward's annual bash

Pete & Evelyn Ward gave their annual party for mil and civ friends. Classmates there shown in photo. Lil Tyson and John & Janet Diefendorf were temporarily under the weather. Pete sez son Nat & his wife Diane will make Oct visit to Hampton in exchange for srs' San Diego trip to grandson's HS graduation.

Pete & Ev made fall visit to Bailey Isl, ME with Grace & Harry King '33, and will cruise Caribbean in Nov. Pete complains, "Evelyn will not let me stay home."

Reunion 55 comm welcomes ideas and volunteers. Also, the following may

have missed the ASSEMBLY announcement. Former roommates please get in touch with Andrews, Bejma, Bolland, TT Brown, Bucknam, Canterbury, Cheston, JP Craig, Dany, Donovan, Ebel, Gould, Hill, Hillis, Hollingsworth, Inman, Joe Johnson, Kopcsak, Lamb, John Lawlor, Legg, Moore, Petty, Sebastian, Smyser, Valdez, and Williams.

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On 14 Sep there were 15 at our first luncheon at McNair: Everett, Musgrave, Twitchell, Rumsey, Rogers, Taylor, Waterman, Robbins, Chapman, Schlanser, Simpson, Patterson, Wheeler, Bowyer, and Anderson.

A note from Harry Lewis tells that he & Edith were at the mini in HI. Our apologies for the omission. Harry also reports that the day after their return from HI he went into the hosp to have his first hip replacement replaced. In Jun the Lewises went to NY for his daughter's wedding and also attended a musical event at which Edith's granddaughter participated, having a featured solo number.

Tom Gillis says that while no classmates have come to visit, he & Billie did have a visit from Vada Porter Ward, daughter of Glenn Porter '33. Tom & Billie went to Atlanta to visit their son George and to Chapel Hill for the wedding of their daughter Lee's stepdaughter.

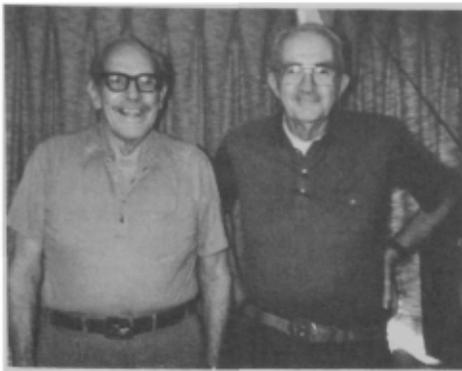


1935: Billie Gillis, Vada Porter Ward and Tom Gillis

Ellery & Page Niles went to CO Springs in Aug to visit Moose & Betty Miller. Moose had a heart pacemaker installed in May and is getting along very well.

The winters north of WP were getting to be too much so Iron Man & Dotty Russell have moved from Newburgh to Williamsburg, VA. By the time you read this, their new address and other changes should be on hand in a revised Class roster.

Jack Rhoades was appointed the honorary colonel of the 4th Cav Regt. He



1935: Moose Miller and Ellery Niles

visited Ft Stewart, 2nd Sq of the 4th and was impressed by the professionalism and quality of the NCOs.

In Jul Frank & Denny Murdoch's children hosted, at the Murdochs', a dinner on Sat and a brunch on Sun to celebrate Frank's birthday.



1935: Front: Murdoch, Anderson, Martin. Rear: Robbins, Symroski, Wheeler

Ralph Haines reports that the Haineses and Ferrises took a bus trip, sponsored by the San Ant chapter of TROA, to the Big Bend area. They toured the countryside, rafted through canyons on the Rio Grande and visited old Ft Davis and the McDonald Observatory. . . . Ralph is pres of the WP Soc of South TX. Bud Russ, George Ruhlen and Ralph heard the new C/S, Vuono '57, speak at the OC at Ft Sam and were reassured about the present state of the Army. Ralph was in DC in Aug for the annual Army Leadership Seminar and while there, he spoke on Sun morning at the Episcopal Church of the Apostles in Fairfax.



1935: Ferrises and Haineses

Carmon Rogers has learned that the library at WP is interested in acquiring personal papers, including diaries, scrapbooks, photographs, correspondence and other memorabilia that represent the true picture of life at WP. The library is also interested in obtaining text books from our time. If you have any of the above and wish to turn them over to the library, contact Mrs Marie Capps, Map and Manuscript Librarian, Library, West Point, NY 10996.

With regret we report the following and extend our sympathy to our classmates and their families: **Break Breakefield** died on 29 Jul, the day he returned home from the Natl Rehabilitation Center. He was buried at WP on 5 Aug with the **Russells** and **Wiechmanns** present at the service which had been prepared by Break's daughters. **John Growdon** died in San Ant on 31 Jul and his ashes were interred at the Ft Sam Natl Cemetery on 6 Aug. **Ralph Haines** delivered the eulogy and present were **Ruh lens**, **Stillmans**, **Ferrises**, **Rhoadeses**, **Armogidas**, **Russes**, **Downs Ingram**, **Ella Wallace**, **Sally Haines**, **Ethel O'Connor**, and **Laura Riemenschneider**. One of John's two daughters, Mrs Robert T Foister, 733 Spartan Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309, asked Ralph to put a note in **ASSEMBLY** for a classmate to write John's obit. **Aaron Harris** suffered a stroke on 12 Aug and was taken to the hosp at Ft Benning where he died on 7 Sep. He was buried at WP on 14 Sep and **Joe & Jean Wiechmann** attended the service. **Isabel Bidgood's** daughter **Jane Best** died from accidental drowning on 18 Sep and was buried at Arlington on 22 Sep.

'36

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It was farthest from our thoughts, back in May when we were enjoying the pleasant reunion at Hilton Head, that we now could report on the biggest *mini*-reunion in CA and an upcoming cruise in the Caribbean! As Ollie North would say, "I think that's neat!"

Well, the CA bash started after **Tom Hayes** and **Ace Miller** solicited the gang in Jun and we met in Monterey and Carmel. There was a cocktail party at **Jane Kinard's** (it's now **Jane DELINGER** because the affair was an announcement affair too). Congratulations to **Jane & Wayne**. Not only do we wish them the *very* best, but we'd like Wayne "to join the Class too." He has been **Jane's** neighbor for a number of yrs and they plan to "stay put" in their home overlooking beautiful Monterey Bay. Following **Jane's** we had a splendid banquet at a hotel in Carmel. Here were those in attendance: **Buynoskis**, **Duins**,



1936: '36's new bride & groom—Jane & Wayne Delinger

**Finkels**, **Gages**, **Hayes**, **Janof**, **Jane & Wayne**, **McCorkles**, **Ace Miller**, **Persons**, **SE Smiths**, **Tetleys**, **Walkers**, **Meanys**, and **Jim Weaver**.



1936: Meanys, Duins and Buynoski—cocktailing at Jane & Wayne's

While on the peninsula we also saw **Bob & Charlotte Fergusson**. Bob was moving about and looked very good after his month earlier heart bypass. Unhappily we visited the **Millers** and found that **Jean** wasn't up to par because she had recently suffered a small heart attack. We trust she'll get well quickly.



1936: Tiger, Josh, and Bill in Carmel

Up in San Fran we had a delightful evening with **Jack Aldridge & wife Ethel (Crockett)**. He's very familiar with a bunch of '36 AF types and she's a Vassar classmate of **Julie Abrams**. We were particularly pleased that she delivered a long overdue obituary on **Wirt Crockett**. In this regard **Phil Greene** rendered the Class and **Marian Godfray** loving devo-

tion in putting together an obit on Leonard who sacrificed his life early on D-Day, Normandy. It would certainly be a tremendous service to the Class if there are those of you who can promote or assist in the completion of memorial histories for those of the Class who have long been separated from us.

While in the Golden Gate area we also learned of the death of our classmate **Wilmer (Bill) Landry** who passed away from heart failure 13 Jun. He lived alone in the Berkeley area. Bill was a wonderful person and we regret that he did not have closer ties to the Class. He has a sole, lovely daughter living in Hong Kong and she has promised to help recount his past yrs.

As to next yr's cruise . . . you know of course that Larry started off with a blistering (and the weather was hot too) solicitation in Jul for an ocean holiday next Mar. This will be the *first* Class reunion by sea since our 1935 voyage on the USAT *Chateau Thierry*. Many of us think of it as a best-place to reminisce about those 53 yrs. Larry is an excellent mgr/guide to have because of his cruise experience (he's probably on the Danube right now). At this early date here are those planning the 4-day trip: **Beard, Chaffins, Combs, Evanses, Gapens, Gages, Grubbess, Harvey, Hay, Hiesters, Holtermans, Hosmers, Joneses, Joyce, Klocks, Laurion, Meanys, Shepards, SE Smiths, Terrell, True, Vincent, Westys, Wildrick, Patty Williams**. Don't any of the rest of you see someone with whom you'd like to visit??? in Mar?

**Bob Breaks** wrote that he & **Mary** are going on a cruise in Nov because she undergoes surgery in Jan. She also has moved into Army Residence with **Grothauses, Torreys, and Powells**. Bob always seems in position to correct errors in this column. His latest was that we changed **Nick Grothaus'** wife's name from Dorothy to Barbara (last issue). We did; and we're very sorry—"Dorothy." **Edna Bess** called from airport on a "stop-thru" trip to FL. The **Broyles** are both in fine shape, although Ned had two coronary bypasses and an aorta valve job in May. **Herb Cady** wrote that he is fine except that trips of any kind are difficult. The **Gages** spent an evening with **Chappelears** in Jul. Since then **Marj** and her daughter had a wonderful trip back to Skye (Scotland). **Bev Combs** received another spinal fusion (her back) in Apr. Nevertheless, she's signed up for the cruise. We all hope she makes it. **Caye Curran** was going to ME to see her daughter in Sep. Hopes to see **Jane Blodgett Andres**. **Karie Dawalt's** mother passed away in early Sep. The Wash gp was hoping to have their annual party in Oct. **Eddie Dunn** has finished **Russ Groh's** obituary. Ed says that the **Powells** are now settled in their new Army residence—4114 Tarlac, San Antonio,

78239. **Velma Harvey** spent some of summer in Seattle and Spokane and is looking forward to seeing the Class again next Mar.

Received one of **Bill Hay's** usually well written letters. It is pleasant to contemplate how nice it will be to see the two most recently "hard hit" widowers in Mar. Priest **Phil Gage** was recently visiting in IL and stopped by to visit with Bill and family. **Foster Furphy** who has lost both a son and wife (both cherished) has moved in with his daughter. He can no longer function by himself. His address is c/o 29 Patty Ln, N Little Rock, AR 72116.

At the moment our '36 cruise has not had the response that we expected. From many of you we've learned however, the reason is that you have already made cruise plans—somewhere else. Perhaps we should announce NOW a cruise for '89 so all of us can plan to be together! The **Hesses** put it this way: 4 yrs ago they went on a two-wk Black Sea cruise and Helen's rheumatism went away (also). Right now they're on another (AK trip)—hoping she'll have another respite (we do too).

The peripatetic **Hiesters** are going on a 47-day circum-South Am trip this fall; yet they'll join us in Mar. A new supe has been appointed for the AF Academy—he'll be the last WP grad. We checked with **Estes** and **Clark** and found that **Brad Hosmer** was undoubtedly considered for the job, but that perhaps he is already too high ranking—and may even get more so. Can you imagine—and he's one of our '36 offspring! Received several notes from **Clark** who kindly keeps regularly in touch and continues optimism about **Lyn**.

**Jane Kinard** has not said when she became Mrs Delinger, but she must by now—be. The **McCormicks** saw **Bill Hay** in St Paul—he came from there originally. They also state that a grandson who's at Notre Dame is going to Rome. Since they've never been, they are now. And that'll be same as "cruise" time—Mar. The **McElhenys** visited the **Hendricksons** at Mesa Verde for a good time. On leaving they stopped in Albuquerque and found that very day **Foster Furphy** was leaving for good (see above). Enjoyed a special breakfast and tour of Pacific Grove, CA with the **Meanys** in Jul. We think he said they are going on a cruise in Nov—and then with '36 in Mar. He said they've been on 36 cruises (about)—and as many as 4 a yr!!!

It's a little incomprehensible when you think about it: there are some of us who stumble and shake, a few who use a cane, and a lot who can't see where they're stepping. So how in h. can that "Speedy Roberto" **Partridge** go two wheeling it down the highways? He sent us a card from WY where he has rented two additional bikes for his two sons. He



1936: Aldridges and Gages

says all's well unless it rains. Then he states that's happened 4 times that morning. So '36 has 3 Hell's Angels! (But that's all there are going to be, we'll betcha.)

Again back to cruises, we saw where **Bill & Elaine Prince** took the AOG AK trip in Jun. **Marge Shuler** has been visiting but still maintains her DC home and address. We talked with her several times in ME. She's with her daughter who lives with her forest ranger husband at about the top of the USA. **Bill Sibert** is back from the med ctr in Ft Sam. His heart condition was not considered serious enough for surgery, so he's back in FL. In early Jul we had a most pleasant day with **Fred Terrell** in San Diego. Shortly after we departed he advised that he'd lost **Annie Lee**. She died of cardiac arrest 17 Jul. Our very best to you **Terrells** who've lost your wife and mother. Until Jul we had not seen **Jim Weaver** since the wonderful **Landrum-HI** reunion several yrs back. It was thereafter sad to learn that **Virginia Weaver** died a long while ago—7 Feb 83. We 4 were together for a wkend at the Volcano House, HI. **Inch Williams** wrote and added to the '36ers who were in the Philippines before and during the war. They were **Bowen, Cook, Miller, Necrason, Pack, Tyler, and Williams, JM** (himself).



1936: Chez Chappelears with Gage guests

Last Jun the Class of '67 held a nostalgic reunion at the Vietnam Memorial in Wash. There they dedicated to their dear departed classmates and comrades a gripping elegy (refer to end of your last ASSEMBLY). We thought you might like

to know that among the casualties was **Jane & Jack Kelly's** beloved son, CPT **JE Kelly, Jr.** Additionally, on deaths-to-graduates percentages, the Class of '67 lost 5%. Your Class losses in WWII were 6%!!

Some of you may have heard the rumor: starting with the next issue of **ASSEMBLY** (and this column), you will be receiving five (instead of four) issues during the calendar yr (they haven't told us if this is going to cost more for our subscriptions!!). The new schedule for your receipt of **ASSEMBLY** will be: #1 middle of Feb; #2 mid Apr; #3 mid Jul; #4 mid Oct; and last—mid Dec. As scribe, we are not all that excited about the change, because we feel it will amount to more work at 2128 Belvedere. However, consider it from the West Point of view: they feel that 1) news can be more timely (?); 2) with so many more readers than of yore (50 yrs ago), there may be more space for longer-living and larger graduating classes; and 3) mayhap **ASSEMBLY** editors will have a little more space for feature items and info about USMA. Let's be positive and wish **ASSEMBLY & Co Bonne chance!**

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Because of space limitations in my last column I was unable to finish the news from the 50th. Many had to cancel out for one reason or another. **Clagett** had, as he tells it, a routine op and his doc advised against travel. Our sweet **M & M Edwards** both had serious health problems. Up until the wkend before, **Meyer** planned to come but then had to have an eye op. After that he entered Letterman with a slight stroke, developed pneumonia and had to undergo chemotherapy for a rare form of cancer which he has been battling for 10 yrs. After working on the reunion arrangements with **Dolly Wilhoyt**, **Dorothy Preston** took off for Milan and cruised from Genoa clockwise around the Med to Portugal and then to Engl. **Joe Chabot** had a seizure after they returned to NH from FL. With gall bladder and liver problems he lost a lot of weight but is recovering nicely. **Moose Hackford** had a freak accident resulting in a bad concussion and 14 days in ICU at Fitzsimmons Hosp. The **Burtens** cancelled because **EY** had not recovered sufficiently from his brain op. **Stegmaier** couldn't leave his ailing **Ruby**. **Jim Skeldon** had an episode at Tahoe the wk before the reunion and had to remain in SF for further testing. **Martin** had to have his other knee replaced. He is now somewhat taller without his bowlegs and enjoying his new **Le Sabre**. **Buck Forney** called me just before the reunion to say that he couldn't make it. He sounded poorly.

At the Fri night dinner dance, **Finn** read messages from the **Kelsie Reaveses** in MN and the **Hallocks** in So Africa. Incidentally, the **Hallocks** were cited in the *Congressional Record* in connection with his work with the Intl Sr Exec Corps during which he developed a prototype plan for black businessmen and white volunteers in So Africa. **Patricia** is working with black homeless children. **Finn** also read a stirring letter to **Jim Duncan** from his WWII bn honoring him on the occasion of his 50th and their reunion in Las Vegas which he could not attend.

In preparing these notes I referred to **Frazier's** extensive files and was amazed at the prodigious reunion correspondence he had with classmates. In addition, he helped **Scott Hall** on the 50 yr book (the photo layout is his handiwork) and handled all the bus arrangements. Thanks to him, two busloads of us and some from '22 and '27 had a rollicking good time to and from WP while **John & Pat** worried about all the details, ably assisted by **Luke Hoska**, daughter **Muffie**, **Dotti Scheidecker** and **Lorrie Spaulding**. We departed Ft Myer in a drizzle and returned in a cloudburst with beautiful weather in between.

After the reunion, some took off for distant parts. The **McDowells** accompanied the **Registers** to their home in VT before returning to Houston. The **Mur-rays** went to Switzerland, the **Metzes** to Montreal. The **Steelys** visited their daughter in MD where her husband had supervised the renovation of the Lord Baltimore Hotel. **Baker** also said that **Eric Dougan's** daughter is taking care of him (an Alzheimer's victim). **Chet & Molly Johnson** went to the British Isles and the **Ericksens** cruised New England before returning home. The **Wilhoys** attended their grandson's grad from Dartmouth, magna cum laude, with a BA. He is now studying CE at Stanford U. The **Georges** visited their former hometown in PA where he had been grand steward of the groundhog that made Puxsatawny famous. **Bud Hines**,



1937: Bud Hines, Betty Spengler and the Van Volkenburghs

worried about why the **Van Volkenburghs** missed the reunion, swung by

Nashville on his way home and found them in good shape as shown in the photo. That is a slave cabin on the Andrew Jackson plantation. **Betty** is in the pic because she was hitching a ride with **Bud** on her way to a family reunion in St Louis.

On 4 Jun the **Fraziers** had an after-action critique and celebration of the conclusion of the successful 50th. After dinner, **John** presented **Wil** the 50th Reunion Gold Medallion Award, lovingly crafted by him. The accompanying citation proclaimed our undying gratitude to **Wil & Dolly**. Later in Jun the **Gildarts** entertained the reunion workers with a dinner party.

In early Jun **Stu O'Malley** called to reminisce about the reunion. I learned that daughter **Meredith** made him a first time grandpa. He & **Dorothy** were off to Honolulu to visit son **Mike**, **Meredith** and her newborn. Son **George '70**, advisor to the Saudi NG, is on his 6th contract. Son **Tom**, an old salt, is skipping a boat around Kwajalein.

On 11 Jun, **Jerrie Stumpf** had a very nice luncheon at the Wash Arboretum before which we enjoyed a guided tour of the beautifully landscaped grounds.

On 17 Jun the **Teeters** had a delightful cocktail buffet at Ft McNair. Chatting with **Madeleine Cain**, I learned that they had their 7th grandchild, **Ryan Michael Sean Cain!**

The Jun luncheon attended by 19 was the liveliest ever. **Giles Evans**, who was in town for the HS grad of their grandson, joined us. Most of the discussion



1937: Carol Evans and son Mike

was about the 50th. **Trix Zehner** wrote to **Wil**, "The best reunion ever. I was overwhelmed by the love and friendship among us that has endured with such grace for 50 yrs." **Robbins** canceled out because he felt lousy and then found out he had pneumonia which antibiotics cured.

In Jun we had a note from **Alice Westover** enclosing some news clippings of our wedding and other memorabilia which she and her sister **Polly Frink** found in their scrapbooks. **Alice** has a grandson at the Mandarin Inst in Taipei which gave her a good excuse to visit the FE recently.

Founders Day news was a little late. **Carmen Clagett** wrote and sent a clipping of the SW FL Chapter's observance on 28 Mar at Fiddlesticks CC at Ft Myer, FL which they attended. The **Ingmires** attended the Ft Sill dinner and a photo shows a happy, healthy, and handsome couple. Sadly, in a note to Wil later, **Ed**



1937: Dorothy & Ed Ingmire

said that after 30 yrs of near perfect health he became seriously ill, which explains their absence from the reunion.

Jun is the mo for wedding anniv. The **Prentisses** started off on the 26th with an elegant black tie affair at the Bethesda Navy OC. Many classmates & wives together with other mil and civ friends helped them celebrate their 15th. The happy couple demonstrated their proficiency on the dance floor. **Corinne** has brought him a long way from the days of **M Vizay**.



1937: Prentisses, Comptons and Rae McDowell

The first Jun golden I've had word of was the **Connellys'**. Their children and grandkids staged a lovely one for them 27-28 Jun at the Holiday Inn, Windsor, Ontario. Last spring they had a nice vacation with son **Kevin** and family in HI. **Stan** had a chance to test the beautiful waves around the isl and also to be flown to Molokai by **Kevin** who is a DC-9 CPT with Hawaiian Air. The **Gildarts** celebrated theirs with family during a vacation on Lake George, 16 Jul. Another was celebrated on the 28th when the **Seedlocks'** children held a reception for them at the Anderson House in DC, Hq of the Cincinnati. We had an opportunity to meet son LTC **Bob Jr** & his wife



1937: Cutting the cake—Bob & Tense Seedlock

**Joanne**, daughter **Beth** and **Norman Morisette**, another son and daughter **Walt** and **Becky**, and **Bob's** sister **Mary**. It was a grand affair in the lovely mansion and gardens and was attended by their many friends including several visitors from out of town: **Anne & Pop Metz** (on crutches with an ailing knee), **Phoebe Cromelin** and **Mildred Fish**. The **Luteses**, out of circulation for mos because of **Louise's** badly fractured arm, were there. **Bob Seedlock Jr** is MSC at Sill and is a member of the Cincinnati, being a descendant of an off of the line during the Revolution. Congratulations to all of the above and also those others I have not heard from—the **Abercrombies**, **Lawsons**, **Lynches**, **Palmers** and **Richards**—all in Jun.

After a visit with son **Doug** and family in SF, the **Fraziers** joined the AOG tour gp in Seattle, 16 Jun and renewed old acquaintances with the **Grahams**, **Ohmans**, and **Van Vliet** over cocktails at the Hyatt Regency. They toured Anchorage, Denali Natl Park and Fairbanks, where they cruised the Chena and Tanana Rs on a stern wheeler. From **Whittier** they returned to Vancouver on the *M/V Regent Sea* stopping at Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. **John** said they had plenty of salmon and saw much beautiful scenery.



1937: Kay Ames, Teeters, Metz, Cains and Maliszweskis

During the Jul luncheon, discussions covered the Golden Gate in 88 and the administrative details of the 50th yr book which was mailed mid-Sep. If you have not received yours, contact **Scott Hall**.

I passed up the Aug luncheon to go to Wintergreen Mtn Resort with **Fran** and the **Fraziers** to enjoy a long wkend at **Sally Taylor's** chalet, but **Mal** filled me in. The **Ungers** returned from a vacation in Paris. Philatelist **Fred Diercks** announced the issue of a US stamp honoring **WP** on 18 Sep and info was given on the Thayer Award to **Barry Goldwater** at **WP** on 24 Sep. **Trapper Drum** carried the ball on this and thanks the Class for their support in nominating this eminent American. Sen **Goldwater** said, "It is the greatest thing that has happened to me in my life. . . ."

In Sep, **Bill Dodds** touched down at the **Mercados**. He was here to help younger son **Allen** enter NYU for his jr yr.

**Chief Evans** has been keeping me posted on the literary efforts of **Dick Fellows** who, in addition to critiquing other authors on the early days of WWII in PI, wrote an action packed piece for the *Daedalus Flyer*, "The Last Flight into Bataan." He describes his flight from Bataan to Del Monte on Mindanao for med supplies and return via Iloilo, Panay, to pick up jugs of Tiki-tiki, an extract of rice husks containing thiamine. He said that this provided him a one-liner for his future grandkids when they ask, "Grandpa, what did you do in the War?"—"Why kids, I flew Tiki-tiki from Iloilo for beriberi."

**Nobbie Suriya** wrote **Bob Seedlock** in Mar, "my sickness concerning my backbones is not getting better at all. I can still walk, but very awkwardly. I think my time is up soon. I cannot possibly join the 50th . . . but I surely would like to see the book. . . ."

A press release from the AARP cited **Ed Lee** for completing 6 yrs as local coordinator for tax-aid in Puyallup, WA. **Ed** is also a real estate broker and vp of the Seattle WP Soc. He was action off for a dinner honoring entrants to the Class of '91 from Wash State.



1937: Lee & Johnny Zierdt

On 18 Sep an enthusiastic 22 had another successful luncheon. **Meyer Edwards** had to pass the chmship of the SF Mini to **Tom Compton** who will be assisted by **Bill Amos**, **Smalley** and **Worcester**. For the 55th, **Finn** has lined up

the Peekskill Holiday Inn which took such good care of us for the 45th. Historian **Joe Mitchell**, who had written a pamphlet on the subject, gave us a short and interesting talk on the defenses of Wash during the Civil War. I learned from **Bob Gildart** that his daughter Nancy reported that football Hall-of-Famer **Monk Meyer** was honored in Michie Stadium at half time during the Army-Holy Cross game. **Lopez-Duprey** was in town for the luncheon.

Just before closing out the column I got a letter from **Joe Hodges** with interesting info on the new Army prog to carry on the traditions of the old line regts. When called from the Pentagon, and later from Ft Lewis, he thought they were all "bringing back the first team and that all of us WWII types were being reactivated, but quickly realized that the mil could never be that hard up for replacements." He was made an honorary COL in the 11th FA Regt with which he has had a long association since '40 in HI. He & **Barbara** were given the VIP treatment which they thoroughly enjoyed.

From the *Furman Golf News*—"This yr's **Tank Hardaway** Tournament is once again scheduled for Labor Day. . . ." Proceeds are donated to Tank's favorite charity, Meals on Wheels.

**Meyer Edwards** died early morning 22 Sep in Letterman Hosp, SF. He was buried the following Mon at WP in accordance with his expressed desire. **Mary** said that his love of WP and classmates intensified in later yrs. He never missed a chance to be with them. He was very disappointed in not being able to go to the 50th—and so were all of us, **Mary**.

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Two classmates have joined the Long Gray Line and two other deaths have occurred since the last *ASSEMBLY* column. We sympathize deeply with their families in their bereavement. 15 Aug **John Carusone** died while asleep during the early morning due to "myocardial event." While subject to high blood pressure he was otherwise in good health during Jul physical exam. 19 Aug memorial services were held in Glastonbury, CT and 21 May he was interred at USMA. He is survived by **Mary Beth**, spouse for 40 yrs; son **John F**, a local banker; and two daughters from **John's** first marriage. 18 Sep **Paul Preuss** died of a heart attack in hosp in San Ant. For many mos he had been treated for cancer. 21 Sep he was buried with full mil honors at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. Classmates attending with wives were **Batterson**, **Bayer**, **Coira**, **Irvin**, **Kieffer**, **Polhamus**; also by **Artman**,

**Knox**, **Strand**, **Wallace**, **Jo Ryan**, and **Elizabeth Sawyer**. He is survived by his widow **Mona**, two sons **Mark** and **Paul**, two grandchildren, 3 brothers, and 5 sisters. 6 Sep **Robert Bixby**, son of **Betty & George** and nephew of **Bill Walson**, died of ALS (Gehrig's disease) and was buried in Denver. Bob graduated from Rensselaer Polytech; vol for mil services—OCS grad, Purple Heart and Bronze Star in Vietnam; worked with IBM after mil svcs and then his own bldg construction bus until his illness; survived by his widow **Joyce**.

12 Jul from **Dallas Haynes**, "Mabel Haynes Stebler died of cancer in early Feb. Her 6 children and 5 of her grandchildren attended a memorial svcs in San Fran which included commitment of her ashes to the Pacific Ocean. **Dallas & his wife Lida Belle**, her sister, were present."

5 Apr **Bea & Cliff Riordan** visited their daughter and his sister in MD. Cliff ran in the DC 10-mi Cherry Blossom Race with 5000 runners and won an over-70 award. 18 Jul **Cliff** swam 800 meters as member of winning Sr Teamathlon in annual competition sponsored by FL Track Club. 14 Jun **George & Betty Bixby** had a prominent role in dedication of Fairfax Army Ret Community to be built by Marriott, Inc, on site near Belvoir. 29 Jun **Frieda Russell** visited Den-



1938: Bixbys as first official residents unfurled Fairfax flag

mark, Ger, France and England during 4 wks with sunshine only about 7 days. She enjoyed Eur despite rain.

22 Jul **Louise Brown** moved to a condo on Lake Hartwell at this address: 102 Holiday Shores, Clemson, SC 29631. **Joe & Mary Missal** went to Petersburg, VA for their granddaughter's wedding 1 Aug. Their son COL **J Missal '64**, father of the bride, was home from Korea for this occasion. The **Bixbys** went on a Baltic cruise during Aug. Navy Cmdr **Lance Horne & wife Cathy** have moved from NVA with their 3 children to new station in Charleston, SC. **Trudy Han-num** misses her daughter **Cathy** and family. 1 Aug two daughters and spouses and son **Jim** assembled about 70 classmates, wives, widows, and other friends to celebrate the 70th birthday of **Miriam**



1938: Missals at granddaughter Amy's wedding, Greenville, VA

**Lewis**. The weather was favorable for outside dining and visiting with friends. This party was a memorable occasion for **Miriam**, surprising her completely.



1938: Damon Reunion—Leonard Palmer, Harle Damon, Neil Palmer and John Damon

In early Aug **Dolores & John Damon** hosted a Damon family reunion in Rehoboth, DE. "Besides our wives who really made things go, the following USMA grads were present: **Neil Palmer**, brother-in-law, '39; **Harle Damon**, brother, '45; **Leonard Palmer**, nephew, '78. My brother **Richard**, an MD from WI, provided med counsel to all of us." 11 Aug the **Harringtons** drove to Burlington, VT for a visit to the area where they first met at **Tracy's** first station. En route they visited WP to observe prog on Class gift and preparation for our 50th. 12 Aug **Stilwell** received from American Battle Monuments Commission a scroll signed by the Pres and Secy of State, appointing him chm of the Korean War Memorial Advisory Bd. 28 Aug **Beverly**, our youngest classmate, celebrated his 70th birthday!

Thirty paid entries for '38 annual Golf Challenge Match have been received. Only **Cos A, C, E, I, and M** have 3 or more entries. Team CPTs should assure completion of all official rounds before deadline 31 Dec 87. During Aug the **Bromileys** went to Ft Rucker to witness a 3rd generation member of their family receive AF pilot wings. Grandson **Jim Harvey**, 2LT USAF, graduated from helicopter sch and his parents (**MG Paul Harvey**, USAF Cmdng Gen, 322 Air Lift

Div & spouse Lynne Bromily Harvey) were there from FRG. Later Dick & Edith drove to VA and MD and saw Dick's sister Betsy & her husband Harry Mason (USNA grad '38) in their home near Annapolis. Edith slipped and fell, breaking a small bone just above the right ankle. USNA provided emergency treatment. In about one wk Edith's right leg and foot were in a cast. With daughter Joan from Burke, VA, they returned home uneventfully. Dick & Edith were impressed by the cooperation of Army, Navy and AF in these recent experiences.

13 Sep from Strand, San Ant, "Neil Van Sickle & Faye Moreland were married on 11 Sep at Carswell AFB with USMA roommate Strand as best man.



1938: Neil Van Sickle & Faye Moreland married 11 Sep 87

The Strands and Neil's brother Earl '46, wife Jean, and daughter Debbie drove to Ft Worth for two days of festivities. Neil & Faye will live in MT—204 Lakeshore Dr, Kalispell, 59901. Neil's other roommate, Jack Chambers & wife Varnell, dined with Neil & Faye but were unable to stay for the wedding due to a planned trip to Jack's boyhood haunts on Mackinac Isl, MI. Mert & Jean Singer keep on the move. During Aug they were in Boston and then NYC to attend some plays. In Sep they were in Las Vegas for a mtg of Natl Assoc of Food Equip Mfgs; then back to Natick for mtg at Army RD&E Ctr. Bob Batterson is making slow but steady recovery from major surgery in Jul. Hugh & Jan Wallace were on a cruise to AK in Jun. Swede & Eleanor Ohman and Eph & Dottie Graham, both '37, were shipmates. While in Anchorage they all spent a delightful evening with Jim & Jinny Isbell. Next day the Isbells flew to Prudhoe Bay for 10th anniv of AK pipeline. 19 Sep the Artmans hosted a lovely party at their beautiful, historic home in Seguin. Upon returning from a round-the-world cruise, Evelyn Hartman gave an elegant party at Ft S Houston OC on 28 Jul honoring her daughter Shirley who was en route to a new job in Manila. Howard & Noli Kenzie's new address is 5100 J D Ryan Blvd, AF Village II, Apt 627, SA, TX 78245. During summer the Macomers enjoyed their condo in CO. In Sep they visited

Cliff's boyhood home in MA. The Strands had a busy Jul when daughter Kristin visited them with 11 yr old Lauren and 3 yr old Justen. The Hallingers returned in Aug from 4 mos in FRG. They lived in Frankfurt while Tug taught bus admin for Univ of MD. In SA, TX, Lynn has started her 3rd yr teaching Eng as a second language to adults in night school."

18 Sep luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by Beverley, Bixby, Brown, Conell, Harrington, Izenour, Lewis, Lotz, Sussman, and Ed Bailey; also by Chavasse, Harrison, Johnson, Missal, Walson, April Adams, Nim Collins, and Chun Cha Ryan. The Mrazeks were at Thelma's college reunion at Duke Univ. The Millers were on an extended trip to HI, Australia, and New Zealand. Dupuy was in Eur. Bill Smith was at Orlando for a 16th Armd Div reunion. Mary Missal was recuperating from a fall at a local shopping ctr. Brown reported that the Class gift for the 50th had been approved and construction is ahead of schedule largely due to the efforts of Ed Machen and Dick Stilwell. Junie Lotz reported for the Prog Comm that all classmates and widows will receive a letter NLT 1 Oct about the 50th Reunion. Hotel reservations at Hotel



1938: Prog Comm—Bixby, Missal, Mrazek, April Adams, Harrington, Lotz, Walson

Thayer must be made NLT 10 Dec to assure acceptance. The Prog Comm met



1938: Prog Comm—Bixby, Lotz, Adams, Harrington, Mrazek and Missal

several times during Jun—Sep to finalize details stated in referenced letter and the Lotzes and Missals went to WP

during Jul for an on site coordination of scheduled events. The referenced letter provides all classmates opportunity to participate in election of Class offs at the 50th for the next 5 yrs. 20 Sep the



1938: Cedar Knoll luncheon—Beverley, Baileys and Margaret Beverley

Beverleys hosted a delightful luncheon honoring their guests, the Baileys, at Cedar Knoll Restaurant overlooking the Potomac. Twenty-seven classmates, wives, or widows plus son Hank, his spouse Betty, and grandson Bryan enjoyed the occasion. Hank is on the Army list for promotion to full COL; grad this yr from AWC and now asgd to Off of Army C of S. He & Betty have just bought a house in Vienna, VA. Another grandson, WW Beverley III is attending college in Austin. The Baileys traveled for about 6 wks this yr in AZ and CO in their new van and trailer. 24 Sep they go to Charlotte, NC, where Ed will attend the 65th Armd FA Bn reunion. Ed was bn cmdr on D-Day Landing in France. Later he was an instructor in such landings at USNA where he acquired some proficiency with motorboats and sailboats. Now he uses his motorboat to participate in managing sailboat races near his home. Mary Missal had recovered enough from her fall to enjoy this luncheon.

Paul Davis is taking 3 college courses at Georgetown U. The Bixbys recently witnessed the swearing in of their grandson Ken Zitz as a midshipman at USNA. The Browns are leaving 3 Oct to visit friends in KC and El Paso, and their son George and family in Santa Fe. During Aug Dick Stilwell spent "10 long days deep in the Philippines, visiting troops in Mindinao, Cebu, Negros, as well as Manila area. Purpose—to develop a personal estimate of situation. Conclusion—Communists have a clear agenda and are on the move. Govt forces are on the defensive. Unless trends are soon reversed, the PI Republic will be lost to the Free World." This was a fact finding visit on his own initiative. Upon his return he gave a 3-hr briefing for the Dept of Def of his estimate of the situation.

Almost 250 classmates, wives, widows or guests have expressed interest in at-

tending our 50th Reunion. Making firm hotel reservations NLT 10 Dec and promptly responding to the referenced letter will help our Program Comm to finalize our arrangements for our 50th. This will be a very special occasion and we hope to see everyone there!

'39

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On the trail of the Anasazi, the "Ancient Ones," who lived in the 4 corners area of UT, CO, NM, and AZ 1400 yrs ago. That's where Nina & I were during Aug. We hitched our trailer to the Suburban and took off visiting Montezuma Castle Natl Park (although M never got there) and the magnificent scenery of Canyon de Chelly near Chinle, AZ, thence to Mesa Verde, CO and on to Sante Fe, NM. We saw and recorded on color slides ruins of their pit houses (c. 600 AD), the very substantial remains of stone apt buildings of up to 200 rooms (pueblos) built in the overhanging walls of the canyons for protection against other tribes (c. 1100 AD), and finally a modern pueblo, still inhabited, at Taos, NM. Of course, we also stopped off at Fun Valley RV Park in So Fork, CO for some fishing and square dancing and a few other places along the way.

During the summer I received several communications concerning **Clarence Riley Bess**, a classmate lost to us for many yrs and just recently found. Riley passed away after a long and painful illness in the VA hosp, Miami, FL on 25 Aug. Before he died he was honored at an Independence Day awards ceremony and decorated with 8 medals earned, but never awarded, for his service in the PI during WWII. Upon receiving a news clipping about the ceremony, I wrote Riley a letter—he had been my roommate yearling yr—and received one in return with a pic enclosed. Some excerpts follow: "Thanks for mentioning my FL address in the Jun issue of the ASSEMBLY. My subscription starts in Dec, so I will look forward to your report on the mil ceremony. I certainly did not expect interest to be so widespread, as I have heard from all kinds of people. Enclosed is a pic of me taken last summer. I have been in the VA hosp since 1 Apr and am home today for a rest. I had cancer of the throat and tongue and first had surgery, then radiation therapy. I could go on for pages but **Bob Haffa** of Homestead, who recently called, is coming up to visit."

**Riley Bess** was found through the dedicated efforts of **Norm Farrell** in preparing the Geographic Directory. One can tell how happy he was to be found. How satisfying this must be to Norm. **Mike Krisman** sent me word in Sep of his



1939: Clarence Bess is decorated by LTC Peter Smith at Veterans Admin Hosp, 4 Jul 87



1939: Clarence R Bess, summer 86

death and interment at WP on 2 Sep. **Don & Dottie Hull** and **Mike & Alys** represented the Class. Riley's sister Mrs Ben Hall and a niece from CA were present. A close friend, Joan Wetmore, who also wrote me about Riley, attended the funeral as well. Riley had a difficult life but kept up his fighting spirit to the last.

Another former roommate, **Bernie Teeters**, died this past summer. Bernie had been suffering from Parkinson's disease for some time. In Jun, he & **Phyllis** moved from Fayetteville, NC to Northfield, VT where Phyll had once lived. Shortly after arrival he checked into a med center there and then into the hosp for a minor op. It was found he was suffering from aplastic anemia. Bernie died on 22 Jun, was cremated and remains interred at WP. **Norm Farrell & Jeannine** went up from Wash. **Earle Lette** who roomed with Bernie all 4 yrs, delivered a moving eulogy. In attendance were Bernie's brothers, children and grandchildren; also a '39 Class son, COL Seth Hudgins, Dep Com, USMA. Bernie, a warm sincere friend, will be sorely missed.

In the past I've written how much I enjoy the scribe asgmt keeping in touch with so many mates, but today I'm not so sure. I have to announce another passing, that of **Danny Nolan** 9 Aug, VA hosp, Long Beach, CA of a heart attack. **Don Miller** sent me the word from Prescott, AZ. He received the news from **Joan Nolan**. In her words, "He did not suffer long and died less than an hr after he

walked into the emergency room at the hosp." Don Miller writes, "Danny closed out his mil career with me at Ft Sam Houston, a fine soldier and very good friend. We have visited a number of times since ret. We'll miss his quick wit and camaraderie!!"

**Farrell** had also written me of the 3 deaths above reported. In addition, he advised of the death of **Sara Smith**, wife of ex-'39 **Walter L Smith**. She died 25 Jan 87. No further details.

**Norm** continues his report with the happy news of 3 marriages in the last few yrs and then more corrections in the Geographic Directory. We all appreciate the diligence and industry he has shown in the compilation of this roster, truly a momentous undertaking. As of now, there is but one classmate still lost, **JW Watt**. The marriages are (1) **PD Wynne** in 84 & wife **Judith**—they continue to live in HH, SC; (2) **Jack Norris** in 84 & wife **Arlene**. Like Jack she is a native of ID; address, Box 102, Payette, ID 83661, tel 208-642-3822. Norm says, "I found Jack's address by writing his son in HI, one of two grads Jack gave USMA. Prompt reply and a most gracious and rapid response from Jack when I wrote to him." (3) **Bud Caffee** on 5 Sep 87 & wife **Joyce**. (This info came from **St Clair**, no more info but Norm thinks they will stay in WI.)

Other corrections to the Directory (Jun 87)—First name corrections, **Lillian Glawe**, **Louise Haffa**, **Wick Hardwick**, **Maria Looney**, **Monk & Elba Maslowski**. Address changes—**Reynolds** 364 Cambridge Ave, Claremont, CA 91711, tel 714-626-3046; new zip **Maslowski** 34630; **Hardwick** 7400 Crestway, Apt 1004, San Antonio, TX 78239, no info on tel change.

**Mike Krisman** has had 64 no-replies to the request for 50 yr book bios. He needs your input. Norm called 7 who promised prompt reply. One was **Wm Carter Stone**, last heard from in 48. "Carter went to dental sch and has practiced near Baltimore for over 35 yrs. He & **Dee** are planning to come to our Oct co-ed luncheon in the Pentagon, as are **Matt & Bel Smith** from CA. Talked to **Fritz Foerster** who is not feeling well and, I feel, would appreciate hearing from old friends."

"Did you know," Norm continues, "that there are 50 grads from the offspring of our Class counting ex-'39er **Andy Gorski's** two? **Andy Kinney** had tail-ender nailed down with Andy, Jr in '81, but along came **Chan Lewis'** daughter **Leslie Ann** in '85 to be our latest grad. She wore stars and was a Rhodes Scholar, too." Norm says he is starting to look to the sons and daughters of '39; would like to hear of them and their achievements, in and out of the service. (So, now's your time to boast, mates!) He would especially like to hear of grads of the other service academies.



1939: Dinner party at Dominion Winery, VA



1939: Page, Collins, Green—grape harvesters at Collins' vineyard

The DC area '39ers had a most enjoyable dinner party at Dominion Winery in rural VA (Lawton Collins is part owner with 9 other growers). Frank & Jackie Newcomer from NJ, Spike & Marge Troiano with 3 guests, Ed Hamilton with son and daughter, Dutch & Marion Kerwin, Andy & Sylvia Gorski, Marshall Wallach, Bob & Helen Page, Walt & Marge Wickbolt, Bob & Vi Camp, Jim & Yolande Collins, Dottie Chapman, Harry & Jane McClellan, Dick & Jean Morrison, Jeannine & Norm Farrell all turned out. Eight '39ers harvested nearly a ton of grapes at Jim Collins' vineyard on Labor Day. They are Page, Collins, Green, Hamilton, McClellan, Yolande Collins, Jeannine & Norm Farrell. Had a delicious lunch and a bottle of last yr's wine.

Bill McCaffrey sent on a letter from Brad Smith who cmded the first US troops to enter combat in the Korean War. He returned for an anniversary celebration. Brad's trip got off to a bad start: he lost his passport 'tween Scottsdale and

L.A.; KAL lost his bag between L.A. and Seoul; and he was stuck in an elevator between floors at Kimpo on arrival. "After the above," he wrote "everything was downhill." The Koreans were thoughtful and generous; arrangements, first class including the round trip air. "We were lucky on the weather; the monsoon didn't start until the day before we left. I missed seeing the 2nd Inf Div due to my 24-hr departure delay getting a new passport. There was a lot of publicity, but the best was the comm from Pyongyang (No Korea). I've enclosed it to give you the full flavor. Bette & I thoroughly enjoyed the trip." The Pyongyang text is too long to repeat here. In short, they called Brad a lunatic who had flown in 37 yrs later making a lot of noise about the threat from the North. That he was a target of public ridicule. "The celebration was a third rate burlesque of the US Imperialists and the Chon Tu-hwan puppets, and a desperate wriggle of those whose days are numbered."

I have a few short notes remaining. Clyde Sutton writes from Atlanta that at the 11 Jun annual luncheon of the WP Soc, the outgoing pres expressed appreciation for Bob Schellman's behind the scenes work keeping the org vibrant and energetic with one of the results—15 highly qualified young people entering with the Class of '91. Jack Habecker wrote after his visit to AZ in Jun that his visit with Riggs & Jane Sullivan in Tubac was very pleasant. Riggs looked good to Ann & Jack, and wife Jane had said that he rode 7 mi on his bike that morning. When Jack visited Bob Sears on his way back to the West after his trip

to WP, Bob did his one arm handstand and promised to do it for us at the 50th Reunion. (So y'all come to see that!) Jack said he would send me the photo to prove the stand but I've not received it yet. I do have a pic of Jack, Ann and Nina taken at my house during their visit which is printed here. And I am sending two pics



1939: The Habeckers and Nina Kepple, Green Valley, AZ

from the AOG AK trip, which was well reported in the Sep issue, p 54.



1939: Bea Crandall, AOG Alaska trip



1939: Minahan and Mildren, Alaska trip

And last, but certainly not the least, a welcome postcard from Phil & Harriet Royce from whom I've not heard in several yrs, but hope to visit in San Rafael, CA in a few wks. They had just returned from visiting old friends in Durham, NH. Phil said, "13 mos past big coronary and stroke; total recovery except for quality of lettering." He asked us out.

We'll visit the Royces when we go to Monterey, CA to see our newest granddaughter born 28 Aug. Nina's daughter

Jeanne & husband Bob Edson, a LT USN, are in Monterey where Bob is doing grad work in oceanography. Carolyn Ann is our 4th granddaughter and 10th grandchild. We have another due in Oct. Hasta la vista!

'40

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Months have passed since Paul Phillips' mini at Silver Creek, but I'm still getting calls and letters about its success. And that leads to a quote from a recent letter from Paul, "Rita & I returned from nearly a mo in England to find the beautiful Class of '27 book, *The Cadet Chapel*, from those of you who came to the mini. I was further surprised by a call from Kermit Dyke saying that there was almost \$200 more from those attending that he suggested sending to my favorite charity in the area, the local Hist Assoc. I heartily concurred and hope you'll let me thank all those contributing—though it really was my pleasure to share a small part of CO with classmates."

And classmates say they did enjoy the mini. So said Rollie & Helen Hamelin, for example, who snapped this photo of Lanny & Nora Witt waiting for the dryer to disgorge their laundry just before each couple left Silver Creek to explore more of the Rockies on their way home.



1940: Nora & Lanny Witt reluctant to leave Silver Creek

Wendell & Benny Lee Coats wrote that they were sorry to miss Silver Creek, but that they had to switch their visit to AR to be with Benny Lee's mother. At 88, she wasn't doing so well then, but is much better now.

And by now you should long since have received (and, we hope, have responded to) Sam Webster's flyer on the reunion in Carmel, CA 28 Sep—1 Oct 88. The accommodations sound great, there's lots to do in the area, and the many members of Sam's comm are turning themselves inside out to arrange tours, dinners, and entertainment. It should be a wonderful performance.

And that's not the only reunion to look forward to. Thad Nosek, our reunion

chm, has gathered a sizable crew of worker bees from among classmates in the DC area to help in planning and, later on, handling the details of our 50th Reunion.

In the '40 notes for Sep I listed editorial assts helping Harry Miley go over the individual submissions for the 50 yr book but failed to include Mel Rosen, also a member of the blue pencil team working on this project.



1940: Betty Parker, the Mayos and more go to work in the silver mine

In this connection, Len Orman asked me to remind each of you that he and Tony Wermuth are putting together a piece on "'40" for the 50 yr book. Their article promises to be an impressive and comprehensive review of major events in world and natl affairs in which members of the Class or the Class as a whole participated since our graduation. They want to identify individual classmates and describe their participation in specific events (like Gideon in the battle of Coral Sea; Milton in the Berlin Airlift; Dave Parker in the riots in Panama; or our many participants in the fall of Bataan and the Death March). In addition, they want to identify unique events, areas, or contributions in which '40 or its members played a part (such as our reporting to duty 6 wks early after graduation to help straighten out the mobilization or that we were the last class to buy sabers and the first class permitted to select a tech service for branch asgmt).

Len has already asked many classmates for inputs and nominations, but for a project this broad, the authors are obviously going to need a lot of help from all of us. They are particularly anxious to have details of exploits by classmates now deceased, since these might well be overlooked. Len has the job of assembling the basic data, which Tony has agreed to polish. They hope to circulate a preliminary draft for mass editing by the Class—for accuracy and for additional detail. Most of us have input—either suggestions as to events or details of individual exploits. Why don't you drop Len a line at 1601 Lynda Lane, Pueblo, CO 81008?

Just before I finished these notes, I called Dave Parker to find how planning

goes for our 50th Reunion gift to WP, a definitive history, tentatively entitled *Historic West Point*. Dave reported that George Pappas '44, whom we have selected as the author, is expanding his outline and reviewing graphic material to illustrate the text when completed. Dave also has been negotiating with a well-known publishing firm, Harry N Abrams of NYC, to serve as both publisher and marketer. Such an arrangement could benefit both WP and the Class financially as well as insuring a high quality publication with simplified marketing and distribution.

However, as these notes were going to press, we received from the AOG, without prior warning, a flyer offering a 112-p book, titled *The United States Military Academy, A Portrait*, for sale to graduates at \$37.50. Dave is now investigating to see if this new book cuts into the purpose of or the market for our proposed book. The AOG indicates that the two books are compatible since their current offering addresses the current time frame only and does not contain historical material on WP. In the discussions with Abrams, the initial reaction of Dave's contact is that the current AOG book would not invalidate our arrangements with Abrams.

I'm very sorry to report that Mike Paulick died in Stuart, FL on 15 Jul after several years of poor health. He was buried at Arlington on 20 Jul. We send our deep sympathy to Gladys, who can be reached at the family address at 1725 NW Harbor Pl, Stuart, FL 33494.

I'm also very unhappy to say that Georgina Swift had a massive heart attack and died at Carmel on 11 Sep. Our condolences and sympathy go to Eben, who is at their home at 25940 Via Margarita, Carmel, CA 93923, as well as to Georgina's brother, Fred Yeager.

Incidentally, I hear that Fred & June Yeager have rented their house in DC and have moved to Santa Fe. Frank Devlin gives their new address as 206 McKenzie St, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

You probably have heard that the Marriott Corp is building and will operate The Fairfax, an Army ret community, just south of Ft Belvoir. Joe & Mary Couch tell me they've selected their location and will move when construction is completed and that Roy & Judy Shoemaker have also signed up.

Bill & Ann Clark wrote, enclosing a clipping from the magazine *Insight* with an article on Mensa, the org whose qualification for membership is scoring in the top 2% on a standardized IQ test. The article points out that Larry Klar has been a member since 62, when the US org was but 2 yrs old.

Walt Winton wrote, "My classmate sightings are infrequent enough to qualify as reportable incidents. So, Alice and I saw Ted & Harriet Davis in the WP PX

in late Aug. In addition to classmate hunting, we found that grandson Douglas Winton has survived what is now known as new cadet basic tng and is now happily immersed in plebe academics."

We have been wondering whether Wally Clement really had pulled stakes and moved to FL. "Not so," Wally wrote, "I've put Cocoa Beach on hold and just moved to a new townhouse at 8 James Sq, Williamsburg, VA 23185."

It's reassuring to know that Bill & Edith Gildart have Bill's brother, Bob Gildart '37, to keep us abreast of their activities near Winter Park, FL. In Jun, Bill concluded his tour as cmdr, Central FL Chapter, MOWW with several awards for its outstanding performance. He's now concentrating on basic tng and orientation for new members of the local University Club.

You may have heard that the AOG is speeding up the frequency of publication of ASSEMBLY so that 5 issues, rather than the usual 4, will be distributed in 88. In turn, my deadlines for sending in '40 notes have been moved up a bit. I'll be sending in the notes for the Feb issue by 15 Dec and for the Apr issue, by 15 Feb. If you have info, please try to get it to me before those dates.

On the bright side, having more issues to write will give me more opportunities to remind you about signing up with Sam & Kim Webster for the affair at Carmel. See you then!

'41

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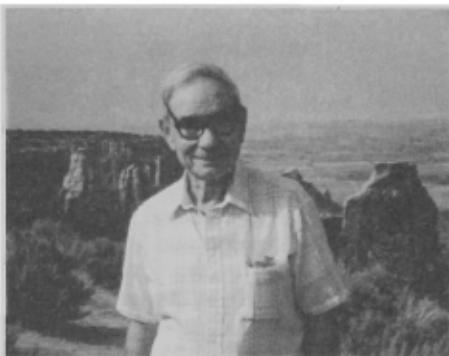
The celebration of the 200th anniv of our Constitution, together with some of the extremely well done documentaries are appreciated by us old soldiers and airmen. We have participated in much of our nation's great history. And in "The Autumn of our Years," we can look back with considerable satisfaction. Let us pray, for the sake of our grandchildren, that the future will be bright.

By the time you read this, letter from President Mike will be at hand and Mal Troup's area marketeers will be after you for your \$50. The book is "underway," to use a term I learned recently. Don't forget that suggestions are more than welcome.

On 7 Sep, Kay & I, en route to a Las Vegas reunion of my WWII sq, stopped in Grand Junction at the invitation of rancher Al Hayduk. Living on about 12 acres of lush farmland that straddles the CO River, Al treated us to a menu of special delicacies—for the eyes as well as the tummies. First, a drive through CO Natl Monument, a gorgeous miniature Grand Canyon that is as little known as it is ineptly named. This is one of the venues for the Coors Intl Bike Race and

Al is on the comm; his son Scott has just written a book on the bikes these pros ride at frightening speeds up to 70 mph.

CO newcomer/neighbors, Hank & Kathy Boswell joined us at Al's bar. Despite not having seen them since 51, we found instant vibes and a reservoir of info about CO and trailer living. They both look great and offer fascinating advice to all on the low pressure lifestyle and glorious places to be visited in a mobile home. The Boswells had visitors and couldn't stay, so Al served us a delicious dinner featuring his picked-minutes-before goodies. Remember the taste of a picked-yourself, vine-ripe tomato?



1941: Host Al Hayduk and his own Grand Canyon

We had hoped to see Jasper Vaughn in LV but he was on one of his frequent trips to see family. He has promised me pix of his *second* great-grandchild. What is the word—aren't the rest of us septuagenarians in the great-grandchild derby yet?



1941: Kay and our guest Jasper Vaughn

Clearly, one of the highlights of the yr will prove to be the SF Chapter's bash to celebrate the 50th anniv of our march through the sallyport. And the turnout was outstanding! Bob & Maggie Borman, Vince & Berta Carlson, Jack & Muriel Christensen, Cliff Cole, Lou & Ann Edler, Felix & Doris Gerace, Howard & Nancy Goodell, Matt & Roberta Harrison, Bill & Marge Hershenow, Arnold & Betty Hoebeke, Bob & Bev Johnson, Lynn & Bena Lee, Ann McElroy, Gregg & Mickey McKee, Bob & Audrey Tarbox, Bob & Dolores Tuttle rallied to celebrate "Golden Years for the Gray

Line." Your old Jack Christensen hit another homerun!

Here are some address changes included by Jack, the leader. Kevin Cannon has moved to LA area to be near a daughter. Hobeke's phone is 805-937-3002. And Stanford's Menlo Park address got the mail service's "return to sender" stamp they use so casually. He went on to say that Felix provided balloons printed, "Happy 50th Anniversary." There were many recollections of 1 Jul 37 and how fortunate we were to be together and enjoying each other's company in an atmosphere far removed from that day. We are lucky indeed.

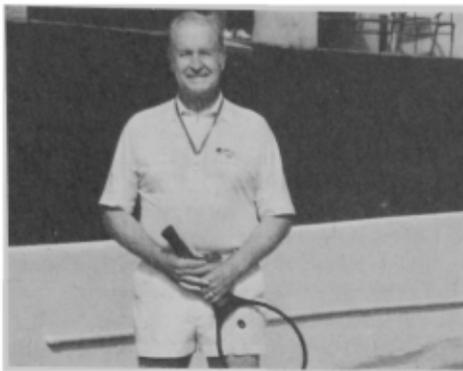


1941: Muriel Christensen and Felix Gerace at the CA 50th anniv of our march through the sallyport

A second major mini took place at the lovely home of the Emir of Bethesda, Pete Tanous & Maxine. Present at the last note of assembly were Ruth Adams, Hank & Dorothy Bodson, Charlie & Ev Canella, Bill & Marie Clifford, Sy & Aree Coker, Lucy Cooper, John & Ginger Deane, Bob & Emily Elsberry, Ed Gelderman and Lois Gould, Mike & Eileen Greene, Bob & Rene Lanigan, Eloise Levy, Lucy Millikin, Jean Moody, Jo & Mo Reed, Ruth Sharkey, Herb & Rose Stern, Ruth Vaughn, Vera Wixon, Barney & Betty Woodruff, and Walt & Betty Woolwine. Pete reported that he & Max were taking off the following wk for a trip to Helsinki. A later call confirmed that their trip to the Leningrad area was most interesting, and he added that he was off next to Kuwait to put a stop to the loose mines in the Gulf.

Babe Hendrickson wrote his usual enthusiastic report that his summer address has changed, Rte 4, Box 141, Newland, NC 28657. He reports, "... the Woodruffs have bought a lot here at our Land Harbor Resort. Jack & Betty Kelsey are 10 mi away in Banner Elk on their 17 acre blueberry farm."

Jack Murray phoned to say that he had completed Jim Fowler's obit and that the family was pleased with it. And thanks to his diligence we have a '41 bride back in the fold. Jane (Kromer) Poor lives at 76 Augusta National Drive, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675. Jack traced her through a planned reunion of the 87th Inf Div in



1941: Babe Hendrickson, silver medalist, in AZ Sr Olympics, 70s Div

which he and Bill were serving when Bill, a co cmdr, was KIA. Jane is delighted to be back in touch with '41 and plans to attend the special recognition that Bill Kromer so richly deserves.

A phone call a few wks ago from one of his flying sch classmates brought the sad news that Arnie Phillips died of cancer on 5 Aug. You will remember him as a turn back into "M" Co who, along with about 4 other turn backs, was found our cow Christmas. He went straight to pilot tng and was an instructor by the time we went through. He had an outstanding combat tour in bombers and served the AF well until ret and a job with McDonnell soon rising to the key job of project mgr for the F-4 Phantom. He knew he was in trouble but apparently did not want friends to fret. Libby can be reached at 48 Daryl Ln; St Louis, MO 63124. And Mike Greene sent a note saying that Jane Garrett died on 13 Sep and was buried at Arlington on the 18th. "We had a large contingent of the Class there to back up Woodie." He also sent a clipping which reported the death from cancer on 15 Aug of Marguerite B Klette, originally married to Jess Unger. She is survived by daughter Rosa Lee Richards of Pittsburgh and Jess B Unger of Philadelphia.

Kay & I are scheduled to tour the Orient in Oct—starting in Tokyo and winding up in Singapore. I passed the word to Gregg McKee who was kind enough to send us a two-p poopsheet on what not to do—he, as you know, has become a true "Old China Hand" with his expertise in oriental ceramics. He said Potter & Betty Campbell were in the Carmel area recently for an Arm Div reunion and that they joined the Christensens, Geraces and McKees for an elegant dinner in their honor.

PROJECT: Things like this don't come around very often any more, but this looks like a good one, so here's the poop. The latest issue of ASSEMBLY (see pp 49-50) reports a new policy on naming athletic facilities. "These facilities, like the basketball arena, the hockey rink etc will be named in honor of graduates who a) gained distinction in

that sport b) were leaders in the Corps of Cadets and c) fell in battle." Kenny Hanst, '42's scribe and Randy Hines '37 each wrote to say that they had written WP recommending that the hockey rink be named in honor of Joe and Honey Tate—both hockey players and both KIA in WWII—Joe in bombers after surviving the first Ploesti and Honey in fighters. A comm will make the final selection of honorees based on supporting documentation and other info provided by inputs to COL RA Doughty, Head of the Dept of History, USMA, West Point, NY 10996—so let's get behind this very worthy project with letters to COL Doughty.

Now that '41 grandchildren, Cadet Ian Winfree Bryan USAFA '90 and Suzi Kline, Midshipman (or is it Midshipwoman?) USNA '91, are in and doing well we might be thinking of appropriate graduation gifts. Dick reports, "Granddaughter Suzi taking to the Navy like a duck—never saw a teenager bring her life expectations into focus so fast." Mr Bryan reports all is well and that he now has the system figured and is a comfortable "3 degree" as the Zoomies call yearlings. Dick Kline also reports a grandson in AFROTC and boning pilot tng at the Citadel.

I am very pleased to tell you that we ran a resubmission on the Silver Star for Jack Lokker and this time it came through. He was leading the entire Fifteenth AF (21 gps) against Bleckhammer, Hitler's last synthetic oil refinery, when his ship was blown out of the sky (*Time* pix, Dec 44). He managed to bail out the surviving members of his crew and was attempting to evade capture when he was murdered on the ground. The award was presented to Sybil and Jack's brother Frank at the Dayton reunion of the sq he cmded.

And Ben Spiller used his journalism skills to send me this special report from the BAS news service. "CO Springs (BAS)—Ten tenacious '41 golf players—not to be confused with golfers—divoted the AFA Eisenhower Blue course on a gorgeous 6 Aug to compete for prizes in the Second Annual Dave Gauvreau Memorial Tournament. Organizer, Jim Carroll, last yr's winner via the Calloway system, willed Ben enough 9s and 7s to allow him to sneak in as this yr's victor, keeping the tourny an all-K Co affair thus far. Kansas City ringer, Pat Tansey, came in with the best low-gross score. Other honored visiting pros for the event were Bob Kramer, Atlanta; Chuck Roton, El Paso; Bill Brier, Cheyenne; Al Hayduk, Grand Junction and John Henschke, Denver. (Tom Cleary had accepted but had to scrub at the last min when Cathy had a slight health problem). Rounding out the field were our own Mal Troup and Tom Corbin, CO Springs. Following the action packed event, the gp repaired to the Ft Carson OC to join wives and

non-playing observer, Burt Andrus, for the awards ceremony and dinner. What the Army Mess did to Cornish game hen was soon forgotten in the festivities, and we all agreed that we will continue this excellent tradition for as long as we can stagger to the tees.



1941: Guest of honor Mary Gauvreau and out-of-town player Bob Kramer

Note: The night before the game Lou & Jim Carroll had the whole gang over for a delicious dinner to set the stage for the tourney. Happily Baron & Anna Von Schritlz were in town for his outfit's reunion, and the Baron wowed the assembly with stories of his cadet days—grist for Ben Spiller's Humor section.

POTPOURRI: Hugh Foster—new add: 97 Turkey Ln, Furlong, PA 18925. Wally Lauterbach called to report progress as the Signal Corps Section Marcher for the book and to say that, "... killer whales got to the salmon before he did and spoiled what last yr was a harvest." Horace Brown sent some excellent suggestions on the book and reported that Chick is stll recovering slowly from the nasty spill her horse took with her. He talked with Betty Clark who said she was getting along well now that she has a companion who drives and keeps her company. "Wendy & Jean Knowles are shooting for the Guinness record book as travelers." Bill Purdy sent in the excellent suggestion that the book be compiled to make it a "memento for our children" and said to order him 3 copies! Tuck Brown, who continues to do a great job with the "A" Co obits and as file closer. "Expect to have Scott Peddie and Dave Woods obits completed soon. I called Lake Wales, FL and there is no Linderman in that town of 10,000." The Clearys signed a contract for a new town house in Phila (near family) and will be redeployed by end Oct. Joe Knowlton has passed the "D" Co baton to Barney Woodruff and reports a major effort on Elkin Franklin's obit. George McIntyre called to report a new phone—813-731-2295; to say that the jaw is doing great and that he has the Arm types all lined up. Dick Travis wrote to update me on the trials of his lovely Tad and her valiant battle with MS. He has bought into the Army Ret Community in San Ant

as a back-up but plans to hold onto their fabulous home on Lake Chapala "... as long as she can handle the annual trips to Wilford Hall." **Walt Mather** is in high gear on the history part of the book, and we couldn't have a better guy to handle this most important work—he is urging all to help him track down the vital contributions made by '41ers in war and peace, so send him your suggestions: 1769 Greensward Quay, Virginia Beach, VA 23454.



1941: Pete Crow and his golf buddies in San Ant

**Mike Greene** writes, "**Jack Camp** is in serious trouble and is facing brain surgery. The DC chapter will have its annual Christmas party on 12 Dec at the Army Distaff Hall with a class off's mtg that morning. And our book treasurer, **Woolwine**, reports \$2,000 in and invested!"

**Paul Skowronek**, reporting from Seoul, cautions, "It would be tragic if the almost unbelievable economic and social progress which Korea has made were interrupted due to US impatience pressing for 'democracy now.' Radical, self-righteous factions in the US extend moral support to the fire-bombers who violently defy a govt worthy of our support. Korea deserves a better fate, if only because so many American lives were lost to save this nation from communism."

**'42**  
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Frustration is having to submit this column with all the news and excitement of the Fabulous 45th a scant 3 wks away! Praise be that y'all have taken some of the curse off by stuffing my mail box with scads of news!

We did hit DC in time to share and enjoy **Al Hunter's** delayed 70th birthday bash. Daughter **Marsha** cringed only slightly to see the freeloaders all the way from FL adding to the tab! It was a warm gathering of neighbors, classmates and friends, in which we were privileged to be included. The highlight was the comments of the offspring, which delighted the assemblage and touched ol' Al. If the

individual pix which **John Westenhoff** sent to us were typical, **Al & Nancy** have some gems to remind them of a very special occasion.

The **Gernerts** got home from the golf gaggle in time for **Mary** to wrestle with an undiagnosed virus which had her out for the count for some time. All's well by now. They sent some excellent snaps of the Pinehurst gp. The one of **Doc Char-**



1942: Doc Charbonneau has lost his hair but not his wit

**bonneau and Fran Roberts** is included to remind all attendees of Doc's side-splitting Spanish translation of Fran's detailed directions to the next day's location. A tape of it would win an award!



1942: Jack, Fran, Bud and Bill birdie the 19th hole



1942: Mrs Plott is awarded the Order of the Green Squash

**Bette Lou's** award dates back to a summer at Nag's Head when she, **Ginny Baxter** and **Barbara** determined early on that squash was cheap, plentiful and easy to prepare, which they proved 3 times a day!

**Joe Cannon** obliged with the news that he, **Bill Snow** and **Skip Young** had attended the wedding of **John Finney & Jeannie Lake Raven** on 20 Jun. The ceremony was held in the garden behind John's house, with about 100 well-wishers present. A later announcement from the groom confirmed the good news. The grapevine says that they'll attend the reunion, so Lake will quickly learn what she's gotten herself into! Our congratulations to them are further extended to **Joe & Ida Robertson**, a Sunnyvale widow who married Joe on 19 Jul. **Jack & Lee Colladay** were on hand. Happy days, Joe & Ida! Unfortunately, Joe also advised of the death of **Al Divers** on 21 Jul in Durham of lung cancer. Our deepest sympathy to **Elizabeth**, their son, their 5 daughters and others of the family. Burial was at WP on 29 Jul.

A happy note from **Bettye Young** after she & **Rip** attended a ceremony at Ft Ben Harrison dedicating and renaming Bldg #1 at the Finance Center the **MG Emmett J Bean Center** ... a most unusual honor by the mil for someone still among us. The crowd assembled to hear the asst secy of the Army was huge and appreciative. "Bunker" is memorialized with a life-sized, uniformed model in a replica of his '50s office. The Youngs had just returned from greeting a new granddaughter in Salt Lake City, on the heels of one in Feb and one in Mar—different mothers, of course! On the somber side, we've since had word that **Gen Bean** had broken a hip. No word as to his progress, but let's hope that the spark that has kept him so active is still glowing.

**Tom McNeil '45** was thoughtful enough to let me know that **Tom Trainer** had died of leukemia in Dallas on 14 Jul. The Class sent condolences to **Roberta** in Grand Prairie.

**Fly Ely** continued his conscientious efforts to keep me well posted right up to the end of his tenure. He reported a typically successful "crab fest" chez **Caruthers**, thanks to **May and Nancy Hunter**—and their gofers! **Al Hunter** and **Rip Young** taught **Dick Horridge** and **Sam Koster** a little humility at the horseshoe pit—and even reminded them of the fallacy of wagering, despite the fact that **Dick** had some special USMA horseshoes. **Larry Caruthers Jr** was on hand to marvel at the joie de vivre of the **Geritol** set! **Fly** also reported that **Bob Terry** had proceeded to get himself a new hip and that his recovery was hastened by the gift of a basket of fruit and a copy of *Playboy* from an anonymous admirer! Also noted was that **Pete Flor Cruz** absented himself from the area to attend **Cookie's** graduation from helicopter sch! Imagine having such a cute chopper pilot on your family roster!

**Carl & Pat Ulsaker** joined the **Castine (ME)** congregation and enjoyed the company of the **Bakers**—who made it all

happen—the **Andersons, Dave Clagetts, Fiskens, Hanleys, Harmelings, Lows** (with granddaughter), **Rices** and **Pete Russells**—as well as temperatures 20° below those that the rest of us were suffering. **Hal Rice** has reportedly left the corporate world to start his own satellite communications venture. On the way up Carl & Pat visited son Michael in Hartford; on the way home, they and **Nancy Russell** visited with Nancy's sister Marge & Jim Camp in their 200-yr old home near Litchfield, CT.

A phone call from **Ted Marks** to say that he & **Millie** are well and happily established in their 12th floor apt in the San Antone Army Residence Community. Everything about it exceeds their expectations and all the credit goes to **Don Bolton** for putting together a quality team and providing 4 yrs of able, imaginative—and persevering—effort to build a superior community, staffed with superior pers. After his ret from that labor of love, Don was named honorary president emeritus, and was further honored by having one of the guest rooms named after him. He was to have a hip replacement in late Jun. Let's hope it's working well by now.

**Jack & Mary Barnes** had **Lee & Ginger Cage**, along with Ginger's mother, Mrs Prickett, for a couple of days before the latter 3 headed off on an AK cruise. Bet



1942: Ginger, Lee, Mary & Jack—so that's how the other half lives!

they made Ma Prickett take the accompanying photo! Jack & Mary were off for the CIOR Congress in Copenhagen and then to Sweden, Leningrad by ship, Holland, Belgium and France—a 7-wk pilgrimage.

Hap Macintire, the '45 scribe, made a hit by forwarding a clipping about **Jackie Stephens'** latest culinary triumph. She was a finalist in the Bays English Muffins Natl Recipe Contest, resulting in a trip to Chicago, a billet at the Ambassador East, dinner in the Pump Room, etc, etc. Her Bays Rockefeller Muffins also won her a super Cuisinart—her 3rd! Wouldn't it be superb to live next door and get some of Jackie & **Dopey's** leftovers!

**Charlie Mizell** sent me a copy of the *Thames Turbulence* newsletters, and once I started on them, I read from cover

to cover! *Most* inspiring, plus a bit of a tear-jerker because of the poignant reminder of so many of the best who left us so early. A million thanks to **Jeff Davis** for persisting until he had a complete collection, and even more appreciation to the dedicated author, **Fred Rosell**. Could be that much of our closeness as a Class can be traced to that unique channel of communication back in those traumatic times. Incidentally, **Bill Warren** must have bought a word processor judging by his creation of an index by surname of all *Turbulence* issues. Quite a project, and it sure makes it easy to refresh your memory about who and where back in those days. A copy of the *Turbulence* issues has been given to the USMA Library and accepted with great enthusiasm.

And speaking of **Fred Rosell**, he & fiancée **Anne Barber** vacationed at Myrtle Beach where they joined up with **Ed & Jeanette Munns** for dinner. On their way back to OH, they stopped in Newberry, SC to track down the **Raglands**. **Jane** was so impressed to meet the first real live classmate that she ran upstairs to get all doodied up! **Charlie** and **Fred** had seen each other at AP Hill in '42! **Fred** tried to coax them into attending the reunion and when I got **Fred's** letter, I wrote to them in the same vein. **Charlie's** response was that he wouldn't feel comfortable after "alienating himself from the mil and the Class for so long." I'll drop him a note urging that they definitely plan on the 50th and hope that those who knew him will do likewise. He ret from Shakespeare—maker of mil antennae, among other things—in 83.

**Danny Raymond** was kind enough to send me some info from his research on the 36th Engr Combat Regt of WWII in which **Tom Farrell** was a co cmdr when he won the DSC in Sicily before his death at Anzio. Fascinating reading, to include an after-action report from Tom following the landing of his unit in No Africa and another on the difficulties of constructing a bridge over the Voltorno at flood stage under direct arty fire! Tom was killed when his engr's were serving as inf on the beachhead. Dan added that **Corky Corcoran** was presently a part-time resident of their area.

Unhappy to have a note from our faithful friend and booster **Kickapoo Logan** that he won't be there to liven up our 45th. Four major ops, including two new hip joints, have slowed him to a canter! The good news is that his paintings are on display in the Marriott Desert Hotel as well as the best gallery in Palm Desert, plus **Scottsdale** and **Sidona**. At 81, **Kickapoo** will soon become a great-grandfather and sez his girlfriend threatens to dump him when he reaches that advanced stage! Guess I'm living here on sufferance, having become such for the second time!

The **Gernerts** displayed great affection, if little judgment, by visiting the **Offleys** in Sep. A "K" Co micro-mini got them together at the **Ormes'** with the **Colladays**. A phone call from **Eric** earlier to say that they'd had a super summer so I guess that they were in shape for such an occasion!



1942: Pat, Bobbie, Mary and Lee giggle because they're obviously younger than those old crocks of '42

**Randy Hines '37**, OC of hockey in 41-42, has recommended to USMA that the new hockey rink be named for **Joe '41** and **Honi Tate**. I wrote to second the motion and urged **Al Hunter** to forward a Class letter of support. Thanks **Randy**, for a super—and fitting—idea. Letters from any and all of you might be the final touch (see pps 49-50 Sep ASSEMBLY).

**Enid Hyde** came through with some pix of the Jun wedding of **JFC III & Lauretta** at St David's Episcopal Church in DC. Best wishes to the young couple from us all.



1942: Enid & Doc precede the newlyweds from the church

**Danny Halpin** responded to the **Ulsakers'** invite to the 45th with word that he'd had a brain seizure, followed by pneumonia, fluid in the lungs and an irregular heartbeat. No apparent cause, and no permanent damage, but heavy medication and a strict diet have the **Scranton Scamp** pretty well grounded for the moment.

A later report on the Eastern Shore picnic from **Larry Caruthers** advises that **Allin, Bortell, the Dave Clagetts, Possum Claggett, the Cockrells, Elys, Farringtons, Horridges, Kusters, Mizells,**



1942: Helen Kraft, Bob & Hancel Evans and John Sheffey bring a down-home flavor to a classy occasion

**Ginny Nickodem, Reid, Robinson, the Sheffeys, Westenhoffs, and Rip Youngs** pigged out on crab salad, sipped cautiously on the Bloody Marys, boated on the Choptank, deep-sixed a lot of golf balls and had the usual great time.

**Tom & Elma Hanley** broke up their trip to Castine with a night in RI with **Andy & Helen Low** and a couple in DC with **Howie & Chris Slaton**.



1942: Tom, Helen, Elma & Andy at the Lows' homestead

I note that **Bill & Gloria Hamilton** continue their dedicated labor on behalf of the Army Ret Residence—Potomac. Occupancy is slated for late 88 or early 89—at which time they can sit back and enjoy the rest that **Don Bolton** is enjoying now!

A quick trip to DC was timed perfectly for me to hit the Aug Class lunch. Also got to swap tales with my old lunch bunch of **George Allin, Jeff Davis** and **Charlie Mizell**, although our main purpose was to help daughter Sue and family settle into their palatial new home in Alex. Dinner with **Bob & Marcie Bringham** was just about our only outside excursion. We were supposed to start with a cooling visit to No MI, but during that time I was in the local hosp having unspeakable things done to my body! My vet says that all goes well.

At the luncheon **George Hesselbacher** mentioned that the retiring exec dir of AARP had been a "C" Co member of '42 who was found at Christmas. Everyone jumped on George's back to contact Cy-

**ril Brickfield** and drag him to one of our luncheons.

**George Allin** mentioned—and a subsequent brochure from AOG confirmed—that Army and BC will play in Dublin, Ireland on 19 Nov 88. Why we'd play a Catholic school over there is beyond my ken! George has volunteered to set up a package and a '42 bus tour if enough will contact him of their interest. He's not seeking the business; just willing to accommodate you, you and you. He had a very thoughtful letter in the *Wash Post*, criticizing the practice of a "Democratic" response to a non-political presidential speech, terming the practice demeaning for a president, elected by all, to be critiqued by a senator, elected by the people of ME. I loudly shout "Amen!"

**Crit Crittenberger** is doubling in brass as our Class AOG Trustee and a candidate for the Board of NAUS. He undoubtedly will make the latter and thus be serving us well in two important areas.

It was a great thrill to learn that the Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS stadium is named **Guckeyson Memorial**. I sincerely hope that each of you has put something into the pot to show '42's affection for our immortal Bill. Please! And on the subject of contributions, I hope our rather shabby record of gifts to the West Point Fund is improving. You *can* restrict your gift to the '42 Class Fund, but an unrestricted addition would help many good causes.

**ASSEMBLY** goes to 5 issues in 88—and I bitterly oppose. Deadlines are 15 Dec, Feb, May, Aug and Oct. Maybe two of you in DC could take over and alternate columns as I find it problem enough to do a halfway decent job on only 4. AOG says we can skip an issue—but which one? And who's to shoulder the guilt?

On our way home from DC, we stopped to have a look at the Space Center and were most impressed. Called **Bill & Kitty Shedd** and arranged to drink some of the General's booze at their lovely location before going out for an excellent dinner—made more so when Bill pulled rank and grabbed the tab!

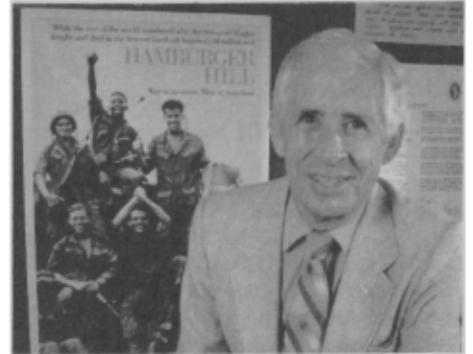
Bless y'all in 88 and heartfelt thanks for keeping me so well supplied with news.

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Well, some of our classmates certainly were in the news this past summer and fall, to wit, ● **Joe Conmy** was featured in the *Wash Times* in addition to the *Army Times* and *Navy Times* as Iron Raven (his radio call sign) and "the man behind Hamburger Hill"—a jungle in the A Shau Valley known as Dong Ap Bin to

the Vietnamese, but simply as "Hill 937" to the troops of Joe's bde of the 101st Abn Div which was ordered to seize the hill in May 69. The 11-day battle for the Hill was "one of the bloodiest of the Vietnam War" and resulted in it being dubbed Hamburger Hill. Some 17 yrs later, Joe became the tech mil adv to the British dir (John Irvin) and American writer and 101st Abn veteran (**Jim Carabatsos**) who produced the recently released movie *Hamburger Hill*. Those



Jan '43: Joe (Iron Raven) Conmy, tech mil advisor for the new Vietnam War movie *Hamburger Hill*

of us who attended the preview presented by the Motion Picture Assoc of America here in DC were inclined to agree with **Pauline Kael** (long-time film critic for the *New Yorker* magazine) that "most of the film's power isn't in the talk, it's in the terror and the foreignness—the far-from-homeness—of the imagery. . . . But the movie is a scrupulously honest memorial," which is just what Joe strived to achieve during the arduous production of this movie in the Philippine jungles near Manila. As reported in the *Army* and *Navy Times*, "the only changes Joe would make in the film would be to add some mention of the Presidential Unit Citation his men earned for extraordinary heroism and a brief explanation of why the battle was fought"—both of which Joe ably provided in his epilogue to the preview. Although Joe himself does not appear anywhere in *Hamburger Hill*, which is truly "a squad's view" of the battle, he does appear in Francis Coppola's *Garden of Stone*—another current Vietnam-era movie. If you see this film, look for Joe in the background of the wedding scene at Ft Myer Chapel as the cmdr of the Old Guard (which indeed he was).

● **Bob McDermott** was the subject of an excellent article in the 6/28/87 edition of the *New York Times* under headlines which read "Officer in Charge: General Robert F McDermott, Transforming a Military Insurer into a Civilian Powerhouse." As reported by the NYT, Bob "steps briskly from his sandstone colonial house every morning, walks 150 yds and settles into his flag-studded office in a complex that is billed as the world's



Jan '43: Bob Wood and Francis Garry at their wedding in the Catholic Chapel at WP, 1 Aug 87

second largest horizontal office building, surpassed only by the Pentagon. . . . Since he became head of USAA in the late 60s, he has built it from a company with \$200 million in assets to one with \$10 billion. . . . He has succeeded at USAA largely by recruiting former military officers as his top aides." (eg, VPs Jack Daye and George Sykes, both now ret), "instilling his personnel with a stars-and-stripes spirit, and running the operation as if it were a military unit. . . . Despite three heart operations, Gen McDermott still works a grueling schedule. He gets to work around 9 o'clock in the morning and walks home in time to watch the 10 o'clock news at night and chat on the phone with Mr Cisneros (mayor of San Antonio)" if there is coverage of an issue both are following. . . . "People tell me I have to take some time to smell the roses," he said. "Well, these are the roses that I like to smell." Right on McD! In a like vein, the 10/30/86 edition of the San Ant *News Express* contained an article on the ground breaking ceremony for USAA Towers, which McD said may be the first of several USAA ret facilities for USAA policy-holders, spouses and parents in San Ant. Talking with Alice McD one evening not long ago, I was surprised to learn that her maiden name was none other than McDermott—which makes her "McD-squared."



Jan '43: Bud & Marcia Hood at the summer palace in Leningrad

• Frank Camm was highlighted in both the *Alexandria Gazette* (6/19/87) and in

the *Fairfax (VA) Journal* (6/15/87) in connection with the dedication of the cornerstone for the Fairfax (adjacent to Ft Belvoir, VA) which will be the first lifetime care community owned, developed and operated by the Marriott Corp for the Army Ret Residence Foundation—Potomac. As Frank (who is pres of the foundation) observed, "One of the most traumatic things about growing old is being uprooted. This community offers people what we call aging in place." Also participating in the dedication ceremony was Darrie Richards, VP of finance for the foundation. Coincidentally, Bill Starnes is now pres of the counterpart Army Ret Community in San Ant, which began operation in Jan of this yr. Meanwhile, Frank & Arlene found a bit of time to visit their daughter (Arlene) and family in Palo Alto, CA. While there Frank decided to build something in the backyard for his 7 and 10 yr old grandsons, and what could be better than an edifice that has particular significance for the Camm clan. Five weeks later, he completed construction of a 12' x 10' replica of the Army Corps of Engrs castle with a painted roof and bricks and two 9 ft turrets. No sooner was it completed than his grandsons and friends took possession and camped in it for the night. • Dee & Kate Armstrong with their daughter (Kate Ellen) and Jack & Jackie Armstrong with their daughter (Sue) visited Scotland this past summer for a tour of the English-Scottish border country from whence their ancestors came. According to Dee and a colorful



Jan '43: Jack Armstrong and Dee Armstrong summon their Scottish clan at Hermitage Castle

article in *The Sunday Sun* of Newcastle and Carlisle, England under the heading "The Reivers Spirit Lives," the tour was organized by the Armstrong Trust and conducted by Alan Armstrong (trust chm) who is holding the Armstrong banner in the background of the photo of Dee & Jack that appears here. The trust is now planning two similar 6-day tours of the border country in Jun 88 for any Armstrong that may be interested. Incidentally, the local translation of the term "reivers" is "sheep and cattle rustlers" which, of course, was "quite respectable in olden days."

Also in the news, but sadly, was the obituary of our long-time Class associate, Fred Ladd, who died of cancer here in Arlington, VA on 18 Aug. As reported



Jan '43: Our late Class associate, Fred Ladd

in both the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Times*, Fred "was widely respected in the mil and other govt agencies and by members of the press for his knowledge and understanding of Southeast Asian affairs. In addition to his cmd of the Green Beret Unit (5th Special Forces) in Vietnam, he was an advisor to the South Vietnamese Army in the early 60s and worked for the State Dept as counselor for politico-mil affairs at the US Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in the early 70s." Fred was commissioned in the Army just about the time we graduated from USMA in 43 and subsequently received a bachelor's degree from the U of Washington, a master's degree from George Washington U, and graduated from the Army War College where he also served as an instructor. After he ret from the Army in 70 and the State Dept in 75, Fred served as a consultant to the Alexandria-based Harris Corp, a computer and business info firm. With the DSM, DFC, three LMs, three BSMs, CMs, AMs and the State Dept's Superior Honor Award among his many decorations, Fred was indeed an outstanding individual and one whom we were proud to have had as a Class associate. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Betty who will continue to reside at the address listed in our latest "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives."

Bill Knowlton was pleased with the initial response to his Aug letter pertaining to our 50th anniv gift to USMA. According to Bill (who is chm of our Gift Comm), some 90 classmates responded to his letter and of those, the following have already met or exceeded our contribution goal of \$500 per person by 1993: Bischoff, Cherbak, Ben Edwards, Fiss, Griess, Kyle, Michael, Pietsch, St John, Raulin, Van Duyn, and Bob Watson. These are in addition to the 5 classmates previously identified in our Class Notes—namely Barber, Beightler, Detre, Kinney and Richards. Bill was particularly pleased to note that we now



Jan '43: Al Hughes visits Bob Lacy and Jim Aleveras in San Diego

have some \$13,000 in our Admin Fund with the AOG West Point Fund which gives us greater flexibility in handling other expenses associated with our 50th anniv—eg, our 50th yr book. Incidentally, Bill was also the chm of the AOG Thayer Award Comm that selected Senator Barry M Goldwater as the recipient of this yr's Sylvanus Thayer Award.



Jan '43: Jim Schofield with Bob Beightler at the Pebble Beach (CA) Lodge

Mike Robinson reported that Phyllis finally found and purchased their "ideal ret home" in Eugene, OR while he was completing a special services contract with the TVA Off of Nuclear Power in Chattanooga, TN. They hoped to move into their new home by 1 Aug and will advise us of their new address. According to Mike, he ret from the Dept of Energy in Jan 86 after a 5-year stint with the Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Project at Oak Ridge, TN and "promptly departed with Phyllis for an extended (Mar-Dec) European vacation in a renovated French farm house in the Loire Valley which they used as a base to explore a good part of Western Eur by car. Returning to CONUS in Dec 86, they started for CA to find a home near their children but, in visiting a friend in Chattanooga, Mike was 'persuaded' to accept a short-term special services contract with TVA while Phyllis went on to CA."

In other notes and letters from here and there, ● Al & Elaine Hughes were proud to announce that their grandson (John J Hartley) graduated from USMA this past May and that "he was a cadet



Jan '43: Rex Dettre, Kirby Gean, Britt May and Ted Seith at our 87 mini-reunion in Charlestown

CPT, wore academic stars and received the General Pershing Award for the highest overall grade in mil science." It would appear that John Hartley '87 is our "1st Class Grandson"—our congratulations! The Hughes' son (Charles) is also a grad (USMA '72) stationed with the 3rd Armd Cav at Ft Bliss, TX. ● Pappy Doyle has been elected the forthcoming pres of the Natl Assoc of Former Special Agents of the USAF Off of Special Investigations—his term begins in 1989. ● Adrian



Jan '43: Valerie & John Shortall visit Pappy Doyle in Clearwater, FL

St John popped into town during the fall recess of the MBFR talks in Vienna and promptly developed "a touch of pneumonia," which landed him in the WRAMC for about a wk. However, he was back on his feet in time to join some 37 of us (including wives) for our annual fall luncheon at the ANCC on 9 Sep. Upon his return to Vienna, "The Saint" will continue his work with the gp that is developing a mandate for the new 23-country (i.e., 16 NATO and 7 Warsaw Pact) Conventional Stability Negotiations which will "probably" supercede the long-standing MBFR talks. ● Jim & Jo Hackler enjoyed a fabulous trip to Japan with a "swing through Singapore, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and China," but the real purpose of their trip was to afford Jim the opportunity to participate in the Rotary World Golf Championship—a 4-day, 72-hole event that drew some 200 golfers from 16 countries to one of Japan's finest golf clubs located in Ito ( a

resort some 90 mins from Tokyo)." As usual, Jim did very well in the tourney, finishing 3rd with 280—just 3 strokes behind the winner with 277. However, his 280 net earned him the sr div championship and "that's really putting his hometown, Myrtle Beach, on the map!"



Jan '43: Bill Smith and Dottie Smith (Russ's wife) at our Charleston mini-reunion

● Bob & Marie Muldrow suggest a Caribbean cruise as a true Jun-in-Jan celebration of our 50th anniv on 19 Jan 93. In the interim, Bob Beightler suggests the Lodge at Pebble Beach, CA for our next mini-reunion.



Jan '43: Sam & Marian Karrick at our 44th Jun-in-Jan reunion, Ft McNair

Finally, here are a few new addresses for your copy of "Roster of Classmates and Their Wives" until John Norris (Class secy) updates the roster next yr: ● Merle & Sally Carey, who finally sold their marvelous mansion on the Potomac, and now reside at 1202 Gatewood Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307; and ● Ed & Connie (Holcombe) Bielecki, who were married in Sep and are now at home at 1611 Simmons Dr, McLean, VA 22101.

We send our best wishes to Stan James, (our amateur radio correspondent) who had quintripple by-pass heart surgery in San Ant in Jul, but is doing very well!

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Like the song says, "... the days grow short when you reach Sep." It's fine,

bracing weather and I'm exhilarated by the fact that ground breaking for our great Thayer Gate project is now set for Mar. Our 45th Reunion will then be in sight—when we present the gate in 88. Lee Hogan's Class letter of 10 Sep 87 gave a comprehensive run-down on our gift's status and projections. I'm sure you all share the excitement of being close to seeing our magnificent vision turn into reality and hope you will respond favorably to Lee's presentation.

Since last time, several photos (DoD official, no less) of **Bernie Rogers'** ret on 30 Jun 87 have come in, so here is Bernie receiving the Def DSM (OLC) and a good right hand from Secy of Def Weinberger. And I add one photo more from



Jun '43: Sec Def Weinberger honors Bernie Rogers (DoD official photo by Scott Davis)

the Krobar files of guests at the glorious occasion. (For details see this column in *ASSEMBLY* for Sep 87.)

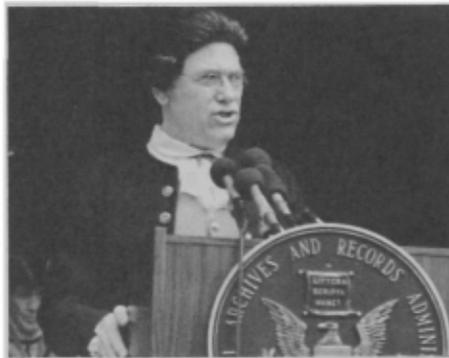


Jun '43: Harrison, Mary Bird and Hank Schroeder with Bill Glasgow

At the same time the troops were passing in review for Bernie, **Jep Tanksley**—as we learned later—was being admitted to a hosp in Atlanta, GA for heart surgery. Jep got through the surgery all right, but then on 1 Jul suffered a stroke that paralyzed his left side and became further endangered by pneumonia. But he fought through it and began to recover so well that he was moved to a rehabilitation hosp in early Aug. **Frances Tanksley** has told me that the doctors anticipate an essentially full functional recovery and that the Tanksleys plan to be at WP for the 45th Reunion. Our Class is very close to Jep's heart. He & Frances

want you to know how much he has appreciated the calls, cards, and letters from many classmates and how much he thanks you for them.

Taking the news in chronological sequence, I now give you John Carlisle, the 18th century Town Crier of Alexandria, VA as he reads the Declaration of Independence from the steps of the Natl Archives, Wash, DC. Of course it's really **Hank Morgan** wearing John Carlisle's suit in a 4 Jul 87 prog sponsored by the Archives that also featured the Old Guard's Continental Fife and Drum Corps and was seen on network TV. Hank has long been active in historical societies and functions in this area, and is a member of the Alexandria Bicentennial Commission.



Jun '43: Town Crier Hank Morgan

**Cecile & I** were delighted on 14 Jul to receive a call from **Joe Weyrick**. He & **Norma** were on the way north from their cozy cabana in Punta Gorda, visiting with kith and kin along the route. They came by our place for an all-too-brief two hrs, we chatted nonstop, and then they were gone—but it was great to see them again.



Jun '43: Norma & Joe Weyrick, Cecile Cover

And here's my neighbor, **Bud O'Connor** with his daughter **Pat** & her husband **LTC Fred Gahr, USAF**, on the eve of the Gahr's departure for a 3-yr assignment in Copenhagen, Denmark. To console them for this hardship tour Bud gathered some sympathetic folks together at the ANCC on 25 Jul.

On 1 Aug at **Surkamps'** annual picnic at Middleburg, VA a strange, startling story was heard. It was said that **Ben**



Jun '43: Bud O'Connor with Fred & Pat Gahr

**Cassiday**, a few nights before, had been brutally attacked near a convenience store (that's a combat zone all right) where he had gone to buy a newspaper. Left on the ground, he had been found in time and was under emergency care. More reports followed in the next few wks, but then on 28 Sep came a most welcome letter from **Ben Buckles** himself. First of all he sends grateful thanks for all the calls and cards of condolence and support that he received. Then he adds what he called "some background music" that can best be conveyed in his own words:

"On the evening of 30 Jul 87 in Denver, I was asked by a rather colorful gentleman to give him my wallet (at the risk of losing my head). Rather than parting with my hard earned wealth, I told him just as colorfully to get lost. Apparently, he didn't take too kindly to my directions, for he proceeded to gore me with his bolo knife.

"Two or 3 days later I came around, the assailant having missed the really important and more vital organs I had originally been issued. Then I learned of the many well-wishes I had received during my temporary absence. Other than my wife **Suzie** and my kids **Ben III** and **Carol**, the first person I saw when I came to was good old **Robin Olds** followed by his wife **Morgan**. They had heard of the stabbing early the next morning and had driven to Denver to 'take command'—and that they did—and I will never forget them for it.

"Am now long out of the hosp and virtually back to normal, although I don't think I'll be able to run in the Olympics this yr."

Whew! **Ben** recuperated in Aspen, CO until mid-Sep when he & **Suzie** returned to their home in Honolulu. I understand that the assailant—a really bad actor, wanted by the police on several counts—has been captured and is awaiting justice. Finally, here is what **Ben** called a "pre-stab photo" of **Robin Olds** and himself taken last Apr. Doubtless they won't restage this scene soon again, but we can view the picture as a symbol of celebration for **Ben's** survival and recovery from this terrible incident.



Jun '43: Olds in conference with Cassiday

The Wash Metro area cohort again owes a thousand thanks to **Art & Barbara Surkamp** for hosting their annual Aug splash party at their beautiful country place. It was, as always, most enjoyable no matter how you define "splash." A strolling accordian man added good tone and the company—63 on hand—was grand.



Jun '43: Helen & Hal Head with Lee & Anne Hogan



Jun '43: Music man serenades Jack & Vivian Novak

Those present included (apologies for inadvertent omissions): **Quint Atkinsons, Bensons, Blacks, Blanks, Burrs, Bill Calnan, Cantlays, Childses, Covers, Crane** and guest, **Davenports, Heads, Hogans, Ivans, Alan Joneses, Lucas** and guest, **McAdams, McGregors, Malones, Jack Morris, Novaks, Bud O'Connor, Joe O'Hare, Piggs, Roger Rays, Romaneks, Rooses, Rundells, Sembachs, Shaefer, Sonstelies, Surkamps, Umlaufs, and Wick Wickert.**

**Hogan, Morris and O'Connor** ad-

ressed the crowd informally to present the facts about our Thayer Gate project as evolved by 1 Aug 87. This was by no means a casual exercise, for the opportunity to "test the water" with so large a gathering of classmates and wives was not to be missed. Questions were asked and answered and the climate of understanding and endorsement there supported Lee and the Gift Comm in preparing the Class letter of 10 Sep which you now have.



Jun '43: Is Morris lobbying Wickert or vice versa?

Among those present and heartily welcomed at **Surkamps** were some folks unseen locally. **Bob & Valerie Sonstelie** in tow by **Lemon & Kathy Blank** were up from FL. Sonstelies are migrating westward. They have bought a new place in CO Springs and are believed to be moving there at this writing. **George & Billie Cantlay** are back (yes, *back*) from HI and are building a new home. They can be reached at PO Box 71, Williamsburg, VA 23187. **Dick & Caroline Shaefer** who were transiting this part of the world, heard about the party by good chance and made sure to be there.



Jun '43: Annabelle Silvester, Caroline & Dick Shaefer, Betty Benson

**Howie Wickert**, who looks like his usual genially outrageous self in the picture, has, in fact, had trouble with circulatory problems this yr. Then, in mid-Aug, he was awakened one night by his cat, the noble Maxine, who was pushing and licking his face. Realizing that he needed help he telephoned "911" and went down to the street in front of his house to await the emergency

vehicle. The next thing he knew he heard paramedics talking on the radio and found himself on the stretcher with a needle in his arm. Angio-emergency procedures at Fairfax Hosp saved him from the heart attack. He is now back home after a strong recovery, has resumed work on a painting for the US Navy, and has assured me (again) that despite being "sunk in Protestant error," there is still hope for me.

In San Ant **Ernie & Elaine Hinds** caught **John & Rita Stockton** on their return early this yr from European residence and assembled **Penny & Kit Carson, Jean & Rip Collins, Ann & Ed Renth, and Betty & Al Metts** for festive greetings.



Jun '43: Renth, Hinds, Stockton and Metts

From **Jim Walker** and **Del Perkins** I learn that the **Stocktons** have set up a new base at Ft Lauderdale, FL. They have acquired a custom built cabin cruiser, the **SMS Parade Rest**, and intend on spending most of their time cruising the warm coastal waters. **Perkins** himself has ret as a banker in Brownville, TX and is now, he says, "a triple dipper—and it doesn't bother me a bit."

Here's another new address for you. **Jim & Marge Christy** finally gave up on winter snow and sleet in Staunton, VA and migrated south last Apr. They are now at 4191 102d Place North, Clearwater, FL 34622.

This time I've told of three narrow escapes: **Tanksley, Cassiday, and Wickert.** Not so with **Doug Deal** who died of prostate cancer on 7 Jul 87 at Warner Robbins, GA. A memorial service was conducted on 11 Jul and he was interred on 13 Jul at Marietta Natl Cemetery. How well I remember Doug from cadet days as the consummate "chief grip" and stage mgr for the 100th Night Shows! His widow **Mary Deal** continues at 109 Little John Lane, Warner Robbins, GA 31088. We know now, too, that **Doc Hughes** died 23 May 86 at Tampa, FL. His obituary, prepared by **Dick McAdam**, will appear soon in **ASSEMBLY**. The Class extends heartfelt sympathy to the Deal and Hughes families.

So for now, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hang in, and send me your news.

# '44

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We have been blessed with days of incomparably beautiful weather here in VA in the last wk of Sep. It's been Napa weather, but with prettier trees than Napa has ever dreamed of! I hold the first wk of autumn to be the greatest wk of the yr in the Northern Hemisphere, certainly in its central belt, 35N-55N Lat. And we've had a "max!"

I turn first to solemn duty. We were saddened to learn of the death on 5 Jul 87 of **Jeanne Williams** after a long illness. This lovely, brave lady was laid to rest at WP on 9 Jul; memorial services were held 11 Jul. We were privileged to be stationed with **John & Jeanne** early in our AF service and particularly pleased to share their table at the winery picnic in Solvang last Oct. On behalf of all the Class, we offer condolences to John and his family.

We sustained another shock to learn from his brother that **Jim Dunham** died in his sleep early on 13 Jul 87. Jim's death brought to a close a second career of distinguished service, this time directly to his community and church, in both of which he was outstanding. Our sincere sympathy goes out on behalf of all, to **Bea** and her family.

We keenly regret to report the accidental death of **Marshall Nolan** on 11 Aug 87. In midst of a move to San Diego, Marshall left **Louise** there and was bringing a car from Tulsa when felled by a traffic crash in Roswell, NM. We offer our sincere sympathy to Louise, who is at 2818 Larkin Place, San Diego, CA 92123, and her family. We shall miss a brilliant man who performed inestimable service to the AF and his country as a planner in the Strategic Air Cmd.

On a rising note, life came full circle with **Nancy Graves'** call to spread the joy of a new granddaughter, shared with **Fred & Kitty Smith**, compliments of **Ralph & Carol Smith Graves**. The young lady, **Elizabeth**, arrived at the WP hosp on 24 Jun 87 where both talented parents are on the faculty. Talk about future pressure on a youngster: what if she should bring home a report card with a "C" on it (and with two grandfathers who were star men)??

Some may wonder why some of the announcements here, particularly of deaths and illnesses, appear terse. Here's why—you will find here no more info than we receive, sometimes secondhand, and occasionally less. Beyond details volunteered, we seek none; personal misfortunes are private as far as we are concerned, if they are not of public record. We are willing to share the bitter with the sweet as you choose, but proceed on the assumption that if you desire that we know, we won't have to ask!

It took two calls to get hold of **Emmett Maxon**; the mayor of Vernon, TX was out "amongst 'em" when I called. I wanted to yank his chain to see if he made his goal: recovering enough from his stroke to open dove season on 1 Sep! By golly he did, and got the first bird he shot at, although he didn't put much meat on the table from his 4 hunts, he allows. Enjoyed a morning chat with **Janet** who says Emmett is following orders and doing his prescribed therapy and exercises. Early on, he much appreciated a hosp visit by **Bill Fullilove** & wife, who drove up from Austin. This summer, **Dave & Ruth Fitton** visited and were sent home with a peck or two of tree ripe peaches from Emmett's 150-tree orchard. Now that's more good news.

**Doug & Wade Kinnard** unplugged their computer in Jul and relocated to Tulsa to be near Wade's mother. Doug found Lexington, VA "interesting," but re-discovered that he's no southerner and is a big city boy. The Kinnards were launched westward by **Frank & Naomi Cash** at lunch in the Cash's beautiful ancestral home which they moved 50 mi and re-assembled in Rockingham County. The new Kinnard address is 6609 South New Haven, Tulsa, OK 74136.

This summer I received postals from Vienna, Leningrad and Yalta where **Dean Bressler** paused to enjoy the Riviera-like climate after some days in Moscow. Next stop—London on 10 Sep.

The Class Book Project report. Letter to 346 members brought 266 responses. 218 sent at least \$25 and some required poop; 206 were essentially complete submissions. These results were adequate for a "GO" decision. However, many sent no photos; we're very short of these. **Don Carter** is setting type for bios. Regional "naggers" are encouraged to nag further for missing classmates, poop and photos (glossys preferred). Stragglers should be spurred but not shot!

**Hi & Judy Ely** were in Louisville for a convention, so they side-tripped to visit **Duncan & Nell Clore** in Hopkinsville, KY alongside a golf course where the Clores breakfast on the first tee. Hi has sold his NJ op to a son but has (tax- and ski-) wisely kept his op in Waterville, NH. The Elys hosted **Jack & Bea Peterson** there in Aug. Meanwhile the governor of NJ has placed Hi on the tax bd to hear the appeals of over-taxed realty owners.

Warming up for departure for Eur the next wk, the **O'Donnells** gave a fine buffet dinner in early Sep in honor of **Bob & Betty Rodden**, who were visiting children nearby. **Jean & Pat LaMarre**, visiting a lovely daughter present, were house-guests. Helping unload the festive board and bar were the **Blanchards, Carters, Connell, Czapar, Daniels, Ginsburghs, Hall, Maishes, Sylvia McElvey** and escort, **Morrisons, Otts, Parsons, JT Petersons, Ruthie Scott, Smiths, Sullivans,**

**Vitulos, and Whites**. It was a very pleasant evening with a very fit-looking gp.

I am informed that **ASSEMBLY** is to issue 5 times per yr. I hope that it won't discommode anybody if I stick to 4-a-yr. Haven't figured out exactly which issue is least important to us, but I'm not wild about doing anything avoidable in the month of Aug. No big deal; we'll mosey along.

Anyone interested in joining skiing classmates in Stratton, VT 6-11 Mar 88 should touch base with **Dave Ott**. It's always fun. Details emerging.

Hope you have a beautiful autumn. GSOYP, A!

# '45

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We've had a hot, dry summer in suburban Nashville, TN. In the middle of Jul **Audrey Gatlin** wrote me that they had to turn on their furnace at their home in CO Springs. Her letter enclosed the two pics of '45ers they saw on their summer travels.



1945: Gatlins and Dolan; 9 Jun 87, Gatlins' 42nd anniv



1945: Summer, Gatlin and Coulahan at John Coulahan Jr's wedding

**Warren Stumpe** wrote me that **Rexnord Technologies**, the co that has employed him for lo these many yrs, has been acquired by **Radian Corp**. No problem for Warren—he's now a VP of Radian.

25-26 Jul was the occasion for the 3rd Annual **Jock McQuarrie Memorial Golf Tournament** at Angel Fire, NM. Over \$7500 was raised for the cancer research center at the U of NM. **Rosanne** said the

mountains provided a gorgeous backdrop and the weather was perfect for the tournament. '45ers playing were **Barb & Arch Arnold** along with **John & Mary Stoer**. McQuarrie son Scott '72 teamed up with Jack Pearce '47 to win low gross in their flight while the Arnolds won low net in theirs. Two of the 3 McQuarrie children visited at Angel Fire for the tournament along with all 4 grandchildren—a particularly happy and noisy household!

When I receive a little Class news from the Kosciusko, MS contingent of our Class it is big stuff! **Rusty Heilbronner** said that **Nan & he** spent several days during Jul visiting **Fran & Orv Post** in Austin, TX. A party the evening they arrived included **Bernie & Dottie Wichlep** who came from San Ant and **Ran & Nell Preston**. The 8 of them were together at Ft Riley in 48-49. The next evening the Prestons hosted a newspaper shrimp feast for the Posts and Heilbronners. The following day Orv, Fran, Nan, and Rusty visited **Vern & Molly Newman**. Vern & Rusty had been quartered on Beauregard Loop at WP in the early 60s. Another day **Put Monroe** came by for a visit and it was great to see him again.



1945: Wichlep, Post, Heilbronner and Preston



1945: Front row—Neil Preston, Fran Post; Middle—Heilbronners and Dottie Wichlep; Back—Wichlep, Post and Preston

Four days after **Nan & Rusty** returned home to MS they were notified that grandchild no 4 had arrived. Daughter **Janet** gave birth to her second boy, **Nicholas Alan**. While **Nan** helped out in **Ruston, LA** for a couple of wks, **Rusty** helped son **Wayne & his wife** move into their new home—all this in 95° weather. **Rusty** said they were scheduled to have a visit from

**Gaye & Bob Dingeman** over Labor Day wkend which would temporarily double the local '45 population.

**Fay & Yole Worthington** wrote that they saw **Claire & June Whitney** in mid-Jun at their 40th anniv party.



1945: Macintires and Worthingtons

**Wittwers, Gandys and Burnells** live in Boise, ID, love it, and hope we'll all visit but not stay as they want to keep it the way it is. **Bates Burnell** is still with **Morrison-Knudson** while **Toby Gandy** and **Wally** are ret again. The whole bunch play golf as often as possible when they're not traveling. **George & Katy Dexter** were with them for a visit when pic was taken.



1945: Dexters, Gandys, Burnells and Wittwer

**Jim Elkey** reported these deaths in the '45 family: **Don Kohler** died of a heart attack on 6 Aug. **Diane's** address is now 2872 Northview Ave, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420. **Vern Newman** died of cancer on 30 Aug. **Ouida Cavanna, Ray's wife** died in El Paso, TX in Jul. **Sam Lessey's father** died in NH on 12 Sep at the age of 92. Our heartfelt sympathy is with the families of all of these.

Classmates on the move—**Les & Audrey Ayers** have left Sonoma, CA and returned to Guatemala for an extended stay. **Paddy & Marge Driscoll** left DC area for Sun City Center, FL. **Bob & Joann Hippert** moved from GA to Camden, SC. **Hottie & Peggy Lohn** now live in Sarasota, FL. **Ky & Maria Murphy** are now in West Palm Beach, FL while **Hank & Nancy Starkey** went southwest from Orange Park to Tampa, FL. Bucking the trend, **DeWitt & Martha Nunn** moved north from Boca Raton, FL to Williamsburg, VA.

**Put Monroe** traveled to both coasts this

past summer. On his Pacific swing he missed seeing **Dexters** in Albuquerque but did chat with **George Garman** and **Max Findell** on the phone. He was in Eugene, OR for a model railroading convention and stopped by with **Dick & Mary Gorder** in Poulsbo, WA. He also saw **Andy & Jinny Carhart** in Boulder, CO where Andy is a youth minister and also functions as a supply minister when needed in the area. On his Atlantic trip he stayed with **George & Dodie Smith** for a visit in McLean, VA and was very much interested in George's consulting work in medically-related engr. On his way back to Austin, Put stopped by in Nashville, called, and spent an evening talking with **Mary Jane & me**. We sure did enjoy the visit and just hope that more of you will call when you pass through Nashville.

Great News! As you may have read in Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY* there are 5 issues planned for 88. News will be more timely than before, BUT I'll need help from all of you to make our Class notes newsworthy. In order to meet my new deadlines I'll need news from all of you no later than 8 Dec 87 and the 8th of Feb, May, Aug, and Oct of 88. Another thing, a significant number of '45ers don't subscribe. Please encourage all classmates to subscribe to *ASSEMBLY* and *Register of Graduates*.

Have a very happy holiday season!

'46

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(164) Football 87 not off to a very auspicious start, but the second game was a winner. The Class is well represented by the usual stalwarts. We are more compactly seated than in the last few yrs. In 88 *ASSEMBLY* will be published 5 times with notes due to AOG 15 Dec 87, 15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug, and 15 Oct 88. As a consequence, this issue will be arriving almost on due date for notes. The usual end of the yr mail won't be usable till Apr issue.

In Sep 87 *ASSEMBLY* I noted the unfortunate situation of **Murray Putzer**. On 9 Jul 87 **Delores**, the family and Murray's doctors were granted by the courts the right to discontinue life support which was Murray's wish. **Delores** and their daughter **Helene** were at his bedside when he died on 16 Jul 87, 6 days after **Delores** disconnected life support systems. For her and her family thus ends very trying yrs of hopelessness and despair. Our sympathies are extended to them as they face the future.

Last Roll Call, also Sep issue, lists **Ed McCue, Ray Orth, Bill Pence** and **Cucho Felices**. I have details about **Cucho** and **Ray**. **Felices** died in Austria while he & **Shirley** were escorting their granddaughter on a tour of Europe. A memorial service was held in Orlando, FL and he was

buried at the USAFA on 31 Jul 87 with full mil honors. Along with Shirley he is survived by two sons, Mark and Steve, and a daughter Sheri. **Bob & Jennie Burke**, who mailed the info, attended the graveside ceremonies. I received a note last Jun from **Stan Baumgartner** to report the death of Ray. **Joan Orth** had called Stan the day Ray died. Ray and Stan were roommates from 1 Jul 43 right thru to 4 Jun 46. The Orths had been living in Spokane, WA for a yr since Ray ret from Aerospace in CA. Besides Joan, Ray left 3 children ages 19, 17, and 16. To the families of all four our deepest understandings are extended.

As a follow-up to the last issue **Clint Friend** reported that his wife **Leigh** is now into rehabilitation at the Sea Pines in Melbourne, FL, is talking and on her way to recovery. She was able to move from the West Milford Health Center. Her EKG is now near normal and she is making good progress. We are certainly happy to hear that. Also in FL are **Charles & Betty Wesolowsky** in the St Petersburg area, and they see **Charles & Ruth Ruggiero** who live nearby. Wesolowsky said if you're in the area drop by and bring your bathing suits.

The only photo for this issue is of the WP Founders Day dinner at the Downtown Club, Asheville, NC held 22 Mar 87. Shown are **Ben & Kay Wier '45**, **Jack & Ann Gilham**, **Frank & Joy Blazey** (he sent the info), **Packie & Jack Whitener** and **Dusty & Bill Cound**. As Frank men-



1946: Wiers, Gilhams, Blazeys, Whiteners, Counds; Founders Day 1987, Asheville, NC

tioned, he finally mailed the poop (29 Jun)—things do move more slowly in the South (his words). The guest speaker was Jack Whitener who expertly discussed education in their part of the country. Wier is the Western NC Soc pres who reminded the '46ers of the benefits of a good plebe yr. Frank & Joy celebrated their 39 yrs together by visiting the Soviet Union last Oct 86. They journeyed from Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Erevan to Moscow and Leningrad. Frank does not recommend the food or the water but the trip will be remembered for the culture, people, history and art. They plan to visit China this fall (87). Frank met **Buck Birdsong** (see Jun 87 issue) recently while playing golf as a guest of **Bill Caldwell '48** in GA. Buck was visiting with **Ken Barlow**

and they chatted about how tough plebe math had been in 43. Frank saw **Dick & Rae Bresnahan** last Apr in Denver. Dick had a close call health-wise but is now on the road to recovery.

**George Patton** moved his sailboat *Arc-turus III* from Norfolk to Manchester, MA during period 3–8 Jun 87 with the help of **Jake Burney** and **Guy Troy**. They had a great time despite the fog east and north of Long Island. Jake got off in Newport; said it was dangerous to get too far away from his clients.

Now, with the exception of the last item, the rest of the news is courtesy of **Jim Looome**. He always passes the notes classmates attach to their dues payments for DC roster. The 87–88 DC social schedule, excluding dates prior to this issue, with host '46 cadet co noted: 16 Dec—Class lunch at Pentagon (E-1); 14 Jan—WP Society winter lunch at Ft Myer; 23 Jan—Class dinner at Ft McNair (E-2); 24 Feb—Class lunch at Pentagon (F-1); 11 Mar—Founders Day dinner at ANCC; 5 May—WP Soc spring lunch at Myer; 28 May—Class dinner at McNair (F-2); 25 Jun—Class picnic at Lake of the Woods.

**Dick Beckner** ret 1 Oct 87 from Merrill Lynch et al after 11 yrs with them. He's traveling and plans to move. **Kyle & Betty Bowie** live in VA in a big house near NC State line. Classmates welcome to visit (near Hwy 501) near South Boston, VA. **Tom Constant** on a *Royal Viking* cruise this past summer from San Fran to NYC via Panama Canal. He saw **Bob & Edie Kane** and **Jim & Jane Hobson** in S.F. **Pat Crizer** reports son **Scott** a CPT serving in Pershing unit in Ger. **Katherine Elder**, **Jim's** widow, reports the birth of a grandchild, **Blake Charles Elder**, on 28 Jul 87 to **Keith & Viki**. Blake is the grandson of two graduates, **Jim & Morgan Mayson '56**. Unfortunately, both grandfathers have passed on. Blake is the namesake of his uncle **Blake Elder** who is a tech writer with FMC in CA. **Phil Farris** and **George Muir** are active members of Fairfax Co Golden Racquets Tennis Club, often playing together or as opponents in the mixed league of retirees. **Harry Floyd's** wife **Ann** and daughter **Victoria**, a VP with a foreign bank in L.A., took a trip this past summer to Paris, Moscow, and Leningrad to visit all the museums.

**Walt Frankland** saw **Ben & Jan Evans** in Aug 87 at ANCC. Ben had been very ill and this was his first trip out in some mos. **George Hall's** youngest son **Stephen** graduates USAFA this coming Jun. **Hei Heiberg's** son **James** graduated 10 May 87 from Hampden-Sydney College with a BA (double major in pol sci and history) followed by a graduation trip to Europe. James is now at home and as of these notes was looking for a job. Hei's daughter **Karen** moved from CA to VA and is now at Cameron Station. She was married 10 Oct 87 to MAJ **Robert Reuter**, US Army, and a prof at Def Systems Mgt Coll at Belvoir.

**Jim Hutchins** is still with Natl Museum of Amer History. **Sully & June Johnson** spent two glorious wks in Spain this past Aug. Their son **Eric** returned from a tour with the Peace Corps in Cameron, West Africa and was married in Jul 87.

**Frank & Queene Lester** joined **John & Connie Molchan** on a two-wk trip to Russia this past summer. Frank called it an interesting and educational experience. Lester's daughter **Lindsey Brutscher**, LT USN, presented them with their 4th granddaughter, **Kathryn Anne** on 4 May 87. **Stan Love** is now a governor of WP Soc of NY and his son **William** entered Columbia U Grad School. **Bryce Poe** reports birth of grandson no. 1 **Bryce IV**, a yr old in Nov 87. **Reub Pomerantz** reports daughter **Sharon** married 11 Oct 87 in DC. **Bill Schneider** reports the birth of grandson **Scott** on 1 Jul 87 at Ft Meade, MD to CPT **Stephen '79** and **Susan Schneider** where Steve serves in NSA. Son **Richard** married **Julia Dorman** 10 Oct 87. In Jun **Pat & Bob Steele** picked up daughter **Robin**, who lives in Chicago, and drove through the natl parks in the Pacific northwest. Returned to Wash via Canada and the Upper Peninsula of MI. In Oct **Pat & Bob** visited the major cities of So Amer and the Galapagos Isls with a tour gp.

**Phyllis Tixier** (705 Grandview Dr, Charleston, WV) reports she is finally a grandmother. Son **Mike '74** & wife **Sharon** became parents of **John Sterling Tixier** on 15 Aug 87 in Austin, TX. **Sam Walker** reports two sons, **Walton H (Buck) '71** and **Sam S III '75**, at USMA. Buck is S-3, USCC and Sam is DOI in OPE. **Snookie & Sam** were to be in Korea in Oct 87 to unveil a statue to his father **GEN WH '12** being erected by Korean govt and supported by a number of Korean corporations. Incidentally, my son **Bill** reported for duty 5 Jul 87 in Korea with the 802nd Engr Bn with a two-yr accompanied tour in view. **George & Lynn Webb** report that son **George III** & his wife **Mary Lynell** had a son **James C** born 15 Jun 87. Their daughter **Mary** & her husband **Dan Cummings '83** had a daughter **Christina** born 1 Aug 87. That makes 6 grandchildren for the Webbs. Also their son **Peter** is a CPT (Inf) at Benning. **Bob Williams**, DDS, is currently pres of the TN Dental Assoc and West TN Council of Boy Scouts.

**Mint Wilson's** son **Stephen** left active duty as an Army CPT for a full scholarship at USC (Aug 87). His major is theater and he expects to get a master's in two yrs and then hopes to act and direct. Steve teaches some classes for compensation. Mint's daughter **Karen** married **Tom Wiese** in Aug 85. Karen is an Amer Airlines exec and Tom shares ownership of a plastics manufacturing firm in Dallas. **John Wiss** keeps busy with teaching and research at Carnegie-Mellon U. **Ted Zeh's** daughter **Susan** & her husband **Bill** are both 1LTs in the AF stationed at Minot AFB, ND.

Last Jun **Ed Chynoweth** wrote to com-

ment on the items in the Jun **ASSEMBLY** about **Danny Graham** and **Lew Allen**. Ed wondered if such items should be included in Class notes. Since both items were public before I wrote them, I have no problem with merely passing on what any of our classmates are doing. That's what the Class notes are all about, even where there is an issue involved. I am not establishing a Class position by so stating such publicly stated positions of any one classmate. To me the key is "publicly stated" which in most cases means I have extracted the item from a newspaper article. Aside from that, Ed reports that in Aug 86 he just missed WP Soc's LA boat ride, but he did have lunch with **Kibbey Home** who is quite a world traveler. Home's job is head of foreign campuses for the CA State U system. Kibbey is the first classmate Ed had seen since seeing **Larry Elder** 20 yrs ago.

'47

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I sadly report that **Locker Bentley** and **Tex Hightower** have passed away since we last saw them at Reunion. **Betty & Locker** were loading their luggage when we were departing the Holiday Inn from adjacent parking spaces. He mentioned looking forward to his new home in Medford, NY. When **Nancy & Frank Perry** reported Locker's death to me, they also stated that the **Bentleys'** car was struck by a bus in the rear on their trip to Medford. Locker died from a heart attack on 28 Jul 87 in NY. Betty returned to their CA home where Lock was buried. . . . I received a letter from Tex written on 22 Jul wherein he discussed his damaged heart at length, and he hoped fervently to lead a normal life for a long time. But it wasn't to be. **Jack Schuder** called me to say that Tex died of a heart attack in Orlando on 12 Aug. **Judy & Hank Paul** and **Betty & Jack Schuder** attended the memorial services at the Naval Tng Center Chapel in Orlando on 16 Aug. **Mockie & Mike Maloney** and **Marion Steinger** were able to meet Tex's two fine sons at the burial at WP on 20 Aug. **Wayne Hauck** made a contribution, for the Class, to the American Heart Fund in memory of Tex and to the Boy Scouts of America in memory of Locker. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to the families of Locker and Tex.

**Jimmy Johnson** has been steadily rebuilding his house. **Kay** decided it was a good time to visit Europe. The **Haucks** were able to review the fine house renovations on 11 Jul when they visited Jimmy for dinner. (I am not visiting until the backyard grass is like a golfing green). I found Jim at Reunion to have the best absolute recall of events over the past 40 yrs, especially cadet days, of any of us. Earlier in Jun **Dot Hauck** was in HI taking



1947: Picnic: Mastin, Lynn, June Burner, Betty Boerger, Mary Beuhler

care of her mother. She was able to visit the **Edingtons** several times.



1947: Picnic: Schuder, Reckmeyer, Novomesky

The Pauls returned in Aug from a 3-wk trek thru the mtns of UT, WY and CO where the landscape is "the most beautiful on earth." . . . The **Knipes** had 100+ at



1947: The choir, 40 yrs later

their house in Kokomo for brunch during their HS 45th Reunion on 9 Oct. . . . We are getting "older." More reports of back problems, arthritis and eye problems are being received. Both **Ann Pearce** and **Jane Mastin** have recovered nicely from cataract ops. I myself, will soon have to attend to a detached retina. . . **Frank Boerger** remains extremely busy protecting clients from the varied and complex rules made by governmental health, pollution, etc. agencies in CA. . . **Willie Munroe** has returned to Tucson after a long, hibernating summer stay at his retreat in Rangeley, ME. The **Sargents** returned home from Reunion for more festive occasions. On 20



1947: Holiday Inn: Burners, Wildrick, Haigs, Webbs

Jun, **Ken Sargent** married **Sonya Seven** with **Judge Dell** performing the lovely wedding ceremony at the Sargents' home in LA. **Sonya** wore **Meg's** original wedding gown. Then, a few days later at the Sargents' 40th wedding anniv, **Meg** wore the same gown again. The gown was packed away awaiting the marriage of their little granddaughter, **Erin Paige**, in the year 2010. Can anyone else duplicate this feat besides **Betty Reckmeyer**?



1947: Reunion fun

Of late, I have received many letters filled with reunion pics and "small talk," but not much news. Hence, I shall use the remaining space for coordinating instructions and reunion pics. Pics were sent in by **Greenes, Coghills, Haskins, Burners, Webbs, Delistratys, Greenbergs, Mike Maloneys, Mastins, Sargents, Edingtons, Wildricks** and **Naills**. Credit should go to others but unfortunately, with no notation on pics, I failed to note the submitters before filing.

In the BB of this issue of **ASSEMBLY**



1947: Picnic: Benson, Webb, Burner, Tuckers

should be the new schedule for class notes due at AOG. If you utilize the



1947: Picnic: Geraci, Boerger, Nairn, Duquemin, Clark

"backward planning" we all learned long ago, you will know that I need to mail to AOG approx 5 days before due date; 5 additional days, and sometimes more, will be required by me to write up. Your mailing time to me needs to be included. Therefore, you need to write and mail at the latest, by the first of the "due" month! Assume "I don't know nothin," so please identify your photos and write clearly (large) and fully descriptive! . . . We need to come up with a program of obtaining an OBITUARY of classmates for timely publication in *ASSEMBLY*. I suggest that if family does not desire to accomplish the write-up, a roommate or closest associate over the yrs submit the obit with info coming from the family. I will try to obtain a



1947: Picnic: Mahlum, Henry, Fernandez, MacAdoo

listing of obits of classmates that have been already published in *ASSEMBLY*.

Notification System: I recommed that you call **Wayne Hauck**, Class treas, immediately so that the Class might honor or contribute or give support to the deceased family on a timely basis. Soon thereafter, follow thru with letters or calls to me and AOG. . . . Planning for the 42 1/2 Reunion has already begun. Those desiring to offer their home sites or favorite locations for consideration need to send in their proposals immediately to **Frank Boerger**. For instance, **June & Jean Burner** are suggesting the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Isl, MI (opened in 1887), the world's largest sum-



1947: Thayer Hotel: Betty Conger, Pat Haskin, Muriel Webb, Betty Boerger, Barb Boerger



1947: Reunion arrival comm: Meade, Lynn, Edington, Burner, Hauck

mer hotel with longest porch offering a sweeping view of the Straits of Mackinac in the Great Lakes. Accommodations are deluxe! Service is impeccable! The food is renowned! What else do we need!

a more lasting and continuing fellowship which these publications give them. I urge you to encourage any non-subscribing classmate that you may often encounter to subscribe to these publications.



1947: Sargents' wedding: Sonya & Ken, Chris & Karen with Erin, Meg & Howie



1947: Paul Curry and Bill Coghill starting reunion early

Subscribers: There are about 70-80 classmates who are non-subscribers to *ASSEMBLY/Register*. They, as well as we to a certain extent, are the ones losing out on

Once again the Class thanks **Tom Flattery** and the many helpers of the Reunion Comm for successfully organizing and running our finest reunion.



1947: Partial LA contingent at Sargent wedding

Note that next yr there will be 5 issues ILO of 4. Over the holidays, practice up on your word processing procedures and get the news in. This column is being sent in early because **Duquemins** and **Geracis** are off to Little Rock for the Natl Clay Court Tennis Champ. Results in next issue. . . . I need a large influx of reunion pics and related pics to proceed with the "VCR Reunion tape." Initial planning is to travel to CA next summer to coordinate and get assistance. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

# '48

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**Bill Kaula's** election to the Natl Academy of Sciences reported in the last issue is really a noteworthy achievement. Bill is one of only 13 USMA grads to be so honored, only one other in *this century*. We all share your pride and send our congratulations, Bill. **Tom & Ann Ware** are just back from an extensive vacation—first back to the family digs in the Midwest for a wedding in Chilli-cothe, OH and then on to Canada. **Sally & Harry Buckley** met them in Montreal, CN where the two grey-headed men met in front of Nelson's monument. For those of you wondering, that's Tom's walking stick in his hand which is being used as a pointer to lecture on Nelson's achievements.



1948: Tom Ware & Harry Buckley in Canada

Your scribe had occasion to visit Little Rock, AR recently on bus (smart lawyers like **Macklin** go to AZ, FL, or CA in winter—it's only dumb businessmen like me who go to heat and humidity in Jul). Had lunch with **Frank & Brenda Williams** and **Dave McNeely**. Both Frank and Dave are fully ret now, but far from inactive. Both are enthusiastic campers and travel extensively. After lunch they both compared vans in the parking lot and promised to join us for the 40th Reunion. Brenda & Frank are 4-yr newlyweds—Brenda teaches first graders for relaxation. Another Little Rockian, **Oscar Kochtitzky** was unable to attend lunch so I visited him at home. Oscar's health hasn't been the best since

a stroke a few yrs ago and the loss of his wife this past Jun. But he's hale and hearty, gets around the house and local area well. We had a wonderful time leafing through the alphabetical section of the '48 *Howitzer* and telling stories about everyone we remembered.

Two thoughtful ladies, **Novella Whitehead** and **Imogene Swearingen**, hosted a lovely lunch for all '48 spouses in the local Wash DC area recently. Attending



1948: Wanda Anderson, Imogene Swearingen, Babs Mumma, Novella Whitehead, Phyllis Hallahan

(in no particular order) were **Jeanne Cancelliere**, **Pickle Barnett**, **Anne Berry**, **Wanda Anderson**, **Marianne Kiernan** (just back from a trip to the Canadian Rockies), **Louis Bratton**, **Kay Brill**, **Anne Griffith**, **Anne Ware**, **Bev Hall**, **Phyllis Hallahan** (Bob's recovering well after two bouts with surgery), **Jo Hoffman**, **Jo Packard**, **Jerry Jones**, **Gene Kaula** (they're moving back to CA to escape the traffic), **Sally (Adams) Brady**, **Babs Mumma** (moving to Stafford, VA in Jul), **Hellie Patch**, **Nancy Pater**, **Carol Pomeroy** (the Pomeroy's just had their 7th grandchild, 6th grandson. Oh what fun it will be when they all come visit for Christmas), **Margie Pressman**, **Lynn Robertson**, **Pat Selig** (the Seligs are just back from an extensive trip out west to CA, AZ, the Grand Canyon and NM where they saw the **Thevenets** in Albuquerque), **Dusty Scott**, **Lettie Starry**, **Phyllis Langton** (George Thomas' bride of two mos), **Pilar Witko**, **Mary Horn** (they have been to England and Ger this yr), **Katy Plummer** and **Dolly Petersen** (from whose notes all this has been reconstructed). A lot of business was discussed. I found out things that the Class offs hadn't told me yet—but then I've always been a true believer of where the real power lies in our households!

**Punk Hartnell**, our regional Class rep in the Midwest, finally tracked down our long lost classmate **Chris Murphy**. Using sophisticated sleuth techniques learned in the IL woodlands, Punk went to the local police station and consulted several real estate agents in Chris' last known address in Canton, IL. At any rate, Chris & wife **Judy** went east to **Wes Jones'** hometown in Statesville, NC and now

reside at 820 Alexander St, Statesville, NC 28677 and phone no 704-873-7362. Some of you old M2 files give Chris a call and ask him where he's been and tell him to report in. Punk sent a circular letter to all the troops in the midwest, asking them to report in with new addresses, spouses, phone numbers, whatever. Many did and we haven't heard from some of them in many yrs—**Jack Peppers** is working for Amana Refrigeration in Cedar Rapids, IA; **Whitey Emerson** gave Punk a lecture where Decorah, IA is—his home (the rest of you can look it up); Judge **Dick Cudahy** is circuit judge on the Seventh Court of Appeals in Chicago and reports that he has been there since 79 and unless the Constitution is amended, has a lifetime job. Dick became a widower in 74 and remarried to **Janet**; now there are 7 children on the duty roster—5 in the first family and two in the second. Punk heard from **Dick Stein** and from everyone in the area except **Perry Sykes** who has yet to return his postcard request for new info. Come on Perry, answer the mail.

Everybody give a round of applause to our newest Class regional volunteer rep (with a little arm twisting) from the Northeast—**Hugh Perry** has responsibility for the states of NH, VT, MA, ME, CT, NY, NJ and DE. Old "sipping cider through a straw" Perry is an engr with the Torrington Corp in a town of the same name in CT. He promises to get you all in the Northeast shaped up and on the duty roster. Disaster has struck **Robbie & Lyn Robertson** again—this time it wasn't Lynn, who's walking fine now, but Robbie was helping a neighbor with some yard work and got a tick bite which became infected and cost him several days in Walter Reed. He's in good shape now but cautions that one should never assume that just because the neighborhood has \$300,000 houses it is free from bugs and rodents.

Have you ever noticed what a small world it is? **Sally & Jim Macklin** had just returned from a vacation on the Outer Banks at their beach place and were talking to their rental agent on who was scheduled for the rest of the summer. Their agent said ". . . this is Jo Reynolds, Mr & Mrs Macklin . . ." and that lovely voice on the other end of the phone was **Don & Jeanette Reynolds'** oldest daughter who is living with her family in Kill Devil Hills, NC. Truly, you cannot escape '48 wherever you go! A warm welcome to **Bob & Greta Mathis** who have relocated from Bozeman, MT to the Wash DC area where Bob is the pres of Star Technologies, a high tech firm. That makes 81 classmates in the national capitol area—almost one third of our total membership. What a pleasant surprise the other day to get a phone call from **Charlie Martin**, one of our ex-classmates from C-2 who went on to a full career in

the Coast Guard. Charlie and I had a wonderful chat about C-2 files and the 40th Reunion which Charlie promises faithfully to attend. Incidentally, you all should have received in the mail by now a detailed questionnaire and lots of other fact sheets on our upcoming reunion. By the time you read this, you will have already missed one deadline date to return some info to **Tom Ware**—dig out the papers again and send them in NOW. Again on the subject of reunions, a lot of classes organize “mini” reunions during the yr according to seasons—winters in FL, HI, CA, etc., summers in New England or Canada. As a Class, we ought to do more of this kind of thing. Here in the Wash DC area we get together semi-annually. Our next event is a dinner-dance 16 Apr 88—you out-of-towners are all invited. You all living outside DC let us know your plans and we’ll publish them for you. Some of our gp are into cruising for their mini get-togethers. **Joe & Mas-**



1948: Pomeroy, Bertrams, Shivelys, Macklins, cruising the Caribbean

**sie Dorsey** were in town for a brief visit with the **Egberts**. Joe still urges all of us to eat plenty of apples but announced that he’s diversifying his 1200 acre Berryville, VA farm into tomatoes and a nursery to supply trees, shrubs and stuff to the Wash DC yuppies.

Effective in 88 the AOG is going to 5 issues of **ASSEMBLY** a yr to accommodate the space requirements generated by class notes from larger classes. I’m sure elsewhere in this issue there will be plenty of space devoted to the implications so I won’t repeat them here. Suffice it to say you’ll have to get your notes to me on a different schedule—my deadlines to the editor are the 15th of Dec, Feb, May, Aug and Oct. Let’s see how the schedule shakes out before we decide cutoffs on *your* notes to me to make those dates.

Something must have happened in CA the last few days before my deadline—of course something is always happening in CA, not always for the good, but in this case it was. The mail brought news from two ‘48 stalwarts—**John McEnery** and **Bill Madden**. John reports that “tennis playing drs . . .” have been dropping in. **Dr Al Pabst** for a mortgage business

conference and **Bill Madden** after ret from his law bus in Denver. “Dr” **Dick Webber** pedaled, yes pedaled, in from MN on a two-mo cycling trip across the Dakotas, WY, MT, ID, OR, CA camping out all along the way. John concluded his newsy report by saying he will bring his tennis racket to the 40th Reunion and hopes to find some competition (you’ve got a date John) and that **RO Barton** led a group of 16 golfers through Monterey while playing all the name courses up and down the coast. The tennis portion of John’s report was independently confirmed by **Bill Madden** in a separate letter reporting much the same series of events, all except the scores of the resulting matches. Bill ret in Jan 87 from his law bus and moved to Carmel and is now enjoying playing golf and tennis Mon through Fri while he concludes a few pending law cases. He says **McEnery** is the scourge (or was it Scrooge?) of the racket club because no one can get a ball over or around 6’ 5” flankers. You have to hit it *through* them, Bill—that way they can’t return it. **Sheri Madden** is fighting progressive multiple sclerosis and needs constant attention—all of us wish you both the best in your fight. Wonder of wonders also, **Hank Sternburg** checked in with a list of the oldest and youngest 10 members of the Class. Without independent confirmation, I pass on that **Hank** says **Don Huie** is our Methuselah and **Bob Mathis** is our baby and **Harry Buckley** is a mere youngster at 17th oldest. Next time Hank, send along a little news with the bare facts.

And yet another plea for help in locating some lost classmates. We’re still looking for **Saul Resnick** and “Grim” (**William G**) **Locke**, last known addresses believed to be in the Dallas, TX area; **Vince Lewando** believed to be in central MI; **Ed Klett** believed to be in the Phila area. We’re trying to locate these stalwart gentlemen so we can send them Class notes and reunion info. HELP, YOU SUPER SLEUTHS!

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**Ted Marley**’s wife **Joyce** died of cancer after a long illness on 29 Jun 87 in Lawton, OK. Her funeral was held on 2 Jul in the Post Chapel at Ft Sill. **Don & Erika Keith** flew from DC to attend. Don reports **Joyce** was active in orgs on post and in town. There was SRO at the chapel. She & **Ted** have 3 children—**John**, **Steve** and **Lisa**. **Ted** is VP at the Ft Sill Natl Bank. **Don** is on the bank’s board and gets back to Lawton several times each yr.

**Bruce Peters** received acclaim in a Natl Science Foundation report on an ONR and NSF workshop, “Monitoring

Foreign Science and Technology for Enhanced Intl Competitiveness: Defining US Needs.” Dr **Peters** is credited with being the principal inspiration, coordinator and editor for the project. Please contact **Bruce** for what it all means.

**Tut & Shirley Hendricks**, LaPlata, MD, celebrated the marriage of their daughter **Jean** on 23 May 87 to **Charles Huber** of Highland Falls, NY. The wedding was held at Andrews AFB Chapel. Eight classmates were present for the gp photo—**Estes**, **Hendricks**, **Lombard**, **Ed Nelson**, **Peters**, **Surut**, **Swett** and **Yacker**. “**Tiger**” **Howell** was there but had to leave early.

**Jack Finley** writes from Acton, MA that “reluctantly” he was talked into having a big birthday party for his 60th—after his family tried to hold a 60th celebration last yr for his 59th! A hundred people came. Jack, what do you plan for an encore? Three classmates shown in photo attended—**Tim Cronin**, VP at Wang; **John Miller**, pres of Intermetrics; and **Ed Triner**, just ret from NRC and starting another career in real estate. **Tim** and **John** live in Jack’s general area as does **Jack Kiely** who was unable to attend. **Ed** came up from the DC area. (I note that Intermetrics, a software co, is listed as one of the 7 major contractors on the Space Station Project.) Jack’s letter also reported that **Ken Main**’s wife **Nancy** had hip bone replacement surgery and was doing well in the hosp in Naples, FL.

**John Chandler** wrote from Hill, NH to report the death on 20 Aug 87, from diabetic complications, of **Richard C Lea**, ex-’49, in Littleton, CO. **Dick** was John’s roommate (G-2 Co) during plebe yr until **Dick** was discharged for diabetes about the time of the A-N game. **Dick** graduated from TX A&M; later headed **Martin**’s Titan I and II engr programs. He was forced to ret about 15 yrs ago due to diabetic problems, eventually losing his eyesight and both feet. He is survived by his wife **Margaret** and two sons, **Dick** and **Chuck**. **John** remained in touch with **Dick** through the yrs and gave in his eulogy a salute from USMA ‘49 on behalf of **Dick**’s friends in the Long Gray Line. **John** also reports **Pat Wason** has returned to her farm in New Boston. At **Chuck**’s request there was no memorial service but the family has placed a flagpole in the garden, dedicated to his memory.

**Jim Coghlan**, Walnut Creek, CA, provided an update on his children. **Jay** is a contractor and **Ed** is a legal aid atty, both in Santa Fe, NM. **David** spent a yr as an oil field roughneck, then graduated as valedictorian from the London Sch of Economics before getting an MBA in Fountainbleu, France. **Anne** graduated with honors from U of CO, Boulder, then spent 18 mos in Belize working for CARE. This fall she became a grad student at Cornell U. **Jim**, now what’s the



1949: The Hendricks' wedding

Guests were Jack & Jean Albert, Phil & Mary Feir, Bill & Ann Bumpus, Tom & Joan Marsh and Frank & Bette Hinchion. Bill Bumpus sent along a photo of another Ocean Pines dinner-and-boating '49er party. Present were Hin-



1949: Hinchions, Lakes, Bumpuses, Sylvesters and Marshes—Ocean Pines, MD

chions, Lakes, Bumpuses, Elaine & George Sylvester and the Marshes. And to show that the Ocean Pines crowd sometimes puts on coats and ties, the Hinchions and Ogdens posed, perhaps to celebrate Frank and Larry finishing in the top 20 in a local golf tournament.



1949: Cronin, Finley, Triner and Miller celebrating Triner's birthday



1949: Burt & Vonnie Turner with Larry Ogden



1949: Hinchions with Ogdens

bad news? A brief note from **Bill Stemple** to **Frank Hinchion** reported Bill's marriage to **Ann Focke Mischler** on 21 Jun 87 in Dayton, OH. The photo shows Ann & Bill dancing. Ann & Bill live in Madison, NJ. Ann, welcome to the '49er bunch.

visited in DC a few mos ago. Larry's stationery says he's construction and ops VP at Interstate Natural Gas Assoc in DC.



1949: Newlyweds Ann & Bill Stemple



1949: Fagg, scribe, Doreen Fagg, Mechlings at Englishes' home

**Allen & Audrey English** sent a photo taken at a Class dinner in their Annapolis, MD home. The Ocean Pines/Ocean City (MD) crowd are real party people. **Frank Hinchion** writes that **Bill & Jean Lake** hosted a '49 party on 1 Aug 87.

On 16 Sep, 35 '49ers met for lunch at the Pentagon. Present were **Charlie Adams**, **Tom Bamford**, **Bob Black**, **Ted Boland**, **Jud Conner**, **Hill Dickinson**, **Paul Dow** (in from Cambridge, MA), **Al English**, **Bob Ennis**, **Phil Feir**, **Dick Gillespie**, **Harry Griffith**, **Bill Hoffman**, **Ed Howard**, **Web Ivy**, **Marc Jartman**, **Don Keith**, **Art Kingdom**, **Kirby Lamar**, **Huck Long**, **Bill Nordin**, **Larry Ogden**, **Gene Mechling**, **Bob Pfeiffer**, **George Pollin**, **Duane Smith**, **Orton Spencer**, **Bob Springer**, **George Summers**, **Lee Surut**, **Ed Triner** and **John Vandervoort**. **Jack Cronin** stopped by briefly but could not stay. Pres **Duane Smith** presided. **Phil Feir**, chm of the 89 Reunion Comm, said info and questionnaire are in the mail. Dr **Paul Dow's** card indicates he is dept head, Navy Strategic Programs, The Charles Stark Draper Lab. **Dick Gillespie** is off again to China for 3 wks rearranging for US studies of certain harbor facilities. The next '49er lunch after you receive this ASSEMBLY is

scheduled for Wed, 13 Jan 88 at the Pentagon. Out-of-towners who would like to attend, call our lunch host, Art Kingdom (703) 569-9360, for reservations and to verify that the date has not been changed.

Finally, you should know that ex-scribes can find happiness in their ret. The photo shows "Captain" Frank Hinchion piloting his boat. Look at that



1949: Frank Hinchion enjoying ret life

smile! Note: There will be 5 issues of ASSEMBLY in 88. Keep your photos and letters coming in, folks. Deadlines: I must mail in the Class notes NLT the 10th of Feb, May, Aug, Oct and Dec. Please get your inputs to me by the 5th; earlier is better.

'50

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All I smell is an overheated disk drive but the column is being written during football season about summer activities around a Christmas tree.

One of the significant events was the mini-reunion over Labor Day wkend. The 3-day Labor Day Class mini-reunion near Roanoke at the Homestead, a favorite 5-star resort spa since the last century, attracted 52 attendees. Ken Moll kindly provided the following details. Hosted by Dee & Tom Lobe, the 4-7 Sep wkend was a delightful holiday with great company—and everyone ate too much. Rain ended the Sat golf game by the 8th hole, but on Sun it stopped long enough to enjoy Dee & Tom's outdoor barbeque at Briarcroft, their "Hidden Valley" farm one valley over from the hotel. The success of that event is proven in the next photo.

Most came from the DC/VA area. However, many hailed from more distant lands: Betty & George Earnhart from NC; Tyler Goodman from IL; Connie & Verne Kinner from Cleveland; Rowland & Emmett Lee, Tampa; Gloria & Bob McBride, Pittsburgh; Mary & John Shelley who came the furthest—from Dallas; Ann & Walt Stanton from SC; and Ann & Grayson Tate, AL. Particularly welcome were Evelyn McCoy



1950: Chow down on the Lobe ranch

and Joy Viskochil. The accompanying gp photo reflects the success of the wkend.

The wkend was the first trial of the smaller, more regional "mini-reunion" idea. Its super success owes much to the hard work of the Lobes, shown at the Fri night dinner in the accompanying photo. This one was close to the Class center of gravity but the idea will work anywhere. How about 88? Anyone interested in hosting the next one contact Ken Moll.

One of the recurring mini-mini-reunions of interest is the annual classmates' reunion of Blackie Bolduc, Art

Porcher, and Wynn Skelton. As the photo attests, they are capable of staggering to at least one more.

Treva & Dick Rein had one of those summers that make our pulses race. They toured the British Isls in Jun and Jul and then headed west to L.A. where they married off their oldest son, Rick, on 15 Aug. John DiGrazia, with Rosemary, and Chuck Friedlander attended. The picture shows Rein, DiGrazia and Friedlander flashing their grins and their rings on the morning after the wedding. Incidentally, son Rich & Sue spent the first



1950: A Homestead weekend



1950: Dee & Tom Lobe at the Homestead



1950: Pogues, Tates, and Spences in the fast lane



1950: Bolduc, Porcher and Skelton face life

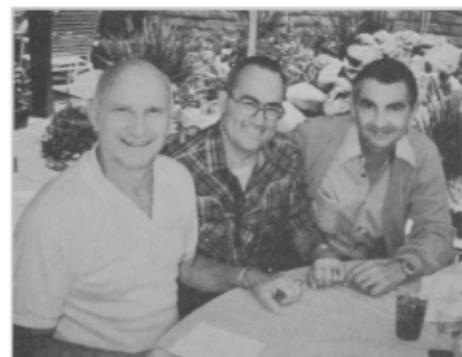
two nights of their honeymoon at the Thayer Hotel. **Faith & Morris Herbert** gave the newlyweds their first tour of WP.

**Petree, Malvene & Ben Lewis, Marilyn & Clyde, and Johanna & Ned Von Walters.**



1950: The Spences come east

Other travelers included **Lee & Bob Werner** who made a quick trip to Wash for a wkend of visiting and bridge with **De-Grafs**. Bob's mgt consulting firm is keeping him busy. Lee has her job too, but she makes time for new grandchildren, extended family, and homemaking. **Sue & Bill Davis** had a delightful trip in Jul through No Italy starting with 3 days in Lugano, Switzerland, then to Verano, and from there to Munich and on to Passau. After traveling this part by train, they boarded the *Donauprinzessen* to Budapest and back with stops in Vienna, Durnstein, Bratislava, and Melk. Their waistlines may never recover. The picture was taken on the boat. They returned to spon-



1950: Rein, DiGrazia and Friedlander

**Marilyn & Clyde Spence** also enjoyed a summer they will not soon forget. In the last *ASSEMBLY* we relayed his news on visiting Bill Pogue on Santa Rosa Isl (I thought that Clyde and I captured that isl 31 yrs ago while in Ranger Sch). Above-right is a picture of the good life, featuring from left to right **Sue & Bill Pogue, Grayson & Anne Tate, Marilyn & Clyde Spence.**

The **Spences** gained another daughter when son Kevin & Susan Collins were married on 2 Aug in a lovely ceremony in Dunbarton Oaks Gardens in Georgetown. The newlyweds make their home in the Wash area where they both have positions. Having Marilyn & Clyde east was excuse for a get-together for a few of us shown in the accompanying photo: **Beth & Sandy Oliver, Barbara & Bruce**



1950: Sue & Bill Davis on the Danube

sor a Class party at the refurbished Downtown ANCC, attended by 56.

There were other weddings in the Class also. **George E Morrissey III**, son of **Mary Hardin** and **George Morrissey**, married **Tamawraw Kistaria Lohrenze** on 25 Aug in Las Vegas, NV. And **Charlotte Ferguson's** daughter, **Jennifer Wood** (Class of '85), married classmate **Joseph Earl Barnes** in Bamberg, Ger, 1 Apr. Charlotte met the newlyweds in England. She visited them again in Oct.

**DS Wilson** called **Bill DeGraf** the end of Sep as **DS & Cynthia** were passing through Wash. They had just come from their daughter **Melissa's** wedding in Phila on 27 Sep. The newlyweds met while undergraduates at **William and Mary U.** **Son Todd** came up from Dallas with his son, while son **Brad & Debbie** only had to come from Chantilly. **DS & Cynthia** plan to see **Pete Mallett** on their way through NC.

**Clark Duncan** wrote that he recovered from the 3 ops in 86 and is well. That is good news. Daughter **Leslie Danforth** gave birth to twin boys.

Well, **Barbara & Bruce Petree** finally made the grandparents paragraph. They returned to Panama after 20 yrs to inspect their first. Son **Mark & Debbie** introduced **Sean Alan** to the world on 9 Aug in Panama. **Mark** is a CPT with Spec Forces and lives next door to **Blair & Linda Ross**, **Mary & Blair Ross's** son and daughter-in-law who, incidentally, have the first Ross grandchild, **Lindsey**. **Mary & Blair** still live in Columbus, OH where Blair is VP for energy resources planning for the Amer Electric Power Corp. The accompanying photo shows **Mark, Sean, Blair, and Lindsey.**



1950: Petree & Ross grandchildren

A couple of professional notes came in. **Matt Hendricks** sent an article about **Will Hill Tankersly** who was named distinguished alumnus of 87 of the Auburn Univ College of Bus. We received an announcement that **Pete Farrell** has left his position with the Ret Offs Assoc to open his own law off.

We are truly saddened to learn that **Les Holcombe** died 28 Aug at Tripler Hosp in HI while hospitalized for a physical exam. He had been working with UN volunteers in the So Pacific. He was interred at WP at a graveside service. **Morris Herbert** made local arrangements.

I am sure that great things are happening to and by the Class. Send in reports of what you are doing. **BEAT NAVY!**

# '51

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*Where They Are Now or Current Status of '51's Last Retirees:* After a short vacation in upper NY State with **Ted & Betty Greisinger** in late Aug, **Jim & Ann Rockwell** returned to their No VA home, and he joined ADTEC as sp asst to the ch oper off; **Bill Richardson**—looks great, is exec VP with Burdeshaw Assoc Ltd, Bethesda, MD; **Jim Boatner**—pres, Robinson Terminal Warehouse Corp, Alexandria; **Roscoe Robinson, Tom McMullen, Ed Partain, Al Akers, Ted Atkeson, and Elmer Pendleton** are all consulting in varied fields, traveling often and using Wash DC as home base. Incidentally,



1951: Sandy—can't say much for the guys, but the gals look great!



1951: All had a wonderful time in NY too!



1951: A relaxed trio—Richardson, Sanderson, Akers

Ted's book, *The Final Argument of Kings: Reflections on the Art of War*, which deals with the theoretical and practical aspects of national security, was published in Nov 87 (Hero Books, Fairfax, VA 703-591-3674)—**Dave Abshire** wrote the foreword. **Sandy Weyard**, Supe of VFMA, hosted '51ers and wives when **Shy Meyer** delivered the baccalaureate address to VFMA Corps of Cadets in May; **Ernie Peixotto** is VP, SRA Corp, Arlington; **Ed Peter**—VP, Commercial Distrib Ctr, Independence, MO; **Joe Fant**—pres, Fidelity Capital Inc, Columbus, MS.

**VERY SAD NEWS:** As mentioned in the last **ASSEMBLY**, **George Shibata** was buried in Jun at WP with full mil honors; attending and offering support for George's widow and his family were **Bob Anderson, Buddy Hoff, Lynn McCrum, and Tom Odderstol**. Buddy presented the flag from the casket to **Evelyn, George's widow**. During 15–18 Jul 87,



1951: '51ers who paid last respects to George—McCrum, Hoff, Anderson, Odderstol

'51 lost 3 classmates: **Joe Rawlings, Larry Larsen** and **John Buckstead**. Joe died 15 Jul of cancer in St Thomas Hosp in Joelton, TN after a brief illness—Joe's cancer was first diagnosed on Christmas Eve 86. Burial took place in Mt Olivet Cemetery near the Rawlings' home with full mil honors. **Tom & Pat Woodley** and **John Samotis** flew to Joelton to assist **Tove**. **Hap MacIntire**, scribe '45, stated "All of us in the Nashville-area active and ret mil gp knew Joe and have gathered for parties at his country club resort. We'll all miss him." In addition to wife **Tove**, the family includes son **John M** and daughter **Eva-Jane**, all of Joelton.

On 18 Jul, **Larry Larsen** died of cancer in Walter Reed AMC. After memorial services at the Old Ft Myer Chapel, Larry was buried with full mil honors at Arlington Natl Cemetery. Over 20 classmates headed by **Tom McMullen, Ernie Peixotto, and Roscoe Robinson** joined a large gp of mourners paying their last respects to Larry. Wife **Louise** had died in 79; survivors included son **Erik** and daughter **Lisa Spear**, Alexandria, VA. **Dan Sharp** reported that **John Buckstead** was killed in a car accident on 18 Jul in the vic of Seattle, WA. **John Hemphill** represented '51 at memorial services in Bellevue, WA; interment took place in the Rosehill Cemetery, Viborg, SD. At the time of his death **Buck** was exec VP and gen mgr, PACCAR Def Sys; as a result of a recent promotion, he was in the process of relocating to the Seattle area.

**REGIONAL SPOTLITE:** West (**Don McGann/Hank Evans**); Far East (**Joe Clemons/Bill Quinn**). Because of the size of total inputs received and space limitations, CA (**Roy Herte/Sully Johnson**) and Northwest (**Dan Sharp/Pete Thomas**) will be spotlighted in the next **ASSEMBLY**. In Sep Joe Clemons and Bill Quinn demonstrated the effectiveness of '51's Reg Rep sys. After notification by Joe that the Clemonses' return to Oahu would be delayed, Bill immediately provided the desired input. Incidentally, he & **Shay** also travel often and widely, their most recent trip to the Phila area in late spring 87. Since ret in 77, Bill has dabbled in real estate—successfully, we add. The Quinn family is spread across the US: daughter at Nellis AFB (CPT, USAF); younger daughter at Lake

Tahoe; son in Wash DC (MAJ, USAF). Bill and Jim Hackleman, who lives nearby, usually work out together at the same gym about 3 times a wk. Hack, who has always been active in sports to include sports writing, continues in the advertising and public relations bus. Dan Myers, also in the immediate vic, is a broker with Merrill Lynch. The Hawaiian contingent does get together infrequently for lunch. After being sidetracked in Atlanta for camper repairs in Aug, Joe Clemons continued to MT for a hike into the wilderness with Phil Harper '49, leaving Cecil to monitor the actions of Walt & Nancy Russell and George & Anne Meighen. The Clemons reunited in mid-Sep and returned home. However, during their stay, Joe pinned wings on son Gordon who is now off to F-15 sch (other son Michael brought his family back from Ramstein AFB to witness ceremonies—he flies C-21s). Daughter's husband flies F-18s at El Toro MCAS. As Meighen says, "All we need is Joe in an open cockpit with his flying scarf waving in the breeze."

News from CO confirms that Don & Elaine McGann thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Hong Kong and Bangkok in Oct, courtesy of United—for whom Don is mgr, flt tng. He checks son Dan (also a UAL pilot) very carefully—it's attested to by Dan. Oldest daughter is ch res, Childrens Mem Hosp, Chicago; younger about to be married. Also in Denver,



1951: McGann with his dr, pilot and therapist

Mary-Agnes Evans says that Hank's life "has truly gone to the dogs!!" In addition to showing his golden retrievers at numerous opportunities, Henry is an off in 3 separate dog clubs. His work with Martin Marietta is another source of satisfaction while Mary enjoys her music and tennis. The Evanses have 5 children—two married and two grandchildren. Frank Penny in Aurora is a freelance writer, is an active tennis player and still enjoys playing the violin and viola daily; and teaches (at a traditional Catholic HS) math, phys sci, computer sci, creative writing, et al. He does stay busy!!! In Evergreen, CO for past 10 yrs, Walt Phillips' third career revolves around his job as pres, Natl Direct Mail Marketing Corp, primarily operating in the W and



1951: Mary, did you really mean "to the dogs?"

SW. Polly is busy expanding her art and photo bus into underwater night photography. Recent trips included Belize, Bonaire, and Suanaha—next yr they intend to dive at Figi. Pete, '51's GOD SON, is an engr in Wash DC; daughter is in banking in Denver; youngest son with marketing firm in Houston. Bob Isaac and the Dean Johnsons are both located in CO Springs. While the life of the Johnsons centers on church activities, children, and grandchildren, Bob's managed a couple of trips lately, according to Russ Walthour who swung by to see him on a trip W. Russ quotes Bob as having seen Dick & Jean Perry recently in San Diego and Bud & Betty Bacon in TN. High in those mtns of CO Joe & Jo Ann Danforth in Woodland Park traveled E and S in mid 87 to visit family (two daughters, two sons—3 grandchildren), aging relatives, and old-time friends in OH, Wash DC, FL and TX. After 30 days returned home: Joe to the hosp for bronchitis—and their new Jeep to the repair shop with a \$7000 bill for being rear ended at a 55 mph differential. In UT, Rocky Milburn, with Gerry Dickson, our sole reps in that state, reports socializing with Gus Villaret at WP in a May conf of pres of WP societies. Also says that Joyce is looking forward to defending her UT Winter Games and Coca Cola Cup Skiing Championships for Women 50+ in Jan and Apr 88.

In AZ Joe Knittle reports that Bob Olson, dir of Maint with Northrop at Davis-Monthan AFB keeps Black Hawks and other interceptors flying for customs svc along the Mexican border. Bob, state chaplain for Gideons, recently returned from Nigeria where he assisted in the distribution of 300,000 Bibles, despite protestors and near-combat conditions during which 3 churches were burned. In Tucson Hoyt Vandenberg lists the arrival of Annaliese, daughter of son Hoyt, as the important recent event. Sandy has just completed a term as pres, Rincon Rotary Club. Since ret in Sierra Vista in 81, Lane Holman has been involved in teaching, investments, fine arts, and oil painting. His paintings have been displayed locally and in nearby

cities. Vivian, a librarian since their girls departed for college, serves on an AZ comm on standardization and computerizing library procedures. Eldest daughter works nearby; middle daughter also a librarian, married and living in Houston; youngest a U of AZ sr. Cecil Nist, after serving progressively as Sierra Vista Real Estate bd treas, VP and pres, still enjoys "8-day" wks as a real estate broker. After 30 yrs, wife Pat recently chose her own car which sports AZ license USMA-51. The Knittles totally enjoy Tucson and ret. Of course, Virginia takes time from her studies at U of AZ to join Joe in Space A traveling: to Japan to visit son in the Navy; to Ger to attend wedding of son Kurt. Larry & Vivian Eppley made their 31st move in 36 yrs in moving to Glendale, AZ—he says just one more to go—to WP for burial. Their house is not only adequate for 6 children and 10 grandchildren, it also provides an extra room to hide in. The Eppleys also enjoy their real estate broker activities together. In Flagstaff, Fred & Pat Miller are both enjoying ret life—which includes traveling, dining and the casinos at Vegas. Son Colin is a grad student at U of AZ. In Albuquerque the Bashores enjoy their outdoor, informal living. Frank teaches HS math while Carla divides her time between home and working part-time. Now that the 4 oldest (3 sons and daughter—3 grandchildren) are successfully managing their lives, Amy, their youngest, is a soph in HS. Dick Haggren and family fully enjoy NM although he is very busy with BDM. With the birth of their first grandchild (middle daughter—a son) and their youngest grad from American U, 87 has been a great yr for Andy & Isabel Chacon. In the fall Andy flew to Iceland to teach some mgt courses; meanwhile, Isabel assisted their oldest to move within the DC area, then accompanied Cecelia, middle daughter and family to Europe. Andy says, "it's



1951: Andy and his girls

fun being ret." Jim Barron and John Hemler remain deeply involved in NM Republican politics—both presidential and senate races. Recent Hemler trip included both San Fran and Tahoe for family reunion with son, daughter and 3 grandchildren. Although ret, John is a

consultant with BDM and Los Alamos Lab. He & Marge plan an extended trip thru the Northwest in 88. Albuquerque provides outstanding opportunities for golf, and **Don & June Peifer** are trying to take advantage of everyone—he has an 8 handicap. Beside golf, Don's interests include consulting—the application of small computers and accounting applications to small bus. Three sons (and 4 grandchildren) all very successful; oldest—grad USNA '75 with Inst of Nuclear Power in Atlanta. **Pat Corrigan** and family are doing fine; he & Eleanor are planning a trip to So Amer in Feb 88. Two daughters and two sons very successful in their fields: mgt, computers, MD and bus. The **Ballards** are probably



1951: Proud Pat with Dr Paula from U of NM

'51's leading travelers. Although **John** is still involved in commercial real estate and a sp consultant to Ernst and Whinney (**Ann** does vol work at Presbyterian Hosp, is active in the Green Thumb Garden Club), they visit Wash DC frequently, enjoy cruises, and take many interesting trips. Three children: daughter—hist preserv sp in DC; two sons in Albuquerque.

Pleasant News. **Joe & Carolyn Fant's** daughter Lynn was married in Columbus, MS on 23 May. '51ers present included **DeRamuses, Partains, Mary Tatum** and **Walthours**; others attending included **Spence** and **Loves '50**. On the following day **Walt & Nancy Russell's** daughter Betty married in NYC; on the same day in Hartford, CT, **Earl & Joan Keesling's** son Christopher was also repeating his vows. On 20 Jun **Ed & Fran Partain's** son David married a lovely English girl in Manea, England. Both **Betty Tague** and the **Fants** joined **Ed & Fran** for the wedding. Not to be outdone, on 26 Jul in VT, **Jim & Kay Boatner's** daughter Kathy walked down the aisle.

**Class Activities.** For the 2d consecutive yr **Godfrey & Pat Crowe** hosted a 4th of Jul party at their large picturesque home in Arlington inviting all '51ers in the DC area. The atmosphere, charm of the Crowe family, and fare created a bright, wonderful day despite dreary weather. **Class Luncheons.** After 4+ yrs of outstanding svc, **Reb Barber**, due to an increasingly heavy travel schedule,

turned Class luncheons over to **Bob Hyatt** who graciously offered to assume their coordination and mgt. Forthcoming luncheons on each 3rd Thur of the mo at 11:30 am, ANCC, Arlington are 17 Dec 87, 21 Jan, 18 Feb, and 17 Mar 88. Questions—Call **Bob** or **Tinky Hyatt** 703-425-4839. **Class Parties.** At Ft Belvoir on 23 Jan, 7—10 pm; 4 Mar—Founders Day in conjunction with Ft Belvoir Founders Day festivities. Questions call either **Leffler** or **Peixotto**. **Mississippi Cruise.** 18—22 Apr 88. Begins and ends in New Orleans; followed by sightseeing, night club tours, jazz festival, breakfast at Brennans, etc. Approx 40 '51ers & wives have signed up. Contact **Howie** or **Mollie Peckham**, 850 Loggerhead Isl Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. Tel: 305-777-2873.

**Regional Spotlight for Next ASSEMBLY:** FAR WEST—CA (**Roy Herte/Sully Johnson**); and NORTHWEST—AK, ID, MT, WA, WY (**Dan Sharp/Pete Thomas**).

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Merry Christmas, everyone! I'll be putting together my next article on Sat afternoon, 5 Dec, and you should be reading it in Feb.

Again, this issue begins with material which had to be cut from the Sep article because of lack of space.

**Jim Gerhardt** finally checked into the net. "I can't recall when I last wrote a note to the Class scribe and this is probably more than you want to hear. I want to take the occasion though, to greet all those classmates whom I won't get to see at the 35th next fall. Unfortunately, our fall classes begin the end of Aug and a full-time teaching schedule doesn't make room for reunion jaunts in Sep. I'll hope for better timing in 92 or 97, or certainly 2002! I'm still plugging away at SMU and this has been quite a yr. Among the consequences of our long running football scandal, we lost our head coach, ath dir, pres, chm of the bd, board, and finally the rest of the football coaches and almost all of the players. We got a new chm and a new bd last spring, and a new pres last wk, and I trust the rest of the replacements will be put off until next fall at the earliest. This isn't my first experience with the aftermath of scandal arising from intercollegiate football, but this time there won't be any cheering next season for a hard-won victory over Columbia. Soccer will provide the focus for SMU's homecoming festivities in 87 and 88, and there is some pretty strong, though minority, sentiment for dropping 1-A football altogether. I have decided I can't afford to ret until I'm put out to pasture and that is about 13 yrs away. In the meantime, I'm

quite happy with all of my courses, with enough of my students, and with most of my colleagues. I pretty much teach the courses I want during the fall and spring semesters (and what I hope will sell in the summer). The quality of students has gone up since SMU started offering academic merit scholarships that are about as attractive as those for athletic talent (though there is a severe dearth of 'academic' boosters). I serve on some semi-interesting comms. (The Faculty Comm on Athletics is a bit of a hot spot, but most of the real action has taken place outside the usual channels.) And I cheer on the sidelines as faculty advisor to the SMU lacrosse club (whom no one accuses of being quasi-prof). All in all, I am leading a comfortably challenging prof life, and see no real reason to change. My health is good and I manage a rather vigorous season of yard work from Mar through Oct. The house I bought in 76 is still a pleasurable burden. When I tire of it I'll find a less taxing place to live. For now I relish my new lifetime record of 11 yrs at the same address. House guests are always welcome, but no white glove inspections, please!"

**Ken Roper** sent me an aerogramme in Apr from Isles Marquises, Polynesie Francaise, and a card in Jun from Bora Bora. He wrote in Apr, "Arrived here last Mon, sailing out of San Diego aboard my 31' sloop *Harrier*—24 days exactly en route with nothing really untoward. Had max winds of 55 kts (when I was looking at the gage) but it was of short duration so not too much hassle.—Plan to leave here Mon eve or Tue am for another isl in the gp—then westward to visit several of the Tuamotus en route to Tahiti. **Nancy** flies into Papeete from VA via L.A. on 1 May to spend several wks. She's in Guatemala looking at Mayan ruins with **Maxine Gilkey** at the moment. We 'empty nesters' get around! For me it will be Moorea, Kuahine, Raiatea and Bora Bora again after Tahiti—thence to HI ending up in Haualei Bay in Kauai where I always end up anyway—78, 80, 82, 84, 86 (last two as finish of single-handed Trans-Pac Race) and now 87. Thence back to find a new berth in CA somewhere." In Jun, "Nancy & I had a great two wks in Tahiti (Hotel had hot showers and ice too!) Plan to depart here for the windward slog to Hilo, HI on 4 Jun."

**Sam Wetzel** reported in as follows: "Eilene & I are living in Columbus, GA and our firm provides consulting service to European (mostly Ger) firms and one Australian firm. We assist them in marketing their products in the US and in joint ventures; def, aerospace markets primarily—but we also have Ger commercial real estate investors we assist in finding US properties (ofc bldgs, hotels, etc . . . ). I travel quite a bit, usually once a mo to Europe. Was in Australia in Feb. Bus is too good. My golf game is

suffering and have not been hunting and fishing at all!! Eilene & I go to London and Scotland the 11th (Jun) for our first vacation since ret a yr ago. Will see everyone at the reunion."

Vince Bailey also responded to my plea for classmates to report in. "... Ruth & I visited George Beiser & wife Barbara in Freeport, Bahamas, this past Mar. Both are looking fine after some brief illnesses. George and I played a round of golf at the Lucayen Country Club and we all enjoyed dinner out a few evenings. George took early ret from US Steel to remain with the Bahama Cement Co which USS sold to an Arab combine. Since you listed George as one of the 'AOG lost' in the Mar 87 issue, I wanted the Class to know he is still living it up in the Bahamas. His address is 100F Coral Rd, Freeport, Grand Bahama Isl, Bahamas. We'll be seeing you at the 35th but just a few more words about the Baileys. Three daughters—Maryellyn, Jennifer and Margaret, all married and living in No VA (Herndon and Vienna), a total of 7 grandchildren among them. Two boys, both single; Vince Jr a mech engr just left McDonnell Douglas to work for Ferro Corp in LA. Matt (John Matthew) is a sr at Northeastern U majoring in chem engring when he isn't on the golf course. Ruth is busy selling houses in Fairfield County, CT and being very successful at it; that is, when she isn't checking on Metz Seebach to see that he has all the necessities. Metz has been slowing up lately, as we all have; but he does find it more difficult to perambulate as well as he used to. He and I get to a few football games a yr and he has all the holiday dinners with us. ... As for me, I'm still with Sikorsky Acft (15 yrs) developing and managing some of their maintained svcs bus. I see Sam Wetzel once in a while. ..."

In Jun, about the time I was putting together the oversize article from which the above was withheld, I received a phone call from George Beiser. He was seeking advice as to how to contact someone. He mentioned seeing Vince Bailey and Ray Koestner as well.

John Carlson writes, "This is the once a yr catch-up and includes a change of station (yes, we civilians do have such in our lives). At any rate, it all started last summer. That's when I got engaged to Kate (more later). Then came my now aborted A-N rally with the Sears, Rip Rider and Judy Benevidez, and Don Nixon. Also had lunch with the Rhiddlehoovers in Phoenix along with Phyllis Sears in Nov. So on or about 2 Jan 87, Kate & I got married. She's out of Wichita Falls by way of Calgary, Cody and Casper; comes with one girl and two boys my kids age, so we are now an instant mob. No grandkids yet 'cause I ain't old enuff yet like some of my classmates. The Lees, Reillys, Tensfeldts,

and Riders were in attendance to verify that the Shepherder was corralled, branded, docked and hobbled once again. Honeymoon on some dumb boat through the Caribbean and the Panama Canal, which was a particular thrill being an engr and the fact that my dad had worked there in the 20s. Then Costa Rica



1952: Rider, Reilly, Tensfeldt, Carlson and Lee

and Acapulco before settling down. We were at a contractor's convention in DC in Mar and were the guests of Jane & Charlie Sell at Ft Myer. Then in Apr Lois Sundt maneuvered Thor to Tucson for his birthday and to see the new house he had bought her here. Well, all his 3 children attended (two as a surprise) and then this 'friend' of the family, a noted Saudi Sheik in full flowing robe (including mustache), showed up to honor him—only it was Dutchyshyn & Val.



1952: Val Dutchyshyn, Kate Carlson, Lois Sundt, Sundt, Dutchyshyn and Shepherder

Nice party and good for all. Now for the change of station: Sundt got their largest job yet; a \$75m one to build some 1100 houses for the Army at Ft Drum. Will be there until Feb 90. Keeping our place intact in Tus and will spend extended holidays here. What a cultural shock from 110° sand to 200+ inches of snow. Will be at the reunion for sure as we only have to requisition a canoe and float on down. Second address now reads 522 Weldon Dr B-1, Watertown, NY 13601; (315) 785-1967."

Thus endeth the Sep material.

John Kenney's quarterly update reads in part, "Ranking right up there with the best of 'em was a stag luncheon we had

in the Lamplighter Lounge at the Ft Myer OC on 23 Jun. About 15 of us got together for a buffet lunch to give our best wishes to Mac McKnight, Bill Moore and Steve Nichols who ret at the end of Jun. Those present were Phil Coleman, Art Deverill, Al Griffin, John Kenney, Dick Larkin, Hank Lowder, Otis Moran, Frank Pimentel, Bill Rairford, Charlie Sell, Reynold Thomas, Dick Wiles and of course McKnight, Moore and Nichols. The Long Gray Line is getting grayer every day. (Of course, some of us are really only prematurely gray—but it looks distinguished.) In Jul—25 Jul—a bunch of us invited the ladies to a dinner out at the newly decorated ANCC in DC. The place looks great, the ladies all were beautiful, the food was good, and we had a wonderful time. By the way, here's a list of those who were there: Paul & Pat Brown, Ralph & Carrol Cline, Phil & Johanne Coleman, Bob & Alice Craig, Al & Cathy Griffin, Sam & Charley Hubbard, John & Catherine Keeley, John & Marie Kenney, Dick & Donna Larkin, Paul & Anne Malone, Mac & Barbara McKnight, Bill & Jackie Moore, Otis & Emilia Moran, Steve & Caroline Nichols, Frank & Pat Pimentel, Herb Schandler, Charlie & Jane Sell, Bert & Gerry Stubblebine, John Sullivan, Don & Betty Swygart and Chuck & Inez Youree. It was an evening of cocktails, dinner, and great conversation—nothing dramatic, just a nice pleasant evening."

Bob Sears seeks help. "I have recently accepted the task of establishing an institute at AZ State U for the purpose of conducting research and educating engrs in the field of cogeneration of elec power and heat from various other energy sources. What is needed to get started is a significant research project and someone to fund it. So if anyone in the Class is in a position to do that, or knows someone who is, I would be most appreciative of hearing from them. Contact me at Ctr for Energy Systems Research, Engr Research Ctr, AZ State U, Tempe, AZ 85287-5806; Ph (602) 965-2889."

Bob Haras finally made contact with Norb Szymczyk with whom, as Bob says, "... I'll be sharing Australia. He'll be in charge of the Melbourne (Victoria) branch of the '52 down under club' and I'll handle the Perth (W Australian) chapter. I'm enclosing a photo of his latest production (now 15 mos old) ... perhaps we should consider a 'Class daughter' award for our caboose child. I respectfully submit little Szymczyk for this award. If there are any later productions, let them come forward! ... If all goes as planned, we should leave during late Oct."

Otis Moran sent me a USAWC Newsletter clipping re Charlie Hoenstine moving to this part of the country (more below). Otis also provided some family



1952: Norb Szymczyk with Clare

revised schedule for *ASSEMBLY*. When you read this you will probably have about 3 hrs to write me a note and mail it to avoid missing my next deadline. Until then, please keep those cards and letters coming!

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It is a pleasure to have this opportunity to write for you again. The last time may have been in the *Pointer*. You seem to have survived that well enough—with considerable success, I might add—so here goes. For those of you who think Fran & I live in Alexandria, please note the new address. We thought we could keep one step ahead of our children, but they found out about the move like they were telepathic. There is one drawback to my being the scribe that I failed to tell the nominating comm about, and that is that whenever I run out of news from you folks I will expound about the Ramsay clan. Please write now. It isn't even too early for Christmas cards.

Jana Nave sent two great pictures that look like a testimonial for a Jacuzzi party.



1953: Argyle Club, Jun 87



1953: Stu, Muriel, John, Abby, Wally

She reports that this happy looking gang enjoys frequent get-togethers and are all looking forward to the reunion in 88. Wally Leland looks particularly pleased about having made his first big airplane sale. Stu McLennan is regional dir for Congressman Lamar Smith. Tom Rote is still "busy being a father," and John Nave remains with Flight Safety.

From the heart of Gotham comes news that JR McDonald, a sr VP with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade and Douglas, Inc, has been elected a dir of two of its subsidiaries that handle intl business and construction services. These new responsibilities may require that Bob travel to exotic places like Taipei, Taiwan, and Herndon, VA. He is also responsible for day-to-day mgt of design, construction and procurement for the MARTA (subway) system in Atlanta.

At the meeting I missed last mo, Art Brown was elected pres, Bill Harris as VP, Russ Groshans as secy, Bob Blastos as treas, Bob Breckinridge as reunion chm, and I as scribe.

The *AUSA News* for Oct has a great picture of Art Brown in his new role as vice ch of staff of the Army, to be a featured speaker at the Association's annual meeting. He looks just as sharp in person as he did at the luncheon on 29 Sep in the Pentagon. He offered brief but cogent remarks: ● We want to assemble a big crowd, including wives, for the upcoming Army-Navy bash, 1 Dec. ● John Haskell, Class Fund chm, has reported that the fund drive achieved its objective of raising \$100,000 for the Endowment Fund that will support our Reading Room in the cadet library. He and Art both stress that fulfillment of existing pledges and additional contributions are sought. ● Art confirms that the Reading Room is used and will need continuing maintenance. He has appointed a comm to oversee the project. The members are John Haskell, Jim Endler, John Seigle, and Bob Glasgow. ● The *ASSEMBLY* article on Class contributions says that only 25% of '53ers have donated. Come on, gang, we can do better than that! ● On a somber note, Art pointed out the article in *US News and World Report* (11 May) about the death of John Krobock's son Richard in El Salvador.

Although a lot of regulars were traveling, the attendees included Dick Benz, Jim Bambery, Keith Born, Tom Brain, Breckenridge, Brown, Earl Chambers, Groshans, Harris, Walt Henderson, Clay Jackson, Bill Jolin, Cliff Landry, Chuck Lowman, Cliff Nielson, Jim Miley, Don Shaw, Bob Schroeder, Art Wells, Stan Wielga, and Don Davis. Bill Harris outlined the local social calendar as a luncheon 27 Oct, the A-N fracas 1 Dec, and a picnic at Lindholm's in the spring. Art Brown then got brave (or foolhardy) and suggested the possibility of a Class party at Ft McNair in Apr to be hosted by Browns, Noahs and Hiebergs. That is a good ratio: one runt to two flankers.

Bob Breckenridge reported on early research into accommodations for the 35th Reunion next yr. The *Wyndham Poughkeepsie*, a new hotel with 225 rooms and generous transportation looks very promising. (Indoor pool and exer-

news, "Son David is a chaplain in the 82d Abn Div. He resides in Fayetteville with his wife Cindy and two daughters. To date, he has discovered children of two classmates. Jim Yarborough (son of Chuck), is a daredevil Ranger. He is married and has children. Lisa Holt Brady (daughter of Winfield Holt) is married to Tom Brady, a member of the XVIII Abn Corps. They have a growing family also. Our daughter Laura is in Brussels with her husband Chris and son David Evan. They are with a missionary team. Any readers knowing of other children or classmates in the areas mentioned are invited to make contact."

Charlie Hoenstine also let me know that he has moved to No FL. "Since Joanne & I won't be able to make the reunion, I wanted you to know that we became Floridians in May. I opened up an off for Mandex, Inc in St Marys, GA. I've been with them since ret so it was a great opportunity to come south. Joanne was at WP for the birth of another granddaughter in Jul. Our daughter Susan is still there with husband MAJ Joe Boylan '75. Our son Tom '86 is a 2LT abn ranger with the 82d Abn Div, which was also my first asgmt. Our daughter Lisa grad from Millersville U in PA in May and stayed in the Phila area to sell copiers and fax machines. We would be happy to see any classmates when they are in the area. Our phone no is (904) 277-2532. The beaches and the golf course are just up the road."

From the off of Deryle T Whipple, MD pediatrics, "Watch out Jack Nicklaus. Deryle Whipple (handicap 23!) and his partner shot 127 in his two-day club match—won \$850 in a Calcutta. 'DT Whip' has a local reputation—he gets the most out of the least ability of all club members. Deryle joins 20 golfers for a wk at Hilton Hd, 7–14 Nov.

I also have a letter from Bill Duncan re his ret but I'll have to save it till next time because I've run out of space.

By the time you read this, our Class will have had a grand 35th Reunion with a large turnout (160 were expected the last time I received a count).

Please note my opening notice that my next (and from now on) article will be written earlier than usual because of the

cise equipment sound good too.) **Rollo Sullivan** surveyed facilities and suggests this as worthy of our gatherings.

The Army-AF football game at reunion next yr should be a good one. We look forward to seeing you there.

You have left room for only a short chapter in the **Ramsay** serial. At last count, **Fran & I** admit to 5 children: daughter **Leigh** is an acct exec with **Grey Advertising** in NY; son **Alec** is into artificial intelligence in Cambridge, MA; daughter **Caroline** manages the regional off for **Denti-care** of VA and MD; son **Scott** is a student at Ft Belvoir, VA; and anchorman **Jim** is into computer security for the local phone co. When she isn't preparing to move, moving, or straightening up after moving, **Fran** works as a data analyst for the **Fairfax County Sch System**. More next time if you don't write.

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The Class is saddened by the death of **Fred Kersh** on 25 Jul at Deak Hosp in Durham, NC. **Fred & Lily B** ret in 72 to Fayetteville where she plans to stay. **Fred** was buried on 31 Jul in a family plot in Liberty, TX, their hometown. Pres **Jack Miller** sent Lily B a letter of sympathy on behalf of the Class. May **Fred's** soul know eternal peace. The **Kersh**es have 4 children: **Rosa & her husband Byron Lee Jowers**, a veterinarian, live in Savannah, GA; **Louisa Guyton** attends UNC grad sch and lives with her husband in Chapel Hill; **Fred Jr** is at home and **Douglas** is a Navy submariner in Charleston, SC.

The **Dallas Daily Herald** reports that **Jan LeCroy** resigned as chancellor of the Dallas Community Coll District and chm of the American Assoc of Community and Jr Colls to enter the private sector, possibly as the exec dir of the Dallas Citizens Council. He supervised production of the first instructional TV courses for the district, which became the largest producer of such courses in the US and distribution overseas. **Jan's** colleagues praised his effective leadership style that encouraged commitment to innovation. Thanks to **Tom McNiel**, '45 and the AOG Trustee Emeritus, for providing this info.

**Wes Gheen** reports from the US Soldiers and Airmen's Home in DC that he is their internal review off in residence with **Dolores** and son **Bill**, who manages a Sovran bank in Arlington. The Home houses 2,070 veterans including 75 women. **Wes** has a \$170m budget for construction, including a new health care facility being designed by **SHG Corp** in MI, **Jim Hays' co**. **Wes** had a quadruple bypass at WRAH in Feb and



1954: At Ft Myer Class dinner—Kouns, Barnes, Judy Tobin



1954: Pawlowskis, Aguilar and Palastra at Ft Myer



1954: Eltons, Skibbies, Tobin at Ft Myer

credits **Lew Mologne's** staff for his rapid recovery. Two members of '82 are **Gheens' sons-in-law**, both Inf CPTs and co cmdrs. Daughter **Pam & Tom Kastner** are at Ft Campbell, while **Lisa & Kevin Merrigan** are in Vicenza, Italy.

**Wes** thoughtfully pointed out that the previous column demoted **Dale Vesser** to MG. We all knew better and stand corrected, jam-faced. **Dale** ret with 3 stars in Aug with **Valerie**, to live in McLean. **Bill & Lindsey Klein** ret to FL and **Vic & Jean Hugo** ret to VA. To regain our credibility, our AD mates are **Galvin, Palastra, and Lou Wagner** (4 stars); **Balantyne, Healy, Jim Moore, and Odom** (3); and **Aguanno and Mologne** (2).



1954: Keisers, Jim Millers at Ft Myer

**Bill Odom**, NSA dir, was in the headlines of the **Washington Times** and **Post** in stories of offical leaks that hamper his commo intelligence gathering, and in **Time** of 31 Aug on "The Secret Army." **Time** also reported on 7 Sep that US atty

**Andy Maloney** asked a federal judge to seize mob tied businesses to deprive them of money. We hope all that time in court doesn't interfere with **Andy's** regular job.

**Jack & Barbara Miller** saw their two daughters married last spring. **Lynn** wed **Tom Davis** on 11 Apr in Springfield, and **Ann** married **Lawrence Partlow** on 17 May in Fairfax. Parents are slowly recovering. The **Millers** visited WP to discuss 35th Reunion and Class gift ideas with AOG. On a motel recon they found a Ramada Inn in Newburgh that hadn't heard of our Class and is willing to take the risk.

**Dick & Ginny Sugg** attended the wedding of **Bob & Jeanne Badgers's** son **Chris** in Indianapolis. **Chris** and **Laura Sugg** were born a yr apart in the same hosp in Torrance, CA while **Bob** and **Dick** were civil schooling at UCLA. **Dick** paced the floor with **Bob** in the waiting room while **Jeanne** paced the walls in the no-more-waiting room. **Laura** graduated from Yale Divinity Sch in May and is the Presbyterian campus minister at James Madison U in Harrisonburg, VA. On 15 Aug the **Suggs** and **Bob & Lucille Adams** were guests at the wedding of **Doug & Emmy Stuart's** daughter **Katie** to **Jeff Stodghill** at NY Presbyterian Church in DC and the reception at Ft McNair. **Dick & Ginny** recently moved into another house and celebrated by flying to England. **Dick** is a systems engr with **Mitre Corp** in McLean.

One Sunday **Monica** drove us to the local Hilton for a Dixieland jazz concert. As we were being escorted off the dance floor, we met **Darrell & Carmella Anderson** who were entertaining houseguests from NY. **Andy** is a stockbroker in Springfield where they live. I intended to treat for dinner with the prize money from the most improved freestyle dancing contest but the judges couldn't stop laughing. We might have done better if the band hadn't left before we finished dancing.

**Ed & Donna Passmore** live in Storrs, CT but spend time at their apt in Valencia, Spain. **Ed** is VP of **Burr Associates**,



1954: Parshalls, Devlins at Ft Myer

an exec search firm in Wethersfield, and a volunteer fireman and med tech. Donna is a tour dir for a travel agency on Cape Cod and has visited China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, England, Scotland, and France. First son is an RA CPT in MI at Peterson AFB, CO; youngest son is a U of CT sr; daughter is a chem engr with Dow in Baton Rouge.

John McElheny '36 writes from Maitland, FL that Don Newnham is the Altamonte Springs Public Works dir who proposed and is overseeing construction of a 15-story tower used to conserve the city's drinking water by using treated water for nonpotable purposes. The tower holds 1m gals of treated wastewater for fire protection, flushing, irrigation and lake level control. The \$32m water re-use system is acclaimed the most complete in the country. We'll drink to that Don, but carefully.



1954: Skip Baldwin, Eplings, and Lashers

Ed & Jan Pawlowski helped son Ed (with Heatwole-Miller) & his wife Lauren (O'Leary) move into a row house on Capitol Hill that Ed Jr had renovated. The parents learned that daughter Edleen Bergelt in NYC will make them grandparents in Nov. Ed attended the DC chapter luncheon at Ft Myer with Glenn Matsumoto, George Olmsted, and Mark Reese.

Walt Evans learned that Moe Blume is seriously ill in Grandview, MO; Chuck Sterling owns a U-Haul and tool rental business in Canton, OH; and Jim Williams joined Greenehorne and O'Mara, DC engrng consultants.

After 10 yrs in St Louis, Jim Carroll, Susannah and daughter Comile have moved to Atlanta and want to hear from classmates in the area. Jim is the exec VP for the telephone sector with Contel.



1954: Beaumonts, Bidwells at Ft Myer

Larry Skibbie and Bill Hannon arranged a Class dinner at the Country Squire in Falls Church, VA on 26 Sep. Those present—Adamses, Aguilar, Allans, D Andersons, Ballantynes, Bards, Barneses, Barrands, Eplings, Gheens, Hannonns, Frank Harts, Henrys, R Hobbses, Hudacheks, Hugos, Larsons, Lashers, Liebers, Matsumotos, Jack Millers, Obendorfers, Parshalls, Pawlowskis, Pioluneks, Reistrups, Skibbies, H Stouts with daughter Leda & husband Dennis, and Thackways.

AOG will publish ASSEMBLY 5 times a yr. Copy for the Feb 88 issue must reach scribe before 15 Dec, so hurry.

The staff and mgt of this column wish you all the best for the holidays and beyond, whichever comes first. Noel!

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I am once again saddened to have to report the passing of another of our classmates and comrades. After a courageous battle with cancer since Jan, Ted Thompson passed away on 18 Sep in TX where he & Barbara made their home in Webster. Ted was laid to rest on 21 Sep at the Mt Olivet Cemetery in Dickinson, TX. Ted's son Scott and granddaughter were the prides of Ted's days. The outstanding business and engrng career that Ted enjoyed, particularly in the metals industry, were great achievements which he cherished, along with the memories of his WP yrs in G-1 with '55. We are all understandably grieved at the loss of our warm, true friend. Be thou at peace—well done.

On 11 Sep Carl & JoAnn McNair ret after 32 yrs of distinguished and dedicated Army service. In an honors ceremony at Ft Monroe, VA where Carl had capped his career as COS of TRADOC, GEN Max Thurman, CG of TRADOC, praised the long career of exemplary

achievements Carl amassed as "Mr Army Aviation," a career which brought Army avn to the forefront of strategic and tactical application. I never hear the familiar thwop of helicopter blades without thinking that Carl played the major role in bringing that modern capability to the Army. Well done, Carl & JoAnn, the best is yet to be!

Shown herein is Bob Strati, our man in the AOG, presenting our Class gift of \$10k to Carl Ullrich, Dir of Intercol Ath at USMA. This yr's gift goes to the wrestling program. Fikaris, Ward and Fralen will be ecstatic!



1955: Bob Strati presenting Class gift to DIA

Those of us who live in the DC area were recently very pleased, but certainly not surprised to read in the DC newspapers and govt magazines, the announcement that the single most honored civil servant in America over the last 4 yrs is our own Ray Karam. While serving as a member of the Sr Exec Svc in the Dept of Transportation, Ray was awarded nearly \$63 thousand in performance and distinguished rank awards. During these yrs, Ray served as the dep asst secy for Budget and Programs, a tough, demanding job, as anyone who has ever wrestled with the great Wash budget gorgon can attest. Ray left Trans this yr to become the asst dir for Admin for the US Courts. Ray's previous, post-USAF experience included 5 yrs at Interior, during which time he earned his law degree and was admitted to the VA Bar. Ray & Emily make their home in Reston, VA. Ray's reflections on his experiences in the career civil sector are indicative of the great man he is, "Govt service is both ennobling and noble. It greatly benefits the individual and is socially useful work." Congratulations Ray, on a distinguished and exemplary record of service.

Pete Fikaris called from Chicago (it really doesn't cost that much to call the old Class scribe!) to recount for me his & Angie's trip to the Holy Land and Greece. He described the Israel visit as historically valuable and spiritually very satisfying. The Fikarises also visited some of the Aegean Isles such as Xios and Rhodes (can't be anything but great), where many of their family roots are

found. Pete allows it was great to be back where the noses are all the proper size, too.

Class Prexy **Joe Franklin** was in town briefly in Aug on a business sweep through the US from his consulting center of action in Madrid, where he & **Connie** ret this yr and will remain. Joe's business focus will be intl consulting. While here he chaired a mtg of the Class Exec Comm at **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky's** home in Alexandria. Also present were **Dick Baker, Bob Newton, Carl Cathey** and **I. Carl & Marsha** are planning to host an after Army-Navy game brunch in their home this yr, so if you're going to be in the area, please plan on joining in. At the other end of the US, **Jack & Marlowe Viney** hosted a "'55 West" mini-reunion on 25 Jul at their home in Huntington Beach, CA. In a very nice letter, **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams** gave me a very thorough recap of the day's activities and attendants. Those attending—**Bill & Ronnie** after two yrs are very much enjoying their home in Thousand Oaks which, as is the case with so many of us, is the longest they've lived in one place in their married lives. **Bill** is with **Hughes** as a mgt sys evaluator. **Jack & Marlowe** outdid themselves with their gracious hospitality. **Jack** is also with **Hughes** in the grnd sys gp; **Marlowe** continues her work in med svcs. **Cy & Isabell Cassells** were also at the get-together; **Cy** is with **NASA** in CA high desert country; **John & Shiela Wing** were up from San Diego where **John** is with **Gen Dynamics**. **Shiela** is a contract specialist with the Navy. **Bill** says that he and **John** had a ball recalling the Army-Duke game at Polo Gnds in '53—don't we all remember that one? **Chet & Mary Pond** came from Panorama City to enjoy the day; **Chet** is with **Litton**. **Bud & Bonnie DeMaris**, who live in Redlands, CA to the east, made the trip to join the gp. **Sam & Betsy Lowry**, who are shortly off for London for several mos, enjoyed the party also; **Sam** is a software consultant. **Chick Bossart**, always in good humor, shared his enthusiasm with classmates attending at the recently passed CA laws allowing gambling. **Chick** apparently has a good number and a piece of the action. **Jim & Nancy Miller** came up from La Jolla (beautiful place) to join the day's fun; both work in the SD area. **Gerry & Bobbie Samos**, two very lovely people, also celebrated mini-reunion. **Gerry**, too, is with **Hughes** (Howard must have had his eye on '55!) as prog mgr, and **Bobbie** will pursue her studies in social ecology at U CA Irvine. Social ecology is the study of what happens to society when old WPers ret. **Bob LaFrenz** (without **Marvel**, who had another bus commitment) joined **Jack & Marlowe**; **Bob** and some other San Diego stalwarts are planning a Feb time frame gloom period

gathering in SD. How can there be a gloom period with all that sunshine? **Tom & Harriet Phillips**, who make their home in Sepulveda, CA, were an always handsome couple at this great gathering. Finally, **Dave & Toni Maurer** from over Claremont way, rounded out the West Coasters who enjoyed the **Viney's** warm hospitality. My sincere thanks to **Bill & Ronnie** for the great coverage.

This must have been a great summer for '55! Since I know that the postal svc is not on strike, I can only conclude that everyone was having a great time in the parks, beaches, golf courses, etc, with the kids, grandkids or whomever. Please be advised that **ASSEMBLY** goes to 5 issues per yr next yr! What's a gray-haired old scribe to do? I have a great idea: wives of '55, take pens in hand and cameras too! Make snaps! Jot down notes! Anything—run-on sentences, comma splices, whatever. Send them to the news starved scribe at the address above, who will be forever in your debt. Remember **Lysistrata!** Take matters into your own hands! Take care.



Here I am again with another deadline to face and a small stack of most welcome letters to summarize. **Buck Abell** forwarded a very informative note concerning his family and latest doings. On 5/21/87, **Buck** was ret as a COL in the Army Res. A ret ceremony in his honor was held in the Class of '56 Room at WP.



1956: Palmer presents Abell LM at Buck's ret ceremony

Present at the ceremony were his wife **Penny** and his parents COL **Julian D Abell** and **Dorothy M Abell**, who were attending the 55th Reunion of the Class of '32. Also in attendance were **Jim Anderson**, as well as the USMA dir of admissions and many members of his staff. **Buck** was presented the Legion of Merit by **Dave Palmer**. That evening, **Buck & Penny** attended the alumni dinner dance at Washington Hall, where they enjoyed cocktails with **Dave & Lu Palmer, Bob Sorley**, and members of

COL **Julian Abell's** class. **Penny** is also scheduled to be honored by the Natl Alumni Council of her alma mater, Colorado College. She has been chosen to receive the **Louis T Benezet Award**, which was established in '85 to recognize outstanding achievement in one's chosen field. **Penny** is presently the university librarian at Yale. **Buck & Penny** are looking forward to that presentation in CO Springs on 10/10/87, and being with their son **Fred**, CO College Class of '89.

Thanks to **Maury Cralle**, I have the following asgmt changes to share with you. **Norm Schwarzkopf** has been reassigned from his Ft Lewis I Corps cmd to Wash DC to be the dep ch of staff for Ops and Plans/Army Sr Member Mil Staff Comm/United Nations. **Mark Sisinyak** has been given PCS orders to be CG of the Army Engr Div, North Pacific headquartered at Portland, OR. **Scott Smith** has been transferred to Wash DC to be dep asst to the Secy of Def (Atomic Energy)/Exec Secy, Mil Liaison Comm. **Pete Verfurth** reports that **Gene Fox** is also now in the Wash DC area, and **Sam Kem** is now in Heidelberg, Ger. **Pete** also gave me the following run-down on those in addition to himself who attended the 7/15/87 Class luncheon at Ft McNair. They were **Conn Anderson, Jim Bauchspies, Harry Christopher, Maury Cralle, Bill Crites, Stan Diez, Bob Dowell, Don Ernst**, both **Gene Foxes, Knob Glock, Ted Jasper, Paul Lion, Jim McNulty, Jack Nicholson, Al Renshaw, Bill Schrage, Jack Sharkey, Mark Smith, Stainton Smith, Bob Sorley, Ben Tindall, and Bill Wetzel**. The next luncheon is scheduled for 10/21/87. Those of you who would like to attend one or more of the two future Class luncheons should mark your calendar to highlight the dates 1/20/88 and 5/20/88. Please notify **Pete Verfurth** at (703) 525-5300 if you would like to participate.

I am most grateful to **Perry Smith** for sending me a copy of his latest book, *Creating Strategic Vision*, encompassing essays by **Perry** as well as COL **Jerrold Allen**, COL **John Stewart II** and **F Douglas Whitehouse**, a sr analyst of Soviet economics. I believe it is very noteworthy that this book is dedicated in memory of **Don Morelli**, who **Perry** states was "one of the great mil planners of our time." **Perry** also most generously gave me a copy of his leadership book, *Taking Charge* which is now in its third printing and is being used by a number of the war and cmd and staff colleges, including the French War College. **Perry** is rewriting the book for a wider civ audience; the new version will be out in the spring of '88. In my view, the book is already "on point" for everyone interested in improving their leadership skills, so no one should hesitate to purchase the current version or recommend it to their friends.

Perry also mentioned in his letter that **Bob Sorley** is hard at work on a biography of Creighton Abrams. **Charlie & Ann Prather** have moved their home to Charlotte, NC. Perry believes that almost 20% of the Class now resides in the DC area. Those on AD there in addition to the ones mentioned earlier in this report are **John Wall, Les Weinstein, Bob Hammond, Fred Holmes, George Withers, and Dick Woods.**

I'm most pleased to inform everyone that **Carleton Coulter** seems to be recovering well from his coronary bypass surgery and living a very active life. He & wife **Jill** recently signed a contract with Prentice Hall to put together a contractor pers manual due out in the fall of 88. Carleton has also been nominated for the Arnold Hammerman Award by the Natl Assoc of Remodeling Industries for excellence in teaching and tng in these industries. Carleton is also negotiating with Nova Univ, Law Sch or Business Sch to establish a contracts admin center using 5 courses prepared by the George Washington Univ Law Center.

**Bob & Ginny Sorley** recently enjoyed a great visit with **Jack & Patty Woodmansee** in Frankfurt, where Jack cmds V Corps. The Woodmansees arranged a mini-reunion of '56ers. **Zeb & Inge**



1956: Patricks on Army duty train bound for Berlin

Roger & Judy's youngest, graduated from HS this past Jun. **Stan & Connie Diez** also have announced an important milestone in their family. Their daughter **Lesa Diez Bishop** and **Phil Bishop** presented them their first grandson, **Richard Phillip**, on 6/23/87.

Before I close, I'd like you to know about a most worthwhile undertaking that **George Rostine** has volunteered for. George has been asked to prepare an obituary for **Ralph Floyd** who died in 78. The obituary would be published in *ASSEMBLY*. He has asked my assistance; however, all I know about Ralph has already been published in our 10 and 20 Year Books. George will definitely need some help on this, so this is where you come in. If anybody has any recollection of what happened in Ralph's life after graduation and particularly of any personal anecdotes involving Ralph, contact George as soon as possible. Please address any correspondence to **George Rostine, 4604 Fenimore Place, Alexandria, VA 22309.**

As for me, I completed my tour as natl pres of the Natl Contract Mgt Assoc last Jul and have been selected to serve on NCMA's Natl Board of Advisors. **Betty & I** enjoyed a marvelous journey to UT, WY and MT recently and spent several days touring the wonderments of Bryce, Zion and Yellowstone Parks. We are both in excellent health and good spirits and hope that most, if not all of you, can say the same. Beginning next yr, the *ASSEMBLY* will go to a 5 issues a yr schedule, so I will need even more grist for the mill to keep this column reasonably interesting. I'm certain all of you will continue to come through for me.

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Happy 5748. Only 9 more yrs and it will be 5757. We should be holding our 40th that yr, and with luck it will be as great as the 30th. Those of you who were there know what I mean, except for the game, and those of you who missed it

will just have to enjoy it secondhand. However, most of the visual enjoyment will have to wait until the next column when I can publish some pictures I *hope* to receive. In case those of you who took pictures missed it, I would appreciate copies of your pictures. Please include names on the back.

Before I go any further, congrats are due **Don Kutyna** on being nominated for a 3rd star and cmd of the USAF SPACECOM in CO. I believe he's our first in the AF. Anything to say, Don?

Back to the reunion and a few statistics. We had about 225 classmates, including 4 widows, and about 450 people, total. The youngest person I saw was **JJ Olvera's** son **David** who is 7. Percentage-wise, there were more original engrs than any other branch, 30 of the 47 still living, and more Z's, 5 of 8. Eventually, I'll do a more complete statistical analysis, but that may take until the 40th. We raised over \$60,000 for the Class gift. In all, we received about 413 donations from about 400 classmates, wives and ex-classmates. It's not too late to give, however, and there will probably be a need for some additional items on the current work. Anything left over should give us a slight headstart for the next one. Judging by the time it took to raise the money, we need a big headstart if we intend to give another worthwhile gift. The Class gift is really magnificent. It was presented to the Academy by the Class pres, **Bill Ellis**, at a ceremony in the second floor gym of the Central Gymnasium on Sat, and formally accepted by the Supe. The Supe made a very interesting differentiation between the value of gifts and their value to the Academy. It was the difference between giving a gift to be remembered and giving a memorable gift. Ours, he said is a memorable gift and truly serves an Academy need. I encourage all of you who were not able to attend to visit the Hallway whenever you can. Briefly, quoting from the brochure,

"The corridor, which had been finished in gray brick, has been remodeled with dark oak paneling, traditional Gothic lighting fixtures, display cases for athletic memorabilia, a bulletin board for current info display, and 3 custom oak benches. The traditional, though functional style has been complemented by placement of 6 large framed photographs of activities of the Class of '57 during its cadet yrs. The formal archway at the end of the corridor proudly displays in large brass letters, USMA 1957. The project also included the restoration of the oil portraits of **William Cavanaugh, Thomas Jenkins, Abner Doubleday, and Marty Maher**, which will hang in the corridor."

There is also a large brass plaque on one wall of the arch which indicates that the restoration was presented to the Academy by the Class. For those who



1956: At the Woodmansees' in Frankfurt

**Bradford** and their daughter **Kirsten** traveled from Nurnberg, **Steve & Margaret Boylan** from Marktredwitz, and **Tom & Jane Griffin** from Frankfurt. Tom cmds the 3d Arm Div. One of his units recently won the Canadian Army Trophy tank gunnery competition; this is the first time a US unit has won this award. **Zeb** manages a joint venture for United Technologies Corp. Steve is with Rosenthal China. Speaking of visits to Ger, **Farrell & Nancy Patrick** had a marvelous time visiting their son & wife (LT **John Patrick, USMA '85**). John is in Berlin on his first duty assignment with the 40th Armor Bn. **Farrell & Nancy** also enjoyed revisiting some of their former haunts around Worms and Wertheim where they lived when Farrell was a LT and CPT. The **Patricks** and **Roger & Judy Root** have already made plans to be together for the Army-Navy game. We have also learned that **Jonathan Root,**

arrived early on Fri, **Bruce Turnbull** arranged a walking tour around the cadet area, which gave us an opportunity to spend some time in the corridor and to really appreciate its beauty. I'd like also to extend my appreciation to the 3 cadets who escorted us around and filled us in on what's new. They were Marc and Bill Niketas (would you believe identical twins—I wonder if they play games with the TACs) and Jeff McMillan.

The presentation was followed by a memorial service (we have lost 43) conducted by **Bill Huckabee** and **Bob Comeau**. During the presentation the Supe told a story about **Gerry Galloway's** visit to GEN Taylor in WRAH just before he died. You will recall that GEN Taylor was the Army C/S and the reviewing off for our grad parade, and that he very gently chewed us out in the gym shortly afterwards. I am going to relate the story here because it is certainly a piece of Class history that should be recorded. Gerry was asked to present a picture of WP to GEN Taylor during a trip he had to DC. He then went to the Gen's room and was allowed to enter even though the Gen was very weak and almost unable to talk. GEN Taylor was extremely pleased with the picture and had them hang it on the wall directly facing him so that it would be the last thing he would see before he died. Then he motioned Gerry over to the bed and asked him what class he was. When Gerry said he was Class of '57, GEN Taylor lifted his hand and gently waved his index finger at him, saying in a barely audible voice, "You naughty boys." I checked the story with Gerry to see if the Supe had embellished it, and was assured that it really happened. In fact, Gerry had met GEN Taylor about 5 yrs earlier and the Gen had made the same statement then. I guess there are some things that one never forgets, even near the end, and '57 certainly created a legacy on 4 Jun 57.

The Class had a brief bus mtg on Sat morning and I'll cover a few of the highlights. The DC contingent is now the focal point for Class activities and will be responsible for planning the 35th. Of course, we hope that **Bruce Turnbull** and **Gerry Galloway** will still be at WP to take care of all the details. **Don Whalen** has succeeded **Ed Hickey** as the pres of the DC gp and invites all of you to join us for lunch at Ft Myer the first Thur of each mo. **Charles Erb** has graciously volunteered to take care of obtaining obituaries for the Class, and that will unfortunately become a very major task in the yrs ahead. If you want to write one for a classmate, or need help in putting one together, Charlie may be able to help you. You can write to him at 105 White Oak Ridge Rd, Short Hills, NJ 07078. One thing that you can do to make things easier for him is to fill out and send in an AOG biographic question-

naire. You can get one from the AOG.

The words of appreciation for all the hard work done to make the reunion a success were saved for the Sat evening function, and I'd like to repeat that recognition. Special thanks are due to **Bernie Tullington**, **Champ Buck**, **JJ Cortez**, **Bob Comeau**, **Les Bennett**, **Gerry Galloway**, **Carolyn Gaspard**, and **Bruce Turnbull**. **Bruce Turnbull**, as the point man for the whole op and the guy who had to suffer the most headaches, was presented with a painting as a gift, which is just a token of what he deserves. I would also like to thank my wife **Bernice** who kept track of all the responses and checks you sent me over the last 5 yrs, answered your phone calls asking for info after my Jun column, and puts up with me. One of the calls was from **Esperia Murphy**, the widow of **Jim Murphy** (our only Rhodes Scholar). She lives in Vienna, VA and owns two companies, both of which sell Italian office furniture. One is a wholesale store and the other sells retail, and both are in the process of expanding. Her main off is in Merrifield and she has outlets in Baltimore, Chantilly and Fairfax, and is building a new one in Warrenton. She has two daughters, both of whom are married. One lives in London and the other in Italy. She also has two sons, one of whom is studying at Oxford (shades of dad) and the other is a Porsche mechanic. I think I ought to get to know the mechanic since my son is bringing a Porsche home from Ger in Nov.

I passed out cards with my return address so that I could get some of the latest info, rumors, gossip, etc, and have actually received 5 back. That also constitutes my total Class mail for this quarter. **Tom & Betty Adcock** wrote to say what a great reunion we had and how much they enjoyed seeing so many of their old friends. They stayed with the **Galloways** for the wkend as did the **Whalens**, **Sobraskes** and **Roths**. After observing Jack Sobraske very closely, Tom has decided that he looks a lot like Johnny Carson. Any other opinions? Could it be? Tom heard that our Class had the highest percentage participation ever recorded for a 30th (another first), and asked if there is going to be a list of attendees. What we really need is someone to write a Reunion Book. Do we have a volunteer? I'd be glad to help. In the event we do, he sent me an interesting article written about class reunions by a '38 grad of Wellesley and abridged by the wife of a member of the Cl of '37. It provides an interesting perspective of the differences 30 yrs can make in our lives. It's too long to include here, but the first paragraph seems quite apropos, and I quote, "School reunions can be a competitive sport. At early reunions classmates compete with each other about jobs and incomes. At the 25th it's

spouses and children. After that they brag about grandchildren and vacation homes while regarding (with envy or glee) classmates' waistlines, hairlines and wrinklelines." I can certainly assure you that we have reached that last stage, but would hasten to add "new wives" to the list of subjects. Tom recently visited Columbus, GA and had lunch with **Don & Cynthia Bowman** and their son Campbell, an atty. They're doing well, but had to miss the reunion because of Don's teaching commitments with a college in Columbus. Tom suggested that many of you might be interested in having a mini-reunion in the DC area in the next couple of yrs. Please write and tell us what you think of the idea.

Got a letter from **Doug Alexander** along with a check for the gift in honor of deceased H-2 files. He also sent a form for a company matching gift, and I encourage all of you to do the same thing if the opportunity presents itself. Doug & his wife **Norma** live in Mesa, AZ and he has been an engr with the Garrett Corp in Phoenix for the last 19 yrs. Norma is a schoolteacher in Scottsdale and they have "3 beautiful daughters" who are attending college in CA and AZ. I wonder if they ever run into **JJ & Diane Olvera**. JJ works for Merrill Lynch in Tucson and is taking a stab at the kid's clothing bus on the side. It seems that his wife made a flight suit for his son to wear at Halloween last yr and David has been wearing it almost all the time ever since. He wore it to an air show and several people wanted to know where they could get one. When they learned that Diane made it, they asked if she would make suits for them. After getting a lot of requests, JJ realized that he had a good thing going and decided to set up a production line. He said it's been a demanding effort, but things are going well. Good luck.

**Dick Kenyon** wrote, as promised, from Enterprise, AL. He & **Virginia** moved down there when he ret at the end of Jun, and he's doing some part-time consulting. Ret gens are always in demand, especially the smart ones. They spend wkends at the beach in Destin, FL, where his youngest son Steve lives, and both he & Virginia are taking golf lessons. He also plays racquetball regularly at Ft Rucker. No wonder he thinks ret life is great. By Jun 88 they plan to move into a new home they're having built on their 25 acre spread in Ozark, AL. They are also putting in a 2-3 acre fish pond and a barn, and will fence some pasture land for a couple of horses. Sounds like heaven in Ozark. Dick said he'll see us all again at the 35th.

Got a letter from **John Loberg** announcing the Annual Loberg Climb, which will be held 9-11 Oct. Since it's too late for you to go, I won't say more about it. However, if you're interested in

going next yr you might want to write John now and get on his mailing list. At the reunion I learned that John had visited the traveling replica of the Viet Nam Memorial (I didn't even know they had one), and had placed 13 flags on the memorial in honor of our classmates. A very thoughtful act. Another bit of info I got at the reunion is that the **Langworthys** became grandparents in Aug when Callie Rebecca was born to Peter & Kris Langworthy. My last letter was from **Tom McDonald** and included a description of his new co, **MATCOR** (McDonald Applied Technology Corp). The firm works primarily in the areas of def communications, cmd and control, and info systems, and provides assistance to top level mgrs. Good luck. I also had a chance to chat briefly with **Wally Summers** who won the prize for changing the least (not at all) in the last 30 yrs. He has started up a new trucking firm to go with all his other businesses, but now his off is directly across the street from his home and his daughter helps run the operation. **Pat** still publishes an agricultural newspaper and her deadlines prevented her from coming with Wally. As a matter of interest, **Hank Hatch** and **Hom-er Johnstone** tied a very close second in the "look like you did the day you graduated" category.

I'd like to end the column with a special thank you to **Tony Bullotta**. Tony did not arrive at the reunion until late on Sat. I saw him just after returning to the hotel after the football game, and he called me over and said he had a present for me. He said he was late because he was held over in Tel Aviv (he's a pilot for TWA), but he brought me a copy of the *Jerusalem Post*. What he didn't know was that it was the wkend edition and had the wkend magazine in it. So what, you say. My daughter Ruth is the design editor of the wkend edition and her name was listed in the credits. That was one great gift. Thank you, Tony. That's it for this column. If I get lots of pictures from all the people who took pictures at the reunion, I'll include them in the next edition. Look through the rest of the *ASSEMBLY* though, because there will be some pictures taken by the AOG photographer.

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**45th Column.** First news is both old and bad: **Lee Gaughan** died on 30 Jun. The AOG notified Pres **Jack Bradshaw** and the announcement appeared inside the last pg of the Sep *ASSEMBLY* (Last Roll Call). No details other than his widow **Sondra** lives at 15 Munroe St, Newbury, MA. Our sympathies to **Sondra**. There is so little one can say, so I'll

borrow a country refrain, "all God's children get weary when they roam, don't it make you wanta go home. . . ."

First news will be some cut from the 44th column, starting with more of the great letter from **Chuck Davis**, "**George Klotzbach** teaches electronics for IT&T's tech sch in the local area. **George & Ginny** are in good health and finally enjoying the empty nest! **Garland O'Quinn** (wife **Ginny**) is a consultant in the field of developmental gymnastics (DG), having written a book by that title in 77. Gar has recently founded the Natl Assoc of Developmental Gymnastics Teachers (NADGT); the charter mtg of 700+ members was scheduled for Jun 87. DG works with day care children aged 3-8 yrs.

"**Glenn Hall** is a lawyer specializing in real estate and banking for the firm of Small, Craig and Werkenthin. 'Younger' Glenn (our Glenn is also young—he reminds me he's not 50 yet) is following father's footsteps, studying law at the U of WI. 'Younger' **Nelle** (Glenn's wife is also **Nelle**), after graduating from the U of TX at Austin, works for Coca-Cola in Houston." (Scribe—Glenn was 50 on 5/24/87. The last to turn 50 was **Dave Livingston** on 6/11/87.) Thanks again, **Chuck**.

**Denny Sharon** called to report having been surrounded by 3 star classmates **Butch Saint** and **Bill Tuttle** while attending an AUSA function at Ft Hood. Seems both **Butch** and **Bill** felt "classmated" by **Will Roosma**, the FORSCOM DCSOPS. **Butch** promised to make a DC luncheon during a future trip to DC. Remember, 2d Fri of every mo EXCEPT DEC.

**Belvoir Founders Day** was attended by **Bob & Marion Bunker**, **Lee & Pat Miller**, **John & Mimi Nun**, **Connie Tully** and **George Lawton**, and **Paul & Paula Johnson**. The DC Founders Day at



1958: Founders Day 1987, Ft Belvoir

ANCC was attended by **Dan Brockwell**, **Jerry Mitchell**, **Pete Brintnall**, **Mac Williams**, **Chuck Hansult**, **Joe Luman**, **Mike Riordan**, **George Lawton**, and **Bill Stambaugh**.

A *First Letter*. From **Bill Wafer** in Houston. He's been with **Bechtel Power Corp** since 6/78. He & **Barbara** are fine, enjoying two married sons in the area;

one has provided two grandsons (ages 3 yrs and 9 mos). Daughter **Melissa** (19) has finished first yr at TX A&M. Youngest daughter **Sandra** (13) keeps them busy with ballet, jazz and tap dancing. **Bill** recently saw **Ron Hudson** (with Public Works Dept, City of Houston) and **Bo Craddock** (owns an investment firm) at recent WP Soc luncheon. **Wafers** also report plans to attend 30th and included check for \$100!

The Houston contingent of '58 is large and growing, as the next *First Letter* from Saudi Arabia demonstrates. **John Isaacson** writes that he & **Anne** are returning to Houston after 4 yrs in Saudi. John was Shell's gen mgr—enrg. He reported that the Amer community there was saddened by the *USS Stark* and felt that DoD was naive with respect to the "tanker war" (letter was written before reflagging). John promised not to wait 29 yrs to write again.

**Ed Matthews** writes from north GA that **Linda** "bore us a daughter, **Ashley Danielle McCall**, at 1530 on 2 Dec 86." **Ashley** is the most recent offspring in the Class that the scribe knows of—she was 6 wks early making life touch and go for herself and mother **Linda**. Both are doing well now! **Ed** missed the A-N gathering for football game (**Ashley's** fault) as did **Ed Adair** who recently ret from INS and is a dep sheriff. Thanks for the letter from our most recent father!

**Frank Wright** wrote, "I just realized that I made a career change without notifying my Class scribe. The out-processing forms are just not what they used to be. When Gov **Thornburgh** left office in Jan, I along with the rest of the PA cabinet, went with him. My parachute, it was at least bronze if not golden, deposited me in Phila where I am now the CEO of the convention center authority. We are in the process of building a new facility which will occupy 8 square blocks in Center City Phila. It is scheduled to open in late 91 and should be at least adequate for a Class brunch before the Navy game."

**John Sewall** wrote to confirm his marriage to **Martha Elizabeth (Biesanz) Gorges** on 20 Oct 86. **Marti** and her son **Brian** joined John at SHAPE in Nov for a short tour of Europe. John was to return to ODCSOPS in Jun as dir, strategy, plans and policy. Hope to see him at an ANCC luncheon this summer. **Marti** and **Brian**, welcome to '58! Short letter from **Prof Walt Patterson** referring to the photo in the last column which "proves that although I was once an M-1 runt, I am now 1/2 inch taller than **Tommie Thompson** and only 1/2 inch shorter than **Ray Tomlinson**." You may look at the photo and be your own judge concerning **Walt's** claim, if you can find the back issue of the *ASSEMBLY*.

**Jack Bradshaw** wrote twice and called concerning the squeeze on space for



1958: Marti Sewall, welcome to '58!

Class columns. Our editor, Paul Child, has a tough job, which you all are compounding by providing so much poop. The publications policy was contained in the Jun ASSEMBLY. Basically, demographics is/are the problem: larger classes and we are all living longer, so the Class notes section continues to grow. You can expect to see about 60 column inches, roughly two pp. Sorry.

Charley Glover expects to make a DC luncheon now that his son is starting at Amer Univ in Aug. He wants Glenn Hall's address which scribe doesn't have, but Chuck Davis in Austin does. Good luck to that threesome sorting out who writes to whom. (A more recent card from Charley sez he found Glenn in Austin. More need to follow the example of Charley I-2 and Roger Waddell A-1 to contact company-mates for the reunion.) Long epistle from Chuck Densford must wait for next column. Can report that we all missed him & Patsy, but had a great time at Mimi & John Nun's for the annual Jun picnic.

About half our allotted space and now to the new poop. Cannot do justice to Densford's letter, he is too funny. On a serious note, Chuck wanted to thank Gene Scales, Dick Buckalew, Tom Carpenter, Jim Ramsden, and Chaplain Camp for their support when Chuck's father, Charles F Densford '31, died last Nov. COL Densford Sr ret from USAF in '59 and was a TX rancher. Chuck sent the USMA Poop Sch yrbook and some grand stories. Another time perhaps.

Letters, more or less in chronological order. Gene Scales reports that Mike Harvey is on the new Army two star list. Congratulations, Mike! Thanks, Gene (who is recovering from retinal surgery, but does not plan to return to the ring a la Sugar Ray Leonard). Roger Waddell's letter is too long and too good for our limited space. He was at DFW airport and saw Ray Hanson, last seen when Ray was a FAC with 3d Bde, 4th Inf Div in RVN in 66-67. Ray is now with General Dynamics. Roger renewed his challenge for the second \$100 for "every classmate who is glad he went to WP because he met his wife there." Grumman is sending Roger to an exec MBA program at GA Southern.

Card from Joan Collins informing us that Sam ret 30 Sep. He'll be with Harding and Lawson in Novato, CA (about 22 mi no of Golden Gate Bridge). She reports that Carole & Tony Smith are in SF, another center of '58 types. Card and photo from Billie Nadal confirm that Carole & Tony Smith are in SF. Nadals and Smiths spent a wkend touring the wine country of Napa Valley. The car is the reason for the photo. Linc Jones



1958: Tony Smith, Nadal and car

wrote from Italy where he's cmdr of SETAF (with troops in Greece and Turkey). He & Ann are glad to be back in Italy and back with troops. Linc attended Dick Reynard's assumption of cmd of V Corps Arty.



1958: Bibs, Reynard and Ann & Linc Jones

Bob Tallgren wrote from a hotel in Detroit with pictures of Jun picnic at Mimi & John Nun's. He casts his vote in favor of annual reunions at locations other than WP between the 5-yr gatherings there. He volunteered to have the 32d (90) in Orlando (or 31st if the San Ant gang doesn't pick up the challenge). An order of business for Class mtg during the 30th (please take note, Pres-for-Life Bradshaw). Bob included his \$100 check for '58 Memorial Fund. Also reports that HBJ is doing well, don't sell, wait for 3d qtr financial results to buy.

Another first letter. Ron Brunner makes his first contact with the column in 29 yrs. He is now working full-time in an Evangelistic Ministry in L.A. He plans to attend the 30th and sent two \$100 checks for the Memorial Fund. Shortly after reading this column Ron and the rest of us should receive the



1958: Nun and Mitchell

reunion mailing with complete details and reservation forms, etc.

Jim Ramsden writes from Univ FL where he & Rae are enjoying his sabbatical. Scribe is proud to announce that Jim's nomination to be prof and head of chemistry has been approved at DA and is waiting for Senate confirmation. Rae is enrolled full-time in a master's program in counseling. They will return to USMA in mid-May in time for the 30th Reunion.



1958: USMA prof on sabbatical

Last letter, arrived today, from Sam Myers. Biggest news is that daughter Laura and Steve Farmer were married 5/24/86. Best wishes to the bride and groom! Brother Rusty was a groomsman (and was graduated from Univ TX in Jun 87 in philosophy and computer science. Now into master's program in AI). Sad news is that Sam's father, LTC Samuel L Myers '28, died in Del Rio, TX on 20 Mar 87 at age 82 of pulmonary fibrosis. "Well done, be thou at peace."

IMPORTANT—NEW DEADLINES. There will be five issues of ASSEMBLY next yr with the following deadlines for columns: 15 Dec, 15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug, and 15 Oct. Those are my deadlines, back yours up to the first of each month. But don't write unless it's your first letter, or you're reporting a promotion, marriage, birth, ret, finding a "lost classmate," or something of that magnitude. I am not completely serious, but if you do write and don't read about it in the next column, please have patience.

IMPORTANT REUNION ORGANIZATION POOP. Using the DC classmates for organizing reunion atten-

dance, input to the 30th Reunion Book (subject of a separate mailing), and donations to the Memorial Fund, scribe has appointed (and Garry Roosma and Mark Sigurski have approved) a CCQ (cadet charge of quarters for those who don't remember) for each co. The CCQ and his runner (assistant) are responsible for their co's performance in all aspects of the 30th. The CCQs (first) and runners (second) are as follows: A-1—Lee Miller and Barrie Williams; B-1—Dick Beyea (no runner, Dick is the sole B-1 file in DC, but he can do it alone); C-1—Jerry Mitchell and Bob Moore; D-1—Bob Bunker and Frank Crowley; E-1—Chuck Cabell and Larry Bullis; F-1—Dusty Rhodes and Bill Shepard; G-1—Butch Ordway and Pete Trainor; H-1—John Devens and Randy Rodenberg; I-1—Phil DiMauro and Chazz Porciello; K-1—Brad Johnson and Josh Jaschen; L-1—Tom Conti and Dick Reidy; M-1—Otto Thamasett and Wally Ward. 2d Regt CCQs and Runners: A-2—Nels Conner and John Nun; B-2—Dick Schonberger and Jerry Prohaska; C-1—Pete Bahnsen and Frank Waskowicz; D-2—Bill Gillette and Don Williams; E-2—Pete Kusek and Chuck Tof toy; F-2—Glenn Brown and Ben Pellegrini; G-2—George Lawton and John Herren; H-2—Phil Pryor and Joe Luman; I-2—Palmer McGrew and Joe Schwarz; K-2—Frank Franks and Fred Goode-nough; L-2—Jae Stanton and Paul Johnson; M-2—John Schroeder and Pete Brintnall.

In addition to CCQs and runners we have bn cmd sgts maj to help get out Class news telephonically in the DC area. In the 1st Regt they are Herb Puscheck (A-1/1st Bn), Bill Stambaugh (F-1/2d Bn), and Dick Graves (M-1/3d Bn). 2d Regt CSM are Chuck Hansult (A-2/1st Bn), Mac Williams (E-2/2d Bn), and Dale Hruby (M-2/3d Bn). Mark Sigurski is the staff duty off (SDO) and scribe is his SDNCO for the 1st and 2d Regts telephone chain.

We also appointed regional coordinators to help spread the word in their areas and help classmates get in touch with their co CCQs. Here goes: NE Ed Ofgant (617-762-2209); NYC Jim Castle (212-556-8567); SE Roger Waddell (912-354-1626); CenFL Bob Higgins (305-628-8817); Houston Ron Hudson (713-492-0132); Austin Chuck Davis (512-282-4942); San Ant Gene Scales (512-657-5213); Phoenix Sam Myers (602-951-2023); Albuquerque Jim Chapman (505-821-0095); NoCent Pat Mellin (612-698-5971); Denver Rich Clements (303-986-0917); SoCA Bill Cibosky (714-795-3591); San Jose ("Do you know the way to San Jose?") Carl Sullinger (408-867-2718); NoCA Sam Collins (was 415-922-6961, but he's moved); PacNW Terry Connell (503-292-1911). Other centers of Class gravity? Let me know. About 32 at ANCC Class luncheon on 9/11 (2d Fri monthly except Dec) and

heard about reunion plans from Garry Roosma and co focus via CCQs from scribe. John Schroeder, Mark Sigurski, and Jae Stanton kicked in their checks (Jae's for \$200, thanks for the suggestion, Roger!).

That's it for this time. Misplaced a note from Chuck Tof toy, another Class author with a recently published book, details next time. Beat Navy! Merry Christmas. Watch for mailing on the 30th Reunion Book (from scribe), the second mailing on the reunion (from Garry Roosma), and send in your first and then your second \$100 to 1958 Memorial Fund. See you in May!



1958: Lawton, Joan & Sam Collins

Lost classmates (no current mailing address): Bill Folkes A-1, Fritz Nuffer B-1, Joe Brown C-1, John Raymond E-1, Bob Case I-1, Bruce Trott I-1, George Wees I-1, Ed Lucci K-1, Bob Regut K-1, Larry Schull M-1, Dick McManigell A-2, Bill Murphy D-2, HA "Bud" Davenport E-2, Don Forney E-2, Bob Foster E-2, Claude Fernandez F-2, Bob Dey H-2, Bob Kirtley K-2 and Homer Jenkins M-2.

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Mark & Judy Magnussen are the proud parents of a new daughter, Tracey Victoria, who was born 11 Jun at Fairfax Hosp. She reported in 9 wks early, evidence to her father that she may be a hard charger. "Turning 50 and becoming a father is a bit different," says Mark, "but it should lead to lots of interesting conversations at future PTA meetings." Daughter Christy started college at VA Tech this yr, so Judy says that she feels like the mother of two only children.

Bob Croteau works in OSD and directs a gp that oversees tactical air programs from concept to operation. One of the perks, he says, is to ride in the back seat of our newest fighter planes. Speed and altitude have a role in his leisure time as well, and helicopter skiing in the Canadian Rockies has been his biggest kick of late. Whether or not his recent engagement to Karen Nold, who works for Price Waterhouse, will keep him closer to

terra firma remains to be seen. They plan a wedding sometime after 1 Jan. Bob's daughter Lea, 24, is a commercial artist and art dir in Alexandria.

Gerry Stadler has two stars on his letterhead and is now C of S of Eighth Army in Korea. At the time of his writing he was about to be joined by Marsha, who had remained in the States in order to install daughter Steph in Baylor for her frosh yr. Gerry says he is joined in Korea by Jim Taylor, who is dep ch of staff for engring and services of Seventh AF in Osan. They have daily class lunches where they gorge themselves on ramien and kimchi. He sends a photo of Charlie Getz, who departed the 2d Inf Div for ret after a distinguished 3-yr asgmt as ADC.



1959: MG Jack Farris awards DSM to BG Charlie Getz

Before Gerry left Ft Hood, Bill Burleson had been promoted to MG and had left the 2d Armd Div for the Netherlands and AFCENT. Bill Fitzgerald was C of S, III Corps, and was due to spend a mo in Ger on Exercise REFORGER.

Dave Cotts is with the World Bank as chief of bldg maintenance and, in addition, serves as a consultant in facilities mgt. He is, in fact, pres of the Intl Facility Mgt Assoc. He & Linda have 3 children: Chris, 24, is an AF LT stationed at Patrick AFB, FL; Eric, 22, is a recent grad of Hampden-Sydney Coll and is looking for a job as a teacher/coach; and daughter Liza, 20, is a soph in business at Longwood Coll.

Tex & Terry DeAtkine have a new address at 3831 Foxfield Ln, Fairfax, VA 22033. Tex is with BDM Corp, where he says he works with some talented people; but the nomadic urge is upon him after two yrs, and he would gladly hit the road again if given a reasonable excuse. Meanwhile, he thinks a D-2 reunion would be great fun, and he will set it up if there is any interest out there. Call him collect. The DeAtkines have 3 daughters (27, 25, and 24), all single and on their own (more or less, says Tex).

Amy Shea, who won last yr's Class scholarship, sent Peter Stromberg a follow-up letter which he passed on to me. Amy once again expressed her gratitude for the chance to spend some time teach-



1959: Terry, Lisa and Tex DeAtkine



1959: Ellie O'Meara & Polly Coreth

ing children on the Navajo reservation at Window Rock, AZ, and she enclosed a paper she had written on some of the conclusions she had formulated from the experience. She is now a 5th grade teacher in Savannah and hopes to start work on a master's in systems analysis soon. From there, it's on to her goal of teaching overseas. The accompanying photo of Amy's parents was taken when they visited her on the reservation.

and catching up on old A-1 buddies **Bob Ryan**, who was down from Omaha, and **Charlie Otstott** ('60). Jerry recalled that **Charlie**, during his plebe yr, helped **Fogel**, **Don Tillar** and **Tom Roberts**, who were roommates, pick winners in the wklly football pool.

**Carl Weaver** has written a book for model railroaders called *Layout Building Guide for Operators of Marklin HO Trains*. The publisher is Greenberg Publishing Co, 7543 Main St, Sykesville, MD 21784, and the cost is \$12.95. Carl hopes that we all bought Marklin trains when we were stationed in Ger and will now make him rich by buying his book. Failing that, he is presently working with another author on a series of 6 children's books about trains, perhaps targeting our grandchildren. Carl is also doing the illustrating, which requires resurrecting his drawing skills from *Pointer* days. These 6 books, incidentally, are in search of a publisher.

saw **Steve Roesler** in Bamberg and were able to talk to his brother **Scott** by phone one evening. Now, back at home, **Carl & Ann** are preparing for the marriages of all 3 daughters. Carl says he supposes they can survive this.

**Rich Clark** reports that he & **Karen** traveled to Ft Dix on 19 Sep for the wedding of **Stan & Eileen Delikat's** daughter, **Wendy**. Rich is still with the justice dept where he litigates air travel lawsuits brought against the govt.



1959: Rich Clark & Joe Coreth

The DC contingent dined at the ANCC on 26 Sep, and the occasion was filled with the good humor and warm camaraderie we have come to cherish at these gatherings. **Tom & Anne Boyle** were justly praised for arranging the affair. **Polly** helped me count the house,



1959: Joe Shea guarding a hogan in AZ

**Bob Crawford** is a GA Tech analyst, mathematician, and computer modeler doing work with DoD, especially with the AF. He has come to suspect, he says, that there is no such thing as the "big picture" we once yearned to be in on. He & **Kathi** live in Ft Walton Beach, FL and have two sons and two daughters. **Robert**, 26, graduated from U of WA Law Sch in 86 and stayed on to complete a master's in intl economics. **Douglas**, 24, is a 2LT, USAF, and has just completed B-52 sch at Castle AFB, CA. **Laura**, 21, is a sr in marketing at UVA; and **Julie**, 18, is a frosh at Auburn. To those who remember Bob as a diehard Californian, he says he's seen the light and now loves FL. He'd like to get back in touch with classmates after his long sojourn in the AF, in which he even avoided a tour in the Pentagon. His address is 844 Holbrook Cir, 32548.

**Jerry Fogel**, who is secy of the WP Soc of Kansas City, was the Supe's guest at the Army-KS State game in Manhattan, KS on 19 Sep. He & **Barbara** enjoyed watching Army destroy the opposition, but even better was seeing **Al Rushton**



1959: Andy O'Meara and George Kleb

**Carl** and **Bill Zierdt** both recently submitted short stories to a London author who is publishing them in a collection called *Life on the Line*, due out in Dec. **Bill**, who is in Indianapolis, passed through Carl's home in Dumphries, VA, this fall and they had a pleasant day together. **Bill** was on his way to London on some of his mgt consulting business.

**Carl & Ann** have lived across the street from **Gil & Ina Roesler** for about 7 yrs. The Roeslers were traveling in Ger and Finland on the day Carl wrote, and were due back in about two wks. The Weavers, on a recent trip of their own to Ger,



1959: Em McCracken, Tom Boyle and Irv Broocke

and we believe we saw **Art & Babs Bair**, **Randy Bell**, **Dick & Donna Bennett**, **Frank & Elaine Besson**, **Irv & Phyllis Broocke**, **Frank & Pat Campbell**, **Rich & Karen Clark**, **George & Pat Day**, **Tex, Terry & Lisa DeAtkine**, **Bob & Julie DeMont**, **Paul & Fran Elias**, **Joe & Terry Enright**, **Fred & Denise Franks**, **Rick & Nita George**, **Phil Gibbs**, **Art & Joyce Griffin**, **Charlie & Nancy Hayes**, **George & Beth Kleb**, **Jack & Zee Knebel**, **Mart & Pat Lidy**, **Charlie & Marianne Lymn**, **Jay & Kathleen Madden**, **Mark & Judy Magnussen**, **Em & Teddy McCracken**, **Dud & Dottie Moorhous**, **Milt & Regina Newberry**, **Jack & Barbara O'Brien**, **Andy & Ellie O'Meara**, **Rex & Maryse Rhein**, **Ed & Pat Robinson**, **Tom & Karen Seybold**, **Joe & Bev Todaro**, **Jim &**

Phyllis Walsh, Dick & Margaret Welch, John & Sharyn Wilson, Walt & Judy Wosicki, and Bill & Ellen Zaldo. Is that 77?

Here are some short takes from that evening. **Tom McInerney** has 3 stars and is DCINC, USAF. **Andy O'Meara** is teaching mil strategy at the Natl War Coll. Young **Matthew Hayes**, son of **Charlie & Nancy**, is a plebe and has made the first two cuts for varsity lacrosse. **John Grinalds** is a BG, works in JCS as vice J-8, and is believed to be our last Marine on AD. **Bill Mullen** is a BG



1959: Ed Robinson, Fred Franks and Bob DeMont

and runs the CA tng facility at Leavenworth. **MG Fred Franks** is in JCS as J-7. He & **Denise** are proud grandparents of **Jake Bozek**, 13 mos, whose parents are **Margie & Greg** (USMA '79). And, to finish on the same story that began this column, **Mark Magnussen** tells this one on himself. As he was holding his new daughter **Tracey** in the hosp, a beaming nurse asked him, "Is this your first grandchild?"

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I had a chance since the last issue to chat with **Larry Coffey** who is the proprietor of an electrical contracting firm in the greater Chicago area. He gave me details on which kids are married, which ones are in college, etc, but they seem to have been misplaced. I will have to contact him again for a repeat.

**Bill Raymond**, a chemistry P at Annapolis, held a recent (ca. 15 Sep) cocktail party for the Class DC contingent. Unfortunately, no one provided a list of attendees, but I understand **Mike Me-reau** was there as well as **Ed & Joyce Post**, as well as **Dick Cato**, who was there with his wife. **Dick's** wife is involved with an Army family assistance or support gp. The Raymond house is apparently right on the parade grounds, and I hear afloat (if that is the right idiom) with "Go Army, Beat Navy" posters and the like.

Congratulations to **Jack Pellicci** and

family. Jack was the number one or two man on the most recent O-7 list.

A letter was received from **Jack Denton**. In Mar of this yr, he left Columbia Presbyterian Med Center to assume the directorship of orthopaedic surgery at the Catholic Med Center of Brooklyn and Queens. This is a position in which



1960: Jack Denton

he is responsible for all of the orthopaedic care delivered by their 5 hosps, and the supervision of their residency teaching program. He & his wife **Karen** are still enjoying living in Bronxville, NY and attend all the Army football games.

Sep also saw a 50th birthday for **Jim Lincoln**. Jim's parents, Gen & Mrs Lincoln were present. Jim lives in Annandale and works at the Def Materiel Cmd. He is still on active duty as an O-6. **John Berry**, the pres of the DC contingent, was present as were **Tony Blackstone**, **Stu & Vicki Goodwin**, and **Red Seaward**. **Len Coose** was also present and is apparently running for elective (state-wide?) off somewhere in the Midwest I gather, perhaps MO. Best of luck to him. **Randy Perkins**, too, was present, and **Wayne Gillespie**. Wayne is now a private financial consultant for USPA.

I was able to make contact by phone this summer with **Chaz Wood**. He is in data processing with AT&T in nw NJ and has a two-yr old son.

**Tom McGuinness** is probably typical of our financial market classmates in much enjoying the Dow's run to the 2,500 range. We talked by phone and all seems well with him and his family.

Speaking of financial matters, enclosed is a picture of a former Class treas



1960: Ed Handler with Dean Herman

and your scribe taken during a sailing vacation in the British Virgin Isls. I trust our trip had nothing to do with the treasury function being moved to DC. Seriously, **Dean**, **Marg**, **Jane** and I commend the British Virgin Isls to anyone looking for a somewhat undiscovered place to vacation.

It's great to hear that the Class is getting together for parties in the various parts of the country, but it taxes my G-2 capabilities to have to learn about them through nationwide phone calls. Any time there is a gathering of two or more classmates, I earnestly solicit that one person be designated, before everyone gets blitzed, to make a brief note, photo or the like to send to the scribe.

That's all for now folks.

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Good news and honors are never out of date, so despite the passage of many mos, congratulations and well done: to be BGs—**Dick Behrenhausen**, **Bob Frix**, **Bob Rosenkranz**. And **Roy Busdieker** earned his USAWC diploma on 24 Jul; **Byron (Baldy) Baldwin** was selected for COL. **Howie Graves** arrived at USAWC 1 Oct as Com, with the charge to take care of any glitches discovered in his halcyon student days of 79. At the AWC



1961: USAWC: Stone, Popovich, Graves, Sherburne, Ganderson

photo session, **Tom Stone** let **Tom Sherburne** know that **Charlie Armstrong** at DA was using Sherburne's SSI paper for some ongoing FD work. Missing only the PRC, Sherburne returned in Aug from a business trip to the Far East (anything for frequent flyer credit!).

The faithful support of the field correspondents (the **Ernie Pyles** of '61) is what gives this column color and interest. **Dick & Gail Clark** write, "... (we) are continuing to enjoy our second career in Tullahoma where [Dick] works as the mgr of the design engring branch for the base services contractor at the AF's Arnold Engring Dev Center. ... Haven't seen a classmate in many moons except for our yrly trip to the Hudson

Highlands. . . Am extremely proud to report two firsts for our Class . . . Scott D Clark '88 was elected cpt of the Army squash team for 87-88 . . . this was good news for the family. . . He also becomes the second of our sons who held this high honor. Richard Jr was cpt 83-84 . . . haven't made an AAA check, but this is a rare event and probably will not be equaled in our Class. . . Scott also becomes the first second family member to graduate. . . "Keep them notes coming!

From sunny So CA, **Chuck Randolph** brings us " . . . up-to-date on the latest happenings at the **McCanns' 2nd Annual Get-together** for those classmates living or passing through the L.A. area . . . held 19 Aug 87 at the McCann's ritzy estate in Pacific Palisades. Surprise attendees were **Jeri & Glenn Adams**—who happened to be vacationing in the area. Unfortunately, **John Goldtrap** and **Burke Mucho** were not able to attend. . . I had the opportunity to introduce my new bride, the former **Marilyn von Klein-Smid**, to the group. . . The livelihood of all those attending is unchanged from the reunion, except for Jay who is with TRW. . . The **Gibsons' son Don** is starting nose guard for USC and had some outstanding plays against MI State. Too bad the Black, Gray and Gold failed to recruit him. . . Linda & Jay were gracious hosts and have indicated that the 3rd Annual will be as good. The McCanns invite all classmates in the area during the last of Jul or the first of Aug to check . . . when the party is scheduled." Chuck & Marilyn live at 133 Turquoise Ave, Balboa Island, CA 92662.



1961: With the ladies



1961: Stan Clough at the helm sailing to Bimini

(Ret). Don is the new dean at the Valley Forge Mil Academy. Shane also writes,



1961: At Valley Forge Mil Academy—Don Miller, Tory and Shane Olshansky



1961: Randolph, Zaldo, McCann, Adams, Campbell and Gibson (bracing to hide the result of living good)

better than tangent! . . . returned to Miami on the 7th of Jul. . . Come ski with us this winter. My volunteer efforts with the NJ region of the Natl Ski Patrol help me ski a lot. . . Probably second behind **Pat Hoy**, the consummate skier!" P.S. **Ellen** remained behind on land.

**Lou Berra** sent the "official photo" of the Berra hosted reunion back in Jun. **Shane Olshansky** visited **Don Miller**



1961: At Ft Monroe, Jun 87—Mallorys and Tory and Shane Olshansky

Reporting from the opposite coast, at Ft Monmouth, **Stan Clough** transmits via CW, " . . . proud to tell you that we had a great time. Our (fleet/flotilla/armada) of two chartered Morgan 41s left Miami . . . and sailed . . . to the Bahamas. . . When all the bills were paid the cost came to a mere 3% overrun which isn't bad. Our 4th of Jul cookout was on Bimini. . . Also visited Ernest Hemingway's house, the Compleat Angler, but it did not rub off. . . plebe yr English remains to haunt me—but I did end the yr with one tenth



1961: Berra's soiree, Richmond

" . . . at Annapolis stopped to see **Bill & Lyl Hathaway**. Bill invited **Bart & Dora Chambers** over and we had a great tea party. Bill is teaching at U of MD (health admin) and working on his PhD. Bart is with NOAH and has 60 scientific types under his wing. His stories from 'Nam' as

a civ drug buster would make a movie... Continued to the Pentagon ... and caught up with **Tom Myerchin**. Tom may move on in late 87. ... As a civ, it's great seeing how guys have developed. '61 is second to none; among others, K-1 produced **Joulwan, Mallory, and Reno** ... company motto ... 'not obnoxiously eager.'

FONCON with **Bruce & Anne Gronich** advises that all is well along our southern boundary. **Paul DeVries** recently returned from a substantive TDY at Berlin, along with the picture of **Bill Reno** taking cmd at Ft Belvoir this past Jul. Paul—



1961: Bill Reno at Ft Belvoir. GEN Thurman, CG TRADOC passes the colors and cmd from Kem '66

visited **Ron & Nan Beckett** and cheered the UNC team over the Middies, 45-14; has touched base with **Tom Gordon** (DCS, CAC, Leavenworth), **Webb Kremer** (dir, doctrine and tng, Knox); eyeballed **Frank Rauch** in Heidelberg, **Gene Witherspoon** (DEH, Bragg), **Joe Stringham** (G-3, SOCOM), **Dan Barney** (DCS-Engr, USAREUR), **Jerry White** (C/S, 2ID), **Mike Ekman** (chief, indiv tng, TRADOC) ... and to top off this super collection, Paul sent a *Washington Post* report of **Marty Walsh's** appt (following his recent ret) as the MD secy of Dept of Environment. In a highly complimentary article, MD Gov Schaefer said that Marty will be a "staunch advocate, provide exceptional leadership ... a tough administrator. ..." Congratulations Marty, and thanks for the intel, PTD, (TDINE).

Now for the news from around the globe: **Andy Sarzanini** passed through Carlisle Barracks and invites all to drop in at the American Embassy in Rome. His APO is NY, NY 09794. The Philippines—**Ty Cunanan** appears to have recovered from his wounds; now cmds an inf bde near Manila. **Ed Bruner** RONs at CENTCOM between missions to the Persian Gulf, putting out fires there.

Pause for a commercial announcement—from **Pete Heimdahl**, "for a 25th Reunion Video Tape, send a check for \$35 made out to the '1961 Class Fund.'" (Send checks to Pete c/o Dept of Mechanics, specify VHS or BETA format.) "The original concept of the idea was to raise money for the Class Fund; dona-

tions over the amount of \$35 are welcome. Several classmates have already donated graciously. Thanks for your help." (I really enjoyed the video which has **Ron Hannon's** stirring words regarding our #30 in 1991.)

A couple of rets from the *Army Times*: **Scott Dillard** and **Bill Williamson**; there are probably others, please advise.

TAPS. LT Sid Smith '86, son of **Sally & Chip** died in a motorcycle accident in Ger this Aug. Several of our classmates attended Sid's funeral at WP. Chip & Sally reside at 7 Rackliff St, Gloucester, MA 01930. We extend our deepest sympathy for this tragic loss.

'62

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Hello '62.

The notes for this Dec issue will be somewhat brief. Responses during the summer have been few and far between, and I have been on the move with less time to call people and see what they've been up to. Deadline is 30 Sep, just before the reunion, so next issue we'll pick up on news from it.

I guess the worst example of planning goes to the Army Athletic Assoc who accepted an opening date against Holy Cross on the wkend the Pope arrived in America. The results were as predicted!

**Bill Dieal** reported that he graduated with **Tank Telenko** and **Will Worthington** from the same class of the Army War College during the summer. Bill has



1962: Dieal, Worthington and Telenko, graduation AWC

been taking by mail as his family is in Houston, TX trying to sell a house while Bill manages a construction co off in NJ. The TX economy is pretty flat and they plan to reunite when the real estate moves. Bill promised a photo, but as of mailing date, 27 Sep, it ain't here.

**Ed Starbird** wrote from his dist engr off in Nashville, TN that he & wife **Peggy** have two more yrs in their tour. They reside in Nashville with 5 of their 6 kids (I wonder if anyone will take on **Bode's** standing record as the newest Class parents). Ed's oldest son is a yearling.

**Chuck Fisher** called from MD and left a message on my recorder just after the last notes were sent in. His son **Shawn** entered with the plebes this summer. **Chuck's** son joins **Gus Fishburne's** daughter and **Duane Slater's** son in the plebe class. Sounds as if **Fred Gorden** has been appointed an Academy Com in time to make sure the Class offspring get proper supervision.

**Matt Kambrod** writes that since his ret in Apr 87 he has hung out his shingle as a power broking consultant in DC. In another asgmt Matt is the exec dir for the Natl Coalition of Vets for Dole. He seeks classmates who might be ret and interested in working at the state level in this effort. Matt can be reached at (703) 239-1538 or at home (703) 250-5335.



1962: Dan Clark and Hamiltons; Founders Day 1987, Carlisle Barracks

**Len Butler** wrote from deep cover in the AF that he sees few classmates, and although personally lonesome, it tends to protect him and his family from the grossly distorted stories of his misdeeds of younger days. Len related that stories spread by **Jack Reavill** on a near overlapping joint asgmt in DNA took several yrs to disappear from Len's service record and office gossip. Len hangs out at Maxwell AFB, and offers drinks at his home for classmates passing thru, ... he wouldn't want to be seen at the club with any of us. I could go on for quite a while on the detail of Len's service record (he sent me a sanitized version obviously done by someone grounded in PR) but decorum and the editorial policy of this publication restrain me providing more detail.



1962: Armstrongs and Simoneauxes; Founders Day 1987, Ft Polk

**Jim Spurlock** sent in a copy of his resume. He practices law in Huntington, WV. **Bob Tarbet** sent me a copy of his change of address form on his (wife Beverly and son) transfer to HHT, 6th Cav Bde. The block prohibiting release of more data was carefully checked. That's about all of any story I can make from this otherwise historical event.

In Israel, Sep 87 **Ray Pendleton** was elected pres of the World Assoc of Detectives. Ray has his own firm, Pendleton and Associates, and this honor is worldwide recognition of his achievements in the field. We have a world class gumshoe.

As a late insert, **Larry Gunderman** called from AL the wk after our reunion with a sad report that **Pierce Hanley** had died in a tragic auto wreck in Dallas on 29 May. PG's wife **Maura** resides at 4318 Boca Bay, Dallas, TX 75234. PG had been an area mgr for GE.

Well folks, that's about it. I hope everyone has a great holiday season. I expect I will have a raft of stuff from the reunion. If you don't write, I'll use stories I can scare up from whatever source.

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Congratulations to **Bill Boice**, **Denny Leach**, **Gary Sausser** and **John Ellerson** for making the BG list. Also saw that **Tom Carney** is now a MG at Ft Sheridan. Received an impressive picture of what **Leigh & Donna Fairbank** are "up" to.



1963: Leigh & Donna Fairbank

Leigh & Donna run Far West Parachute Sales and Service which offers quality parachute gear/master rigger at 6501 N 10th Pl, Phoenix, AZ 85014. Also enclosed is a picture of **Gordon Arbogast**, **Ed Tezak** and **Sam Thompson** presenting a Class gift to LT Karl Schwartz, USMA 87.

Received a nice note from **George Moses** who reported on the latest Ft Sill activities. **Dave Cole** took cmd of III Corps Arty on 8 Jul 87. **Jerry Harrison** turned over the job of asst com of the FA Sch and left for Wash DC where he is ch of staff, AMC. On 15 Jul **Mike Keaveney**



1963: Arbogast, Schwartz '87, Tezak and Thompson

turned over cmd of the 75th FA Bde at Ft Sill to **Max Barron**. Colors were passed from Mike to Dave Cole to Max. In the receiving stand were **Tom Karr**, **Ron Steinig** and **George Moses**. **Judy & George** are thriving in SW OK near the Redleg capitol. Their oldest, **Laura**, will be a sr at OU this fall. Their youngest, **Heather**, is a 6th grader who works hard at becoming an equestrian champion. Thanks for the info **George!**

**Gordon** and his crew at USMA continue to work hard on our upcoming reunion. Some recent planning changes include (1) rent commercial busses, (2) banquet on Sat night will be near Great Gorge instead of Cullum Hall, (3) memorial service will be on Fri morning (4) business mtg at Ike Hall on Fri morning, (5) no activities on Sun. In general the schedule is as follows: Thur, 8 Sep 88—1800-2200 registration at Great Gorge (late registration 1200 hrs, Ike Hall on 9 Sep). Fri, 9 Sep 88—memorial service, address by Supe and Com, bus mtg, lunch, boat rides and tours. Sat, 10 Sep 88—Class picture, cadet review,

beat Holy Cross, cocktails, dinner dance. Sun, 11 Sep 88—champagne breakfast and depart. We would like to get someone or



1963: Hoggs, Yankuses '67 and Strouds '68; Founders Day 1987, Annapolis



1963: Blackwell and T Wilson; Founders Day 1987, Ft Benning

some company to videotape our reunion and then sell copies back to those who attended. Anyone knowing of an individual or co that will do this please contact either me or **Gordon Arbogast**. A more detailed reunion schedule will be provided in later mailings. The Holy Cross foot-



1963

ball game should be a good one. They have beaten Army two yrs in a row.



1963: Cunninghams, Davises and Espositos; Founders Day 1987, Carlisle Barracks



1963: Founders Day 1987, Saudi Arabia

We currently have two Class programs ongoing. One is the educational fund for children of deceased classmates. The requirement for funds for this program is expected to grow in the future. The second program is to provide gifts to Class sons and daughters graduating from the academies. Although most classes provide gifts to the academies at various reunions, ours has done nothing to date. Over the next yr we will be reviewing the possibilities for gifts to the Academy and also the means of funding them. Hopefully we can present these at the Class mtg at the reunion.



1963: Harrisons and Keaveney's; Founders Day 1987, Ft Sill

Had a nice chat with **Bob Drain**. Bob ret from the service, picked up an MBA at UCLA, and is now in FL getting ready to get back into the job market. He reports that he ran into **Leo Rizio** out in



1963: Myers, Boice, Grogan, Karr; Founders Day 1987, Heidelberg

So CA. **Howie Guilhaus** is also down in FL. Not much news this time. **Mike Summers** will have a bus mtg at his home in the near future, and I'll report on that in the next column. Drop me a line. My deadline is about 2 wks after you receive the **ASSEMBLY**.

'64

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Greetings from HI. Our move, which took place in Aug, was no more or less a trial than other moves. Hopefully, by the time I next put pen to paper it will be over. We spent a mo in an oceanfront room at the Hale Koa Hotel which was not too hard to take. I can heartily endorse the Hale Koa as a class vacation spot. Our next move was a short-term rental where we are currently located pending movement to more permanent quarters. It's a funky beach cottage Piia found that has charm, but not much else. It does, however, make one feel like one is living in HI. I have yet to recover from the decompression of moving from DC. I think I became the closest I could become to a type-A in the 4 yrs there.

Another new arrival to this sunny isle is **Dave Bramlette** who yesterday pinned on his star and took over as ADC of the 25th Inf Div. I represented the Class at the ceremony and can attest firsthand that Dave started on the right foot: snappy facing movements and a good speech. For both Dave and I, our recent moves mark a return to the locale where we, two of 13 lucky '64 2LTs, began our careers some 23 yrs ago. Very nostalgic. **Judy Bramlette** seems in fine form and will probably have as much impact on the div as does Dave.

So far the only other '64 reps here that I have run into are **Fast Eddie Brinkman** (who also was one of the lucky 13) and my brother-in-law, **Ed Corcoran**, who interestingly enough was Brinkman's roommate in the BOQ here 23 yrs ago. It's old home wk. Both Eds are employed at CINCPAC.

Not too much in the mail bag this quarter. I am sure it's a result of my move

and a deluge of correspondence will catch up with me in the very near future (if you believe that, I have some land on the slopes of Kilauea Volcano I'd like to talk to you about). **Mike McKinley**—a first time correspondent—informs us that he has been with the US Bureau of Mines for the last 9 yrs since moving to Annandale, VA from NY. The accompa-



1964: Mike McKinley at Great Wall

nying photo was taken on the Great Wall during a tng visit Mike and his people paid the PRC. Wife Nancy has recently begun to shoulder her share of the family's burdens and has returned to public health nursing. Mike is another of our wkend warriors and is DCS Tng for the 97th ARCOM at Ft Meade. In that capacity he recently gathered at Carlisle Bks with post Chaplain **Sam Lamback**, faculty member **Len Hardy** & wife Barbara, and others in a mini reunion upon completion of the AWCCSC. He also reported running into **Randy & Sonya Nanstad** in Oakridge TN, where Randy works with the Natl Lab.

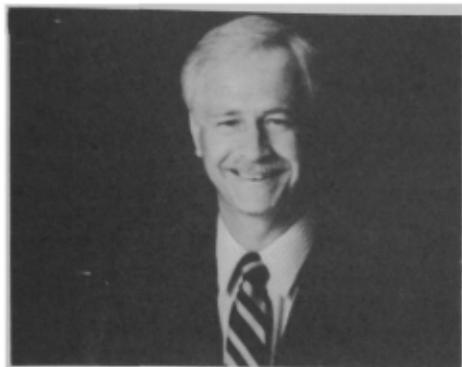
**Jeff Kleb** reports there are 18 of us running the European Theater these days. A two-day reunion including boat ride and dinner is planned for Sep. I expect, knowing Jeff, that these festivities will be appropriately publicized in this space next time around.



1964: Otjen, Major and Kleb

Another former classmate has come out of the woodwork! This time it is **Bob Read** who left us for the U of OR in 63. He thereafter spent two yrs in India with the Peace Corps, a stint in grad sch, 8 yrs in broadcast journalism, finally settled down in real estate and is now a dir for

corp business. Bob keeps up his '64 ties in Portland, OR with **Gene McLemore**, and has signed up to attend the 30th. Phone (503) 245-6575.



1964: Bob Read

In the "never too modest to blow my own horn department," your humble correspondent was featured in the Sep issue of *Government Executive* magazine in the cover story, "People, Power and Politics of the Pentagon." Lousy photo but the article is flattering. I've told them to stock extra copies as I am sure each of you will want one.

Played my last golf game in Wash with **Doug Bennett** and **GEN Davison**, father of classmate **Mike**, our Com and presently pres of the AOG. The two of them teamed up to take my money and I can assure you they are a hard pair to try to put anything over on. I also ran into our other Com, **GEN Stilwell**, at the newly reopened ANCC. He is also doing very well running his own consulting op and remaining indispensable to the Pentagon. Just thought you would be interested in what those who molded us are doing these days. The ANCC, by the way, is a first class operation and any of you who feel the need of a club in the DC area should consider it. If you don't believe me, ask **Jim McCormack**. It's his home away from home.

My apologies to anyone who may have written in prior to Sep and did not receive mention in this dispatch. My household goods are scattered between here and the East Coast and your letter is also.

As I was stuffing this into the envelope, I received a note from **Stan McLaughlin**, another first-time correspondent. The past yr has seen **Stan & Silvia** move from MI to St Louis with small ones **Matt (12)** and **Mark (14)**. **Stan** is a VP with **Maritz**, a performance improvement co servicing the Fortune 500. During the past summer the **McLaughlins** took the opportunity on a European visit to gather with **Bob & Lee Wynn** in Frankfurt and provided the photo you see here. I'm sure my two old co mates had plenty of notes to compare. **Stan** sends his best to the Class and guarantees attendance at the 25th.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for the 25th Reunion. The wkend of 21

Oct 89 is reserved solely for our Class reunion, and the victim for the football team will be Lafayette.

I also have the sad duty to pass on the news of the death of **Roger Higbee** on 29 Sep 87 in Huntington Beach, CA. Ju-



1964: Wynns and McLaughlins

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Greetings once again from Chicago. The big news of the day is, of course, **Dan Christman's** promotion to BG. **Dan** is currently with the off of the chm, **JCS**. He received his graduate degree from Princeton, law degree from George Washington and is a member of the Bar of PA. Our congratulations go out to **Dan & Susan** as well as their daughters, **Carin** and **Catherine**.

**Judy & I** took all 4 of the children to WP for the Holy Cross game and had a great wkend. Our oldest boy is looking at WP and their baseball team, and it was interesting seeing USMA from the perspective of a parent. For those of you who haven't followed baseball, Army's new coach **Dan Roberts** (**Robin Roberts'** son) has done a great job in turning this program around. They are now very competitive in playing Ivy League type teams.

The picture of **Denny Lewis**, his wife and their son, along with our daughter **Shannon**, was taken after the dedication of the new Red Blaik Memorial outside of the ice rink/basketball field house. I also ran into **Gil Curl** and his father-in-law who is a football coach. They were up for the game also. As I was walking out of Cullum Hall, an obviously soiled, grimy type came walking by and I recognized him immediately as **Howie Reed**. Things are really tough at USMA. We have one of our sr ranking offs moving rugs in Thayer Hall in preparation for part of the renovation. Also ran into **Lewis Green** who was up from Orlando. He and several others (**Rusty Pullen**) have formed a USMA Med Assoc. They are meeting at WP once a yr, I believe.



1965: Dennis Lewis, son & wife and Shannon Coll

I need some help on addresses. We sent pictures from the reunion back to the following people and the post office returned the letters with no forwarding address: **Pete Linn**, **Russ Dornier**, **Mike Hudson**, **Dick Worth**, **Andy Zaleski**, and **Doug Sikorski**. If you're out there guys, or if anyone knows where you are, please send the addresses to me.

**Tom Kelly** has moved to Chicago and now lives in Fox Lake, a far north suburb. He's with Systems and Applied Science Corp where he's the dir of the midwest region. He's got the responsibility for 6 states and may have to move back to VA, although he's looking around here for a different job. **Jon King's** daughter **Laurel** was married in Jul to **Bill Franklin** in Houston. We had an inquiry as to the whereabouts of **Grant Steadman**. If anyone knows, please write **Joel Dilworth**, 1021 Olmstead Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950. **Joel** wrote an obituary on **Grant's** father, **Altus Steadman '42**, which was published in the *ASSEMBLY* quite a few yrs ago and would appreciate **Grant's** address so he can contact the family.

Incidentally, the *ASSEMBLY* will be going to 5 issues starting next yr. That means that there will be more space over a yr, so keep those cards and letters coming. And incidentally, if you received a letter from me returning your 20th Reunion pictures, how 'bout taking time to respond to that letter. I would appreciate it.

Our new BG wrote and indicated that they entertained **Lloyd & Kitty Briggs** in the Berkshires this past summer. **Lloyd** is up to running 6 mi a day now and has a daughter **Elizabeth** who is competing in the Jr Olympics in fencing. **Susan & Dan** also saw **Tom Barron** in Alexandria. **Tom's** with **Dunn** and **Bradstreet** in NY. **Dan** reports that he'll probably be staying on **ADM Crowe's** staff for the foreseeable future.

I mentioned last time that USMA has a new purpose ("to provide the nation with leaders of character to serve the common defense"). There are lots of discussions afoot to take this to its logical conclusion. A graduate sch of leadership

at USMA? This could be a significant change for USMA long-term. Stay tuned. Also, I had the opportunity to meet the new Com Fred Gorden '62 & his lovely wife Marcia—extremely nice people.

Received another nice letter from **Skip O'Donnell** who reported back after his res duty at Ft Sill. As you can see in the picture, he got together with **Jack Lowe**, **Dan Benton** and **John Pickler**. He was



1965: Pickler, Benton, Lowe and O'Donnell

promoted to LTC early this yr and will be going to Wash DC for his future asgmts. **Preston Motes** came out to visit Skip. Preston is now ret and works for Waddele and Reed in Salt Lake City. Also received a letter from **Joe DeFrancisco** who's still in DC. He's now TDY at Ft Leavenworth where he has seen **Don Appler** (dir of Scenario and War Games), **Tim Timmerman** (dir, Center of Army Leadership), **Bill Tredennick** (In from Soldiers Spt Center) and **Steve Kempf** (dir of Concepts Dev). Also at Leavenworth is **Paul Renschen** (ch of Reinforcement Planning at SHAPE). Joe is working on the Policy, Plans and Strategy Directorate of ODCSOPS with **Hugh Kelley** and **Sandy Hallenbeck**. **John Alger** was with them until he ret to join Pete Dawkins' campaign staff. Speaking of Joe & Lynn, I ran into their son Eric at the Holy Cross wkend and tried to get together with him for dinner. Unfortunately, he was unable to make it. We will hopefully get back together with him at Homecoming.

**Dave Kuhn** sent out a letter to all of our classmates following his visit to WP for the presentation of the 3rd Annual Arvin Award to Cadet David McCormack, co-cpt of the wrestling team. David, despite a torn knee ligament, came back to wrestle against Navy in the Nationals. Dave reports that Cadet McCormack is a fine young man with a terrific future. David's younger brother is an outstanding wrestler from PA and will enter as a plebe next yr. The permanent bronze plaque commemorating the award has received final approval and is in the process of being fabricated. As reported previously, it will be installed near the entrance to the gym. Dave also has answered the question, "how can we do more?" Our previous suggestion of

\$65 per yr, if you think about it, would add up to a nice kitty in a relatively short period of time. Dave's feeling is that it's more important that we have 100% participation than the size of our gifts. Please send your contributions to Dave at 14 Corporate Plaza, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

**Bruce Clarke** wrote and returned some pictures that I had inadvertently sent to him. Bruce missed the 20th because he was in Geneva. He reports that **Curt Adams** is in Wash on a periodic basis. The Clarkes are heading back to Ft Riley, KS next summer where Bruce will cmd the 2d Bde, 1st ID. It sounds like a good asgmt except **Sue** will miss her real estate activities and the attendant commissions. **Bob Wolff** also wrote from Dallas where he's been stationed for a while without his family. He had worked for 13 yrs at the hq of the Corps of Engrs and then took a 6-mo sabbatical to the Dallas regional off. He recently visited **Kent Brown** who is the New Orleans dist engr. Bob's oldest daughter, Dina, started at MI State in Sep.

Word has it that **Paul Barber** has been named permanent associate prof in the juice dept at USMA and that **Tom Johnson**, who is head of the Science Research Lab, just came out on the O-6 list at our Alma Mater. **Dick Williams** wrote from Carlisle, PA and sent a picture of **Sonny Ray**, **Emery Chase**, **Ernie Westpheling**, **Ron Williams**, and **Dick**. Dick was at



1965: Ray, Chase, Westpheling, Ron Williams and Dick Williams

USMA in Jul to present the Supe with a service pistol (M9-Beretta) serial no 3 for the WP Museum. Dick reports that Ron Williams has been reassigned from the Pentagon to PM CH47 Helicopter Program. Sonny is still at WP and he wasn't sure about the others.

We're still receiving odds and ends about the whereabouts of lost classmates. **Larry Leskovjan** wrote that while stationed at Ft Bragg in 68, he met **Judy Hemmingway** (widow of **Chuck**) and her parents, Dr & Mrs Elford J Seige. The parents lived on Canterbury Rd in Southern Pines, NC. We are now tracking that down. Larry reports that he still exchanges Christmas cards with **Ralph Locurcio** (going to the AWC), **Tad Ono**

(CEO, Los Angeles Engr Dist) amongst others. Larry is an individual mobilization augmentee with Mobil Engr Dist HQ. Larry, if you & **Kathy** decide to come back to her hometown here in Chicago, please give me a call. We have plenty of room. (Larry prefers FL!)

Good old **Roy Garms** wrote from Sterling, NJ, a letter which was only his second to the scribe. He still works for Exxon Engr and reports that they are down to 40% of their earlier size and hopefully have stabilized. Roy just returned from a 5-mo asgmt at Pattaya, Thailand where he designed an expansion of the Esso refinery. On the way back, he stopped in Kathmandu, Cairo and Budapest, so life can't be that bad. He also had another asgmt in Normandy for 8 mos. He has two daughters, 9 and 13, and both he & his wife enjoy NJ. Roy reports that **Lee Attebury** is back from Columbia but he thinks is now out in Boise, ID. Roy, good letter and don't wait for another 10 yrs to write your third. **Ed Foehl** reports that he had been working for a family-controlled co out in OR, lost out in a power play and is now looking for a job. He would prefer a job as a CFO. He mentioned that he saw **John Olson** who lives in Beaverton, OR.

Last minute missive from **John & Carol Knowles** who is the dir of engring at Ft Dix ("home of the ultimate weapon"??? I thought **McGurk** was in VA???) John will go down in the annals of CE history for being the design engr behind the "realignment" of the Plain. He attended **Lo-co's** C of C in Phila and is off to the AWC. **Carl Letterie** also attended and is stationed at Dix with the Readiness Gp but is awaiting finalization of a job with the state of NJ in their CLI (Circle Light Inf).

John also reports that **Ernie Westpheling** arrived at Dix in Aug on asgmt from the NJ Guard IG. Ernie and the two children are there, but his new bride **Gail** is AWOL (quoteth John). She is a USAF LT who was supposed to be assigned to McGuire AFB but ended up at Travis AFB. John also saw **José Sanchez** who just moved from the West Coast to a town near Dix. (José, what's the scoop?)

Best regards and **BEAT NAVY!!!!**

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In recent articles I've tried to highlight the accomplishments of our Class, listing those who are doctors, lawyers (by the way, congrats to "Chief" **Tommy Almojuela** for his COL's eagle), COLs, bde cmdrs, project mgrs, etc. The fun of being scribe comes from tracking the progress of our Class. But there's a better Boswell for the Class than I—**Rick Atkinson**, a reporter who had written a very moving series of articles at our 15th

Reunion, has taken a sabbatical from his paper to do a book on '66—where we were and are. He's talked to some of you already, and will meet with more before it's finished. I found him fascinating to talk to, and learned more from him about you than I'm sure he learned from me. If you want to express any particular perceptions/experiences, please get in touch with him through me: that way at least I get some news for this article.

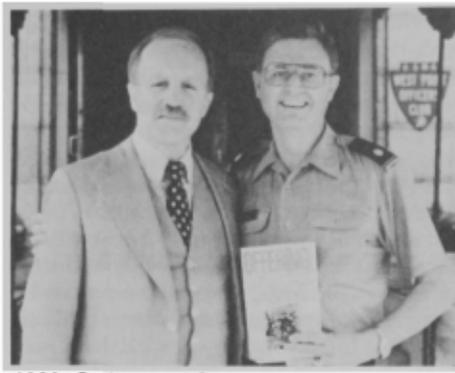
Speaking of doctors, their list should include those with PhDs. There's quite a few, but they're harder to tabulate than the number of COLs. One PhD, **Jim Gardner**, is busier than 3 normal people. He's VP and dir of corporate strategic planning at Pfizer, Inc. He received his PhD from Princeton and is co-author of several books on corporate strategic planning. He's also VP of the WP Soc of NY, and is chairing their 27 Oct dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria, celebrating the Constitution and honoring many distinguished mil and civ leaders. He's also LTC in the Res and finishing his AWC paperwork. Finally, he & **Linda** are enjoying each other and their two college-age daughters, Andra and Mindy.

**Jerry Cecil** is also busy and successful, especially now that he has all the free time gained by sticking your scribe with this column. He's been named chm of the bd of dirs which will oversee a newly formed KY Agricultural Foundation to unite farmers and promote agriculture in KY. Jerry operates Cecil Farms in Hazel Green and Winchester Plant and Flower Co, but has devoted a great deal of time to promoting agriculture in his home state. Jerry and this bd have the charter to broaden KY's traditional tobacco based agricultural economy with new crops, industries and ideas. Jerry is also very active in education and WP recruiting, and just about every other worthy cause around. **Marion**, don't you or the kids read this to him, but I think he's a hell of a guy and we love you all a lot.

Other success stories—**Charles Moore** sent along news that **Rich Sonstelie** was named pres of Puget Sound Power & Light in Bellevue, WA. Always knew that boy would shine someday! I believe **Charles & Peg Moore** are still doing well in Albuquerque—Charles as an atty and Peg as a nurse and rehab counselor. News of classmates is always appreciated guys, but don't be too modest to mention yourselves, too.

**John Strapac** sent on news of **Tom Carhart**, whose book *The Offering* is in all the news. John & his wife **Thyra** met Tom at WP in Jun when Tom was interviewing the Supe, and they are as excited about Tom's book as the rest of us. Tom's been in a lot of papers recently and his book has merited a great deal of discussion everywhere.

The big news for the Class still on AD is the O-6 list that came out in Aug. Fifty-



1966: Carhart and Strapac

four from our Class were on it, including **Bob Seigle** who sent me a Class breakdown from MILPERCEN: as of 15 Sep 87, we still have 168 AD Army classmates, of which 66 are LTCs and 102 are either O-6 or on an O-6 list. The selection rate for this and the past several lists was brutal, and I'm here to tell you that while congrats go to those selected, we can be proud of all 168. The Class has made and will continue to make tremendous contributions to the Army at every grade.

**Terry Stull** sent news from Ft Stewart, GA where he is DPCA. He loves the job, but he & **Annette** are not pleased with the local sch system. Congrats to him and **Jerry Edwards** there for making the O-6 list. Jerry cmds the 2/70th Armor, and just came back from NTC, where his tankers ruled the desert. Terry sent along the photo of AWC correspondence course: sorry I don't have any info on what they're all doing, but notice that the best looking one in the bunch is the bust. Terry said it was a great two wks.

At the NWC, **George Utter** writes that he, **Dan Waldo**, and **John Smith** are all

gloating over the lousy Navy team this yr, and their being on the current list. **Fred Rees**, as mentioned last time, is now the 25th Adj Gen of OR and looking very well indeed. Next issue should



1966: OR TAG Fred Rees receiving flag from gov

show a photo of his getting a star in Nov.

Finally, Ft Bragg news! **Randy Medlock** came out on the O-6 list, and will turn over his bn and start working in 82nd Abn Div Hq just in time to keep from working for **George Crocker** who's taking over 1st Bde. George, **Frank Hartline**, **Freddy McFarren** and I were all promoted effective 1 Oct and went around to celebrate each other's ceremony. Frank, although an O-6, will continue to cmd his Sheridan bn until Feb 89. That's unheard of, but they like him there and he can handle it if **Cheri** can. She's thriving on all the activity, including her courses in counseling and taxes. **Freddy** gave the best speech, and will stay on as asst G-3 at Corps. **Aubrey** and his mother (Hi, Mommom!) pinned them on, just as they did his 2LT bars 21 plus yrs ago. I'm now ACOS of 1st SOCOM



1966: Carlisle classmates for the summer



1966: Farrell enjoying his farewell present from the bn

and loving it. My wife Susie and stepdaughter Amy watched me get promoted. Stepdaughter Wendy is a frosh at the College of William and Mary in VA, while daughter JoAnne is in Munich studying at the U of MD. Son "T" made it for change of cmd in Jul, but is now back in Bonn with his mother. Susie has more energy than the rest of us put together, and loves her job working with a cellular phone co here in Fayetteville.

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13 Jul 87: Vacation time again. Suzi is off to KS City where she is obviously trying to buy the entire Midwest. She just called and asked what was the maximum credit limit on all of the credit cards. I feel tears of panic welling up. Pour myself another drink. It's a good thing the kids and I are at grandmommy and granddaddy's house. At least they can feed us. We may not be able to afford food next wk.

17 Jul 87: Picked Suzi up at the airport today. It took 3 trips to the car to carry all her loot. This is much, much worse than I thought. I ask myself what on earth could they have in KC that could provoke such a spending orgy?

18 Jul 87: Letter from Marc Ducharme. He's still at Ft MacPherson, GA doing something nebulous at FORSCOM HQs. That seems to be a common denominator with all MACOM HQs. Nebulous jobs. Anyway, Marc sent along a couple of interesting news clippings about classmates. One was about Ty McCoy—we already know enough about him so I won't bore you with his trivial accomplishments. The other clipping was from the Jun 87 *Armed Forces Journal* and featured our very own Dracula look-alike contest winner, Tom White. The original A-Man is now well into his 2d yr cmding the 11th ACR in Ger. This past May one of his sqs became the first US unit ever to win the Boeselager Cup competition, beating out 12 units from 9 allied armies. This competition is a 4-

day annual event hosted by the Ger Army and trophies are awarded in 2 classes: a Ger Army class, with 10 Ger sqs competing, and an allied class with 13 allied sqs competing. The competition scores 8 different events in Armd Cav skills and ops such as reconnaissance, patrolling, shooting, etc. Tom's unit not only finished first in the allied competition, but outscored the winning sq in the Ger Army competition as well. The news clipping had a photo of Tom showing off the trophy for GEN Wickham, the then CSA. Tom was looking smug enough to make a statue want to barf.

30 Jul 87: Letter from the princes of pescatorial pursuits, our own fishing fiascos, Jim Balkcom and Tom Dyer. Actually, not a letter, just a large envelope containing a copy of *Building Trends* magazine, a glossy business pub that has run a feature article on Techsonic Industries, the fishing for fun and profit bus that Balkcom (CEO) and Dyer (VP) run. These guys are doing good. Their latest whiz bang gizmo, the Hummingbird LCR fish finder, has all but made bass an endangered species in the South. (Dave Hale has been trying to make trout an endangered species for yrs. But he uses illegal chemicals.)

31 Jul 87: Phone call from Bob Stromberg the other day. He's ret today from AD with the Natl Guard. The past few yrs have been especially trying for poor old Bob. He's been stationed with the Guard in the Virgin Isls. As some of you may remember, Bob was the guy that designed our Class crest. He has all the original drawings, and wants to donate them to the WP Library. Sounds OK to me. Better than sticking them in a desk drawer for the next 20 yrs.

3 Aug 87: Credit card bills started arriving today. They all have little happy faces on them. A couple of them even had notes of thanks and congratulations in them for Suzi. One VISA bill had a little note from the pres of the bank saying they had installed Suzi in their hall of fame. I fail to be moved by all of this. I mean, I've been to KS City, and I'll be darned if I can figure out how she managed to do it.

6 Aug 87: New O-6 list released today; lots of guys qualify for high roller roll call this time. Dave Baggett, Steve Frankiewicz, Glynn Hale, Mark Hamilton, Bill Held, Larry Izzo, Paul Kern, Joe Terry, Hart Lau, Al Nahas, Dave Peixotto, Jim Vance, Dick Waterman, and Doc Wentzel are all on the soldier list. Even most of the tooth fairies did good this time: Tom Blaney, Bill Freccia, Mike Lascher, and John Rollow all made the laughing gas corps list. Ask yourself, would you really want any of these guy's hands rooting around in YOUR mouth? Regardless of that fact, all of these stalwarts have done good and deserve your

blessings. They have obviously been all they can be. Now they get to be more than they can be!

19 Aug 87: Phone call from Dean Risseuw today. He ret at the end of Jun and now has a plush job in the Boston area working for AVCO, an outfit that specializes in making smart munitions and selling them to the Def Dept, along with \$10,000 toilet seats. Dean didn't say which project he was involved with, but it's not hard to guess. After all, his last asgmt prior to ret was on the Joint Staff in the Pentagon, and we all know how many toilet seats they must use up in that place every day. He and the family now live in a huge Cape Cod colonial house up in Andover, MA and Dean says life is swell. His words. By the way, the guy that took over Dean's desk in the 5 sided funny farm is Jim Vance. Despite that obvious detractor, Vance still managed to come out on the O-6 list. And some fools say there is no justice in the world. Dean spilled the beans on a couple of other folks: Dan Wells is now the facility engr at Ft Myer, where he gets to rub elbows with all the really important (and those who think they are really important) people in today's modern action Army. He even lives in one of the overly ostentatious general off quarters on post, and has a son who's a plebe at USMA. If all this is true, then why is this slug on the "lost souls" list for the Class? Is it really that tough to keep up with the AOG's dues? Anyone who wants to float Dan a small loan so he can remain a member in good standing, let me know. For a slight carrying fee, I'll be more than happy to act as his agent.

30 Aug 87: Letter from the editor today. More bad news. This guy never sends anything but bad news. They really intend to start publishing this rag 5 times in 88. That means the next deadline is 15 Dec. That's before most of you will have even received this ration of poor literary taste. Judging by your record over the past 10 yrs, perfectly illustrated by the paltry amount of gossip you have sent my way in the past 3 mos, I do not expect my life to be made any easier by this turn of events.

5 Sep 87: Letter from Randy Pais today. This always provides me with hrs and hrs of great challenge, as Randy quite possibly has the worst handwriting known to man. I don't understand why this man isn't a doctor. At least this letter was short, really just a letter of transmittal for the photo of Randy, Hobie Pillsbury, Bob McEldowny, Paul Bigelman, and Ken Strong. The photo was taken at the AWC this past summer, where this gp of dedicated overachievers was participating in the corresponding heroes course. Or something like that. Whatever. My question is, why are Pillsbury and Strong wearing sunglasses? What are these people hiding from?



1967: Pillsbury, McEldowny, Bigelman, Strong and Pais, Army War College 87

9 Sep 87: Sep ASSEMBLY arrived today, along with a phone call from **Dean Risseeuw**. Seems I have made an egregious error in the last issue. The caption with the picture of the two guys with the Class wreath at the VN Memorial identifies the two as **Jack Wood** and **Jim Millikan**. Well, boys and girls, being half right qualifies me for a share of the Welsh Rarebit Award. The person identified as Jim Millikan is in fact, **Phil Kinney**. I have no good excuse to offer for my mistake. I extend my deepest and most sincere apologies to both the Millikan and Kinney clans, living now and for generations to come. You notice that I said I would accept a share of the Welsh Rarebit Award. Ordinarily a mistake of this magnitude would qualify for the whole thing, but this time I've got a worthy comrade to share the honors with. **Tom Schwartz** is a hands down winner as well. This guy is ch of combat arms offs asgmts in MILPERCEN, an O-6, soon to be bde cmdr, and the slug shows up at the 20th anniv ceremony in DC on 7 Jun with his ribbons on backwards. This further substantiates my claim that football players and other Blue Room diners never had a plebe yr.

14 Sep 87: On my way to the john I pick up a copy of the Sep issue of *Army* magazine. On pg 69 find a most enlightening book review written by our own **Bob Griffith**. I am immediately consumed by envy. This guy writes really smart stuff, and gets published in real, serious, thought-provoking journals. Ah, well. We just keep being all we can be. Bob is the dir of research at the Industrial Coll of the Armed Forces at Ft McNair.

15 Sep 87: Trip to Pentagon today. On the flight home, run into **Doug Brown**, who I learn is stationed at Ft Monroe (better known throughout the TRADOC community as Fantasy Isl). Got here this past summer and is now working for the CG as one of the high paid minions with the Cmd Planning Gp. Friends, I have been here more than 3 yrs now, and I have never known these clowns to plan ANYTHING. Doug should feel right at home.

25 Sep 87: Short bursts overheard while standing in line for my AIDS test. **Mark Hamilton** is a speechwriter for the CSA. **Chuck Stancil** ret 17 Apr—still working special ops for some Beltway Bandit. Lots of other guys ret this past summer—**Dave Mosser**, **Mike Yap**, and **Jeff Stark** among the many. **Dave Hale** is now at Ft Ord, where he's cmdng the 9th Inf Regt. **Doc Wentzel** is now the ch of current ops, G-3, Third Army, in Atlanta; **John Kuspa** is a War College Fellow with the Dept of Energy; **George Pejakovich** might be at Ft Gordon, GA, and then again, he might not be; **Mike Dunn** is now the DPT with the Zweibrucken MILCOM, FRG; **Tony Nida** is now the dist engr with the Corps of Engr Dist in Little Rock, AR; **Ken Harris** is the PMS&T at Wm and Mary College; and **Al Nahas** is working in the Dir of Combat Dev at the Inf Sch at Ft Benning, GA.

28 Sep 87: **Jack Windeler** stopped by the off today. He's on his way to be the TRADOC LO to the Ger Army Tactics Center in Hanover, FRG. Jack got married last yr to a German lady name of **Simone** and they are expecting their first child in a few mos. Boy, are they in for a surprise.

30 Sep 87: Letter from **Tom Parr** today. He ret from a life of Army medicine this past summer and has gone into private practice as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine in Houston, TX. In order to pay his mounting bills he would like lots of classmates to break lots of insignificant bones and bring them to him to be fixed. He accepts CHAMPUS and offers mil discounts. The real hero in this family is his son Robert, who this past yr was honored as one of only 141 Presidential Scholars and was named to the *USA Today* academic All-America Team. He was a Natl Merit scholar and received a number of other honors for academics, sports, and community involvement. He's now at the U of TX where, among other things, he starts as right fullback on the soccer team. The Parrs' other son Stephen is 14 and getting settled into the Houston area HS scene. Tom & Joannie invite one and all to visit them at their new digs at 1415 Sugar Creek Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77478.



1967: Tom Parr and son Robert at the White House

1 Oct 87: I am phone call from **Barb Mackerer**. This person obviously needs to go back to time zone school for a remedial course. While I'm not exactly thrilled about being roused from a deep sleep to talk total trivia with a 40 yr old dwarf for an hr in the middle of the night, the fact that the phone is on **Suzi's** side of the bed makes life real, real hard. Barb cannot begin to understand the ramifications of waking my wife in the middle of the night. She will pay. I promise you, she will pay, and it will not be pretty. Some of you may get to witness a real bloodbath at the reunion. As best I can determine, considering the hr, the reason Barb called was to tell me that **Linda MacFarlane** was quite upset over the report in the last issue that she had already seen her 40th birthday come and go. Linda claims this is not true and demands a retraction. Well, I am not prepared to satisfy her demands on two grounds. First, her husband **Scott** is too cheap to subscribe to this magazine. Second, I have a personal letter from her very own husband, the same cheapskate, that says she is, in fact, 40. I await Linda's personal reply.

3 Oct 87: **Mike Delleo** has moved from being the facility engr at USMA to being the VP of ops for Building Technology Engrs, Inc. This puts Mike in charge of all day-to-day ops of BTE, including mgt of finances and pers. BTE is a full service bldg and maintenance co, providing a wide range of services needed to operate the physical plants of complex commercial, healthcare and research facilities.



1967: Mike Delleo, VP ops, BTE, Inc

4 Oct 87: OK kids, that's it. As usual, I'm late again. Reunion is less than two wks away; you had all better be there. I want to see you all sucking your guts in and trying to look young. Forget it. I just hope Ace has the keg tapped when I get there. Take care, one and all, and God Bless. BEAT NAVY!

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We've come a long way Rabble. A yr before our last reunion, we couldn't

come up with 3 columns of news. Now I don't even have room to lie and we almost have a backlog.

**Jerry Crawford** noted that one of my many problems is my lack of organization as evidenced by my reporting on **Sam Wyman's** career and misspelling **Bart McLellan's** name in two different sections of the last article. As a help to the Class, he has volunteered to create a '68 address data base in something other than Apples. All I have to do is get everyone's up-to-date address and keep Jerry informed of your many moves. Actually, I'm not sure that it's the updated data base that I need more than a bigger staff and more pay. To bring us at least further up-to-date than I was last yr, Jerry reports that he gave up bn cmd in 84, attended the AWC, has been the CINCEUR COMMO, and is probably now in Worms as the 5th Sig Cmd DC-SOPS. He's also on **Larry Jordan's** and **Russ Fuhrman's** O-6 list in the "on time" section. As for other classmate news, Jerry wrote that **Tom McConnell** did a great job as dep cmdr of the 2d Sig Bde prior to attending SSC this summer. As an EUCOM J-6 staff weenie, **Dick Powell** is counting days til ret and he doesn't have to deal with Jerry. When he's not commuting to the world's largest day care center from Manassas, and updating classmates' moving in and out of the DC area, Jerry reports that **Larry Manning** visits FRG each ski season. Jerry also says that **Bob Swedock** has been his usual bundle of info and fun since his arrival at SHAPE last yr.

**John Spengler** wrote last spring to report that he's been a sr (only?) analyst at EUCOM since 85 and is still looking for **Dick**. John, **Barbara**, **Jessica** & **Jeb** along with **Barbara's** mother live in Stuttgart and have traveled, toured, eaten and drunk their way through most of Europe. Ski season for the last two yrs has found them in France, Austria and Switzerland on short trips since John is one of the only people at Patch Bks who can turn on a computer without blowing in its ear.

Speaking of doing a good job, can you believe that there's another COL's list out and I'm not on it? Oh well . . . **Tom Burnette** made it for hiding hoagies in the computer at Thayer Hall and for hanging out in the halls of Pentagonia while trying to sort out Army testing. **Ed Lorentzen** was a "deep select" to prove that mil and intelligence are not mutually exclusive, and because he acted like a real COL while others in the FAO program did not. Others on the list included MILPERCEN Sp Ops Dir **Bill McCauley**, **Bill Nash**, **Dale Nelson**, Class pres and warrior/professor **Dave Ohle**, professional student **Norm O'Meara**, and professional researcher **Pat Toffler**. **John Keane** reports that those on this list should wait only 22 mos

to get promoted instead of 2 yrs. John also said that he saw **Tom McConnell**, **Dale Nelson** and **Bill Robinson** at the spec seminar on pers grooming and hygiene held for Army guys going to alien asgmts such as NWC and think tank jobs.

We can't have classmates who are COLs. COLs are old—and you know that we haven't changed a bit. There are a few classmates that continue to reinforce how young we really are. **Kathi Keller** wrote to say that she and **Rick** have been living east of San Fran, CA for the last 11 yrs and they love it. Apparently they loved it a little too much since they are now the proud parents of **Timothy Joseph**, born last 15 May. With **Mike**, **William** and **Teresa**, the Keller clan now stands at an even half dozen. **John O'Neal** dropped me a warm note to inform us officially (**Dick** & **Pat Witherspoon** told me earlier but told me that I couldn't say anything) that in Sep 84 he married **Fran**, a Nashvillian and another political scientist. The **Witherspoons**, **Woessners** and **Johnstons** have reportedly given their approval. John is forsaking his famous PO Box and seemingly fulfilling a long-standing dream by leaving **Vanderbilt** and **Nashville** for more intl pastures at **McGill U** in **Montreal**.



1968: Andrewses, Mollets, Jansens, Orahoods, Fowlers and Lowdons; Founders Day 1987, Ft Rucker

**Joe** & **Barbara Fowler** have another way to stay young and keep our Class up with regard to numbers—they adopt and create '68 classmates. I can't complain about that because I've been known to do the same when news is sparse and space needs to be filled. Anyway, if a couple of faces don't look familiar in the Rucker Founders Day picture, you're not alone. I get the feeling that the HI crowd has done about the same thing since I can't place everyone in that gp either.

While waiting for our reunion, and all the info that the guys at WP have promised us, **John Kruger** wrote to inform us that he & **Vickie** have another great reason to attend. Their son **Derek** is a member of the Class of '91, along with the **Halsteads'**, **Johnsons'** and **Rogers'** sons. Life under the hot sun at YPG testing and evaluating new arty, tank and



1968: Hansens, Crenshaws and ?; Founders Day 1987, HI

aircraft systems and munitions has not gotten to John because he reports that despite many changes at the Academy, the place remains the same. He also offered an open invitation to drop in to all classmates who travel between the coasts as we push through the SW. Yuma is equidistant between Phoenix and San Diego—sort of in the middle of everything and no where at the same time. In his work with ammo, John has seen **Chuck Williams**, a PM with Talley Ind in Phoenix, re the propellant grains in a new extended range FA projectile; however, he has had no dealing with **Renata Price**.



1968: Williamses and Bowlands; Founders Day 1987, Ft Hood

Apologies to **Dennis Manske** and his fans for me not being able to squeeze in his athletic exploits earlier. Last yr at the America's Marathon-Chicago, he ran a personal best 2:32.33 and finished 76th o/a but 6th in the masters' div. Dennis was the first over 40 finisher from IL and 2nd among Americans in his div. He represented the US for the 14th consecutive yr at the NATO mil competitions, held this yr in Copenhagen. He made the team by winning the US team selection championships (and being undefeated in his 40s!) for the second yr in a row. I wish I could report that **Stott Carleton**, **Henry Risser** and I finished last yr's Chesapeake Bay Bridge 10k in the same form; however **Henry** & **Karen** sandbagged **Stott** & **Bobbie**, and **Barbara** & me the night before with the wrong type of carbohydrates. **Stott** & **Bobbie** did

well, Henry came close to his goal, I beat 3 quadraplegics and a woman celebrating her 92nd birthday, and Karen and Barbara giggled at us.



1968: Riser, Gerard and Carletons after the Chesapeake Bridge 10k and beer party

Further apologies to Mike & Marilyn for not relaying Gilhuly exploits. Our good Irish classmate Mike was among a group of 13 drs who attended a seminar on the "Emergency Care of the Very Sick Child" held at the Hadassah-Hebrew U Med Ctr, and then went on an on-site comparative study of pediatric emergency care in Israel. Before going



1968: Mike & Marilyn Gilhuly at top of Mt Massada in Israel

to Israel, he visited Mexico and Barbados. After Israel, Mike & Marilyn went to Egypt. Normally, Mike practices medicine in Atlanta and uses his law degree as a consultant. Marilyn also reported that x-'68er Chuck Gantner, a family practice dr, came up from Columbus with his wife Lisa for a visit. Chuck says that Al Vitters is on his way back to Benning.

Ted Trauner wrote to update us on his adventures and exploits. After giving the Army twice as much as originally required, Ted went to work for a couple of consulting engring firms to manage const projs and help resolve probs. In Sep 81 he started TJ Trauner Associates in Phila, has grown to about a 35 person op, and now has projects all over the country. While at WP with his daughters, Ted saw Andy Dull who is a PAP in the Mech Dept and John Throckmorton who is the Com's friend as treasurer, USMA. Both Andys are looking great and are kept



1968: Sowas, Morrises, Vitters and Shades; Founders Day 1987, Carlisle Barracks

young by their kids, Tom and Heather. John is well, and obviously a major force in the planning of our 20th Reunion. Ted also stays in touch with the Kurkijans in S.F. where Tom is a principal with George S Nolte, Inc in the San Jose area, Stephanie is a full fledged doctor and doting mother, and are truthful about their VW license plate sign which states, "My other car is a Rolls." Bill Dyer hasn't checked in with Ted lately; however, he's still a FAO with the Dept of State. Apparently, MILPERMECCA figured Jim Cima needed more practice cmdg, so now he's the recruiting cmd honcho in Philly. Ted also agrees with Bob Shaw that we need to keep in closer touch as time goes by because we have a built-in networking system that can't be beat.



1968: Mike Cerrone and David Martin, summer 86

As recent returnees from the land of beer, wurst, beer, wine, and beer, both Dwight & Donna Lee (1302 Buchannon Pl, Ft Washington, MD 20744) and Dave & Pat Carraway (215 Elkins Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034) report having trouble readjusting to the 55mph speed limits and stores staying open after 6pm and all day Sat and Sun. As our Class narc, Dwight was chosen to attend a SSC with a twist—he's working with the Dept of Justice, Drug Enforcement Admin on an intergovernmental fellowship. Dave is (but doesn't have) PMS at Temple—so the Carraways are REALLY home, and Dave reports that ROTC is BIG busi-ness.



1968: Joneses, Millers, Hedleys and Guignons; Founders Day 1987, Ft Pok

Joe & Maureen Guignon (6054 E Kettle Pl, Englewood, CO 80112) can't say that Joe left the Army for geographic stability. Maureen dropped a note to report that Joe was promoted to mgr within Denver Mobil and they've made their 3rd move in 30 mos. The family, and especially Blythe, Shannon, and Aimee have adjusted well—so far. They all hold swimming honors—Joe leads with 3 Southern Conference master's records—and they're all looking forward to visits from Joe's WP classmates and their first Rocky Mtn WINTER.

By my calculations, ed is either going to snip all my really good and tasteless stuff, or give me some of the allocated space that the classes of '15 or '86 don't use. In any event, I don't have much more to report and I'm relying on Christmas cards and tacky notes for the next soon to be published article. Next yr, the ASSEMBLY will be like our lives—better and coming more often. So keep writing and calling, send pictures of you, your family and your adventures, and continue to plan for our reunion because you're all we've got. BEAT NAVY—Dave

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This column is being written on 28 Sep, covering news received since 29 Jun. Since we will be published 5 times a yr beginning in 88, deadlines have been adjusted. The deadline for the next issue is 15 Dec, so please send your holiday greetings as soon as you can after receipt of this issue.

For careful readers of this column, you will note a new work no listed for me. On 19 Oct, I entered private practice as a partner with the law firm of Sidley & Austin in Wash, working on intl and domestic legal matters in the areas of investment, banking, trade, and tax. Leaving govt service was a difficult decision, especially since I enjoyed so much my client and work at the Treasury, but the time had come to try out my legal experience in the private sector.

I hope to report next time on a victory over Navy and a good Class gathering in Phila. For now, I can report that not even a hard rain, just as we served dinner (outside), dampened spirits at the summer picnic. **Sherrye & Michael Landrum** again allowed the use of their home in Fairfax, and we turned out over 100 people for a nice evening of relaxation and reminiscing. Present for the festivities were **Albrecht, Alexander, Anstrom, Bornhoft** (up from Charleston, SC), **KC Brown, Dibella, Dolton, Duvall, Finch, Bill Foster, Greg Foster, Friese, Glacel, Gregg, Gregor, Bob Harper** (down from Carlisle), **Hirabayashi, Hofstetter** (up from Langley AFB), **Holden, Hunkele, Johnston, Killian** (up from FL), **Kimmitt, Landrum, Leslie** (in from CA), **Wayne Murphy, Nelson, Nesbitt, O'Toole, Prosch, Quinn, Rehkopf** (up from NC), **Rohacik, Hank Schroeder, Scibetta, Seitz, Spann, Bill Smith, Ward, Weaver, Whatton** (up from Houston), and **Ron Williams**. Since the Landrums are off later this yr to bn cmd at Ft Carson, we will have to find a new location for next yr's event. For now, we thank them again for 3 yrs of hospitality.

**Lynn & Harry Dolton** hosted a very nice reception on 3 Jul at Robert E Lee's boyhood home in Alexandria. Among those congratulating the newlyweds were **Linda & Dan Cox**, who are at Ft Carson in a Cav sq cmd. They had just dropped son Warren off for the Class of '91 at WP, where he has been assigned to Co E-1. Also present were **Barbara & Bob Glacel**; Bob is slated for cmd in Korea later this yr. Recently returned from cmd in Korea was **Bob Harper**, who is now at AWC in Carlisle. **Kathy & Ed Mayer** were there with news of the birth of Kristine Casey Mayer on 23 Dec 86. **Lois & Jim Johnson** were also in attendance, just prior to departing for WP, as were **Patty & Hank Richmond**, who are remaining here in Wash at least one more yr.

Recently arrived in DC are **Connie & John Morris**, who had spent two yrs in Guam in an ROTC asgmt. John had seen **Rich Ashley** at ROTC Camp in Ft Lewis and **Barney Wintermute** in Reno, NV.

**Mickey & Lee Rimmel** are now in Tampa with the US Central Cmd, having completed a USMC helicopter sq cmd at Camp Pendleton, CA. Their son Mike is 8 and daughter Megan recently turned one.

**Gregg Jones** sent a note and photo from Rose-Hulman Inst of Technology, where he is on ROTC asgmt. He had been awarded the MSM for his duty with the 100th Div Maneuver Tng Cmd in Louisville.

**Peggy & Jim Love** sent two long notes from Ft Hood, the second of which announced a move early next yr to Hamburg, Ger, where Jim will teach at the Ger Gen Staff Coll beginning in Mar. Peggy will remain at Ft Hood until sch ends for the children in Jun.



1969: John Morris and frosh cadets at U of Guam



1969: Gregg Jones receives MSM at Rose-Hulman Inst of Tech

Already in Ger and taking cmd of 1/48 Inf on 14 Oct is **Bob St Onge**. He, **Joan**, and the children have logged 9 of the past 11 yrs in Ger.



1969: Mick Zais after taking cmd of 1/506 Inf in Korea

**John Inselman** sent a nice letter and photo from Korea, showing **Mick Zais** just after he assumed cmd of 1/506 Inf. John is at Camp Long, working with the First

ROK Army, prior to his return to Ft Lewis. He had also seen **Joe Olson**, who is S-3 of the main finance unit in the Seoul area.

The first letter from the civ side of the Class came from **Eileen & Roger Loder**, whose daughter Kristi is a member of the Class of '91 at the Academy. Roger had seen **Sheridon Groves** at the Natl Indoor Track & Field Championships, and **John McBeth** at Ft Dix for Res annual tng. Roger cmds an Inf bn in the 70th Div (as an AG off!) and John cmds a tng bn from the San Fran area.



1969: Tom Ramos and Terry Young at Academy Ln Off Conference

**Tom Ramos** wrote from Livermore, CA where he works as a physicist with Livermore Lab. He sent a photo of **Terry Young** and him standing before the 33d Div, where they stayed during the recent Academy Ln Off Conf.

**Mike Jones** was in town in Aug, but we missed seeing each other during his quick trip. **Tom Mastaglio** was in DC for the summer from CO Springs, where he is in sch. He said **Dick Wallace** cmds an Armor bn at Ft Carson.

**Phil Weaver** called with news that he had been accepted for a master's prog in fed procurement law at Geo Wash U next fall. Phil is an AF JAG now at Bolling AFB.

Last news was from the recent O-6 promotion list, which included **Schempf** (JAG), **Snell** (Inf), and **Hammond** (FA). Congratulations!

**Holly** and the children join me in wishing you and yours a holy and happy holiday season. Please do send your news in time for my new 15 Dec deadline.

God Bless to all in '69.

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I was looking at my Sep *ASSEMBLY* the other day and I spent some time reviewing the numbers that were in the report from the WP Fund. Wow, was I surprised! You guys might be stingy with your cards, letters, pics, and fonecons, but apparently not so with your \$. The report shows that we collected \$15,610 last yr from 231 guys in the Class, representing a gift from 34% of our numbers. That now gives us over \$25 grand in our Class fund. We are second only to the Class of '52 in the total number of people who contributed. We collected more money than any class since '67, and we had the highest percentage of contributors since '64. What that all means is, we done good. Many thanks to one and all who helped in the effort. Let's keep it up this yr so that when the time comes, we can really leave a nice gift to our rockbound highland home. Dig up the AOG solicitation letter from Oct and send in a few bucks. Then they won't bother you with a second letter later. When you send in your checks, make them out to the "Class of 1970 Gift Account" and then your contribution will go against our tally.



1970: Bill & Susan Esmann

Another interesting note which the sharp-eyed readers of the *ASSEMBLY* might have picked up is that this fine publication is going to publish 5 issues next yr, in Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, and Dec. So now the news will be a little more

newsy, anyway. But I need your input by the first wk of Dec, Feb, May, Aug, and Oct respectively, to make deadlines. I'll remind you in each epistle so you won't get caught short.



1970: Dave & Kathie Porreca

**Jim Sullivan** is now keeping in touch from N IN. His co, Allen-Bradley, transferred him to Hammond, IN where he serves as the branch mgr for steel industry sales in the Calumet area. Somehow,



1970: The Sullivan family

**Nancy** has survived the move from the temporary beach house in Long Beach to the 5000 square ft Wolf Mansion in Hammond, even while reining in the 5 kids. **Jim III** (16) will have to rebuild his HS football career at his new home. He had been a QB and DHB at Bishop Noll HS. He wants to be an MD or lawyer, marry **Katie McAuliff** from St Louis, and have 5 kids. **Mick** (15) is a wrestler and self-proclaimed ladies man with about a dozen girlfriends. He wants to be an architect. **Amos** (9) wants to be a pro hockey player and fly helicopters. **Miles** (5) wants to be in USMA '04 and be a salesman. **Francie** (2) wants to know how come she doesn't have a sister. **Nancy** wants to be rich, and **Jim**, who's working on it, wants something that you need to read about in the *Playboy* Forum, not in this family publication.

**Jim** was talking with the **Greg Edwards** recently, and discovered that Greg has an opportunity to move up to Chicago in a yr or so to be the pres of a new subsidiary of Waste Mgmt. Talk about climbing to the top of the heap! It could be a good deal, if he can part with the new swimming pool and balmy clime of Tampa.

**Jim** was also a good friend of **Chris Stall**, whom you may remember was reported here as being the victim of a bear attack on some Cub Scouts in AK. The reports of Stall's death may be somewhat exaggerated. It appears that Jim can't get a confirmation of Stall's death or verification of the facts in the letter of notification of death to the AOG. If anyone knows personally of the circumstances, or may know the current whereabouts of Stall, please let me know.



1970: Lilly, Hirsch, Jarrett and Bentley skiing in Val d'Sere, France

**Pete & Brenda Lilly** are still at it in Marion, IL, which is a couple of hrs from ANYwhere. Pete is the gen mgr of the Galatia Mine for Kerr-McGee Coal out there, and welcomes the opportunity to see anyone who would venture off the beaten track to visit. Travel must have been the byword with the Lillys as they made trips to France and Disney World.



1970: John Norris, Goofy, and Pete Lilly; Disney World, Jul 87. Goofy is in the middle

There is more good news from the Class of '09. **Chris & Denise Keegan** proudly announce the birth of their second child, **Christopher Neil**. The young'n topped out at 10 lbs last 19 Jul. He joins his big sister **Kellee Marie**, who is a sophisticated 2 1/2 or so. **Jan & Kerry Lawrence** helped **Chris** celebrate his over the hill 40th birthday. The Lawrences have been doing quite well for themselves and appear to be climbing to the top, not only in life, but in recreational mtn climbing as well.

Once upon a time, in the usually cloudy realm of Seattleland, there was once a sunny day. A handsome prince,



1970: Lordy, Lordy, Chris is 40! The Lawrences and Keegans



1970: Greg, Jennie and Catie Vuksich admire the Marshall Award medal presented by Ambassador and Mrs Scanlan



1970: Phil & Bonnie Richard

**Bill Hahney**, tried to take advantage of Mother Nature by soaking up some rays. Since it was not nice to fool Mother Nature, he was punished, and the prince lost his magic USMA ring in the soil of the park. But every fairy tale has a happy ending. A kind lady with an enchanted metal detector discovered the treasure 8 yrs later. Searching the whole world over, she finally found somebody who knew somebody who knew the handsome prince. And the handsome prince and his magic ring were reunited. The handsome prince rewarded the kind lady with her choice of any of the many pictures he had painted, which was most of them, since the handsome prince was very close to being a starving artist. Now the kind lady is in Seattleland, and the handsome prince is in the mythical land of OK, and both are currently living happily ever after.

True story. **Bill** has been in the Lawton, OK area since his dad suffered a stroke in Mar 86. Now he is trying to build up his exposure in the art field by showing his paintings in galleries from Santa Fe to St Louis, including Dallas and OK City. So if anybody has a spot on the wall that needs covering, Bill probably has just the item you need. Bill remains an eligible bachelor since, in his words, 10 yrs of part-time jobs is not the way to support a family.

I recently got a note from Prof Dr LTC(P) **Bob Hales**, who announced the (P) after LTC, which will become COL approx Sep 88 as a result of a below the zone selection. Way to go Bob; it's the first evidence of any Army eagles. Bob also reports that he is publishing his 6th and 7th psychiatry tomes this spring. **Dianne** is also publishing, with her 8th and 9th titles recently issued. She also has an article in the recent issue of *McCalls* magazine. The little one, **Julia**, is about two yrs now, and is giving mom lots of subject matter for her next articles.

**Greg & Jennie Vuksich** send greetings from Yugoslavia, but lament the fact that they are the only reps from the Class in the area. The picture nearby commemorates Greg's receipt of the USACGSC Marshall Award in Belgrade, Yugoslavia last Feb.



1970: Plummers, Joneses and Spears; Founders Day 1987, Ft Ben Harrison

A whole batch of folks have been picked up on the FY88 LTC cmd list. They include **Allin, Ancker, Armeli, Baltimore, Barth, Churchill, Cramblet, Drinkwater, Etchechury, Gehrki, J Henderson, Hostettler, N Johnson, M Jones, Knorr, Leonard, Linke, Lovelace, MacIver, Marple, Mason, Meuleners, E Murphy, MT Murphy, Murray, Nicholson, W**

**Patterson, Pearce, Pembrook, Reese, Rolf, Rutledge, Sabia, Seifert, Starner, Stevens, Stewart, Strom, G Thomas, Thornton, Vermillion, Vuksich, E Ward, B Williams, Woloski, T Young, and Zimon.** With all these guys cmdg, who the heck is left to be led? Also named on the same list was **Jim Snider**, who is scheduled to be a prog mgr for avn tng devices. The official Army book of lists provides data that says our yr group '70 got 43 LTC cmd picks in FY86, 114 in FY87, and Wow! 259 in FY88, of which USMA '70 did ok.

**El & Sharon Schweninger** have checked out of Ft Leavenworth and moved on to Bad Kreuznach for a tour with the 8th ID. El will be serving as Dep G1 there. It will be like going back home for them as it will provide an opportunity for them to visit with friends they made on their last trip there. But even as he departs, he notes that **Sean Maxwell** is on sta at the C&GSC Soviet Area Studies branch, where he can put his Russian linguistic talents to good use.



1970: Founders Day 1987, Heidelberg

Rapid fire, accumulated from the pile of recycled SigC job books: **Dale Reagor** has expunged his name from the bachelor's list, this time last Sep in Helena, MT. Walter Reed is still host to **Randy Sikes**, **Chuck Hicks**, **John Boslego** (Inst of Research), and **Chuck Gandy** (Ch of Anesthesiology). **Tom Boytim**, the Turkey USAF dentist, has returned to the good ol' USA and is now living in Gainesville, FL. **Pete DeLaGarza** can give up speaking Spanish in El Salvador, but now must speak it at Ft Sam Houston, TX. **Terry Hilderbrand** is back from the far east and is now in the deep south of GA. **Tom Keller** and **Dave White** are back from Ger to the DC area. **Tom MacIver** is out of the 317th Engr Bn and is now at the head shed at V Corps. **John Riley** returned from Ger to pick up a PMS for ROTC at U of WI-Madison.

Now if we could only hear from **Larry Walrod**, **Greg Smith**, or **Bill McBeth**, then we would really have some news.

Remember, the next deadline is the first wk of Dec. So, if you want to see your name in bold print, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, send a letter (with a picture), and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

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A personal and professional record. I am 12 days late penning these notes and will no doubt reap the wrath of mgt. Lash out, scribes, and unionize . . . higher pay (any pay), more benefits (any benefits), free agency to go to a class that sends correspondence. . . . Anyone care to be a scab scribe?

Actually, I delayed submission in hopes of including a nice photo of **Il Soon Shin** celebrating his promotion to COL (first in the Class as far as I know). As you can see, I failed in that mission, also. Not to worry, though, **Il Soon** has his eagles and will soon take cmd of a ROK Inf Regt. Great soldiers, these ROKs. Remind me to be on their side when the time comes. Lost 5 classmates to DEROS here this summer; gained but one. **Mike Wamsted** is plying his legal prowess up in the 2ID. The **Wilcoxes**, **Hunters**, **Rices** and **deMoyas** are dutifully waiting out their remaining 200+ days in country in anticipation of yet another delightful surprise from the asgmt wizards in MILPERCEN. Also from Seoul, **Rick** (not Joe, as some pinhead noted in the last issue) **Capka** was through in Sep with his boss, the Army Ch of Engrs.

Noticed that tanker **John Brown** has added to his growing list of distinguished accomplishments with the recent publication of his first book, *Draftee*

*Division: The 88th Infantry Division in World War II*. Using his doctoral dissertation as a foundation, John (now a bn XO in Ger) worked 8 yrs and conducted hundreds of interviews in completing his well received manuscript. All the while, he was emotionally fueled by the experiences of his grandfather, the first CG of the 88th, and his father, a former off in the div. Knowing that one can't survive on a MAJ's pay these days, John's publisher slapped a \$25 price tag on the book. But for a classmate, hey. . . .

Another of our scholars receiving print of late is **Bazz Bazzle**, Esq. Bazz has been working with the Melvin Belli team in the Jim & Tammy Bakker legal effort to avoid financial ruin and regain control of PTL. Yeh, but can that possibly be as professionally rewarding and as fun as being an Army JAG off?

**Roy & May Joan Gogel** are on the move again. Roy has been promoted and has assumed the position of controller of the Mobil Chemical plant in Jacksonville, IL. Tough to move from the friends and sports (son Mark's soccer team was state runner-up) in the DC area, but fame and fortune await in the Midwest. The Gogels have heard from **Johnny & Chris Brooks**, who are enjoying the good times on the banks of the Hudson, and from **Al & Janet Payne**, who have recently purchased a Radio Shack in CT to round out their portfolio.

You know, as I continue, bleary eyed, I am reminded of a former friend who recently told me how poorly I write these notes. As if being a 4'6" dwarf isn't humbling enough. Onward!

Well, first let me tell you some success stories. Our Professionally Done baby of the quarter (actually, half-yr) honors go to **Dell & Mary Dailey**. Young soldier, **Drey Tobin Dailey** was drafted into this world on 26 May. **Doug Eccleston** was recently appointed/promoted to mgr of Applications Engring of the Telecommunications Products Div of Corning Glass Works. Boy, I hope Doug gets paid proportionate to the number of letters in his title. And the third completely disassociated hero of the quarter is **Tom Cafaro**, the new athletic dir of Nichols College.

The last note of the quarter comes from **Bob & Mary Alice Fitton**, writing after 16 yrs from the "Outpost of Freedom" in Berlin. After serving as a bn XO and in the G-1 shop, Bob currently enjoys the challenges of a G-3 ops off. Berlin enjoys the services of a bevy of '71ers. **Tom Ferguson** served as the American G-3 for Allied Staff Berlin before moving on to an XO job for a combat spt bn. Wife **Linda** was expecting a little Ferguson in Oct. **Jerry & Gloria Edelen** are due their second child in Feb. Jerry also served as a bn XO before becoming the ch of protocol. **Cal & Kim Benedict** recently arrived in Ber-

lin. Cal is the XO of the 4/502 Inf. **Chris & Terry Shoemaker** recently visited the **Fittons** and reminisced about the good old days when both couples were stationed in Berlin 15 yrs ago. Of course, no reminiscing is complete without a smidgeon (or a barrel) of Soviet champagne, the only good thing to come out of the Soviet Union, it is said. Chris is in his 18th mo of FA Bn cmd.

Well, it's 8 pm and Taps just sounded for the **deMoya** household. Shame . . . as you can see, I was on a roll. Christmas season is upon us. Make my day. Drop me a card way out here on Freedom's Frontier. And hey, beat the hell out of Navy.

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Even though it has been a couple of mos since the Class reunion, news from that event won't be in this column until next issue. The "lag time" between submission and publication is the cause. No problem though; I hope to have enough stories from the Oct gathering to fill several upcoming issues. There is pictorial coverage in this issue, however; in case you missed the guy with the "press" hat, drop me a line. (Please be aware that **ASSEMBLY** space is very tight and all scribes have been requested to limit verbiage. It may take two issues to cover long column submissions.)

Many thanks to the AOG editor's off for forwarding news service releases to the appropriate Class scribes. In the case of '72, 4 were received for this time around. They include **John Crouse**, **Steve Powers**, **Dave Wildes**, and **Tony Dedmond**. Crouse is at the Cont US Comm Sys Activity, Ft Richie, MD where he's an ops branch chief. Powers graduated from the NavWC last spring. Wildes completed C&GSC about the same time, and Dedmond is an R&D coordinator with the Survivability Mgt Off in MD.

Personal notes and news letters were sparse this time. A couple of column standbys, **Moon Ducote** and **Bill Guarino** want an update, so I'll oblige. First though, **Bill Bixby** wrote to say that he received a medical ret last yr and is presently doing fine. Bill lives in Lakeside, CA near San Diego and is currently going to sch for a master's in civ engring.

The Mar issue cited excerpts from an H-2 newsletter published by **Moon Ducote**. Since that time, he heard from several more co mates and got out another edition. Included in the update were **Spinks**, **Sullivan**, **McCommons**, **Woodside**, **Claude Smith** and **Willis**. **Jim & Diane Spinks** are in San Diego with daughter **Stephanie** and newest edition, **Matthew**. Jim's a programmer/system

analyst for a govt contractor. **John & Doris Sullivan** have added a son also. Michael John is nearly a yr old now. **Jack McCommons** surfaced in his home state of MD after 7 yrs of residence there. He & **Rhonda** have a 3 yr old son Mark. Jack's a program mgr for Morton Thiohol (says he has nothing whatever to do with rocket boosters) currently involved in mktg/dev work for their tactical motor business. **Rhonda** teaches HS home economics. The Mar issue mentioned that **Bob Woodside** had resigned from the AF and is now with Martin Marietta near Orlando. He & **Susan** have two children, Lauren and Allison, and Susan teaches 4th grade. The **Claude Smiths** have recently moved into a new home in Antioch, IL. He & **Anne** have 3 boys: Brian, David, and Steve. **Cliff Willis** has left the Bendix Corp to be a mgr for a small co in Slidell, LA. He met his wife **Miriam** in Africa while on an asgmt with his former employer. Cliff stays in shape with running and tennis. **Ducote** says his bus is developing well and occasionally even has to subcontract some work. He & **Terri** spent the summer carting their 7 boys to visit relatives and theme parks! (I just phoned my broker and told him to buy Nike and Reebok. You and your seven will make me a rich man, Moon!)

**Bill Guarino** got an updated A-1 newsletter in Aug. **Tom Marks** has enrolled in a public sch teacher program at the U of HI. **Linda** continues her job as a secy at St Francis Hosp. Son **Michael** (5) is rapidly catching up with mom in height, and daughter **Inthera** was 3 last Jul. **Butch Fennema** has moved into course dev for artificial intelligence systems and tech writing (research at U of Indianapolis). He's an asst prof in the Sch of Bus. Butch has put out feelers for an Army-Navy trip. Any takers? Contact Butch. While en route to his Pentagon asgmt, **Tom Pawlowski** got a sudden change in orders. He was selected (and accepted) for a PhD program in ops research at GA Tech. Tom says the offer was just too good to pass up. His home is in Stone Mtn, GA. Another unplanned asgmt change that turned out to be a good deal was dished to **Skip Ash**. Since Aug, Skip has been assigned to the Off of Congressional Legislative Ln. In Sep and Oct he attended a foreign affairs seminar at Johns Hopkins Sch of Advanced Intl Studies. Skip is now assigned to a congressman's staff until Aug 88. **Bill & Trish Guarino** both have new jobs. Trish is an educational consultant with Discovery Toys and enjoys it very much. **Patrick** (4 1/2) and **Catherine** (3) think that having a mom who sells toys is pretty neat. **Bill** got a promotion in engine engring at Ford. He's working on a new line of V6/V8 engines for the 1990s.

The reunion was great! Looking forward to no. 20 already. See you next time.

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I hope you have all been blessed with peace and love this holiday season. As I write this in late Sep, I'm trying to imagine how our Christmas will be this yr. With #4 at 20 mos and hair redder than ever, and the other 3 . . . being the other 3 . . . visions of the 4 horsemen of the Apocalypse keep crowding into my consciousness. No, no don't worry, I'm sure everything will be fine if we can only agree on the color of that rubber Christmas tree.

Some of you who struggled through plebe boxing or plebe English and read more slowly than the average fire hydrant probably think this article is nearly finished. You are also probably wondering why you don't recognize any of the classmates to whom I have alluded—"alluded" means talked about, sort of. Well, I haven't talked about anyone but us Bakers and all you humanities and "soft" science guys probably already picked up on my subtle technique of not mentioning names early in the column when only 3 classmates have written to say "Hi, thought I'd drop a quick note to say hi."



1973: Bakers and Fuehmeyers, summer 87, Frankfurt

I'll save that good stuff for later. I'm not even going to rant and steam about the lack of letters. First, with the chaos in my life recently, I probably lost at least one or two of your letters. Second, I have learned through experience that people move during the Jul-Sep time period and none of you are any more organized than I am. And finally, I just enjoy telling you stories about Ward, June, "the Beaver," "the Anteater," "the Wolverine," and "the Chinchilla" Baker.

Take for instance the amusing anecdote about why, after telling you about my new change of address in the last ASSEMBLY, I now have a new address. Sure!! Those of you who think you know me figure, "he had an XO job for about a wk and then on to dep installation coord." Not true. In the Army's never

ending quest to achieve higher levels of combat readiness, our unit was redesignated from 1/333 FA to the 3/32 FA (Don't tell the Russians!).

The XO of a Lance bn has a relatively risk free job. His equipment is so essential that if it breaks, God comes down to fix it; he never goes to Graf; and once a yr the bn is called on to hit the Mediterranean with a missile.

This yr's hardship tour on the topless beaches of Crete, site of our annual service practice, was not so risk free. I was scheduled to return 29 Aug. The family was to move from Frankfurt to Wiesbaden 30 Aug and 1 Sep. My plane broke. Butch returns one day after the move, 3 days after school begins. I've been moving furniture and unpacking boxes in silence ever since and am convinced the Bakers will now never field a basketball team.

On to the few missives I did receive. (You guys really make me "mad." Just when I decipher the editor's messages concerning the max length of my column, I don't have enough poop to fill a post card.) But what I have is extra "good stuff." **Jim & Carol Stroble** were blessed with a brother for **Christopher** (5). **Daniel Scott** arrived 24 Aug at 8 lbs 3 oz and 21". Congratulations!! Remember, **Carol**, we have plenty of room now in *casa Baker* if you all want to vacation in Ger next summer; **Christopher** and my **Gregory** could celebrate their 8 Aug birthdays together.

Next we received news from **John Hazel** at Ft Knox. He attended a family reunion last Jul. I find it hard to believe that after 4 yrs of sucking it down at Woops a guy could keep a straight face and watch his own brothers go through the same thing. But John did, and got together with **Edward Hazel '81** and **George '75**. Robert, the smart one, graduated from Bowling Green State U '71. Remember, I was critical of a brother who would let younger ones experience the harshness of USMA. I'm going to get hold of John's father and find out how he pulled it off. We're talking money here sports fans. Back to the Hazels, Ed's a CO over here in Karlsruhe, George is a dept engr in Chicago, John's CID Dist CO, and Bob has a job like real people. (By the way, let's remember Bob's the oldest and it would seem, the wisest.)

Also heard from **Kenn Riordan**. You remember our classmate who used to be with aides, other White House aides that is. Now he's in Korea with God only knows what! Korea, or as Kenn puts it, the Adult Disneyland East. Kenn's at Camp Humphries, another garden spot. **Greg Bergeret**, an old B-3 bandit, just left there for Log Center, Ft Lee. **Mike Shanahan**, Kenn's roommate, is the installation S-2/3, and Kenn enjoys great popularity as the post and 23d Spt Cmd IG. Great going, Kenn. All you need now to



1973: Ed Hazel '81, John Hazel, George Hazel '75 and Robert Hazel BGSU '71

win the prized "Glad you're here" competition is a tour as a Tac.

**Chuck Sacrison** sent me an early Christmas letter. You see, after all my not so subtle hints, Chuck finally figured out my schedule and is probably the only one of you who knows why you read about your Christmas news in Jun! **Chuck & Tommie** with **Kate (7)** and **Douglas (3)** make their home in my part of the country. Why should we North-westerners be so modest: we come from the only part of the country worth living in. (Back to Chuck in Port Orchard, WA.) Chuck escaped to write the letter the way all good dads and husbands do on wkends. He promised to do chores around the house if his wife would take all but one kid shopping—then drug the one with massive quantities of McDonald's shakes and fries. Chuck is still a supervisor in the design dept at Puget Sound Naval Yard. He's also moved from S-3 to XO of the 2/415, 104th (Tng) USAR. **TIMBER WOLVES**. Chuck, I'll put you in touch with my dad down by Portland who was with the 414th during WWII. He'd love to meet you. Other bits and pieces from Chuck—**Hank & Debbie Allen** were supposed to have left St Cyr for some place in Ger (thanks for definite maybe sorta could be solid info, Chuck). **Tom & Cora Reynolds** left Edwards AFB where Tom was a test pilot. They are allegedly in Ithaca, NY. **Bill & Mary Pokorny** are still at USMA. Bill's in the Com's off. Chuck saw **Bob Brown** (working for PACCAR in Seattle) and **Charlie Ostrand** (S-3 in the 9th ID) at Founders Day at Lewis.

That's all the poop!! See how much coverage everyone gets when they write in the off season. The **ASSEMBLY** has upped its issues per yr to 5 because COL Child, the editor, hates me. They say I can skip some issues now if I let them know, but if so much as one of you bums writes or calls, I'll insult you in print. Here's the new schedule: My notes are due at AOG 15 Dec 87, 15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug, 15 Oct. Issues published 15 Feb 88, 15 Apr, 15 Jul, 15 Oct, 15 Dec.

Remember, I'm beginning to gather some extensive files on many of you. I

have current addresses and can get others from AOG. I figure the files will give me a bargaining chip if the Russians ever take over. In the mean time, write me if you think I may have a classmate's address you need.

Until next time—God Bless.

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Greetings from D-Land! Having been here two mos now, I can totally agree with **John Matousek's** words of advice, "FRG is a great asgmt, but the moving there can be a real pain." Actually it has been sponsors and good advice that've cushioned the way.

This transition is part of the reason for the world's shortest article, personally. The other part is I've heard from virtually no one. But now that **Cathy**, the kids and I are settled, have a home and work phone (see above), I expect some news from Ger folks. For others across the water, the APO works great.

**John Martin's** D-1 Duck prose is pretty good so I'll input with little editing, "For your info, there is a 3rd member of the Class at the Navy Staff College—me. I left Edwards AFB in May and will start sch with **Ed Polom** and **Myron Lynch** here in a few days. Ed and I are both D-1 Ducks and we've got together with another Duck, **Jim Sharp**. He is stationed here with the Navy as XO of some surface warfare sch. He leaves this fall to be XO of an oiler, the **Wichita**, based in Oakland, CA. He wastes a lot of time chortling about how he'll be selected for O-5 next spring and promoted before we even see the secondary zone. Had he been an engr instead of a goat, he'd probably be an admiral by now.

"Coming from Edwards, I stopped to see **Jeff & Karen Knapp** at Maxwell AFB. He was just finishing the USAF Staff College and is bound for the Physics Dept at WP. This is surprising because we roomed together at WP as cadets, and I remember him complaining about engring courses, and he also took 'Physics for Poets and Lovers.' Karen was spending her 2-wk res time at Clark AFB, the Philippines.

"I (**John M**) spent most of Jun touring Europe, spending 3 days with **Tom Froneberger** (D-1) near Nurnberg. He, his wife **Ingrid** and two girls (**Anna** and **Peggy**) will return to either Bragg or Jackson this fall. Tom enjoys his work as a bde FSO with 1st AD. I also stopped in Rockville, MD to see **Charlie Llewellyn**; missed him but visited with his wife and kids; he's doing well in real estate. I stopped at WP to see **Paul Lemley**. He & **Catherine** had a baby boy in early Jul. He thinks life at home will get easier in a mo or so. Paul's PhD in chemistry must



1974: Tom Froneberger and John Martin in FRG

have taken away some of his common sense if he really believes that!

"**Jim Brown** and **Fred Stellar** are still experimental test pilots at Edwards AFB. Jim keeps busy with challenging extra duties such as O-Club rep, and spending time with his wife and daughter. Fred stays busy and plans to leave next summer for grad sch en route to teach aeronautical engring at WP. He even put in a good word for me, so I may end up there too. It will make it much easier and cheaper to attend all those football games!" Thanks for the good word John.

**George Oliver** left CGSC in Jun for a one-yr Korean tour, but he had a last minute change on his return asgmt. So **Anne** and the kids moved to Clarksville, TN instead of Hinesville, GA and await George's return to the 101st at Campbell. They're building a house in the pretty TN countryside.

**Todd Bacastow** called from Heidel-



1974: Happy birthday Tom Weber, shown with sons David, Michael and Mark

berg where he is with the topo staff in the 227th Engr Det. He's been there about a yr now and describes the environs as "echelons above reality." He notes that **Bob Bassler** is also in Heidelberg with the DCS Engr. Down in Stuttgart with EUCOM are **Dave Buto** on the J-2 staff, **Ted Davis**, and **Dave Petraeus** is on GEN Galvin's pers staff. Thanks Todd, now get me my Moroccan maps!

One super piece of baby news—**Bob & Ruth Mixon** are now proud parents of a

boy, Robert Warren, as of 18 Jul 87. Bob was just finishing his second yr at Leavenworth prior to the newborn, and now is the tng off for 2d ID at Camp Casey, Korea. Congrats!

Some Hometown News Releases indicate arrival in Ger of the likes of Gary Anderson and family with the 3rd ID; I hear he spent the mo of Sep umpiring REFORGER units. Also, Fuzzy Webster received laurels upon leaving Ft Stewart, supposedly bound for the Pentagon, but I heard he's headed for Ft McPherson, GA instead.

The Rochettes have surfaced again after a yr at Squid CGSC. Denny is at the Naval Postgrad Sch in an unknown status. (Is he a student or on staff?) Which ever, he and his computer are delving into artificial intelligence. Louise is a guidance counselor and teaching French at Notre Dame HS in Salinas while Renee and Matt are doing well in sch.

Lastly I'll report on all the classmates who are presently in the 1st ID (Fwd), which amounts to Marv Decker and myself. Marv & Mary Jane live at Panzer Kaserne in Boeblingen where Marv is S-3 (and sometimes XO) of 2/37 AR. I'm about an hour from Marv in Goppingen doing bde plans and exercises.

The new yr also ushers in a new ASSEMBLY policy: 5 issues a yr. While this offers some advantages, it will take some adjustments in terms of deadlines. The 5 issue mailing dates will occur on 15 Feb, 15 Apr, 15 Jul, 15 Oct, and 15 Dec, with my column deadline always 60 days before the issue. You can quickly figure out that my informants will miss my deadline 3 out of 5 times a yr if they wait for their ASSEMBLY to key their submission. Bottom line—if you have news, please send it anytime and I'll submit all available news when my next deadline occurs.

Speaking of deadlines and with all the above smoke, my deadline for the 15 Feb issue is 15 Dec. So don't hesitate sending me a Christmas card or picture. Let's Beat Navy. Again!

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Greetings to all members of Courage and Drive '75. I sincerely hope this finds you all doing well and basking in the afterglow of a huge Navy defeat. There is quite a bit of news this time, so let me get started. . . .

I spoke with our Class Pres Wes Hayes. He would like to start a drive to increase the Class of 1975 Gift Fund. On pg 43 of the Sep 87 ASSEMBLY it indicates that we are behind other classes in this area. When you send your contributions to the AOG, please be sure they are specifically earmarked "Class of 1975 Gift Fund." At the moment we have

\$4,440 in unspecified donations and \$1,731.57 in the Class Gift Fund. The Class Gift Fund will be used at some point in the future, toward whatever gift our Class decides to provide to WP. Please give generously in support of this lasting tribute from our Class. We also mentioned that Larry Ghormley still has yrbooks from the 10 yr Reunion. If you ordered one or would like to receive an additional copy, contact Larry c/o the D/History, WP, NY 10996. We would like to begin plans for the 15 Yr Reunion. If you have any after-action reports from the 10 Yr Reunion, or have any ideas or would like to work on the 15 Yr Reunion, please contact me at the address and phone nos listed above.

I had an extremely quick visit with Wes during the parade before the Citadel football game. (Kathy and I were trying to get 4 elderly ladies through the crowds and into seats at the time.) Sid Vogel, Jim Dunphy, Jerry Johnson, Wes and Jeff Akamatsu had a mini-reunion at WP during the Citadel wkend. (At least they picked a great game to come to!) Send some photos up, guys!

Tupper Hillard organized a '75 tailgate during the Rutgers football wkend. I'm hoping to get some pictures of this event for this next ASSEMBLY. Tupper is assigned to the D/English here.

Received a great letter from Tom Huey. He says the rumors of his disappearance have been greatly exaggerated since he read about himself being lost in the ASSEMBLY. When all else fails, blame the computer. The last time I saw Tom was in the laundry room at Giebelstodt Army Airfield, FRG during REFORGER '82. He was cmdng a tank co and I was an avn controller at the time. Since then Tom has been medically ret. Tom got to be the Supe's guest at the TN game since Tom is the secy for the Chattanooga WP Soc. (What a great game that was!) Tom is in the process of moving back to Knoxville, and I'm hoping for a long letter once he's settled. Tom says John McConnell is in Guam. JP Williams called Tom's folks during a high-speed pass through Knoxville, but he missed Tom. Tom sends a hi through the ASSEMBLY. Tom & Lindy have a 3 yr old named Heather and another baby due around Christmas. We're locking forward to a family photo for publication. Tom suggested names like Christina or Christian to help remember a Christmas birthday. Kathy is voting for Noel, Holly or Merry. Tom would also like to hear from Joe Parker. Anyone know where he is? Thanks for a great letter Tom. We are looking for a birth announcement soon.

David Loeschner wrote to say he left the Army in 81 and moved to Houston where he is the gen mgr for a subsidiary of British Petroleum. He says he is enjoying Houston and civ life. Dave has been busy flying all over the world representing his

co and says the per diem rate is definitely better than the Army's. He's still single and chasing women in Houston. Send us a wedding photo when you run out of steam. David says hi to everyone and if any classmates get to Houston, he has a house with plenty of room. When WP had an Oct snow, Houston was looking good to me!

Ken George called. He has been medically ret and is currently living in NJ. He welcomes people to call or visit. Ken promised a long letter which I'm hoping to receive in time for the next issue.

Joe & Susan Boylan are ecstatic about the arrival of Charis Rebekah who arrived 26 Jul 87, weighing in at 7 lbs, 15 oz. Charis is the Greek word for Grace. Susan's mom came up to help out after the birth. COL & Mrs Hoenstine will always be very special to Kathy & me since their house was frequently Kathy's home-away-from-home during our WP dating days. Joe & Susan's oldest daughter Lindsay is 5 1/2 and entered kindergarten at WP Elementary this yr. Twelve yrs ago when we were lying on the beach in Asbury Park, I never pictured Joe and I as dads of school-age children.

Two new addresses—Rich & Sharan Langhorst have PCSed to Montgomery, AL for AF CGSC. They are living at 3112 Lansdowne Dr, 36111. Charley & Debi Peddy are at 4 4th Artillery Rd, Ft Leavenworth, KS 66027.

Chuck Rodriguez wrote from Wheaton, IL. He is in his third yr as a fund raiser for Wheaton College. He still keeps up his mil connections as a USMA field admissions off in the Chicago area and with a mobilization res asgmt with DoD. In Jan he completed CGSC (Correspondence) and in Jul he pinned on his MAJ leaves. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Chuck. Wife Cappy is also a res MAJ.



1975: The Rodriguez family

Greg Holder wrote from Clearwater, FL. He's in the AF and the dep SJA for MacDill AFB. He was in ROK for 84-85. PK Keating (G-2) was with Greg until last yr. Greg was the JAG for PK's sq and PK gave Greg a ride in an F-16. (I'd sure like one of those!) PK is now at Langley AFB in VA. Tom Helms (I-2) is now flying for Continental. Glenn McDermott is finish-

ing his last yr of med sch at U/WA. He lives in Seattle with his wife who is an AD finance CPT; they have 3 kids. Their baby is named Greg—after who! Glenn will be an Army dr as he is in the Army program. Greg says Glenn hasn't changed a bit. Greg & his wife D (a LTC) have a son Daniel Paul born in Nov 85. They are expecting a daughter in Feb. D is a mid-wife at the base hosp and loves her work. Great letter Greg. Please write again soon, and be sure to enclose a family photo.

**Gary Bishop** wrote from the Pentagon. He returned from FRG in '81 and then Gary and I were in the same AOAC. Gary, Elizabeth and Matthew (now 9) then went to grad sch in Monterey at NPS to study aero engring. He then went to Edwards AFB where he was a flight test engr doing dev testing of airframes (UH-60, AHIP, UH-1, etc). Since this was a dual rate slot, Gary had to get a fixed wing transition at Rucker. While at Edwards, Katherine (now 3) was born. In Aug 86, Gary was assigned to the Pentagon to ODCSRDA as a DA syst coord for acft survivability equip and SEMA acft. After DA reorganization in Apr 87, ODCSRDA was incorporated into the Army Secretariat where Gary is now an ASO. He recently received his I-95 badge for duty on the Army Staff.

I passed a clipboard around at the Holy Cross and Wake Forest football games. (Well, when the football team is losing, people sometimes have time to write a note to the scribe!) and picked up the following: **Pat Leake** is at WP for a 4th yr coaching 150 lb football, 4th child born on 16 Mar 87, baby girl named Meredith. **Kevin Danaher** stopped by WP to visit the **Kolars**. He was taking a break from his duties with the Tucson Police Force SWAT and Special Ops activities. **Nick & Barb** are in their final yr at WP and are expecting baby #4 around Easter. Nick is also coaching the 150 lb football offensive line. Tara (9), Katie (7) and Tricia (3) are all anxious to be big sisters. **Joe Manzo** leaves for the AFSC in Jan 88. He is currently coaching the JV soccer team. **Ray Riddle** thanked us for his birth announcement in the Sep ASSEMBLY and says they are indeed shouting from the rooftops. **Mike Weinstein** is in his 3rd yr in the D/History teaching plebes. (Hey Mike, can you give me some tips on keeping my MS 100 guys awake?) Mike is the coach of the Army crew team and **Liz** is working at KACH in patient admin. **Michael & Pat Haith** are enjoying their last yr at WP in D/History. Pat works at KACH in the recovery room. Michael (7) plays soccer and takes karate, Matthew (4) is into swimming and preschool. I-3ers should contact Mike in order to get a project to support the cadets in I-3. **Tupper, Eva** and **Jessica Hillard** are in their last yr in the D/English. Next stop, CGSC. **Steve & Pam Stacy** are in their 3rd yr. Steve teaches Portuguese and is the OR of the lacrosse team. Steve Jr is 8,

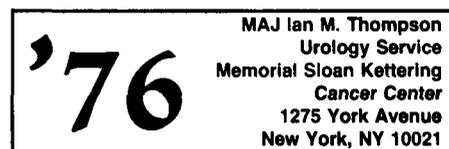
Laura is 6 and Anna is 3. Steve is hoping to return to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for CGSC. **Ken & Donna Kasprisin** are in their 2nd yr. Ken is in D/Engring, still a course dir and enjoying (?) teaching Sat classes. Ken says he found out about Nick & Barb's #4 by reading it off this clipboard! To quote Ken, "Nice neighbor." He also wanted to mention how great **Frank Caputo** looked with the mustard stains on his suit. Frank stopped by to see a few football games and to lose at a friendly game of golf. Ken heard from **Chuck & Deb Baker**. They have recently moved to SC where Chuck is working for Michelin. **Luigi & Vickie Magnanti** are starting their 2nd yr. He is the XO of I/1 Inf and cmdr of Abn Det. Vickie is busy with the Girl Scouts, and Luigi spends his time with the parachute team. They have two children, Nellie (10) and Luigi (6). They had a great mini-reunion with the **Cunninghams, Merkl, Nelsons, Redingtons, GT Hopkins** and **Chesnulovitches** in May. He says Rosebuds was overcome with '75ers.

**Sam Walker** passed on the news that **Rick Conniff** is getting married to Susan Brownfield on 17 Oct in Annapolis (of all places!). Sam certainly missed his calling in life. With handwriting like his, he should have gone into medicine! Sam reports that **Bill Lewis** has finished test pilot sch at Pax River, MD and is working on the helicopter mine deployment syst at Edwards AFB, CA. Sam is the dir of instruction for DPE. **John Garver** is an instructor at the Army Law Sch, Charlottesville, VA. **John Nance** is living in Boston and is still with TI. **Bices** are still here. **Findlays** are back with 3 children—**Sharon** (4), **John** (2) and **Scott** (4 mos). **Sid & Wendy Vogel** are the parents of **Robert** (4) and **Lisa** (1/2). Sid is in the D/Soc Sci. **Roger Kaplan** is the Class rep (and sole member) at Ft Drum where he is the AFS coord. He did find two classmates during AT—**Pete Haglin** was evaluating the 26th ID and is currently the S-3 of 6/11 FA at Ft Lewis. **Bill Cody** was also up for AT as the VT PAO. He, Paula and 4 kids reside in Montpelier. **John & Jill Redington** are starting their second yr at WP. John is in D/Mech and Jill is a librarian at the Cadet Library. Daughter **Leslie** is in second grade. **Redingtons** saw **Jim & Dreama Isaacs** (A-3) at the Holy Cross game and are planning a get-together along with **Eric & Kristy Cunningham** (A-3) at Army-Navy. Issacs are now in Phila, **Cunninghams** in Amherst. Eric brought some U/MA ROTC cadets to the Wake Forest game. John R is in the process of applying for NASA's astronaut program. **Mary & Robin Sellers** with **Rebecca** (3) are enjoying their second yr in the Sosh Dept but Robin is ready to go back to being a *real* soldier. He spent 45 days herding cadets around Europe as OIC for CTLT. They saw **Paul Schaefer** when he filled in for the WP radiologist. He's keeping a low profile

at WRAH with **Susan** and their 2 daughters. **Bill Troy** is at MILPERCEN while **Paula** is teaching and chasing 3 yr old Will. I got an address for **Ron & Sue** (no last name) who are with HHC, 44th Engr Bn, APO, SF, 96483. If these look like friends of yours, drop them a line. **Dave & Sandie Frenier** are also in their second yr here. Dave's in D/Physics trying to convince yearlings that Newton was a good guy and that some of the forces equal mass times acceleration. **Sandie** is the PNP at the WP Child Dev Ctr where daughter **Heather** (2) is testing all the theories of child rearing. **Freniers** got a note from the **Voslers** who are back in FRG after Leavenworth. They also heard that **Toneys** are in CO. **Larry & Lea Ghormley** are in their last yr here. Larry is currently the course dir for mil art. **Jennifer** is 4 and **Rebecca** is 8 mos. **Jose Picart** will be at WP until 89 as a research off. **Scott Huxel** is teaching yearling math. **Clark & Kathy Lynn** are in their 4th yr at WP and his second yr as the Spanish gp chief. **Randy & Susan Wright** (E-4) are in their last yr here. Randy is with D/History and is a course dir for the plebe world history course. **Mike Spasyk** says he saw **Jim Jarvis's** message and he would get around to writing soon. I went through these rained on, crumpled clipboard sheets several times and never found a message from Jarvis, so maybe you two could combine forces and help me fill the next column. Mike says that his check's in the mail. I hope he means the one he's sending to the '75 Gift Fund!

In her quarterly efforts to send our phone bills to new heights, **Kathy** called several friends both near and far (mostly far) and it looks as though I won't have room to print all of our long distance news. To be very brief—there's a message on **Dempsey Darrow's** answering machine which puts the return call on his bill. **John Talbot** is spending 90% of his time in the field and loving it. **Betsy** and the boys will need a recent photo if you expect to get in the house. We heard the Army-KS game drew lots of classmates for a great time. Please send photos and news. **Al Fehlings** was choking on popcorn and complaining about 100° heat as the leaves were turning at WP.

Two requests as I bring this column to a close. . . . The first is to please keep in touch. And the second is to spend part of this joyous holiday season looking into the faces of the small children who are our offspring and to pray for peace in their lifetime. Merry Christmas. Bill.



Greetings again! I hope all are well and happy. My family and I are in NYC, and we extend an invitation to anyone to visit when passing through. If anything,

if you're in the airport changing planes, call and let me know of what you're up to for the column. We'll be here for two yrs. We had the privilege to attend the first annual WP Med Assoc meeting at the Academy last month. In all, about 20 grads attended—yours truly was the youngest grad. Medical presentations were given Fri and Sat, a banquet Fri night and the parade, tailgate party, and the football game (loss to Holy Cross) on Sat. Any other AMEDD pers in the Class (MDs, nurses, dentists, etc) consider joining. It was a good time!



1976: '76 Pentagon reunion



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**Jim Moerkerke's** note from MT finds him doing well—he's with DA Davidson & Co in Missoula in the investment bus. He really enjoys the hunting and fishing in the area and, as we all know, the scenery's beautiful.

A news service wire finds **Rich & Melissa Hawkins** at Ft Benning and relayed that Rich was part of a team that competed in the 50 meter prone div of the Natl Team Championship in Chino, CA in marksmanship. His winning team scored 1,787 out of a possible 1,800 points. That's a lot of bullseyes! Congratulations!

**Dan Murphy** probably gets the award for the best letter of the quarter. **Carol's** written a few times before but this was Dan's first. (See, maybe someone else can have a first time next time.) Dan & Carol's last tour was in Newark, NJ as a recruiting co CO and they lived in Bayonne, really close to both families. They got out in Feb 82 and Dan's now working with NALCO Chemical Co in Medina, OH. Carol's the VP of their local

homeowner's assoc and she helps in coaching the swimming team. **Jennie's** now 10, **Danny's** almost 7, and **Billy's** 3. Dan coaches **Jennie's** little league soccer team and **Danny's** T-ball baseball team. Dan just talked with **John MacLeod** who's at the AF Inst of Tech in OH getting an MS in elec engring. He said that **George Strodbeck** now lives in Indianapolis and works for Pepsi. Other I-4 folks include **Aaron Hayes** who's at USMA. **Saul Siemaska** lives near KS City and **Dave Johnson** owns a heating and air conditioning co in Milwaukee. Others in I-4—The **Kristicks** are in Korea; **Brian Morettis** are at Ft Bragg; **Ky White** also works for NALCO but lives in TX; **Jim Reynolds** lives in TX and **Pete Amico** was most recently at Ft Sill. Dan enclosed the picture and would like anyone else in I-4 to write him. (I have his address.)



1976: I-4 Oct 86 reunion

I'll synopsise a stack of news service memos: **John & Cheryl Kirby** are in Ger with the 32nd Army ADA Cmd. John was promoted to MAJ. **Bruce Berwick** just received his 2nd MSM. **Bruce & Karen** are at USMA with the Social Sci Dept. **Dave & Martha Morin** are at Ft Hamilton (that means they're here in town!!) where Dave's an IG and was just promoted too. **Vern Crocker** also was just promoted and is currently a sr instructor at Ft Sill. **Gerry Falkenstein** also just received his gold leaves—he's a regt sig off at Ft Bragg.



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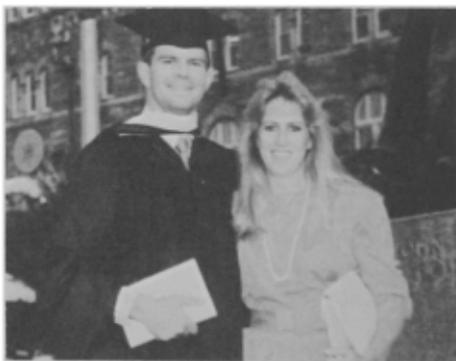
Good poop! **Jim Moerkerke** asked about the reunion yrbooks. Well, **Randy Kolton** sent the answer. If you have not

yet received your yrbook, or would like to buy one of the few remaining, send your letter to Randy, c/o the Dept of History, USMA, WP, NY 10996. (Checks: \$25 to "1976 Reunion Fund.")

Great note from **Chuck Allen** summarizing the unofficial Class 11th reunion luncheon at the Pentagon. On a suitable date (2 Jun 87) 20 grads spent an hr renewing friendships. **Chuck's** with the litigation branch of the JAG off at the Pentagon. Other folks at the luncheon included **Ralph Steen, John Reidt, John Foy, Dave Pyle, Stover James, Don Miller, Guy Swan, Skip House, Carl Menyhert, Scott MacKay, Dave Barno, Mike Babb, Rob Smith, Steve Hayward, Danny Davis, Cornell McKenzie, Mike Pelkey, Archie Elam, and Al Carrol.**

**Ellis Golson** sent us a note from Kingsville, TX where **Ellis & Rachel** are living for the next yr. **Ellis** is working on a degree in EE and will finish in the summer of 88. **Adam** is now 7 and **Amber** is 18 mos old. Others from the E-4 clan they've heard from include **Sam & Rosemary Butler** who have a new son, born in May. **Mike & Temple Wood** also have a new son, their first, also born in May. **Brad & Patti Scott** are en route to C&GS as well as **Sam and Mike.**

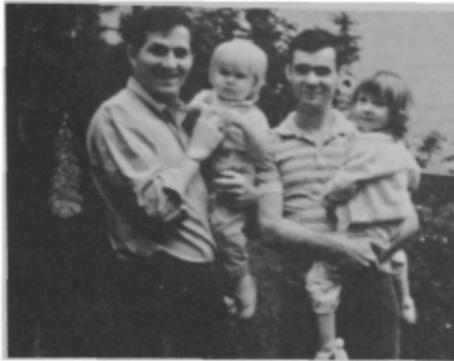
**Axel Krigsman** sent a note to bring us up-to-date. He received his MA in pol sci from Yale in May, took comps in mid-Jun and signed into WP in Jul where he's a sosh prof. A great picture comes next of **Guy & Melanie Swan** at Guy's graduation for his master's in natl security studies from Georgetown. Congrats!



1976: Guy & Melanie Swan

**Mark & Anne Nelson** sent a "column filler note" to help out with the ms. They left Ft Belvoir just before Christmas 86—hated to leave as they got to see **JT & Marcia Taylor** often, and **JT** and **Mark** played "over the hill" league soccer in No VA. **Mark** says he can't remember any scores, only the refreshments after the games. Since **Mark** left, he says that **JT** could use some company. "Attention **Wingo and Wolff**, or any other classmates in the area." Now, **Mark & Anne** are in Hameln, FRG, home of the Pied Piper legend where **Mark's** the exchange off with the BAOR (his counterpart's at Ft Carson). **Mark & Anne** went south to

visit old friends; they met up with **Bob & Birgit Surtees** at their home in Eislingen. Bob was on terminal leave about to start work near Stuttgart. They teamed up with daughters for the mug shot. Bob



1976: Nelsons and Surtees

has taught his daughter Katherine to call her daddy's friends "Uncle Bucko" in honor of Bob's mythical friend and patron saint, Ben Dover Bucko! Mark also sends his regards to **Randy Kolton** for the 10-yrs-after-book. Hear, Hear!

A final, great note from **Al Stuhlmiller** brings back old times. Al unfortunately missed the reunion as People's Express did him in by pulling out of Omaha, NE. Al's working in ORSA on a joint tour. **Patty & Al** now have two children, Jason (7) and Diana (3). Patty is kept busy with Diana and volunteering her time with the local grade sch and base chapel. In Al's free time, he's coaching youth soccer and very involved in the Omaha WP Soc. Finally, he's now no longer the youngest grad in the area, just relinquishing the title. Al says that **Chris & Lynne Grates** are now at the Naval C&GS in Newport, RI after leaving WP. Their 3 boys and one girl keep the household busy. Al saw **Danny Nolan** on his last uniform run down to Ft Leavenworth. **Dan & Anne** and their two children are doing well. Al says hi to all in the Midwest.



1976: '76 Pentagon reunion

Well, that's about it for this Bucko. As usual, the same pitch. Send a Christmas card to me with a picture of your family and a news update. You'd be surprised how many folks like to hear of how you're doing. Until then, God Bless.—Ian

'77

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**Chris Tomsen** gave me a call in mid-Sep to get some info on classmates in the CO Springs area. **Chris & Vera** have been in Denver for two yrs; they have two children, Jan (2 1/2) and Erik Jaeger (9 mo). He is assigned to the Readiness Gp as a sig advisor for the Guard and Res. **Chris** was planning to go to the AF game this yr and wanted to see who else could possibly be there. He has seen both **Gary Simmons** and **Al Beitler** in the Denver area; they are residents at Fitzsimmons Hosp. **Craig Howard** had written **Chris** recently and was en route to the Naval Post Grad Sch in Monterey from Europe. Other news finds **Bob, Jeanne** and **David** (1 1/2 yrs) **Zyck** living near Augusta, GA where he works for GTE Sprint as a marketing network analyst.

While on vacation this past summer in Orlando, FL, I ran into **Jack & Barbara Powell**. They were visiting Disney World and EPCOT Center with their son **Andy**, leaving their 2 and 3 yr olds back home in OH. The **Powells** looked great and **Jack** seems to be doing very well working for a savings and loan.

**Mike Hodges** wrote from Ft Leavenworth where he is dedicating some of his extracurricular activities to the Victory Christian Sch (VCS). **Mike** is the VP of the Board of Dir of VCS and has been trying to spearhead a fund drive for the sch.

According to an Army Hometown News Release, **Larry Hysell** was recently assigned to the 2nd AD at Ft Hood. **Larry** is an avn off.

A few weeks prior to the reunion I gave **Mike Keith** a call to find out a last minute status. It looked as though we might expect approximately 275 classmates (assuming 60 more register in early Oct). All of the planning was coming together quite nicely and the wkend promises to be a lot of fun.

As you can see by the size of the column, I have been short of info this time. Under most circumstances I would be calling for help . . . but I feel a little different this time. I assume the lack of info is a direct result of many of you planning to be at the reunion and quite frankly, it was nice to get a break and write a short column.

Starting next yr there will be 5 mailings of the **ASSEMBLY**. I will write a column each time as long as I have at least one letter from you. Please be aware of the mailing dates and the date your news needs to get to me for inclusion in the **ASSEMBLY**. Mailing date: 15 Feb, 15 Apr, 15 Jul, 15 Oct, 15 Dec. News to me: 1 Dec (87), 1 Feb, 1 May, 1 Aug, 1 Oct.

We extend our wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. **Keesy, Susan** and family

'78

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It's starting to get cold, even down here in SC; nice break after a hot summer. With plenty of distractions, I've delayed this as long as possible. Here's what's happened in the last 3 mos.

**Bruce & Barb** **Baugh** are out in CA. **Bruce** works for General Dynamics as an IE. **Bruce** saw **Eric & Robin** **Franks** on their way to HI. They have a son **Ricky**; don't know how old. **Eric** graduated from GWU Med Sch and is now at Ft Carson. **Bob Lindquist** is also out of the Army. He called from Columbus where he works for Merrill Lynch. The newest addition is a boy, **Matthias Erik**. **Dave Jellison** left Dallas for SCI Corp. The firm works with robotics in Huntsville. **Dave** has two little ones now and seems to be enjoying himself in AL.

**Ron & Sue** **Prichard** are in Jersey. **Ron** now works for Forrester Construction, a co that builds ret condos. At least we'll all have a place to live when we grow old (just a couple of yrs!). **Randy & Sue** **Perry** are expecting their first child this month. They are really looking forward to being parents. **Randy** works with a mgt consulting firm in Boston specializing in corporate strategy, market analysis, etc. **Randy** was interested in hearing from **Gordie Manley, Jay Napoli** or **T Green**.

**George Stone** was at a wedding I attended in DC. Still crazy after all these yrs. He works for Merrill Lynch too, down in Lake Charles, LA. He terrorized Georgetown before **Gordon Kingma's** '80 wedding. **Stoner** would like to hear from **Dan Fitch, Scott Jeffers** or **Craig Gilbert**, if you're out there!

**Dr H Charles Jelinek** dropped me a line from Nashville. Our worst fears are confirmed—he has a dental practice there, with the emphasis on practice! Another **Susan**, his wife, worked at Ft Sill as a chemical abuse counselor. Nice to have that help in the house. **Amanda Catherine** is the one-year old version of **Juggernaut**. The world may not be able to handle the female version.

**Tom Dolan** is the mgr for QA Engr with Sanders & Assoc in NH. He's doing quite well; **Chuck Eddy** works right next to him. **Vaughn Vasconcellos** called from MILPERCEN. He is working in promotions up there. **Buck Weafer** is an FA asgmts type there and **Ken Curly** just rolled out of Inf asgmts to a JCS internship that **Tad Davis** was also in. **Vaughn** is adapting well to the life in DC, but it's not HI!

I spent a couple of days with **Charlie & Gerri** **Breeding** up in Syracuse. **Charlie**



1978: Dr. Jelinek, Amanda and Sue at graduation, SMU

is really doing well as the institute mgr with Dale Carnegie. He sends me all these articles of newspaper clippings with pictures (the Boy likes to see his name in print!). Charlie said he broke down and bought himself a classic yuppie car, but no yuppie puppies on the horizon yet.

CAS3 grads reported from Hometown News: **Chris Essig, Harry Johnson, and Dan Gagaris.** Other HTN—**Stew Coker** is now in Ger, 81st TAC Fighter Wing, and **Dave Adam** got an MSM at Army Troop Spt Cmd. **Daryl Mobley** said he ran into a bunch of '78 guys at the Holy Cross game. Guess we must dominate the academic instructor ranks now. **Daryl** is still at P&G with brand mgr responsibilities under the Folgers Div. Remember, it's good to the last drop!

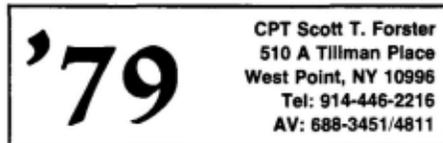
**Bob Sarginger** got together with **Mick Regan** in Tampa. Mick is with NY Telephone; Sarge still with Honeywell. With wives and kids they were quite sedate compared to another Tampa reunion between **Kaz and Jack Alexander.** I can't print most of the story, but no serious criminal offenses were perpetrated. **Kaz** is enjoying his new job with UTC-Automotive. I talk to **Roger Brown** often. He and **Ace Wilhelm** seem to be doing well with ARINC in Annapolis.

Small clarification here from last issue. The 8-Tylenol hangover belonged to me, not **Skip Deitz.** He gave a presentation to Navy Mine Warfare types the next morning and did quite well. I couldn't speak for two days.

**Steve Marts, Brian Fitzpatrick** and I got together for a great Labor Day down at Brian's condo on Kiawah Isl. Mongo wants all '78 rugby types to call him to prepare for a game at the reunion next yr. Call him at (803) 766-0158. **Wayne White** has left the Army and now lives in Nashville, TN. He & **Germaine** are enjoying civ life after paying some serious dues at Ft Hood. **Chris Maxfield** is back stateside after a tour as a FAO in Brazil. He's trying to readjust to life in a divisional unit. He's married with little ones and seems to be enjoying his time on AD.

Now comes the chewing! Over 130 of you are MIA with the AOG. That's al-

most 20% of the Class and that just doesn't cut it. If you are hiding from the law or don't want to keep in touch with other classmates, that's fine. But many on the lost list are people who I know just haven't updated their files. I get a little angry when people are trying to track down friends/classmates who don't keep us informed of their whereabouts. With 950 people, over 65% still on AD and moving everywhere, only *you* can keep us straight. If you haven't contacted the AOG, then drop them a post card and update your address. The real strength is in our unity. Let's keep in touch!



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Greetings from WP. I hope this column finds everyone in fine spirits. The most urgent piece of bus that I must attend to is to apologize to the Class and the **Krobock** family. For in the summer issue in which I passed along the news of Rick's untimely death, I also mistyped his name. For this I apologize and sincerely thank Rick's dad, Mr Krobock, for pointing out my error. To anyone that was confused by my error I also apologize to you.

The first letter is from some first time writers—**JP & Carol Madigan.** The event that prompted the letter was the birth of their 2nd child, Patrick Joseph. His birthday should be easy to remember for it is exactly 8 yrs after our graduation. As for JP, he has spent the last 8 mos with Joint US Mil Asst Gp (JUSMAG) in suburban Manila. Needless to say, all have found the lifestyle in the Philippines interesting and exciting. JP has seen several classmates. **Bill Duffy** (S3/5/14 Inf, 25 ID) has been out to the isls several times for joint planning conferences and reports that he & **Sharon** are enjoying their additional yr in HI. **Flo Cayco** is an engr off in the Philippine Army and is currently assigned to the off of J-1, Armed Forces of the Philippines. The last 8 yrs have been good to Flo for he has been blessed with a lovely wife **Mabel** and a son **Ricky.** Since graduation Flo has seen only one other classmate, **Bob Lee.** Flo & Mabel send their best to the Class. The WP Founders Day found JP as the youngest grad in attendance. He reports that his remarks were brief and totally extemporaneous. If you're in the Philippines or headed that way, be sure to let JP & Carol know, they would love to hear from you.

I received a note from **Doug Turrell.** He & **Lisa** are at Villanova and will be back to USMA in Jun 88 when Doug will be assigned as a Tac. On 8 May Doug & Lisa were blessed with the birth of their 2nd daughter, **Kaitlyn Maria.** She tipped the scales at 8 lbs and was 21 in long.

**Doug** says that **Zandy** (Alexandria—daughter #1) is now 20 mos old and seems to be enjoying her little sister. **Doug** also said he has ordered his football tickets, but I have yet to see him at a game. Well maybe at the Navy game, for Villanova is in Philly. Thanks **Doug,** hope to see you soon.

**Chris de Graff** is another first time writer. To fill everyone in, Chris went to IOBC and Ranger Sch and then headed for the 3d ID. There he met **Veronika** (**Ronny**), not **Bonny** as listed in the Mar 87 issue, and they were married in Nov 82. Then it was back to the States for IOAC and the Bradley Cmdr's Course and Ft Hood where he was assigned with 2d AD. There Chris spent a yr as A/S3 for 1st Bde and then moved to 2/41st Inf as the Bn S-4 and finally Bravo co cmdr. On 26 Aug 85 **Ronny & Chris** were blessed with the birth of their twin boys **Michael** and **Thomas.** From there it was off to CAS3 and then to MIT to work on a MS in physics while en route to the Physics Dept at USMA in Jun 89. While at CAS3 Chris saw numerous classmates including **Dale Newman, Clarence Taylor, Tim Clapp, Tim Gibson, Tom Williams, Lloyd Darlington, Jim Day, Steve Fischer, Doug Luckett, Kevin McKedy, Dickie Pederson, Jerry Reyes, Fred Schwien, Todd Semonite, Dan Snyder, Buck Ulmer** and **Jim Whitt.** Chris thinks there may have been more, but he is forced to rely on a suspect source of info—his memory. Chris recently bumped into **Erik & Cathy Eriksen** in the Burlington Mall outside Boston. It seems they both spent some time looking at each other in the "Don't I know you?" manner but then dismissed that with the idea "What would he be doing here?" In spite of that they both ended up at the mall directory and discovered that they did know each other. **Erik** is at Ft Devens with the SF and has spent a good deal of time on a team and is moving up to a staff job. **Rick & Melody Hughes** are also at MIT. **Rick** is working on his PhD and will be returning to the EE Dept. If anyone knows the whereabouts of **Essex Fowlks,** Chris would love to hear from him. Chris's address is 16 Byron St, Wakefield, MA 01880. Thanks **Chris** for all the good info and don't wait 8 yrs to write again.

**Kevin Zenner** is in Cochabamba, Bolivia where he is working in a Jesuit community and learning Spanish. In a yr he will be at the Catholic Univ in Santiago, Chile where he will spend 2 yrs studying philosophy. **Kevin** says it was too bad that he studied French at WP. Good luck **Kevin** and God Bless.

The Exxon Gang was recently photographed in Houston, TX in front of the Exxon Building. The gang includes from left to right **JB Dollison, Kris Gagnon, Tim O'Connor, Bob Schickltanz, Tim Scott,** and **Ken MacGibbon.** JB (the au-



1979: The Exxon gang



1979: Richard Dalzell

thor of the letter) is currently the project coordinator for Exxon in charge of directing permitting activities for the retail modernization effort in the Northeast. JB is still single and enjoys the outdoor life, including skiing and wind surfing. Kris is also single. He is a staff engr for the construction and maintenance org in Houston. He is active with the res and finds an occasional opportunity to get out of town for some rock climbing. Tim Scott is on the construction and maintenance staff of the marketing dept. While with Exxon, Tim has been assigned to northern NJ, NY, and Houston. Tim & wife Jan have 3 children: Kevin (5), Ryan (3) and Shannon (1). They reside in Kingwood, TX. Tim O'Connor is leaving Exxon as of 31 Aug to attend Wharton Sch of Bus to start his MBA. Tim & wife Maura have 2 children: Tim (2 1/2) and Maryaileen (6 mos). Ken began his career with Exxon in Boston as a terminal engr. Since that time he has served on the fuel product distribution staff and is presently a staff analyst for the co operated retail outlets. Ken & wife Kathy reside in Kingwood with their 2 children: Daniel (4 1/2) and Diane (2). JB is presently trying to track down several classmates including John MacDonald, John Watts and John Sink. JB's address is 903 Omar, Houston, TX 77009. Thanks JB for the news and photo.

In with JB's letter Bob Schickantz included his own letter. As a first time writer some catch-up work was necessary. After FAOC and Ranger, Bob went to Ft Carson for 15 mos. Then it was off to Greece via DLI. While at DLI Bob met Linda his wife and now they have 3 lovely children—Chrissie, Mac and Julia. After the asgmt with 88th USAFAD it was back to Ft Sill for FAOAC and a brief stint with the Arty Sch. Then it was time to switch to Exxon as a construction engr in Pittsburg, PA. But after a yr and a half, it was time to head south to the home off in Houston. Bob's present job as a staff engr includes obtaining new building permits in Wash DC, northern VA, and FL. Since going to Houston Bob has seen several classmates. Carlos Pettis is working for Pfizer and Rick Dalzell is working for E-Systems in St Petersburg, FL. Rick

& Kathie and their 3 children are all doing well. Anyone going to Houston can look up Bob at 3522 Haven Pines, Kingwood, TX 77345. Bob says, "F-3 Mount Up!"

As for Rick Dalzell, according to an E-Systems news release, he has been promoted to business dev mgr in microwave products. He joined ECI Div of E-System in 86.

The last letter for this issue comes from Donna Freed. Rick is keeping busy with showing his son Zachary all the good things in life including Phillies baseball. The picture was taken at Za-



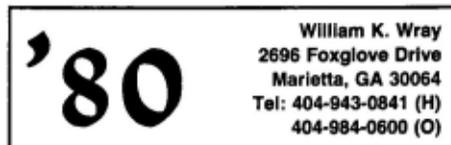
1979: Rick Freed and Zachary

chary's first Phillies game. Rick grad with his MBA last yr and is working for Johnson and Johnson. He terms his job as an "exec platoon leader." Rick fills the rest of his time with hunting activities and teaching Zachary wrestling and PLFs off his changing table. Rick & Donna have kept in touch with Vic & Pam McLaughlin, Mike & Jamie Nobles, Mick & Liz Bates, John ("Bleek") and Jill Vanderbluk, all who seem to be doing well rearing beautiful children. Rick & Donna have moved to 387 Indian Crest Way, Harleysville, PA 19438. However they still wonder whatever happened to "GAZ" Tony Gasbarre, and they send their regards to him wherever he is. Thanks go to Donna, for she wrote the letter.

Finally, the Army and AF Hometown News Service states that Gregory Wine, Ronald Lardie, Patrick Penland, Bruce Bridges, Jose Torres, and Alan Watts have grad from CAS3; and Arthur Sobers

II has been reassigned with the XVIII Abn Corps at Ft Bragg.

The time is rapidly growing near for the annual Army-Navy game. I hope to see many friends there, for this should be a good yr. Remember—keep those cards and letters coming—next yr I'll have to fill a column for 5 issues of ASSEMBLY, and I'll need lots of help to do that. God bless until the next issue.—Scott.



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Merry Christmas. It's odd writing that in Sep, but that's how far in advance we submit these notes to AOG. Send your news (on a Christmas card perhaps) before the 15 Dec deadline.

The Atlanta service academy alumni competed in a round-robin softball tournament. Army won, of course, beating AF 11-0, then trouncing a combined Navy/AF team 14-4. Eddie "Tex" Perkins and I represented the Class of '80 well, hitting a home run each. Eddie is getting a master's in CE at GA Tech. Between innings he told me the rest of his career story, which I will put in the next column.

Bill Siburg has just moved to Atlanta, taking a job with Arthur Anderson, one of the world's top accounting firms. Kevin & Carol (Young) MacGibbon live in Clinton Park, NY where Kevin works for Aircor. Carol is raising Jennifer (2) and Jeffrey Robert, born 12 May 87; she also serves in the Res as a USMA admissions ln. Kevin is also in the Res. The MacGibbons visited Mark Graner and family at Ft Monmouth, where he is a Tac at the USMA prep sch. Carol asks that Cliff & Donna Boltz get in touch with them.



1980: The MacGibbon family

Jim & Beth Arsenault announced the birth of their 3rd son, Benjamin, in Sep 87.

Jeff & Carol Weart and son David were visited in Frankfurt by Jeff's parents, COL & Mrs Weart, in Apr. Jeff cmds HHC of the 3d AD. Jeff's folks also visited CPT Steven Weart, USAFA '79, Jeff's twin brother, also stationed in

Frankfurt. Mrs Weart, if you raised TWO sons like Jeff, I salute your parental stamina.

**Peter & Jean McNulty** are in CA, where Pete is attending Stanford en route to teaching engring at USMA. Pete cmded B Troop, 1/3rd ACR at Bliss until Dec 86. He was relieved by Brad Tousley '81, brother of **Scott Tousley**, he of the flaming red hair. (Haven't heard from you yet, Scott—give us an update.) At CAS3, Pete met up with **Randy Von Rosenberg**, **Ron Barry**, and **Dave Bender**.



1980: Peter MacAnulty and Gene Maggioncalda at 3rd ACR Ball in El Paso, May 87

**Jean MacAnulty** mentioned that **Mike Guardia** and family live in Houston. **Gene & Linda Maggioncalda** were at Ft Bliss. The MacAnultys see a lot of **John & Gerda Albright** who live nearby in Santa Clara. Finally, they attended **Randy Von Rosenberg's** Jul wedding. Commiserations (oops, I mean congratulations) to the new Mrs Von Rosenberg, and welcome to the Class.

**Jeff Lukens** is working for Ford Motor Co, as any good MI native should, except he's doing so in FL. After 14 mos in Detroit, Jeff & **Monika** moved, with son **Bobby**, near Jacksonville where Jeff is a sales rep for Ford's heavy commercial trucks.



1980: The Lukens family in their adopted habitat

Jeff's brother graduated from USMA last yr, where Jeff met up with **Scott Kellar** who also had a brother graduating. Jeff, as are others from C-1, is mystified as to the whereabouts of **Tom**

**Hastings**. My personal guess is that he has been stalled since 85 at an I-75 rest stop, trying to start his '57 Chevy. TC, if you're out there, let us know.

**Bill Gerety** has been promoted to bus dev mgr in microwave products at E-Systems in St Petersburg, FL. After serving in San Fran, Bill went to work for E-Systems, which provides high-tech mil equipment. Bill is still in the Res and working on an MBA from FIT.



1980: Bill Gerety, climbing the corporate ladder

**Dave Price** is here in Atlanta getting a master's at Emory U. He sent a formal announcement that his Toyota Corolla (aka the "Vincemobile") had hit 100,000 mi, and wanted to thank those A-1 alumni who had helped him rack up the mileage. Dave didn't sign his name to his obtuse epistles, but the quote from Wittgenstein gave him away.

**Mike & Sandy Pyrz** are settled in Chicago with 3 children: Michael (6), Teddy (4), and Katie (2). Sandy holds down the homefront while Mike, after a stint with MCI Midwest, works for A Epstein and Sons, an intl A/E firm. Mike mentioned that **Dan & Elaine Deeter** are proud parents of Eric, born 8 Jun this yr at Ft Carson.

Army Hometown News announced **Peter Cafaro**, **Brent Kadesch**, **Steve Peters**, **Bob Goodman**, and **Brynnen (Sheets) Hahn** graduated from CAS3. **George Stone** has received an MSM for S-3 work with the 10th FA, and **Mike Stephenson** has arrived for duty in Hereford, England. **David de Haan** is a test pilot at Ft Rucker; **Wayne & Noreen Swan** are at Ft Bragg where Wayne now cmds A Co, 1/505 Inf.

**Jeff & Ruth Joyce** and family are moving to Allentown, PA where Jeff will work as a project engr with Air Products and Chemicals.

**Joe & Mary Waldron** and 3 children are at Ft Hood where Jeff is the S-3 in 1/20 FA. They recently saw **Ron & Kathy Barry** and their two children at USMA; and **Jim & Marie Clifford** with their 4 children. Jim works for Remco in NYC. Mary Waldron also mentioned that **Bob & Jennifer Voihl** had a baby boy in Jan.

I had to write this in a hurry and it is past the deadline, so I apologize if I gave



1980: Cliffords, Waldrons and Barrys at USMA

short shrift to your news, or just plain got the facts wrong. I'm writing at home and don't have a chance to follow up on these items as I usually do. The reason is a good one, however. **William Wray Jr** was born on 26 Sep, weighing in at 8 lbs 14 oz, almost a tenth of the size of my wife **Nancy**. I am at home helping to care for **Willie** and his sisters (**Keeley 4**, and **Katie 3**), a job of staggering complexity and intensity. You full-time mothers of small children, I salute you.

Again, Merry Christmas to all in the Class—graduates, spouses, and children. God Bless you, everyone.

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No column was received for this issue—Ed.

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Season's Greetings, Select Few. The deadline for this issue was before the 5 yr Reunion, so we'll have to wait 'til next time for those photos and stories. But we've got plenty in this column.

**Rich Hook** writes from Ger, where the Select Few is taking over all the cos in his bn. Currently a bde supp off in the 130 Engr Bde, Rich will soon take E Co, a ribbon bridge co in the 23d Engr Bn. He'll join **Kurt Woods**, B Co cmdr; **Ken Yarberr**, D Co cmdr; and **Ed Cardon**, who will soon cmd C Co. **Fred Shambach**, who recently transferred from Inf to Engr, is inbound to Hanau to take Rich's job. Rich & his new wife **Annette** send the wedding photo. Congrats.

**Dan & Mindy Shanahan** are settling in at Ft Chaffee, AR. They're newlyweds as well, married at the Ft Lewis Chapel on 21 Mar 87. **Dave Green**, **Jeff Terhune**, **Kevin Keough**, **Tom McClellan**, and **Dan's** brother **Dennis '85** were in the wedding party. After the honeymoon and a stop at CAS3, the Shanahans arrived at Little Rock AFB where the new



1982: Rich & Annette Hook



1982: The Hogles

Joint Readiness Trng Ctr (JRTC) is starting. Dan is the Avn observer/controller. Tom Kula is the EN OC. JRTC is the NTC for light units and Tom and Dan will probably see many '82ers cycling through.



1982: Dan & Mindy Shanahan

Happy news from Ft Rucker. Paul & Lisa Scroggins welcomed their second daughter into the world on 2 Sep. Diana Marie joined sister Amanda as the Scroggins clan continues to grow.

Jim & Wynne Hogle recently had their second child also. Regina Amanda was born on 23 Apr. The 4th Hogle is son Chase, soon to be 3. Jim & Wynne have been at Ft Bragg for almost 5 yrs. Jim is now an AG off and has cmded the 19th Repl Co for 18 mos. They'll move along to the Adv Course soon. The Hogles keep in touch with a few folks. Uwe & Kris Porth and 20 mo old son Eric are now in Ger and exchange VCR tapes with Jim & Wynne. Kevin Dotson is now a civ working for Pepsi, and Tony McDonald is at Harvard working on his MBA. Tony, wife Lisa and son Christopher live in Boston.

Darel & Aggie Gallagher are making the most of their asgmt at Newport News, VA. Between trips to the shore, boating, and fishing, they went back to AK where they first met. The most important trip though, was to the Army-Navy game.

Bill Rogers and Mark Lofgren, pictured above during a round of golf on Bali in Indonesia, have been globetrotting. While in Korea, they traveled to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, and



1982: Lofgren, Rogers and caddies

Hong Kong. Although Bill's letter is from Jun, here's his Korea synopsis: Dave Stewart is asst S-3 for 2d Bde and is looking forward to returning to Ft Campbell. Scott Paoli and Al Wynder are co cmdrs in the 5/20 Inf (Mech). Ron Desantis is the S-1 for the 5/20th. His bride Mary is in Korea teaching elementary sch in Tongduchon. Rich Russo is currently asst S-3 for the 2d Engr Bn and is looking forward to his next asgmt at Ft Devens. Bobby Rakes is a co cmdr in the 44th Engr Bn. He & his wife Kim and daughter Lori live in the city of Uijongbu. Rose Stewart is the BMO for the 122 Sig, 2nd Inf Div. Charlie Mann is the aide-de-camp for the 2d ID cmdr. Bobby Forrester is a cmdr in the 1/72 Ar. Larry Verbiest is on staff of 2/72 Ar. Jim Bowen is the asst S-3 for the 3d Bde, 2d ID. Joe Bailey is a cmdr in the 702d Maint Bn, 2d ID. Randy Fofi is a cmdr in the 44th Engr Bn. Mike Harrington is a sig co cmdr in the 1st Sig Bde. Ray Antonio is in the 2/61 ADA. Bill returned stateside in Jul after a tour with the 2d Engr Bn as the S-3. Thanks for the letter, Bill.

John Gheen '54 wrote to tell us about his two sons-in-law, Kevin Merrigan and Tom Kastner. Kevin married his daughter Lisa in Aug. Tom met another of his daughters, Pam, and they were wed soon after. Tom has some explaining to do because I met him & his new wife at the Ft Campbell PX the day after their marriage, and he didn't pass along the family grapevine news.

Meanwhile in the civ world, members of the Select Few are finding a niche. Bob O'Connor has begun med sch at Rutgers.

He & his wife Lou Ann and daughters Jacquelyn and Megan have begun their new life in Bound Brook, NJ. Just up the turnpike, Dave & Mary Ellen Palamar are back on Dave's old pre-USMA stomping ground on Long Isl. He now sells insurance for Provident Life and Casualty. Kevin Kullander is working in Buffalo for the same co. Dave is still in contact with quite a few of the '82 E-2 Dogs as well as other old buds. While at Ft Dix he saw Mike Schwed, Dave Knapp, Mike Hogan, and Steve Thompson. He's seen Phil Kruk and Frank Ignazitto in NY a few times, too. Jim Creighton's wedding in Boston in Jun was a Dog reunion. Jim Kenney, Steve Fahy, Kristi Blanchard, Bo Ruck, Bob Craig, Dave Hanauer, and Gus Ho attended. The photo below was taken during Dave's 7 mi leg of a 50 mi relay race.



1982: Palamar kicks it in

Jay Perlberg is now a financial consultant for Merrill Lynch in Honolulu. After a tour in HI, where he met his wife Jennifer, Jay left the active ranks. He now is in the 100 Bn/444 Inf, the famous and highly decorated "Go For Broke" unit, whose ranks were filled with Japanese-Americans as they fought in the Eur Theater in WWII. Jay's the S-1 and he's mighty proud of his new unit.

And lastly, Brad Denham sent a 6-p letter with info on every '82 grad who has ever driven within 50 mi of Ft Benning. Or so it seems. Just kidding, Brad. Most of this came out of a 26 May 87 celebration held at a Columbus, GA restaurant. Tim Cummings was behind the reunion, so his story gets printed first.

Tim came back to the States after serving in Ger with 4 ID (2d AD(F)). After IOAC he was scheduled to go to Ft Jackson for an asgmt with the Basic Tng Bde. Todd Harmanson was also in IOAC and, after a previous stint with the 3/75 Rgrs at Benning, is slated to begin another tour at Benning with the 10th Mtn Div. Mike Smith is the S-1 of the Rgr Dept. Mike also came from 3/75 and IOAC. Bill Reagan, after a HI asgmt and IOAC, headed for Panama. He was distinguished honor grad of his adv course class.

Paul Mooradian finished his tour with 1/504 Inf in the 82 Abn and has joined the civ world. Chuck & Monica Gorbant are at Benning. Monica is in the 36



1982: Select Few at Benning celebrate 5 yrs

Engr Gp and recently took a trip to Honduras. Chuck is an IOBC plt trainer, as is **Tom Davitt**. **Randy Bray** completed IOAC and is in the Rgr Dept. **Pete Adams** and **John Hornick** have left the Army. John still resides in the Benning area and sells pharmaceuticals. **Dave Bellows** finished a tour in Korea and is now a PBO for S-4, 75 Rgr Regt. **Mark Washechek** is S-1/HHD cmdr of 2d Student Tng Bn (IOBC). More civs: **Stu Mosby**, **Jeff Weil**, **Steve Jackan**, and **Jack Todd**. Jack is working for Southern Bell in the Lexington, KY area and Steve is in Charlotte, NC. **Steve Aviles** and **Phil Connolly** were mtn rgr instructors. **George Garcia** is an asst S-3 with 3/75 Rgr Bn and recently did very well in the 87 Army Best Ranger Competition. **Alex Sung** came from the 1 ID, went to IOAC and headed for HI.

**Brad** left the 2/504 Inf in the 82 Abn in 86. He was assigned to the Rgr Dept at Benning. After serving for a while as the S-1, he decided to get out of the mil and now works as a prod supervisor for Mobil in Canadaigua, NY. **John Zemet** also works for Mobil Chem as a sales rep in the MI area. John & his wife **Joy** live in Grand Rapids. Thanks for the news from Benning, Brad.

Take care and beware of those civ Select Few. They'll lure you out of the green uniform if you're not careful.

'83

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I just returned from my European vacation—REFORGER 87. I had an ex-

cellent time as the S-5. I was all over the country and had the opportunity to make a lot of things happen, plus I got to see a lot of sights. Now I have to pay my pittance as the Sq S-1.

**Thomas Ziek** tells me that most of you Inf types have "successfully negotiated" AIOC. **Brian Trueblood** (AR), **Mike Devereaux** (AR) and **Gary Pieringer** (FA) joined in on the same fun. But here's the best news, "Gregory Thomas (Class of 2009) was born 22 Jul here in Columbus. Please tell everyone that, thank God, he has his mother's good looks." Congratulations to **Tom & Mary Pat**.



1983: The newest arrival to the Ziek family

**Lara (Howard) York & Jim '82**, left the Army this past Jun. "I sneaked out a little early as part of the Early Transition Program (which lasted only 5 wks—the prog that is!)." **Stacy (Powell) Cody & Art '82**, took advantage of the program. They are in So CA and **Stacy** is a full-time mother as she had her second baby girl, **Emily Ruth**, in Mar 87. **Scott Telk** is in the civ ranks on the same deal. She traveled to Charleston, SC for her broth-

er's wedding (USAFA '80) and ran into **Jim Drago** and **Gary Pieringer** and these two had just seen **Phil & Cindy Beaver** at Ft Bragg.

Just before they got out they decided to take a MAC flight to Korea for corporate wardrobes and ran into **Mark & Cheryl (Zwicki) Connors** who were returning to Ft Belvoir from a MAC flight in Australia! **Lara** ran into **Jane (O'Connor) Rogers** for dinner. Upon returning to the States they were staying with some friends outside Ft Lewis and met **Mary (Costello) Forbes** at a party. "Mary is enjoying her cmd and says **Bob '81** is enjoying the Res and grad sch (Univ of Washington).

"I've also heard from a former classmate, **Dee Ann Capotosto**, who ran a triathlon in Boston where she saw **Eileen (Mulholland) Trainor**, who is at Ft Devens. **Jill (Maurer) & Frank Collette** have returned from Ger and are at separate adv courses."

**Lara** has been enjoying the civ life, like having to decide what to wear to work. She is working in the Bay Area consulting on automated inventory systems. And her advice to the rest of us is that if you plan to get out, then take the last 30 days and travel the world via MAC. Plus, it really helps in the salary area to go to night sch to get your master's degree.

The following people are to be commended for going that extra yard and exceeding the standard. The ARCOM was awarded to **John Rossi**, a plt ldr with the 60th ADA in Ger; and **Patrick Kelly**, FSO with the 35th FA in Ft Stewart. The Army Achievement Medal was awarded to **Hans Meinhardt**, Bn S-1 with the 41st Inf at Ft Hood; **Bradley Elrod**, XO with the 187th Inf at Ft Campbell; and **Lewis Wagner**, indirect-fire infantryman with the 58th Inf at Ft Benning.

**Elizabeth Brouse** is cmdr of the 198th PSC in Ger, and **James Chew** has assumed cmd of Co C, 1st Bn, 506th Inf in Korea.

Here are some quick updates on where people are: **Linda (Waeltz) Morse**, S-1 with the 203rd Spt Bn in Ger; **David Tucker**, med lab specialist with the 2nd Spt Cmd in Ger; **Denis Harrington**, S-4 with the ADA Ft Riley; **Robert Jones**, asst S-3 with the 3rd Inf Div in Ger; **Todd Kulik**, 61st ADA at Ft Carson; **Guy Harris** and **John Saufley** arrived at the 554th Engr Bn at Ft Belvoir; **Eric Stieber** arrived at the 1st Engr Bn at Ft Riley; **Kenneth Humphries**, 2nd AD, **David Harper**, 41st Inf, **Thomas Cowan**, 66th AR, and **Christopher Kerski**, 3rd FA at Ft Hood.

The ASSEMBLY is going to 5 issues a yr, so I really need to hear from more people to be able to write the articles. I know a lot of you are at your Adv courses and therefore should have plenty of time to write.

# '84

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Hello again, '84 and Happy Holidays!! I'm already late so I'll get right down to business. For those contemplating writing (and I hope that includes everyone!!) my next deadline is 15 Dec 87.

A little while back, **Mitch Strickland** came in from ROK to join the 82nd Avn Regt here at Ft Bragg. He had **Diane** & me over for dinner one night and demonstrated some expert culinary skills! He also told some great war stories about Korea . . . he almost made it sound like fun! He also mentioned that **Will Suchan** was married on 8 Aug. He & wife **Janet** are enjoying the good life where **Will** is the S-1 of the 125th Sig Bn. As always, we wish them a lifetime of happiness together!

Several of our classmates have taken advantage of the Army's Early Out Program. Two that have reached me are **Johnny Humphrey** and **Mike Ingham**. Mike is now a realtor out in KS. He says that he'd be glad to help anyone who draws an asgmt for Ft Riley. So if you're in that AO, look him up!

**Steve & Patty Shuster** dropped a line from Ft Leavenworth. Those astute and dedicated **ASSEMBLY** readers will remember that Steve was stationed at Ft Carson. Well, Steve assumed the job of aide-de-camp for the CG of the TRADOC Analysis Cmd which required the move. He replaced **Dave Edwards** who got an early slot to the advanced course. The most exciting news sent by the Shusters was the announcement of the birth of their second child! **Jannelle Lee** was born on 6 Jun and weighed in at a "whopping 9 lbs, 9 ozs!" Steve says his oldest daughter **Tanya** is doing great with the baby and sent pictorial evidence of what a fine family he has!



1984: The Shusters

Steve included notes on several other classmates. **John "OB" O'Brien** stopped in on his way back to HI from leave. John is currently serving as a spt plt ldr but has begun applying for med sch. Good Luck!! Before the **Shusters** left Ft Car-

son, they ran into **Jack Dougherty** who had just taken over as the XO of A Trp, 2/7 Cav. He claims that the job is a welcome relief from being a spt plt ldr but, as Steve wrote so aptly, ". . . little does he know of the new challenges ahead." They also saw **Gary Morton** who had also recently changed jobs. Gary moved from a tank bn to a div staff slot in the force modernization div. According to Steve, Gary is "saving his way into a civ life he's been dreaming about." Incidentally, Steve seems to remember that the **Mortons** were expecting when they left. Can we get a confirmation on that, Gary? The same holds true for **Tony & Sue Gowgil**. How about some pictures folks? Don't forget to include a grad so we don't have publication problems. Thanks for all the "poop," Steve & Patty and we look forward to your next letter!!

By the time this hits the newstands, my next correspondent should be home for Christmas. **Cathy Walsh**, one of our dedicated Class comm members, wrote from FRG where she had just finished serving as the Nijmegen March team ldr for the 22nd Signal Bde. The march is a 200 km course through Holland that lasts 4 days. It commemorates the Battle of the Bulge. As the photo shows, '84 was well represented. Joining Cathy as team

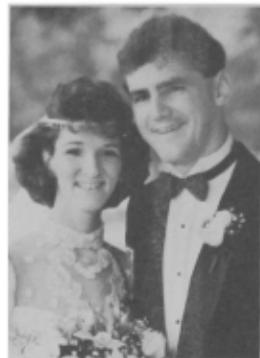


1984: The Nijmegen Marchers

leaders for their units were **Neville Tai**, **Nick Coddington**, and **Betty Ann Watson**. Cathy claims that she'd do it all again despite the foot pains, because it was her first opportunity to organize a major event totally on her own. She also solved the dilemma of which boot is best, choosing the jungle boot over 3 other "test" models. Also present at the march were **Rich Clarke** who was serving in his capacity as an aide and **Karie (Kidnocker) Barber** who was a protocol off with the spt team. Thanks for the info, Cath and thanks to all for representing us well!! By the way, Cathy, I do recommend Bragg as a tour. I've thoroughly enjoyed mine!

I received a note from **Greg Kokoskie's** parents informing me that he got married back in Sep 86. Greg & his lovely bride **Vicki** were married in PA but are now in Katterbach, FRG where Greg is stationed. **Steve Taylor** broke

away from his duties at Ft Lewis to serve as the best man. **Chip Allgrove** was also



1984: Greg & Vickie Kokoskie

a member of the wedding party and, between the two of them, they made sure the wedding party was one to remember!! Congrats Greg & Vicki!!



1984: Chip Allgrove and Steve Taylor toast the happy couple

I received a letter from my faithful correspondents from the north country, **Eric & Tanya Belcher**. They have been keeping busy with their horses named, as dedicated readers will remember, **Pepper** and **Rye**. Eric has been living the



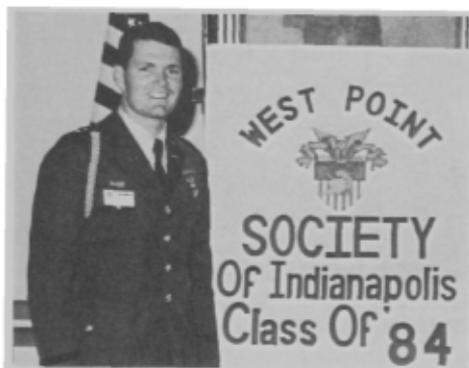
1984: Eric & Tanya Belcher

true Alaskan Eskimo life by fishing for his supper!! From what Tanya says he's been quite successful!! As you've probably gathered, the Belchers are in AK. They ran across several classmates at Founders Day in Ft Richardson. They included **John & Helen Buzzell** and **Ron & Sharon (Roberts) Aizer**. Sharon was accepted into the Army's Legal Education Program and should be in sch when



1984: Founders Day 1987, Ft Richardson

this is published. Congrats, Sharon and good luck!! Additionally, the Belchers keep in touch with **Tom & Josette Perkins** who are at Ft Wainwright. They passed along that **Oskar Vuskalns** took the marital plunge in FRG this past Aug. Congrats!! Thanks, Eric & Tanya, for all of the info! I look forward to your next letter!



1984: Scott; Founders Day 1987, Ft Benjamin Harrison

A while back, I got a call from my old roommate, **Ed Morris**. Ed is doing fine over in the 1st Cav and expects to be back stateside this coming Apr for the adv course.

Finally, I got a call from another good friend, **Dean Chang**, out at Ft Lewis. Dean is doing great having just assumed the position of DISCOM chem off. He and **Eddie Cadena** have stayed in touch. Eddie is serving as an adjutant at Ft Hood. Dean has also run across **Junior Rivera** and **Mark Fox** in his travels around Ft Lewis. Thanks for the call, Dean!!

Well, I've got to close and get this in the mail. Thanks to all who wrote!! Again, my best to all of you and your families for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday and New Year!

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Merry Christmas from foggy CA. I trust everyone is doing fine, in good health, and of course, beating NAVY! No

problems here—it is 29 Sep, this article is due tomorrow, I am just starting, no problem. This article is going to be short because I have not heard from very many of you. But hey, I understand, it is the end of the fiscal yr and everyone is out of money. So just establish a budget that allows you to buy a stamp and envelope once a quarter and we'll be good to go.

**Tasha (Robinson) Williams & Gary** tied the knot at the Cadet Chapel on 2 May 87. A good friend to all of us, Chaplain Camp gave a very beautiful service. She wrote us while she was



1985: Tasha & Greg Williams

visiting **Sue (Shugert) Green** in Augsburg. She & her husband **Jerry** are doing great. "Robbie" is presently working as



1985: Sue, Jerry and Jeffery Randall Green

the accountable off with the 66th Maint Bn. Robbie has seen **Steve Gibson** (who was married to the former **Tina Durney**), **Dave Tompkins**, and **Ray Miller**. If **Fran Otey Gamble** is out there, Robbie would like to hear from you.

**Robin (Speight) Hogan** wrote to announce she & **Mel's** newest family addition, **Katherine**, born on 18 Feb 87. (**Ken Pitts** won the bet by the way.) She also said that **Jerome & Linda (Speidel) Malczewski** had a baby girl in May. **Dennis Krings** is doing great in Ger and is presently assigned as the aide-de-camp for the 8th Inf Div Asst Cmdr. As you can see from the picture, the **Tidwells** and **Henleys** are doing well.

I was recently TDY to Ger and got to stay with **Dan & Lisa** who treated me like a king, as usual. I certainly regret missing all of you stationed over there, but the machine kept me going as usual.



1985: Robin with her newborn, Katherine



1985: Tidwells, Henleys and babysitter

I can't leave you all in suspense any longer—I have heard from **Nello**! Deep in the heart of mercenaries, humidity, and mosquitos, **Nello** is surviving Honduras with a renewed spirit. After figuring out this wasn't Ft Lauderdale, **Nello** settled in as numero uno engr for 6 mos. Not known for making the best of a bad situation, **Nello** is making more deals than **Vanna** turns numbers! He probably owns half of **Pomerola** by now, but as always, **Nello** is doing great.

I got a really interesting letter from **Julio Flores**, a former A-3 **Armadillo**, who is now a 2LT in the Philippine Army serving as a scout rgr ldr. His letter was full of sad, but true info on the situation in his country, and that he has found it hard fighting his own countrymen. He reminds us to enjoy the freedoms that we all take for granted from time to time.

**Eric Johnson** wrote from Ft Hood where he was recently married to the former **Ms Janet McCue**. He is currently FSO for 1/67 AR. They are doing super, spending much of their free time at the lake in their ski boat.

**Ginni Guiton** is doing great now that she is out of the joint and sends her sincere thanks to all the men from C-1. **Christian Williams** took some time off to go to the Mediterranean for some fun and relaxation. In Oct, **Christian** will attend his brother's wedding (Class of '83) at WP.

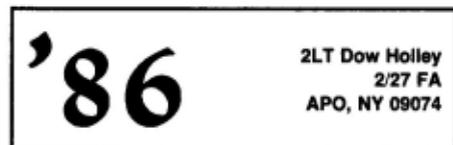
Everyone here is doing great. **Jack "3 Spot" Harrington & Kari** are doing super; **Tim & Cheryl Lawrence** are enjoying the married life; and **Charlie Mallory**



1985: ET & Janet Johnson with Irmgarde Aprans, ET's grandmother

and Colleen are looking forward to their marriage next yr. I have lost about 13 pizzas to Jack on the golf course, but I'm catching him and still think I'll be able to ret at 35 and join the tour! **John Devlin** (who hasn't talked to me since the last article), **Dee Bryant**, **Ted Wilson** and **Dave Reynolds** all earned their EIB recently and are doing great things for that Light Fighter in the Sky. On a final note, congrats go out to **Luis Berdecia** who is our Class's most recent grad of Ranger Sch.

My best to all of you again during the holiday season. Be safe, call mom, and remember what we are really celebrating this time of yr. God Bless you all. . . .



Hello again from the land of Huns and former Nazis. No genocide as of yet, except for billions of tiny cells on the right brainside that suffocate and gag on Licher Pils. That might describe some of you in Ger, but not myself. I've decided to keep my wits. Along with that promise, I've also decided to quit smoking—state of dread and nervousness surrounds me.

Heard from quite a few people this go around. **Mary Ellen (Conway) Picciuto** sends greetings from Ft Hood. ME is a plt ldr in a supply and service co. She says she's becoming a UCMJ expert. ME & husband **Jack '84** see **Chris Kurkowski** & his darling wife **Traci**, **Jody Petery** & wife **Karen** every so often for a BBQ, a tennis game, and a swim. Doesn't the married life capture the imagination? **Larry Hughes** frequents the Ft Hood OC and surrounding area bars in search of such pleasure. Speaking of marriage, **Kristin Knapp** married **Ric French** on 7 Jun and are also living at Hood. ME, thanks for all the names for the column.

**Bart Wagner** says hello to all the E-3 Eagles. Bart flew up to WP from Ft Rucker to be a sabre bearer in **Mark Coat's** wedding to **Jennifer Miller** on 15



1986: The survivors of the "frostbite" class—Ranger Class 2-87

**Aug. Bruce Beck** originally had orders for the Sinai but through an act of God, had it changed to Ft Ord before leaving Ft Rucker.

I received another letter from Rucker, but have no idea who sent it. The letter says **Gary Percy** and **Rob Healy** are still out of control in Panama City, FL. **Greg Enochs**, **Mike Witmerspoon** and **Les Murry** have earned the right to call themselves Apache pilots and will be stationed at Ft Hood.

**Chris Reed** wrote a chatty letter telling about his, **Tom Guleff**, **Chris Chiarello** and **Joe Meadows'** summer asgmt at the greatest place in the world, Camp Buckner. This crowd holds the somewhat dubious honor of being the first grads of '86 re-assigned to WP. Chris learned how to confront the dreaded "Bob and Travel" of the yearlings: throw a grenade simulator behind the bleachers.



1986: Guleff and Reed relive the "best summer of their lives"

**Tom Kelley** married **Rosemary Hintegger** on 30 May at the Catholic Chapel. Tom & Rosemary were one of those

members of the 2% club. For their honeymoon, they went to Bermuda and basked in the sun.



1986: Tom Kelley & wife Rosemary

Married on 17 May were **Jim Johnson** & **Kris**. **John Day** came up from Ft



1986: Jim & Kris Johnson

Rucker to be best man. **Stephen Gallo-way** and **Joel Bagnal** came from Ft Bragg to act as sabre bearers. Kris thinks Jim spends an enormous amount of time in the field—wait until Ger—but has been

keeping busy working as a sch teacher in Fayetteville.

I don't have much else this time. Wish all of you well and a very happy Christmas.

'87

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Hey! I'm touched, thrilled, so happy I could cry! First it's graduation. Then I spend 3 fun-filled mos at the social center of the universe (Ft Knox, of course) with the likes of John Hurst, Scott King, Rick Nieberding, Brace Barber, Chris Kolenda, Tim Covell, Jeff Sauer, Al Grein, Greg Whann, Mike Gonzales, Paul Cooper, and Glenn Yeaw. If that's not enough to bring a grown man to tears—I get mail! Congratulations and much thanks to everyone who took the time to write. You are my kind of peoples!

Joe Argyros, for being the first to send me info, you've won an all expense paid vacation to Highland Falls, NY! Well OK, maybe a pat on the back would be more thrilling. Anyhow, congrats on the wedding! Joe & Mary Ann Argyros took the marriage plunge on 13 Jun 87 in Pittsburgh, PA. Honor guards Robert Bow-



1987: Joe & Mary Ann Argyros. It doesn't get any better than this!

man, Al Bilyeu, Ernst Weyand, Todd Keck, Scott Andrews, and David Skowron and ushers Wallace Putkowski and Peter Ekberg witnessed the big day. Joe & Mary Ann are currently at Ft Rucker, AL. Our best wishes to you both and thanks again for dropping us a line. Speaking of tying the knot, Doug & Lori Clarks' "hitching" back on 31 May 87 sounds like a C-1 reunion. Scott Seebold, Mike Shearin, Dennis Farmer, Fred Renzi, John Tumino, Tim Green, Tim Fath, Johan Ahn, Shawn Buck, Rich Baxter, Phil Selton, Michael Turner and Vicki Vogel were all present to zing rice at the newlyweds. Clint & Traci Pollitt braved the lines at the Catholic Chapel on 28 May 87 and eventually got the job done as groomsmen Jeff Buczak, Joe Manausa, Tim McGuire, Mark Relich, and Rob Johnston looked on. Other "old grads" attending included Clarence Jones, John Skiles, Tom Evans, John Zsido and Ronnie Santopolo. Clint & Traci head for Stuttgart, FRG later this month! Thanks for the line!



1987: Clint & Traci Pollitt on that big day

I just received word from the "Hoo-ah" Ranger gods of Ft Benning. They tell me that after completing 10,000 mi around the USA motorcycle trip with Brandon Jenkins, Tim Currier settled down to the more civilized world of IOBC. I'm glad

all is well—your fiancé waits anxiously! All of you Inf guys—save some bugs for us "Armor Rangers" would ya?!

Vicki Vogel sent her greetings from EOBC. Like all OBC classes, I'm sure she received her share of low speed, high drag Arrmy tng! At least you had good company, Vick. Rob Tuscano, Ingrid Wagner, Sam Ligo, Angie Giordano, Mark Toy, Kevin Laborne, Jim O'Dea and Beth Wixted all helped keep each other awake. Good job, gang! Hope you were able to "breach any obstacles" on your way to graduation!

I ran into a fellow treadhead, Kent Cheeseman, who had some biiigg news! He learned that John Calhoun and Matt Fly were graduated in Aug as opposed to Dec. Congrats guys! He also noted that Mike Garceau was awarded the AAM for some voluntary work with an Army research gp in the vic of Seattle, WA. Finally, Kent lets us in on "The New Garden Apts Wed Night Cultural Film Festival" hosted by Kurt Bodiford. The exclusive membership included Stan Olenginski, Lou Bartulovic, Kent, Mark Nelson, Mike Creedon, Kurt and Jeff Hassman. Sam Salada chose the films to be viewed. Needless to say, Walt Disney flicks they ain't.

And now it's time for rumor control. Please let me know how true these really are. Mike Pratt and Lynn Sprague were engaged last summer!? Ralph Thompson is preparing to pop the question!? Unfortunately, Axa Perwich was injured at Abn Sch while Mike Cote entered the Guinness Book for the most questions asked during any given OBC, anytime, anywhere.

Well that about does it for this issue. Keep your letters and notes coming. Keep me informed if you have any "ankle biters" or "crumb snatchers" on the way; the cup's still up for grabs! Please send pictures; be safe, soldier hard, Beat Navy, and have a very Merry Christmas.

## Auditor's Report (Continued from page 54)

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

a—The Association maintains its books on a modified cash basis. However, the accompanying financial statements are not materially different from statements which would result from the use of the accrual basis of accounting.

b—Marketable equity securities are carried at cost or, in the case of gifts, at fair market value on the day of receipt. Realized gains and losses on security transactions are included in operations. The cost of securities sold is based upon the average cost of all shares held at the time of sale.

c—Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (primarily the first-in, first-out method) or market.

d—Equipment is stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method using a ten-year useful life. When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is recognized in income for the period.

e—The Association occupies offices which are located in Cullum Hall at the United States Military Academy. Such space is provided to the Association without charge, and no amounts for the use of such donated premises are provided in the financial statements.

#### 2—Equipment

The following presents the equipment of the Association:

	March 31,	
	1987	1986
Records automation system ---	\$194,403	\$161,389
Other equipment -----	155,862	129,040
	350,265	290,429
Less accumulated depreciation	115,528	89,011
	<u>\$234,737</u>	<u>\$201,418</u>

Depreciation charged to operations for the years ended March 31, 1987 and 1986 amounted to \$29,691 and \$24,298, respectively.

#### 3—Deferred Compensation

The Association has entered into contracts with its chief executive officers whereby it will set aside and invest specified amounts to be paid upon such officers' retirements. Such amounts charged to operations for the years ended March 31, 1987 and 1986 were \$39,432 and \$33,730, respectively.

#### 4—Pension Plan

The Association has a noncontributory pension plan covering all employees, except designated executives, who have attained age 21 with more than one year of service. All past service costs are fully amortized and no contributions to the plan have been made during the years ended March 31, 1987 and 1986. A comparison of accumulated plan benefits and plan net assets at the most recent valuation date available, April 1, 1986, is presented below:

Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:	
Vested -----	\$373,400
Nonvested -----	24,200
	<u>\$397,600</u>

Actuarial value of net assets available for benefits ----- \$603,400

The weighted average assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 6%.

#### 5—Tax Status

The Association is exempt from federal income tax, in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Be Thou At Peace

We, sons of today, we salute you—You, sons of an earlier day.  
We follow, close order, behind you, Where you have pointed the way.



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## Clyde Hobart Morgan

NO. 5786 CLASS OF AUGUST 1917

Died 2 February 1986 in Winter Park, Florida, aged 89 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Clyde Hobart Morgan

CLYDE HOBART MORGAN is remembered by those who knew him for his ready smile and the sparkle in his brown eyes. He was glad to be alive, and it always showed. Beyond his own integrity and optimistic nature, he loved to give, and what he gave was love, laughter, patience and wisdom. Clyde was born in Cleveland, Ohio on 14 October 1896, the son of Harry W. and Dora (McAninch) Morgan. His father, who had served as a quartermaster captain in the Spanish-American War, was a pioneer member of the Cleveland Grays. His mother, related through an ancestor, Benjamin Hanks, to Abraham Lincoln, was the daughter of a Civil War veteran, Thompson McAninch. A strong sense of duty was a value he grew up with.

In Clyde's early years, he attended public schools in Cleveland, including Shaw High School. One of the highlights of his childhood was a trip around the world with his parents and older brother Ralph. During his senior year, he attended the Columbian Preparatory School in Washington, DC. Appointed to West Point from Ohio, he entered the Military Academy in June 1914, where he excelled as a student and graduated with a major in engineering in the Class of August 1917. Those cadet years at West Point and the friendships he made left such a lasting impression on Clyde, they were still vivid to him 70 years later.

Soon after his graduation from the Military Academy, Clyde was assigned to overseas duty for three years. During World War I, he served as a lieutenant

with the Coast Artillery Corps in France and Belgium, and, after the war, with the Army of Occupation in Germany. His additional assignments overseas included the American Embarkation Center and the Polish Relief Expedition in 1919, for which he was decorated.

In 1921 Clyde transferred to the Ordnance Department, and upon his return to the United States was put in charge of a military installation at Belcoville, New Jersey. This proved to be the assignment that changed his life. In a nearby town, Mays Landing, he met a young schoolteacher, Verna Applegate, who was able to use Army surplus supplies for her one-room schoolhouse. First, erasers and pencils, then romance and love brought them together. Verna's ancestors, who were early settlers in South Jersey, had fought in the Revolutionary War and were descendants of Admiral George Somers of England. One year after they met, in September of 1922, Verna and Clyde were married in Mays Landing, and boarded the train to Philadelphia for their honeymoon, with the whole town waiting at the station to give them a sendoff by throwing rice. Five years later, in 1927, while they were living in Washington, DC, a daughter, Marilyn, was born. Clyde, who was now a captain, graduated that same year from the Army Industrial College.

After proceeding to Philadelphia, where he received a master of arts degree in engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, he devoted the next ten years of his Army career to the development of anti aircraft range finders and computing directors. For this purpose, he was stationed first at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, then in San Antonio, Texas, and finally in New York, where he worked in conjunction with the Sperry Corporation for four years. With the rank now of major, he returned to Washington, DC to attend and graduate from the Army War College in 1938. An added attraction there was the baseball team he played on with classmates. Work, sports—he was an avid golfer—or family life, whatever he was doing, Clyde gave himself to it wholeheartedly.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania came next, where he headed the Pittsburgh Ordnance Department. In 1939 he was transferred to Wright Field, Dayton, in his home state, Ohio. For five years at Wright Field, where he was promoted to the rank of colonel, he served as chief of the Ordnance Aircraft Service for the Materiel Command. During this period when American aircraft armament had been lagging, he was one of the officers instrumental in bringing it to a state of superiority. An outstanding result of his work was the adaptation and installation of the 75 millimeter cannon to B-25 medium bombers, flying artillery that was capable of firing fifteen to twenty

rounds per minute. He was responsible to a large degree for the adaptation of the .50 caliber machine gun as a basic aircraft weapon. This modification was considered a significant factor in US air capability during World War II. He also assisted in the development of the first rocket installations. For his achievements in research and development of aircraft armament from 1939 to 1944, he received the Legion of Merit. In 1944 he was assigned to the Office of Chief of Ordnance in Washington, DC, where he served as chief of the Artillery Development Division. Later in 1944 Clyde arrived in St. Louis, Missouri to assume the duties of chief of the St. Louis Ordnance District, which encompassed an eight and a half state area. Under his leadership, ordnance materiel procurement in the St. Louis District reached an all-time high. The war items being produced there ranged from helmets to combat vehicles to ammunition—bullets, shells and 12,000 pound earthquake bombs. Clyde's work at this time involved much traveling and speech making. He inspected plants as far away as Texas, conferring directly with plant managers to help expedite production in the vital pipeline between the district and the fighting front. In a speech made in Omaha, he emphasized, "The need for some large artillery shells is so acute that they are rationed to the gun crews and these crews cease firing when their allotment is used." Clyde's own vigorous efforts helped bring about the teamwork that met the needs of our Armed Forces. The St. Louis District soon ranked among the highest nationwide in its increased rate of production. For his "outstanding service" in achieving these results from September 1944 to December 1945, he was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit. He also held the Army Commendation Ribbon.

On 4 July 1946, after 32 years of serving his country well and with devotion, through war and peace, Clyde retired from the US Army. From that time until October 1953, he was associated with the Emerson Electric Company as a manager of armament sales and engineering, where he led that company's expanding postwar armament program. In 1954, after his retirement, Clyde and Verna moved into their new home on Lake Sylvan in Winter Park, Florida, not far from other classmates and their wives. Clyde, who had never been able to find enough time for golf and gardening, planted orange trees and on the fairway, with his grandson watching, realized a golfer's dream by making a "hole-in-one." Verna joined the Daughters of the American Revolution, the League of American Pen Women, and published a children's book of her verses, which she had also illustrated.

As their daughter, I can vouch for the

happiness of those years, the enduring love of my parents that brought so much warmth into my own life and the lives of my children. Though the last three years were overshadowed by my father's congestive heart condition, he met this final test of spirit with courage, grace and his ready smile. My mother's devotion during this time is hard to describe. Dad died peacefully at home, with his family beside him on 2 February 1986. The love he gave us and inspired in us is still very much alive.

He is survived by Verna, his wife of 63 years; a daughter, Marilyn M. Williams; one grandson, Barrett M. Williams; two granddaughters, Julia and Susan; and his brother, Paul.

*Written by his daughter, Marilyn Morgan Williams*

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**George Baird Hudson**

NO. 5993 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 4 June 1986 in El Paso, Texas, aged 89 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, Fort Bliss, Texas



**George Baird Hudson**

GEORGE BAIRD HUDSON was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on 5 February 1897, the oldest son of John Imboden and Lizzie (Doty) Hudson. He grew up with a family background rich in military tradition and service to country. His father had graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1885 as the cadet first captain. Both grandfathers were Civil War veterans (on opposing sides), and the stories of the Spanish-American War were still recounted by the veterans to eager listeners of his generation. Life for a boy in small town Ohio was a stimulating mixture of hard work and hard play that proved an excellent early environment for a young man bound for West Point and the hardy life of an Army

officer. His zest for life and for sharing it with others earned him a nickname that he eagerly embraced throughout his life—"Breezy."

Breezy entered West Point in 1915 and graduated three years later in June 1918 under the curriculum known as the War Emergency Course. Attending West Point was an honor that Breezy cherished throughout his life, and was the source of many fond memories. His accounts of plebe year and of rooming with "Dad" Holt from Beast Barracks through graduation were filled with the respect and camaraderie he felt for that corps of fine young men. The academic challenges of cadet life seemed to be no great hurdle for Breezy, perhaps as a result of the disciplined study habits he had developed in high school. He literally taught himself in the last two years while he worked as a page in the Ohio State Senate.

Upon graduation, Breezy was commissioned in the Cavalry and was sent for training to the Infantry School of Arms at Fort Sill, and on to the 7th Cavalry at Fort Bliss, commanded by Colonel Tommy Tompkins.

Breezy's service between the World Wars included occupation duty in France and Germany and subsequent cavalry troop assignments in the States with the 1st, 3rd, 7th, and 8th Cavalrys. Some of his most enjoyable professional experiences occurred during these times: twice his troops won the Goodrich Trophy (in 1929 and 1930), having been recognized as the best cavalry units in the Army. In 1927, Breezy's Troop E, 3rd Cavalry was selected to lead the parade in Washington, DC welcoming Charles Lindbergh following his famous trans-Atlantic flight.

It was during these years, while on a train from San Antonio to Marfa, Texas, that Breezy spied a beautiful girl to whom he was later able to "wangle" a proper introduction. She turned out to be Luci Belle Snyder, the daughter of a Marfa rancher, whom he would take as his bride one year later, and with whom he would lovingly share the rest of his days.

The years just before World War II brought faster promotions and rapidly increasing responsibilities. In preparing for modern war, Breezy commanded cavalry units that evolved into mechanized and tank destroyer units.

During the war, he served in England with the XXth US Army Corps as it prepared to open the second front in France. Postwar duties included occupation duty both in Japan and Germany, and at Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he retired in 1953 after 35 years in the Army he loved.

Retirement years found Breezy active in the El Paso area. He continued to serve his nation and his fellow man as a volunteer for the American Heart Association, the School for Exceptional Children, and the Humane Society. His ties

to the Army were strengthened by his memberships in the West Point Society, the Retired Officers' Association, the Association of the US Army, and the US Horse Cavalry Association. He also pursued his favorite hobby of organic gardening.

Colonel Hudson died quietly on 4 June 1986. He is survived by his wife Lucy, daughters Susan H. Dinwiddie and Lucy H. Reuter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Breezy Hudson enjoyed living life and sharing it with others. This dedication was directed not only to his family, but to his fellow soldiers. Sixty years after his days as a second lieutenant, he could talk about his first platoon, recounting in vivid detail and by name his soldiers and the sorts of men they were. Perhaps no stronger indication than this can be found to show the personal commitment he made to his men, and through them to the Army and his nation.

*Duncan C. Turner, USMA 1974*

*Grandson-in-law*

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**Robert Trueheart Foster**

NO. 6025 CLASS OF JUNE 1918

Died 5 October 1986 in Anniston, Alabama, aged 89 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn, Anniston, Alabama



**Robert Trueheart Foster**

"SQUIRE" FOSTER was born on 13 March 1897 in Mansfield, Louisiana. His father, Edwin N. Foster, died when he was five years old. His mother, Isabella Gibbs Foster, died when he was twelve. Thereafter he was raised by his cousin, Helen Gibbs, and by his maternal grandmother who was a native of Virginia. Her husband, Dr. Robert Trueheart Gibbs, also a native Virginian, was an Army surgeon during the Mexican War and was also in the Confederate Army.

Squire graduated from Mansfield High School. He then attended the Army-Navy Preparatory School, Washington, DC for a year to fulfill his long-time desire to go to West Point. Also attending were his future classmates Barragan, Clay, Hazelhurst, Tye, and Ward, C.S.

He entered the Academy on 15 June 1915. By 1 July, Beast Barracks had ended and "Beast Camp" had started. It was an experience that required determination to endure and survive. Squire Foster survived. His rich, Southern accent probably attracted the extra unwanted attention of the upperclassmen from outside the South. Squire was a lieutenant in H Company. He turned out for baseball, earning his "A."

Quotes from his class *Howitzer*: "Openhearted, sincere, unselfish, conscientious, serious when he needed to be, ready for a frolic at all other times. Fighting, plugging spirit. He will always put up a hard, clean fight against superior odds, and his diligence and application will pull him through his future trials." Those words were a true measure of a future combat infantryman, the commander of an infantry regiment that fought valiantly and with glory from Normandy and Brittany to the east bank of the Elbe River.

Upon early graduation because of World War I, the Class of 1919 became the Class of June 1918. The Class crest, with 1919, was retained.

Squire was assigned to the 46th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, upon graduation. After a 30-day leave, he was ordered to the Infantry School of Arms, Fort Sill, for a special ten-week course in infantry weapons and small unit tactics. He served during 1919-23 with the 4th Infantry, 3rd Division; Headquarters, Allied Forces Germany; and the 8th Infantry in Germany in the Coblenz area. On his return to the States with the 8th Infantry, he served at Fort Screven, Georgia; Camp McClellan, Anniston, Alabama; and at Fort McPherson, Georgia to 1928.

It was while he was at Camp McClellan that he married Miss Julia Jones of Anniston on 23 January 1924.

Squire took the Company Officers' Course at the Infantry School, 1928 to 1929. This was followed by a nine-month course at the Signal School. Next, he was assigned to the Infantry School and served as a member of the 2nd Section from 1930 to 1934. The first day of October 1933, after fifteen long years as a lieutenant, Squire was promoted to captain.

He was with the 9th Infantry, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston from 1934-39. In 1939 he started the regular course at the Command and General Staff School. He was graduated early, in February 1940, as the country started preparing for war.

He was promoted to major on 30 April 1940 while supply officer, 26th Infantry,

1st Infantry Division at Plattsburgh Barracks. In early 1941 the division was concentrated at Fort Devens. From there he went to the Infantry School in May 1941 to be an instructor in logistics until May 1943. His temporary promotion to lieutenant colonel was on 21 June 1941; to colonel, on 26 August 1942. His next assignment was command of the newly organized 260th Infantry Regiment, 65th Infantry Division, at Camp Shelby, May 1943 to May 1944.

He joined the 4th Infantry Division in England, shortly before the cross-channel invasion. He moved 2000 replacements to France on 9 June, three days after D-Day. A few days later, he was placed in command of the 22nd Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division. He was then 47 years old, old for an infantry regimental commander in active combat. The regiment took an active part in the capture of the Cherbourg Peninsula. Squire was lightly wounded by shell fragments in action on 24 June. The division commander commended Squire for his fine performance in the operation, his first under enemy fire.

Shortly after Squire left the 4th Infantry he was immediately given command of the 330th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Division. During August his regiment captured the small channel port of St. Malo in Brittany. The 2nd Battalion was awarded the Divisional Unit Citation for its capture of the St. Joseph Fortress after two days of heavy fighting on the 7th and 8th of August 1944. The battalion killed 250 Germans and 600 prisoners were taken. The battalion cleared the way for the attack on St. Malo. His 3rd Battalion, with a battery of field artillery attached, helped capture the important port of Brest.

On 2 December the division moved north to the Hurtgen Forest in Germany, about 20 miles southeast of Aachen. The 330th was engaged with the enemy very quickly. The 3rd Battalion was awarded the Divisional Unit Citation for its capture of the town of Strass on 10 December, permitting the 5th Armored Division a debouchment from Hurtgen Forest. Squire was wounded by shell fragments on 12 December and evacuated to a field hospital near Aachen, but after twelve days returned to his regiment. The final objective, securing the west bank of the Roer River, was taken on 26 December. Then the Battle of the Bulge (the Ardennes Campaign) started. Late in the afternoon of 26 December, the 330th moved by truck to an assembly area about 25 miles southwest of Liege, Belgium.

Operating with the 3rd Armored Division, the 330th drove southward to cut the German salient at Houfallize, where the Third Army troops from the south were met on 15 January 1945. That set the stage for the final elimination of the Bulge. The 1st Battalion received the Divisional Citation for its outstanding

performance in the capture of Bihain, Belgium on 9-11 January. The enemy had over 500 casualties.

From 15 January to late February, the 330th spent the time resting, training, and assimilating replacements. Then the 83rd moved to support the crossing of the Roer River. The 330th was attached to the 29th Infantry Division and crossed the Roer River on 23 February and moved toward the Rhine. The division cleared up the west bank and then moved to Belgium and the Netherlands to train for crossing the Rhine. Late in March, the division again moved into Germany and on 30 March the 330th and the rest of the division crossed the river over a pontoon bridge near Wesel, about 30 miles down from Dusseldorf. A bridgehead had been secured by the 17th Airborne Division, commanded by his classmate Bud Miley, who had landed by parachute with his men.

From then on it was a race to the Elbe, 250 miles to the east. The 330th protected the right flank of the XIX Corps and cleared the northern part of the mountains. The regiment completed its mission in 10 days. It took 2500 prisoners. It then rejoined the division and occupied a sector on the east bank of the Elbe near Zerbst, about 20 miles south of Magdeburg. A German regiment of 900 men surrendered to the 330th, adding to the thousands taken after Normandy. The 83rd Infantry Division had fully earned its new nickname—The Thunderbolt Division. The glorious history of the 330th Infantry in combat is also the glorious history of Robert Trueheart Foster in combat.

For the 330th after VE-Day came occupation and civil government, ousting Nazi officials, finding war criminals, collecting and destroying military material, closing and guarding war plants, clearing roads of rubble, and not by far the least, the care and repatriation of thousands of displaced persons.

The division was not returned to the States as a unit. After a leave in the States, Squire was assigned to duty in Vienna. It was a very sad parting for the commander and his men. He returned to the States in May 1946.

Squire was awarded the following medals: Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action and disregard for personal safety, awarded by the Commanding General, 83rd Infantry Division, on 29 December 1944; Bronze Star Medal with V and two Oak Leaf Clusters; Purple Heart Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He also had the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Army Commendation Medal; also the French Legion d'Honneur and the Croix de Guerre. He had five campaign bars on his ETO medal ribbon and commendations during combat operations from commanders of the 4th Infan-

try Division, the 83rd Infantry Division (2) and the VII Corps.

Squire served as professor of Military Science and Tactics at Quachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas from August 1945 to July 1950. He was then ordered to the Far East Command just before the war in Korea started. He was in command of the staging and supply area at Camp Kokura, Japan until he retired after 36 years of military service.

After his retirement, Squire and Julia lived in Asheville, North Carolina until they moved to Anniston, Alabama, Julia's hometown, in 1970.

Julia died on 16 April 1981, ending a happy marriage of 57 years. They had no children.

Squire's gravestone should have the highly deserved inscription COMBAT INFANTRYMAN, WW II

E.W.G.

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**Clarence Archibald Frank**

NO. 6429 CLASS OF 1919

Died 17 September 1986 in San Jose, California, aged 86 years.

Interment: Calvary Cemetery, San Jose, California



**Clarence Archibald Frank**

CLARENCE ARCHIBALD FRANK was born in Salt Lake City, Utah on 12 October 1899, the son of Walter and Helen Frank. His mother, a teacher, encouraged Clarence to take the competitive examination for his appointment to West Point.

After graduating from West Point, Clarence was stationed in Hawaii where he met and married Helen Baggott, who was to be his wife for over fifty years.

During World War II Clarence was the finance officer of the 3rd Division in the Mediterranean Theater and XV Corps in the European Theater. In 1948 he was the finance officer at Oakland Army Base. During the Korean conflict, he was

the Eighth Army finance officer for the Japan Logistical Command.

After retiring in 1950, Clarence attended law school at the University of Santa Clara at night and worked as a law clerk in the Superior Court during the day. Then, three weeks before he was to take his bar examination, Clarence suffered a massive stroke, leaving him without speech and paralyzed on his right side. This affliction, which was to be endured for the next thirty years of his life, did not keep him down. He studied and became a good artist, painting with his left hand. He also read and typed out articles. He loved to garden, planting many kinds of flowers. With such character and self-discipline, he had the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

Clarence was the father of five daughters and two sons, grandfather of seventeen and great-grandfather of five.

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**Wayne Clifton Zimmerman**

NO. 6470 CLASS OF 1919

Died 23 December 1983 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 86 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Wayne Clifton Zimmerman**

ZIMM, AS HE was known by his classmates and those who knew him well, was born in Minnesota on 15 January 1897.

He loved competitive sports and while at the Academy was identified in the 1921 *Howitzer* as a marksman and member of the football squad. Although recognized as a winner by his classmates, he always felt that the way you played the game was equally as important as winning. He carried this feeling with him throughout his life and consistently demonstrated it by his personal application of Duty, Honor, Country.

Zimm will be remembered as a quiet and somewhat reserved person with a

dry sense of humor that could catch you napping if you did not know the man. He was a patient listener and when he spoke or wrote, he was devoid of superfluous words and actions.

He had a colorful and varied career which started out with the 12th Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Dodge, Iowa in 1920 and ended with his final military assignment as the Inspector General of the US Army in 1956.

His military assignments between the period of World War I and World War II were typical of the professional officer of that period. In 1921 he was with the 59th Infantry at Camp Lewis, Washington and next did duty with the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. From 1922 to 1925, Zimm served with the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

On returning to the Mainland, he served with the 3rd Infantry at Fort Snelling, Minnesota from 1925 to 1929. For five years he was a Regular Army instructor with the Wisconsin National Guard stationed at Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He returned to the 3rd Infantry for a two year period from 1935-37.

Zimm went back to Hawaii for his second tour in 1937 and served with the 21st Infantry until he returned to the Mainland to attend the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas from 1939 to 1940.

As the war years approached, he saw duty in 1940 as a staff officer with the 5th Division during the Louisiana Maneuvers and then went on to two years duty as an instructor at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Assigned as Chief of Staff to the 7th Division in 1942, he later commanded the 17th Infantry, of the same division, during the Battle for Attau, where he won a Distinguished Service Cross. He continued with his command of the 17th Infantry throughout the invasion of Kwajalein in the Pacific Theatre until he was later promoted to brigadier general and assigned to the newly formed 98th Division in Hawaii.

Upon his return to the US after World War II, Zimm was from 1946 to 1951 G-1, Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland; CG, 17th Airborne Division, Camp Pickett, Virginia; and G-3, Office Chief of Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

We were fortunate to have Zimm as the chief of the US Military Mission and MAAG in Tehran, Iran during the hectic years of 1951 and 1952, for through his efforts the Iranian armed forces were able to maintain stability in Iran without endangering our national objectives in this important area.

Zimm's last assignment was as the Inspector General of the US Army from which he retired in 1956. During this last phase of his military career, which took place during the McCarthy era, he was

saddened by the lack of support for those professional military leaders who were subjected to public embarrassment in the national news.

Upon retirement, he served as an executive in the American Red Cross in Washington, DC and was active in senior citizen programs in Clearwater, Florida. He fully enjoyed the pleasure of being in a civilian community with so many of his former classmates and comrades-in-arms from service days. His full life ended on 23 December 1983.

Zimm was fortunate to be blessed in his lifetime with three wonderful marriages, the first to his love of West Point days Ruth Zosel, and after her death in Teheran, Iran in 1952, to her sister Ruby who died in 1972. He is survived by his wife Selma (Cookie) and by his daughters, Mrs. Thomas R. Cross (Bette) and Mrs. John E. Smith (JoAnn), who pass on to their children the memories and traits of a man of honor, talent, and dignity.

Colonel Thomas R. Cross US Army  
Retired

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### Hugh Whitaker Winslow

NO. 6667 CLASS OF 1920

Died 4 January 1982 in Arlington, Virginia,  
aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Hugh Whitaker Winslow

HUGH WHITAKER WINSLOW was born on 21 September 1897 at Fort Shaw in the wilds on Montana. He was delivered by his father, a medical doctor, who at age forty had graduated first in his class from the University of Michigan. Hugh's first winter was so cold that his mother put him on the stove to keep him alive. His ancestors included pioneers such as the Winslows on the *Mayflower*, the Cabots of Boston, and President Jackson. Hugh inherited this adventurous spirit

and in his boyhood hunted mountain lion and kept a ranch one summer completely by himself for months. He graduated from Fort Collins High School and studied civil engineering for one year at Colorado State College.

Hugh served as a corporal and sergeant, Battery A, 1st Separate Battalion of Field Artillery, National Guard of Colorado from June to September 1916. He served in World War I in France as a sergeant gun commander with Battery A, 148th Field Artillery from August 1917 to September 1918.

Hugh received his appointment to West Point while in France and entered West Point on 4 September 1918. He arrived late and was told that they didn't think he could catch up, but as the *Howitzer* said, "What he lost at the start of his career here he has made up for every day since. . . . Lucky will be that branch to get him, for he is an officer in every sense of the word." While at West Point he received a class letter for fencing, made sketches for the *Howitzer*, was an expert marksman, and was cadet sergeant one year and lieutenant four months before graduating in 1920. He may have graduated in less time than anyone in the history of West Point.

After graduation Hugh was a student officer at the Coast Artillery School at Fort Monroe, Virginia from 1920-21. He was at Fort Amador in the Canal Zone from September 1921 to September 1924 with the 4th Coast Artillery as battery commander. From September 1924 to September 1925 he was at Fort Totten, New York with the 62nd Coast Artillery; from September 1925 to March 1926, he was a student officer at Fort Monroe Coast Artillery School; from March 1926 to January 1927 he was at Fort Eustis, Virginia in the 51st Coast Artillery. Hugh resigned from the Army in January 1927.

From 1927 to 1939 Hugh lived in New York City where he was in advertising. For a time he was an advertising manager for *Popular Photography*. Hugh loved adventure and sports and had a roguish side. While on duty in Panama he traced an old gold route through the jungle across the isthmus. He belonged to a flying club in New York City. He loved hunting, fishing, tennis, acrobatics, riding, and polo. He was also very interested in the arts; he drew, and wrote short stories and plays.

In 1939 Hugh married Elizabeth Brady Ferguson, a beautiful blonde from an old family. Known as Libby, she was vivacious, gay, and humorous. Libby modeled, acted in the theater, sang, played the piano, and wrote poetry, short stories, and novels.

In 1940 Hugh had an absessed lung that came partially apart, a temperature of 105 degrees, and a clot to his brain causing paralysis of his left side and

permanent blindness in one area of his left eye. The doctors said he would never walk or work again, but with unyielding will and grit, and without physical therapy, he pulled himself back up and applied to get back into the Army to fight in World War II. He was turned down by the medical board, but he argued his own case and said that he was trained to fight and wanted to serve, and the medical board let him back in.

Hugh returned to active duty as a captain in the Field Artillery in January 1941. He was the commanding officer of Battery D, 186th Field Artillery Regiment from January to April 1941. He was a student at the Officers Basic Course at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in the Field Artillery School in July 1941 and S-2 in the 186th Field Artillery Regiment until January 1942. Until March 1943, Hugh was an instructor in the Tactics Department of the Tank Destroyer School, Brooks Field, Texas. He was the executive officer there until November 1943. He was promoted to major in 1943.

To February 1944, he took the Advanced Course at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and until September 1944, he was the director of the Replacement Center School. From September 1944 to August 1945 he was the commanding officer of the 443rd Field Artillery Battalion and promoted to lieutenant colonel.

Hugh was in the Pacific Theater from August 1945 to December 1947 as commanding officer of the 64th Field Artillery Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. They were preparing to invade Japan when the war ended. Hugh was commended by General Colburn, his commanding officer, as an "exceptional officer" and for his "high standards of administrating and training indicating the outstanding devotion to duty, professional ability and leadership . . . applied to the command of this battalion . . . [which] established an enviable record of performance of duty with excellent ratings." Hugh was also very interested in and explored Japanese culture.

From January 1948 to June 1950 Hugh was assigned to Rochester, New York as senior unit instructor of the Officer Reserve Corps. From 1951 to 1953 Hugh was senior advisor to the Security Group in Japan. He worked closely with the Japanese in helping them rearm. The Japanese superintendent of Camp Karume, National Security Force, awarded Hugh with plaques in appreciation of his advice, good will, and many distinguished services to Camp Karume, and for his great contribution and aid to the Japanese during a major flood and in reconstruction after it. The Japanese thought very highly of Hugh and wanted to make a special request to the Army that he serve another tour in Japan.



Training Division at that headquarters—a position he held until his return to the States in November 1945.

Upon his return, Dick reported to Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma for treatment of his hearing loss. Borden fitted him with a hearing aid. Army policy decreed that the recipient of a hearing aid would be retired for physical disability. Demonstrating his BS prowess, Dick convinced the authorities that he could, in fact, perform his duties equally as well as the wearers of eye glasses. But policy was not to be denied, so he was retired in the grade of colonel in June 1946. However, he was immediately recalled to active duty and assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, thus becoming the first US Army officer to wear an Army prescribed hearing aid on active duty. He re-retired in 1948.

Dick and Jane retired to Sarasota, Florida in 1949, where they lived on Siesta Key. The mosquitoes were so terrible that he joined the Bay Island Siesta Association and initiated a program to drain the swamps rather than only spray insecticide. His reputation for honesty while selling Buicks was such that he became the top salesman for Buick's largest used cars. The local Republican party did not field candidates until Dick became active.

Jane died in 1974 and Dick married Dorothy May Bradley in 1976. They lived in Sarasota until 1984 when due to declining health, they moved north.

Dick prided himself on being a trooper in the true Cavalry sense. He gave all of himself to every job he undertook, regardless of his desires for the position. In his military life, and in retirement, he lived Duty, Honor, Country. As you join the Long Gray Line—Briggs, Dick, BS, Dad, we salute you.

*His son, daughter, and nephew*

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### James Edward Moore

NO. 7375 CLASS OF 1924

Died 28 January 1986 in Washington, DC, aged 83 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JAMES EDWARD MOORE was born on 29 November 1902 in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the first of five sons of James E. and Mary Daly Moore. As a young lad he loved to walk with his father along the busy docks of that old seafaring town which was the scene for *Moby Dick* and *Down to the Sea in Ships*. He recalled seeing the last of the whaling ships under sail return home from distant seas.

At the age of 16, his father died and Jim took the responsibilities of the man of the house. In high school, he organized and



James Edward Moore

commanded the first ROTC unit, lettered in football, managed the basketball team, was on the debating team, and was president of his class for all four years.

Jim was off to West Point in the summer of 1920, proud to become a member of the large postwar class called the "Thundering Herd." He enjoyed his days as a cadet in K Company. As a second classman, he began a small unit newspaper which cost five cents for a one year subscription. It became a hit and expanded quickly into the *Pointer*. He worked hard as an editor and also wrote and coached the Hundredth Night Show.

Commissioned in the Infantry, he was assigned to a 5th Infantry unit at Fort McKinley, Maine. There, he underwent his initial training as a company officer while learning from older veterans of World War I. Jim returned home to New Bedford in June 1926 to marry his high school sweetheart, Mildred Lindberg.

Ordered to the Philippines in 1927, he joined the 31st Infantry at Fort Santiago. There, his first child, Patricia, was born in 1928. In addition to his regular duties, Jim coached the Manila basketball team. He returned to the US in 1929 and was assigned to the 10th Infantry at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he was a company commander and staff officer. His son James was born there in 1931.

Jim was proud to attend the Infantry School in 1932 and learn from instructors who later became famous in World War II. Next he picked China and duty with the 15th Infantry in Tientsin. There, he was promoted to captain in 1935 and had the chance to make several trips into Mongolia, Port Arthur, and Japan.

On his return to the US in 1936, he had a short assignment with the 28th Infantry at Fort Ontario, New York prior to attending the Command and General Staff School in 1937–38. Jim claimed that he did his fair share of study but also en-

joyed the chance to fly with his classmate Jim Stowall on the weekends.

Posted next to Fort Sill and the 29th (later the 38th) Infantry, he particularly enjoyed the next three years as a company commander and staff officer. His daughter Mary was born at Fort Sill in 1939.

Late in 1940, he went to Fort Sam Houston to become the aide to Brigadier General William H. Simpson '09, who was the assistant commander, 2nd Infantry Division. Thus began a close relationship which lasted for many years. While aide, he also acted as the G-3 for a short time.

In early 1941 as a new major, Jim and his family went to Washington, DC where he was diverted from G-3 into the Budget and Legislative Planning Branch of the staff. He developed a formula to estimate costs of the Army expansion. Jim claimed it was a bad day when he could not trim a few million off the staff requests.

Promoted to lieutenant colonel just after Pearl Harbor, he was called to the West Coast in February 1942 to be chief of staff for General Simpson who had just taken command of the 35th Division. With the job came the promotion to colonel and a succession of assignments as chief of staff of the 30th Division, XII Corps and Fourth Army.

A new brigadier general in January 1944 as chief of staff of Fourth Army, Jim assembled a highly professional and close knit staff for General Simpson. He instituted a series of staff exercises and physical training. Then, in the spring of 1944, he was off to England where the army was redesignated the Ninth Army. Charged initially with reception and training of incoming units in England, Jim moved to France in August of 1944 as Ninth Army undertook the reduction of Brest and actions in the Loire Valley. Then, Jim directed the staff as the Ninth Army moved east and participated in campaigns through Luxembourg, Belgium, and into Germany. Jim was extremely proud of the success of the Ninth Army which operated under both Bradley and then Montgomery. The crossing of the Roer, then the Rhine, the envelopment of the Ruhr, and a 225 mile dash to the Elbe River in 19 days were solid accomplishments. General Simpson, totally confident of Jim's abilities to run the Army headquarters, was free to lead and spend time up front. Jim even committed the Army reserve without asking. Bradley spoke very highly of Jim's abilities in his book, *A General's Life*. Some said the Ninth Army never made a mistake. Jim said they just did things by the book as they were taught at Leavenworth. He was promoted to major general in March 1945.

As the Ninth Army closed on the Elbe River, Jim was sent forward to accept the surrender of General of the Armored Forces, General Baron Von Edelsheim, who turned over four corps and elements

of the German Ninth Army. Then, when the fighting was over, the Ninth Army began the process of planning for the move back to ports to sail for home—mission accomplished.

While on his way back through Paris, Jim got a cable to join General Simpson in Casablanca. From there, he and General Simpson went to China on a mission for General Marshall to determine if an Army group headquarters could be employed in that theater. Following consultations with General Wedemeyer in China and stops in Manila to see General MacArthur, and at Guam to see Admiral Nimitz, Jim and General Simpson returned to the US. The first atomic bomb was dropped the day they left Guam and the plans for China were cancelled.

After deactivation of the Ninth Army at Fort Bragg, Jim moved to Memphis, Tennessee as Second Army chief of staff in October 1945. While most of the wartime staff was still together, Jim had them write the Ninth Army's history, a fine book entitled *Conquer*. The headquarters soon moved to Fort Meade and Baltimore to execute the many deactivations of units and soldiers after the war. Jim was reduced to brigadier general again as the Army got smaller, but was happy to be back with his family.

In January 1947, he was sent to Hawaii to organize the South Sector Command consisting of all posts on Oahu except Schofield. Jim enjoyed his tour there with the family for about one year at Fort DeRussy, which was then a quiet and restful spot.

He returned to the Pentagon in March 1948 to become the secretary of the General Staff as the Army Staff reorganized under General Bradley. In November 1950 he moved to Fort Riley to command the 10th Mountain Division, which was then training replacements for the Korean War. While there, Jim made many innovative changes to ensure that our young soldiers were well prepared for war to include combat marksmanship and tough bayonet courses. In May of 1951 he was struck suddenly with a severe case of tuberculosis and thus ended his chance to go to Korea to command a division as he had been promised.

For the next two years, while the Korean War raged on, Jim underwent major surgical operations at Fitzsimmons in Denver. He had missed his chance to command in combat. He felt his career was ended. However, his deep faith and inner strength sustained him. Upon recovery, he was grateful to be retained on active duty, promoted to major general again, and assigned to become the commandant of the Army War College in April 1953.

Jim began what he described as his most delightful assignment. He made changes in the National Strategy portion of the curriculum, brought in controver-

sial guest lecturers, set up the first trips to the United Nations, and reestablished close and friendly relations with the people of Carlisle.

Next, Jim was off to Okinawa to command the Ryuku Islands and the IX Corps. While there, he was promoted to lieutenant general in 1956 and was appointed the first High Commissioner in 1957. Jim felt that his tour there was his most challenging in peacetime. He worked hard at teaching the people about democracy, and was always visiting small villages where he "ate cold shrimp and drank warm coke." He remarked that everyone remembers the rights and benefits of democracy, but few know about its duties and responsibilities. His efforts were fruitful in preventing communism from gaining ground.

General Taylor selected Jim to be his deputy chief of staff for Operations in June of 1958. As the DCSOPS, he was involved in solving many thorny problems and always contributed a clear perspective and sound advice.

In November 1959, he was assigned to SHAPE Headquarters outside Paris as chief of staff to General Norstad. Promoted to general in April 1960, Jim enjoyed working for General Norstad whom he considered a most brilliant and professional officer. While there, they worked through many problems such as those concerning Berlin, Greece-Turkey and the Baltic. Although scheduled to retire in 1962, Jim was asked to stay on when General Lemnitzer became Supreme Allied Commander Europe. Finally, after 39 years of dedicated service, Jim retired in June 1963. His numerous awards and decorations included the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star and decorations from France, Britain, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, the Republic of China and the USSR.

Suffering many months from a severe and painful nerve disorder in his head, Jim entered Walter Reed after a short leave and underwent surgery which helped relieve the pain, but caused some other problems with which he learned to live. Then, he and Mildred settled in a lovely home in Arlington, Virginia. Jim was called to work for Research Analysis Corporation in McLean where he enjoyed five years working on wargames, studies and strategy. He and Mildred visited family and friends and especially enjoyed vacations at Cape Cod near their original home in New Bedford.

With a son and two sons-in-law as infantry officers, Jim watched with pride as the next generation progressed and as they went off to fight in Vietnam. He and Mildred loved their role as grandparents. Their home was always a snug harbor to the family as they changed stations or when husbands went on short tours.

Jim underwent more serious surgery for lung cancer and a hip replacement but always bounced back, full of life and enthusiasm.

Jim's wife Mildred died in 1976 after a long illness. While terribly saddened at his loss, Jim drew upon his very deep religious beliefs and carried on giving hope and encouragement to all the family. He took time every day to pray. He seldom missed a Class of 1924 affair and was frequently on the go to visit friends and family.

After more than five years alone in his Arlington home, he became a very close friend to Anne Farrell, the widow of Lieutenant General Frank Farrell ('20) who lived nearby. In April 1982, Jim and Anne were married at a Nuptial Mass at Fort Myer. They both embraced each other's family and began a wonderful marriage together, sharing the strengths of affection, devotion and mutual friends. Some remarked that Jim was the only man they knew who had married two saints. Jim and Anne's warm home welcomed visits by children, grandchildren and friends.

In January 1986, at the age of 83, he entered Walter Reed for the last time. He sensed the end was near. He visited with his immediate family and gave out his final instructions as if the Ninth Army was about to cross the Rhine. His son made it home from Korea to see him on his last day. When the family had gone home, and the priest had made his final call, Jim departed this world for the next. He was ready.

At his Mass of the Resurrection at Fort Myer, Jim's two families, classmates, and many close friends gathered to pay tribute to a man they truly respected. Fifteen grandchildren from around the world were there to read the scriptures and to sing the special music they had selected.

In his eulogy, Jim's son remembered his father as a great soldier, a loving father and a friend. That he was! Let it be said, "Well done, be thou at Peace."

Jim Moore is survived by his wife Anne; a brother Carroll; daughter Patricia Shanahan; son Lieutenant General James Moore, Jr.; daughter Mary Sloan and sixteen grandchildren.

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**Thomas Harrison Allen**

NO. 7595 CLASS OF 1924

Died 22 November 1985 in Miami, Florida,  
aged 86 years.

Interment: St Thomas Cemetery, St Thomas, Pennsylvania

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COLONEL THOMAS H. ALLEN, United States Army, Retired, died 22 November 1985 in Miami, Florida. He is survived by his widow, the former Helen M. Aughinbaugh of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and their children as follows: Mrs. Mary-Elma Shotts, Gilchrist, Ore-



Thomas Harrison Allen

gon; John H. Allen, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Helen A. Vanderluis, Miami, Florida; Mrs. Ruth R. Reubi, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and 25 grand and 16 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a brother, Mr. Glen C. Allen, Upper Strasburg, Pennsylvania and sister, Mrs. Merle J. Gensbigler, New Kensington, Pennsylvania and a number of nieces and nephews.

Colonel Allen was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Allen, St. Thomas, Pennsylvania, the owner and operator of the Carriage Factory. He attended the public schools at St. Thomas and Chambersburg High School. After graduation he taught school one year at Butler School, St. Thomas Township before entering the United States Military Academy as a cadet.

Upon graduation from West Point, Colonel Allen was commissioned a second lieutenant, Infantry and first stationed at Plattsburgh, New York. Successive assignments were with the 65th Infantry, Puerto Rico; Headquarters Company, Washington, DC; Civilian Conservation Corps camp duty in Pennsylvania; the Infantry School, the Tank School and the 66th Infantry Tank Battalion all at Fort Benning, Georgia. While there, he coached the United States Infantry Pistol Team through the National Pistol Championship in the National Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio in 1938, with six new high scores for the event.

Then followed service in Hawaii with assignment to the 21st Infantry of the Hawaiian Division. In 1942, Colonel Allen was transferred to the Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, followed by Armored assignments that culminated in the deployment of the 785th Tank Battalion to the Philippine Islands in 1945 as part of the Sixth Army troop concentration for the Japanese invasion. The war ended at that time and the troop reduction phase began.

In 1947 Colonel Allen was transferred to the Pentagon and to South Post, Fort Myer, Virginia as the Post executive officer. In 1949 he was assigned as commandant, Headquarters, Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Upon the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, he was transferred to the Far East Command, Tokyo, with assignment to the Ryukus Command, Okinawa and to duty with the Civil Administration of the Ryukus Islands. His assignment was as chief of the Civil Administration Team which governed the Miyako Gunto. Upon relief from that assignment, he was assigned as the senior advisor to the Pennsylvania National Guard at Indiantown Gap.

Colonel Allen retired in 1954 to farming in Highland Township for thirteen years. During this period he served on the Gettysburg Area School Board and was a member of the Pennsylvania State School Board Association for one term. Some of his activities included choir, Sunday School teaching at Flohrs Lutheran Church, committee assignments with Central Pennsylvania Synod, and membership in the Lutheran Laymen's Movement for Stewardship. He was a Charter Member of the Cashtown Community Lions Club in 1960, a 32nd Degree Mason of the Good Samaritan Lodge Number 336, Gettysburg, and belonged to the American Legion Post in Gettysburg. Then, after fifteen years of living at Lake Heritage, a private corporate real estate development, the Allens removed to East Ridge Retirement Village, Miami, Florida.

After cremation, interment was in the St Thomas Cemetery, St Thomas, Pennsylvania on 26 November 1985.

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**Walker Wilson Milner**

NO. 9049 CLASS OF 1931

Died 16 January 1981 in Columbia, Missouri, aged 73 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

WALKER WILSON MILNER, soldier, educator, civic leader, but most of all, an understanding human being, died at the age of 73 in Columbia, Missouri. He and his family made their home there for more than two decades while Walker pursued his second career, teaching in higher education.

Walker was born, the youngest of three, in Tacoma, Washington to William Wilson and Orabelle Smith Milner. He attended grammar school and high school in Seattle before enrolling at Whitman College in Walla Walla. Walker applied to Senator C.C. Dill from Washington state and received an appointment to the Academy. He entered in July 1927.

During plebe year Walker was a member of the *Pointer* staff. His quiet, non-



Walker Wilson Milner

chalant attitude would have labeled him as "laid back" today. To his friends he was the "Walla Walla Whirlwind." Walker was an acting corporal as a yearling, a corporal as a cow and a sergeant when a firstie.

At graduation, 11 June 1931, he was appointed second lieutenant, Corps of Engineers with initial assignment to his hometown, Seattle, as military assistant to the district engineer. Two summers later Walker reported to the University of Iowa for a year of graduate school, receiving a master's of science degree in July 1934. Immediately thereafter, he continued his professional education as a student officer at Fort Humphreys, Virginia, the Engineer School's Company Officer Course. Walker gained more than a degree during his sojourn to Iowa. He met Betty Brent and they were married 27 December 1934, at Newton, Iowa.

While he and Betty were en route to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, Walker was promoted to first lieutenant. The "aloha tour" lasted two years, and he had duties as a company officer and assistant regimental adjutant before being tapped as a mathematics instructor at his alma mater where Walker would have his first taste of his later career as an educator.

During the West Point tour, Walker took additional graduate courses at Columbia University and was promoted to captain. In June 1941 he was detailed to Fort Custer, Michigan to command the 77th Engineer Company. Pearl Harbor cut short this tour and three months after the war started he was assigned as chief of the desert warfare branch of the Engineer Board and engineer member of the Desert Warfare Board in Thermal, California. His first AUS promotion to major occurred in July 1942 and in six months he was a lieutenant colonel. He moved to Fort Belvoir as chief, technical division of the Engineer Board. He was awarded a Legion of Merit in December 1944 when he

was transferred again to Hawaii. This time he served with the Army Air Corps as executive to the Air Engineer Headquarters of the Allied Air Forces, Pacific Ocean Area and Headquarters of the United States Army Strategic Air Force. Walker was promoted to colonel in April 1945.

He remained and moved with air assignments—staff engineer to Army Strategic Air Force, Guam; Pacific Air Command, Philippines; and PAC and Headquarters Far East Air Forces in Japan—through June 1947. He reverted to lieutenant colonel at that time and attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk for five months before assignment to the General Staff and the international branch of plans division of the assistant chief of staff, G-3. He was also a member of the United States delegation to the Far East Commission from April 1948 to September 1949.

As a full colonel again, Walker entered the Army War College, then at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in the summer of 1950. Earlier that year, in March, Betty presented him with their son Robert Walker.

He then went back to Washington, this time with the G-4 and as chief of the standards branch for three years. Attaché duty took him and his family “down under” to Australia for a tour before an assignment as chief of staff at the US Army Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1957.

A year later Walker embarked on his second career when he moved “up the road a piece” to the College of Engineering at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Walker brought his expertise in management to the Department of Civil Engineering and greatly enhanced the program of construction management for the number of students seeking master’s degrees in the field. Among the students were officers from the military services. He also co-authored two books on the subject. Through his efforts as head of the Construction Management Program, the number of students obtaining degrees in the field grew from three in 1957 to 130 in 1973. Walker, a full professor, then retired again.

In addition to his teaching duties, Walker found time to serve on several university committees, attend summer courses at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, serve as president of the Columbia United Way, be president of the Mid-Missouri Section Society of Professional Engineers, and serve as national president of the parents organization at nearby Westminster College which Robert attended. Walker was active in Kiwanis (or Rotary), the country club and several social groups.

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an honorary engineering society, and held the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster.

After his second retirement, Walker and Betty traveled, including a visit to Europe to see their son who was commissioned into the Army from Westminster College. They enjoyed their lives from their midwest home until Walker’s illness curtailed their activities. Betty remains in Columbia and Robert, as district manager for Public Service of Oklahoma, in Clinton.

Walker epitomized the ideals of West Point in doing his duty and striving for high goals. He sought new opportunities to serve and was filled with sympathy for those less fortunate. A man remembered by all whom he touched.

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### Herbert Bishop Thatcher

NO. 9537 CLASS OF 1932

Died 11 June 1986 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 77 years.

Interment: Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado



Herbert Bishop Thatcher

HERBERT BISHOP THATCHER, known in his early years as Thatch, but always as Herb at West Point and thereafter, was born in East Orange, New Jersey on 1 May 1909 of Army parents, Harry and Maude Thatcher. While attending high school in New Orleans and Boston, keen interests sprang up in baseball, tennis and ice hockey. He was a star performer in each, and when his father was ordered to Honolulu right after Herb’s graduation, Herb spent a year at the University of Hawaii perfecting his skills in baseball and tennis.

With his family’s military background and his father’s urging, it was natural for Herb to join the Hawaii National Guard from which he received an appointment to go to West Point in 1928. A few weeks before entering, he got a paid tryout with

the major league Boston Red Sox baseball team, which almost terminated his military career. After some deliberations, the Academy authorities decided that Herb’s short venture as a professional baseball player should not prevent his entering West Point, but he would not be permitted to play on the Army baseball team. He took his disappointment in stride and concentrated on hockey, becoming a star goalie, and on tennis where he played number one singles and was team captain during his first class year.

At West Point he showed the leadership, positive thinking, “can do” attitude, and strong will that were characteristic of his entire life—in sports, in the military, and in retirement. He did not rank high academically because of the hours spent in sports and in voracious reading. He also spent an appreciable amount of time helping other cadets through their difficulties.

Upon graduation, Herb was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland, close to his future bride, the very attractive and talented pianist, Frances Kendall Brooks of Chevy Chase, Maryland. He became a member of the Junior Davis Cup Team, played in both singles and doubles on the Army’s Leech Cup Team, and participated creditably in numerous top level tournaments throughout the East. During this period, 1932 to 1935, he competed against the likes of Tilden, Cochet, Richards, Borotra, and many others of championship calibre.

In June 1934, Frances (Frankie) and Herb were married and began more than a half century of happy and eventful lives together. A year later, the wild blue yonder called and Herb entered the flying school at Randolph Field, Texas. In 1936 he received his wings as a bomber pilot, becoming a full-fledged member of the Army Air Corps, and was off to Luke Field, Hawaii where lovely little daughter Elizabeth was born. Herb did a bit of moonlighting by giving flying lessons to civilians, added to his own flying ability and military proficiency, while taking part in local tennis tournaments. Hawaii ended what could be considered the formative part of his professional life.

1938 and thereafter brought various mainland assignments with ever increasing responsibilities, the National Emergency, rapid promotions, and World War II. Just before he went overseas he welcomed another fine addition to their family, son Peter.

In 1943 Herb was the wing commander of the 8th and 9th Bomber Commands, leading or participating in numerous successful bombing raids over Germany, often involving hundreds of aircraft. In early 1944 he became one of the youngest brigadier generals in the Army Air Corps. His numerous decorations included the Silver Star, two Distin-



After the war Ken was aptly assigned to the prestigious post of Assistant Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia. Following that and a short tour of duty on civil works in the Northwest, he resigned his commission in 1950 to become a consulting engineer in Minnesota, Florida, and the Caribbean region. He moved his family to Palm Beach which became home for himself, his wife Barbara, and their daughter Claire.

Ken's courage was evident during his years of service in the Corps of Engineers and later in civilian life. After surviving one of the early spinal fusion operations, he lived with severe back and knee pain for many years. Later, when he could breathe only with a portable oxygen supply, he investigated the feasibility of earning an additional post graduate degree. His equally courageous Barbara helped Ken fulfill one of his great desires by accompanying him from Florida to North Dakota, oxygen container and all, during the last year of his life. Ken treasured his home and family.

Though Ken was a tall and handsome man, he was modest, friendly and helpful to those who needed assistance. He was blessed with a keen sense of humor and was a gentleman, a loving husband and father, and a true friend. He was an engaging companion. In 1940 he and the McElhenys shared the latter's automobile on the long trip from Fort Belvoir to Fort McIntosh. Occupying the rear seat with an Irish setter was not Ken's choice, but he took it with good grace and the journey generated fond reminiscences through the years. Another memorable meeting took place in the 1970s when the Herb Gees, Klocks, Madsens, and McElhenys gathered at Gainesville, Florida to attend an Army-University of Florida football game. Ken enjoyed friends; shortly before his death he was planning a time and place for classmates to meet during a Florida reunion. He became increasingly dedicated to the Class of 1936 and his friends during later years.

After Ken's death, Jim Billy wrote that throughout his military and civilian careers Ken maintained the roots of his boyhood in North Dakota soil and frequently visited the farmland which eventually became his own. Classmate Jim Hughes, who lived near Ken's Florida home and spent much time with him in the later years of his life, has captured Ken's spirit in the following lines:

"By the high headland where the seabird cries  
A long ship waits, riding the rising tide.  
Proud, dragon-prowed, its gallant pennant flies.  
This ghostly galley with its phantom crew;

(Oh bear him gently there, this warrior true)  
Bourne by the breeze, the burning funeral barge  
Glides in fog and darkness towards the West  
And in Valhalla's halls the shouts ring out  
Welcoming home the Viking to his rest."

*Classmates*

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**Robert Carleton McBride**

NO. 11188 CLASS OF 1938

Died 11 March 1986 in Paris, France, aged 69 years.

Interment: Sainte Mesme, France



**Robert Carleton McBride**

ROBERT CARLETON MCBRIDE was born on 21 March 1916 in Kansas City, and was raised in Wichita, Kansas. There he attended high school and spent a year at the Municipal University of Wichita before being enrolled in the Military Academy in 1934, where he was known to his fellow cadets as "MacBee." As a student both in Wichita and at the Academy, he participated in a wide variety of sports, among them basketball, swimming, and track.

Upon graduation from the Academy in 1938, he applied and was accepted for pilot training. He completed his training in 1938-39 and was immediately appointed as a flying instructor at the advanced flying school. The performance of his duties won him a swift promotion to first lieutenant in June 1941, captain in October 1941, major in February 1942, and lieutenant colonel in July 1942, whereupon he was soon appointed as director of training at the Pampa Air Base.

Following his retirement from military service, having managed the "Air"

section of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in France, Colonel McBride joined the General Electric Company on 1 August 1961. His first assignment was with the marketing unit of the General Electric Technical Services Company (GETSCO) located in the Hague, the Netherlands. In this capacity he assisted in the sale of General Electric military electronics products to NATO and to various European governments. A few years later, with the increased interest in satellites and satellite launchers, both in the United States and in Europe, Colonel McBride was asked to set up an office at 79 Champs Elysees in Paris on behalf of General Electric's aerospace group. He headed that office as a vice president of GETSCO (with a move to 42 Avenue Montaigne in the mid-70s). During his career with General Electric, Colonel McBride worked closely with the aerospace industries and governments of Germany, France, Italy and the United Kingdom on a series of satellite projects.

Upon his retirement on 1 May 1979, Colonel McBride was able to indulge in some of his favorite pastimes, especially gardening and reading. He and his wife Denise divided their time between two homes, one about fifty kilometers from Paris in the village of Sainte Mesme, the other in Puyloubier, a small village in Provence. The village nestles up against Mont Ste. Victoire, the mountain that Cezanne painted so often. Occasional North American visitors to that out-of-the-way spot were always surprised and delighted to come upon his warm mid-Western speech and manners, his continued interest in American baseball, his flower garden that put to shame the heat of the climate and the stony soil, and his unbounded enthusiasm for the writings of Robert Graves and Rex Stout. Above all, he continued to keep abreast of developments in aircraft and space craft, and maintained a vigorous, almost insatiable interest in the general field of aerospace engineering.

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**William Hugh Blanchard**

NO. 11205 CLASS OF 1938

Died 31 May 1966 in Washington, DC, aged 50 years.

Interment: Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

BILL BLANCHARD was born in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Doctor and Mrs. William H. Blanchard. His father served for many years as the chief medical officer and director of the Veterans Hospital in Chelsea.

"Butch," as he was known to friends and family alike, had his early schooling in Chelsea and finished high school at Phillips Exeter Academy.



William Hugh Blanchard

eth Air Force which was then conducting massive raids on Japan. With the war over later in the year, he copiloted a B-29 on a nonstop flight from Japan to Chicago with General LeMay.

Butch's first assignment after World War II was as commander of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell, New Mexico. At this same time, he assumed command of the Air Task Unit which participated in Operation Crossroads, the atomic bomb tests held in the Marshall Islands in 1946.

From 1949 to 1951 Butch ran the operations staff of the Eighth Air Force with headquarters at Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas. About this time, Bill and Ethel dissolved their partnership and went their separate ways.

He was commanding officer of the 509th Bomb Wing again at Walker Air Force Base, Carswell, New Mexico from 1951 to 1953. And it was during this period that he met and married Anne M. Hutt of Fort Worth, Texas, the lady with whom he spent the rest of his life. Of this union a son, Donald Hutt Blanchard, was born on 23 July 1952.

Butch was assigned as deputy chief of staff for Operations and Plans, Headquarters, Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base from 1953 to 1957, and as his star rose, so did important staff assignments.

Butch successfully held many positions, among them: commander, 7th Air Division, South Ruislip, England from 1957-60; inspector general, Headquarters, United States Air Force from 1961-63, during which time he received his third star; deputy chief of staff, Programs and Requirements, Headquarters, United States Air Force from 1963-64; deputy chief of staff for Plans and Operations, Headquarters, United States Air Force from 1964-65; and in 1965 he received his fourth star and became vice chief of staff, Department of the Air Force.

Butch Blanchard was an outstanding member of the class of 1938—an outstanding graduate of the United States Military Academy. We are proud that he was one of us!



**John Langford Locke**

NO. 12302 CLASS OF 1941

Died 4 August 1986 at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, aged 69 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

GOLF WAS ONE of John's favorite sports. While playing with his favorite partner, his wife Pattie, he died suddenly and unexpectedly on the Bergstrom Air Force Base golf course on 4 August 1986.

To those who had known him only in his retirement years, the exploits and the



John Langford Locke

military career of this quiet, unassuming man came as a distinct surprise.

John was born in El Paso, Texas on 9 April 1917, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Langford John Locke. He grew up in San Antonio, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. Enlisting in the Army at Fort Sam Houston, he won a competitive examination to West Point, Class of 1940. During his yearling year he suffered a severely broken arm in a wrestling match. Determined to pursue his military career, he spent nearly a year at Walter Reed Army Hospital undergoing corrective surgery. As his *Howitzer* biography states, "Johnny's losing a year was one of the best breaks for the Class of '41." Indeed it was.

This biography captured the essence of the man. "Beneath the unruffled Texan exterior throbs a warm personality that few of us have been privileged to feel. His hobbies are speculating, praising Texas women, and assisting the less academically gifted. He's batting for Air Corps."

Air Corps it was. Winning his wings at Kelly in March 1941 and later to become a rated command pilot, he was assigned to fighters and training. It was two years before he could take his own fighter squadron to join the war in Europe, in March 1944. On D-Day he led the first fighters across the English Channel to support the Normandy beachhead. During the breakout, he won the Silver Star for gallantry in action. Supporting the Third Army's drive across France in strafing attacks, he was shot down twice behind enemy lines, each time evading capture. Once walking down a French village street, he saw an approaching German officer, fully armed. He turned immediately to devote full attention to a shop window. The German officer passed by, utterly failing to note the major's leaves and the wings on Locke's flight suit. When Patton's troops crashed

through, Locke was on the second floor of a vacant building overlooking the main street. Throwing open a window, he yelled, "Don't shoot!"

His old squadron buddies are unstinting in their praise of their commander. It was he who checked out the anti aircraft before calling the squadron for strafing runs. In tribute, those who could, came to Arlington 42 years later.

Flying 126 combat missions, John won and earned most of the combat decorations our nation has to offer: the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 23 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart. His foreign decorations include the British Distinguished Flying Cross with One Bar, the French Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Vermell, the Belgian Officer de'o-dra de la couronne, and the Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 avec Palme.

Returning to the United States, he earned a master's in business administration at Stanford. He served as a White House aide. He graduated from the Air War College. Finding his Texas woman, he married Patricia Firth Head, transplanted from Tampico, Mexico, to San Antonio. Honeymoon cut short, he rejoined the fighters, commanding the 8th Fighter Bomber Group in Korea. He led the Far East Gunnery Team in the worldwide gunnery meet at Nellis.

Again returning to the United States, he stayed with fighters, commanding an air defense fighter group at Kincheloe and the Phoenix Air Defense Sector. He served as deputy chief of staff, Air Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base. He was the chief, Air Force Section, Military Assistance Group, Iran. In the Pentagon, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his performance of duty as assistant deputy chief of staff, Personnel.

His last Air Force command assignment was commander, Headquarters Command, Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC with worldwide responsibilities. Again, he earned the Distinguished Service Medal.

Retiring from active duty in 1974 as a major general, John continued to serve the military profession as the deputy governor of the Soldiers' Home. The Home, in short order, became the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home with an Air Force F-86 prominently displayed on the grounds.

Upon his retirement from the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home in 1981, General Locke returned to his native Texas. There he and Pattie were able to devote full time to lifelong interests in investments, travel, and golf.

Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Head Locke;

sister, Peggy Locke Mueller; brother-in-law, R. G. Mueller, Jr.; nephew, Martin F. Head, III of Miami, Florida; niece, Jean Mueller Tarlton; nephew, Randy Mueller and wife Barbara; three great-nephews, John, Scott, and Mark Mueller; and great niece, Betsy Mueller of Austin.

As we all shall, John has joined the Long Gray Line. His dedication to duty and country was total. His contribution more than most.

*A classmate*

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**Frederic Homer Sargent Tate**

NO. 12848 CLASS OF 1942

Died 20 September 1944 over Vigneulles, France, aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**Frederic Homer Sargent Tate**

FREDERIC HOMER SARGENT TATE came from a long line of Army people. His paternal grandfather was Daniel L. Tate, Class of 1880, retired in 1920 as a colonel of the Cavalry. His maternal grandfather was Frederic H. Sargent, Colonel, Infantry. Sargent had attended the Naval Academy, did not graduate, enlisted in the Army, and after three years, was promoted to 2nd lieutenant, 7th Infantry. His father was Joseph S. Tate, Class of April 1917. He retired as a colonel, Field Artillery in 1951.

Both of his brothers are graduates of USMA. Joseph S. Tate, Jr., Class of 1941, a lieutenant colonel in the Eighth Air Force, was killed in late 1943 over Germany. Daniel L. Tate, II, Class of 1947, now lives in St. Augustine, Florida.

Tate, known as "Honie," was born in Sparta, Wisconsin on 4 September 1919 to Major Joseph S. Tate and Alice Maud Sargent, while his father was serving with the Army of Occupation in Coblenz, Germany.

When his father returned from Europe, Honie and his two brothers lived on a succession of Army posts. Among them were Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Myer, Virginia (where his father was on the Army polo teams of 1920 and 1927); Fort Eustis, Virginia and West Point (where Captain Tate commanded a cadet company and later the USMA Field Artillery Detachment).

The years Honie and his brothers lived at West Point were perhaps their greatest fun together. They roamed the whole post, south gate to north gate. They all fell in love with the Corps. They haunted practice and playing venues of all the athletic teams USMA fielded in those days. They played football, hockey, tennis, and even bicycle polo with cut down mallets on the street in front of the Superintendent's quarters until they were run off by military police. Of the three, Honie was the best tennis player and regularly beat his older and younger brothers. There is no doubt they all decided during these years that USMA was for them.

They were extremely close. So close that Dan can say of Honie today, "He was kind. He had a hell of a quiet sense of humor. He was thoughtful. He was very much his own man."

In 1932, Honie and both brothers went to Kent School in Kent, Connecticut. To those who knew Honie, it will come as no surprise that he excelled in athletics, made the honor roll all four years, and had time to sing in the glee club. Tate was a letterman in football, hockey and tennis his last two years at Kent.

While the boys were at Kent, Honie's father was assigned to Kingston, New York as senior instructor to a New York National Guard Field Artillery regiment. For this reason Honie's home while at West Point is shown as Kingston, although he was appointed to USMA from Wisconsin.

Graduating from Kent in 1937 and with West Point clearly in mind, Honie went to the Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York, to prepare for the USMA entrance examinations.

Tate was a good cadet in every sense of the word. He played Corps squad football, hockey (team captain as a first classman), and tennis. He was a splendid athlete.

Upon graduation, 29 May 1942, Frederic Homer Sargent Tate was commissioned in the Infantry and elected to be detailed to the Army Air Corps for flight training.

Honie left immediately after graduation for San Antonio to marry Roxana Holland on 31 May. After a brief honeymoon en route, he reported to his first duty station, Grider Field, Pine Bluff, Arkansas for primary flight training. There, with a number of classmates, he began his flying career.

Honie completed primary training with an outstanding record and was assigned to Randolph Field, Texas, near San Antonio, for basic flight training, reporting 6 August 1942.

On completion of his basic training in the early fall, he and Roxana moved to Mission, Texas where Honie reported to Moore Field for advanced training. Again he stood out as a great pilot and graduated number one in his class. On 13 December 1942, Tate was awarded his wings. He was transferred from the Infantry to the Army Air Corps on 10 February 1943.

On 26 January 1943, Tate was promoted to first lieutenant and shortly afterward was transferred to a squadron of the 327th Fighter Group in Richmond, Virginia. This group was part of the Philadelphia Air Defense Wing, Fighter Command, First Air Force. His skill as a pilot was attracting attention that led to his promotion to captain on 17 August 1943. This skill also led to his being designated a flying instructor, and on 18 November 1943 he was authorized to wear the Distinctive Insignia for Flying Instructors.

He was appointed acting deputy squadron commander in January 1944 and in February was transferred to Headquarters, 327th Fighter Group and designated group director of Advanced Training, with station in Norfolk attached to the 325th Fighter Squadron. In April the squadron was reorganized as the 130th Air Base Unit, Norfolk; Honie became its director of Flying Training.

Later in the spring of 1944, Tate was sent to the European Theater of Operations for combat duty with the 387th Fighter Squadron, 365th Fighter Group, Ninth Tactical Air Force.

It was while on duty with this squadron that he was shot down over Vigneulles, France on 20 September 1944. It has been reported that when his comrades saw that his aircraft had been hit, they radioed him that he was over friendly territory and should bail out. It is not known whether he received this message or not. He did not bail out. He was killed in the ensuing crash.

In his short active duty career, Honie Tate earned the respect and affection of all with whom he served. He was known among his peers as a "good stick," a compliment not lightly given, for his consummate skill as a pilot. Honie was awarded five Air Medals and the Purple Heart for his brief but distinguished combat service.

Honie was buried in the hallowed ground of the West Point Cemetery on 21 April 1949 after repatriation from France. It is fitting that he was buried there, for West Point had been a part of his life since long before he was born.

Roxana and Honie had a daughter born December 1943, before he went

overseas, and a son born in January 1945 after he was killed. Roxana remarried and raised the two children. The daughter, Dorothy Sargent Tate, married to Robert W. Mullen, lives in California and has three teenagers. The son is Frederic Homer Sargent Tate, Jr., who is in the cattle business in the Big Bend area of West Texas. He is married to Lee Ann McCoy and has a small daughter.

This outline of Honie Tate's life cannot possibly reflect the admiration and love the Class of 1942 has for him. His lifetime seems to have been particularly short to those of us now in or approaching our 70s. Short as it was, he lived it fully and well. He was a great credit to our Alma Mater.

R.H.C.

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**Leonard Samuel Marshall**

NO. 12998 CLASS OF 1942

Died 22 March 1985 in Costa Mesa, California, aged 68 years.

Interment: Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California



**Leonard Samuel Marshall**

THIS SMALL AND final tribute to Lee Marshall is being written by me, his Academy roommate. We lived together as roomies for four years and were on the West Point gymnastics team together for a like period. After graduation in 1942, we renewed our acquaintanceship often during our active service years and, finally, after retirement in the early sixties, we enjoyed each other's society and friendship for almost a quarter of a century. I have known him, youth and man, almost fifty years. Except for his wife, Helen, I knew him better than anyone else, maybe even better than his brother Dave did. I want to share with you a little of his sterling character.

Leonard S. Marshall, "Lee," was born 21 August 1916 in Milwaukee, Wiscon-

sin. Prior to his admission to West Point he attended a civilian military preparatory school and the V and II Corps Area Military Academy Prep Schools, spent two years in the 11th and 16th Infantry Regiments, and attended the University of Wisconsin for three years. Clearly, some of these activities were concurrent. He fulfilled his lifelong ambition by being appointed to West Point from Wisconsin by Congressman Ray Cannon in 1938.

The cadet years for Lee comprised an interesting mix. In spite of what should have been a more than adequate academic preparation, Lee found the books mighty rough going. He was not afraid of hard work, however, and slaved to maintain a toehold on his tenure as a cadet. Notwithstanding his supreme efforts, he was forced to submit to the indignity of no less than four turnout exams. It goes without saying that he was successful in clearing these formidable hurdles, and he proudly wore the four stars on his B-robe to prove it!

After the first two years, he was onto the system so well that academics, although still not easy, held no more terrors for him. I spoke of a mix. His military preparation for the rigors of Academy life far exceeded that of most of us. So much so, in fact, that cadet life outside the classroom was for Lee a breeze which he pursued with confidence and skill, and yes, even enjoyment.

While a cadet, Lee was, perhaps, best known for his prowess as a gymnast. As a more than outstanding tumbler he was the steady anchor man of the team effort, being one of the best collegiate tumblers. But he was more than just a gymnast, being a man of all-around athletic ability. First class year brought him into the public eye and into the personal acquaintance of every member of the Corps by virtue of his leadership of the Corps cheering effort in his capacity as cadet cheerleader.

Lee graduated from the Academy as World War II was, at least for the United States, just entering full fury. After the usual flight training, he received his wings in the Army Air Corps and was then assigned to the European Theatre of Operations. Based in England, he flew many combat missions over Europe, receiving the usual unit citations, medals, and ribbons. During the Normandy invasion he was instrumental in establishing on the Continent advanced tactical airfields, and performing important and vital liaison missions. The detailed assignments of his wartime service and significant contributions are too numerous to mention here, but are available in the editions of the *Register of Graduates* and in *Cullum's Register, 1940-1950*.

During much of Lee's postwar military service he was very actively engaged as a planner and organizer. For his

efforts, he was a continual recipient of numerous awards and commendations. Most noteworthy of these was the award of the Distinguished Service Medal for his brilliant conception and preparation of the Air Defense Command's Contingency Plan for Air National Guard Fighter Unit Employment. To quote the recommender, Major General W. P. Wilson, "I consider Colonel Marshall to be the most outstanding officer of his grade that I know or have ever worked with."

Shortly after his retirement from the Air Force after twenty years of service, he was employed by the Jet Propulsion Labs in Pasadena, and was fortunate enough to have participated in the planning at the time of the first unmanned moon landing. An exciting experience.

Lee was possessed of a lively, fertile, and inventive turn of mind. Projects and ideas, quite outside of his line of duty activities, flowed from his brain as naturally as water from a spring. Prominent among his many accomplishments in that direction was the invention, design, and patenting of an advanced concept aerial tow target.

The list of his activities and interests in his retirement is astonishing: past president, Air Force Association, General Curtis E. LeMay Chapter; over 12 years a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Newport Harbor Lodge; member, American Legion Post 291; sufficiently significant contributor to the book *The Longest Day* so as to be mentioned on its cover; geology student and precious metals prospector; manufacturer and marketer of motorized gold-producing equipment; inventor of a fire-retarding device for oil refineries; rock-hound, fabricator of jewelry; camper-fisherman-outdoorsman extraordinaire. And the list goes on, I am sure, even beyond my ken.

Lee entered the graduate school of Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, receiving his master of business administration in 1972. He became an expert in the field of grantsmanship involving federally funded programs, enabling him to author a significant contribution to the field with his book, *GRANTSMANSHIP*.

Lee was always the gregarious one, always visible, always up front. He liked people and he never met a stranger. Not only did he like everybody, he was liked by all. I have never heard anyone say a derogatory word about him. He was a lover of adventure and the great outdoors. Lee, always the dreamer, idealist, and romantic, never abandoned his quest for that "pot of gold" at the end of, for him, an eternal rainbow. Just a few days before untimely death overtook him, he spent the weekend in the beautiful mountains and streams of California prospecting for gold.

Withal, Lee was the sweetest man I ever knew. In all the years I knew him,

I never saw him lose his temper. There was not a mean bone in his body. He was always an important part of my life; Lord, how I miss him already, and shall, as will all those fortunate enough to have known him.

The circumstances of Lee's death were what we all hope for when our time comes. He was watching television with Helen when, on 22 March 1985, a massive heart attack took him from us. He lived life a happy and contented man—a person to be envied. So let us not grieve for him, but for those of us he left behind to suffer our loss.

Leonard Samuel Marshall is survived by his beloved wife Helen, brother David, son Michael, daughter Terry Ann Larson, stepdaughter Robin DeMara, and four grandchildren. His wife Helen has been of inestimable assistance in this preparation, providing both research and editorial aid. She sorrowfully joins me, and all those who loved him, in saying, "Good night, sweet Lee. Go with God and rest in peace."

John C. Cockrill

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**John Gilmore McNamara**

NO. 13287 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943  
Died 18 January 1981 in Bellaire, Ohio, aged 60 years.

Interment: Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Bellaire, Ohio



John Gilmore McNamara

JOHN MCNAMARA, OUR serious minded Ohio classmate, came from good Irish stock, which often showed in his nature. Like many of us, he took an extra year of prep school at Braden's between graduation from Bellaire High School and that 1 July of 1939. He wound up first sergeant of "I" Company and graduated into the Field Artillery.

Promotion was decentralized during World War II and John became the first

ground member of the class to make captain—on 9 December 1943, before we had been out one year! Then it was off to England and combat in Europe in the 908th Field Artillery Battalion with the 83rd Infantry Division. John entered the Continent early and wore five battle stars on his European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign ribbon. His soldierly quality was best revealed in the citation for his Bronze Star for heroic action in the Steckby Forest of Germany. The infantry battalion for which he was the liaison officer was hit by two German infantry battalions and tanks, and the lead companies were overrun. Although under heavy small-arms, tank and artillery fire, John stood his ground and directed devastating fire on the enemy from an exposed position. A truly heroic action!

While stationed in England before D-Day, John met Anne McClure, a first lieutenant nurse with an evacuation hospital. There were several young officers smitten by beautiful nurses in that era, but John managed to press his suit through England, France and Germany. (Her hospital was often near his artillery unit.) They were married in Paris on 7 August 1945. The future looked bright!

But then our Class was hit by the promotion freeze of February 1947. Those whose promotions were still in transit remained captains for several years. This block would have been hard enough for one promoted so early, but worse was to come. When promotions were finally unblocked for the Korean War, Reserve captains were promoted by date of temporary rank, but Regular captains were put on the list by date of Regular rank. In John's case, this date was six years after he put on captain's bars. Thus six years' worth of captains whom he ranked were pushed ahead of him to major! The manifest lack of equity in this action moved John to resign his commission in 1954, after eleven years of service.

John and Anne moved back to Ohio near the family home. The first thing he did was to win a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from Toledo University. For two years he worked for Boeing in Seattle as a mechanical engineer; then he spent ten years as superintendent of engineering for Olin Mathieson. For the next decade he was safety director for all plants of Consolidated Aluminum Company in St. Louis. In 1978 he moved to a post as project engineer for the same firm in Hannibal, Ohio, living in Shadyside. He was working in that capacity when he became ill. His death was sudden and unexpected—one day before the anniversary of his graduation from West Point.

And so we lost a brave soldier and comrade. While the Army had lost him earlier through ill conceived personnel

actions, he continued to contribute to America's strength in his engineering work and was active in the American Legion of his hometown and in the church. He is survived by his mother; by his wife, Anne; by their two sons, John and Michael; and by their daughter Anne (Nancy) Hamilton of Houston, Texas.

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### Robert Edward Harrington

NO. 13291 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 20 September 1985 in Washington, DC,  
aged 67 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Robert Edward Harrington

ROBERT EDWARD HARRINGTON was born and raised in Postville, Iowa, the son of Cyrus Edward and Nina Gertrude Rush Harrington. A forefather had been among the founders of Postville and the family had lived there ever since.

For his record in high school he won a scholarship to Cornell College in Iowa, where he became quarterback of the varsity football team. But during his second year there he realized a long-time goal and was appointed to West Point by his congressman.

The strong religious, civic and family traditions instilled during his secure middle-western boyhood imparted a legacy which would mark the rest of his life. Integrity, industry, personal responsibility, civic pride and patriotism were his hallmarks. From this background it was an easy step to embrace Duty, Honor and Country.

When Bob entered the Academy, not only were his ideals and principles largely formed, but his personality and manner were much the same as they remained throughout his life. His ready smile, outgoing personality, love of peo-

ple and his penchant for making friends were part and parcel of his nature. This congeniality, however, was not to be confused with softness; when the occasion demanded, he could be very firm and decisive.

While a cadet, Bob started his lifelong service to our Class through membership on many Class committees. A stalwart on F Company intramural squads, he was sure to be a leader in any informal activity, be it a water fight in summer camp or a football rally before the Notre Dame game. On the other hand, he worked hard and was anxious to succeed. He left West Point well known, well liked, and well prepared for future service.

Selecting Infantry, Bob was assigned to Camp Hood, Texas, for tank destroyer training. While there, he renewed an acquaintance with Mary Virginia Hunt, whose family owned a department store in Dallas. They were married on 1 May 1943, and our Class gained one of the finest young brides ever to "... join the Army, too." Their marriage was the start of a 42-year partnership of friendship and love. They were blessed with four sons. The satisfaction and happiness of their life in the service is attested by the fact that three sons graduated from the Air Force Academy and all are on active duty.

Bob and Ginny first set up housekeeping in Belton, Texas, near Fort Hood. With housing scarce they shared a small garage apartment with classmate Flip Fenili and his new bride, Louise. But Bob yearned to fly, so he applied for transfer to the Army Air Corps. In September 1943 he reported for primary training at Tulsa, then Majors Field, Texas, for basic and Foster Army Air Base, Texas, for advanced. In March 1944 he won his wings and in May was transferred to the Air Corps, training in pursuit aircraft.

After six months of training in pursuit aircraft, he was assigned to the China-Burma-India Theatre and flew 30 combat missions in P-51 Mustangs, under General Chennault with the Fourteenth Air Force. While on a combat mission he had to abandon his plane and parachute into the Japanese-Chinese No-Man's Land of Central China. Thus started an adventure in escape and evasion, filled half with terror and half with comedy, but which ended happily with his safe return to friendly forces. Embellished with wit and humor, this adventure became the basis of a tale with which he would occasionally amuse close friends in his remaining years.

His first assignment after the war was as chief of Foreign Installations Plans at USAF Headquarters. Bob played an active role in developing a worldwide network of bases to serve our new civil and military air fleets. He and Ginny

moved to Arlington, along with Robert, who had been born while Bob was overseas. In Arlington they established their first real family home; while there they celebrated the birth of their second son, Richard.

In 1948 Bob was selected to attend the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell; on graduation he was assigned to Strategic Air Command (SAC) Headquarters as chief of the War Plans Branch. During the major expansion of SAC under General LeMay, Bob was an important member of the small staff which supervised buildup of one of the most effective military commands in history. They lived in Papillion, Nebraska, and it was there that their third son, Charles, was born.

In 1953 Bob was selected to be air attache to Japan with a year of language training before reporting. Thus began assignment to intelligence duties, where he spent the rest of his active career. His ebullient personality, honesty and diligence made him an instant success in Tokyo, not only with the Japanese and the Embassy, but with the attache community which he served as doyen during his final year. Already a 32nd Degree Mason, he found time to become a Shriner. He and Ginny traveled widely—both in Japan and up and down the Pacific littoral of Asia. In Japan their fourth son, John Douglas, was born. For his service in Tokyo, Bob was awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure in the name of the Emperor.

There followed intelligence assignments with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). During this time he also earned a master of arts in political science from the University of Maryland and membership in Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

In 1962 he attended the first class of the Inter-American Defense College and then was assigned as J-2 of the US Southern Command in Panama. Four years later he became deputy chief of staff, Intelligence, for the Tactical Air Command, winning the Legion of Merit. In 1969 he was assigned as deputy chief of staff, Intelligence, for the United States Air Force in Europe, where he won the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit. After serving as senior intelligence officer for three major commands he returned to the US and retired in 1972.

Bob and Ginny returned to a home in Arlington, Virginia, which they had long owned. Bob accepted a position as business manager for St. Agnes Episcopal School for Girls in Alexandria. There he served until a second retirement in 1981. In Arlington Bob had become interested in local civic affairs and began dedicating much time and effort to helping the local government run more economical-

ly and efficiently. To those who knew Bob it seemed only natural that in retirement he would choose to serve his community and his fellow citizens.

After retirement from St. Agnes, Bob devoted full time to civic and political interests. He was a member, and later chairman of the Arlington County Civil Service Commission. He also chaired the County Compensation Review Panel. In addition to county work, he was a leader in Independent and Republican political activities. He served on the Citizens' Committee for Improving Local Government. In 1981 he was asked to be the Republican candidate for the County Board, although losing to the incumbent. He helped found the Virginia Foundation of Local Taxpayers Association and was its first chairman. At the time of his death he was president of the Arlington County Taxpayers Association.

Many classmates and other graduates were among his closest friends, and he devoted much time to Class and Academy work. He was chairman of the committee which selected, designed and contracted for the Class fountain on Trophy Point, presented at our 30th. For our 40th he served as both president of the Class and chairman of the reunion committee. He also served as the initial chairman of the committee planning our 43rd mini-reunion. Bob was a member of the Board of Governors of the West Point Society of Washington, DC. It was while attending the annual dinner-dance of the society, surrounded by classmates and friends, that he suffered his fatal heart attack.

An outstanding son of West Point, a fine officer, a devoted husband and father, a dedicated American, Bob will be remembered as one of the true leaders of the Class of January 1943. He is survived by his widow, their four sons, his sister, and five grandchildren.

*A classmate*

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**Richard Baldwin Jones**

NO. 13319 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 20 November 1944 in Argancy, France, aged 25 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DICK JONES WAS born in the Lone Star State in October 1919. As our *Howitzer* put it, that was "... close enough to Mexico to have many colorful stories from across the border." He was an only child. Even though his parents were older than the norm, his father found time to coach Dick and his friends intensively in baseball. A natural athlete, Dick played semi-professional baseball in El Paso for six years. Yet at the Academy, soccer was the sport in which he excelled.



**Richard Baldwin Jones**

A classmate who also attended Crockett grade school in El Paso with him remembers his interest in public speech and a particularly fiery version of Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech declaimed in reading class. Dick graduated from Austin High, where he was a cadet major in the ROTC, competitor in the Texas Heroes Contest (declamation), member of the National Honor Society and various clubs.

Dick went on to Texas College of the Mines in 1937, but left after one year to accept an appointment to West Point, originally in the Class of 1942. But the adjustment to the severe academic environment was slow, and Dick joined January 1943 in September when the rest of us finished plebe summer. Again, to quote our yearbook, he was neither goat nor engineer but a happy medium with no academic worries. He had a wide spectrum of friends and made corporal and then captain as the commander of Company A-2. He was a member of the soccer team every year, sports editor of the *Pointer*, and a member of the choir until graduation—in sum, a well-rounded cadet well suited for Army service.

Lieutenant Jones had selected Field Artillery. After Fort Sill, he joined the 920th Field Artillery Battalion of the 95th Division. The battalion trained in the California desert and Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. Dick made captain in June 1944 as the S-2 of the 920th, a post he held until his death. The division moved to Britain near the Salisbury Plain for a few weeks and then to Normandy—only to suffer the ignominy of losing all their trucks to the overworked supply line and the Red-Ball Express.

But the trucks eventually came back and the unit moved to the Verdun area near Pagny, preparing to move on the citadel of the Metz. Initial combat was north of the city to establish a bridge-

head, and then to sweep down to help take the city. It was during this action, at a meeting in the command post, that Dick died in one of those unnecessary accidents which seem to accompany commitment to war. While the event was ruled combat-related, it cut off what showed every sign of becoming an outstanding career in Artillery. He was mourned by many who knew him and served with him.

Dick was survived briefly by his mother and father, but they each died shortly after World War II. He left no other survivors, but did leave a record of service and success which the Fates cut short almost before it started.

*Classmates*

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**Altus Emory Prince**

NO. 13324 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 20 August 1971 in Fairfax, Virginia, aged 51 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Altus Emory Prince**

ALTUS EMORY PRINCE responded to being called Emory or "Em" throughout his life. He was born on 12 October 1919 in Washington, DC where he spent his boyhood and early manhood years. A true patriot, he was always conscious of having lived at the seat of our government, and knew early in his life that he wanted to serve his country in some way. His parents were his step-father, Jeremiah M. Enright, and his mother, Dorothy E. Garner, who served together in the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Labor.

Emory attended Western High School in the District of Columbia, graduating in 1937 with hard earned letters in football and baseball. Then he started down the road that would lead him to West Point, attending Millard Preparatory



training in the summer of 1942. But after 189 hours, he was removed from the program and returned to West Point for the final month. On commissioning he chose the Signal Corps. But as luck would have it, his World War II assignments were in support of the Air Corps. He considered his most worthwhile assignment commanding a signal company in the invasion of Leyte. He transferred to the Army Air Force in 1947, and spent the rest of his thirty years in the Air Force.

It is worth looking at the series of places his World War II service took him, a progression of islands: Oro Bay, Hollandia, Leyte, Mindoro, Ie Shima, Okinawa, Luzon and finally, Tokyo. It took him a year to get home because his services were deemed essential in the turbulence which followed the Japanese surrender.

While attending the Signal School, Jamie was introduced to Bunny Nindeman of Pelham, New York. Classmate Don Vlcek introduced them at the Three Crowns restaurant. In January of 1944 they were married; Don was best man. Two children were to be born to them. During repetitive assignments to the Pentagon, they lived near Washington and Jamie's career began to move toward a personnel specialty. Bunny's favorite assignment was their tour in Belgium with the Military Assistance Advisory Group. When they came back, he used to say she was, figuratively, still in Belgium. But physically, they moved to Randolph Field, to United States Air Force Europe in Wiesbaden, and finally to an assignment as Director for Administration of the United States Air Force Systems Command at Andrews Air Force Base. In 1972 he retired after a career in which he had won the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and two Air Force Commendation Medals.

After retirement, Bunny's health began to fail and Jamie had to increasingly devote time to her welfare. A series of tragedies struck them, to include a fire at their home. Then Bunny began to further decline; she died in May 1986. In turn, Jamie's health began to fail, even though his calm and friendly demeanor did not. In August, only three months after Bunny, he died of cancer.

Among his papers, Jamie left some words of reflection on his life. He wrote, "Regardless of what people say, military or civilian service in the Armed Forces is an honorable and worthwhile life. I would not have changed my position in the service for any civilian position. . . . The most important assets in the military, now and in the future, are its personnel. Machines can be replaced—life cannot."

And so there left us an honorable man, born and brought up in service to the country, who quietly did important work for the nation. He never complained at misfortune, nor lost his love of family,

country and West Point. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Kenney, married to a United States Naval Academy graduate; by a son Jeffrey; by his brother and by two grandchildren. The nation has lost an asset and we, a loyal friend.

*His classmates*

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**Robert Emmet Burrows, Jr.**

NO. 13510 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 8 June 1985 in Walla Walla, Washington, aged 65 years.

Interment: Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla, Washington



**Robert Emmet Burrows, Jr.**

ROBERT EMMET BURROWS, JR. was born on 6 October 1919 in Walla Walla, Washington, the only child of Robert Emmet and Gladys Virginia (Turnbow) Burrows. He attended elementary school in Rulo and College Place, Washington, and graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1935. During these formative years, Bob was an avid reader and learned a lifelong appreciation for music. Working as a "hand" on the family wheat ranch, mostly among adult workers, produced an inner strength, a self-confidence and an early maturity that were to produce a calm, compassionate and understanding leader, teacher, husband and father in future years.

Bob attended Washington State College where he studied civil engineering and was a member of Beta Theta Pi. In 1940 he was appointed to the United States Military Academy.

Bob had many fond memories of West Point. While the first few days came as a deep shock to his system, he soon learned to adapt to the ways of the beast. He looked upon the plebe-upperclassman relationship as a game in which his witty responses but careful compliance with instructions would remove any rancor from the relationship. He enjoyed a

good joke and especially seemed to love it when the joke was on himself. Bob's greatest battle at West Point was with swimming. He said that after many weeks of corrective exercise sessions, he never did learn to swim the length of the pool—he just learned to hold his breath long enough to walk the length of the pool on the bottom. Bob's roommate remembers his never failing good humor, his willingness to do more than his share of room duties, and his constant encouragement, without which the roommate doubts his ability to have survived plebe year.

After graduation and twelve weeks at Fort Belvoir, Bob reported to the 207th Engineer Combat Battalion at Camp Swift, Texas, where preparation for combat began in earnest. The 207th moved to Great Britain in December 1943 and crossed to Utah Beach in June 1944. After the Saint Lo breakout in late July, the 207th built numerous bridges in support of the First Army sweep across northwestern France. When the Germans launched their attack in the Ardennes in mid-December, the 207th started building defensive positions between Ciney and Dinant near the Meuse River. These defenses and Bob's "C" Company stopped the deepest German penetration on 24 December 1944. The other most notable action of the 207th was joining with the 148th Engineer Combat Battalion to build a Bailey Bridge across the Rhine River between 25 March and 5 April 1945. Throughout the war, Bob demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and only the mission came before the safety and welfare of his troops.

The end of the war in Europe found Bob near Bonn, Germany, but the 207th was soon moved to Ansbach, where it took over road maintenance responsibilities. Bob remained in various engineering duties until January 1946, when he was assigned as an instructor in the 7719th Theatre School in Heidelberg. This duty served as a precursor of Bob's highest and best contribution to mankind.

Returning to the States in March 1947, Bob entered graduate school at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned his master's degree in civil engineering in June 1948. Following two years with the Omaha, Nebraska District Engineers Office and one year at the Advanced Engineers Course at Fort Belvoir, Bob was assigned as assistant professor of military science and tactics at Clarkson College in Potsdam, New York. This experience further heightened Bob's interest in helping young people prepare themselves for the future. While on leave in August 1952, Bob married Sarah Jane Martin of Walla Walla, Washington.

Graduation from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1954 was followed by assignments in Korea and Japan and then to the Office of the Chief

of Engineers in 1957. Four years of frantic paperwork were rewarded with an assignment as assistant military attache in New Delhi, India. After two years in India, Bob got back to his beloved northwest with an assignment to Fort Lewis, Washington. This assignment lasted only one year because he was needed to help plan the expansion of West Point to accommodate about 4250 cadets.

The Class of June 1943 can forever be proud of what Bob Burrows contributed to the expansion of the physical plant of the United States Military Academy without destroying the West Point we knew.

When most of the expansion planning was complete in 1966, Bob decided to retire and go back to his home in the northwest. He took some graduate engineering courses at Oregon State University and then worked for a time for a consulting engineering firm in Corvallis, Oregon. However, this work did not prove as satisfying as he had thought and Bob remembered how much he had enjoyed the teaching that he had done. So he quickly accepted a job at the Walla Walla Community College where he taught civil engineering technology courses. Bob liked the structure and control of the classroom and the opportunity to make a contribution to the lives of his students. He was a highly respected faculty member and community leader and a scholarship has been established in his name at the Walla Walla Community College.

Bob's last months were typical of his approach to life. After the diagnosis of lung cancer in March 1985, Bob continued to teach his classes and follow normal routine as much as possible. He would take radiology treatment in the early morning, go to class, take a treatment at noon, and teach an afternoon class. His dedication to duty continued until he saw his students complete all of their requirements for the year and he had turned in grades and all other paperwork. A few days later a heart attack brought to an end the life of "as honest, straightforward, decent and companionable a man as I have ever known."

He is survived by his widow Sarah; a daughter Sheryl Jean of Boise, Idaho; and three sons, Patrick, Kevin and Richard, all of Walla Walla, Washington.

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**William Hill McKenzie III**

NO. 13523 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 17 December 1982 in Macon, Georgia, aged 60 years.

Interment: Felton Memorial Cemetery, Montezuma, Georgia

WILLIAM HILL MCKENZIE III was born on 3 November 1922 in Montezuma, Georgia. The son of William H. McKenzie, Jr. and Esther Harris McKenzie, he graduated from Montezuma High School



**William Hill McKenzie III**

in 1939 and attended Marion Military Institute at Marion, Alabama for a year before entering the United States Military Academy in 1940.

Appointed to West Point by Representative R. K. Mouton, 3rd Congressional District of Alabama, Mac let it be known immediately where he was from, "Montezuma, Georgia, sub." He loved West Point and soon proved himself a "hive" both academically and militarily. Mac was one of the few men I have ever known who continued to grow and improve with each passing day.

Initially this was most apparent in the academic field where, with his power of concentration, he was soon ranked near the top and upon graduation chose his dream branch, the Engineers.

After Engineer School he volunteered for Office of Strategic Services, and following survival training in Maryland was in North Africa six months after graduation. After jump training in Sicily, he parachuted behind the lines during the invasion of Southern France and, with fourteen French partisans, captured a German battalion and was awarded the Bronze Star.

With the mission and terrain practically the same, he said it was easy. He had directed the partisan group to set up a road block, a replica of the one he had devised in Pine Camp, New York, when our classmates were sub-lieutenants with the 4th Armored Division. This road block had been highly acclaimed by one of the regimental commanders.

By December of 1944 he was passing through the United States en route to China and his next assignment. On the way, he concluded a successful three-year courtship campaign by marrying Ina Claire Langstaff of Paducah, Kentucky.

In southern China he operated with Chinese paratroopers and jumped with them on a Japanese prisoner of war camp

at the end of World War II, releasing all of the prisoners and earning an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star.

After returning to the United States and his wife and new son, William Hill McKenzie IV, he went to the University of California at Berkeley for two years and graduated with his master's in civil engineering in 1947.

Two good years with the Savannah District were followed by the Advanced Course at Fort Belvoir. Then back overseas to France with wife and growing family, two boys and a girl by now. Three rugged years followed in the Engineer and G-4 Division, Headquarters Communications Zone where, living on the local economy, the whole family acquired a distinctive Gallic flavor, language, and love of cooking that was to influence their future assignments.

The trip to the Command and General Staff College in the summer of 1953 was highlighted by a stopover at West Point for the 10th Reunion. Leaving the academic life for one of command, Mac bought a trailer for his still growing family, now three boys and two girls, and traveled to Fort Hood where he was the commanding officer of the 16th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division.

Then it all started coming together, the academic and military assignments, for it was back overseas with family to Cambodia and the Engineer Military Assistance Advisory Group from 1959-61. Because of his engineering competence and French language ability, Mac was often requested by Prince Sihanouk to accompany him to military conferences with other Asian nationalities. The professional relationship Mac developed with the ruling Cambodians was a model that following personnel tried to emulate.

Mac was a colonel on his return from Cambodia and entered the Army War College in 1961, graduating on 14 June 1962. Straight to Washington, DC and a most responsible job on the NATO Standing Group for three years followed; he left in 1965 with a Joint Staff Commendation Medal.

Leaving his family behind in Vienna, Virginia, Mac went back to the Far East as commanding officer of the 9th Logistical Command in Thailand. This tour was cut short by the sudden illness and subsequent death of his oldest son, W. H. McKenzie, IV.

From 1967 to 1969, Mac was in the district engineer's office in Omaha and made a major contribution to the advancement of working relationships between military and civilian personnel within the office. In addition, he was awarded the Order of the Civilian Integrator by the city of Omaha.

From Omaha to Headquarters, United States Army Europe, Mac and family settled in Heidelberg for one last over-

seas tour. Mac retired in 1970 and returned to Montezuma. It wasn't the same McKenzie who hit Montezuma in 1970 who had left there in 1940. Entering a totally different field, Mac opened a wholesale nursery selling trees and plants throughout the Southeast. He quickly became a recognized civic leader in the community and devoted time and energy to such worthwhile projects as the Georgia Historical Society, and led the way by personal example in integrating the black community into a wholesome and mutually benefiting society with the white community.

As his growth in military pursuits ended with retirement, his latent spiritual talents blossomed into full flower and he became a force to be recognized in an ever widening circle of Christians; from the local mission priest to the Bishop of the Diocese, all turned to Mac for advice and assistance. He died suddenly at the conclusion of a year in which he had served the Diocese of Georgia as head of the committee for the Jubilee Celebration.

*The above was compiled by Mac's roommate and brother-in-law, Colonel (Retired) James D. Langstaff of Oklawaha, Florida.*

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### Norman Jay Keefer

NO. 13929 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 4 December 1985 in Lynwood, California, aged 66 years.

Interment: Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California



Norman Jay Keefer

PLEBE SUMMER OF 1940 was a whirlwind of activity. It began with the blur of Beast Barracks. Thereafter, we experienced the relative luxury of summer camp on the Plain. At the end of Beast Barracks, plebes were afforded the freedom—one of the very few at that time—

to select their roommates for summer encampment. I had the good fortune of sharing a tent with two genial California products, Norman J. Keefer and Mike B. Davis.

Those early days of weathering the storms of plebe living drew us together in friendship. As it turned out, it was a friendship that was to last our lifetimes. My memories of N. J., as we called him—he was "Norm" to others—are interwoven into a fabric covering a lifelong relationship. We became fast friends; we developed a high regard for each other's families; we became, virtually, brothers.

N. J. was born on 26 March 1919 in Twin Falls, Idaho, the only child of Norvin and Verna Keefer. He spent his early boyhood alternating between the Idaho sheep country and Salt Lake City, Utah. The family eventually moved to Los Angeles, California, where he graduated from high school and briefly attended the University of California, Los Angeles. Throughout his life he had a deep and abiding affection for his family, and dedicated a major portion of his life to his mother. He never married, remaining a staunch bachelor to the end.

We felt privileged to have shared in the friendship which he extended so freely to us. His "family" group included the Air Force and an extraordinarily wide circle of close friends including classmates, fellow officers, air crew members, and people he encountered in civilian life.

N. J. cared deeply about all of his friends. He was a loving and caring man who sought to befriend and to help others whenever he could. He took a special interest in young officers in the US Air Force. He provided them with wise counsel, encouragement, and helped in every way possible to enhance their careers. His protégés throughout the Air Force are legion. He had a natural spirit of generosity that virtually knew no bounds.

Besides his devotion to his family and friends, N. J. had several great loves: for his country, for West Point, for flying, and for the US Air Force . . . in that order. He was a patriot of unstinting loyalty, always ready to do whatever he could to be of service to the United States.

He was a true son of West Point. He had set his eyes on becoming a member of the Corps from his early youth. He and his mother shared the great joy of learning in early 1940 that he had received an appointment. How proud he was of that achievement.

Academic studies did not come easily to N. J. There seemed to be an interminable need for him to plod down "to the sinks" and to keep on working long after the rest of us had turned in.

Graduation was another proud moment for him. He had made it after dedicating the better part of eight years

to the total effort, beginning with early studies at UCLA and carrying on through several successive tries to obtain an appointment. He savored that delightful event; but, there was a bitter-sweet side to the story.

His third great love was flying. We shared that interest and zealously pursued the opportunity to go into flight training. It was a painful blow to him that he could not pass the vision requirement for the cadet flying program while still at West Point. He was crushed. Service as a flying officer in the US Army Air Corps seemed to have been lost forever. He was commissioned in the Coast Artillery Corps.

However, he was not the type to quit. In addition to his other fine qualities, he was a man of courage and conviction. Failure to pass the flight test physical meant that another barrier that had loomed up in his way somehow had to be surmounted. He began a series of training exercises for his eyes and took special pains to rest thoroughly during the graduation summer leave. At the end of the summer he applied once again for flight training; he took the physical and passed it with flying colors. He went on to earn his wings awarded to him in an emotional ceremony at Freeman Field in Seymour, Indiana. Fittingly, his mother pinned on his wings. Lieutenant Norman J. Keefer, US Army Air Corps, had achieved his goal.

He joined the flying officers group about a year after his classmates of June 1943. He always felt a bit hurt that this delay caused him to miss the chance to fly as a combat pilot in World War II. The additional year in flight training set back his completion of combat training and qualification as a crew commander on B-29 aircraft so that he arrived in the Far East just as the war ended.

He launched himself vigorously into the post-war era, fulfilling completely his obligation as a regular officer in the US Air Corps. His earliest flight experiences included transport support services from the Far East to the mainland of war-weary but serviceable B-29s. From his base in Guam, he led the effort to recover successfully a large portion of the aircraft left behind in the frantic rush towards demobilization which characterized that era.

He returned to the US to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology at Wright Patterson Air Force Base (1948–50), and the Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base (1955–56). He held various posts in the Air Research and Development Command between these two school assignments. He was then assigned to the Strategic Air Command at March Air Force Base in California to serve as an aircraft commander in B-47s. Subsequently, he was promoted to squadron commander and wing deputy director of operations.

In 1960 he was transferred to the Air Force Ballistic Missile Division, Air Research and Development Command, with station in Los Angeles and working in the Minuteman Program. He held numerous key positions related to missile development including vice commander of the 6595th Aerospace Test Wing and his final career assignment as chief of staff at the Space and Missile Center at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He retired from active duty in 1972.

During his service Norm logged more than 4000 flying hours. He was rated as command pilot and was awarded the Master Missileman Badge in addition to numerous decorations including the Legion of Merit.

He approached the challenges of retirement with the same verve and determination which marked his active duty military career. He became an active and respected member of his community in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, serving as president of his neighborhood homeowners association and member of the board.

With great enthusiasm, he continued his lifelong interest in things mechanical by transferring his concentration from aircraft to automobiles. He restored antique cars and took special pleasure from driving them and showing them off to friends and equally enthusiastic hobbyists. His special pride was in a Mercedes Gull Wing which he imported from Germany. He was an active member and held national office posts in the International Gull Wing Society.

West Point was never far from his mind. He was an avid supporter and participant in the affairs of the West Point Society of Los Angeles. He was a warm-hearted comrade, congenial and friendly to all, but the class of June 1943 had a special place in his heart. He will be remembered always by all who knew him.

He lived a full life but realized too late that his lifelong habit of intensive smoking was impairing his health seriously. He stopped smoking some years before the onset of his lung cancer in 1984, but not soon enough to prevent its formation and spread. His bout with cancer was a very trying affair. He faced the pain and the trauma of treatments with courage. His determination to overcome his illness, coupled with his ever present charm, wit, and love of people, gained him many additional friends in the final months of his life. He was a good soldier to the end when the Lord called him to his eternal reward on 4 December 1985.

Norm shared his retirement years with his mother's close companion and housekeeper, Mrs. Helen Saunders. She not only maintained his household, but remained loyal through his difficult years and provided the continuing stability to his life that had been so severely disrupted by the death of his mother.

N. J. was buried with full military honors beside his mother in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California. His family, friends and many others miss him very much. But all are comforted by the thought of the ghostly assemblage welcoming him to the Long Gray Line with the shout of "Well done, N. J. Be Thou at Peace."

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**John Bernard Brady**

NO. 14285 CLASS OF 1944

Died 1 April 1986 in Portsmouth, Virginia, aged 64 years.

Interment: Virginia Beach, Virginia



**John Bernard Brady**

ON 1 APRIL 1986, John Bernard Brady, affectionately known as "Jack" or "The Colonel" died at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was buried in Virginia Beach, Virginia so that, as in life, he could be close to the ones he loved and cared for so dearly—his family. During his brave fight with cancer, he was concerned about the welfare of others, his country, and his beloved West Point.

Jack was born on 21 February 1922 in Orange, New Jersey, the oldest child of Katherine and Andrew J. Brady, Jr. Jack grew up in Maplewood, New Jersey attending St. Benedict's High School where he was a member of the Honor Society for four years. While in high school he continued his religious beliefs by maintaining his status as an altar boy, which he continued at West Point. In addition to being a "hive" in high school, he was editor-in-chief of his high school newspaper, *Benedict News*, class representative to the legislative school body, and ran track during his junior and senior years.

Jack became interested in West Point as a result of the influence that his uncle exerted on him during his early life. Colonel Purvis, Jack's uncle, took him for a field trip to Plattsburgh Barracks, New York, where Jack learned that Army food is not necessarily neatly separated on several plates; it can become all mixed up and still taste good. The family still jokes about this field trip. This unfortunate experience with Army food did not in any way dampen Jack's enthusiasm for the Army, and as he grew older he was determined to follow in his uncle's footsteps, attend West Point, and become an Infantry officer.

Jack entered West Point in July 1941 after prepping at Millards in the Washington, DC area. After Beast Barracks he was assigned to Company F-1.

Jack took his studies seriously and worked as hard as any cadet to insure his academic standing. He did have some struggles with plebe algebra, being "turned out." He became determined to overcome this adversity and as a result of his tenacity and perseverance, he never came close to being "turned out" again. His long suits were understanding, perseverance, and maximum effort to the task at hand. Being a native of New Jersey with his uncle as adjutant of the post garrison, Jack was blessed with a host of friends and relatives who visited him regularly on weekends, thus he also enjoyed a social off-duty lifestyle at times. He became very familiar with Grant Hall and Thayer Hotel, but not even for Jack was there any escaping those infamous Sunday suppers in the cadet mess.

As a "ground cadet" Jack experienced all the trials and tribulations of first class summer. Those were the days of a rapidly expanding Corps as World War II was in progress and every cadet earned his pay daily working the "Beast Detail" or running ranges at Camp Buckner. The summer of 1943 was a large dose of mental and physical toughening that enabled Jack to develop into the fine Infantry officer he proved to be.

After graduation and basic infantry training at Fort Benning, he joined the 75th Division at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, just in time to accompany the division to Europe where he was an infantry rifle platoon leader in the Ardennes; during the engagement he ended up in a hospital. After a short stay he was assigned to the G-2 section of VII Corps.

At the close of World War II, he spent a year with G-2 Section, US Forces European Theatre at Frankfurt prior to commanding E Troop, 22nd Constabulary Squadron. Returning to the US in the spring of 1947, he trained others to be soldiers at Fort Dix, New Jersey and at Camp Pickett, Virginia, as company commander and later as battalion S-3.

Returning from an Army-Navy game to Camp Pickett, Jack met and later married Maria Longo from Richmond, Virginia. After marriage, the new couple was off to Fort Benning, Georgia and Advanced Infantry Training.

After Benning, Jack found himself on his way back to Europe, but this time to Austria where he commanded A Company, 350th Infantry in an unrecorded number of maneuvers. In August of 1951 he was promoted to major and spent the next two years in Headquarters, Tactical Command as the assistant G-3. He returned to the US to become administrative secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then went on to Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. Two military assistance advisory group assignments followed, one in Thailand and the second in Turkey, as an infantry advisor. A little rest and relaxation came on his assignment as professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

His next assignment was almost unbelievable for a career Infantry officer that ate, slept, and only talked infantry; he was assigned to National Emergency Command Post (A Fleet) operating out of Norfolk, Virginia. Jack was not happy mounted on a Naval vessel churning up the Atlantic in endless series of figure eights, zigzags and circles. Thank God, however, his vessel was relieved by the infamous *Pueblo* and he returned to port safe and sound. However, he and his wife, his sons Andy and Mike, and Kathy, his daughter, enjoyed the area so much that they decided to retire there. His last assignment was as executive of ROTC Directorate of the Continental Army Command. Jack retired as a lieutenant colonel on 31 January 1969.

He furthered his education by earning a master of science in education at Old Dominion University prior to entering the teaching field, which he had always wanted to do. He taught high school and also at the Naval Base as a professor for the Saint Leo College extension division.

Jack, my brother-in-law, was a truly great American, dedicated to his country and its ideals and those of his beloved West Point. It was through his counsel and guidance that my lifelong ambition and still most cherished memories were fulfilled—that of being a West Pointer. Jack will be missed by all, but his devotion to Duty, Honor, Country will be remembered by everyone whose life he touched.

*Vincent J. Longo, Class of 1957*

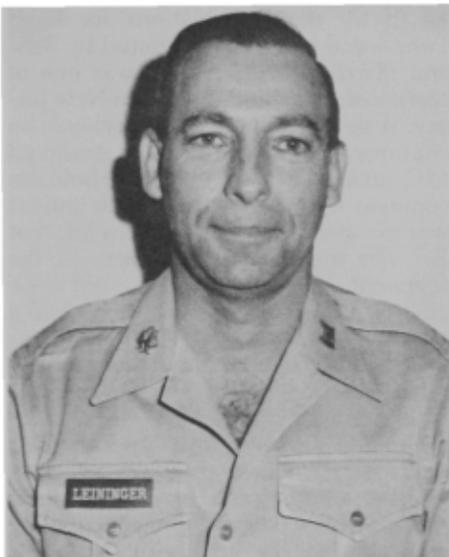
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**Daniel Marshall Leininger**

NO. 15387 CLASS OF 1946

Died 9 August 1985 in Jacksonville, Florida, aged 62 years.

Interment: Jacksonville Memory Gardens, Orange Park, Florida



**Daniel Marshall Leininger**

DANIEL (DAN) LEININGER was born in July 1923 in Marfa, Texas, the son of Colonel Daniel B. Leininger, a career officer in the Army's Veterinary Corps. Raised in the peacetime environment of the pre-World War II Army, Dan early on set entrance to West Point as a firm goal, a goal which he reached after a year at Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy.

On the Class graduation in 1946, Dan chose the Corps of Engineers as his branch and found, as his career progressed, that his civil engineering assignments were those for which he felt he was best qualified and from which he achieved his greatest satisfactions. He attended both the Basic and Advanced Engineer Officer Courses at Fort Belvoir, obtained a master's degree in civil engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, and later qualified for Professional Engineer registrations from both the State of Florida and the Panama Canal Zone.

Dan's 21-year active duty career in the Army was a very successful one. He served in the Far East, both in Japan and Korea; he was selected for and attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. He spent many years on duty in the Panama Canal Zone—first as aide to the governor, and later as a responsible operating supervisor involved in the large scale dredging and other activities necessary to keep the canal open for traffic.

Dan retired from the Army in 1967 and worked for a Jacksonville engineering

firm for four years before joining the Port Authority as an engineer and planner in 1972. Six years later he became director of the Authority's engineering department. As director, Dan was, in effect, the chief engineer of the Port Authority which is charged with all aspects of construction, operation, and maintenance of both the seaport and airport complexes that make Jacksonville the important commercial city that it has become. During his eight-year tenure, he spearheaded a major effort to both expand and modernize virtually all of the facilities under the Authority's jurisdiction—and to plan ahead as well, as the prime mover behind getting the city to accomplish a practical 25-year master plan for the port, including both the shoreside facilities and the environmentally sensitive issues of dredging and dredge spoil disposal.

Those who worked with him could tell you that he was a true engineer at heart and nothing gave him more pleasure than to see worthwhile projects properly designed, properly built, and completed on time for what he said they would cost.

Many people believe that the true measure of a man lies in the kind of family that he puts together around him. In this regard, Dan was really outstanding, for it is clear that he and his wife Ginny have shown how rewarding the traditional family concepts of devotion to each other and adherence to Christian principles can be. Their four children, all solid citizens in their own rights, are further testimonial to Dan's concern for family and to his maturity and wisdom and guidance.

Those who knew him will miss him. They will miss his friendliness, his approachability, his genuineness, his sometimes eccentric sense of humor, and his continuous concern for the well being and happiness of those with whom he associated.

Dan is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons, Daniel A., a career naval officer and Mark T., a senior at Auburn University; two daughters, Janet, a research scientist at Georgia Technical Institute, and Lisa, a bank controller in Jacksonville, Florida; and two grandchildren.

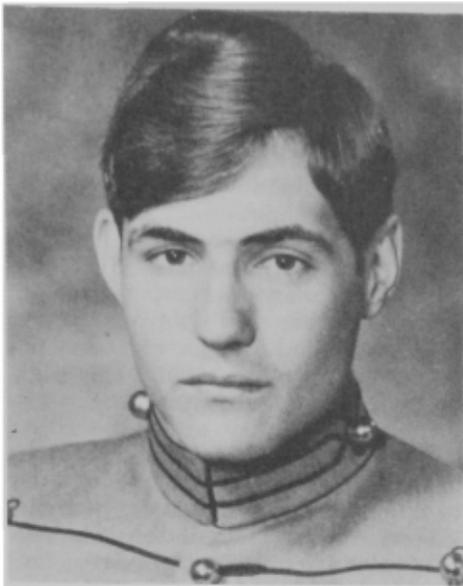
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**Richard Albert Green**

NO. 28849 CLASS OF 1970

Died 3 December 1971 in Vietnam, aged 22 years.

RICHARD ALBERT GREEN entered the world his usual impatient self on 15 December 1948 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Always the rebel, he decided that a premature birth would be no exception and, indeed, it was clearly the best op-



Richard Albert Green

portunity to start a trend! More than any other characteristic, his independence would carry him through life with an ability to absorb adversity without taking it personally. Dick could always be counted on to be a friend, for he saw no need in excluding anyone. He saw something positive in everyone he encountered. A peculiar trait or quirk of character might be what everyone should possess!

Shortly after his birth, his parents, Howard M. and Emily L. Green, moved to Glen Rock, New Jersey. During his high school years, his many friends would gather upstairs at his home in the "Greenies' Lounge," where soda, goodies, and friendship were amply stocked. He played a large alto horn in the school band. Since the case resembled a small whale, he and his horn case became known as "Moby" and Dick. On the debating team, he acquired the rhetorical skills which would later be flour-

ished in battles with tactical officers brandishing quill sheets. At the local Episcopal Church, he was both an acolyte and junior choir member. Of great importance to Dick was his involvement in the Boy Scouts. It was a proud day for all when Mrs. Green pinned on her son's Eagle Scout Badge.

When it came time to select a college, he shopped with his parents and decided to try the examinations for West Point—and made it. Appointed by Senator Harrison Williams, he was one of two senatorial appointees from New Jersey. A good student in high school, he continued to excel at the Point. Assigned to Company B-1, not only did he hold the common belief that the 1st Regiment was the most strict in the Corps but that B-1 was the toughest company in the regiment. He held his assignment to be an indication that the entire Army had a personal vendetta against him. Nevertheless, Dick reasoned that the best way to prove them wrong would be to test the system to its limits—and to succeed.

Greener's flashing eyes and singular smile were his best allies during those four years. Attempts to maintain his hair as long as the regulations conceivably allowed resulted in a series of "hair wars" which were legendary in the battalion. More than once he earned an "8 and 8" for his efforts.

Typically, he was always ready for fun or anything else which remotely suggested a change of routine. During the final exams of cow year, Baltimore, Boehm, and Johnson were engaged in one of the most ferocious, non-stop "Risk" games ever played in B-1. Each night in the wee morning hours as the game was about to fold, Dick would glide into the room, grab the dice, and challenge the winner. The result was, obviously enough, another "all nighter."

It also almost caused Baltimore and Johnson to flunk the "Juice" exam.

Dick had numerous friends in B-1. In particular, Paul Terry and he were the closest of friends. Paul spent so many short leaves at Dick's house that Mrs. Green called him her "Nebraska son."

Dick was extremely serious when branch selections approached. He spent hours canvassing the various branch representatives from personnel. He ultimately selected Military Intelligence, with a detail in Armor. His excitement at the prospect of being in Military Intelligence was evident to all.

Armor required Dick to attend its basic course at Fort Knox after graduation. Following completion of the usual military schools, he arrived in Vietnam on 11 October 1971. He was killed in action on 3 December 1971 as he served as platoon leader, F Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. A posthumous award ceremony was held at West Point on 23 May 1972, at which time his parents were presented with several awards and decorations earned by Dick.

How many times has a family member or classmate taken pen in hand seeking to distill the life of a fallen son or classmate into a few short paragraphs so that all may recall him? How difficult has the writer found it, groping in his ignorance of the language, to pick those few words which will best epitomize through eternity, the loss that all who knew him feel? Surely, if Dick had been asked to write his own epitaph, he would have demurred and laughingly retorted—"Well, what can I say?" And how often he said that! In retrospect, however, it proved to be fitting. As heartily as he lived for himself, he courageously died for his country. What more need be said? Rest in peace, Dick.

*His Classmates and Mother*

### General Joseph Lawton Collins Dies 12 September

General J. Lawton Collins, Class of 1917, died on 12 September at his home in Washington D.C. of cardiac arrest. He was 90 years old. General Collins distinguished himself as one of the key military leaders throughout World War II. After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, General Collins was given command of the 25th Infantry Division. He led this unit into combat at Guadalcanal, and from the division's shoulder patch which contains a lightning bolt, he earned the nickname "Lightning Joe." After duty in the Solomon Islands against the Japanese, General Collins was transferred to England to assume command of the VII Corps. He was one of two corps commanders to land at Normandy, and his

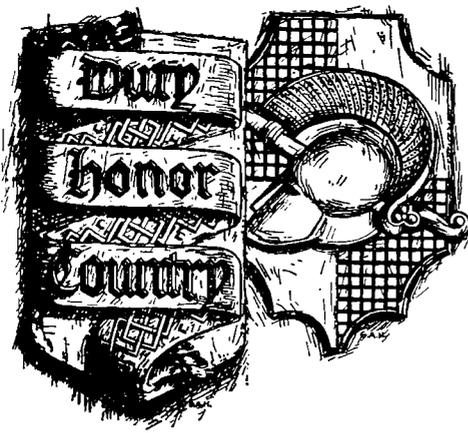


follow-on actions from St. Lo across Europe as part of General Omar Bradley's First Army caused him to be recognized as one of the top Army commanders in Europe. After the War, Gen-

eral Collins served as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Vice Chief of Staff, and then as the Chief of Staff of the Army from 1949 to 1953. From 1954-55 his posts included that of special envoy to Vietnam. In 1956 he retired from the Army. During the 1984 commemoration of the 40th anniversary of D-Day, General Collins was President Reagan's personal representative.

Funeral services were held on 16 September at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. General Collins is survived by his wife, the former Gladys Easterbrook, two daughters, Gladys Stenger and Nancy Rubino, and a son, Col. (ret) Joseph E. Collins.

In a future issue, ASSEMBLY plans to publish a feature article on General Collins that will detail his exceptional military career.



## Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of September 1987 ASSEMBLY.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
J. Lawton Collins	Apr-17	12 September	1987 .... Washington, DC
Joseph K. Baker	Nov-18	6 October	1987 .... San Antonio, TX
Ira P. Swift	Nov-18	29 July	1987 .... Winter Park, FL
Joseph A. Holly	1919	19 August	1987 .... La Jolla, CA
Carl S. Molitor	1919	25 December	1986 .... Gainesville, FL
Freeman G. Cross	1920	13 July	1987 .... Chattanooga, TN
Alexander R. MacMillan	1920	11 September	1987 .... Brookline, MA
James H. Workman	1923	21 August	1987 .... Atlanta, GA
Stephen W. Ackerman	1924	29 July	1987 .... Atlanta, GA
Augustine D. Dugan	1924	16 July	1987 .... Fort Bliss, TX
John W. Bryan	1925	3 August	1987 .... Middletown, CT
Rogers A. Gardner	1925	25 August	1987 .... Beverly Hills, CA
Arthur A. G. Kirchhoff	1926	4 October	1987 .... San Diego, CA
Fiorre J. Stagliano	1926	29 July	1987 .... San Antonio, TX
Virgil M. Kimm	1927	7 August	1987 .... Tampa, FL
Joseph E. Swindlehurst	X-1927	5 May	1987 .... Livingston, MT
Joy T. Wrean	1927	6 October	1987 .... El Paso, TX
Logan Clarke	1929	23 July	1987 .... Honolulu, HI
James T. Darrah	1930	7 September	1987 .... Lacey, WA
Addison V. Dishman	1931	25 July	1987 .... Rockledge, FL
John A. Gavin	1932	18 September	1987 .... Mitchellville, MD
Donald L. Hardy	1932	19 July	1987 .... Winter Park, FL
Roscoe C. Huggins	1932	17 August	1987 .... Kerrville, TX
Horace K. Whalen	1932	4 September	1987 .... Olney, MD
Gordon M. Eyler	1933	1 October	1987 .... Ridgewood, NJ
David P. Gibbs	1933	30 August	1987 .... Fort Huachuca, AZ
Richard M. Montgomery	1933	27 August	1987 .... Bradenton, FL
Lloyd E. Fellenz	1934	21 August	1987 .... St. Petersburg, FL
Durward E. Breakefield	1935	29 July	1987 .... Shippensburg, PA
John S. Growdon	1935	31 July	1987 .... San Antonio, TX
Aaron E. Harris	1935	7 September	1987 .... Fort Benning, GA
William E. Covington, Jr.	1936	29 September	1987 .... Whispering Pines, NC
Wilmer C. Landry	1936	13 June	1987 .... Berkeley, CA
Meyer A. Edwards, Jr.	1937	22 September	1987 .... San Francisco, CA
John J. Carusone	1938	15 August	1987 .... Glastonbury, CT
Clarence R. Bess	1939	25 August	1987 .... Miami, FL
Daniel A. Nolan, Jr.	1939	9 August	1987 .... Long Beach, CA
Jonathan F. Ladd	X-Jan-43	18 August	1987 .... Arlington, VA
Marshall E. Nolan	1944	11 August	1987 .... Roswell, NM
Donald J. Kohler	1945	6 August	1987 .... Arroyo Grande, CA
Vernon H. H. Newman	1945	30 August	1987 .... Austin, TX
Benjamin C. Evans, Jr.	1946	23 September	1987 .... Middleburg, VA
Murray Putzer	1946	16 July	1987 .... West Caldwell, NJ
Edwin C. Hightower, Jr.	1947	12 August	1987 .... Orlando, FL
Leslie P. Holcomb, Jr.	1950	28 August	1987 .... Honolulu, HI
Joseph H. Albenda	1951	27 September	1985 .... Poughkeepsie, NY
John W. Buckstead	1951	18 July	1987 .... Seattle, WA
Everette Taylor	1951	11 May	1985 .... Belk, AL
Ralph B. Garretson, Jr.	1961	4 October	1987 .... Midland, TX
Pierce J. Hanley	1962	29 May	1987 .... Dallas, TX
Roger C. Higbee	1964	29 September	1987 .... Huntington Beach, CA
George S. Smith, VII	1986	6 August	1987 .... Heidelberg, West Germany



## The Tree of Life

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