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Dear Graduates and
Friends of West Point:

The most widely read novel here over the past several months is a ghost story. Written by Timothy R. O'Neill, one of our own faculty members, *Shades of Gray* hauntingly links today's Academy to the West Point of the last century.

Tales of the supernatural aren't new in this area. Many of you will recall the furor back in October and November 1972, when an apparition frightened cadets in the 47th Division of barracks, attracting national attention for its persistent and inexplicable appearances. (Cadets still give room 4714 respectfully cautious treatment, using it only as a place to study.) And if you want to hear a rollicking good spook story, ask Bill and Peggy Knowlton to tell you about some of the eerie events occurring on the second floor of Quarters 100 when they lived there.

Speaking of Quarters 100, we never have a group of cadets over without at least a handful of them asking, with a bit of embarrassment, "Sir, is it really true that a ghost lives in your basement?" More often than not they want to go down to look through Thayer's restored offices, and from time to time a few will even forego a weekend leave to spend the night down there, on the floor in sleeping bags, hoping to catch a glimpse of . . . something.

Speakers and writers have often invoked spectral images to enliven their words on West Point. Perhaps most memorably, Douglas MacArthur, in his last address to the Corps, warned the cadets that, if they should ever fail the nation, "a million ghosts in olive drab, in brown khaki, in blue and gray, would rise from their white crosses thundering those magic words—Duty—Honor—Country." And the always haunting words of "The Corps" have for decades reminded us that "They are here in ghostly assemblage, The men of the Corps long dead. . . ." So, you see, there has been a long-standing fascination with the idea of phantoms at West Point.

Maybe it's just this region, the same general locale that inspired Washington Irving to write about a headless horseman in "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Perhaps it has something to do with how large a full moon looks as it silhouettes the Cadet Chapel on a brittle winter night, or how mournful "Taps" sounds echoing from the Cemetery, or how strangely a swirling ground fog transforms The Plain at daybreak.

MG Frederick A. Irving Apr '17, the oldest graduate present, led the Alumni march across the Plain for the ceremony at Thayer Monument, May 1987. He is flanked by General Michael S. Davison '39, President of the Association of Graduates, and LTG Palmer '56, Superintendent. Following is COL Robert J. Lamb '46, Executive Vice President of the Association of Graduates.

Actually, one doesn't have to find explanation, unearthly or otherwise, to sense a presence here, a spirit felt rather than seen. That presence works a magic on everyone at the Academy, visitors and residents alike, casting a spell defying logic, but very real and evident nevertheless—a spell causing one to stand just a little straighter, making hearts beat a bit prouder, bringing moistness to the corners of eyes. Check those near you next time you are up for a parade; feel your own pulse as you look out across the Hudson from Trophy Point; hear the hallowed hush when the oldest grad steps off to lead the Alumni march to Thayer Monument. It is there, something unseen but something powerfully felt.

Shortly before last December's Army-Navy football game, a reporter from the *Washington Post* asked Tory Crawford, our blue-chip quarterback and the superb leader of the team, why he had decided to go to the Military Academy when he had a choice among so many other colleges. He replied: "I read about all the famous people that had come from here and I got it in my mind I could be a part of that. When I visited Army, I saw all the artifacts and the statues and I felt I wanted to be part of that tradition and heritage."

Do we believe in ghosts here? Well, maybe not. But, as Tory's answer highlights, we do believe in the power of our past, in the richness of our heritage, in the strength derived from tradition and memory. If that conjures up ghosts in gray, well, so be it. Beyond any question, a singular spirit permeates this piece of land; today's cadets feel it no less than did those of earlier years. It is felt in the shared sense of Duty, Honor, Country—that noble expression bonding two centuries of cadets into the continuum known as the Long Gray Line. To believe in West Point is to believe in that "ghostly assemblage."

Best wishes from West Point.

Dave R. Palmer
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Superintendent

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Letters to the Editor

Ban Boxing at the Academies

Boxing is a controversial sport and numerous reports have been published about boxing-related injuries. Brain and eye injuries can be a particularly devastating sequelae of competitive boxing. Evidence that boxing produces irreversible brain damage is now as indisputable as the link between cigarette smoking and lung cancer.

Currently, boxing is still a requirement of the physical education programs of all of the service academies and is offered additionally in optional intramural programs. Competitive boxing is promoted throughout the US military with inter-unit matches common on most large installations, and inter-service competition typical at many overseas locations. The advisability of promoting boxing by the US military based on medical grounds and the historical evidence of military boxing, however, is questionable.

The most worrisome injury in boxing is temporary and permanent brain damage. The "punch drunk" syndrome has been recognized for over a half century and the term "dementia pugilista" was actually described in the US Naval Medical Bulletin in 1937. Chronic brain damage has been reported in up to 10% to 15% of professional boxers. Additionally, vision-threatening eye injuries are not uncommon in boxing. Sugar Ray Leonard's recent traumatic retinal detachment brought this boxing injury to the attention of the world.

Numerous professional medical organizations have made official statements calling for significant reforms to make boxing safer or for a total ban on boxing. In December 1984 the American Medical Association adopted a resolution calling for a ban on all boxing, amateur and professional, in the United States. Similar recommendations have been made by the British, Canadian, and Australian Medical Associations. The American Academy of Pediatrics opposes boxing in any sports program for young adults, concluding that they "should not be encouraged to participate in sports in which the intentional head injury is the primary objective of the sport."

Recently a study of the instructional boxing program at the US Military Academy was completed which reported an injury rate of less than 4% over a two-year period from 1983–1985. Personal experience in the spartan environment of the US service academies would suggest that any "official" injury survey would be a gross underestimate. Additionally, a more extensive review will reveal at least one death attributed to "instructional" boxing at West Point reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1985.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association no longer recognizes boxing as an intercollegiate sport. Proponents of boxing contend that it builds character and self-confidence, while teaching self-defense and self-discipline. Proponents argue that it is relatively safe, especially with different gloves and protective headgear. Medical studies have shown, however, that protective head gear might actually increase brain injury. Proponents of boxing will argue that "serious" injury is much more common in other professional sports, such as football or rugby, than it is in boxing. This statistic is not contested. However, the main difference between boxing and any other "sport" is the intent to do bodily harm, and specifically harm to the brain.

The principal purpose of the boxing match is for one opponent to render the other injured, defenseless, incapacitated or unconscious. The ultimate goal of a boxing match, whether amateur or professional, is the knockout, which necessarily connotes significant brain injury. Most medical authorities contend that it is unreasonable to consider boxing a viable "sport" since the goal is to injure the brain of the opponent. Boxing has been compared to cockfighting and to privately staged dogfights, and these comparisons are not totally unwarranted. In other sports, injury is considered a consequence of the athletic encounter. In boxing, direct injury is the intent of the encounter, and the intent is wrong.

War is obviously a dangerous encounter, and preparing for war can necessarily be a dangerous occupation. Many military greats have stressed the importance of athletic competition in the development of military leaders. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur said that it is "upon the fields of friendly strife that are sown the seeds", that will "bear the fruits of victory" on future battlefields. Physical fitness and conditioning are stressed at all echelons of the military. However, physical fitness, strength, endurance, self-confidence, and self-discipline can all be achieved through athletic endeavors other than boxing, which offer less probability of acute and chronic brain damage.

It is a needless risk to the mind and body of our nation's youth to actively promote competitive boxing in the US Armed Forces. Boxing should be eliminated from the physical conditioning programs of the US service academies. Additionally, boxing should not be promoted by the US Armed Forces, and should be totally prohibited on US military installations.

The opinions or assertions contained herein are the private views of the authors and are not to be construed as official or as reflecting the views of the Department of the Army, or the Department of Defense.

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Because of the nature of the above letter, ASSEMBLY *requested DPE to submit a response, which they kindly did. Others are also encouraged to comment on this issue.*

While there is much in the attached article which is inaccurate and I do not agree with, space does not permit me to respond to each and every inaccuracy. I have chosen instead to briefly explain why we have boxing as one of the required combative programs in the USMA physical education core curriculum.

The purpose of West Point is "To provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." While we hope that these outstanding young people will never have to face the fears of combat, they must be prepared for that eventuality. Anyone who has experienced combat has known fear. Often the difference between success and failure in combat is determined by one's ability to continue to function while feeling fearful. That is what we call courage. Boxing is in our physical edu-

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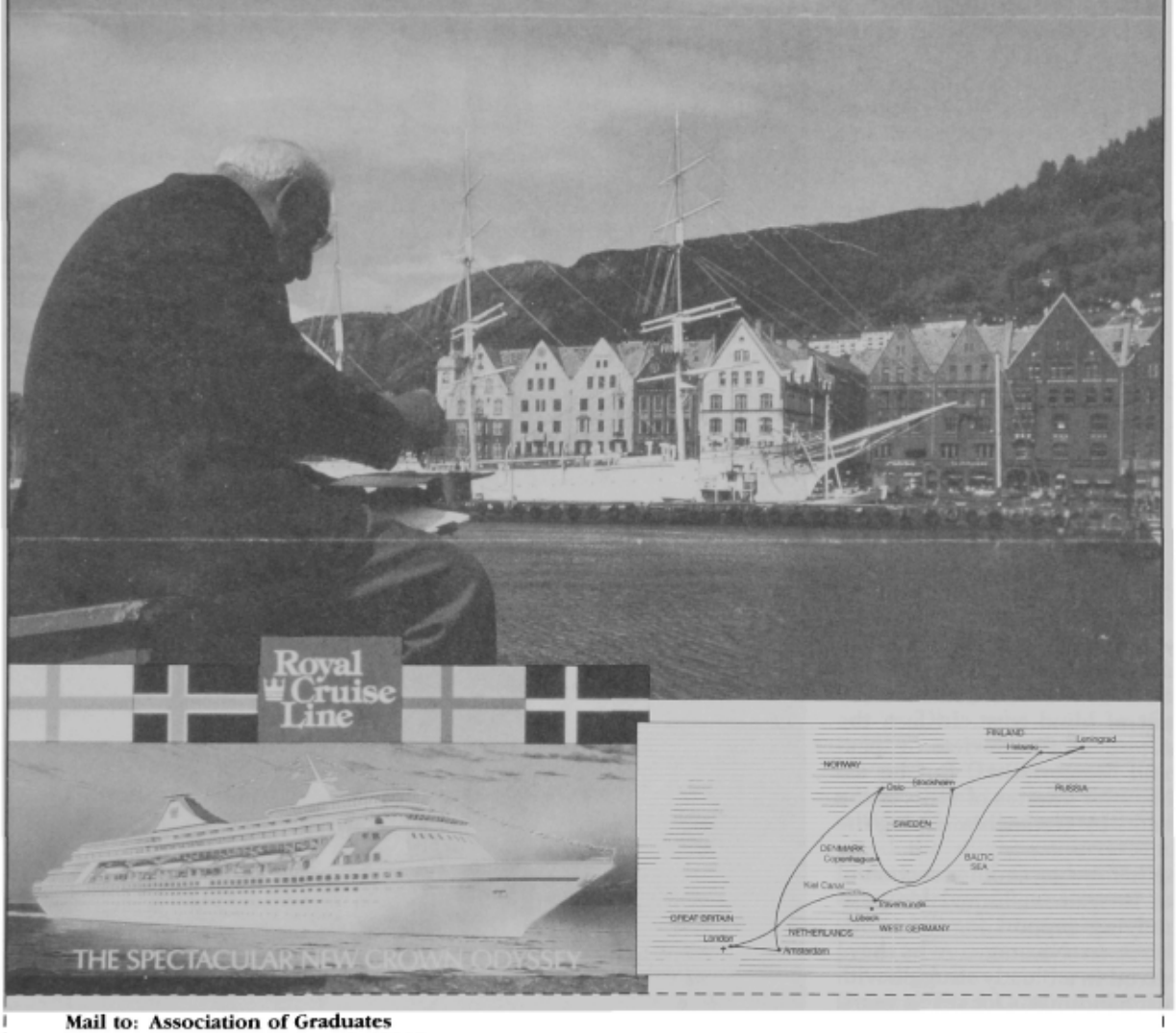

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The President Visits West Point 28 October 1987

In a setting he chose as the most appropriate, President Ronald Reagan delivered a message of hope to the oppressed and a warning to the oppressors.

Standing in the spot General of the Army Douglas MacArthur occupied when he delivered his "Duty, Honor, Country" speech a quarter-century ago, Reagan praised the Academy by citing past accomplishments of members of the Long Gray Line while assuring today's cadets that he had unbounded confidence in them, as well.

"West Point . . . has established and added luster to a proud story—a story of courage and wisdom; of heroism and sacrifice, and yes, very often, the ultimate sacrifice," Reagan said.

The president focused on steps taken by his administration to reduce the chances of Americans being forced to make that "ultimate sacrifice" when he spoke of the impending summit meeting between himself and Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev. Reagan made it clear, however, that his dealings with the Soviets would not be marked by an element of blind trust. In fact, the president termed the Soviets "expansionist" and "imperialist." But he expressed hope for a series of visits to the United States by Gorbachev during the negotiations.

"For, ladies and gentlemen of West Point, I believe that from time to time we who are your civilian leaders owe that—an accounting—to you who bear the burden of our decisions."

Turning his eye to another section of the globe, Reagan reaffirmed his position of undying support for the resistance fighters in Nicaragua who have been involved in a bloody struggle with Communist Sandinistas for seven years.

"My friends, I know you agree: we must not abandon these courageous men and women, these soldiers," Reagan said. "Let me promise: Nicaragua will have its freedom, and we will help the resistance carry on its brave fight until its freedom is secured."

Securing freedom has been a hallmark of Reagan's presidency, and he expressed great appreciation for the Army's stellar performance in that area.

"As commander-in-chief these seven years, I have been struck again and again by the professionalism of our military officers and by the soldiers I have met in the field," he said.

Reagan commemorated the fourth anniversary of the Grenada operation by recounting the story of the soldier whom he said impressed him the most.

"(Sergeant) Sean Luketina fought in the invasion of Grenada," Reagan said. "He was wounded—badly wounded. He was evacuated to a hospital in Puerto Rico, where his father, a retired Army officer, joined him. He slipped in and out of a coma. During a moment when he was conscious, his father asked him: 'Sean, was it worth it?'

" 'Yes, dad,' he answered.

Reviewing the Corps of Cadets, President Reagan stands with Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, USMA Superintendent.

President Reagan lunched with the Cadet Corps staff. The Brigade Commander Greg Louks is on his right; the Deputy Brigade Commander Patty Abt is on his left.

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"Then his father asked: 'Son, would you do it again?'

"Sgt. Luketina looked into his father's eyes and said simply: 'Hell yes, Dad.' Duty, Honor, Country."

Reagan said Luketina died for a cause as noble as any set forth in human history—the defense of America and her interests abroad.

"Your youth, your optimism—they give me strength."

"It is the cause of life as God meant life to be lived," he said. "It is the cause of human freedom."

Upon closing his remarks, Reagan paid the Corps a stirring tribute. "Your youth, your optimism—they give me strength," he said. "As I look out upon your young faces, I feel as one who will depart the stage almost as you have made your first entrance.

"I feel in my heart a great confidence in the future of our country; for I know that you will defend that future. And it is true. The Long Gray Line has never failed us. God bless you all."

Upon his arrival at West Point, President Reagan and Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer reviewed the Corps during a parade on the Plain which was attended by hundreds of soldiers, civilians and family members.

During his visit the commander-in-chief endeared himself to those serving punishment tours on the area or in room confinement by granting amnesty. Some 75 cadets had reason to cheer. The last time amnesty was granted to the Corps was in 1985 by former President Gerald Ford. President Reagan had granted amnesty when he visited West Point in 1981 to speak at graduation exercises.

"For I know that you will defend that future. And it's true—the long gray line has never failed us."

Courtesy of the *Pointer View*

To The United States Military Academy Corps of Cadets:

As they have done so many times before, the Cadets of West Point have made the Army and our nation proud. The pride of the Corps on parade and the sounds of martial music in the autumn air were memorable and stirring. I want you to know that your effort was visible and your spirit tangible. Your discipline and high standards of drill were obvious to all and inspirational to our Commander-in-Chief.

As in our Army in the field, you have linked the traditions of the past to the high standards of training in the present, and demonstrated your preparation for the future.

Carl E. Vuono
Gen., USA
Chief of Staff

President Reagan addresses the Corps. (Photos by Rick Hunter)

Remarks of The President to the Corps Of Cadets
Washington Hall, West Point, NY
28 October 1987

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. I know I'm going to be speaking to you after lunch, but I just wanted to tell you how great it is to be back at West Point, and I have never seen a more impressive and spirited Corps of Cadets. You make me proud. But you know the real reason why—I know the real reason why all of you are so warm in your greetings, so glad to see me. It has to do with this directive that I have written.

Consistent with past practices that have been established, as Commander-in-Chief, I have directed the Superintendent to grant amnesty to the Corps of Cadets.

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THE PRESIDENT: Thank you all very much. General, thank you. And Secretary Weinberger and Congressman Gilman and General Palmer, General Gorden, and members of the staff and faculty, and ladies and gentlemen of the United States Military Academy—I want to thank you for all your hospitality, especially since I'm an old Army man myself.

It was back in the 30's that I joined the Army Reserves as a member of the 14th Regiment of the—get ready now—Horse Cavalry. It's not true that I was at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

In 1778, George Washington erected a fort, high upon a granite point overlooking the Hudson, to guard the region of New York in the event of a British attack. And now for more than 180 years, the United States Military Academy, here at West Point, has in effect extended and carried on that first mission. For here we train the men and women whose duty it is to defend the Republic—the men and women whose profession is watchfulness—whose skill is vigilance—whose calling is to guard the peace, but if need be, to fight and win.

More than 180 years, West Point in this time has established and added luster to a proud story—a story of courage and wisdom, a story of heroism, of sacrifice, and yes, very often the ultimate sacrifice. It is the story of men like Ulysses Grant, the son of a humble tanner in Ohio who went on from West Point to save the American Union. It's the story of Dwight David Eisenhower, a Kansas farm boy who learned the skills at West Point that enabled him to command the mightiest invasion force in history; and of Douglas MacArthur, an acknowledged genius in war, who showed himself during the occupation of Japan to be a genius in peace as well.

And if I may, it's the story of men like General Fred Gorden. The only black cadet in his class, today General Gorden has come back to West Point as Commandant—setting an example for you, and indeed for all young Americans, of what hard work and devotion to duty can achieve.

These last two names I mentioned—General Gorden and General MacArthur—call to mind a special moment in the history of this Academy. For it was 25 years ago that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur stood in this spot and

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addressed the cadets of West Point. And General Gorden—at the time cadet Gorden—was sitting where you are today. It was a moment Cadet Gorden would never forget. Just days from graduation, he looked around this mess hall and saw war-hardened officers moved to tears by the power of MacArthur's words.

"The long gray line has never failed us." He said, "Were you to do so, a million ghosts would rise from their white crosses, thundering those magic words: Duty, honor, country."

And then he added: "This does not mean that you're warmongers. On the contrary, the soldier above all other people prays for peace, for he must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war."

General Palmer, ladies and gentlemen of West Point, it is because you above all other people pray for peace—but must bear the burden, should that peace fail—that I've come here today. For I want to speak about relations between the American Republic and democracy's main competitor, the Soviet Union—relations that are likely to shape the whole course of your careers as professional soldiers. I want in particular to discuss our present efforts for arms reduction—efforts that may soon be yielding historic results.

But first, some essential background.

From the beginning, our administration has insisted that this country base its relations with the Soviet Union upon realism, not illusion. Now, this may sound obvious. But when we took office, the historical record needed restatement. So restate it we did:

We told the truth about the massive Soviet buildup. We told the truth about Afghanistan and Poland. We told the truth about economic growth and standards of living—that it is not the democracies that have backward economies, that it is not the Western world in which life expectancy is actually on the decline. We told the truth about the moral distinction between their system and ours.

When our administration took office, we found America's military forces in a state of disrepair.

Today the situation is very different. Pay and training for our Armed Forces are up. The Navy has been expanded. Weapons systems of all kinds have been modernized, making full use of the technological revolution—as a result of our efforts, you in the Army will see the fielding of more than 400 new systems. And we've begun work upon a dramatic new departure, both in military strategy and technology, our Strategic Defense Initiative which offers the hope of rendering ballistic missiles obsolete and of ensuring deterrence by protecting lives, not threatening them. In brief: We have replaced weakness with strength.

To turn now from background to specific substance: The agenda of our relations with the Soviet Union has focused upon four critical areas. First, human rights, because freedom is what we stand for as Americans. Second, negotiated settlements to regional conflicts. Third, expanded exchanges between our peoples. And fourth, arms reduction.

In some areas of this four-part agenda, we have seen progress. Cultural, scientific, and other bilateral exchanges have shown a dramatic increase since my 1985 meeting with Mr. Gorbachev in Geneva. In human rights, too, we've seen some positive developments. Some political prisoners have been released.

Emigration figures are up somewhat. And of course there's talk of reform in the Soviet Union—of some liberalizing changes in Soviet laws and of economic reforms that could give greater scope to individual initiative.

We harbor no illusions: While changes have taken place in the Soviet system, the one-party system unchecked by democratic institutions remains unchanged. And yet, we welcome such changes as have taken place. And we call upon them to make still more.

It is in regional conflicts where Soviet performance has been most disturbing. Anyone searching for evidence that the Soviets remain expansionist—indeed imperialist—need look no farther than Nicaragua or Afghanistan.

Our policy in these regional conflicts is straightforward. We will continue to engage the Soviets seeking to find political solutions to regional conflicts—solutions that eliminate foreign troops and return the fate of nations to their own people. In Nicaragua, we support the peace plan agreed upon by the Central American presidents last August, insisting upon the establishment of full and genuine democracy in Nicaragua. Moreover, Soviet-bloc and Cuban forces must leave that nation; this is essential to protect our own security.

As for the democratic resistance in Nicaragua, year upon year for seven years now, they have fought and sacrificed and endured. It is the resistance—the brave members of the resistance, many of them no more than teenagers—who have kept the communist Sandinistas from consolidating their power and forced them into the current peace plan. It is the resistance, in short, that has given Nicaragua at least a chance for true freedom.

And my friends, I know you agree; we must not abandon these courageous men and women, these soldiers. So let me promise: Nicaragua will have its freedom and we will help the resistance carry on its brave fight until freedom is secure.

And this brings me to the final area on our agenda for U.S.-Soviet relations, arms reductions. For here our realism and commitment are close to producing historic results.

It was in 1977 that the Soviet Union first deployed the SS-20. The SS-20 was, as you know, a qualitatively new and unprovoked threat against our friends and allies, a triple-warhead nuclear missile capable of striking anywhere in Western Europe and much of Asia mere minutes after being launched.

You must remember that NATO had no comparable weapon in its arsenal with which to counter this new force.

By 1979, the Soviets had deployed some 130 INF missiles, with 390 warheads. General Secretary Brezhnev declared that "a balance now exists." In March 1982, they declared a "moratorium" on the deployment of new INF missiles in Europe. But this was only a cover, and by August 1982, the number of Soviet INF missiles had climbed to over 300, with more than 900 warheads.

How did the West respond? In 1977, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany led the call for the deployment of NATO's own INF missiles to counter this new Soviet threat. And in December 1979, NATO made a two-track decision.

First, the United States would negotiate with the Soviets, attempting to persuade them to withdraw the SS-20s.

And second, as long as the Soviets refused to do so, the United States would indeed deploy a limited number of its own INF missiles—Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles—in Europe.

It's important to stress that the aim of this decision was not in itself the deployment of American missiles. That was only to be the means to an end. In the words of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of France at the time of the 1979 NATO decision—he said, "the deployment of Pershing IIs in Europe was a tactical exercise whose preferred goal was to compel the Soviet Union to eliminate the SS-20s."

Well, no doubt the Soviets wanted to test NATO resolve. And indeed, the deployment of our INF missiles had to be carried out in the face of sharp political protests and even mass demonstrations.

I remember speaking in Bonn in 1982. Thousands of demonstrators chanted and marched. And I couldn't help thinking what irony. For it was to secure the peace they sought and the freedom they were exercising that we were deploying the missiles that they protested.

Yet NATO held firm. And yes, it was when we showed strength that, if need be, we would ensure the credibility of our deterrent posture by meeting force with force that the Soviets—after first walking out of the negotiations—eventually returned and began to talk seriously about the possibility of withdraw-

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ing their own INF missiles.

I'm pleased to say that the agreement we're nearing is based upon the proposal that the United States, in consultation with our allies, first put forward in 1981—the zero-option. The zero-option calls very simply for the elimination of this entire class of U.S. and Soviet INF missiles.

According to this agreement, the Soviets will be required to remove four times as many nuclear warheads as will the United States. Moreover, the Soviets will be required to destroy not only their entire force of SS-20s and SS-4s, but also their shorter-range ballistic missiles, the SS-12s and SS-23s. As I said, all these missiles will be eliminated. How will we know that the Soviets have actually destroyed their missiles? As you know, the Soviets have an extensive record of violating past arms control agreements. So, frankly, we're not going to take their word for it.

Any treaty that I agree to must provide for effective verification, including on-site inspection of facilities before and during reductions and short-notice inspections afterwards. All in all, the verification regime we have put forward is the most stringent in the history of arms control negotiations. And I will not settle for anything less.

At the same time that we've been moving forward on INF missiles, we've attached the highest priority to achieving deep reductions in U.S. and Soviet strategic arms. Even Mr. Gorbachev has described strategic weapons as the "root problem" in arms control, and we agree. To that end we've expedited the strategic arms negotiations in Geneva. Much progress has been made in reaching accord on our proposal of cutting strategic arsenals in half. The Soviets must, however, stop holding strategic offensive reductions hostage to measures that would cripple our SDI—particularly since the Soviets are already spending billions of dollars on a strategic defense program of their own.

And this happens—or brings me to what happened last week in Moscow.

As Secretary Shultz has reported, he had lively, sometimes heated discussions with Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and General Secretary Gorbachev. Well, that was no surprise. The whole range of issues on our agenda was covered. There was important positive movement toward an INF agreement and there was progress in other areas as well, not only in arms reductions. As I announced earlier today, Foreign Minister Shevardnadze will come to Washington Friday to meet with me and Secretary Shultz to continue these discussions.

And let me repeat what I've said before. Summits can be useful for leaders and for nations—occasions for frank talk and a bridge to better relations. It would be good for Mr. Gorbachev to see this country for himself. I'm ready to continue and intensify our negotiations, but a summit is not a precondition for progress on the agenda at hand. When the General Secretary is ready to visit the United States, I and the American people will welcome him.

Let us remember that we've reached this point only as a solid alliance—an alliance made up of NATO, Congress, and the American people. If we're to continue to see real results and to convince the Soviets to bargain seriously, this cohesion must continue.

Now, some have argued that when the INF missiles have been removed, our commitment to Europe will have been weakened. Yet, this is simply untrue.

We maintain our firm commitment to the NATO strategy of flexible response, ensuring that the Alliance is capable of blocking aggression at any level. In Europe itself, we will retain a large force of many types, including ground-based systems—and aircraft and submarines capable of delivering nuclear weapons. And in consultation with our NATO allies, we've agreed that further nuclear reductions can take place only in the context of a substantial improvement in the balance of chemical and conventional forces.

During the years of these negotiations, new realities have come into play—new realities that present new opportunities. In particular, in recent years we've seen the emergence among some of our European allies of a willingness, even an eagerness, to seek a larger, more closely-coordinated role for Western Europe in providing its own defense. Well, we Americans welcome this.

For these four decades, NATO has in effect represented an alliance between a number of partners and one very senior partner. Yet today our European allies have risen from the ruins of war to vitality, prosperity, and growing unity as a continent. And so I would submit that now the Alliance should become more and more among equals, indeed, an alliance between continents. In the words of former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the time has come for our country, quote, "to welcome a European identity in defense, which in the end is bound to spur Atlantic cooperation."

This, then, is the accounting that I've come here to give you. For, ladies and gentlemen of West Point, I believe that from time to time we who are your civilian leaders owe that—an accounting—to you who bear the burden of our decisions.

But I've come not only to inform you. I've come to enlist your help.

If we do reach an INF agreement with the Soviets, when its provisions have been fulfilled and the INF missiles destroyed, you will be assuming your posts as platoon leaders and troop commanders—and even then, when I and the members of my administration will already have been some years out of office, your careers will only be beginning.

So I ask you to guard the future of the Republic. Use the courage and steadiness that this Academy is teaching you in dealing with our adversaries. Employ all your skill as soldiers and goodwill as Americans in preserving and strengthening the emerging relationship with our friends and allies. And always—always remain true to the values for which this Academy and our country stand: Duty. Honor. Country.

As Commander-in-Chief these seven years, I have been struck again and again by the professionalism of our military officers and by the dedication of the soldiers that I have met in the field. But one who impressed me most deeply is a member of the United States Army, I never met.

His name was Sean Luketina. He was 23 years old. He didn't have the privilege of attending this Academy. He was a sergeant, a soldier like those you will command.

In this month of October, four years ago, Sean Luketina fought in the invasion of Grenada. He was wounded—badly wounded. He was evacuated to a hospital in Puerto Rico, where his father, a retired Army officer, joined him. He slipped in and out of a coma. And during a moment when he was conscious, his father asked him, "Sean, was it worth it?"

"Yes, Dad," he answered.

And then his father asked, "Son, would you do it again?"

Sergeant Luketina looked into his father's eyes and said simply, "Hell yes, Dad." Duty. Honor. Country.

Sean Luketina died for the cause that the Army of this Republic has always served, from the hunger and bloody snow of Valley Forge to the heavy demands of vigilance upon the borders of Germany and Korea. It is the cause of life as God meant life to be lived. It's the cause of human freedom.

And so the proud words sound again today as they did 25 years ago and as they will at this Academy 25 years hence. Duty, honor and country.

Permit me to say as well that I feel something today of what General MacArthur must have felt. Your youth, your optimism—they give me strength. And as I look out upon your young faces, I feel as one who will depart the stage almost before you've made your first entrance—I feel in my heart a great confidence in the future of our country. For I know that you will defend that future. And it's true—the long gray line has never failed us.

Thank you and God bless you all.

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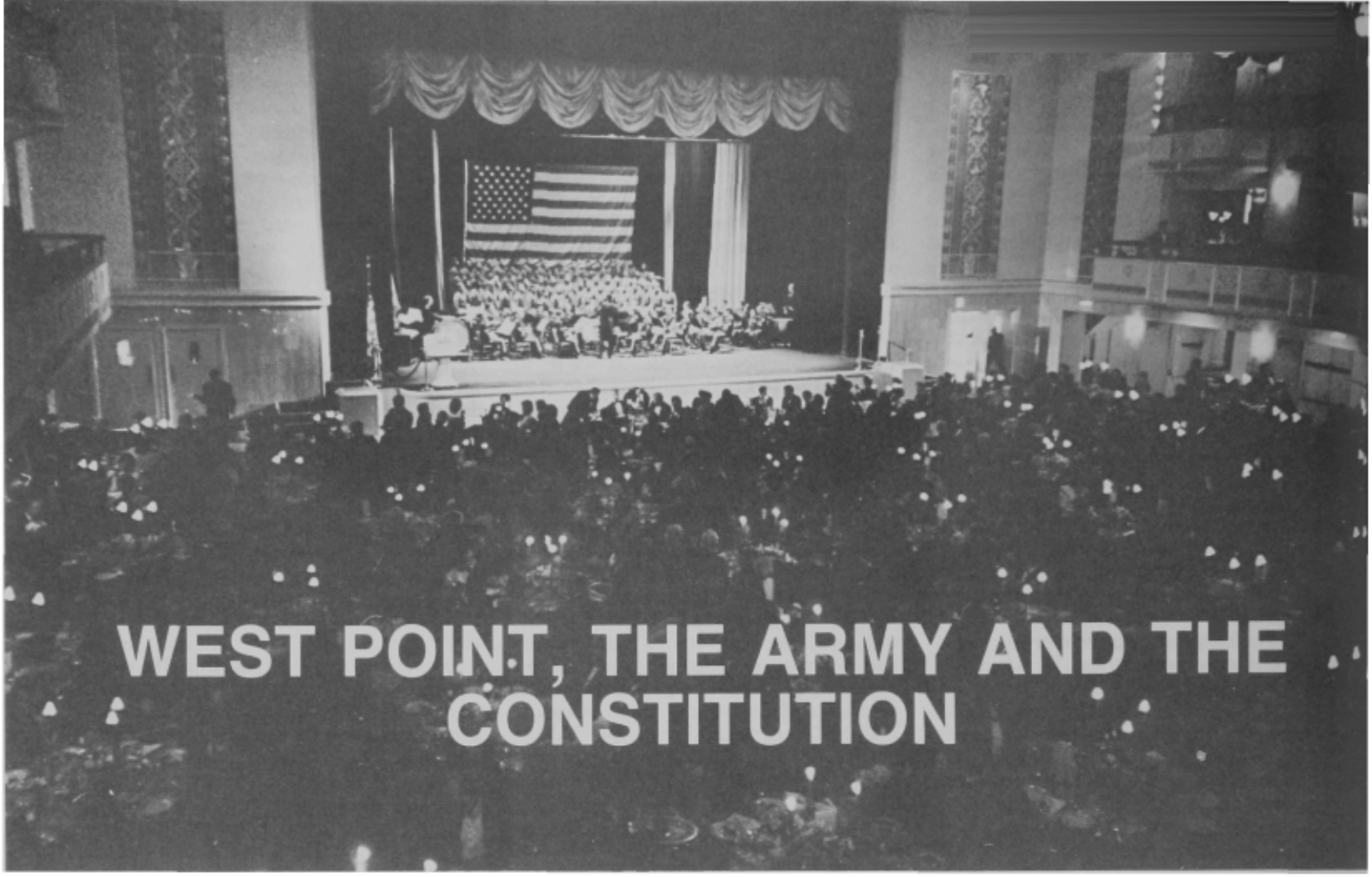

WEST POINT, THE ARMY AND THE CONSTITUTION

"The Constitution of 1787 was a magnificent achievement. It was a brilliant synthesis of theory and practice and looms large in the history of political accomplishments, and indeed I dare say, it was the greatest political achievement in political history. . . . And so as we celebrate the creation of our Constitution we should not forget those who in our own lifetimes have built democracy and have perpetuated the single most important idea that has ever been known to man and that of course is the idea of freedom."

Speaking to a star-studded group of honorees and guests, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger addressed a gathering of over 1000 members of the public and the Army from the New York area and around the country. The evening event was held on 27 October 1987 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

EXCITING PROGRAM

The program began with the USMA Drum and Bugle Corps, the "Hellcats," playing "Reveille" followed by the presentation of the colors by the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, the 3d United States Infantry. They were joined by the USMA color guard. As dinner began, guests were entertained by the premier of the Army music video entitled, "I'm glad the Army is in your hands" which met with an enthusiastic response. As a backdrop to the evening's theme, the USMA band played a piece specially commissioned by the West Point Society of New York for this event entitled "Foundation of Democracy." Guests were also entertained throughout dinner with performances by the USMA Glee Club and Woodwind Quintet.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

SUPPORT and DEFEND—200 YEARS, a bicentennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution, was organized to recognize and reaffirm the Army's nonpolitical role in preserving the Constitution over the past 200 years. The Association of Graduates and the West Point Society of New York hosted this event with the idea that it would be a superb opportunity to bring to the public's attention the Army's crucial, but little talked about role. To capitalize upon this, representatives from the media were invited. This resulted in major network, newspaper and magazine coverage.

The proceeds of the event successfully endowed scholarships under the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program in the name of the West Point Society of New York. The program awards one-year scholarships to four-year colleges, preparatory schools, and military junior colleges for deserving candidates with extraordinary leadership potential who might otherwise not have an opportunity to be competitive for admission to West Point. Approximately 45–50 scholarships are awarded each year to qualified candidates. Historically, some 85% of the candidates who complete their scholarship year are offered admission to West Point.

HONOREES RECOGNIZED

To represent the theme SUPPORT and DEFEND—200 YEARS, 23 people who had made significant and lasting contributions and sacrifices on behalf of this nation and its living constitution were honored. They represent a special group of West Point's most illustrious graduates, distinguished Army leaders, and recipients of the Academy's Thayer Award. They were among those who "supported and defended" against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and whose careers spanned almost the entire twentieth century.

ILLUSTRIOUS WEST POINT MILITARY LEADERS

Speaking before an assembly which included four Chiefs-of-Staff, 13 four-star generals, two former Secretaries of the Army, and distinguished leaders from government and business, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. addressed the audience. "Those who founded our great government recognized there is a relationship between the common defense and the blessings of liberty, and West Point through its years of great service to our country bears

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Mr. Thomas Barron (left), President of the West Point Society of New York, talks with Army Chief of Staff General Carl E. Vuono and Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. at the bicentennial celebration held at the Waldorf Astoria. (Photograph by Walter Daran)

General William C. Westmoreland (left) and General Leon W. Johnson, accompanied by a guest, stand with Mr. Frank Pace, Jr. and General Lauris Norstad during the reception for honorees. (Photograph by Walter Daran)

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger reminisces with General James A. Van Fleet about his military career which spanned more than three decades. (Photograph by Walter Daran)

testimony by providing for the common defense which will secure the blessings of liberty for all Americans. It shall continue to do it in years to come and for this we are very grateful and very proud."

The evening's events capitalized on the fact that personally and together, the honorees' careers symbolized the enduring non-political commitment of the Army and of our nation's civilian leadership to the Constitution. The master of ceremonies, BG Peter M. Dawkins '59 (USA, Ret.), introduced the distinguished list of honorees which included *General James A. Van Fleet (USA, Ret.) '15*, 4th Division Commander at Normandy and Commander, U.S. Eighth Army during the Korean War; *General Albert Wedemeyer (USA, Ret.) '19*, Deputy Chief-of-Staff to Lord Louis Mountbatten in India and Commander, U.S. Forces in the China Theater during WWII; *General Leon W. Johnson (USAF, Ret.) '26*, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient for heroism in the Ploesti air raid in WWII and also the U.S. representative to the NATO Steering Group; *General Lauris Norstad (USAF, Ret.) '30*, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Air Forces Europe and Supreme Allied Commander Europe during the Berlin Wall crisis; *General Michael S. Davison (USA, Ret.) '39*, Commander, II Field Force, Vietnam, Commander, U.S. Army Europe, and President of West Point's Association of Graduates; *General Bruce Palmer (USA, Ret.) '36*, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army and Deputy Commander, US Army Vietnam; and *General William C. Westmoreland (USA, Ret.) '36*, Commander, US Military Assistance Command Vietnam and Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Army.

The next group of honorees achieved the rank of general after the Vietnam years. They were the guardians of freedom in the years which Hugh Seton-Watson has called "Neither war nor peace." They were years of tension and challenge: the return to the volunteer Army, the shrinking of the size of the Army, and the need for a concomitant increase in the quality of the Army. Modernization and arms negotiations have been hallmarks of the challenges faced by this generation of leaders beginning with *General Roscoe Robinson (USA, Ret.) '51*, the US Army's first and only Black four-star general, who served as Commanding General of U.S. Army, Japan and military representative to NATO; *General John A. Wickham (USA, Ret.) '50*, Commander, United Nations Command, Korea and Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Army; and *General Carl E. Vuono '57*, USA, Commanding General of the Training and Doctrine Command and Chief-of-Staff, U.S. Army.

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The Leadership Legacy of General Maxwell D. Taylor

By COL Howard T. Prince II and COL William L. Wilson

On April 19, 1987 when General Maxwell D. Taylor passed away in Washington, D.C. our nation lost one of its greatest military leaders and thinkers of the twentieth century. At the time of his death, he was eulogized and praised by our national leaders. His life was also recalled in a recent article in *Assembly* by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Priscilla Taylor, who gave us "a sampling of Taylor's associations and contributions, particularly those connected with the Army and with West Point." In this article, we will take a closer look at one of General Taylor's many lasting contributions, a legacy for teaching and thinking about leadership in the Army which he sparked at West Point while serving as the superintendent in the early years after World War II.

The years following World War II were a time of change for much of the military, and West Point was no exception. In addition to restoring the four-year curriculum, which had been abbreviated during the war years, General Eisenhower, the Army Chief of Staff, asked then Major General Taylor, to concentrate his efforts as superintendent on preserving the Honor Code and System. In January 1946, Eisenhower wrote to Taylor that "the problem of maintaining a profound respect for the Honor System is of course something that falls upon the shoulders of all officers . . . as well as upon upper classmen." He hoped that each graduate would have "a very lively and continuing concern for his personal honor and the Honor System at West Point." Eisenhower personally cherished the Honor Code and System but feared these might have been weakened by "an expansion at West Point" and the fact that "we have just now been through a war where I have no doubt the Superintendent has been hard put to it to keep on his Staff officers of his own selection."

In addition to his concerns about the Honor Code and System, General Eisenhower also believed that the new superintendent needed to give special attention to providing graduates with "a very clear understanding of the human factors involved in developing, training and leading an Army." Eisenhower was probably aware that American soldiers had given many of our Army's leaders, especially officers, low marks for leadership during World War II in a classic study of leadership and motivation, as reported in *The American Soldier* by Stouffer *et al.* Thus General Eisenhower also included in his guidance to his Military Academy superintendent the necessity to include such instruction in the curriculum, anchoring it in the academic discipline of psychology. Eisenhower wrote to Taylor that

General Maxwell D. Taylor

> *a feature that I should like very much to see included in the curriculum is a course in practical or applied psychology. I realize that tremendous advances have been made in the matter of leadership and personnel management since I was a Cadet. Nevertheless I am sure that it is a subject that should receive the constant and anxious care of the Superintendent and his assistants on the Academic Board and these should frequently call in for consultation experts both from other schools and from among persons who have made an outstanding success in industrial and economic life. Too frequently we find young officers trying to use empirical and ritualistic methods in the handling of individuals—I think that both theoretical and practical instruction along this line could, at the very least, awaken the majority of Cadets to the necessity for handling human problems on a human basis and do much to improve leadership and personnel handling in the Army at large.*

General Eisenhower concluded his guidance to Taylor by noting that "I have not a word to say about technique and technical work at the Academy" since he felt that "they are in competent hands" and "are of far less importance than the large questions I have so briefly touched upon." In effect, the Army's Chief of Staff gave his Military Academy superintendent the mission to develop leaders of character. That Taylor saw his central purpose in just these terms is reflected in the following excerpt from an article he published just two months after receiving the letter from Eisenhower:

> *In conclusion, let it be said that West Point is deeply conscious of the need for continuing self-criticism. Just as modern war pervades all phases of the national life, so West Point must survey a field of equal breadth. The cadet should not live in a mental cloister; their interests must be catholic. As future officers in the Army, cadets should avoid the limited horizons which have often hemmed in military minds. At the same time, in our concern to give the cadets the scientific tools needed in the new age, we must not forget that West Point is essential-*

General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower

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ly a school for leaders. What it teaches its graduates from books is important, but is not everything. There is no academic department at West Point which is not excelled in size or scope by some other civilian school. Other colleges offer more advanced scientific and liberal courses to special students. We err if we measure West Point only by the yardstick of curriculum. West Point succeeds or fails in the future to the degree in which it continues to produce broad men of character, capable of leading other men to victory in battle.

On June 29, 1946 Major General Taylor established for the first time in the history of the Military Academy a department devoted to the study and teaching of psychology and leadership, the Department of Military Psychology and Leadership (MPL). He instituted the first course in the psychology of military leadership, "all the while wondering why no such course had existed before," according to his son, John Taylor.

Prior to World War II, there had been no formal course in leadership at West Point. There were only occasional lectures on the subject. The War Department in Washington had urged the establishment of an academic program in leadership and psychology citing leadership problems in our Army during World War I and later. General Pershing, in his address to the graduating class at West Point in 1924, argued that

Leadership requires human sympathy first of all. It is the principal factor in building up morale . . . A most interesting study is human nature. I think that particular stress should be laid on its development here at the Academy, and that a special course of instruction should be established to that end.

Despite the attempts at reform by Brigadier General MacArthur when he was the superintendent and the urgings of figures such as General Pershing, nothing happened.

One reason officers had resisted the establishment of courses to study leadership was undoubtedly the view carried over from the nineteenth century work of Thomas Carlyle. Carlyle believed in what has been called the "Great Man" approach to leadership. This idea, expressed in his book *Heroes and Hero Worship*, suggests that only "great men" who have leadership traits that are somehow endowed by nature become leaders. This notion is still alive as a popular view even today. However, Taylor, along with Eisenhower, held the view that leaders are developed, not born. In a speech to National Defense University students after he retired from public life in the seventies, Taylor quoted the Civil War leader, General Sherman, who had said that "I have read of men born as generals peculiarly endowed by nature but have never seen one." In large measure, Taylor shared this view.

Without powerful advocates such as Taylor and Eisenhower, it might have been many more years before the Military Academy took its place among the nation's colleges and universities in offering courses in psychology and leadership. But even with the backing of Generals Taylor and Eisenhower, the new Department of Military Psychology and Leadership got off to a rocky start. It would take several decades to create the intellectual foundation and to build the heritage that would enable the Military Academy to move from relatively unsophisticated courses and crude methods of teaching leadership to the position of considerable influence that it enjoys in military as well as civilian circles today. Over the next forty years many people contributed to the process of building a rich intellectual and practical base for both the theory and practice of leader development. Their influence has spread throughout the Army and even into civilian institutions in more recent times. It is this intellectual and practical base of leadership that is one of General Maxwell Taylor's most enduring legacies.

Although General Taylor exercised his personal influence almost to his last days by continuing to speak and write about leadership, it is the work of those he and his successors attracted to the study and teaching of leadership at West Point that has most shaped the way in which the Army and its leaders have come to think about leadership. He set in motion what has become a fully articulated and sophisticated system of leader development which is at the heart of the Military Academy's purpose and program today and which also has had considerable influence on leader development elsewhere in the Army.

Since the time of Taylor's tour as superintendent and even earlier, other departments and key people have enhanced the programs at West Point while simultaneously influencing leader development elsewhere in the Army through publication as well as personal activity. Certainly the areas of military history, professional ethics, strategy and politico-military thought within the Army have been enriched by thinkers and practitioners at the Military Academy. The focus in this article is, however, on the legacy and heritage of studying the military leadership process as an end which received its impetus from General Taylor while he was the superintendent.

The first instructors in the Department of MPL were former company tactical officers who did not have a graduate education. They went to college at night and were tutored by a civilian psychologist hired by the department. It took over twenty years to lay the intellectual foundation for what has become a very significant influence on the Army. During this same time frame, the study of leadership began in earnest in America's civilian colleges and universities, with the University of Michigan and Ohio State University in the lead. Interestingly, the military's World War II experience was a significant part of the data base used in these early civilian leadership studies. While it took years to build a body of knowledge and to learn how to teach leadership theory and concepts which were relevant to Army leadership, the early contributors established the tradition that the faculty must themselves be experienced, competent Army leaders. One of the early heads of the Department of MPL, for example, was Colonel Paul Tuttle who had commanded a battalion of the 23d Infantry, 2d Infantry Division during World War II. Tuttle was the battalion commander of Captain (later Colonel) Charles B. MacDonald, who wrote the classic book *Company Commander*, based on his combat experience with then Lieutenant Colonel Tuttle in Germany during 1944–45.

Though the most direct impact of what General Taylor started is the leadership knowledge which West Point's own graduates bring to their Army experiences, West Point's leadership department began to have a much broader influence on the Army's leaders and its leader development programs when the Department of MPL published the first of three leadership textbooks produced by that department and its successor organizations. Under the direction of Colonel Samuel Hays, the Department of MPL wrote *Taking Command*, which is still widely read. *Taking Command*, published by Stackpole, was the first modern synthesis of psychology, leadership research and military experience for the student of military leadership, and it has exerted significant influence on the Army as a common professional intellectual experience of thousands of Army leaders.

Army leaders also continue to read the second leadership book produced at West Point. In 1976 Colonel Harry Buckley oversaw the preparation of *A Study of Organizational Leadership*, also published by Stackpole. This book is still in print and is found on bookshelves in PXs and bookstores at service schools throughout the Army. It was adopted for use by TRADOC as the standard leadership textbook for ROTC during the late seventies, and ROTC units sent officers to a leadership instructor workshop at West Point. This workshop and the associated textbook became a significant influence on the early leadership education of young Army officers from

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other sources of commissioning and broadened the common base for leadership practice within the Officer Corps. In 1981 the new Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership (BSL) published a third textbook on leadership, *Leadership in Organizations*, which is currently used in the core leadership course taken by all cadets. This book, originally published by the Government Printing Office, has been in demand as a reference and as a textbook throughout the Army for several years. The book has just been published commercially by the Avery Publishing Company.

General Bernard Rogers must be included among the key figures who helped to expand West Point's influence on the Army's leadership theory and practice. During the late sixties while he was the Commandant of Cadets, then Brigadier General Rogers learned about the potential of the formal study of leadership and the applicability of the behavioral sciences to Army problems. Breathing new life into the ideas of Pershing, Eisenhower and Taylor, Rogers took the lead in later assignments in making wider use in the Army of the concepts taught at West Point. As a division commander and later as the Army's Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and then Chief of Staff, he taught other Army leaders, while seeking to institutionalize the modern study of leadership and the behavioral sciences. Eventually, he, through then Lieutenant General Goodpaster, oversaw the establishment in 1977 of a full-fledged academic Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership headed by a statutory Professor under the Dean with a seat on the Academic Board. This was the final organizational step in completing the reform begun by Taylor in 1946 when the Academic Board and the Dean had resisted the establishment of MPL as an academic department.

In addition to producing textbooks which have shaped the thinking of Army leaders, many former USMA leadership faculty have contributed significantly to Army leader development after service at West Point. Some have had widespread influence through their own teaching and writing. Among the best known and most influential is Colonel (Ret) D.M. (Mike) Malone who served in MPL from 1964 through 1967. Malone's influence is far-reaching, based on his frequent articles and books, including the very popular *Small-Unit Leadership*. When General Starry was the Commander of TRADOC, Colonel Malone worked closely with him on leadership and Army doctrine. Malone taught leadership to hundreds of colonels and many future generals at the Army War College in the late seventies and early eighties until he retired. While a student himself at the AWC, he worked on the *Army Professionalism in the Seventies* report for General Westmoreland. It was then that he became a close advisor to Lieutenant General (Ret) Walter R. Ulmer, now the president of the Center for Creative Leadership, who used and taught modern leadership and behavioral science concepts as the Commandant of Cadets, a division commander and as a corps commander. Ulmer tested the Army's leadership goal for the Chief of Staff, General Meyer, while at Fort Hood, and the case study report on that experience is widely read and highly regarded as a model study of the command climate and senior leadership in a large Army unit.

With the establishment of the Center for Army Leadership (CAL) at Fort Leavenworth in the early eighties, many former West Point faculty members took on key roles and guided the direction of the Army's leadership doctrine and leader development programs during this decade. Two of the three directors of CAL taught leadership or psychology at West Point earlier in their careers. Colonel Stewart Sherard and Colonel Fred Timmerman together have been instrumental in developing and introducing a series of field manuals containing the Army's current leadership doctrine. They have directly influenced leadership instruction throughout the TRADOC school system by preparing instructional materials, writing curriculum and training instructors. Exchanges of ideas which vitalize Army thinking about leadership take place annually at leadership conferences held by CAL. The late Lieutenant Colonel Boyd M. (Mac) Harris was a tactical officer for two years and then taught leadership for two years in the early seventies. He was also a protege of Colonel Malone. Then a major, Mac Harris wrote *FM 22–100, Military Leadership*, the first doctrinal piece to be produced by CAL. This manual is still in use and is read by every NCO and junior officer in the Army. *FM 22–100* established a new approach to leadership doctrine which, while not abandoning the underpinning of the older traits and principles of leadership, cast leadership and leader development in a framework that leads more directly to change and growth. Major Harris also tied modern leadership approaches to military history using examples from our Army's past. He popularized *The Killer Angels* and Colonel Joshua Chamberlain as a prototype for today's leaders and would-be leaders by drawing heavily on that book for case material in *FM 22–100*.

It takes years, even decades to affect every echelon of an organization as large as the U.S. Army. Responding to General Eisenhower and following his own predisposition, General Maxwell D. Taylor succeeded in doing just that. While his personal influence as a teacher and leader in his own right was substantial, one of his greatest contributions to the Army was to leave a legacy of leadership by putting in place a resource which has over the years flourished and enriched the Army by providing ideas and conceptual frameworks that are useful in practice to Army leaders. It began at West Point in 1946, but the rich intellectual and practical heritage for the study and practice of leadership started by Taylor has been developed and infused into the entire Army through not only the USMA programs but also the efforts of key individuals who have had a significant impact through their writing, teaching and practice of leadership in the field Army.

The Military Academy today both benefits from and continues General Taylor's leadership legacy. Our purpose is "to provide the Nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense." And we are dedicated to meeting the challenge our current superintendent has presented:

> *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.*

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West Point Alumni Foundation is Dissolved

The West Point Alumni Foundation, Inc., a Maryland chartered charitable and educational organization supporting the US Military Academy and West Point, voted itself out of business at its last annual meeting on 16 October 1987.

During the years 1942–1945 it was increasingly evident that the financial condition of the Association of Graduates was in a critical state. It was operating on funds from two principal sources—a $15.00 initiation fee charged for lifetime membership and yield from a $100,000 endowment. The Association was providing to each new member for this fee a lifetime subscription to *Assembly*. Printing and other costs increased in these years to such an extent that it was impossible to continue this practice and remain solvent.

The AOG Board of Trustees, in considering measures to increase revenue, agreed that a *Register of Graduates* similar to that of the US Naval Academy be published by the Association. However, in order for such a publication to make money without an inordinate increase in subscription rates or membership fee, it had to carry paid advertising. Since Army regulations prohibited personnel on the active list of the Army from being involved in any way with soliciting advertising from firms doing business with the War Department, it was decided that a separate corporation had to be formed, operated entirely by persons not on the active list of the Army. Thus it was that the Foundation was organized in December 1945 mainly on the initiative of two trustees of the AOG, Brigadier General (then Colonel) Chauncey Fenton and Major General Robert M. Danford, both '04. Its purposes were:

"To acquire and disseminate information on the history, activities, objectives and methods of the United States Military Academy, and its place in the National Defense organization of the United States; to acquire, preserve, and disseminate historical materials relating to it and the Armed Forces of the Nation; to encourage and foster the study of military and naval science; to promote the advancement and diffusion of knowledge among worthy boys in preparation for entrance to West Point or other military or naval schools; to receive, provide and maintain funds and apply the income therefrom in furtherance of these purposes."

The Foundation charter enabled it to publish the *Register of Graduates* with advertising and the alumni magazine, *Assembly*, for the Association of Graduates, and further, when and if appropriate to undertake additional activities set forth in the charter. The *Register* and *Assembly* were made available to all on a subscription basis and the first *Register*, with Danford as editor, was published in 1946. Issues of *Register* after 1950 were logical successors to the famed *Cullum's Biographical Register*. The Foundation by-laws require that the majority of its directors be members of the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates. Three trustees of the Association of Graduates were elected as charter members of the Board of Managers of the Foundation, and Fenton, then president of the Association of Graduates, was the first president. It was quickly expanded to nine members and ended with eight in 1987.

The Foundation acted in this capacity from 1946 to 1972, when the financial condition of the AOG enabled it, among other measures, to pay the salaries of all personnel replacing active duty officers and civil service personnel. The publishing function was then transferred to the Association of Graduates along with all personnel and equipment involved.

In 1961 the Foundation, at the request of the Superintendent, USMA—General Westmoreland—undertook the mission of raising private funds for USMA and funded projects for which appropriated funding was not available. The West Point Fund was established as an integral part of the Foundation with Lucius D. Clay, June 1918, as its first fund raising chairman. The Foundation raised over $1,800,000 and funded such representative projects as the ski lodge and ski slope, the Trophy Point amphitheater, Fort Putnam restoration, swimming reception center, First Class Club, Chapel organ development, and numerous cadet activities. It operated in this manner until 1972 when the West Point Fund was transferred to the Association of Graduates. The Foundation continued in existence as a backup for the AOG from 1972 to 1987 and during this period was the recipient of over $1,450,000 in gifts and bequests—all of which was transferred to the Association of Graduates.

The Foundation had as charter members Chauncey Fenton '04, George B. Finnegan, Jr. '24, and Horace B. Thompson '33. The successor presidents included Robert M. Danford '04, Charles N. Branham '22, Cortlandt Van Schuyler '22, William S. Lawton '22 and the last president, David W. Traub '28. Members on the board in 1987 included, besides Traub, Walter J. Renfroe '34 (vice president), Cortlandt Van R. Schuyler '22, George Olmsted '22, George B. Finnegan '24, Michael J. Krisman '39 (executive manager), Kenneth F. Hanst '42, and William R. Raiford '52. It is noteworthy that the original charter member, Finnegan, served on the Board throughout its existence and was present at its dissolution.

The articles of dissolution provide that the assets of the Foundation shall be distributed to the Association of Graduates. This will permit all bequests and gifts made to the Foundation for West Point after dissolution to continue to be used for the benefit of the Military Academy.

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When Lincoln Came to West Point

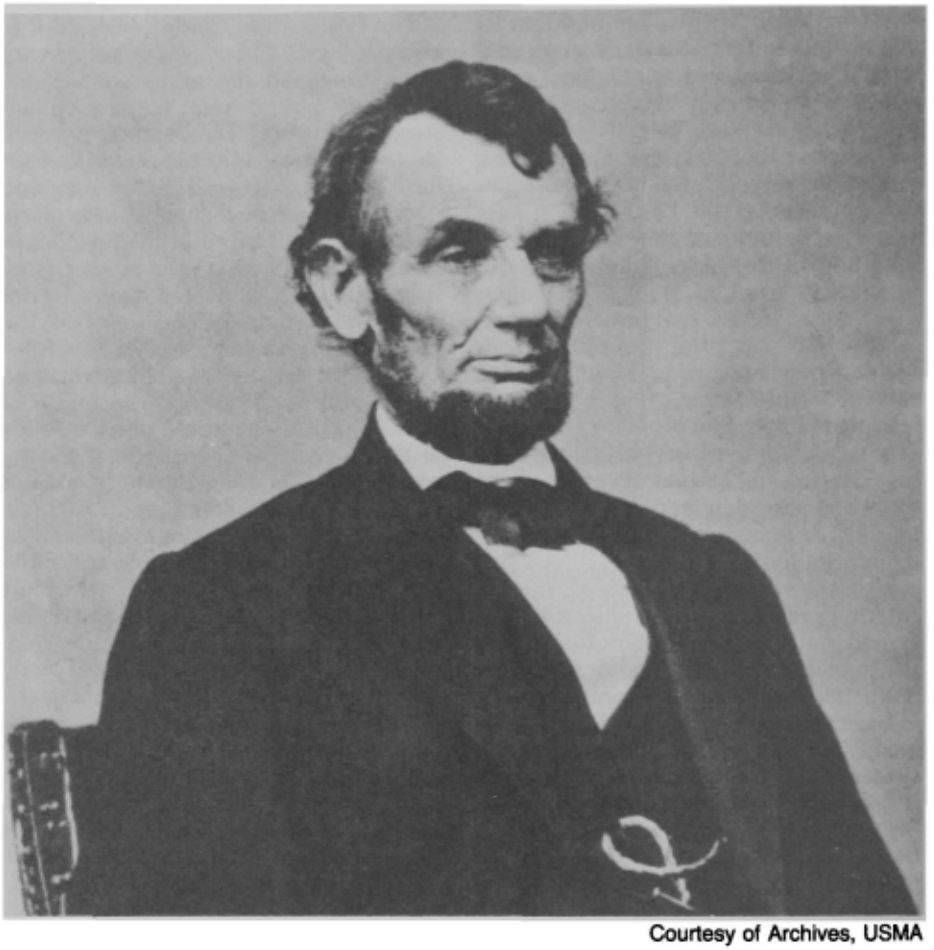
by Chaplain (MAJ) John W. Brinsfield

On 23 June 1862, Samuel Sloan, President of the Hudson River Railroad, advised Lieutenant General Winfield Scott that President Abraham Lincoln would arrive at Garrison, New York, sometime that night to pay him a visit. Neither General Scott, who was living in retirement at Cozzen's Hotel in Highland Falls, nor Superintendent A.H. Bowman of the Military Academy had been notified ahead of time of Lincoln's plans. Almost 125 years later the purpose of Lincoln's "flying visit" remains something of a mystery, although his activities were well documented by the *New York Times*, the *New York Herald*, and the *Utica Morning Herald*.

According to the newspaper accounts, General Scott, who was 76 years old, put on his dress uniform and took the ferry, *West Point*, from Cozzen's Dock to Garrison to wait for the President. The train carrying Lincoln, his "body servant, William," and Colonel Daniel C. McCallum, director of military railroads, did not arrive until three o'clock in the morning on 24 June. General Scott, who wondered what national crisis prompted Lincoln's visit, greeted the President on the ferry. Lincoln told Scott he had merely come "to see and talk with you," a phrase the *New York Herald* changed to read "to avail himself of the experience and profound military science of the greatest captain of the age."

After a nap of four hours in his room at Cozzen's, President Lincoln had breakfast with General Scott at the hotel. They then met in private for over four hours, looking at maps, and discussing "the state of military affairs."

General Scott's own memorandum on the 24 June meeting, preserved in the Lincoln Papers, contains only three modest proposals. The first was to move the Union troops at Fredericksburg to "the head of the York River, by water, in time to aid in the operations against Richmond." The second was to occupy Mobile, Charleston, and Chattanooga as soon as possible. The third was to move McDowell's force at Manassas toward Richmond "by the Potomac and York Rivers, and be replaced at Manassas by King's brigade, if there be transports at, or near Alexandria." General Scott evidently placed more emphasis on combined operations by sea and land than on troop movements by railroad alone. He likewise attached less importance to the defense of Washington and more significance to a concentration of forces against Richmond than did Lincoln or Secretary Stanton.



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At noon the President visited the cadets at their tented encampment on the Plain and then toured every building from the Cadet Chapel, which was decorated with red, white, and blue bunting, to the riding school and the stables. After a dinner party at three o'clock with General Scott, Professor Mahan and Sloan, the President crossed the river to Cold Spring where he watched as twenty rounds, some weighing two hundred pounds, were fired from Parrott guns into a mountain north of Target Hill. After taking light refreshments at Mr. Kemble's house in Cold Spring, the President returned to Cozzen's Hotel where he received guests and signed autographs until eleven p.m.

The West Point band of 32 musicians, which had been hurriedly assembled and briefed, arrived at midnight and took up a position under Lincoln's window. It was raining hard, but they managed to play "The President's March," "Hail to the Chief," and a selection from the opera "Trovatore." Lincoln, however, slept through the performance, and the band had to be satisfied with the thanks of the ladies who had served as hostesses for him.

The next day, Wednesday, 25 June, the President left West Point at ten o'clock in the morning. En route to Washington he told the crowd at the Jersey City depot, "I can only say that my visit to West Point did not have the importance which has been attached to it." He assured them that "it had nothing to do with the making or unmaking of any general in the country."

The newspaper editors, however, were not so sure. The *Utica Morning Herald* noted that after Lincoln returned to Washington, the forces of Generals Fremont, Banks and McDowell were consolidated under General John Pope and named "The Army of Virginia." The

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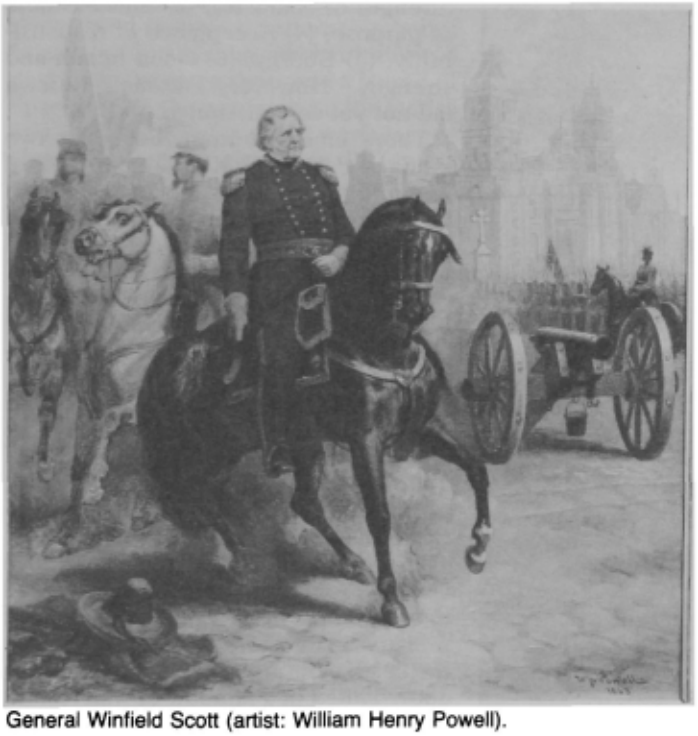
Cozzen's Hotel.

Cozzen's Hotel, renamed Cranston's at the turn of the century.



General Winfield Scott (artist: William Henry Powell).

General Scott meeting with President Lincoln and the Cabinet.

editor hoped this army would reduce Confederate General *Stonewall* Jackson "to his original cobbles." The *New York Herald* also observed that Lincoln must have been concerned about Jackson's army and its possible threat to Washington and thus appointed Pope to act in concert with McClellan who was then but four miles from Richmond.

The *New York Times*, however, was able to report a list of topics discussed by Lincoln and Scott, which included not only "the prospects of the armies of the Potomac and of the Virginia valleys," but also the "doings and misdoings of certain Generals, the desirability of continuing the existing Department divisions, the necessity for further enlistments, and the prospects for a more active role by General Scott." Indeed it had been Lincoln's desire, reflected in his General War Order Number One, for "a general movement of all the land and naval forces of the United States," which included armies from Fortress Monroe to the Gulf of Mexico, to commence on Washington's birthday, 22 February 1862. The purpose was to attack the enemy and "menace him with superior forces at different points at the same time," a more active version of General Scott's Anaconda Plan of 1861. Perhaps a further implementation of this strategy was still on the President's mind.

If Lincoln did discuss all of these matters with Scott, which remains hypothetical, he was almost immediately disappointed. Jackson was no longer in the Shenandoah Valley, but rather at Richmond with Lee; and together they defeated both McClellan and Pope in turn. Indeed it was not until 1864 that Lincoln could call upon General U.S. Grant to effect that coordinated attack he had envisioned two years earlier.

At least one person thought Lincoln's trip to West Point was important, however, and tried to take advantage of it. On 27 June the President received a letter from the mother of Cadet Quintin Campbell (USMA, Class of 1866), who said her son was unhappy at the Academy. The next day Lincoln wrote to the young plebe, "Take the advice of a friend, who, though he never saw you, deeply sympathized with you, and stick to your purpose. Sincerely your friend, A. Lincoln." Perhaps Lincoln's advice was not bad, even for today.

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The Patton Library Comes to West Point

By Colonel Roger H. Nye, USA-Ret.
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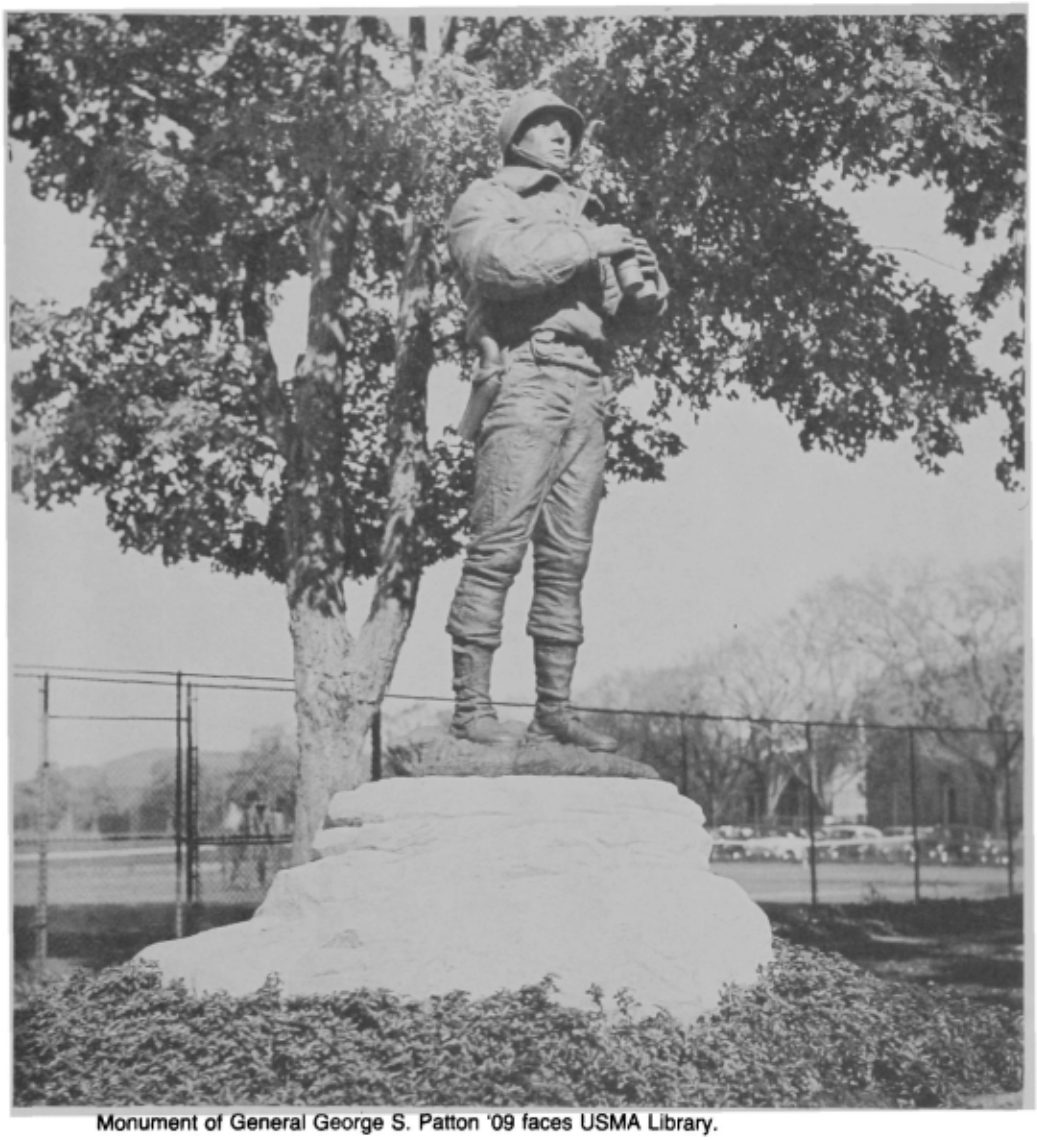

Monument of General George S. Patton '09 faces USMA Library.

At the 13 November 1987 meeting of the Friends of the West Point Library, we unveiled for the first time the 175 books that now constitute the General George S. Patton, Jr. Library at West Point. How this came about is a story worth telling, for it reflects the wisdom and generosity of his son, Major General George S. Patton, USA-Ret., USMA 1946, and the ability of a private, volunteer organization like the Friends to carry out important tasks for the Academy.

It started in 1986, when my classmate and F-2 companymate ruminated during a sailing cruise that it was time to find a safe home for some of his father's books. I suggested that the Friends could take on the responsibility, fund what costs there might be, and come up with a plan for assuring their best integration into the USMA Library's research collection. We started ferrying the books, a few boxes at a time, in the trunks of our cars, along the passage between Green Meadows Farm in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, and my office at The Rocks in Highland Falls, New York. There I sorted them, inventoried, gave them an identifying label, and moved them on to the Special Collections area of the USMA Library.

And, as I opened the boxes, what treasures they were! Such as Fiebeger's *Elements of Strategy*, boldly signed "George Patton, Cadet, April 29, 1909," and then, on the last page in large blue-pencil scrawl, "End of last lesson in Engineering. Last lesson as Cadet. Thank God!" And then, foretelling the future in pencil inside the back cover: "Qualities of a Great General: (1) Tactically aggressive (loves a fight); (2) Strength of character; (3) Steadfastness of purpose; (4) Acceptance of responsibility; (5) Energy; (6) Good health and strength." How very Pattonesque for a lad not yet commissioned.

There emerged from the books two kinds of Patton—Patton the collector of fine antique military books, and Patton the professional military student. Patton the collector seems to have approached the best booksellers of Europe and America in search of 18th and 19th century military volumes. Here was de Saxe's *Reveries* printed in 1755, a 4-volume history of military architecture printed in Naples in 1771, an outsized folio of plates on the School of the Cavalry in Paris in 1733, a 1743 version of Vauban on the attack and defense of fortifications, and countless other histories of nations, their armies, their wars.

Of greatest value in this collector's trove is a never-published manuscript of hand drawn plates, which was to be a history of military architecture until prevented by the death of its author, John Chornock, in 1807. Tinted in a rainbow of watercolors, this vast collection of outsized drawings was mounted in two great volumes, which Patton may have acquired in his field-grade days, although we have no record of their provenance. How fortuitous for the Friends that this treasure arrived just as we were about to decide on illustrations for our forthcoming book on the Library's holdings on military fortifications! Soon audiences far beyond West Point can enjoy them.

Patton the professional student offers an entirely different vista of the collection. He was a serious reader, and he seems to have had several books going at any given time over a period of 40 years. George of '46 says that on many an evening in the 1930s, Major Patton drew up a chair in the living room and the radios went off—the old man was reading. Although he rarely marked his collector's library, he signed and dated

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every professional book he acquired, and in most he heavily annotated the margins with his thoughts and opinions.

I soon began to track his reading against Martin Blumenson's *Patton Papers*, and found correlations between the annotations and his production of lectures and papers. In 1932, for example, Major Patton wrote an extended after-action report on his role in employing the 3rd Cavalry to disperse the veteran bonus marchers in Washington, DC. Only the year before he had started to read S. C. Vestal's *The Maintenance of Peace* and wrote in the margins "good men must fight to maintain governments" and the "U.S. Army is too small for foreign wars but is very useful at home." Did his reading prepare him for this unusual duty, and provide a framework for his orders and reports connected with it?

As my notes on the collection grew, they traced recurring patterns—a belief in cavalry, but also in mechanization; a passion for preparedness and a hatred of "pacifists;" a deep interest in the tactics and techniques of mobile warfare, but also in the training of soldiers. "F" in the margins meant that the indicated data was to be used in lectures on the Future of War; "R" on the binding meant "I have read this book." For twenty years he acquired and read official histories and amateur analyses about the disastrous 1915 British campaign at Gallipoli, and in 1936 he wrote a long paper on the difference between success and failure of landing operations throughout history. Blumenson finds it not surprising that he commanded the Western Task Force that invaded North Africa less than a decade later.

What has been the impact of this collection at West Point? We put the books in a small room on the USMA Library's 4th floor, to which Marie Capps, Manuscripts Librarian and a Council Member of the Friends, had a key. Within days, Cadet Andrew Thompson, Class of 1988, telephoned me that he had spent two hours with the books, and asked for a conference with me to talk about the annotations he could not read. He said he thought he had learned more about preparing to be a military leader than he had in hours of classes. At the other end of the spectrum, a nonagenarian specialist in book collections was called in by Egon Weiss, the former USMA Librarian; within minutes this expert was saying that this collection had to be unique because it portrayed the development of the thinking of an important military figure throughout a lifetime—"truly amazing," he said.

What needs to be done now? In time, the collection should be forwarded by letter to the USMA Librarian for accessioning into the Library's holdings. Before then, the Friends have these chores, which lie beyond the staffing, budget, and mission of the USMA Library. First, a Friends Research Award should be granted to a highly qualified bibliographer to provide an inventory and catalogue of the collection; if this is compatible with the computerized, nationwide On-line Computer Library Center (OCLC) catalogue system, it would help the Library staff tell other libraries and researchers what is available at West Point. Second, the collection needs to be amplified with copies of the writings and speeches of General Patton, so that that development of his thinking can be compared by cadet and faculty researchers with the trends of the times—when he was being bold and when he was conventional, how he grappled with the issues as seen then, how creativity and initiative were exerted and contained in the short-rationed army of the 20s and 30s. Third, some conservation measures need to be taken to protect the books when being handled by qualified researchers. For these up-front costs the Friends have obligated $5000 of their cash reserves, and then will seek donations to replace those funds.

George S. Patton '46 as Commander of 11th Armored Cavalry (Black Horse) in Vietnam, 1969.

The Patton Library at West Point is estimated to have a value in excess of $18,000, when viewed as an intact collection. Its intrinsic worth to military scholars and educators and to West Point alumni is incalculable. The Friends need to consider two long range projects. The first is publication of a booklet describing the collection and portraying Patton as a lifetime student of his profession. If done well, this booklet could be given to each first classman as part of a discussion on organizing his or her own military library and a lifetime of professional reading and writing. Taken one step further, the Friends could award books to cadets who present the best case for acquiring them.

The second long range project for the Friends would be to assist the Library in designing and raising funds for a Patton seminar and research room which would not only house the Patton collection but provide a place where faculty and cadets could meet for small classes in military history and leadership. Cadet instruction of this type is already being conducted in secure areas of the Library, using rare source documents, retrospective journals, letters, and old maps and charts. As the USMA Library continues to expand and transform, the Friends support of a Patton seminar and research center will become increasingly important.

It is important to the Friends and the Academy authorities that Major General George S. Patton be recognized for his farsighted devotion to the training of West Point cadets in the scholarly and leadership qualities of his father. I hope that this article has contributed to that appreciation. And I also hope that readers will sense that the Friends of the West Point Library, some 350 of us, are doing important things and can target your donations to causes that make a difference to you. We need your support and ask that you become a member by sending a check for $10 (after 1 May 88, $25) and your name and address to Friends of the West Point Library, Box 87, West Point, NY 10928. Through our newsletters and meetings, we will keep you informed on the Patton project and many others that we are undertaking to make West Point, and particularly the USMA Library, institutions in which Americans can take even greater pride.

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West Point Hosts 1987 National Honor Conference

By Major Gregory A. Stone

Members of the National Security Council accused of, and admitting to, lying to Congress. Presidential campaigns derailed by lack of professional, ethical conduct. Nominees for our nation's highest court subjected to intense scrutiny, in which less than acceptable moral-ethical conduct is clearly indicated to have occurred. These incidents, and a host of others which are splashed across our newspaper by day, and blazed across our television screens by night, are indicative of a newfound awareness and sensitivity to personal and professional conduct within our society. No longer are Americans willing to accept shoddy ethics.

At the heart of this concern lies the desire for honorable, truthful dealings with others—the need, the imperative, for honesty in word and deed. West Point, and our Army, has long recognized this imperative. What was originally a "Code of Honor" at West Point, developing into the Honor Code we know today, was derived from the "Code of Honor" which existed in the U.S. Army Officers Corps at the time of the Academy's founding in 1802. In stating that a cadet "will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate those who do," the Honor Code establishes a minimum standard of acceptable behavior for the Corps of Cadets. The Honor Education Program in turn has the primary goal of inculcating in cadets a spirit of professional integrity. The military, however, has no monopoly on the concept of integrity. As USCC Pamphlet 632-1, *The Honor Code and Honor System*, states:

> *The standards contained within the code, however, are not unique to the Military. They are of special interest to West Point with its motto of "Duty, Honor, Country," but the ideals expressed within the Cadet Honor Code are the guidelines for behavior for any individual in any profession.*

For this reason, during the period 21–25 October 1987, West Point hosted, for the second consecutive year, the National Honor Conference. Participating were 47 students from 23 of our nation's finest institutions of higher learning (including the service academies, Texas A&M, VMI, The Citadel, Stanford, Princeton, Duke, Pennsylvania, Rice, Michigan, Virginia, Syracuse, Washington and Lee, Notre Dame, Haverford, Middlebury, Norwich and BYU). Employing a roundtable discussion format, participants addressed topics at the forefront of society today: The Foundation of Ethics—What are Ethics in American Society?; Ethics and Institutions—Government, Military, and the Private Sector; and Honor/Ethics Education—Do Institutions have such a Responsibility? The purpose of the topics was incremental: to describe basic

BG Fred A. Gorden, Commandant of Cadets, addressing conference participants during the opening ceremonies.

BG Gorden receiving a gift of Vermont maple syrup from Jim Calise and Suzy Chambers, conference participants from Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT.

Participants in the 1987 National Honor Conference posing with the Army mule SPARTACUS.

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American ethics, describe what our society does with ethics at this time, and offer some thought as to what should/can our institutions do in the future to help develop a student's moral/ethical character.

Conference activities began on Thursday, 22 October 1987 with opening ceremonies conducted in Eisenhower Hall. The guest speaker was Brigadier General Fred A. Gorden, Commandant of Cadets. General Gorden welcomed the participants to West Point and outlined for them the weighty subjects they were about to address. He challenged them to grapple with two basic questions: How are the values we cherish—as individuals, families, communities, cities, states, and as a society—best guaranteed?, and, Does establishment of an honor code/concept/system impose a higher moral/ethical standard on students than is the norm? He charged them to discuss the concept of profession, the concept that all participants, military and civilian alike, would help to protect, secure and maintain the way of life we know in our country today. He tasked them to realize their responsibilities, and the integral importance that honorable, ethical, moral conduct—conduct of character—would play in each of their lives.

The heart of the conference began following Gorden's remarks, and consisted of an opening presentation by a distinguished guest speaker, followed by a roundtable discussion of the topic. Dr. Daniel Callahan, Director of the Hastings Center, Hastings-On-Hudson, New York, started things off by discussing the foundation of ethics in American society. He emphasized the incorporation of morality into education, stating that morality cannot simply be "polish or ornamentation." In discussing the present state of morality in America, Dr. Callahan felt that though there was much potential for our society to look "bad," the efforts that have been made in standardization and regulation of conduct, and the interest by social and political organizations in this area are very positive indicators. Who, he asked, "is certain of the central, core values in America? No one? Anyone?" He told attendees that America is in a tremendous state of flux—by historical tradition no more irredeemable than in the past, "yet certainly not great." He discussed the moral roots of America, stemming from the Judeo/Christian ethic and secular morality, continuing on to discuss some of the basic, fundamental values in America today. In closing, after speaking about the necessity of morality within our society, and some ideas on how to incorporate it into education (and address differing value systems at the same time), Dr. Callahan asked the participants, "How do we have an effect?" He partially answered this question by urging each participant to "speak, talk, and act in a moral way," and make morality a "habit." He challenged the attendees with the following: "People can make a difference; at least you can start—by yourself!"

Attendees were treated with presentations by four outstanding speakers in their discussions of ethics and institutions. The Honorable Eugene R. Sullivan, USMA '64, a Federal Judge on the Court of Military Appeals, and Mr. Roy Jones, USMA '64, Associate Staff Director of the Interior Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, discussed ethics in government. Mr. Paul "Buddy" Bucha, USMA '65, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient in Vietnam, and now a successful private businessman, discussed ethics in the private sector. The discussion concluded with Colonel Anthony E. Hartle, USMA '64, Associate Professor in the Department of English at USMA discussing ethics in the military. Each challenged conference participants with difficult, sensitive questions to which there are few concrete answers. Judge Sullivan and Mr. Jones asked, "When should a government official lie?" and "Where does loyalty to one's government boss stop?" They answered by stating that in government "you can do the right thing" and that one doesn't ever "go in front of the American people, in front of Congress and lie." They told participants that there are two main guides for ethical conduct in government, one being the set of rules, regulations and statutes which officially guide conduct, and the second being one's personal set of standards which goes beyond the minimum rules. Mr. Jones closed his and Judge Sullivan's joint presentation with a pertinent quotation: "If it smells foul, it probably is."

Mr. Bucha attacked the participants, the schools they represented, and the institutions under discussion—yet all in a superb and encouraging fashion. He saw the attendees as leaders, with a serious responsibility to affect moral change, and with a responsibility on the part of the institutions they represented to listen. He told those in attendance that "we have deferred moral judgment in this country to what is right and wrong in the courts of law," and challenged the young people to develop, within our society, a private morality that is congruent with our public morality. He told attendees that our nation has a superb legal system, yet it has no moral system, no moral sanctions. He charged participants to "demand that people be held accountable for moral actions" and to not "let us [the 'establishment'] off the hook." He urged them to set high standards, for when we as a society develop a "sensitivity to what is right and wrong, we'll have really made progress."

Colonel Hartle, in specifically addressing the military, discussed the foundation of our professional ethic, and how we in the military respond to that ethic. In the course of his discussion, however, an interesting issue came to light—are the professional beliefs and values of the American soldier really different from those of others or the society from which that soldier came? The basic conclusion was no. He asked participants if members of the military have more stringent ethical requirements than civilian members of society, and should soldiers operate under different rules of conduct than other members of society? Though definitive answers were obviously not attained, they provided much "food for thought."

The final roundtable topic was honor/ethics education, and a discussion of whether schools have such a responsibility. The guest speaker was Professor Robert H. Gurland, Professor of Philosophy from New York University and former visiting professor in the Department of English at USMA. In an animated and personable fashion, Professor Gurland told participants "we are not born moral . . . we are processed . . . as we grow, with our ultimate processing being school." He told them that our universities have a requirement to raise the moral consciousness of young people in attendance, for "ethics is not concerned simply with a description of behavior." "Universities," he said, "are not only into knowledge but wisdom as well. We must be able to put our knowledge to work." He informed attendees that "real education involves real risk" and tasked them to challenge each other and their respective institutions to take that chance. He charged participants to "create expansive growth, create an environment where we are not solely dependent on the ideas of others." "The future determines the present," he said, for "if you do not know where you are going, you cannot evaluate policy."

The 1987 National Honor Conference was a superb success from every standpoint. As Boris Kurz, Vice Chairman of the Princeton University Honor Committee stated: "I learned much in both the discussions and the speeches. The exchange of ideas was tremendous." Amy Schwendiman, Honor Council Chairman from Rice University reinforced that by stating, "I think it [the conference] is extremely important for schools who are hoping to start a council, [or] code . . . as well as for schools with existing codes. It stimulates as well as reinforces ethics." West Point—and a host of others—are committed to making honorable, ethical conduct a part of everyday student life, and of professional life following graduation. The National Honor Conference, seen as an annual event to be hosted by the Military Academy, is certainly a step in that direction.

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A Busy Lady Cadet Hostess, Mrs. Carolyn Gaspard

By Kathleen E. Pardue

Her official title is Cadet Hostess at the United States Military Academy. This title can, by no means, adequately describe all of the duties performed by Mrs. Carolyn Gaspard. By spending an afternoon with this energetic, friendly, and most gracious lady, one will most likely find Mrs. Gaspard serving in the roles of teacher, counselor, friend, confidant, advisor, shoulder to lean on, event organizer, travel agent, wedding planner . . . . The list seems endless. Mrs. Gaspard has no "typical day." Her days are as varied as her lengthy list of duties. During weekdays she can usually be found in her office between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. During eventful weekends such as Ring Weekend, Mrs. Gaspard has been known to keep hours that begin at 7:00 am and end the next morning at 2:00 am. All this in the name of service to cadets.

Mrs. Gaspard assumed the position of Cadet Hostess in April 1984; however, West Point was by no means unknown territory. She is the widow of Glaudis Pierre Gaspard, Jr., USMA Class of 1957 and received her "Army training" from the ground up. Marrying 2LT Gaspard in 1957, she spent the next 25 years following her military husband around the world. Listening to her stories of life as a military wife, one can only think that all of this would make an excellent book, perhaps a training manual for young Army brides-to-be. She has survived moves around the world as a young wife, the worries of being married to an aviator, and the loneliness of waiting for a husband to return from Vietnam while she reared her two children in his absence. The mother of two grown sons, Glaudis Pierre Gaspard, III, better known as "Trey," and younger son Jay, she truly knows the existence of the Army family.

Mrs. Gaspard also knows what it takes to make "An Officer and a Gentleman." She is quick to tell you that her "primary duty is to teach courtesy and decorum." The plebe classes get a three-hour block of instruction in such subjects as table manners, thankyou notes, and receiving lines. There are also later courses for the yearlings held at Camp Buckner and refresher courses for firsties.

Throughout the day, Mrs. Gaspard can be heard saying "let me help you" to the endless line of cadets who file through her charming office on the second floor of Grant Hall. Her phone never seems to stop ringing, and each call is answered with a cheerful "Cadet Hostess Office, how can I help you?"

By job description, Mrs. Gaspard is the official hostess for such cadet activities as Ring Weekend, Plebe Parent Weekend, 100th and 500th Nights, Graduation, cadet hops, etcetera. She helps plan cadet dinings-in, assists with travel arrangements, is the official hostess at cadet functions at the home of the Superintendent and much more. Unofficially, she has also helped plan romantic evenings, given advice on marriage proposals, lis-

Wedding plans keep Mrs. Gaspard busy.

Reviewing *Service Etiquette*

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Mrs. Gaspard offers her assistance in hotel reservations for cadet dates.

tened to problems of all sorts, has been a friend to some and a mother to others.

The Cadet Hostess is also busy planning Saturday night mixers during which cadets can meet students from other colleges. Hostesses of the past have assisted cadets in getting dates. The mixers and the introduction of women cadets to the Corps have made that practice somewhat, although not completely, obsolete. Saturday night mixers have students from other schools visiting West Point for an evening of dancing and refreshments. There are also mixers at other schools, giving the cadets a chance to see life on other campuses.

Women cadets have caused no special problems for the Cadet Hostess, and in many ways, the women take up less of her time. Being so outnumbered, women cadets don't usually need dating assistance, and since they often date other cadets, they don't have the problem of weekend lodgings for their dates. However, women cadets still come to Mrs. Gaspard with their problems, and they know that she is a friend in time of need.

During the planning of such major functions as the Graduation Banquet, Mrs. Gaspard works closely with members of the Class Committee, which is made up of the class officers and various class advisors. She also assists in making up guest lists and gives advice on the selection of gifts for special visitors. In the past the Cadet Hostess has had as many as three staff members to help her at any one time. Currently, Mrs. Gaspard has only one assistant, Mr. Roger Hassler, whose official title is Social Activities Coordinator. Mr. Hassler's day begins at 7:15 am and he spends a very busy day keeping the Hostess Office running smoothly.

The position of the Cadet Hostess was created in 1927. It became "official" in 1931 when the Superintendent saw a need for cadet exposure to the social areas of life. The first Cadet Hostess, Mrs. Harriet Rogers, lived and worked in the Thayer Hotel. Mrs. Rogers served for a period of 14 years. She began her duties as a party chaperone, confidant, and matchmaker. Since that time, the role of Cadet Hostess has expanded to the multitude of duties it entails today. Mrs. Rogers was often referred to as the "Mother of the Corps." The widow of Major General Harry Lovejoy Rogers, she passed away in June 1941 and is buried at West Point. Her position was temporarily filled by recreation officers until a new hostess, Mrs. Marcia Lysted, could be appointed.

Since that time, there have been several changes in the location of the Hostess Office. From Thayer Hall, the Cadet Hostess moved to Grant Hall, then across the street to Building 600. From there, on to Cullum Hall, then to Eisenhower Hall. In September of 1987, the office moved back to the second floor of Grant Hall.

Mrs. Gaspard enjoys being in close proximity to her charges. Her office is warm and welcoming. It is decorated with comfortable chairs, fresh flowers, bowls of fruit and photos of cadets. She invites you to join her in spring water or Perrier and says that good nutrition is one of her major concerns. The cadets who assist her from time to time are all very helpful and most cordial, which only proves that Mrs. Gaspard must be doing something right.

Mrs. Gaspard's Southern accent and enthusiasm give sincerity to her words. She is animated as she talks about her role at West Point. While there is no one more loyal to the cadets and to West Point, Mrs. Gaspard realizes that, much as we would like them to be, cadets are not always perfect. She expects, first of all, respect. She refers to herself as a "senior lady" here and frowns at the thought of those younger than she using her first name. She feels that one should always be accorded the courtesy of his or her rank or position.

The position of Cadet Hostess has seen few changes over the years, so it is still Mrs. Gaspard's goal to see to it that cadets who leave West Point know the rules of courtesy and decorum. Whenever a cadet has the need to know a rule of social etiquette, she is only a short walk or a phone call away.

Mrs. Gaspard lives in Building 146, often referred to as the "Gingerbread House." This house became the official quarters of the Cadet Hostess in April 1985. This charming house was built in 1858 to house a couple who would be selling confectionaries to cadets. There is an entrance to the underground tunnel in the basement of the house. Originally built with gas lighting, it has since been modernized. A copy of the 1868 yearbook shows a photograph of the house with the caption, "The Dutch Woman's House." The house was then occupied by Charles and Rhoda Rena, a Dutch couple who worked at West Point. At the turn of the century, the house was used as the Catholic Chapel. It was later used in the film *The Long Gray Line* and is often referred to as the "Marty Maher House," although Marty Maher never lived there.

While the Cadet Hostess is a fairly recent tradition at West Point, being only a young 60 years of age, it seems she will be one of lasting memory. Hostesses of the past include Mrs. Harriet Rogers, 1927 to 1941; Ms. Marcia Lysted, 1941 to 1947; Mrs. Doris Barth, 1947 to 1957; Mrs. Beatrice Holland, 1957 to 1968; Mrs. Patricia Byers, 1968 to 1974; and Mrs. Barbara C. Brown, 1974 to 1984. Mrs. Gaspard began her duties in 1984. Judging from the reaction of the cadets, they are hoping that she will remain at her post for a long time to come.

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cation program to allow cadets to learn how to deal with fear, in a controlled environment, while continuing to function. Boxing is used as a developmental activity to help cadets to develop physical courage. We are not trying to make competitive boxers out of them.

After considerable study, I have been unable to find a suitable substitute for boxing. Research has shown that our boxing program is indeed effective in improving the self-concept of cadets, even those who receive a failing grade in the course.

We are certainly conscious of the potential for injury. We have had numerous experts from the fields of medicine and sports review the boxing program, to include the "official" injury survey techniques which the authors have chosen to question. Universally, they have reported that we have safety procedures which should be the model for all boxing programs. The safety procedures are designed to eliminate, as much as possible, the real dangers without removing the perceptions of danger. We do not allow one cadet to "render the other defenseless, incapacitated or unconscious."

Combat may be the ultimate contact sport. It produces fear, injury and death in an uncontrolled environment. Boxing gives the cadets an opportunity to learn something about the fear of combat in a controlled environment that is safe. If we do less than that, we are cheating the cadets and our country.

COL James L. Anderson
Professor, USMA
Head, Department of Physical Education
Master of the Sword, USMA '56

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USMA Admissions Success: A Team Effort

By Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Branch*

The Class of 1991 that entered the United States Military Academy on a bright, sunny day last July was selected from record numbers of applicants and qualified candidates. A total of 14,493 candidates applied for admission to West Point, the most in our history. Of nominated applicants, 2,876 were deemed fully qualified for admission and we enrolled a class of 1,359.

Recently, *USA Today* released its second annual listing of the "choosiest colleges" in the nation, and the United States Military Academy was ranked No. 1, based on an acceptance rate of 10.2% for the USMA Class of 1990. Forty-two other colleges were listed by *USA Today* with acceptance rates of less than 50 percent, and Scholastic Aptitude Test averages greater than 1,200. Among the colleges listed by *USA Today* were such selective schools as Stanford, Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Brown and Georgetown, in addition to both the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

In December, two members of the Class of 1988, John Nagl of Omaha, Nebraska and Douglas E. Fraley of Irondale, Ohio, were among 32 scholars in the nation chosen to receive Rhodes Scholarships. These two seniors joined the ranks of 61 other West Point graduates who have previously been named Rhodes Scholars.

These reported facts are not only significant, but they are interrelated. Much time and effort is spent by the Admissions Office in identifying the most qualified students in the nation. Offering admission to the most outstanding candidates among those thousands of applicants accounts for our listing among the most highly selective colleges in the country. Developing those cadets mentally, physically and intellectually to earn such prestigious honors as Rhodes Scholarships demonstrates the effectiveness of the West Point experience.

It is significant that the U.S. Military Academy continues to attract bright, energetic students throughout the nation who wish to excel in the classroom and develop their leadership. Despite population demographics that indicate the college-bound population is declining, USMA and its sister academies continue to flourish.

"Interest by young people and the quality of our recent West Point classes are tributes to those men and women behind the scenes, our admissions field force," said Colonel Pierce A. Rushton Jr., director of admissions. "Year after year the Academy reaps the benefit of the dedicated work of these volunteers. Without the effort we would not be able to provide the personal contact with our candidates that is vitally important."

That field force includes members of the Military Academy Liaison Officer program, West Point graduates, cadet parents, West Point society members, and volunteers. They have a myriad of tasks—contacting guidance counselors, interviewing candidates, handling special candidate mailings, coordinating counselor luncheons and by-invitation meetings for candidates, serving on Congressional screening committees for potential candidates, and meeting with West Point parents club members.

How successful are field force members?

Very successful! For seven consecutive years the USMA applicant pool has eclipsed the 11,000 mark, while the number of fully qualified candidates has risen to record levels in the last two years. Two states that contributed greatly to the Class of 1991 success illustrate the importance of field force assistance. Those states, Illinois and Oklahoma, were responsible for the enrollment of 55 and 16 cadets respectively.

Illinois: A Region of Note

In Illinois, admissions field force members work with 825 high schools. During the Class of 1991 cycle, 187 candidates received nominations, and of those 99 were found fully qualified for admission. A total of 68 offers of admission were extended and 55 new cadets were enrolled.

Walker Flint, an Illinois region coordinator, has enjoyed much success enrolling cadets at West Point. A Class of 1960 graduate of West Point, Flint organizes a region that encompasses the cities of Peoria, Springfield and Champaign, covering the entire midsection of the state from its east to west boundaries.

Categories of Support

Admissions Participants (APs)

All categories of individuals and support organizations serving as coordinators for USMA Admissions.

Individual Volunteers

Military Academy Admissions Representative (MAAR). An individual volunteer not a part of the Reserve Liaison Officer Program.

Liaison Officers

Military Academy and ROTC Liaison Officer (MALO). U.S. Army Reserve Officer attached to Director of Admissions.

Support Organizations

Academy Candidate Advisory Officer (ACAO). Personnel at selected Army installations assigned duties specified in AR 351-17, to include the officer at each major CONUS headquarters and major overseas command.

Candidate Advisory Officer assigned to a college or high school ROTC unit.

West Point Society (WPS).

Recruiting Command Battalions.

U.S. Army Engineer Districts.

Association of the U.S. Army Chapter (AUSA).

West Point Parents Clubs

Should you wish to participate in the USMA Admissions Program in any of the categories listed above, contact the Admissions Office, USMA, 606 Thayer Road, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1797 or by telephone: (914) 938-4041.

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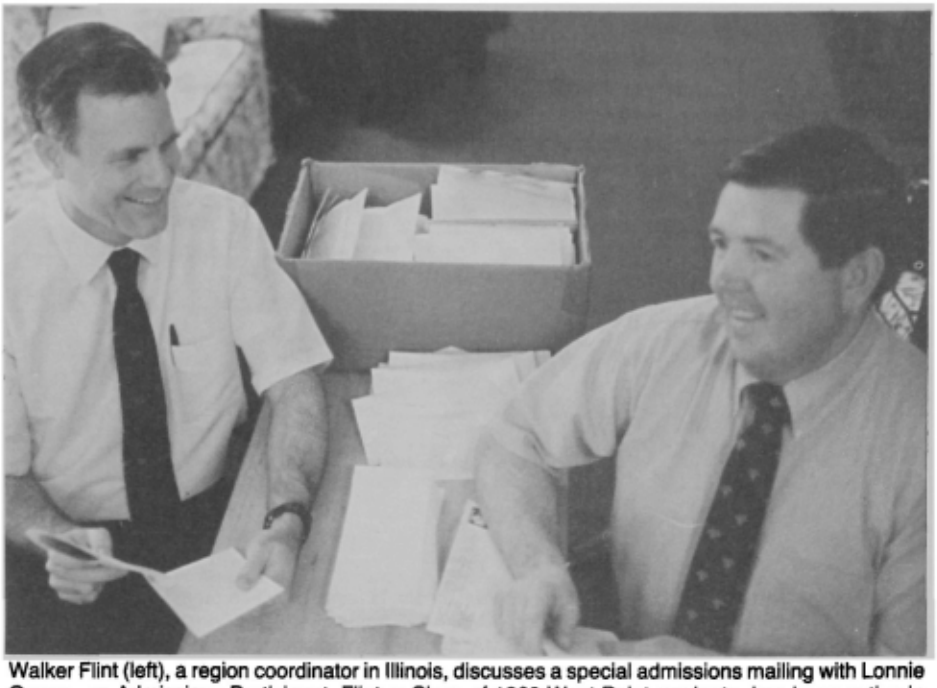
To assist, Mr. Flint has eight Military Academy Liaison Officers and 12 volunteer Admissions Participants to cover 262 active high schools.

During the Class of 1991 cycle, quality was evident as 44 candidates received nominations, and 30 of those nominated were deemed qualified by the Admissions Committee at West Point. Twenty-five offers of admission were extended and 22 of those offered were enrolled. See Table 1.

Flint, who served in Germany and Vietnam before being medically retired from the U.S. Army in 1965, is a senior test engineer for the Caterpillar Company. He joined the admissions program in 1976, and simply kept asking for more things to do. "I was first contacted by the Admissions Office," said Flint. "It sounded interesting and certainly worthwhile, so I decided to do it. I began as a volunteer covering the Peoria area, but I kept reaching for whatever needed to be done."

At Caterpillar, Flint is tasked with analyzing the earth moving vehicle noise and engine noise, testing small 70 horsepower bulldozers to 700 horsepower D-11 bulldozers, loaders, pipe layers, lift trucks, track loaders and the Goer 8-ton transportation vehicle. Despite the demands of his daily workload at Caterpillar, Flint somehow manages to improve the performance of his admission recruiters. He certainly doesn't do it alone.



Walker Flint (left), a region coordinator in Illinois, discusses a special admissions mailing with Lonnie Owens, an Admissions Participant. Flint, a Class of 1960 West Point graduate, has been active in the admissions program since 1976. He is a senior test engineer for the Caterpillar Company.

Table No. 1

Great Lakes Region 02 in State of Illinois

Coordinator: Mr. Walker Flint

Population: 216,698, 1.05% of 17–21 Year-Old Population
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 14 to 15
Number of Active High Schools: 262

USMA Class	**91**	**90**	**89**	**88**
Applicants	116	91	89	91
Interviews	54	33	35	37
Offers	25	17	20	22
Enrolled	22	16	14	19

LTC Harvey Lynn, MAJ Jim Lullen and Herb Wellman serve as zip area coordinators for Flint's region, supported by six liaison officers—LTC Robert Schweider, MAJ Fred Visel, LTC Antone Kemmetz, MAJ Jim Hindricksen and newcomers LTC Paul Christiansen and MAJ Scott Bowen. Flint also taps the services of cadet parents, 10 of whom have volunteered to support the West Point admissions effort.

"Cadet parents see West Point from a unique vantage point," says Flint. "They recognize the tremendous opportunity West Point represents. They have inspired patriotism, renewed by numerous visits to their sons or daughters at the Academy. They welcome the chance to help West Point, and by so doing, help potential cadets fully understand the opportunities available to them."

Parents are active in Flint's region. Jim Sams assists in the East Peoria area. His son Mike graduated from West Point in 1985. Sams, employed at Caterpillar's Morton Parts facility, has been an admissions participant for the past five years. Lonnie Owens, another Caterpillar employee, has been associated with the USMA admissions program for the past four years. His son Bob is a 1987 graduate. There are many others: Toni Saluto and Merlin Sebastian have sons in the Class of 1989; Joe Croskey's son, Joe, Jr., is a 1987 graduate; Bruce Stikkers' son is in the Class of '90, while Fred Rogers and Gary Stout have sons in the Class of 1991.

Herb Wellman, whose son Greg graduated in 1985, has been active in the admissions program for the past three years. "I just felt West Point is a great place, and we should get the word out in our area," says Wellman, an adjuster in charge at the Crawford Risk Management Company. "The most satisfying thing about doing admissions work is seeing very deserving youngsters get into a fine school, which might not be possible without help." Wellman assisted Steve Rothert, a starter on the Army basketball team, during the Class of 1990 cycle.

"My wife, Peggy, and I are very proud of the fact my son graduated from West Point," says Wellman, "and we are proud of what he does now in the Army. My wife is probably a bigger Academy booster than I am. She is always talking it up. When we see candidates we just try to inform them of the opportunities. We are not trying to sell them a bill of goods."

Oklahoma: Zip Areas on the Move

In Oklahoma the population centers of Tulsa and Oklahoma City provide a nucleus for the West Point candidate pool. Colonel Russell Reck coordinates admissions activity for the state, and has been successful in building up a strong field force that is needed to help in these recruiting efforts. See Table 2.

Two graduates of West Point, Major Dale Smith and Major Steve Wallace, have made significant contributions during the Class of 1991 cycle to improve the candidate posture in their respective areas of Oklahoma.

Smith, a 1969 graduate, spent 12 years

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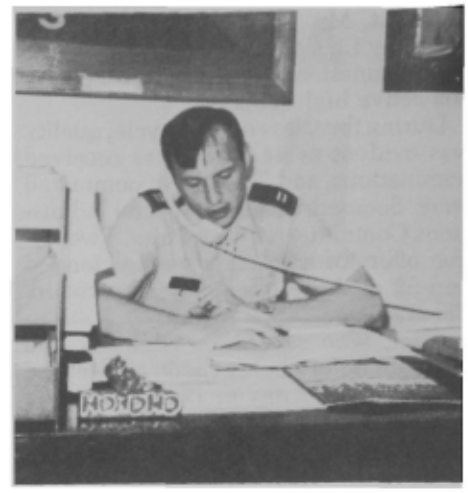
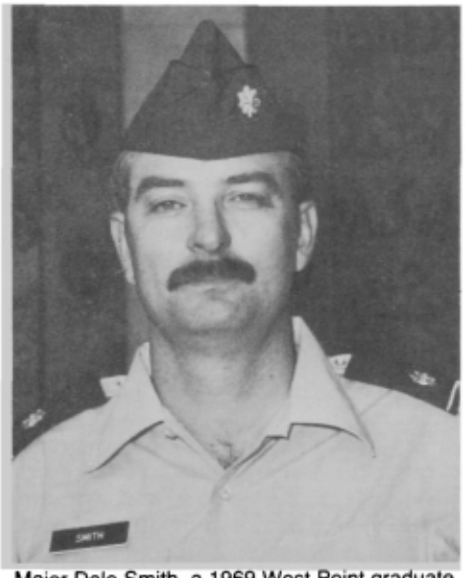
Herb Wellman (center), a Zip Area Coordinator in Illinois, is flanked by two members of the Class of 1991 from Quincy Notre Dame High School—Matthew Thomas (left) and Christopher Mackenzie. Wellman's son Greg is a 1985 graduate of USMA, and he has assisted the admissions program for the past three years.



Major Steve Wallace, executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 33rd Artillery at Ft. Sill, is pictured here during his tour at West Point from 1983–86. MAJ Wallace was chief of the Records and Testing Branch of the Admissions Office. He continues to assist the admissions program as an Admissions Participant in the Ft. Sill/Lawton, OK area.



Major Dale Smith, a 1969 West Point graduate, serves as a Zip Area Coordinator in Oklahoma City. Smith, who was an instructor in the Department of Mathematics at West Point from 1977–81, helped enroll five cadets in the Class of 1991. He is also president of the West Point Society of Central Oklahoma.

Table No. 2

State of Oklahoma

Coordinator: COL (Ret.) Russell Reck

Population: 294,139, 1.43% of 17–21 Year-Old Population
Annual Fair Share Range of Cadetships: 19 to 20
Number of Active High Schools: 464

USMA Class	**91**	**90**	**89**	**88**
Applicants	190	173	124	137
Interviews	52	44	26	35
Offers	20	27	18	18
Enrolled	16	18	8	13

on active duty before becoming a petroleum engineer for Exxon. He now has his own company, Escher Corporation, that provides consulting engineering service for the gas and petroleum industry. Smith serves as a zip area coordinator in Oklahoma City. Three years ago not a single candidate from his area was enrolled, but five entered the Class of 1991 this past summer.

"It's amazing to see how many students know so little about West Point," says Smith. "Some students don't know where West Point is and what it has to offer. We are now having more success talking to groups of qualified candidates. The Project Outreach officer visits have proved successful and school counselors are more agreeable about setting up meetings with qualified candidates. West Point's wrestling coach, Ed Steers, also has been active in our area, and that helps."

Smith has a special interest in West Point. Not only is he a graduate, but he was an instructor in the Department of Mathematics from 1977–81. "My assignment at West Point was very satisfying," says Smith. "Teaching was not what I considered a lifetime goal, but it certainly was very special at West Point. I believe cadets are worth all the time you have to help them develop as future officer-leaders in our country."

Smith also has a dual role in his area. In addition to his admissions work, he is also president of the West Point Society of Central Oklahoma, located in Oklahoma City. The society also takes an active interest in cadets enrolled at West Point, as well as assisting potential candidates. "The society wanted to show the cadets we have an interest in them, and we support the idea of maintaining contact with them," says Smith. The West Point Society holds four events each year for cadets. In 1984 they started with a Christmas holiday dinner and 43 attended. That event has expanded and includes cadets and parents from West Point, as well at the Naval Academy and Air Force Academy.

MAJ Steve Wallace, a 1975 West Point graduate, has been a battery commander for the Multiple Launch Rocket System, Collective Training Unit at Fort Sill. He will soon become executive officer for the 1st Battalion, 33rd Artillery. He has been an Admissions Participant for the past 18 months, while carrying out his active duty responsibilities.

"I screen the high quality candidates in my area from the Monthly Candidate Referral Report issued by the Admissions Office," says MAJ Wallace. "I try to contact those candidates and make sure they have all the information and assistance they need." During the past two years, MAJ Wallace's area (Ft. Sill/Lawton) has exceeded its fair share of enrolled cadets (2 to 3). Four candidates

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Academic Limits

By BG Roy K. Flint, *Dean of the Academic Board*

As many of you know, soon after his arrival at West Point, the Superintendent launched the 2002 Study to chart a course for the Military Academy as it moves into the next century. In previous editions of the *Assembly*, General Palmer has discussed the progress that has been accomplished up to this point. Most noteworthy, of course, was the development of a purpose statement and a revised mission statement.

To continue this effort, the faculty is now engaged in a collegial process of developing a Concept for Intellectual Development that will concisely describe the intellectual goals and objects for 2002, and how the USMA academic program will achieve them. Last summer, as an initial step, I convened a Futures Planning Conference consisting of key members of the Dean's staff and a few faculty members to develop some preliminary ideas about the nature of the intellectual challenges that will face our graduates in 2002, and the capabilities they will have to possess to meet the Army's needs well into the 21st century. Based upon that conference, and comments received from the faculty, an initial Concept for Intellectual Development was drafted.

This draft concept has already been circulated widely among the faculty, and several rounds of meetings with various faculty groups over the next few months will result in a final product. At the same time, I thought it would be useful to share with you our vision of the future. As graduates you also have a deep emotional attachment to the future of this academy, and you undoubtedly possess important perspectives that could assist us. **I would like to encourage you to provide any comments you feel might be helpful.** I assure you they will be deeply appreciated and receive careful consideration.

CONCEPT FOR INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

General

Education is the complex and dynamic process whereby simple understanding merges with experience over time to produce wisdom. Thus education is an essential element in developing character and leadership.

West Point's vision of education accepts the fact that military leaders in all ages have faced their futures not altogether sure of the evolving course of warfare. As the ancient city states of Greece were overwhelmed by Macedonians, better organized and armed with a longer spear, so too, our leaders look forward unsure of the exact nature and array of technological, political, economic, and social challenges to be met. The goal of a West Point education is to enable its graduates to anticipate these challenges, lifting the veil of uncertainty at the earliest moment, and to respond effectively. If West Point is to be successful in developing leaders of character, the academic program must, by virtue of its high quality, continue to attract to West Point the Army's share of the college-bound elite in the nation, whatever the vagaries of transient public sentiment towards the military and public service. Once at West Point, the cadets must have available a rich array of intellectual opportunities, both within and external to the curriculum, encompassing the full spectrum of thought on the major issues confronting society, the nation, and the profession of arms.

Academic excellence depends upon achieving goals in five specific areas:

Faculty

Faculty at the Military Academy continue to be composed of military officers selected on the basis of their professional and intellectual qualities who can serve as role models for all our cadets. Defined primarily by their commitment to teaching, they are also identifiable by their commitment to continued development, and in the case of permanent faculty, at all ranks, by their critical contribution in defining the institutional academic goals and objectives.

Curriculum

The Military Academy remains committed to the concept of a broad, basic education in the arts and sciences defined less by specific courses, than by educational objectives which identify the competencies essential to successful development as a professional officer.

Educational Objective	*Professional Objective*
• Provide a foundation in the basic and applied sciences to include an understanding of the engineering decision methodology.	• Allocate resources and manage development and acquisition of technologically based systems.
• Develop ability to apply quantitative solutions.	
• Understand human dynamics, motivation, and organizational theory.	• Lead and motivate soldiers.
• Write and speak at the senior collegiate level.	• Communicate effectively.
• Understand Western civilization and values.	• Exercise military power consistent with American values and ethics in a complex national and international environment.
• Achieve cultural perspective.	
• Achieve historical perspective.	
• Apply qualitative solutions.	
• Develop creativity and intellectual curiosity.	• Grow intellectually to meet professional requirements.
	• Apply innova tive solutions to complex problems and act independently.

To achieve these objectives, the curriculum consists of a core curriculum balancing a progression of courses in mathematics, science, and engineering with a coverage of humanities and public affairs. An elective program provides depth of study in a chosen discipline.

Facilities and Equipment

Facilities at the United States Military Academy reflect a careful integration of program and resource planning to enable the

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Academy to enter the next century with serviceable buildings containing state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, computer support, and instructional support systems. In addition to monitoring the essential facilities to support the undergraduate curriculum, the Academy will also provide access to advanced technological research in selected areas of Army and Academy interest.

Pedagogy

Small student-faculty sections are an essential pillar of USMA's academic program. Moreover, instructors employ one-on-one tutelage for the most gifted as well as the weakest students to make the most of their potential. Increased flexibility inherent in a modern academic plant, access to advanced educational support technologies, and continued attention to teaching as the primary mission enable USMA to employ a wide range of teaching strategies to maximize the cadet learning experience. Good teaching and currency in subject matter in all disciplines are closely related to a healthy research program. Institutional support includes funding of research, opportunity for research, laboratory space, and encouragement.

Governance

Curriculum and faculty development, facilities modernization, and pedagogical improvements are essential prerequisites to maintaining a program of recognized academic excellence, but key to these goals is institutional leadership that ensures careful review by the academic community and active participation by a wide spectrum of the tenured faculty. Under the guidance of the Dean of the Academic Board and the Professors, USMA, a continuous process of curriculum and program review takes place to insure that emerging academic trends and evolving disciplinary requirements are accommodated in a manner consistent with West Point's purpose and mission.

Development of this concept is an important undertaking. The goals and objectives it establishes will clearly chart the direction of the academic program for years to come. Again I want to encourage your comments. The point of contact on my staff is LTC Donald S. Rowe, Associate Dean for Curriculum and Academic Affairs, USMA, West Point, NY, 10996-5000.

With all the best from West Point, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Founder's Day celebrations.

Constitution

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CIVILIAN LEADERS

The Constitution proclaims that the military forces of this land should be under civilian control. Therefore, civilian leadership of the Army has always been a role with broad and far-reaching implications. For their contributions several distinguished civilian leaders and recipients of the Association of Graduates' Thayer Award were also honored. They included, in memoriam, *Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce,* former Congresswoman and U.S. Ambassador to Italy. As *Time* magazine stated, "Of all the laurels bestowed upon her, perhaps the most fitting was West Point's highest honor, the Sylvanus Thayer Award, given to those who best embody the academy's motto of 'Duty, Honor, Country.'" Others included *Neil A. Armstrong,* the first man to walk on the moon and who headed the commission to establish the National Air and Space Museum; *Mr. Frank Pace, Jr.,* former Secretary of the Army, Director of the Bureau of the Budget and Chairman of General Dynamics Corporation; *Mr. Stanley Resor,* former Secretary of the Army, Ambassador and head of the U.S. delegation to the Mutual and Balanced Force Reduction negotiations and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy in 1978–79; *Dr. Edward Teller,* the "father" of the hydrogen bomb and a key participant in the Manhattan Project; and *Mrs. Douglas MacArthur,* widow of General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, who was at her husband's side during the establishment of a democratic government in Japan after World War II. Referring to Mrs. MacArthur's husband during his remarks, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said, "The vitality and sheer strength of democracy is perhaps our greatest contribution to the world. It is that which we seek to defend, it is that which sets us apart from so many other nations in the world, it is that which General MacArthur brought to life in Japan."

GOVERNMENT LEADERS

In celebrating the bicentennial of our nation's Constitution, the evening concentrated on the remarkable contributions made by the United States Army throughout those 200 years. Also honored were those individuals who had served the cause of democracy at the cabinet level and in key White House assignments. They included *General Fidel V. Ramos* '50, who was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers of the Philippine Army and continues to serve as Chief of Staff of the Philippine Armed Forces. While General Ramos was unable to attend, he did send a telegram which read in part, "Please accept my sincere thanks for the honor you give us on the 200th anniversary of the United States Constitution for our role in maintaining constitutional democracy in the Philippines. Forty living Filipino graduates of West Point share with me this great honor. The 'Support and Defend' theme knows no national boundaries. It can never be more relevant than at this crucial hour of our Philippine democracy."

Other honorees who fought for freedom at home and abroad were *General Andrew J. Goodpaster (USA, Ret.) '39,* Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Staff Secretary to the President of the United States and Superintendent of West Point; *Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft (USAF, Ret.) '47,* Presidential Advisor on National Security Affairs and a member of the Tower Commission; *General Alexander M. Haig, Jr. (USA, Ret.) '47,* Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, White House Chief-of-Staff and 59th Secretary of State; *John R. Block '57,* U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture; *Ambassador Edward L. Rowny '41,* SALT representative from the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the chief negotiator during the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks; and *Lieutenant General Vernon Walters (USA, Ret.), Ambassador to the United Nations and Deputy Director, CIA.*

CLOSING REMARKS

The evening's historic events could not have been possible without the leadership and support of seven Chief Executive Officers: Rand V. Araskog '53, ITT Corporation; Arnold Fisher, Fisher Brothers; Robert F. Froehlke, IDS Mutual Fund Group; Robert F. McDermott Jan '43, United Services Automobile Association; Denis F. Mullane '52, Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Stanley C. Pace Jun '43, General Dynamics Corporation; and Edmund T. Pratt, Jr., Pfizer Inc. Also in attendance was the Chief of the Army Reserve, Chief of the New York National Guard and Commander of the 77th ARCOM.

As the program came to a close, Brigadier General Dawkins gave the following challenge to those young officers, both active duty and reserve; cadets from the Prep School and the Academy; and several outstanding enlisted soldiers who were in attendance: "Fifty years from now, on the 250th anniversary of our Constitution, I charge you to be here to be honored for your contributions to supporting and defending this beloved piece of parchment that gives us our strength, our future, and our freedom."

The success of the evening will long be remembered as this charge is fulfilled by future scholarship recipients who continue to strive to excel in education, leadership, and service to their country.

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The COM Reports

By BG FRED A. GORDEN, *Commandant of Cadets*

This is written as we approach the end of my first semester as your Commandant. And what an exciting semester! Funny how all the memories from my instructor duty during 1969–72, three years, do not seem to compare to those of these five months. From the recent football victory over Navy (preceded by a week of spirit activities in the best of Corps' tradition), an overall 6-2 won-lost record to date in Army-Navy contests, our annual National Honor Conference, 30th annual Thayer Award ceremony, 39th annual Students Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA), 7th annual Robert T. Stevens Service Academies Leaders Conference and more, to the President's visit in October, the Corps has held high the mantle of honor of the Long Gray Line.

You will find more detailed accounts of some of these activities elsewhere in this edition. As you read them, I am confident you will agree that duty continues to be well performed, and that honor remains untarnished, unsullied and shines with as much brilliance as ever. I particularly refer you to the article by Major Greg Stone, my Special Assistant for Honor, concerning our second annual National Honor Conference.

Let me continue my report, however, by sharing with you some information from the branch selection straw poll recently completed by the Class of '88. I emphasize that this is **straw poll** data, and not final branch selections. At the outset, let me also remind you of two other related factors. The first is that beginning this year, Finance, Medical Service and the Adjutant General Corps also access USMA graduates. This means that we now commission cadets into sixteen branches. The second is that overall, 80% of our graduates are required to be commissioned in the combat arms. Just one more note before beginning, the information about each branch will include how many cadets who currently rank among the top hundred in the class selected that branch.

Let's begin with **Infantry.** With a minimum fill quota of 225, one more than that (226) chose Infantry. Among them were the Brigade First Captain, Cadet Gregory Louks, and the current number one ranking cadet in the class and one of the Academy's two Rhodes Scholars for this year, Cadet Douglas Fraley, the Brigade S4. Infantry also drew 15 others from the top 100 cadets in the class. It closed at 996. As you know, only male cadets are commissioned in Infantry.

Armor polled its minimum fill quota of 130. Among them was Cadet John Nagl, the second of this year's Rhodes Scholars and currently number 15 in the class. John was an assistant adjutant on the Brigade staff this semester. Armor drew 19 cadets from the top 100. It closed at 803. Like Infantry, only male cadets are commisioned in Armor.

Field Artillery attracted its minimum quota of 188. Three of these were women. The highest ranking cadet choosing Field Artillery was Cadet John Kelly, number 11 in the class. He was joined by 7 others from the top 100. It closed at 1001, 5 below Infantry, and with the distinction of polling the "anchor" cadet in the class based on current rank.

Air Defense Artillery garnered 78, its minimum quota. Three of these were women. The highest ranking cadet to choose Air Defense is currently 179th in the class; it closed out at 985.

Aviation drew 87, 4 more than its minimum. Five of these were women. The 7th cadet in the class, Cadet Kenneth Pyrgoski, chose Aviation, as did 7 more from the top 100. It closed at 977, first among the five combat arms.

Engineers attracted 129, one of only four branches to reach its maximum quota for males of 114. Fifteen women also chose Engineers. The poll showed Engineers pulling in the currently 6th cadet in the class, Cadet Rodney Schlosser, along with 28 others in the top 100. Among males, it closed at 617, fourth in the close-out order behind Military Intelligence, Medical Service Corps and Military Police, respectively; and at 975 among females. (See Military Police for the order in which branches closed out among females.)

Signal Corps drew 18 of a maximum quota of 21 among males, and 6 of 23 among females. The 2nd ranking male cadet and the 93rd ranking female cadet were shown choosing Signal. Four more from the top 100 joined them. It closed at 585 for males; 964 for females

Military Police (MP) attracted its maximum quotas of 8 among females and 6 among males. It closed at 767 for females; 448 for males. Cadet Christi Seigwarth, currently 13th in her class, chose MP. For females, MP was the fourth branch to close out, preceded by Medical Service, Military Intelligence, and Transportation.

Military Intelligence drew its maximum quotas for both males and females at 17 and 19, respectively. It was the last of the branches to draw cadets from the top 100, garnering a total of 12, the highest currently ranked 12th. As mentioned earlier, it closed out first among males (at 181) and second among females (at 553).

Adjutant General Corps had a maximum quota of 7 and drew one female; and a maximum quota of 5 males compared to a showing of 2 in the poll. The female cadet was ranked 591st, and the last male, 828th; none from the top 100.

Finance attracted no male cadets though two could have selected it; but did attract one female against a potential for two.

Medical Service showed 4 males and 3 females, making its maximum for each. It closed first among females at 191, and second among males at 430.

Chemical was shown getting 3 females compared to its maximum of 4, and 4 against 10 males.

Ordnance attracted 6 males against its maximum of 14; and maxed out at 15 females. Close-out rankings were 965 for females and 984 for males.

Quartermaster was shown getting 3 males and 8 females against maximums of 14 and 10, respectively; closing at 523 for males and 938 for females.

Finally, **Transportation** attracted its maximum of 9 females, and 7 out of 8 males. It closed third for the women at 636.

While these data are not so detailed as to tell us the cadets' major areas of study, it is interesting to note that the highest ranking cadets do incline towards the combat arms. As we look toward the future, the march of science and technology suggests that maintaining that trend will be important in the interface between the user-operator and program manager and researcher-developer.

Incidentally, for many years now, we have not conducted the branch drawing by going to an auditorium where the first

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cadet in order of merit announces his choice, and on down the line with the associated "stubby pencil" work. It is now done very efficiently, for both the straw poll and the actual second semester selections, by computer readout of cadet prepared mark sense cards. No muss, no fuss.

I want to share one more item with you before closing. We have begun a USCC newsletter titled *The Right Guide*. I wanted a fairly frequent (every two weeks) way of communicating with the Corps. Regular columns include one from the First Captain and each cadet class, written by their Historian (class scribe). A sample issue is shown in Figure 1. It has proven to be well read and well received based on feedback we've gotten. One item that cadets have been particularly interested in are tales from Old Grads. So, if you want to share any of your "Old Corps" war stories, please feel free to send them to me.

The Right Guide

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HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY LEAVE

To The Point.

BG Fred A. Gordon
Commandant of Cadets

Beating Navy in Philadelphia was a rather fitting climax to this semester as we head into the holiday leave period.

Again, the Corps received high marks from the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army for the association of the march-on and the chasm that were conducted before the game. The same is true of the 12th man spirit that permeated the Corps from beginning to end. And, of course, the team's performance on the field speaks for itself. You waxed the middies on every count (including the partying, too, unless I miss my guess)! WELL DONE!

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Following term ends, you are off to Christmas leave relaxation and enjoyment with family and friends. Mrs. Gordon, I, and all of the members of the Office of the Commandant want to wish each of you the most joyous of Holidays and prosperity in the New Year.

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Did You Know?

Appropriate dress footwear for women cadets are "plain, unadorned black pumps(s) with a heel not to exceed three inches in height." (para 512, Regs USCC) This regulation was written using Army Regulation 670-1 as a guide. AR 670-1 explains further that the pump has a closed toe and heel with a heel that is a minimum of 1 inch and a maximum of 3 inches. This covers women cadets and specifically precludes "flats" or "ballet-type slippers."

From the First Captain:

Cadet
Greg H. Louks
Brigade
Commander

The First Captain put his thoughts in a letter to the Corps of Cadets on 9 December '87. He will return to this column after Christmas leave.

Guest Corner

COL David J. Phillips; Associate Dean

As a member of the working group that developed what is known as "The New Cadet Schedule," I am as anxious as anyone for the results of an institutional assessment of its impact on the Academy. Most of what I have heard to date has been so much hot air.

Let's remember the Superintendent's basic purpose in initiating a new cadet schedule: to get the cadets to do what we (the staff and faculty) want them to do in the time we have allocated for them to do it. The purpose is not to teach cadets to manage time. The purpose is not to eliminate choices from the cadets' lives. And the purpose is not to manage the cadets' time for them.

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To The Point.

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As you despair, we wish nine days you would receive wish us to make it a safe holiday. Let us not allow the unfortunate weekend involving four cadets to repeat itself and that the enjoyment of the holidays. Just as with everything else this semester, you, the Corps, can make that happen.

To the Point: Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, and a Happy New Year. ✦

GUIDE RIGHT!

"There's nothing to match curling up with a good book when there's a repair job to be done around the house."
- Joe Ryan

The Right Guide!

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Guest Corner

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I would think that any assessment of the new schedule would at least begin with the question, "Are cadets now doing what we want them to do in the time we have allocated for them to do it?" For example, are they in their rooms studying during the evening study period? Are they sleeping from midnight (or after) in the morning? Are extracurricular activities scheduling meetings only on Monday evenings? Are cadets scheduled for nothing on Monday evenings except voluntary extracurricular activity and mess meetings, on Tuesday evenings except voluntary religious activities, on Wednesday and Thursday for nothing except voluntary lectures, and for nothing on Friday evenings? Then, having answered these fundamental questions, we could turn to such questions as whether we have made too many exceptions, whether the staff and faculty have whether we have made too many conclusions, whether the staff and faculty have also long enough to draw any valid conclusions, and so forth.

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- Colonel Phillips

A Casual Observer

• This Army fan wasn't put to sleep by the wishbone; there were too many years in the lean column not to luxuriate in the victory at IPK. You've always glad for the Firsties, especially since they had experienced so much disappointment during the season, but tell me you didn't share a vicarious thrill when Peterson and Crawford crossed the goal line in their last game? And how "bout that defense? Sorry know they won in for a long day after dice Fam series.

• It's cold weather time again and parkas and sweatshirts with pockets abound. I enjoy exchanging salutes, but remember to take your left hand out of your pocket when you do so.

• This is such a great time of the year, a chance to renew old friendships and spend overdue time with our families and loved ones. It is, of course, primarily a time to rejoice and to worship in our chosen ways. So many to the uniform of our country have given their lives that we may have this freedom of choice. Please be careful in your driving and take care that you don't give your life on some highway.

- The Editor

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CLASS COLUMNS

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Congratulations to everyone who was on the field and in the stands for the victory over Navy! It is a great way to go into the end of the summer and also TEE's. I hope everyone had a great time in Philadelphia over the weekend.

Believe it or not, Tracking Winter Weekend (Feb. 5-7) is not far far off. Yes, you are reading a date or guess for the weekend! If you are, you are you having a date or guess for the weekend! If you are, and want them to stay at the Theatre, you should think about reserving them. They will be first-come, first served. Also, there will be a limited transportation service to area airports for the weekend. Pick-up service will go from 1100-1500 on Friday from LaGuardia and Newark only. A return service will run on these airports on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 0900-1200 hrs. Tentative costs are about $20 per person one-way but this may go down. In any case, we will provide firm info about guest flights soon after Christmas. Also, there will be a Brunch for guests that Sunday. Tickets will be sold in the Cadet Band Banking about this weekend and your plans for it.

Attention cadet Class of 1990 hence shorts will be sold in conventional Tracking Winter Weekend. Payment for orders will come out of cadet accounts. If you have any suggestions on a design for them, let your class convention representative know about it.

That goes as well for any suggestions at all you may have for the weekend. Besides convention reps, another point of contact would be any of the committee chairmen listed below:

Chairman: Dale Murray B1 (4148)
Transportation: Andy Unwin H2 (5082)
Food: Scott McKean A4 (4123)
Wine Glasses: Jim Siamandas B4 (3341)
Finance: Matt Varlin F1 (2944)
Advertisement: Suzanne Nielsen I2 (3173)
Guest List: Gary Douglas I1 (3544)
Banquet: Joel Kurz D4 (3370)
Music: Scott Paul A3 (3363)
Holiday Activities: Joe Sumrok I4 (2778)
Saturday Activities: John Shea B2 (4403)

Input would be appreciated.

One last announcement: Are you having any problems with Christmas Gift ideas? Class drugs are still available through company representatives and would really be a great idea for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. Buy one while you still can.

Good luck in Term Ends everyone and have a great Christmas. See you in '88!

Suzanne Nielsen
Class Historian, '90

"Don't be so humble, you're not that great."
- Golda Meir

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I am pleased to announce that the Class Constitution for '91 is working full speed ahead. The Class Constitution has been written and is in the process of being approved. The final draft must be formally presented to DAO and then staffed through different agencies on post. Hopefully we'll get the final approval before Christmas leave so that we can keep your eyes and ears open for it. I understand that copies will be in every orderly room for each member of the fourth class to inspect and approve/disapprove. Please take the time to get and review your class constitution.

I would also like to tell you that the Entertainment Committee is busy in organizing and making arrangements for Plebe Parent Week. The Committee needs your help by making suggestions for the activities. If you have any ideas on events or party goods, such as glasses or mugs, please do not hesitate to let someone know. I am told that we are in the process of setting up a bank account that has a penny as idea to make Plebe Parent Week memorable, let your Class Committee Rep know now. Plans will be finalized during Christmas break.

I have recently found out that our class is finally done and approved by the Superintendent. The same is going to be revisited during Plebe Parents Week at our formal dinner. The Ring and Class Committee should be commended and all of those people who submitted ideas should also be thanked. Great Job! The class will be on just about every party good we buy so it is imperative that we decide what kind of favors we want and that we order them soon. Rec. neatness your class crest is a superior piece of work. Way to go R&C committee!

As our first term draws to a close we can look back at a lot of accomplishments. One that stands out above all is our respect. We were led by the upperclass but rest assured they could not have done anything without us! The victory over Navy was great; now let's take on the Dean. After a victory over the Dean we will be able to take a break. Have a super Holiday Season, and come back ready to roll through the rest of the year.

If you want to see anything written in this column, or are confused about a previous article or rumor, don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Until then, good luck with Term Ends.

Rob Dorin
Class Historian, '91

ARMY - NAVY SPORTS SCOREBOARD

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Jim Young Talks About Army Football . . .

Interviewed by Colonel (Retired) Morris J. Herbert, AOG Staff

Coach Jim Young with 30 seconds to go and a 17-3 lead!

Jim Young's Record at Army

Year	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	AF	Navy	Bowl
1983	11	2	9	0	L	L	—
1984	12	8	3	1	W	W	Cherry (W)
1985	12	9	3	0	L	L	Peach (W)
1986	11	6	5	0	W	W	—
1987	11	5	6	0	L	W	—
TOTALS	57	30	26	1	2-3	3-2	2-0

Army Starters Returning in '88

Offense		Defense	
SE	Sean Jordan, '90	DE	Greg Gadson, '89
LT	————	DT	Josh Haines, '90
LG	————	NG	Dan Cooney, '89
C	————	DT	————
RG	————	DE	Charles Schretzman, '89
RT	————	ILB	————
TE	————	ILB	Troy Lingley, '89
QB	————	CB	————
LHB	Mike Mayweather, '91	SS	————
RHB	————	FS	O'Neal Miller, '90
FB	Ben Barnett, '90	CB	————

Kicker: Keith Walker, '89
Kicker/Punter: Bit Rambusch, '89

Army football coach Jim Young is tough to catch in December! We pinned him down in between recruiting trips, and discovered that one of his most important—and immediate priorities—is final exam week.

"There are always a few football players struggling," Jim said. "Our officer reps and academic coaches do a great job, but it's tough to concentrate on academics during the season. None of our players has an easy course load, and I wouldn't want it any other way. But, it's a worry at this time of the year."

ASSEMBLY asked Coach Young to comment on three areas for our readers: the Navy game, the season, and the prospects for next year.

The Navy Game?

"It was the best defensive game we have played in the five years I've coached at West Point. It's hard to single out any one player on defense—they all played well. Senior Ray Griffiths at inside linebacker did a fine job. Our two outside linebackers, juniors Charles Schretzman and Greg Gadson, contained the Navy quarterback and prevented him from making any long gains. Senior Chance Conner in the defensive backfield had a fine game.

"On offense I want to mention two seniors: center Craig Raymond and halfback Andy Peterson. Craig Raymond is small for a college center, and he had almost no playing time prior to this season. He was a pleasant surprise all year, and he played the best game of his career against Navy. In the second quarter, he broke his hand, and we weren't sure we could get a cast on and get him back in time for the second half. But he made it, and played the entire second half with that broken hand. No one on our team got more out of his athletic ability this year than Craig Raymond.

"Andy Peterson's running, blocking, and leadership were impressive, particularly in the second half."

Was There a Key to the Win Over Navy?

"I don't know about any one play or event being a 'key.' We had the wind with us in the first and fourth quarters, and that's when we scored all of our points. In the third quarter, Navy had the wind, and it was important not to let them have good field position. Remember, we were only ahead by 3-0. Even though we didn't score in the third period, we were able to mount two long drives, taking time off the clock and leaving Navy deep in their own territory. That was a very important factor in the outcome."

What Did You Say in Our Locker Room at Halftime?

"Not much! You have to understand that we only have 15 minutes, and that's not very much time. First, the players rest for about 5 minutes, while the offensive and defensive coaching staffs discuss their plans for the second half. That's based on what we've done and what Navy has done in the first half. Of course, we have available charts for our plays and Navy's plays from the first half.

"Then, after I've checked the planning, each coach talks with his own players—the tight ends, the offensive linemen, the quarterbacks, the defensive ends, and so on.

"Finally, we get the team together for the final 2-3 minutes, and I speak to them."

So What Did You Say?

"I told them they had won the first half, but they had a very tough struggle ahead of them. I said we'd have to play with at least the same intensity in the

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second half to win. I reminded them that we still had 30 minutes to go—we hadn't won anything yet."

Looking Back at the Season?

"Well, none of us enjoys a losing season. But I am very proud of our players. They stuck together through a difficult year, and when we got healthy towards the end of the season their character paid off—we won 3 of our last 4 games. And, of course, winning the Navy game made it all worthwhile, particularly for our seniors.

"Overall, our defense was better than last year; our kicking game was better, and statistically, our offense was as good as last year. But we lost 5 quarterbacks to injuries at one time or another during the season, and Tory Crawford, although he started 7 games for us, was only at full strength for 3 games and part of the fourth.

"I'm not using injuries as an excuse—you're always going to have them—but losing 5 in the key position of quarterback unquestionably hurt us. And we lost two of them—the first and second team quarterbacks—in one game. That caused our offensive production to be down 1-2 touchdowns a game from last year. Inexperienced quarterbacks mean turnovers. And we had them, particularly in the Boston College and Colgate games."

Next Year?

"The problem we face this spring will be just the opposite of this time last year. Last year we had an experienced offense, and we had to rebuild our defense. This year, 8 out of 11 starters on offense will graduate. But we do have the nucleus of a good defense, with 6 starters returning. The kicking game should be solid, and a few defensive players who were hurt most of the season should be back. We expected sophomore linebacker Mike O'Toole to play a lot for us this year, but he was hurt, as was Pat Davie. Junior Chip England and sophomore George Godfrey give us depth at linebacker. Josh Haines, our sophomore defensive tackle, had a good year, and he will improve. We moved him from tight end this season, and he could have been a great tight end. He's a legitimate Division I player.

"On offense we must replace the entire offensive line. I believe we have the young players coming up who can do the job for us, but we will miss Mark Charette at tight end. We won't have anyone with game experience at that position.

"Our offensive backfield will have strength and some speed. In Mike Mayweather, Paul Capriotti, and Calvin Cass, we have three good freshmen. Ben Barnett, our sophomore fullback, had a good game against Navy, and he can only get better. And at wide receiver, sophomore Sean Jordan is as good as I've ever had."

Who's Going to Be Our Quarterback?

"Well, that's a good question! The first two years we ran the wishbone, I went into the first game wondering who was going to play quarterback! This year we were set with Tory Crawford, but 5 other quarterbacks got playing time when he was hurt. Tory will be hard to replace. So, we're looking at juniors Mark Mooney and Bryan Babb if they can come back from an injury in Mark's case, and surgery in Bryan's. Freshmen Bryan McWilliams and Otto Leone both have a good shot, and sophomore Morrell Savoy can't be counted out. It's going to be an interesting spring practice!"

Anything Else We Should Mention?

"Yes! In the 5 years I've coached at West Point, the spirit and support of the Corps of Cadets and our graduates has never been better than it was for this year's Navy game. You know that we received letters from over 20 West Point societies wishing us success, and almost every Army football player who played in the 1937 game 50 years ago also wrote the team! (ED NOTE: Army beat Navy in 1937 in the rain, 6-0.) A few days before the game, we cleaned out the locker room—got rid of all the clippings and messages—and put up those letters. I know they helped prepare our team for the game.

"When we left West Point by bus on Friday morning, the entire Corps of Cadets and a lot of our staff and faculty lined Thayer Road from the barracks to Thayer Gate, cheering and wishing the team luck. Finally, a group of twelve instructors from the Math Department *ran* to Philadelphia with packets of letters addressed to individual team members from West Point grammar school children! Those letters did a lot to break the tension on Friday afternoon before the game.

"The support we received this season was great—and I want everyone involved to know just how much our coaching staff and the team appreciated it."

Army senior QB Tory Crawford prepares to hand off to classmate Andy Peterson as Army's wishbone grinds out 319 yards against Navy

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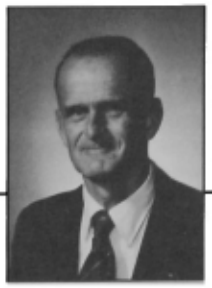
The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



After mailing our final Army Sportsletter from the 1986–87 athletic year where there was a headline having to do with "a successful year," I got an irate letter from one of you highlighting the record against Navy and asking the question, "Is this success?" The answer to that question was "no!" However, of all these columns I have written over the past eight years, this might be the easiest and the happiest despite our 5 and 6 football record.

Tory Crawford

Perhaps it's just the glow of the 5 December Army win over Navy that was such an exciting and fitting ending to the 1987 Army football season. The seniors deserved that win, the coaches deserved that win, and the entire squad and organization deserved that win. I could not possibly express my feeling of happiness and pride for all those people that I felt at the conclusion of that game.

That Tory Crawford should score the final touchdown was so very fitting; that Andy Peterson, whom Jim Young recognized in the locker room after the game, should be selected as Army's outstanding player was poetic justice indeed. Andy had been a tremendous part of the Army football resurgence during his entire four years here, and this recognition was justly deserved.

My last column ended with the Boston College game; disappointments were to follow with losses to Colgate and Rutgers. I must say that after the Temple win we felt we could go to Colorado Springs and be successful against Air Force; however, such was not to be.

Andy Peterson

Having lost the chance for a winning season and retention of the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, it would have been easy for the team to simply let down and allow the rest of the season go its own way. That's not Jim Young's style, nor is it the style of this fine Army team. They rallied with an exciting win over Lafayette and, of course, came into the Navy game determined to have our seniors graduate with three wins over the Naval Academy, and also be the only senior class on record to beat Navy three times and Air Force two times during its four years at West Point.

1987 Sports Summary

FALL SPORTS	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Captain/s	Navy
Men's Cross Country	5	5	0	0	1.000	Tom Feder	WON
Men's Tennis	5	5	0	0	1.000	William Degutis	
Women's Cross Country	3	3	0	0	1.000	Lisa Benitez	WON
150 LB Football	7	5	2	0	.714	Vic Mondo Carl Woods	WON
Women's Volleyball	41	29	12	0	.707	Shelly Shumaker	WON
Men's Soccer	17	10	7	0	.588	Sean Mitchiner	WON
Women's Soccer	19	9	7	3	.553	Kimberly Knur Karen Weglinski	
Water Polo	29	15	14	0	.517	Scott Maitland	Lost
Football	11	5	6	0	.455	Dave Berdan Tory Crawford	WON
Women's Tennis	7	2	5	0	.286	Ellen Dexter	
Fall Totals	144	88	53	3	.622		6-1
WINTER SPORTS							
Pistol	5	5	0	0	1.000	Danny Morgan	
Gymnastics	1	1	0	0	1.000	Morgan Hanlon	
Men's Indoor Track	1	1	0	0	1.000	Tom Feder	
Women's Indoor Track	1	1	0	0	1.000	Sherise Tuggle	
Wrestling	1	1	0	0	1.000	Darrel Nerove Anthony Malba	
Rifle	5	4	1	0	.800	Randy Powell	
Men's Basketball	4	3	1	0	.750	Scott King Scott Whipp	
Women's Basketball	7	5	2	0	.714	Linda Schimminger	
Squash	3	2	1	0	.667	Scott Clarke	
Men's Swimming	3	2	1	0	.667	David Krall Dan Simpson Pat Smorra	Lost
Women's Swimming	3	2	1	0	.667	Carol Heller Jacquelyn Haug	
Hockey	11	4	6	1	.409	Vinny Bono	
Winter Totals	45	31	13	1	.700		0-1
Spring Sports with Fall seasons:							
Baseball	18	8	10	0	.444	Chad LeMay Dan Kirk	
Women's Softball	8	7	1	0	.875	Laura Slattery	

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Book Reviews

RINGED IN STEEL: ARMORED CAVALRY, VIETNAM, 1967–1968.

By MICHAEL D. MAHLER. *Presidio Press, Novato, California, 1986, x + 214 pp.*

Once I picked up Colonel Michael D. Mahler's "personal account of one tour of duty in Vietnam with combat elements of the U.S. Army" (ix), I simply could not put it down. Clearly written and rich in descriptive detail, *Ringed in Steel* traces Mahler's service as a brigade staff officer and as a cavalry squadron executive officer from August 1967 to August 1968 with two different infantry divisions from the northern edge of the Delta to the DMZ. This varied perspective and the author's thoughtful reflections on men in combat, leadership, and our Army in Vietnam make it a useful addition to the Vietnam literature and add an important piece to the overall Vietnam mosaic.

The book's title is a reference to the key role that armored cavalry mobility played during the Tet Offensive as Saigon, Bien Hoa and Long Binh "were literally ringed in steel" by five cavalry squadrons almost overnight. At first glance, that suggests that the book is primarily a classic account of combat in Vietnam (101). While there is some of that, and the combat scenes are riveting and authentic, Mahler offers much more. He has described accurately the routine of operations in Vietnam, the unglamorous side of the war. His gripping account of the successful recovery of a battle damaged Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle (ACAV) is typical—and just as vivid and valuable as his discussion of Tet. It was, after all, just "a routine mission, [performed] in a routine manner without any loss of equipment and personnel . . . a microcosm of our overall efforts in Vietnam, where every small success was the result of detailed planning and a generous expenditure of time, effort, and equipment. Our losses were always in inverse proportion to that expenditure" (95).

Mahler's bluntly honest personal revelations ring true throughout the book. Upon receipt of his orders to Vietnam, he had little thought of death or injury. "I was going to Vietnam . . . because it was now time for me to do what I was trained for. Beyond that, I wondered only about what it would really be like and how I would perform." On arrival, however, he was deeply disappointed that his initial "cut of the war" would be as a brigade staff officer. "It was one thing to come halfway around the world to Vietnam to practice my trade as a professional combat arms soldier, but it was quite another to end up performing only the routine chores of any Army garrison" (9–10).

Capturing the nerve-racking fear of mines common to all armor soldiers, Mahler marvels at the courage and heroism of the ACAV drivers, the ones most vulnerable to the danger. "I often wondered what kept our troopers going out. I pondered what I would say and do if one morning an ACAV driver said that what we were doing was dumb and that he was not going to drive. . . . That it did not happen is a tribute to the dirty, dusty cavalrymen who manned those vehicles" (89). And finally, finding just the right blend of modesty and pride in summarizing the results of his squadron's destruction of a North Vietnamese Army battalion in Quang Tri province, he acknowledges that his squadron had stumbled into the NVA. "But it was more than stumbling. . . . It was men in hot steel vehicles, out in the glaring sand, looking and poking until the enemy, North Vietnamese and Viet Cong alike, never knew exactly where or when an armored column might poke up next. It was casualties from booby traps and hours of boredom and minutes of terror when only the skills of the driver or the gunner really mattered" (191). In short, it was the routine of war in Vietnam.

Few, if any, punches are pulled by Mahler and this plainspoken account will anger some readers. Although he mentions no unit designations or persons specifically, even the most casual reader will quickly identify the 1st Infantry Division as Mahler's first unit and will note the stark contrast between his views of service with it and his subsequent service in the 9th Infantry Division. In the former, it was clear to him that "our generals had too little to do and too much communications equipment with which to do it" (21). Such overcontrol stifled initiative, and brigade and battalion commanders were "reduced to messenger boys by the overweening influence of general officers hovering twelve hundred feet above the action" (178). Mahler also complains bitterly about abuses in an awards system which "took on a life of its own" (18) and too often reflected "the whim of the senior officer present instead of actual observed facts" (46). These problems and "an unwarranted elitist attitude . . . prevented this historically famous Army division from realizing its full potential" (62).

More content with his cavalry assignment, Mahler in his final eight chapters tells a far different story, one of a unit "where we had the latitude and authority to fulfill properly our responsibilities as leaders" (177) and where the "quiet presence" of the commanding general "allowed us all to do our jobs" without "the overwhelming pressures" of the previous command (74).

Much has been written over the past decade about how there were many wars in Vietnam, wars compartmentalized by a variety of parameters. While a valid point providing a useful perspective to our understanding of that conflict, we should not ignore that the war also possessed characteristics common to warfare in general. Colonel Michael D. Mahler has sought in a small way to demonstrate the timeless character of combat. I think most readers will also agree that he has succeeded.

Reviewed by LTC Charles F. Brower, Armor, Department of History, USMA

REBELS FROM WEST POINT.

By GERARD A. PATTERSON. *Doubleday, NY, 1987, xi + 194 pp.*

The study of warfare is, by its very nature, largely a study of personalities. Individuals bring their training, education, experience and customs to the war that they wage. When a single group of men coming from a common background participate in a conflict, their effect upon that war gives the historian a fertile area for study because conclusions can be drawn as to the effects of their common background and experience. The American Civil War had such a group of men, not just on one side of the battle lines, but on both. The men who attended the United States Military Academy wore blue and gray during this war, a remarkable occurrence that has filled the study

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of the war with strange coincidences and anecdotes.

In *Rebels From West Point*, Gerard A. Patterson has chosen a portion of this group, especially those West Point graduates who went south and fought under Robert E. Lee in the Army of Northern Virginia. He tells a story of who they were, why they went, and what they did. Focusing on the major names of the war, Lee, Jackson, Hill, Longstreet, and Hood, this study traces the wartime careers of the members of the Long Gray Line who led in the eastern theater. Briefly studying the education they received at West Point, Patterson devotes far more space to the peculiar relationships between these men and other West Pointers. Anyone who has spent time at West Point knows that strong, often tumultuous, relationships are fostered in the cloistered atmosphere of the Academy. Patterson weaves the story of friends and classmates who fought each other for the causes in which they believed. From the coincidence of James B. McPherson's death at the hands of soldiers commanded by his old academy roommate, John Bell Hood (115), to the scene at Belle Grove, Virginia where Stephen Dodson Ramseur's Union friends—George Custer, Wesley Merritt, and Alexander Pennington sat through the night comforting the Confederate general as he died (110), the author uses this thread of academy friendships to accent the personal nature of the war. Even Patterson's treatment of the reunion of academy graduates from north and south at Appomattox Court House ends with General Grant's friendly invitation to General Longstreet to join him in "a game of brag as we used to" (144). Those history buffs and scholars who enjoy anecdotes will find a wealth of them in this little book.

Not all newspapermen and politicians of the Civil War era believed the wealth of West Point graduates to be a positive blessing and Patterson brings out much of this animosity. He gives evenhanded treatment to those in agreement with W.W. Blackford, who maintained that "[the Confederacy] died of West Point as much as any one thing." (154) Unfortunately, Patterson does not take a position on this question of West Point's effect on the outcome of the war. In the final pages he briefly follows the postwar careers of some of the rebel graduates, noting that "in the postwar struggle for survival the nonprofessional soldiers who had made names for themselves in the army fared much better than the West Pointers." (156) Using the analogy of a lawyer who has been disbarred, he portrays the shock and disillusionment of the professional soldier denied an opportunity to practice his profession. (145)

Two points concerning this book evoke questions to the reviewer. Patterson repeatedly refers to the health of A.P. Hill and his mysterious malady, but does not offer a medical explanation. While the timing of *Rebels From West Point* may have prevented Patterson from using the information, a recent book by James Robertson, *General A.P. Hill: The Story of a Confederate Warrior*, answers this question quite well. Robertson, using the symptoms described by the existing documents and a team of physicians, has identified the illness as prostatitis, stemming from a bout with veneral disease while a cadet at West Point. Other than this, only the lack of information concerning the West Pointers who served the Confederacy in the West mars the book. Admittedly, Patterson wrote in his Foreword that the book would cover only that third of Confederate graduates that served with Lee, but the absence of information on men such as William Hardee, Braxton Bragg, Albert Johnston, Simon Buckner, Earl Van Dorn, John Pemberton, and Edmund Kirby Smith leaves the reader with a feeling that the study is incomplete. *Rebels From West Point* is an interesting and informative little book. Clearly written and easy to read, I would recommend this book to students of the Civil War and West Point.

Reviewed By Major James Martin, Department of History, USMA

DIA Reports
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The courage and determination shown by Cadet Tory Crawford through this season has been an inspiration to all of us. Injured in the Wake Forest game and receiving knee surgery the next day, Tory committed himself to return and be part of his final Army football season—a joy, a privilege, and a thrill to watch. He tested 100% prior to the Air Force game, played at Colorado Springs, played in our win over Lafayette, and, of course, was instrumental in our win over Navy on 5 December. As I said earlier, his scoring that final touchdown was indeed a fitting ending and a fitting tribute to this great young athlete and future Army officer.

At the end of our fall sports competition with the Naval Academy, Army has a 6-1 lead. This is a statement I have waited eight years to make and although "It's never over until it's over," we are hopeful and confident of a winning year over Navy in our overall sports competition.

One of the most thrilling and satisfying days here at West Point was the Friday afternoon when our men's and women's cross country teams beat the Naval Academy. It was the men's first win in 13 years. The women, of course, have never been defeated.

Our 150 lb football team beat the Navy in an exciting game in Michie Stadium. While we were in Colorado Springs I listened to the last five or ten minutes of the game play-by-play by telephone, and it was indeed an exciting and valiant effort.

Our women's volleyball team won for the 5th straight year. They have indeed been a bellweather in that competition. Coach Gambardella has never lost to the Naval Academy. A fit ending to the women's volleyball season was their selection for the NCAA Division II Championships. Although they lost in first round play there, we were pleased and proud to have their great season recognized with the honor of NCAA Tournament selection.

Our men's soccer team enjoyed a great 1-0 win over Navy at Navy with Sean Mitchiner, our captain, kicking the winning goal. As with Tory Crawford scoring the winning touchdown against Navy, this was poetic justice for Sean, who has been an outstanding performer for us throughout his four years. Sean was also the Player of the Year in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Coach Joe Chiavaro was the Coach of the Year in that same organization.

Women's soccer had a fine season in their second as a Corps Squad, winning 9, losing 7 and tying 3 games.

Water Polo also had a winning season although it was the one loser to Navy in our fall competition.

I talked about women's tennis in my last column. They had a tough fall but as I said at that time, I know new Coach Jim Worthington will provide new blood and great leadership to that program in the future.

Our fall sports seniors have done themselves proud. Selected captains of the football team after using game captains through the season were Tory Crawford for the offense and Dave Berdan for the defense. Dave did an outstanding job throughout his four years here and has been perhaps our hardest hitter throughout the 1987 season.

As I said, this has been a happy and exciting column for me to write. I hope that throughout this academic year I can continue on the same upbeat note. Your continued friendship and support are deeply appreciated.

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News from the Societies

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

In the packets of news clippings and other informational material we send to all societies, we asked that societies and individuals send some note of encouragement to Cadet Bryan Babb, Army quarterback at the Boston College game, who was undergoing cancer treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Many societies and hundreds of grads responded, and I'm pleased to report that, following several operations and other treatment, Bryan has left Walter Reed with a clean bill of health, is on recuperation leave, and will rejoin his class at West Point in January. Many thanks to all of you.

In answer to a similar request for telegrams/letters/cards to the Army football team before the Navy game, 25 societies responded. That's a disappointing total, but a copy of each of the messages was given to every football player and coach and was very much appreciated. I believe they helped the Army team win a great victory, one they really deserved after a tough season. Our thanks to all the societies which participated, and we hope the rest of you will be able to help if we send up a similar flare another time.

We welcome four more West Point societies: the West Point Society of Silicon Valley (San Jose area); the West Point Society of Maine (Portland); the West Point Society of the Carolinas (Charlotte, NC); and the West Point Society of Long Island. Contacts for these societies are as follows:

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Mr. Michael J. Jackson '81
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LTC Marshall E. Harrington '61
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Each already has involved a number of graduates and other friends of West Point in programs offering camaraderie among those who have shared the unique West Point experience and offering organized and effective support of the Military Academy. Welcome into the net!

We recently sent all societies a memorandum suggesting the best way to submit news from their societies for this column. The memorandum is a guide we'd appreciate your following, but the important thing is that we hear from as many of you as possible (in some fashion) for each issue so the column can grow and be of more help and interest to everyone. In 1988 we go to five issues of ASSEMBLY (Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec); to make our printer's deadline, we have to have your notes by 15 Dec, 15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug, 15 Oct). If anyone has lost the poop sheet or needs other help, call me at 914–446–5800 or 5860.

Societies must keep us posted on changes in officers. The rosters we have are important for our periodic contacts with you and for the "historical record" reflected in the ASSEMBLY twice a year and, more important, in the REGISTER. We recently found a society in which we've reported the wrong man as president for more than a year because the society failed to tell us of the change. Among West Pointers, that seems unacceptable. Please keep us posted so that our records will be straight, and so we can accurately report changes to the other societies.

The Association's speakers program continues to go well. Association President, **GEN Michael S. Davison** '39, and several members of the Board of Trustees will be visiting more than 40 West Point societies this year. We'd appreciate your feedback on the program and your suggestions for next year.

The annual West Point societies conference at West Point is set for 29 April 1988. Please circle that date and plan to have a representative here. Last year's conference was great, and we hope to make this one even better. Suggested agenda items or other ideas for the conference are always welcome and should be addressed to **Colonel Morris Herbert** or to me, Association of Graduates, West Point, NY 10996.

On behalf of the Association of Graduates, I send to all West Point societies, stretching from China to Europe and with nearly 90 guidons in the United States, and to all other friends of West Point everywhere, our hope that you will have enjoyed a happy and joyous holiday season and already will have begun a new year filled with many blessings.

—Skip Wensyel '52

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Membership in the West Point Society of DC has topped 1,700, with yet more expected as a result of the 1987–88 drive for renewals and first-time joiners. As of Oct, 243 new members were added to the roll, each of them receiving a copy of the society directory that was published for the first time this year. The annual memberhip dues of $15.00 for the period from 1 July through 30 June help the society meet costs of administering its various programs, including publication of the directory.

The annual dinner dance of the Society was held at the Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, VA, on 9 Oct. More than 120 members and spouses attended the enjoyable affair which featured entertainment by the U.S. Army Chorale. Music for dancing was provided by Dr. Bob Ianacone's combo, "The Lace."

Activities for 1988 include the annual winter luncheon at the Ft Myer Officers Club on 27 Jan. Guest speaker at this event is GEN (Ret) **Michael S. Davison** '39, President of the Association of Graduates. On 5 May, the spring luncheon will be held at Ft Myer, with a brief business meeting taking place. Guest speaker will be announced. In May, the West Point Society of DC will present the Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award to a deserving Cadet Candidate at the USMA Preparatory School, Ft Monmouth, NJ. This award was established several years ago in recognition of GEN **Taylor's** '22 outstanding leadership throughout his illustrious military service.

Nominees for the 1988 Castle Memorial Award are being requested by the society. We are looking for "unsung

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heroes" among USMA graduates whose accomplishments exemplify the Academy motto and have contributed significantly to our nation, the U.S. Armed Forces, or our alma mater—often at considerable personal sacrifice. Each year, the society presents this esteemed award at the Founders Day dinner in Mar. Its primary objective is to recognize graduates who may not have attained high military rank, but who have served our country well and have achieved success in a second career outside the military.

Benjamin F. Castle '07, first president of the West Point Society of DC, established the Castle Memorial Award in memory of his son, **Frederick W. Castle** '30, who was killed on an air mission on Christmas Eve, 1944. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for his extraordinary heroism when he "took controls and deliberately gave his own life to save his crew." Members of the society have been asked to consider the award's objectives and provide names of graduates who should be so honored.

The West Point Society of DC salutes the Class of 1942 for its participation in a local community project involving the Bethesda-Chevy Chase (MD) High School. On 16 Oct 87 the class was invited to the school's Celebration of the Lights in Guckeyson Memorial Stadium because the stadium is named in honor of a deceased classmate, **John William Guckeyson**, and for the help provided by '42 in getting permanent lights for the football field.

The field had been dedicated on 1 Jun 57 in honor of Bill Guckeyson, who graduated from the high school in 1933. While there, he was an outstanding student and athlete, starring in football, soccer, basketball, and track and field. Following graduation from USMA, Bill went overseas in World War II. He was shot down over Germany in 1944, but not before downing seven enemy planes. He received two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals, and a Purple Heart in combat action.

The Class of '42 entered the high school project in early 1987 when a short item appeared in *The Washington Post* concerning the school's drive to obtain $70,000 for permanent lighting in the stadium. The class immediately made a token contribution and then solicited among members for additional funds, as the class treasury had little left to give. Opening a savings account with a $50.00 deposit from donations at the monthly class luncheon, '42 went all out to raise money for the worthy cause. Raising more than $2,000.00 by contributions from class members, the West Pointers of 1942 provided a real boost to the high school's fund drive culminating in the special Celebration of the Lights at the Guckeyson Memorial Stadium in Oct.

"Hats Off" to the Class of '42 for helping a local high school that has memoralized an esteemed USMA classmate by naming a prominent edifice in his honor. The lights have added special meaning to this inspiring tribute.

—Phil Farris '46

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

While San Diego is enthusiastically preparing for Super Bowl XXII, a group of USMA alumni had our Super Bowl on 5 Dec when we got together to cheer the Army Team on to its well deserved victory over Navy. Since the game starts early on the West Coast, we started our bloody marys at 1000 followed by a great brunch buffet open till the end of the half. Thanks go to **Jay Wheeler** '69 for organizing the festivities.

Unable to attend for the first time in many years was **Frank Winfield** '51 who is recovering from open heart surgery last month. Frank is doing fine but forced to take it easy for awhile; we all wish him well and hope to see him for Founders Day 4 Mar.

Ralph Sievers '28 told us about a recent visit to Illinois where he attended a football game. It seems the last time he saw Illinois play, Red Grange was in the backfield.

We now look forward to our Founders Day dinner, again to be held at the 100 year old restored Horton Grand Hotel. The hotel has recently made the local news with stories of strange events caused by a ghost in room 309. Since he is not reputed to be a graduate, we do not expect him for dinner.

—Ed Garrabrants '47

WEST POINT SOCIETIES OF DAYTON, CINCINNATI AND CENTRAL OHIO

Three West Point societies joined together on 10 Nov 87 for a dinner meeting at the historic Golden Lamb Inn in Lebanon, Ohio. The highlight of the evening for the Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus Societies was a talk given by **Mike Davison** '39, President of the AOG, about the expanding role of the AOG and the new West Point Societies Program. He also entertained us with some stories about current cadet life. This dinner meeting in a very unique setting, brought together 84 graduates and guests who represented thirty of the classes from 1927 to 1982. The oldest grad **Jack West** '27 and the youngest grad **John Olone** '82 were relieved of speaking duties by our guest speaker Mike Davison '39. The Golden Lamb Inn has been in continuous operation since 1803, making it the oldest in Ohio, but of course, a year younger than West Point.

At dinner meeting of West Point Societies of Dayton, Cincinnati and Central Ohio; Lang '63, Davison '39, Lair '62, Thomas '53

Ten past presidents have stayed at the inn, including **Ulysses S. Grant,** Class of 1843. **Ormsby Mitchel**, Class of 1829, a prominent figure in Ohio politics, founder of the Cincinnati Observatory and Civil War general also spent a lot of time there. The joint society dinner meeting began with all reciting the Cadet Prayer. **Jim Lang** '63, president of the Dayton Society, acted as MC; **Sam Thomas** '53, president of the Cincinnati Society, introduced GEN Davison; and **Don Lair** '62, president of the Central Ohio Society, presented a gift to GEN Davison which is representative of Central and SW Ohio—a sterling silver model of the Wright Flyer airplane. The meeting concluded with singing of "The Alma Mater" and "The Corps."

Pete Groh '58, **Jim Herd** '63, **Don Lair** '62, **Bill Dirkes** '49, and **Jay Tieber** '57 put in the extra work to make it all happen.

—Jim Lang '63

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF KANSAS CITY

The West Point Society of Kansas City held a regular meeting on 2 Dec at the Colony Plaza Restaurant, Country Club Plaza, Kansas City. The regularity of KC's gatherings has become more frequent with the membership voting to increase its meetings from quarterly to bi-monthly.

USMA and USNA grads will convene at the Marriott Plaza Hotel on 5 Dec in the joint Army-Navy party to watch the big Game. About 20 West Point couples are expected to attend and cheer the team to victory.

The parents clubs of the various service academies in the area, led by the West Point Parents Association, has prepared a gala winter ball to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City on 26 Dec. It promises to be a beautiful, inspiring and entertaining occasion for one and all, and a huge turnout from all service academy grads, supporters, cadets, middies and families is expected.

The WPSKC is about to change its meeting site, but our headquarter's address and phone number remain the same. All West Pointers living in or

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passing through the area are invited to join us; call Fogel for date, time and place.

WPSKC officers are **Ed Winthrop** '45, president; **Jack English** '38, vice president; **John Sutton** '49, treasurer and **Jerry Fogel** x-'59, secretary.

—Jerry Fogel x-'59

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ANNAPOLIS

The West Point Society of Annapolis has initiated what we hope will be a regular series of events, that of supporting ARMY teams when they visit the Naval Academy for competition. On Fri, 6 Nov 87, we sponsored a pep rally for the Army soccer team during their pregame meal at the Ramada Inn. A cake, decorated as a soccer field with the Army Mule kicking the Navy Goat's ____, was provided as dessert for the team. It must have been good, as they went out and beat Navy 1–0! On Brave Old Army Team!

Annapolis Society president Phil Polak '45 (left) welcomes soccer coach Chiavaro, OIC COL Grubbs '64, and team captain Sean Mitchiner '88 to Annapolis before their 1–0 victory over Navy!

Several weeks later the society hosted a dinner for the exchange cadets at the Naval Academy, in preparation for their three weeks of harassment before the Navy game. It was a nice evening of good food and good conversation as grads and cadets relaxed together. Just before the game the society provided the exchange cadets with a supply of "Beat Navy" bumper stickers which they applied to middie cars so that the mids could travel to Philadelphia in style! Army/Navy life will never be the same again in Annapolis so long as this society maintains its readiness.

—Bill Taylor '70

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF CHARLESTON (SC)

The West Point Society of Charleston held its fall meeting on 5 Nov. Our guest of honor and speaker, **Bob Sorley** '56 of the AOG Board of Trustees, gave a splendid talk highlighting current programs and activities at the Academy and the Association of Graduates. The meeting culminated with the election of the following officers:

President: **Thomas U. Greer** '50
Vice President: **Ray Maladowitz** '50
Secretary/Treasurer: **John G. Young** '54

The society's Mark Clark Scholastic-Leadership Program will soon get underway for 1988.

—Bud Hood Jan '43

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF PUGET SOUND

Our society sponsored a joint all-academies dinner on 14 Oct. There were 86 Navy, 19 Army, 4 Air Force and one Coast Guard alumni and spouses attending. A German band (courtesy of the Annapolis Society) and the University of Washington Naval ROTC Glee Club livened the evening with music honoring all four academies and the Marine Corps. **Kerry Lawrence** '70 organized the enjoyable evening.

Our quarterly business luncheon was held on 29 Oct. A large turnout came to hear **David Martin** and **William Levings** (USNA '62) discuss the job market and the best ways to enter it. Other members who have had experience in making the transition to a civilian career rounded out the discussion. **Andy Maron** '67, Chairman, and **Rich Sonstelie** '66 of the society's Civilian Career Advisory Board made the arrangements.

Our society wishes to give recognition and credit to the Washington State Admissions Field Force for its accomplishments in finding and helping promising young people in gaining admission to West Point. The force is composed of both reserve officers earning retirement credits and volunteers. Several members of the force are alumni who have resigned or retired. The society provides limited financial support for their activities. This past year this force increased its admissions effort. LTG(Ret) **Howard Stone** '55 jumped head first into the program after retirement. He not only accepted responsibility for 33 schools but also volunteered to be Zip Area Coordinator for Washington State Area D, which encompasses 5 counties in south Puget Sound. General Stone's son, Charlie, is a cow this year and has been a great help to his Cadet Public Relations Council effort.

The three top West Point recruiters in the state are **Wolf Fletter** '63 with nine cadets at West Point, **Bob Evans** '67 with eight, and **Chuck Sacrison** '73 with seven. Wolf and Bob are Military Academy Liaison Officers (Reservists earning retirement credits) and Chuck is a volunteer.

Members of the society, including our one honorary member Col (Ret) **Jack Hertzog**, have recruited exactly 50% of the Washington State cadets over the past four years. Fourteen of the 26 Washington State Liaison Officers are society members. The Field Force is headed by Col (Ret) **Charles R. Welsh** '61.

—Win Curley '41

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER

From **Mark Preston** '77 we learn that the WPSR had an outstanding turnout for the WPSR Army-Navy football rally. Over 80 people, counting parents club members and some applicants for the Class of 1992, attended. A local television station covered the event and additional press coverage was obtained through a press release prepared by **Pete DeMarco** '81.

At the society's Founders Day dinner on 18 Mar the society will present its first local West Point Leadership Award to an outstanding high school senior. Guest speaker will be **Carl Ullrich**, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, USMA. The following morning, Mr. Ullrich will participate in a local recruiting breakfast at which it is expected that about 100 teachers, coaches, and candidates will attend.

New society officers beginning Founders Day are: president—**Mark Preston** '77, vice president—**Dan Wood** '77, secretary/treasurer—**Pete DeMarco** '81. Any grad, x-cadet, or other friend of West Point interested in society activities should contact **Mark Preston** at 716–381–4900.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF EL PASO

LTG **Walter F. Ulmer,** Jr.'s visit to the WPSEP in December was an unqualified success. About 70 active duty and retired members of the society attended and enjoyed the talk on changes at West Point and on the health of the Corps. Among our distinguished members present were Gen **Polk** '33, LTG **Richard Cassidy** '40, LTG **Raymond Shoemaker** '40, MG **John Oblinger** '53 and BGs **Cary Hutchinson** '53 and **Donald Lionetti** '61. Our oldest grad, COL **H. Crampton Jones** '16, also attended and gave a short speech which everyone enjoyed.

The society participated in ceremonies at the El Paso City Hall during which a proclamation was read declaring June 9, 1987 as "West Point Day" in El Paso. Twenty-four cadets home on leave and cadet candidates about to depart for West Point were presented to the City Council and received an ovation from all present. The ceremony was broadcast live on local TV.

Each of our luncheons, held the second Tuesday of each month, has been highlighted by a guest speaker. We have had a TV newsman, a JAG officer, an historian singing old Army songs, a crime prevention expert, and the Chamber of Commerce president. In Sep the Class of 1985 sponsored an enjoyable picnic for all the area grads and, of course, we met on 5 Dec to cheer the Army team to its 40th victory over the Navy Blue.

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We are looking forward with great anticipation to LTG **Dave Palmer's** '56 visit to El Paso on 19 Mar for our Founder's Day activities. It will mean much to grads in the area.

—Gustave Villaret '51

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF LONG ISLAND

The West Point Society of Long Island held its organizational meeting on 18 Nov at the 56th Fighter Group, A Restaurant, at Republic Airport in E. Farmingdale, LI. About 60 members and guests attended. COL (Ret) **Skip Wensyel** '52 of the Association of Graduates presented a brief orientation on current happenings at West Point, and **Marsh Harrington** '61 handled a business meeting at which future activities of the new society were discussed. The organization committee for the West Point Society of Long Island is: **Marsh Harrington** '61, **J. Bruce Medaris** '59, **David Gabel** '65, and **Robert Coleman** '75. Grads, x-cadets, or other friends of West Point in the Long Island area and interested in the society should contact **Marsh Harrington** at 516–349–2218.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF SILICON VALLEY (CA)

The WPSSV held a luncheon meeting on 6 Nov at the 17 West Restaurant in San Jose. Included in the program were an update on Army sports and a viewing of a video cassette featuring 1986 Army football highlights. Thirty-five members, including one USAFA grad and one USNA grad attended.

At the meeting society members, ranging from '41–'82, approved and signed a letter to Cadet Bryan Babb at Walter Reed Army Medical Center which said:

"We, the undersigned, want you to know that we are aware of your valiant battle, your unwavering resolve, and your exemplary commitment to the ideals of West Point.

"We are with you in thought and spirit, every day, every step of the way."

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY

Fall was a busy time for WPSOC. In Aug, **Tom & Bonnie Sharp** '50 hosted the annual summer social for some 70 guests at their lovely home. Sep saw WPSOC co-host a testimonial dinner with the parents club and admissions reps to honor **Bud Henry** who is stepping down after 14 years of heading WP admissions in the area. **Fred Rice** '60 will assume Bud's responsibilities. Also in Sep several members lent support to a high tech recruiting/admissions open house for high school students at USAFRC Los Alamitos. LTC **Mulligan** and 1LT **Greyer** from the USMA Admissions Ofc spoke to the WPSOC Board at its Oct meeting.

Legan '64 conducts second meeting of West Point Society of Silicon Valley

In Nov, Army and Navy grads held their annual "Alumpiad" and family picnic. Army won in tennis and softball, but lost to the navals by two TDs in touch football. Not bad considering that the average Navy player graduated since '80 and the average Army player before '70. Army's youngest player, and the event organizer, was **Craig Kirkpatrick** '78. A strong contingent turned out to watch Army basketball down Air Force in the Freedom Bowl Classic at UC Irvine.

Former WPSOC Board members, officers and their ladies attended the Dec Board meeting, and a large turnout celebrated the football victory over Navy at a party organized by **Dave Kuhn** '65.

Stu Malmgren '51 is chairman of Founders Day '88 in Mar, which will feature the Dean, BG **Flint**, as speaker. **Paul Haseman** '67 chairs the committee to select an eligible recipient for this year's WPSOC "Duty, Honor, Country" award.

Many thanks to **Bill Correia** '66 for his fine leadership as our president during the past year.

—Fred Rice '60

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF ALASKA

The West Point Society of Alaska hosted a BEAT NAVY party here at Fort Richardson. We had a rousing good time cheering on the courageous Army team. About 20 grads and their guests were in attendance. Of particular note was our guest of honor—BG **Jim Isbell** '38—who was celebrating his 50 year anniversary as captain of the Army football team. Also among the "old" grads were **Bruce Staser** '44 and **Bill Coghill** '47. With these senior members of our society leading the way, the "younger" old grads couldn't help but get fired up for Army.

Our next big society event will be the Founders Day celebration to be held on 20 Mar 1988. Our guest speaker will be BG **Roy Flint**, USMA Dean, and we're expecting a big turnout.

—John Beasley '70

West Point Society of Alaska rallies to beat Navy

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Bulletin Board

FOUNDERS DAY 1988

The following is a listing, as of 31 December, of Founders Day gatherings for 1988 that have been coordinated with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA. Graduates wishing to attend may obtain the name of the local point of contact by phoning LTC (Ret.) Fishburne, Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA at (914) 938-3700/3024. All groups holding Founders Day celebrations whether listed here or not, are encouraged to report, in photos and print, the highlights of their activities to ASSEMBLY prior to 1 May 1988. Submissions will appear in the July issue of Assembly.

DATE (1988)	LOCATION	SPEAKER
1 March	Hilton Head, SC	Commandant
2 March	Charleston, SC	Commandant
3 March	Nashville, TN	Superintendent
4 March	Annapolis, MD	GEN Michael S. Davison
	San Diego, CA	LTG Walter F. Ulmer
	Salt Lake City, UT	Mr. Lee B. Gray
	Space Coast, FL	Commandant
	Redstone Arsenal, AL	Superintendent
5 March	Dallas, TX	Superintendent
	Miami, FL	Commandant
6 March	Houston, TX	Superintendent
11 March	Washington, DC	Commandant
	Picatinny Arsenal, NJ	Director of Athletics
	Tampa, FL	LTG William J. McCaffrey
12 March	Cleveland, OH	Director of Athletics
	Ft. Myers, FL	LTG William J. McCaffrey
13 March	Pittsburgh, PA (Noon)	Director of Athletics
14 March	Kansas City, MO (Noon)	Dean
	New Orleans, LA	Superintendent
	Ft. Leavenworth, KS	Dean
15 March	Tucson, AZ	Dean
	Ft. McClellan, AL	Commandant
	Ft. Polk, LA	Superintendent
16 March	Phoenix, AZ	Dean
	Ft. Hood, TX	Superintendent
	Atlanta, GA	Commandant
	New Haven, CT	Mr. Denis F. Mullane
	Jacksonville, FL	Dr. Lewis (Bob) Sorley
17 March	Ft. Gordon, GA	Commandant
	Austin, TX	Superintendent
	Buffalo, NY	Director of Athletics
18 March	Ft. Ord, CA	Dean
	Ft. Stewart, GA	Commandant
	San Antonio, TX	Superintendent
	Rochester, NY	Director of Athletics
	St. Louis, MO	LTG William J. McCaffrey
	Wilkes Barre, PA	COL Vanderbush, Dep DIA
19 March	Orange County, CA	Dean
	Ft. Bragg, NC	Commandant
	Ft. Bliss, TX	Superintendent
	Detroit, MI	Director of Athletics
	Asheville, NC	LTG Walter F. Ulmer
	West Point, NY	TBA
20 March	Ft. Wainwright, AK	Dean
	Cincinnati, OH	Director of Athletics
23 March	Carlisle, PA	Director of Athletics
24 March	Seattle, WA	Dean
	Ft. Monroe, VA	Commandant

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'27 Chapel Book Special Offer

A brochure offering free packaging and postage for pre-Christmas sales of the Class of '27 book about the Cadet Chapel was prepared for mailing in September. For some unexplained reason, the brochure was not mailed until late November. This resulted in most addressees not receiving the brochure in time to take advantage of this special offer. To compensate in some way for this error, the Class is extending the offer of free packaging and mailing until 30 May 1988.

The book, which includes 200 color photographs of all of the Chapel windows, has received excellent reviews. Over 60% of the first printing was sold in pre-publication sales. Price of book is $49.95. Postage and packaging costs averaging $4.50 per book will be paid by the Class. Orders may be placed with the AOG Gift Shop using the brochure order form, by letter, or by telephone call (914-446-5869).

Graduation Week 1988 Alumni Reunions

This year the Classes of June 1918, November 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, and 1958 will have reunions at West Point during the period *18–21 May 1988*.

The following is a schedule showing the major alumni activities for Graduation Week reunions:

Wednesday, 18 May

1200—Registration and check-in
1800—Social activities as arranged by Class Reunion Chairman

Thursday, 19 May

1200—Class luncheons or picnics
1900—Cocktails, Washington Hall
2000—Alumni Dinner Dance, Washington Hall

Friday, 20 May

1020—Assembly, Alumni Exercises, Jefferson Road
1035—Alumni March to Thayer Monument
1050—Alumni Exercises, Thayer Monument

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DATE (1988)	LOCATION	SPEAKER
	Ft. Leonard Wood, MO	Director of Athletics
25 March	Ft. Lewis, WA	Dean
	Ft. Jackson, SC	Commandant
	Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN	Director of Athletics
	Ft. Walton Beach, FL	COL Rushton, Dir. of Adm.
	Raleigh, NC	LTG William J. McCaffrey
26 March	San Francisco, CA	Dean
	Ft. Rucker, AL	Superintendent
	Ft. Sill, OK	Commandant
	Ft. Campbell, KY	COL Vanderbush, Dep DIA
	Memphis, TN	COL Rushton, Dir. of Adm.

1115—Alumni Review, The Plain
1230—Alumni Luncheon and AOG Meeting, Washington Hall (Guests Invited)
1700—Class Dinners

Saturday, 21 May

1200—Alumni Headquarters Closes—Alumni Portion of Graduation Week ends

A more detailed schedule of events will be included in the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin which will be mailed to each reunion class member in late March. That bulletin will also include information about obtaining the tickets required for both the Alumni Dinner Dance and the Alumni Luncheon. Alumni planning to attend who are not reunion class members may obtain a copy of the bulletin by writing to the AOG or to the Directorate of Alumni Affairs, USMA, West Point, NY 10996.

Typically, members of reunion classes will have received information concerning a class reunion from the Class Reunion Committee prior to the t me this issue of ASSEMBLY is published. Those who have not been contacted should insure that a current mailing address is on file with the Association of Graduates for use in forwarding the Graduation Week Reunion Bulletin.

Rooms at Hotel Thayer during Class Reunions

Listed below is the Military Academy policy and procedure for room reservations at the Hotel Thayer for class reunions for Fall Football Weekends (other than Homecoming), Homecoming, and the alumni portion of Graduation Week. The rooms available for use by alumni reunion classes will be assigned only to graduates, spouses of graduates, and those ex-classmates for whom the class president indicates such privilege is warranted.

1. **Fall Reunion Football Weekends (25th, 35th, and 45th reunions)**
   a. Allocation: 51 rooms
   b. Procedure:
      1) Reservations must be for Friday and Saturday nights.
      2) Reservation requests must be received at the Hotel Thayer no sooner than 8 months and no later than 6 months prior to the reunion.
      3) Six months prior to the reunion, the class president, or designated representative, will determine (by lottery or some assignment method) which class members will be provided confirmation of reservations for the 51 rooms available to the class and the order in which remaining classmates will be "wait-listed" for reservations. Reservation requests received subsequently will be added to "waiting list" in the order received.
      4) Within two weeks of assignment, the Hotel Thayer will mail confirmation of reservation or "wait-listing" to all who requested reservations. If a confirmation or reservation is sent by the Hotel Thayer, a request will be included for room deposit.
2. **Homecoming Weekend**
   a. Allocation: 119 rooms (Priority of assignments in order to 20th, 15th, 10th and 5th reunion classes. Normally 20th reunion class will take all rooms).
   b. Procedure:
      1) Reservations must be for Friday and Saturday nights.
      2) Reservation requests must be received at the Hotel Thayer no sooner than 8 months and no later than 6 months prior to the reunion.
      3) Six months prior to the reunion, the class president, or designated representative, of the 20th Reunion Class will determine (by lottery or some assignment method consistent with class priority stated previously) which alumni shall be provided confirmation of reservations for the 119 rooms available and the order in which remaining reunion class members will be "wait-listed" for reservations. Reservation requests received subsequently will be added to the "waiting list" in the order received without regard to class priority.
      4) Within two weeks of assignment, the Hotel Thayer will mail confirmation of reservation or "wait-listing" to all who request reservations. If a confirmation or reservation is sent by the Hotel Thayer, a request will be included for room deposit.
3. **Alumni Portion of Graduation Week**
   a. Allocation: 155 rooms (Priority of assignments in order to 70th, 65th, 50th, 60th, and 55th reunion classes. Normally 70th, 65th and 50th reunion classes will take all rooms).
   b. Procedure:
      1) Reservations must be for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights.
      2) Reservation request must be received no sooner than 8 months and no later than 6 months prior to the reunion.
      3) Six months prior to the reunion (after rooms have been assigned to 70th and 65th reunion classes), the class president or designated representative, of the 50th reunion class will determine (by lottery or some assignment method consistent with class priority stated in previous paragraph) which alumni will be provided confirmation of reservations for the remaining rooms available and the order in which alumni shall be "wait-listed" for reservations. Reservation requests received subsequent to this time will be added to the "waiting list" in the order without regard to class priority.
      4) Within two weeks of assignment, the Hotel Thayer will mail confirmation of reservation or "wait-listing" to all who requested reservations. If a confirmation of reservation is sent by the Hotel Thayer, a request will be included for room deposit.
4. **Other Accommodations in the West Point Vicinity.** USMA and AOG recognize that, though neither may exercise priority and allocation control, the same priority which exists for the Hotel Thayer exists for other accommodations in the West Point vicinity. While reasonable staff assistance can be provided to classes in that priority order in seeking reservations in those other accommodations, classes are responsible for securing their own accommodations.
5. **Airfare Discounts.** Alumni returning to West Point for Graduation Week reunions may use the services of the USMA Scheduled Airline Traffic Office (SATO) to make air travel arrangements to and from New York airports at the lowest available rates. Tickets can be mailed directly. Call (914) 446-7713 for information and reservations.

The Walton H. Walker Memorial

Retired U.S. Army General Sam S. Walker was the distinguished guest at a memorial dedication ceremony held 5 October at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel in Seoul honoring his father, Gen-

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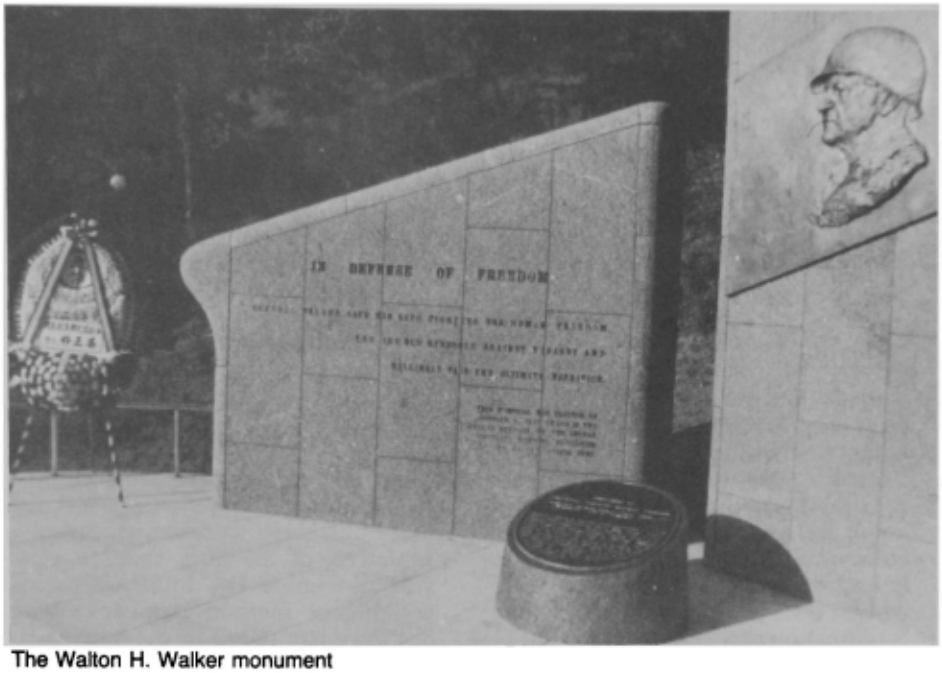

The Walton H. Walker monument

General Sam S. and Mrs. Walker at the monument.

eral Walton H. Walker, considered by many "as the man who saved Korea."

A stone monument emblazoned with a gold inscription was dedicated to the senior Walker, who served as Eighth Army commander during the Korean War.

Walker was widely credited for his inspiration and combat savvy in leading the Pusan Perimeter stand during the early stages of the war. Only months later on 23 December 1950, the general was killed in an accident when his jeep, specially-built for added protection, was struck by a South Korean Army truck.

In his dedication remarks, General Sam Walker expressed thanks to the Korea Corporate Members of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) for making the monument possible. He gave special thanks to Park, Jung-Ki, president of the Korea Corporate Members; and Kim, Ri-jin, a mason from Uijongbu.

Kim was a staff sergeant in the South Korean Army during the Korean War. He passed the general's accident site near Uijongbu shortly after it occurred and remembered vividly seeing the general's jacket and jeep adorned with stars. Years after the war, the sight of the accident remained with Kim and became symbolic of the sacrifices made by American military so that South Koreans might enjoy freedom. He decided to construct a monument on the accident site to honor General Walker.

After years of unsuccessful efforts, Kim met Park and members of the Korea Corporate Chapter of AUSA. The organization was able to provide support and financial backing to complete the memorial, finally opting to build it on the grounds of the hotel named in Walker's honor.

As General Sam Walker continued his dedication remarks, he spoke of his father as a fighting general, a "soldiers' general," and as a general who ran his army from the front lines. He noted that General Patton once wrote about his father, "Of all the corps I have commanded, yours has been the most reasonable and cooperative and the most eager to attack."

General Walker also mentioned his father's famous "stand or die" order issued when he formed the Pusan Perimeter during the early days of the Korean War. He said his father stood on top of his jeep and told the men on the front lines: "There will be no retreating, no withdrawal. There is no line behind us to which we can retreat. I want everybody to understand that we are going to hold this line."

And they did. His leadership of the Pusan Perimeter stand is widely credited as the turning point in the war. Because of his efforts, historians have cited him as "the man who saved Korea."

Of his father, Walker said, "The thing I remember most about him was his tremendous sense of integrity. I saw his life and knew I wanted to be a professional soldier. My father gave his life for the worthwhile cause of freedom this country is now enjoying. I wish he had lived to see the triumph he fought so hard for."

General Walker noted that his father had high praise for the South Korean Armed Forces. He quoted him as saying, "They had performed magnificently in turning the tide of the war. Once they had adequate arms and mobility, they outgunned, out-maneuvered and outfought the invading North Korean Army.

There are several striking similarities in the careers of the Walkers. Both graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point after attending Virginia Military Institute, the school at which General Sam Walker now serves as superintendent. While the father was commanding Eighth Army efforts during the Korean War, the son also served in Korea as commander of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment in the 24th Infantry Division. Both father and son served as instructors at the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning. Both served as tactical officers at West Point. General Sam Walker's two sons are preserving the family's military tradition, currently serving as majors in the U.S. Army.

General Douglas MacArthur directly influenced the lives of General Walton Walker and his son. He had appointed the father to command Eighth Army and the United Nations ground forces early in the Korean War. Following Walker's death, MacArthur summoned the young son and told him he wanted him to serve as his aide-de-camp. Preferring leadership of troops, the young Walker questioned, "Sir, is there any way I can get out of this?" MacArthur replied, "Not a chance."

Walker accompanied his father's body back to the states and was assigned to teach at the Infantry School before he could return to Korea to serve as aide-de-camp. As he remembered MacArthur during his recent visit, he said, "He was probably the greatest orator I've ever heard. He had a very favorable impression of my father and had compared him to 'Stonewall' Jackson."

After his initial tour during the Korean War, Sam Walker returned to Korea in 1962 where he served as deputy for Personnel and Administration, United Nations Command/U.S. Forces Korea; and secretary of the joint staff, United

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Nations Command/U.S. Forces Korea. When he departed Korea in 1963, he did not return until his recent visit some 24 years later.

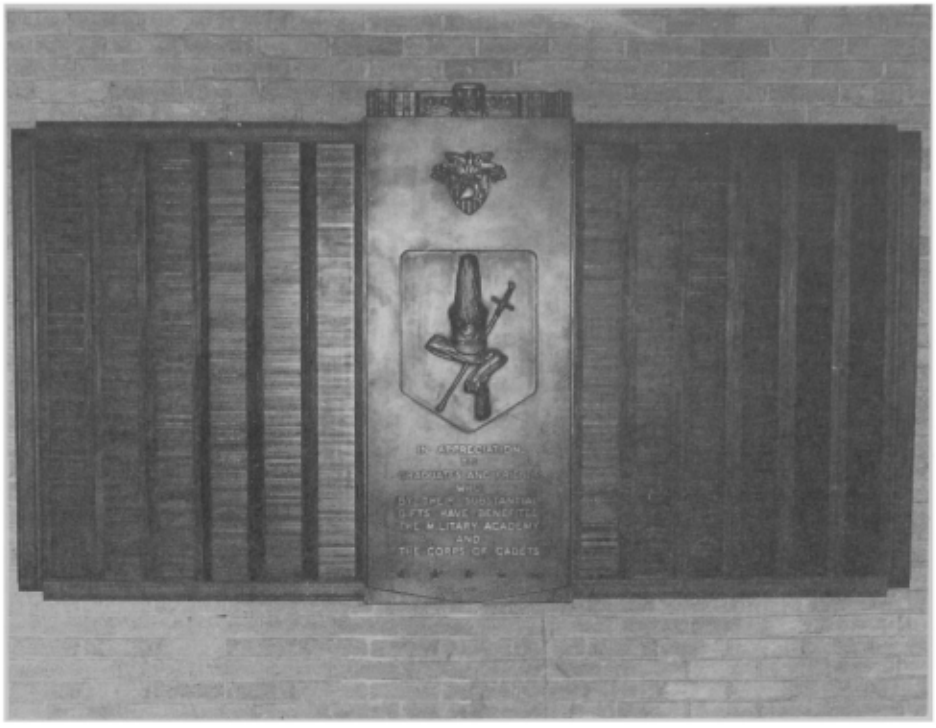
He remarked, "I didn't notice much change here when I returned in 1962, but there has been dramatic change since then; the development has been tremendous."

Visiting the ROK Armed Forces Day ceremony on Yoido Plaza, the general said, "That was the finest military parade demonstration I've ever seen in my life. The ROK Armed Forces look ready to me."

In describing his Korea visit, General Walker said perhaps his most interesting experience was in visiting the original accident site near Uijongbu where his father was killed. While there, he met and talked with Mr. Kim and several eyewitnesses to his father's accident.

The gold inscription on the monument for General Walton H. Walker reads: "In Defense of Freedom—General Walker gave his life fighting for human freedom, the age-old struggle against tyranny, and willingly paid the ultimate sacrifice."

by Staff Sergeant Derryl Fields
USFK Public Affairs Office



The West Point Major Donor Plaque Relocation and New Criteria Announced

The Major Donor Plaque provides recognition to graduates and friends of West Point who contribute to the support of the Military Academy and the Association of Graduates through the West Point Fund. It was first erected in June 1963 in the sally port of Post Headquarters where it has remained until early this year. The criteria for addition of a name to this plaque was initially a gift of $1,000 or more. In 1983, the criteria for inclusion on the Major Donor Plaque became $1,000 in one calendar year or $3,000 lifetime giving. The plaque has also become an appropriate means of memorializing an individual. Names on the plaque are categorized as graduates, friends or persons in whose memory contributions have been made. There are currently over 2,000 names on the plaque. Also, in the fall of 1985, two new sections were added allowing for approximately 1,600 additional names.

The Superintendent, in coordination with the AOG, has recently approved an initiative to improve significantly the appearance of the plaque, to relocate it and to revise the criteria for inclusion of names. The plaque has been removed from the sally port of Post Headquarters, completely refurbished and is now mounted in the Crest Hall of Eisenhower Hall. This will locate it near the Special Recognition Plaque for donors of $100,000 or more. This new, more prominent location will give added exposure to USMA's major donors and, by being inside, will preserve the refurbished plaque for years to come.

The new criteria for inclusion on the Major Donor Plaque will be raised to $3,000 in one calendar year or $6,000 lifetime giving. This, however, will not be effective until 1 January 1989, allowing a full year for operation under the current criteria. In this way, donors desiring to have their names or the name of a loved one included will have ample time to qualify by meeting the current criteria. It should also be noted that all names currently on the plaque, and added to the plaque prior to the end of calendar year 1988, will continue to receive equal recognition with those added after 1 January 1989 when the new criteria are effective.

Additional information concerning this plaque and associated recognition can be obtained from the Director of Development, AOG, West Point, NY 10996 (phone 914-446-5773). Contributions, which are tax deductible, should be payable to the West Point Fund and sent to the above address.

Mary McLaughry Ewing Scholarship

The latest West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program endowed scholarship is named for Mary McLaughry Ewing. She was born and raised in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, the daughter of Judge James A. McLaughry. She graduated from Westminster College, where she majored in music and lettered all four years in basketball. After teaching music she "joined" the Army by marrying Charles Boal Ewing '27 in June 1928. Hawaii, the Philippines and China were among the tours that preceded World War II. With her husband in the European theater for three years, Mrs. Ewing returned to western Pennsylvania with her two children, Charles, Jr. '51 and Judith. After the war, the Ewings enjoyed assignments in Detroit, Canada and Fort Monroe, moving to Florida upon her husband's retirement in 1957. She lived in Lighthouse Point, Florida, until after her husband's death in 1981 and now resides at the Army Distaff Hall in Washington, DC.

Mary Ewing symbolizes a most important and quietly appreciated segment of the West Point community—the spouses and parents whose strength, understanding, encouragement, values and affection nurture our graduates, and who share with them the triumphs and tragedies of their experiences and shoulder alone the anxieties, responsibilities and pain of separation. One of her many gifts is the ability to communicate effectively with young people who respond to her warmth, interest and counsel, to which her four grandchildren, now young adults, can attest. A scholarship which at once assists young people to realize their potential and benefits West Point could not be more aptly named.

This brings the total of endowed scholarships to 42. The current goal is to have 50. The program has been in operation since 1980 and has proven very successful.

"Hap" Arnold '07 To Be Honored By Stamp

The United States Postal Service has announced that the definitive stamp in

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the "Great Americans" series honoring General of the Air Force Henry H. "Hap" Arnold '07, will be issued on 5 November 1988 at Arnold's birthplace, Gladwyne, Pennsylvania. The denomination of the stamp has not yet been determined.

Cadets Selected as Rhodes Scholars

Two West Point cadets were selected as 1987 Rhodes Scholars.

Cadet Douglas E. Fraley of Irondale, Ohio, and Cadet John Nagl of Omaha, Neb., were among the 32 American recipients of the Rhodes Scholarship, which provides students with two years of study at Oxford University in England.

Fraley, who ranks number one in his class both militarily and academically, plans to do undergraduate studies in philosophy, politics and economics. Nagl, on the other hand, plans to work on graduate studies in philosophy and international relations.

Fraley and Nagl were among 18 West Point cadets who were certified by West Point's Academic Board to compete for the scholarship. After applying at West Point, they went on to compete at their home state level and then were chosen at the district level. There were only four scholars chosen from each district.

Each level of competition required in-person interviews, for which both cadets felt their USMA backgrounds helped prepare them.

The intent of the scholarship, which was established in 1902 by Cecil Rhodes, is to strengthen ties among nations, thus contributing to world peace and understanding.

Pointer View

Library Friends Receive Vietnam Tapes

Cadet instruction and research on the Vietnam War was significantly advanced when the Friends of the West Point Library recently received a donation from the SONY Video Software Company of their tapes constituting "The Vietnam Video Collection."

Vice President Michael Holzman of the Video Software Company presented the tapes to Chairman Roger H. Nye of the Friends in a ceremony in the West Point Room of the USMA Library. The tapes included the celebrated 13-part Emmy Award-winning "Vietnam: A Television History" which has been offered for credit in over 200 colleges and universities, and was the basis for the Stanley Karnow companion book which has sold more than 200,000 copies. In addition, the collection includes television programs on Vietnam veterans, servicemen missing in action, and the Charlton Heston narration of the impact of the media on that war.

Vice President Michael Holzman of the SONY Video Software Company presents part of the Vietnam Video Collection to Colonel Roger H. Nye, USA-Ret., Chairman of the Friends of the West Point Library.

In turning the tapes over to the USMA Librarian, Chairman Nye remarked that the West Point faculty had acquired a substantive teaching and research resource, not only for challenging cadets to understand a war that occurred before their time, but to gain insights on the continuing relationships between the military and the media.

AOG Welcomes New Members

The Board of Trustees, at the 16 October Homecoming Meeting, approved five applications for Life Membership in the Association of Graduates. The graduate joining the Association is:

William L. Black, '37

Four ex-cadets also joined the AOG. They are:

Robert J. McCloskey, ex-'57
James D. Hollingsworth, ex-'77
Edward C. Fluekiger, ex-'79
Asher A. Williams, Jr., ex-'81

On behalf of all of our members, ASSEMBLY is pleased to welcome these new members of the Association of Graduates.

Then and Now

On 14 and 15 November 1987, two bus-loads of cadets enrolled in HI301 (History of the Military Art) made the 250 mile trek from West Point to Gettysburg, PA. While at the battlefield, the cadets conducted a staff-ride to reinforce the knowledge they had recently gleaned from their textbooks and classroom instruction (see the September '86 *Assembly* for an account of the background of the Gettysburg staff-ride). The two photographs were taken from the same angle and location and depict members of the Class of 1904 and the Class of 1989. They are seated at the base of a monument honoring another "old grad"—Major General John F. Reynolds, USMA 1841 and Commandant of Cadets from 1860–61. Reynolds was killed only a few hundred feet from the site of his monument on 1 July 1863.

Courtesy of COL Hal Nelson, US Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA.

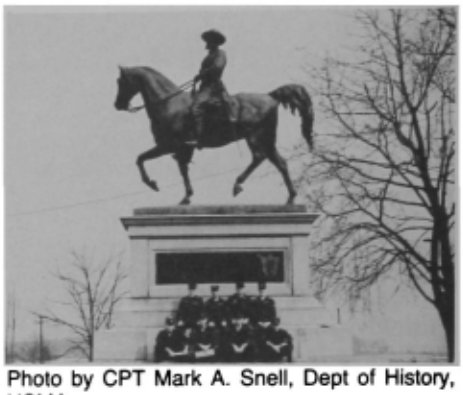

Photo by CPT Mark A. Snell, Dept of History, USMA.

Cadets Share Thanksgiving

Approximately fifty cadets from the U.S. Military Academy volunteered to spend their Thanksgiving Day assisting the needy of metroplitan New York.

The cadets served Thanksgiving meals from 10:30 A.M. until late afternoon at four locations: the City of New York shelter at 333 The Bowery and three Salvation Army sites, the Manhattan Citadel, 175 E. 125th St.; Central Citadel, 213 E. 52nd St.; and Long Island City Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 21-10 Borden St., Long Island City.

Danube Cruise was a Popular Offering

One of the highlights of the 1987 AOG Cruise Program was the trip on the Danube from West Germany to the Black Sea and the follow-on visit to Istanbul, Turkey. The offering was so popular that the first cruise (20 October–31 October) was immediately oversubscribed and another ship was made available for a

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second cruise (31 October–12 November) which was almost identical. A total of 67 were included in the West Point groups, 36 on the first trip and 31 on the second.

The trip started in Passau, West Germany, and proceeded the length of the Danube, about 2,500 km to Rumania and the Black Sea. Cities visited included Vienna, Austria; Bratislava, Czechoslovakia; Budapest, Hungary; Belgrade, Yugoslovia; Bucharest, Rumania. The trip finished with two days in Istanbul, Turkey, in the beautiful Hilton Hotel overlooking the Bosporus. The passage through the Iron Gate was popular, particularly for the camera buffs. The Russian crew was extremely efficient. Our graduates and their ladies even began to find the Soviet menu to their liking as the trip progressed.

The life style in the bloc countries showed great diversity—from Budapest, Hungary, where free enterprise has taken hold to Bucharest, Rumania, where the environment was very depressing. All seemed to appreciate the opportunity to observe these variations firsthand. The trip which sandwiched two free-world gems—Vienna and Istanbul—between those ancient cultural centers which have been fathered under the socialist system, was a marvelous education and a pleasureful experience.

Cavender ('23) Celebrates 90th Birthday

Colonel Charles C. Cavender '23 recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and received a 90 Year Book album from the Association of Graduates. In his letter of thanks to AOG President Davison '39, Colonel Cavender reminisced on his appointment to West Point. We think his comments are worth sharing!

"Dear General Davison:

May I again express our thanks for the beautiful album, it is beautifully and artistically done. We enjoyed looking through it so much and needless to say it brought back many fond memories. The picture of me in my cadet uniform is unbelievingly good. I thought: oh, to be young again!

"Since my appointment was somewhat unusual, I am including a brief outline . . .

"I was in my 2nd year at Texas A & M and had taken competitive exams for West Point and Annapolis.

"I had been promised a principal appointment by Congressman Fritz Lanhan, for June 1918. In November 1917 a wave of patriotism swept over the campus and cadets were leaving by droves for service in the armed forces, so I enlisted as a volunteer for the duration of WWI. We were to stay at A & M for 4 months studying signal communications. Wanting to get overseas, I volunteered for assignment to the 9th Field Signal Bn, 5th Division.

"While in the Argonne, I was selected to compete for an appointment to West Point. I arrived at my billet after midnight and took the examination for plane geometry the next morning. The War Department had been given 90 appointments—the contestants to be one man from each regiment in the AEF. Approximately 200 competed and 18 made a passing grade.

"Please note that the 2nd person on the list who passed the exam was Charles Barrett, late head of Department of Modern Languages. I roomed with Charlie until I was turned back in the spring of 1919. Charlie had a photographic mind and was one of the smartest persons I have ever known. I was turned back in solid geometry which I had successfully completed at Texas A & M!"

Attention Rangers

ALL Ranger ADVISORS to Vietnamese Rangers and graduates of Ranger Classes 1967–68. Working on a history for B. D . Q. (Biet Dong Quan) and TET Offensive for 20th year analysis. Reunion in Atlanta for 1988. Please send photos, anecdotes, unit history.

Write: Society of Vietnamese Rangers
Box 29965
Atlanta, GA 30359

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Report from the Classes

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Ecenia Williams died on 12 Jul 87. **Dorothy Taylor** died on 1 Sep 87. **Vernon Evans** died on 4 Nov 87, age 94. He was Class pres for 22 yrs. He was buried in Arlington Natl Cemetery, with full mil honors, on 9 Nov beside his late wife, in the lot next to that of his father (William Pierce Evans, 1878) and mother.

Two graduates of '15, **Van Fleet** and **Ellis**, and 37 Class widows, survive.

Wilhelmina Pulsifer wrote me, "Nothing has changed from last yr. My sister is in the hosp but should be home soon."

Tom Fox, Jr wrote me that his mother, **Lucy Fox** "is in good health and is still living at the Univ Convalescent Hosp, 2122 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Her mind is still quite clear."

Elisa MacDonald had a long visit from her Philippine relatives. She has given up bridge and many other activities, evidentally on orders from her doctor, and she now lives a very quiet life. Her family wants her to visit them for Thanksgiving. Her two grandchildren are now in college, one in Navy ROTC, as he wants a mil career.

Virginia Henley is in a nursing home: Army Ret Center, San Antonio, TX.

Vernon Evans, with other descendants of the Class of 1878, attended the 100th anniv of that Class at WP in 1978. Your scribe hopes that many descendants of '15 will likewise attend its 100th anniv celebration at WP in 2015.

Mary Tate sent best wishes to '15. She wrote, "Our granddaughter and her family (CPT Mark Wise) are now in Panama for a tour of duty." She had some of **Clifford's** family for Thanksgiving. She is now in VA with her family for Christmas.

Jessie Sayler is still holding up reasonably well at Azalealand Nursing Home in Savannah, GA. She sent her warmest greetings to '15.

Marguerite Gilkeson is with her son, LTC Gilkeson, in Montgomery, AL for the holidays. She will return to her home in Jan. She sent greetings to '15.

Alice Mason visited her brother in OR and got home on 27 Nov. Her life is pretty routine with five volunteer jobs that keep her very busy.

Hazel Taylor is expecting her 10th great-grandchild in Jun. She is still physically active, gets out and around and visits her family. She still plays bridge and does ceramics.

Helen Atkins sent greetings to '15. She is still in the Army Distaff Hall and visits her son and his family at intervals.

Satchie Naiden moved to Troy, AL in Oct in order to spend more time with her daughter Charlotte and some of her grandchildren and great-grands. Her new address is 901 Muaphree, Troy, AL 36081. She will spend Christmas with her daughter Satchie in TX. She sent greetings to '15.

Mary Welby Cochran continues to hold her own at the Shenandoah Valley Healthcare Center in Buena Vista, VA. Her health is reasonably good and she is very interested in things that are happening around her. Her son, John H Cochran Jr, Jun '43, took her for rides along the Blue Ridge Pkwy while the autumn colors were at their height. She enjoys occasional visits from the grandchildren who drive down from Alexandria, VA, and up from Lynchburg, VA.

Eileen Leonard is well and enjoys her apt at Distaff Hall. Her family visits her frequently. She sent her best wishes to '15. Her granddaughter Eileen Leonard Diekemper was caught at home alone with her 3 yr old daughter in Yorba Linda, CA in the recent earthquake. The house shook, dishes fell from the shelves, the driveway cracked. Eileen grabbed her daughter and took shelter under a door jamb. Their station wagon, equipped with sleeping bags and emergency rations, served as emergency shelter till the after shocks had passed. Fortunately the family escaped injury.

Bruce Eloise Lorch is doing well and sends greetings to all of '15. Her large family is well and happy.

'16

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Peggy Prickett writes about another trip that she took. It was to AK. Let me quote from her letter, "It was a trip that I hoped to do for a long time. My children, Ginger & Lee Cage '42, took me on the cruise ship *Regent Sea* for a wk through the Inland Sea Passage from Vancouver, BC to Whittier, AK. We stopped for tours at Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. When we left the ship we went to Anchorage to meet our grandson Lee Cage, Jr '67 and family. We had a two-wk visit with them. It was a wonderful experience, all 3 wks."

Calvin DeWitt had an operation on his right hip and it was successful. This I learned from COL Thomas Austin of Alexandria, VA. He called me up and also wrote a nice letter. COL also told me that he met Calvin Jr '57 at WP. Our Cal's grandson '85 is an aviator and is stationed at Ft Hood, TX. I sure appreciate the letter from COL Austin who is a graduate of WP in the Class of '50.

Peggy Prickett sent me a clipping which descibes the dedication of "HOGE BARRACKS" at Ft Leavenworth, named in memory of our classmate **Bill Hoge**. Bill was one of our most distinguished classmates. He built the "Al Can" highway through Canada to AK, over 1400 mi. He is famous for his conduct at the Remagen Bridge. He was cmding gen of the US Forces in Europe and was awarded the DSC. We are sure proud of our classmate Bill Hoge.

'Apr 17

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'Aug 17

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During this present and "almost past" yr **Dorothy Matlack** became "one of the first 10 Distiguished Members of the US Army Mil Intelligence Corps. As one of the foremost architects of today's intelligence systems, you have set a standard of excellence for past, present and future members of our profession. We in MI are indebted to you for doing so much to make the Corps motto, 'Always Out Front' a reality." So says MG Julius Parker, Jr, Ch of Mil Intelligence. That truly is a great honor and we of Aug '17 are so very proud of you for your work in

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earning this recognition. Our sincerest congratulations.

About 6 wks ago, I received an invitation to view an exhibition of paintings in the Harry S Truman Library Inst for Natl Affairs. On the front of the invitation there was a copy of a painting, the title of which is "Christmas Time at the Truman Home," and the artist was none other than Robert MacDonald Graham, Jr, the son of our classmate and **Georgiana Graham**. The entire collection of paintings on exhibit were by Robert Graham, Jr, and the gp is titled "Paintings of Missouri Historical Sites and Springs."

The exhibit includes 3 Truman-related paintings: "Christmas Time at the Truman Home," "South Facade of the Harry S Truman Library," and "Harry S Truman was Born in this Room (Lamar, MO, 8 May 1884)." Benedict K. Zobrist, dir of the library, said, "He (Robert Graham) is an artist that has not been duly recognized." Robert Graham was a combat artist during the final days of WWII. Some of his works are among the collection of war art in the Pentagon. **Georgiana**, we congratulate you on having such a talented son, and I want Robert to know that his father's classmates are very proud of him.

A happy, charming letter was received from **Peggy Kernan**. Peggy and the whole family had just celebrated Peggy's sister's 100 birthday. They all went to Carmel with the cake and trimmings and had just a wonderful time. At this late date we extend a "Happy Birthday Tantante." Peg concludes her note, "All is well here and I have not sold my house yet, but will keep on trying." Thank you, Peggy, for letting us share Tantante's birthday party.

Nan Rolfe reports, " . . . the gathering together of my entire family for a reunion in Jun was a great success. We were all on the same deck of a ship that took us to 4 beautiful Hawaiian isls. I now have 4 great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter." Nan visits a health center where **Tommy Day** lives. Tommy is no longer able to walk far and uses a wheelchair and is very alert. Her daughter visits her often and son Phil from San Fran visits quite often. Thank you, Nan, for a most interesting note.

Mary Harding writes to let us know that **Horace** suffered a stroke late last spring and has since been confined to Leed's Veteran's Hosp in Northhampton, MA, where he is well cared for, and he seems fairly content, and enjoys relatively good health with the exception of some memory impairment. Mary visits with him twice each wk and she says that he enjoys our Class letters.

A surprise and a pleasure, a note from **Lois Stamps**; she is still in her own home, still drives her car, but not much or far. Her two daughters, Dorothy and Ann, live across the Potomac and they watch over her. Lois appreciates her good fortune. She also sees from time to time Verna Donaldson, the daughter of our **Bill Donaldson**. "She is a dear, a successful business woman and looks the part beautifully." Thank you so much, Lois.

Our world traveler was "on the go" and this time reports on her trip to Great Britain and adding 7 more places to her long list of "Places Visited." **Florence Johnson**, you are a real traveler. No one will ever break your record. Now her list of "Places I've Been" contains over 160 countries and places. This month (Dec) Florence is going on a bird watching trip to Trinidad and Tobago. She goes on to say, "I am glad I divided my house and like having a friend 'live in' especially as I am away so much of the time. Since I have to have a gardener, I have put in an orchard, adding 5 apple trees, and 4 apricot to the orange, lime, plum, pomegranate, tangerine and peach trees I have. I also raise most of my own vegetables. I also have boysenberries and orchids and a patio full of cacti." Florence adds "easy gardening," but I am not sure I agree with that statement, but thanks for the news, Florence.

From **Dutch Gerhardt**, "Your last letter carried the same date as my 91st birthday, and arrived a few days later. So you are credited with honoring my latest birthday. I've celebrated another event on 11 Nov this yr, our 60th wedding anniv. For this occasion, our two sons and their wives flew to help us celebrate—one from L.A., the other from GA. It was an event we all enjoyed and will remember. We have taken initial steps to move into an Army ret residence to be built adjacent to Ft Belvoir, VA. It won't be ready for occupancy until summer 89. You see, we are optimistic. All is well with us and ours." Thanks Dutch for a "good report." You & **Teddy** continue to be healthy and happy.

Mary received a phone call from **Toodles Chapman**. Toodles remembered the last time she tried to talk to me. It was a disaster. My hearing has become so defective. But she was in good spirits, enjoying her life as much as possible. Her daytime hours are not so bad because she has company, but late afternoon and evening hours are not so good. Dear Toodles, I think most of us are in that same situation, but "hang in there" and remember, it is never so bad that it couldn't be worse. Chin up and be happy and healthy.

Speaking of phone calls, **Gracie Reeder** called me from FL. It was almost an impossible situation until my son took over. Gracie has never been enthusiastic about the FL climate. She likes the change of seasons. She has been ill but seems to be OK now. She has moved to Sarasota to be near her brother, James Bogart, 6433 Hollywood Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34231, phone (813) 921-5217. Thank you, Gracie, so much for your patience and persistence.

We have another bright and cheerful note from **Girard Troland**. "I keep fairly well because of the 21 nurses, who rotate attending me night and day. They put me to bed about 10:00 pm with a back rub and a kiss, reveille at 6:00 am. A few days ago I visited the little town of Woburn, MA, where the "Father of West Point" came from. I recalled to my memory the times we cadets marched from barracks to the place where we heard an oration honoring Sylvanus Thayer, the first supe of USMA who is credited with imbuing the cadets with the principles of "Duty, Honor and Loyalty." As to my own family, it is large. My brother John is a distinguished astronomer. My daughter Nancy is wife of LTG Jack Cushman (Ret), US Army and USMA. Their children, Kathleen and Ed Miller, are members of the faculty of Harvard U. I live in my own home here in Lexington, MA."

Girard, you did not tell us the secrets of your sunny and happy disposition and your happy outlook on life. It is great and I, for one, admire it. Keep it up and thanks.

A brief note from Bob **Hasbrouck**, Jr, who states, "Mother's condition is about the same. Her memory is slipping a bit and she is confused at times, but can usually carry on an intelligent conversation. She can't take any steps without her nurse's assistance and spends most of her time in bed or in a wheelchair. She is reasonably comfortable and has only occasional pain or stiffness from her osteoporosis. She seems to be holding her own."

Aug '17: Bob Jr, Marjorie and Melinda Hasbrouck

Thank you, Bob, for this report on your mother's condition. All her friends will feel much better knowing that she "is holding her own."

In closing I want to tell you about "Us Knights." We had a celebration which began on 3 Dec and lasted until the 6th. We celebrated our 70th wedding anniv. We limited the family attendance because of the time of yr, school, travel time and expenses, to just children and

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"better halves." This rounded out to an even dozen. The support gp left at home comprises 9 grandchildren and 6 grand-in-laws, and 13 great-grandchildren. Mary & I were married in St Louis, and I reported to my first duty station, Camp Stanley, Leon Springs, TX (about 6 mi from where I am writing this) 70 yrs ago. Leon Springs was a stage coach station, a small hotel and an inn and only about 1/2 mi from "Officer's Row" (tents) and mess tent. There is a restaurant in the old inn now. Yes, you've guessed it, we all 12 of us went there for dinner on 3 Dec. The family spirit was wonderful and the spirit of the occasion was perfect. We were back where we started from. Our happy time continued through Sun, 6 Dec. We Knights are so grateful to the "Power that Is" for letting us have this happy time together. We are better people for it.

Jun '18

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Mike Grenata celebrated his 90th birthday with a dinner party at the Thayer after the Wake Forest game. Over a dozen of his clan attended. Also **Steve** & I. On behalf of the AOG I presented his 90-Year Book. In Nov Mike & **Betty** visited Mike's relatives in Sorrento, Italy for two wks. CPT James McIntyre, one of Mike's grandsons, came down from Vicenza for the two days.

June '18: Grenatas and the Gruhns

The 4 survivors of Jun '18 extend our best wishes to the 8 survivors of '16, our PREDS. They taught us well but skipped advice on longevity.

I regret to report that our dear Class widow, **Marion Ross,** has died. She was buried in Arlington.

Here's a relic of our 50th Reunion, to the tune of *Benny Havens, Oh!*

"To our beloved mates with lips like rose in dew,
Who long have been our better halves, we'd like to say anew:
We are glad you're here tonight with us, we want for you to know,
It's good to sing a verse to wives of June of '18, Oh!"

The singing, at our Round Pond picnic, was led by our own Irish tenor, **Pat Casey.**

Nov '18

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Very late we have word that **Bob Coolidge**, who was **Arch Colwell's** roommate during their entire time as cadets, died 17 Sep 85. He spent his working career with Aetna Life Insurance Co having resigned shortly after graduation. He ret from Aetna in 62 as their sr VP. **Wanny** ran all this info down by calling Aetna although **Hank Holbrook** had had bad news of him a couple of yrs ago. Grave sites of neither Bob nor his wife **Verna**, who died 6 Mar 86, are known at this time but probably in Hartford, CT where they lived so long. Bob made sizeable contributions to the old Supe's Fund and to the WP Fund all of which were matched in kind by Aetna. Wanny also uncovered a daughter surviving, Mrs Winthrop A Haviland, living, he believes in Farmington, CT, near West Hartford where her parents had lived.

More recently our **Kit Baker** died at Brooke Army Hosp in San Ant on 6 Oct from a massive stroke suffered about 10 days earlier which left him in a coma from which he never recovered. Interment was at the Fort Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. He & **Gracie** had only recently moved from FL to the local Army Residence Community. After a holiday visit to FL she will continue at her current residence.

Connie Fonville tells **Chorp** that **John** is not doing well in his nursing home in Austin. She has moved to Austin.

Chorp received a letter from Terence O'Rouark's son of our **Gerry** advising that his mother **Violet** died on 17 Dec 86. No further info, but Chorp wrote immediately for more.

Chief Brimmer writes he is only nagging the Doc to get him (not the Doc) ready for our 70th next May. A long chat with **Marietta & Julius Piland** disclosed that at 92 Julius was holding his own. **Carolyn Christiansen** is getting along in fine style. Had a family gp of 15 for Thanksgiving who will spend several days with her at AF Village.

Chorp has been to Memphis (by invitational orders) to address a meeting of engrs, most of our current engr gen offs and many of the Corps' top civs. He modestly admits they seemed to appreciate his remarks which he interprets as respect for his age. Came home and next wk took off on his own to his home state of SD where he was joined by his older daughter Dorothy from Chicago. Enjoyed seeing her and his many cousins in the area. He spent Thanksgiving in Chicago with daughter and plans spending Christmas holidays with younger daughter Mary Anne and her family in Reston, VA. Continues to enjoy reasonable health but not as sharp as he'd like to be.

Bob Schow from FL reports on **Pulsifer** as having arthritis in his good leg which curtails his walking somewhat but is still hell-bent on making our 70th. Pulsifer spent his 92d birthday with son in Fallbrook, CA. He lives on property overlooking Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base that has beautiful views. Health not as good as before good leg trouble started.

Johnny Hinds reports he & **Betty** continue to live an uneventful life and enjoying good health. **Vic Broome** & wife **Olive** are well and piping reunion next yr. **Marie Stevens** has quieted down—stopped driving her car. God bless her. **Schows** have a new zip—33486.

Chuck Gildart fills us in on West Coast happenings. First it seems **Wanny** sent a copy of his Reunion Letter No. 1 to **Dzau's** widow **Mei Tsung** in Macau and received a reply from her son who is now asst prof of English at Univ of East Asia, Macau. He said his mother would be unable to make the reunion but said she had told him what his dad had told her about WP and as soon as he could get his wife out of Shanghai they would come to the States to make their daughter's graduation from Northern State Coll, Aberdeen, SD next yr. His address is at end of this blurb.

Chuck also tells of **Ruby Bixby** who lives in Hemet, CA (address later) and of her interest in gardening—every wk for 6 to 8 hrs in the community garden, Back Street Gardens, the hrs being her own. She drives, but avoids freeway and night driving. She wishes us a wonderful reunion.

Charlie Morrison has just received his 90th birthday volume from the Point and a card from Pres Reagan.

Have heard from **Lucy Bowman** recently asking about my grandson (now at Cornell) who attended the Def Language Inst at Monterey, CA with her grandson who is with the FBI. Hers has graduated, been to China with his younger brother and is now back in L.A. keeping the oriental population in hand. She now has a gopher cure (so she hopes), a gadget which vibrates and causes underground noises unpleasant to gophers who then move away (again she hopes). She seems to be well and more energetic than many of us, although she is reneging on our 70th. Mentions her 70th HS graduation date is the same, says she'll stay put and send best thoughts to all reuning.

Ruth Hastings has moved from her lovely condominium, where she & **Kess** lived for so long, into a ret home called Goodwin House West in Falls Church, VA. Jim, her son, now DCO WRAMC and Jim's daughter, Allison, now in 2d yr med sch in NY very handily took all household goods Ruth couldn't fit into her new home which solved a worrisome prob-

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lem. She says she is quite comfortable, has a nice apt, but detests having to go to luncheon and dinner in the mess hall at such hrs as 11:00–1:00 and 5:30–6:30. Gets her own breakfast in her apt.

Ruth has been to Tucson, AZ to visit friends, then on to Denver to see son David and family for Thanksgiving when it snowed all that day, but was gone on Fri.

Mimi Norman has gone to spend the winter with family in Tucson—be back in the spring bringing her present hosts with her. Quite a nice arrangement.

Please correct your directories: **Ruth Hastings**, Goodwin House West, 3440 South Jefferson St, Falls Church, VA 22041, Tel: 703/578–7634; **MG Robert A. Schow**, new zip only—33486; **Ruth Bixby**, 32600 Hwy 74, Space 93, Hemet, CA 92343; Yulin Francis **Dzau** and **Mei** (mother), University of East Asia, Macau, University Hill, Taipa, P.O. Box 3001, Macau Via Hong Kong.

'19

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ASSEMBLY will publish 5 issues in 88. One issue will be mailed to each subscriber on 15 Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, Dec.

Please note new address of scribe above.

Al Wedemeyer's new book, *Wedemeyer on War and Peace*, edited by Keith E. Eiler '44, has been published. Al has donated many of his papers to the Hoover Institution at Stanford and the book is largely based on these records representing a tremendous amount of conscientious work and priceless material for future research in the yrs ahead. Al and Keith Eiler deserve great credit for a splendid accomplishment.

For health reasons **Al** travels little now but seldom complains about his ailments. **Dade** takes fine care of him at home where he prefers to stay most of the time.

Further reports from **Herb Jones** in DC: the '19 stag luncheons at Ft McNair might cease were it not for the usual attendance of Evans, Wanamaker, Whelchel (all Nov '18) and Lawton, McClure (both '22). In Oct only Jones and **Ovenshine** came and in Nov only **Flory, Hammond**, Jones, Ovenshine, who all had a great time. **John & Bert Hardin** are well but don't stir around a lot. **Doc Loper** was practically blind but recently had a successful transplant job on one eye, changing the outlook on life. He and his son are to spend the winter in FL. Congratulations and best wishes to you and your son for 88 from the Class, Doc.

Les Flory missed the stag Oct luncheon as he was in WRAH undergoing tests to show the cause of his internal bleeding. After a few days the ailment vanished, the cause still unknown, with Les looking and feeling fine. **Dorothy Ferenbaugh** was hospitalized for about a month, cause unrevealed but she is home now, feeling well. **Hope Rogers** is in WRAH recovering from a knee op and doing well. **Dotty Wilson** is still residing in the infirmary at Distaff.

From **Marion Phelps**, Fairhaven, Sykesville, MD: '19's 1st grandchild, Martha D Woodbury, granddaughter of **Joe** & Marion, wrote letter on p 40 of our 35-yr book. Now Martha's own daughter, Cinthia Cruciani, 2 yrs out of RIU, is soon to be married. Time flies?

At Fairhaven, Sykesville, complete care is available if needed, and realist **Joe** would approve. Joe Jr has a condo at Pawley's Isl, SC, his live-on sailboat moored nearby for almost yr-round sailing. Pattie is still in RI, her husband's home state. Best wishes to all '19ers **Marion Phelps**. **Evelyn Brown** is a lady who enjoys life and was well in Columbus, OH.

For yrs **David McLain** has been '19 area rep in Belleair and more recently his wife **Marjorie** has helped him a great deal. She writes that 87 has been a very difficult yr for them. Mac spent 7 wks at Bay Pines Vet Hosp (St Petersburg), plus 6 wks in another nursing home, with many problems. In Jul, Marjorie lost her 92-yr-old mother. In Oct Mac fractured his upper left femur and returned to Bay Pines Hosp, had another light stroke and is recovering nicely in Bay Pines Nursing-Home-Care-Unit. We are most grateful for those 11 days of WWI service which qualify him for care in the Vet Hosp.

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Death: COL **Edward Hamilton Young** died at Vero Beach, FL on 22 Nov last, of cancer, emphysema, and heart ailments. On Mon, 30 Nov, after a Mass of Christian Burial in the Ft Myer Chapel, he was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, **Margaret Salmon Young** of Vero Beach and numerous nephews and neices of Ham. Sunday, 29 Nov, **Herb Jones** visited Gawler's Funeral Home where he met many relatives of Ham, and he attended chapel services the next day. **Les & Kathy Flory** visited Gawler's Sun. **Marge Brannon** also attended the chapel services Mon.

'20

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With great sadness I report that **Mary Seybold** and **Henry Hannis** have died. We extend our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Mary Seybold died 11 Oct 87 at the Lynn House, a Christian Science Sanatorium in Alexandria, VA. She had been ill for some time. She was buried in Arlington beside **Jack** who died in 82.

Henry Hannis died 19 Oct 87 in Albuquerque Manor, a ret home. He had not been well for some yrs and had moved there when his wife **Bertha** died in 85. He was buried beside her in the US Natl Cemetery, Santa Fe, NM. Henry's sister, **Janet Claterbos** had only sketchy info on this, so **Charles & Anne Holle** secured the local newspaper report through the help of Congressman Lujan of NM's First District. Henry's distinguished WWII service included: CO Engr Regt T-S 43–44; CO Biak Base 44–45 (BSM); and GS Hq T-P 45 (CR). Besides Janet, he is survived by nephew Henry Louis Claterbos.

The Class Governing Comm held its annual bus mtg 13 Oct after the monthly DC area Class luncheon at the Westchester. The current Class offs—**Holle**, pres; **Rehm**, treas; and **Samouce**, scribe—were reelected for another yr on a motion by **Hasbrouck**, seconded by **Routheau**.

Holle, Rehm, Routheau and **Samouce** attended the 8 Dec monthly DC area Class luncheon. They were honored by the presence of Holle's guest, ret Army Chaplain Edward L R Elson. Dr Elson is Pastor Emeritus of the Natl Presbyterian Church in Wash and was chaplain of the US Senate for 12 yrs (69–81). In WWII he served with distinction as sr chaplain in ETO. He said, "But for the grace of God, I could have been on that plane that crashed in Iceland 3 May 43 with LTG Frank M Andrews ('06, our first CG US Forces ETO), his aide BG Charles H Barth '25 and Chaplain Frank Miller.

Lem Lemnitzer again missed our Class luncheon as well as the A-N game he has been attending for decades (comfortably in the President's box). He is very slowly recovering at home from his WRAH op of last Jul. Now able to take short walks, he tries to go a little further each day.

Millard Pierson writes 26 Oct, "In the hosp last Dec . . . again in Apr . . . and last wk. . . . Breathing problems diagnosed as congestive heart failure. . . . OK at the moment. . . . Saw **Johnny Johnston** and **Sid Hinds** at San Ant's new Army Community Ctr. They are well and happy there." And Johnny writes, "We moved here 2 Sep and are adjusting to a new way of life. A hard decision but the right one for us. We see Sid & **Gina** Hinds who came here earlier. . . . "

Louise George's son Bill, wife Maritza and grandson Alexander visited her for Thanksgiving and will come again for Christmas. Her daughter Louise & her husband will also be coming in Feb.

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In Oct, **Marion Shattuck** enjoyed a visit to her daughter Pam Burleigh and her family in West Hartford, CT.

In Sep, **Selby Stratton** attended a wkend family reunion in her hometown, Laredo, TX. It was at the home of her sister, Lula Lacey. Their oldest relative there was a cousin in her late 80s—a lively and very interesting person, a lawyer and still teaching horseback riding at a girls' camp. Also present were Lula's daughter and 3 married sons with their families, all of Laredo; Selby's son Bill & wife Lois of Tulsa, OK and daughter Terri Flagg & husband Tom of West Redding, CT. Selby's daughter Julie Wernick could not accompany her. She had completed her MBA schooling and was diligently seeking employment. Selby plans to spend Christmas with son Bill and family in Tulsa.

Selby was also in touch with **Ross Cullum** and found her in good spirits despite increasing blindness. Her younger granddaughter, still in HS, has ambitions of becoming a USAF off.

The **McQuarries'** devoted daughter-in-law Rosanne, the widow of their son BG Claude M Jr '45 who died in 84, was married 28 Nov to COL Levin B Broughton, also '45. She had visited **Mac & Ruth** in FL in Oct and said, "They are about the same. Mac (now over 91) is keeping as active as possible—head as clear as a bell and enjoying life very much, really sharp as a tack. . . . Ruth is in the nursing wing of the ret home."

Russ Eastman reports that **Les Mabus'** nephew, Raymond Mabus, was elected governor of MS.

Russ & Helen gaily celebrated their 54th wedding anniv 11 Nov at the Miami Country Club despite Helen's yrs of illness with nurses around the clock. Daughter Ann Bothwell, with husband Harper, of Miami and one son & his wife of Columbus, OH were with them. Russ is in fine spirits after recovering from his serious bout with pneumonia. However, he feels he's a victim of "an intractable case of ineluctable caducity" (translate: "unremediable physical falling apart") as his dear friend and 1917–18 Kenyon Coll, OH fraternity brother, distinguished Dr Edward D Maire, recently described his own health. Russ adds, "My intrepid wife & I try hard to hold on. Only by the grace of the Lord and great good luck are the nonagenarian yrs attained. . . . " He'll be 90 in Feb.

Here's wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Healthful New Year 1988!

'21-'22

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In a phone conservation with **Carol Olmsted** she told me that **George** is confined to a wheelchair, but that he is mentally normal. We missed them both at our 65th. On behalf of all our classmates I extend to George our sincere hope that he will continue to improve his health.

"PD" Lynch wrote me that **Bob Taylor's** 90th birthday party was a quiet family affair. Bob received a commemorative folder from the AOG for his 90th birthday and that was the highlight of the celebration. Power to you Bob and here is wishing you many more happy yrs.

The biography that **"PD" Lynch** is writing is complete now and ready to go to the press. It contains 88 stories of incidents in his life of 30 yrs in the Army and AF and 18 yrs as an educator. Please "PD" let us know when the book is published and how we can buy a copy.

Hazel & I spent Christmas with our daughter and her family at Victoria, BC Canada. It was most enjoyable and the first time in 20 yrs that we were together to celebrate the holiday season.

I wrote letters to 3 classmates to get some info to write about in these notes, but they did not answer. Please, all you guys and gals write to me once in a while. As I wrote when I took this job back in 69, I am not a mind reader. I note in this magazine other classes have a lot of pictures. Please send me a picture of yourself and the family. We would like to know what you look like these days.

'23

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All of us getting on in yrs should give a silent "Long Corps" cheer for those reaching 90. So here is ours to the swimmer **Moe Cavender** who made it 2 Oct. To celebrate, a party was given by **Lois Cavender's** brother, Victor & Maggie Hoewing. Among the guests were **Warren & Dorothy Robinson**. Sending photos of the event, **Lois & Moe** wrote, "The highlight of the evening was a greeting from President and Mrs Reagan and an album from the Alumni Assoc." They added that **Lyle & Louise Rosenberg** will be flying to Newark and renting a car to go to the Academy and have agreed to take them along (next May). Moe said, "When I was in the POW camp in 45 and down under 100 lbs I never expected to make it this far." We're glad you have and are going to the 65th.

1923: At Cavender's 90th birthday party: Ralph Hoewing, WA Robinson, CC Cavender and Andrew Stevenson '33

Trooper Price answered my letter to him of last summer in which I sent the request of **Frank Wilder's** widow that he write the obit for Frank. He said he would as soon as he mastered his word processor. He also wrote, "My eyes began failing two yrs ago. Glaucoma. Eye drops, laser treatment. I am working on my 7th paperback novel, but am unable to read any handwriting and only occasional bits of typing done with a very black ribbon." He added, "I regret being 89 yrs, 3 mos, 1 wk, 2 days old as well as three quarters blind and muddle headed. . . . hope to see you at the 65th if eyes still functioning." He sent a copy of his letter to AOG transmitting his check for contribution to '23 Fund and one in memory of **John Noyes**.

From Brockport, NY **Jack White** reported that he took his grandson John Skinner to the Army-Wake Forest game at WP 3 Oct, and while there made his reservation at the Thayer for next May. Parade was 9:30 am, game at 12:10, and cadet marching and the parade looked better than in the past several yrs. "Even though Wake Forest won, the Army team looked good. Before the game several cadets parachuted onto the field." He missed seeing the **Tredennicks** at the game. He & **Alice** look forward to seeing classmates at the 65th.

Phil Enslow had reported that the **Wittkops** had moved back to Charlottesville, VA, so I wrote Phil for **Witt's** address, but he replied, "We are good friends but do not correspond." I had inquired of AOG at WP and was told they had no "good" address and asked my help. My letter to Postmaster, Charlottesville, asking for his help in delivering letter I enclosed to Witt was successful and Witt wrote me a fine letter. He said an improvement in his eye condition at the end of graduation leave (in 22) enabled him to go into the Air Corps, and he still has 20/20 in one eye and in the other almost as good after recent cataract removal. However, he considers likelihood of attending reunion remote owing to his back condition (broken in his early yrs) and attention to his wife who suffered a breakdown a few yrs ago. But he added, "Considering everything it seems that I have been blessed." He had disability ret in 53.

Phil's letter spoke highly of **Witt & Louise**, and remarked that Witt was burdened with a near physical disability all through the Academy and his career. He said it was "Rough moving here to this nice apt. Hated to leave . . . our 'gorgeous' home with the super gorgeous

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view." They are now at Gloucester, VA 23061, P.O. Box 190 (formerly in Staunton, VA). Phil's wife **Charlotte** suffers from arthritis.

On 4 Nov, a few hrs after I typed the above, **Phil** phoned me the sad news that **Charlotte** had died that noon just after being taken to the hosp in the morning. He had already notified **Magruder** and **Sweany** advising them, and that services would be at Arlington 6 Nov, details in *Washington Post*. We all sympathize and shall miss dear Charlotte.

Ken Sweany received a letter of thanks from James F. Workman '50 for the donation made by '23 to WP Fund in memory of his father **James A. Workman** '23. He said his father had been in a nursing home for two and a half yrs, was weakened by pneumonia in Jul, then recovered somewhat. "On 21 Aug he took a nap before lunch and quietly joined the Long Gray Line." He added, "Please express my thanks to your classmates. . . . "

Ken also reported that he learned from **Louella Magruder** that **Carter** had been in the hosp in late Jul and early Aug, but was home and OK. **Esther Shafer** wrote him that **Lee** had been in Sibley Hosp a wk but was home, adding "He is fine and will be up and going again soon." She said they had celebrated their 64th last summer at Ocean Village with a family reunion of 3 generations. Two of the **Sweanys'** VT grandchildren were with them Columbus Day wkend, and they were expecting their son & his wife to arrive shortly in Oct while on a trip from Rochester, NY in their towed camper. Their daughter plans to accompany them to WP next May.

Dan Chandler sent me a note saying, "Down here on the Range there is nothing doing nor will there be that could possibly interest any member of the dwindling remnants of '23. If there is any change I shall contact you immediately by the fastest electronic means in vogue at the time." He admitted having stuffed the ears of **Fritz Breidter's** granddaughters with a lot of stories when they visited him & **Betty.** He wanted no mention of that in *ASSEMBLY*, but can't you see Dan telling tall tales?

The news of our San Ant crowd came in a letter from **Clyde & Marjorie Rich** beautifully written by Marge. She went to Ireland last Mar and "loved every minute of it." She said they can't make the reunion, "sad to say but 'CK' is so comfortable in his own home that I can't budge him." He celebrated his 86th birthday 8 Nov and Marge commented that, "he looks remarkably well and is in fine health. So we are lucky." Marge was invited to **Emily Timberlake's** cocktail party for her house guests Rinaldo Van Brunt '25 and his daughter and son-in-law. To make it fun for Van, only women were invited. So Marjorie saw "**Punky**" **Jamison, Miriam White**, and "**Berbie**" **Schlatter**, "who looked wonderfully well . . . and so happy since her daughter Ann Cook & husband moved to San Ant a few yrs ago to live." Punky had a lovely trip to London early in 87, accompanied by her daughter and granddaughter, and in Sep went on a gp tour to New England, reporting "the foliage was magnificent." Emily went to Los Angeles in the fall and was wined and dined by the many friends she had there where she & **Pat** had lived when he was with Northrup.

In 84 **Robert M Smith** moved from Tucson (where I tried to contact him in 85) to La Mesa, CA. In his reply to my recent letter he says, "Grossmont Gardens is a beautiful place where we are treated like royalty." Despite angina he is able to walk, swim and exercise. He & **Mary** used to go to Yellowstone Park every fall for 10 days to fly fish for trout but had to give it up due to altitude and have been going to Utah, N AZ, and Burley, ID the last 3 yrs. In 1912 he had gone with his parents to Marion, ID where they homesteaded 160 acres, and he attended a Mormon elementary school of one room, riding horseback 4 miles each way, later on, to another school. His dad sold the ranch in 14, and they returned to Canton, OH where he finished HS.

From Asheville, NC **George Stewart** wrote me that '87 had been a rough yr for him & **Louise**, both briefly in hosps. An auto accident where he was a passenger gave him 3 broken ribs, but they seemed to be getting well in Nov and plan to attend reunion. George Jr & wife will go along as "our caretakers." George Jr '45 has been successful in bus since resigning from the Army in 54. Son Patrick is a Jesuit priest and Mike is a member of a law firm in Dallas, TX. Grandpa George claims 4 great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Stuart Cowles lives near **George** who says Stew is having a rough time. He seldom leaves his wife who is paralyzed on one side and has other problems requiring nurses around the clock. We sympathize and on behalf of the Class send our regards and hopes to Stuart & **Ethelyn.**

Among letters **Tred** sent on to me this fall is one from Paul Laning ex '23 in Sandusky, OH thanking for Tred's mention of foundlings with photos in '23 notes. He wrote about his recollections of Army-Navy games and joy in seeing on TV the Army victory in 86, adding that he "passed Milestone 86 in Oct (and) would like to see USMA once again."

Ed Howard reported that he & **Edna** had attended '87 graduation ceremonies by invitation of the Supe and also the Supe's reception and luncheon in Washington Hall, both enjoyable. He had tried unsuccessfully to contact **Marjorie (Mrs JI) Greene**, "the only widow (and no classmate) in this part of FL." Ed & Edna look toward the reunion.

In the San Fran Bay area the '23 crowd (**Buckley, Palmer, Price, Ruth (Mrs FR) Johnson**) contacted by **Ray Pierce** has been quiet. Ray says, "After a busy summer we seem to be busy on just routine activities." **Mike Buckley** put it aptly, "no hits, no runs, no errors." Sadly, **Jazz Harmony** is failing, according to his daughter Sally Harmony Sullivan.

Responding to my letter appeal for news, **Jim (James A.) Evans** wrote a brief, but very interesting account of what he did after resigning in 25 while stationed at Plattsburgh Bks with **Frank Wilder.** After 5 yrs in Inf Res he spent about 10 yrs doing engring work in South and Central America. Then he had a four-yr hitch in USNR, two of which as exec off in a sq of Fleet Air Wing Four operating in the Pacific. After WWII he started a consulting service in mech engring. After a slow start, good commissions began coming in allowing him to build up "James A. Evans & Associates" to some 33 engrs. His best clients were the US Corps of Engrs and NASA. Deafness forced his ret two yrs ago, tho' he is now in 87 finishing up a final commission. Jim **& Edwina** plan to attend the 65th, driving up, and picking up **M.E. Wilder** (Frank's widow) en route. They also expect to visit Mexico and Europe where they will attend wedding of their oldest daughter. Fine report, Jim.

Judd (Abner) McGeehee phoned in from Green Valley, AZ that he & **Alice** are getting along OK, tho' he had to have some internal plumbing repairs and follow-up radiation. Laser treatment fixed up his eyesight so he can drive their car. He's hoping to pass the buck on giving the OLG speech next Founders Day in Tucson, SO AZ Soc. When he was at the hosp, the nurse called for "COL McGeehee from Tenneseehee please." (**Hilbert M & Louise Wittkop's** address is 206 Carrsbrook Dr, Charlottesville, VA 22901).

We regret to announce the death of **Bruce R. King** on 24 Nov 87.

'24

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Lorraine & Clyde Eddleman went on the "Canadian Rockies Adventure" during Aug. It was a 10-day trip commencing in Vancouver, then to Victoria by bus and ferry and from there by air to Calgary. They traveled in a gp of 40 accompanied by a tour guide. It was a delightful gp of people, mostly ret and their wives, although a few were still active in a professional field. In Calgary they boarded a special motor coach which delivered them to Edmonton via Branff, Lake Louise, and Jasper Park. They flew

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home from Edmonton. From most standpoints, especially scenery, it was a delightful trip; but from the physical standpoint, the Eddlemans readily admitted that they should have gone at least 10 yrs before.

While attending the Secy of the Army and the Chief of Staff's Bicentennial Reception at the Kennedy Center on 15 Sep, **Clyde Eddleman** was approached by Dr Ford, chaplain of the House of Reps, who was the chaplain at WP when we established the Class of '24 Room in the Cadet Chapel. He said he wanted to tell Gen Eddleman that it was the most useful room in the chapel. He was pleased to know that the Class of '24 was providing for its upkeep and maintenance.

Talley Hill reports that she has been taking some kind of trip about every other mo for some time. The latest was a 5 isl, 13-day tour in HI, with more luxury than she has been indulging in before. She spent a day and a half with daughter Barbara Millener Wells on the Big Isl. She and Talley's grandson Robert Wells entertained Talley very well indeed.

Jenny Bertsch is busy and socially active in Belleair Bluffs, FL. She gets together with **Louise Cummings** frequently.

One of our classmates (who does not want his name published) & his wife had a unique and terrifying experience last Sep. While traveling west on Interstate 10 in TX, they stopped at an unfrequented rest area for a short nap. After about 30 mins, classmate woke up, opened the car door, got out and walked to the rear. He was then jumped by two TX thugs who apparently had been waiting for that opportunity, and forced at knifepoint with his wife into the back seat as the kidnappers took over. After driving 450 mi, they stopped on the shoulder, led their captives about 100 yds into the desert, tied them up with rope, left them there, and drove off. Classmate managed to free himself & wife and they walked back to the highway and were picked up by a passing State Border Patrol. Both were examined at the Beaumont AMC in El Paso. The two kidnappers were arrested shortly after midnight at a US Border Patrol checkpoint west of Las Cruces where they were jailed. Classmate reports no serious aftereffects from the experience. He gives credit to the professionalism and efficiency of all the NM and TX police forces and to the US Border Patrol. His & wife's only mistake was in both going to sleep at the same time.

Sammy Samouce sends us the following report supplementing the info published in the Sep *ASSEMBLY*. He & **Erica** made two trips to WP last yr, the latter being for the homecoming celebration at which Sammy was the oldest grad present. This entitled them to a red carpet treatment by the Supe & Mrs Palmer. They also made a cruise on the Cunard liner *Princess* from Port Everglades, FL to Acapulco, Mexico, with stops in Cozumel, Jamaica, Panama, and Port Calders and San Jose, Costa Rica. They flew home to VA from Acapulco. They also report the arrival of their second great-grandchild.

'25

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A note from **Ernie Holmes** in Kula, HI. Inclosed a Class dues check to send to Hopkins. Said he had a cataract op last mo. Eye is fine now and will have the other done in Jan. If I had a few other replacements I would be OK. Life isn't too bad, but I admit rather boring. **Lani** is still winning golf tournaments, and "Monty," our 4 yr old dog, is really something. Guess I shall have to store up for 1990.

1925: Lani & Ernie Holmes

Red Reeder '26 sent this scribe a clipping from the *New York Times* of 14 Nov which reported the death of **John H F Haskell** of a heart attack aboard the New York bound *QE 2* on 12 Nov. He is survived by his wife **Paulette** and two sons, John Jr of NY, and Paul of Paris, France. In WWII as an Army off leading an intelligence gathering mission in Ger, he received wounds that resulted in the loss of a leg.

From **Spillinger** in Seattle comes the following: "The Founders Day dinner for the Puget Sound WP Soc was held at Ft Lewis this yr, and since I no longer feel confident in my night driving, **Peg** and I didn't attend. It is just as well, or I would have had to assume the role of the 'Oldest Grad.' **Pat Lynch** was supposed to do the job but was apparently indisposed. Other than Pat and myself, I know of no other '25ers in our Great Northwest. We are apparently off the beaten path for visitors. They don't know what they are missing. I have seen a lot of the world and much of the States, and Seattle tops them all."

Hopkins in a note of 12 Nov reported the death of **Jack Bird**, but gave no other info.

In Jul your scribe & **Mrs Long** were in Honolulu at the Hale Koa Hotel. I called **Frank Steer** who lives in Kailua on the North Shore. We made a date to meet but missed connections. After returning home I received a note of apology and a letter which told of his writing to the two senators and two reps to Congress. His subject was a request for them to support the benefits due mil pers and particularly the COLA.

His letter to these congressmen ended with this statement—"Please do all you can to thwart all proposals to reduce retiree benefits, and urge your colleagues to do the same."

'26

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A dirge formally expresses grief; so the opening pars here can be called justifiably, a dirge. This fall brought the loss of **Bill Laidlaw, Art Kirchoff, Dutch Van Syckle** and **Admiral Sims**. Full details of all the deaths have not reached here yet and will be reported later.

Bill died 3 Oct and was buried at WP 14 Oct with **Sparky Baird** as Class rep. **Art** died 4 Oct, was cremated and the ashes buried at the Presidio, S.F. **Dutch** died 23 Oct. **Admiral** died 19 Nov and was buried with full mil honors at Arlington 25 Nov. The Class offers condolences to surviving members of the decedents' families and expresses its esteem for the contributions our admired and respected classmates have offered the nation. "They are not lost but gone before."

Both **Freddy Munson** and **Sparky Baird** have reported a laudable example of interservice co-operation. Through the initiative of John Sylvester (USNA '26 and No 1 man in his class) the two large WA-area gps of those classes are now meeting together monthly. Freddy wrote of the first such gathering at the Ft Myer OC, "There were 35 Navy (men, wives, widowers). The USMA team consisted of **Baird, Johnson**, FPM, ably backed by **Ada Collins** and **Edwina White**. We all had a good time."

Paul Carroll recently having reached age 85 admits that this has been a catastrophic yr for him. In Nov he & **Marian**, who had suffered more than 3 long yrs from shingles and post-herpetic neuralgia which seemed dragging her into senile dementia, were advised to, and chose a friendly divorce, to save both their estates from crippling expenses. Now his son & daughter-in-law have joined him in running the household. Now Paul opines that he is in good shape physically; no golf though, plenty of tennis, now abandoned. Instead, he works out regularly at the Pebble Beach Racquet Club. He hopes to take a trip up

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the West Coast some time during the spring or summer. And he considers himself, " . . . a lucky old man with friends, household staff . . . my own house where I have lived for 29 yrs, money enough for all my wants or needs."

Our oldest living classmate (who is also our only WWI vet), **Jimmy Wade** whose Nov last birthday was his 88th, finds much pleasure in the presence of his grandson, Ian Benouis '86, stationed at nearby Ft Rucker. Jimmy reports of himself that he's doing well save for some minor and annoying eye trouble.

Last fall **Bill & Rosy Mills** set out on a rewarding trip, flying first to Bergen and then boarding a comfortable freight-passenger ship for a round trip to a small port near the Norwegian-USSR border, thence returning the same way they arrived. They found the sea a bit rough though bearable. However, jet lag so affected Rosy that she slept the good part of 3 days after reaching home. Now Bill is raking his large lawn and collecting the generous nut crop he harvests annually while Rosy is preparing the house for an old-fashioned Christmas jollification including lots of family plus the scribe whom they graciously asked down to celebrate with them.

The vigilant eyes of **Rod Smith** have spotted a remarkable quote by **Johnny Roosma**, one of which the ch of Pub Affairs, DA, deemed worthy of including alongside selections from such grandees as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Churchill et al. You'll find yourself agreeing that Johnny's statement is not misplaced and that Rod deserves éclat for spotting that quote in such an unlikely whereabout. Here are Johnny's words as they appear in the DA pamphlet:

"One of man's finest qualities is described by the simple word 'guts'—the ability to take it. If you have the discipline to stand fast when your body wants to run, if you can control your temper and remain cheerful in the face of monotony or disappointment, you have 'guts' in the soldiering sense. This ability to take it must be trained—the training is hard, mental as well as physical. But once ingrained, you can face and flail the enemy as a soldier, and enjoy the challenge of life as a civilian.

COL John S Roosma
Soldier/Athlete"

Liz Plummer confesses that he & **Ellie** plan on escaping the brutal ME winter by swanning down to FL for a mo or so in Feb if his bothersome knee behaves. Meanwhile, his hometown, Camden, ME, had the misfortune of being nominated by a self-appointed and bumbling authority as one of the 10 best ret spots in the US. As a result, ret homes sprang up everywhere, and quite simple houses are bringing enormously inflated prices. Liz claims he suffers from the same syndrome which plagues so many of his classmates, "I find I am busy—time does not hang heavy but I accomplish very little." Welcome to the club, Liz.

Sally Creasy found help from Pres **Red Corderman** and Michael Davison in setting up a suitable memorial to **Bill (Creasy)**, a project dear to her heart. She plans on spending some time in the Coachella Valley, CA, early in 88.

By 9 am of his first day in an area he had hunted for more than 30 yrs, **Jimmy Burwell** dropped two buck deer. A grand salaam to you, Jimmy. Precious few of our contemporaries in age have the stamina, the vim, the energy needed to chase down the wary Texan deer. He also proffered a letter from one of the devoted ladies who stay with **Muffet Johnson** (**A.H.** Johnson's widow). Here's the gist of that letter—I'm Catherine Dinger, stayed with Muffet since Gen Johnson died. She is in a nursing home recovering from two brain ops. Now 3 of us are with her every day. At night I am home, so you may reach me at 512-423-6601 after 7 pm EST if you want to ask about her. Muffet recognizes the names of persons who inquire about her when I report the call. So it's not necessary to spell out that inquiries from our people, whether they know Muffet well or just her name, would be an abiding kindness to her.

Mac McFarland & Kay "are doing well except for complaints that are to be expected in 'The Golden Years.' " They enjoy their home and won't leave it for any length of time as they did last yr. Mac passed on some info on Adolf (Duff) Harstad, a former WP bandmaster who served there, and after ret took a bar exam, entering law practice in Coeur d'Alene, ID. There he is also active and prominent in music. Mac gave him a copy of *ASSEMBLY* which he much appreciated because Duff recognized a number of names of friends it contained.

The decision to settle near Wash DC after ret is now paying **Vald & Evelyn Heiberg** abundant dividends inasmuch as they live so close to, and see so often, their family located in that area: 3 married children and 8 grands. Incidentally, one of the two CA grandsons fathered Vald & Evelyn's first great-grand. His last letter here contains a par on **Admiral's** funeral which captures the ambiance of the occasion, " . . . drove to . . . DC . . . to attend funeral of our great classmate Admiral **Sims. Leon Johnson, Rod Smith** and I were among the pallbearers . . . at the funeral were (among a throng of others) **Kathy Smith, Edwina White** and **Frances Hutton**. Admiral's widow was composed and was the object of a lot of attention. The funeral was one of Ft Myer's typical, precise formations with the band which marched to the graveside playing the WP March, a plt of blue-clad Infantrymen and the caisson drawn by 6 beautiful white horses."

Charlotte Matthias tells of no change in **Norm's** condition. They have a new great-grandson, Patrick Joseph Cloakey, who brings the number of their great-grands to 3 boys and 4 girls. Charlotte also reports an addition of a new granddaughter to the family.

And finally gratitude and thankfulness to the correspondents who make the "Notes" possible, for without their constant input *ASSEMBLY* would carry but a few puny pars about us in the '26 column. So thanks to the classmates who keep the news coming—**Spud Murphy, Jimmy Burwell, Mac McFarland, Freddy Munson** and **Sparky Baird**.

'27

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Reports of the loss of two of our classmates have been received from **Mac Miller**. The first death was that of **Joy Wrean**, who died of a massive heart attack in El Paso on 6 Oct. Burial was at WP on 15 Oct. The condolence of the Class is offered to all the survivors.

The second loss was the death of **John Kochevar**, also at El Paso, on 19 Oct, with burial on 22 Oct at the Ft Bliss Natl Cemetery. The sympathy of the Class is extended to **Evelyn** and all other survivors.

It has been learned that **Blair & Dotty Garland** planned to be back in FL by about 15 Nov, after an unusual fall at WP attending there all the home football games. A fine time, doubtless, was enjoyed!

Milton Towner included a Christmas card from San Ant report of his interesting activities of the past yr. With visiting daughter Sylvia, Milt had flown to CA in Dec 86, for a mo's stay, meeting there for the first time, 3 granddaughters-in-law and 5 great-grandchildren. There he also saw his oldest grandson, Stephen, now a LT CDR, USN, "and his wife of almost a yr." Another great-granddaughter, the 6th child, was born in Mar 87. Then, accompanied by Sylvia, he attended our 60th Reunion, after which they visited VA, especially the Arlington Natl Cemetery where were interred Milt's two beloved wives, **Bertha** and **Helen**.

Then in past Jun, **Milt** underwent removal of a cancerous rectal polyp, for which two subsequent biopsies were both rated benign.

Milt closed his summary with statement of his planned revival of an Advent party which he & **Helen** had given each Dec for several yrs, with some 75 guests invited for his revival. Thus **Milt** closed his review of the past yr. He had enjoyed several good events and apparently with promising health results. Best to Milt from us all!

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Betty Lovell reported that she and **Ethel Kuter** "keep busy" with AF Village activities in San Ant, and that she also does volunteer work at the Wilford Hall Medical Ctr there. She frequently sees **Jean Burgess** and **Evelyn Flock** at the health ctr: "both had had broken hips." Betty was going to **Milt Towner**'s party, but "staying home for the holidays this yr."

George Martin wrote that he had expected to have son Al with him over Christmas, but he was on a project which kept him at Ft Shafter. Al retires in Mar, and "has been accepted to teach grad studies in Honolulu."

This has been a short report. Please dash off to the scribe occasional letters; all would like to hear of you and yours.

'28

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Thanks for all of your replies to the letter on our 60th Reunion. Planning continues and we will send out info on it in due time. I estimate at this time that we will have about 40 in attendance.

Letter from **Buck Wiley** reported that in Jun he had a heart attack and suffered a mild stroke. Says he is progressing slowly and feels he can make it to our 60th. A letter from **Dick Ludlow** reports on his life at St Simons, GA for the past 24 yrs. He lost his wife in 85, has had a heart problem and has to live on pills (don't we all?) and hopes to make the 60th. **Blondy Saunders** says he & **Jo** have too many problems, and their traveling days are over. **Rex Smith** hopes to be at our 60th—says he has just returned from driving 1200 mi (alone) behind the Iron Curtain.

Stu **McLennan**, Jr '53, reported that his father died on 6 Oct. To Stu's family I express our condolences, it is our loss too.

Had so much info from **Bill Breckinridge** that I can't repeat it all. Hopefully you all can get it from him at our 60th. **Evan Houseman** reported it was unlikely that he could attend our 60th because he is scheduled for major surgery this Jan.

A letter from **Aug Kissner** informed that **Paul Adams** died recently. Heartfelt sympathy from the Class to Paul's family.

Jack Hinrichs reported that he still has his ranch but is not doing much ranching. Disabilities will keep him at home during our 60th. The *ASSEMBLY* has changed to a plan for 5 issues per yr. So deadlines are all changed. I shall cite them no more. Just send in news as you have it.

'29

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Surrounded by Christmas activities, seasonal letters, cards, bills, etc, the deadline of the 15th is complicating the anticipated slow pace of ret.

In Oct I was able to see or contact several '29ers (and hope to again at Christmas) as I'd gone up to Aberdeen Proving Ground for an American Def Preparedness Assoc mtg which was held on the 50th anniv of my initial Army Ord meeting at APG. While Bill & Joan were in China, I stayed in their house in Alexandria. Went out to WRAH to get new hearing aids and just missed **Jim Winn** who had been transferred to the VA hosp in Martinsburg, WV. Recent card from Jim says he hopes Molly comes soon so they can go to Claxton, GA to escape the cold and snow. She's had a banged up foot that's taken a long time healing. On the way back from WR saw OR Ave so decided to take a chance and see if **Della Caraway** or **Emma Rasmussen** could have lunch with me, but no luck. Later Della called to say that the '29 contingent at Distaff Hall was doing well. Also that she had a report that **Doby Kraft** had enjoyed his Mexican trip, had been in the hosp since then but was now at home recuperating. Kai is pretty much the same but has been transferred to a VA hosp in DC and probably will be switched to their nursing home in the same complex. Emma agreed that there had been lots and lots of changes in her old stamping ground, Aberdeen, MD.

Ralph & Bobbie Strauss are impatient with the delays in construction of the Army Ret Community near Belvoir. **C. G. & Marion Calloway** and **Slim Vittrup** are a bit more patient. Slim is using this time, at the urging and insistence of his children and grandchildren, to identify some of the many pictures and photographs, not only of the ones on display but those packed away. By early Oct he had filled 8 cassettes with info on his early yrs in TX. It's so formidable he went to see his brother for Thanksgiving in TX and then continued on to CA (some of the rest of us should follow his example). On his return he has to determine how he can best dispose of a very large and extensive record collection which includes operas, Caruso, swing, jazz, operettas, etc. His granddaughter and her husband have moved over to Johns Hopkins. By now they should have presented him with a great-grand? **Nick & Jackie Nichols** seemed to be doing well, so much so that Nick was out on the tractor in the sunshine and waited till the rain grounded him to call back. His book *Road to Trinity* is most interesting and informative. Recommend you get a copy at a book store or the library. You'll be glad you did. (To get in trim for fighting Feb snow they are leaving after New Year's for a 2-wk cruise to Rio and a 10-day stay in Barbados.)

Attempts to reach **Jean Keirn** resulted in a lot of wrong numbers and no info. (After the war, **Don** had a lot to do on the possible use of nuclear power in aircraft). **Marshall Stubbs** said he was doing OK in spite of taking too many pills of too many varieties. **Tom Conley** is navigating on crutches, but hopes to have the hip under control before too much longer. **Bill & Nell Thompson** are perking along and so is **Fenn Sykes**. He braved the rain to join me for lunch. Had a report that **Joe Horridge** wasn't too well. Jean confirmed 3 hosp stays this summer and a bad back too. She complicated it with a fall and a fractured left shoulder. Apparently that's convinced them to look for a smaller place and/or ret ctr. She said **Gladys McNerney** Pickering was looking too. Subsequent note from Gladys indicates that staying in their waterfront home is the current choice. Daddy has been continuing his volunteer work but thinks another tax simplification law will force him to call it quits.

Wayland Parr was never very husky but **Marion** says he's now below 100 lbs, but fortunately is not in pain. **Alice Nesbitt** is less active than usual since a fall from a step stool that fractured her ankle. She hopes to return to part-time work before Christmas.

Mary Jo Conner joined me for dinner. She's keeping busy in a French class, attending concerts, etc. and planning a Caribbean cruise at Christmas with her brother. Told me about a Class luncheon I wasn't fortunate enough to attend where Pinky played the piano and **Marion Keeler** was in fine voice.

Paul Thompson and **Jim Gavin** were present at WP when Barry Goldwater received the Thayer Award. It gave Jim an opportunity to renew earlier associations he and Goldwater had. Later Paul & **Josette** were in Wash where Paul gave several talks to the Engr Sch, the Off Ch of Engrs and JCS staff on the special Engr Assault Bde he trained and cmded and the Assault Tng Ctr he organized. It's well to review some of these deeds of more than 40 yrs ago while participants can discuss them, generate and answer questions. Now that they have their daughter married they are having a rerun for their son.

Now for some dope that's accumulated since my return. **Joe Colby**'s daughter, Carol Leong, has made a contribution to the Ord Museum at APG in memory of her father. **Dudley Wiegand's** son MG Robert is C/S Forces Cmd and since 30 Oct its dep cmdr.

Libby Napier had lunch with **Josie Cuno** who looked great. **Dee Dee Armstrong** has been taking good care of **Bill Bullock** who was in the hosp in Chattanooga first for knee surgery which went well, and then to remove a blood clot from the brain. He's recuperating very well, is walking erectly, looks fine having lost about 30 lbs, has completed physiotherapy for the knee and making progress in talking, writing, etc. Dee

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1929: Freddie Lincoln in Kenya

Dee hopes to be with her son in CA for Christmas and hopes he's finished the house remodeling before she arrives.

Freddie Herndon told me of the Wash Class luncheon 29 Oct; the **Calloways** were there despite CG's bad back, but haven't heard of anyone else who was there. She also reported her 2 daughters took her to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Isl, Nova Scotia in Jul. Marion tells of **George Keeler** being awarded Charleston College's highest honor, the Founders Medal; lots of wanderings—the new river boat on the MS; 3 Elderhostels and a loop around NE ending up with 3 wks at their cottage on Bantan Lake, CT with Anne who rowed in the World Games in Zagreb; Kathy and Harvard crew coach, after they took in Henley, Zagreb, etc., and Betsy after co-managing Perry Como's summer singing tour. Sons Mike and Harper took golf lessons from George. **Jack Stone's** children and spouses, except Tom (USNA '62), surprised him on his 82nd birthday. He far surpasses **Mac McKenzie**, as Jack has 21 grandchildren (one of whom is WP '89) and 23 great-grandchildren. **Tommy DuBose** found some plebe bibles and, after consultation with Joseph Barth, asst librarian USMA for Collection Dev, he forwarded them to the library. (New ones are about 10 bucks a copy). **Jack Horner** wrote (while **Ann** was riding to the Hounds of KY) that he'd had good reports from **Bill Bullock, Sam Silver, Daddy Sykes, Charley Tench, Billy Greear** (still judging horse shows and shooting his age or better). Sorry to have to give him the latest on Bill Bullock. **Freddie Lincoln** had a fine voyage to the South Pacific last spring and recently she, her son Dan & his wife, visited Kenya. She's the one with no necklace.

We joined **Pat & Betty** at the "Frat House" with a lot of Navy and a few Army to watch Army beat Navy and picked up some additional info. In Jul they had joined in a 2-day family reunion in TX. In Oct they visited their daughter Elizabeth in San Fran to help her celebrate her 40th birthday and watch her run a "half marathon" (13.2 miles) in 2 hrs, 2 min. She had such a good time at our 55th Reunion she's planning on being there for the 60th. They met Stephen Lane, a PhD she's marrying at Christmas time in FL. When they got back, Betty's mother said she liked adult condominium living so much she was staying put and not coming home, so their large house is now on the market. They also took in Cape Cod, visited their sons in Nashville and Atlanta. The boys and their families, including a new grandson, returned the visit at Thanksgiving and will come again at Christmas for their sister's wedding.

Marion McDonald married COL Harvey Sheppard, an Army widower just after Thanksgiving. We've seen them several times and can attest that they are a charming couple.

In the Dec *ASSEMBLY* there's an article on the plaques in the new multisport center honoring sport captains and class athletic reps. We have distributed the original picture of the '29 plaque to Marilu Hammack and Xerox copies to 11 of the listed sport captains (or next of kin).

There are 3 deaths to report: **Marge Sladen** on 24 Sep; **Joe Ladd** on 17 Oct; and **Brendan Greeley** on 23 Nov. All were interred at WP. **Pat Crow** has written to the Class to express her appreciation and that of her brother, Fred III, for the memorial contribution made to AOG. We've not yet received **Betsy** Ladd's or Greeley's daughters' preference for similar contributions. Giles '37 called from Jacksonville to report that Ford N McNeil, ret MP COL, who was a plebe in L Co, died in Nashville. In addition, there are other changes to be made in the Jul Roster. Change **Marion McDonald's** name to Mrs Harvey Sheppard, but keep the Maitland address. **Libby Napier's** street should be changed to Ravenswood Dr, and add Betsy Ladd in the widow's section.

If obits were as easy to prepare or furnish data for as they are to ignore or defer, there would be only 5 missing instead of the 5 '29ers in the AOG files. Our memories and recollections aren't what they used to be so I urge us all, myself included, to send in to AOG appropriate info and a photo. Granted the 10-yr *Cullum's Register* has a skeleton record of our service, but how many have access to the pertinent 5 *Registers* now available? Expand too on what some of your decorations were for. We have an outstanding example of what one should be in **Paul Caraway's**, which **Bill Thompson** prepared. Help whoever submits yours by having the data readily available.

'30

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A welcome note from **Thad Broom** arrived in Oct indicating news from eastern VA. His wife **Virginia** had 4 days in hosp, but got back home safely. Her activities are severely limited. **Sarah Wood** is apparently comfortably "dug in" at the Westminister-Cantebury. Thad sees her infrequently due to the distance factor, and the demands of his wife's condition. Thad has heard from **Hank Royall** that **Mayme**, though confined to her bed, is still at home thanks to round-the-clock nursing care. Sure would be nice to hear from more classmates like Thad.

Also in Oct we heard from **Hutch Hutchison** in "shaky" CA as he put it. He lives in Laguna Niguel, 7 mi south of Laguna Beach, not close to any known fault lines. He felt the first jolt from the 6.1 quake, but no aftershocks. Hutch has had plenty of physical repair work including two new hip joints, a new knee joint, and two eye implants. The knee joint is a 6-mo rehab problem. In retrospect he said that were it all to do over again, he would play golf at USMA for all 4 yrs. Here's wishing a better yr in 88 for both Hutch & **Mary**.

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Another of **John Murrell**'s perfect but brief letters arrived in late Oct. He has seen the plaques mentioned in the last *ASSEMBLY* column. They line the aisle leading into the new sports complex, and should be seen to be appreciated. Both your letter and the kind words therein are appreciated Johnnie.

On 3 Nov the annual fall luncheon was held at the OC at Ft McNair in DC. Those present were **Janairo, Moore**, in a wheelchair, **Wright WHS, Koscielniak, Wing, Carter, Duehring, Wooten, Mitchell, Ferguson,** who drove down from PA, **Waldrop, King, Lewis M, Fitch, O'Meara, Beasley,** and **Porter,** who drove up from his farm in mid-VA. In addition to Porter and Ferguson, Wing and Wright are out-of-towners and as such are particularly welcome indeed. The real surprise, which Pete kept from all of us, was the sight of Ned Moore "tooling" up in his wheelchair. Most of us had not seen Ned for about a yr. Pete solicited ideas as to what we should do about a Class gift for USMA at our 60th Reunion in 90. There is a modest amount in the Class Fund. If you have a real suggestion Pete would love to hear from you soon. There will be details in a future column about our spring luncheon in 88; it will be held on 3 May, so mark your calendars, and plan to come.

Pete King's sculpture exhibit and sale in Oct, as mentioned in the last *ASSEMBLY*, was a great success. Many pieces were sold, all to the benefit of the Natl Cathedral. One classmate who got there early was **Bill Carter** as shown below.

1930: Bill Carter at Pete King's sculpture exhibit in DC

Ed Berry sent in a card from Foster City, CA on 4 Nov, relaying info from **Bob Cron** in Walnut Creek that **Beth Carrithers** had died in a nursing home there 28 Oct. **Jojo** died several yrs ago; they both donated their bodies to the UCSF med facilities. They had no children. **Bob Lancefield** handled their estate, one third of which went to the WP Fund.

In early Nov I received a very nice letter from LTG Gar Davidson about the Cadet Chapel Book, published under arrangements made by '27. Unfortunately, the '30 Class window picture was mistakenly replaced by the '26 window in the first books published. This error has now been corrected, and replacement books are available to original purchasers. I can heartily recommend this book to any of you who have not yet bought one.

Address correction. **Koscielniak's** address should be Arlington and not Alexandria, as shown in our current rosters.

Ted Kimpton wrote an interesting letter dated 17 Nov from Carlisle, PA. As we reported last yr, Ted got to FL before Christmas 86, but promptly developed chest pains. He entered a hosp at Ormond Beach and was advised to undergo heart surgery. However Ted elected to return to Carlisle, and was later advised at the Hershey Med Center that he should not risk surgery. He then started oral treatments which continue to this day. He is not bedridden, but is very weak. Fortunately, he can still drive, and sometimes plays a few holes of golf. **Rita** is in good health and takes good care of Ted and their home. Better luck to both of you in 88.

On 19 Nov **Ray Brisach** died at age 79 in the VA Med Center in Martinsburg WV. As reported earlier, he had been ill since Feb 87, initially undergoing a brain tumor op from which he never fully regained consciousness. He was buried in Arlington 25 Nov after services with full mil honors at the main chapel and at graveside. Pallbearers were classmates **Carter, Janairo, Lewis M, Wooten, King, Duehring, Wing, Beasley,** and **Timothy** who flew up from FL for the service. **Mitchell** and **Moore** were present, but not physically able to serve as pallbearers. Bill Carter gave a very appropriate eulogy. After the service, a reception was held at the Admin Bldg which was arranged by ladies of the ANCC who golf with **Charlotte**.

Bill Carter was the Class contact man with **Charlotte** during **Ray's** illness, a service which she described as completely supportive by both Bill and **Sally Carter.** Ray was survived among others, by his son COL Eugene Brisach USA, who is stationed in this area, and 7 grandchildren. The Class will not forget Ray's yrs of devoted service as our scribe.

Alva Fitch & Carolyn are moving from Alexandria to a ret colony 15 Dec, just in time for Christmas. We shall miss them, but they have promised to visit this area often, and plan to attend all Class functions. Their new address is LTG Alva R Fitch, 5806 Williamsburg Landing Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Tel: (804) 229-3984.

A brief Christmas note from **Ham Hampton** in Yuma, AZ advises that he & **Anne** sold their home in Green Valley, AZ and, for the time being will be spending all their time trailer traveling. Their mail address is now PO Box 2010-A, Sparks, NV 89432. We hope Santa was able to find their mobile home.

In Dec we had a delightful chat with **Connie Booth** who still resides on Gibson Isl, and continues to enjoy good health. She is helping **Fritz Weber** with the USMA Class Centennial Reunion project mentioned in previous columns. Connie is without doubt the best informed person I know about both the Old Army, and the Army we knew. I wish she would take time to write a book about people she has known in the Army.

Remember there are to be 5 issues of *ASSEMBLY* in 88. So, I need to hear from some of you quiet men whose correspondence files in my off are essentially BLANK!!

This issue of *ASSEMBLY* is scheduled to reach you in the middle of the "gloom period." We hope your weather is not too bad. "Irregardless," as **Tommy Dunn** used to say quite deliberately, you can take heart in the fact that in one month for most of us, spring will come again. There are few greater joys.

'31

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Johnnie Davis represented the Class at WP on the occasion of the Thayer Award on 24 Sep to Barry M Goldwater. The senator met him & **Wilma** in the Award Room after first meeting with the pres of the AOG and the Supe in the latter's off. The 5 were the only ones in the room. Responding to the Supe's request, Johnnie told the story of the initiation by our Class of the concept of the award and of the establishment of the Thayer Award Room as its gift to the Academy. The senator was much impressed, the more so as he was given a tour of the room. He was quite pleased to hear that his portrait in oil would soon join those of the distinguished honorees who had been selected in prior yrs starting in 1958. Later, they attended a reception at Cullum Hall where a large gathering of Barry's friends awaited.

1931: Goldwater and Davis with the Supe and pres of AOG in Thayer Award Room

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There followed a review of the Corps, where a tarbucket was presented to him, then dinner in the mess hall, where the Thayer medal was presented by the pres of the AOG, who generously gave credit to our Class for originating this award. In his address, Barry Goldwater paid a heartfelt tribute to the Academy. This is the great American, who over his long service to the nation, had received many highly deserved honors. Yet, he said that the Thayer award was the greatest honor ever bestowed upon him. He best exemplifies the concept of Duty, Honor, Country. It is interesting to note that he also said he had hoped to enter USMA, and had he done so, would have been in the Class of '32. But his father needed him in the family business.

Forbes says that the hardest thing to do is to listen. I think everybody knows that we all learn from listening—not from talking. Yet on 4 Nov your reporter failed to go after a travelogue that would have delighted us all. He flunked compliance with the *Forbes'* axiom when two of the best listeners one could know, **Ernie & Nancy Easterbrook**, paid him & **Betty** a visit. Nancy's charm encouraged him to do all the talking—ad infinitum. A shame, since they had recently returned from a long trek through their old and familiar stamping ground, China. Uncle Joe's daughter Nancy speaks Mandarin fluently, thus enjoying an essential to understanding the ways of a people and their land.

The fall of 26 found 2 young men, aka **McNair** and **Passarella** in attendence at Braden's War College, Cornwall-on-Hudson. Pitching in with two fellow students an ante of $3.75 each, they succeeded in procuring a Model T, fully valued at $15.00. The only licensed driver, a rarity among us in those great days almost beyond recall, was Pass, who made possible their wkend exploratory drives to WP. On a very cold Nov day, Pass and one of the co-owners were en route to Poughkeepsie via Storm King for dates with two young ladies at Vassar. The overworked engine conked out. Pass was ejected. They abandoned their investment after pushing it off the road, forsook the balance of the expedition to Vassar, and hitched a ride back to Braden's.

1931: And our OAOs

1931: At Boyd's spa

Maggi Moore please take note. Stay away from India if protection of privacy should be of any concern to you. For you would be exposed to 4-fold jeopardy. **Ted & Nina Parker** were there en route to Homecoming at WP. The strictly enforced airport measures in India include no-nonsense detectors, which rang the bell when Nina's one artificial knee provoked it. Right there in public, Nina had to pull up her slacks to permit confirmation that nothing was amiss. (Just think what Maggi would have to endure.) Of a bit lesser consequence, a search to the very bottom of Nina's handbag disclosed a small nailfile which was promptly confiscated as a "weapon." (All jest aside, considering the dangers lurking in the world's airways, the Parkers and we agree that strict security measures are not a bad idea.) The report they brought back from India is one of masses of humanity, direst poverty and filth, which thwarted full enjoyment of an otherwise interesting and educational trip. (This update of this ancient land reflects no real change since my own OPD trip to CBI in early 43 where I found **Dan Callahan** in fine fettle.) On the Homecoming alumni march to the Thayer monument, Ted found himself again in the front rank in company with one each from '26, '28, and '30. By 91 we forecast all of us will have advanced beyond the rear rank. Ted's letter from their AZ winter qtrs was written as we were shoveling out an early Armistice Day 11 Nov snow.

Ockie Krueger tells me that **Francis Pachler** sent in a generous big contribution to the Class gift fund following upon his continuous yr-to-yr support of this

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1931: Pete Nubie inspects I Co's Lester

1931: The latest AAA at Monroe. Flanker with shell is Fletcher, just behind Berg

fund to assure perpetual care and other costs for the Thayer Award Room described in my Mar 87 *ASSEMBLY* column. **Gordon Blake** continues heavily occupied with his faithful animal rescue enterprise with more than 1,000 happy big and little critters being sheltered and cared for the past yr.

While touring Budapest, Prague, and Vienna, **Ozzie & Allison Tyler** didn't encounter a single classmate. An orderly withdrawal to the environs of Asheville, NC proved immensely more productive in this respect when they foregathered with **Dick & Priscilla Jewett, Fletcher & Miss Ann Cole**, and honeymooning **Don & Virginia Little**. Our vicar is now **Peter Otey Ward's** brother-in-law. Our scholarly Dick Jewett helps the Asheville-Buncombe Tech College every few yrs by handling the math and engring economics review for young aspirants taking the engring fundamentals exam for their professional engr registration. (However, no descrip.)

Our erstwhile trail-er blazer **Deke Roller** has settled down on his 4 1/2 acre estate in the piny woods of Anococo, LA, not far from Ft Polk. Now a happy married man, he & **Jayne** live in a 174' x 14' trailer with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, a kitchen, and den. A new trailer, which Jayne is making into their home, will make a half of the other one available for visitors and the remaining half for a housekeeper and her 4-yr old son. This news was contributed by **Roy Kauffman** who paid a 3-day visit to our newlyweds. He added that there are no alligators in their woods and that Jayne is a delightful and competent lady.

Any who may possibly visit the Wash area, please make an advance calendar note of the date of our ANCC 11:30 luncheons, since we hope you can time your trips so as to join us at our jovial best. Now and again someone misses us by a day or two. Our wives and widows meet at the same table at the club. Next 3 lunches: 8 Apr, 15 Jul, 16 Sep. This yr *ASSEMBLY* initiates a 5-issue program, one every 2 1/2 mos. To meet this accelerated schedule, please keep a steady flow of news (and more of it from more contributors) to me as it occurs. And Treas **Warren Hoover** is interested in the attention of all to continued Class dues.

Cam & Julie McConnell will live at 76929 Kentucky Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260, tel (619) 345-7509 until about Sep 88. Although they still maintain their home in Santa Barbara, they will not return to live there. Julie's "cold agglutinin anemia" is better accommodated in the desert, and their location "on a fairway" provides some 3 rounds of golf a wk for them—walking, not carting.

Van Bond died on 27 Oct at Memorial Hosp, Clarksville, TN. A letter from **Julie** told me this sad news of our loss of a fine southern gentleman and gallant infantryman. He had been ill for over a yr with cancer and heart trouble. He was buried in Clarksville's Greenwood Cemetery. I regret to say that the only time I had the opportunity to see Van since 31 was when he was a patient at the Valley Forge Army Hosp on the occasion of a visit to my father in 66.

After a long illness, **George Fletcher** passed away on 11 Nov at the Community Hosp, Monterey Peninsula. His ashes were to be interred at WP, the date to be set later. A flanker among M Co's flankers, we all remember the all-round athletic prowess of this big and jovial fellow, '30's loss and our gain in our plebe yr.

On 6 Oct, **Roy Kauffmann** lost **Catherine** after a long courageous fight against cancer. She died at a nursing home in Signal Mt, TN and was buried in the Chattanooga Natl Cemetery on 9 Oct. She came into this world on a day most of us well remember—6 Apr 17, the day the extras blared out our entry into WWI. A gifted lady, Catherine not only held a nursing degree, but also practiced as a licensed stock and commodities broker. She was a member of Alpha Jata Intl Honorary Business Society, Embroiderers Guild of America and Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge.

'32

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HAPPY NEW ERA! This is the first '32 column to appear under *ASSEMBLY's* new 5 issues per yr program. Deadlines have been shaken up and my ex farewell to you, "next deadline is one wk after you read this," no longer applies. Send me the news whenever you get it, with pix, and I'll get it into the next issue. While going through the transition, I would like to gauge the *total* readership of this column.

On a trip to New Orleans **Bill Powers** visited a mutual friend WP '29 whom I like very much but haven't seen in about 40 yrs. In discussing *ASSEMBLY* our friend told Bill "as soon as I read my class column I go directly to '32 and read it next." It got me thinking.

It's normal for a grad to peruse the columns of the 7 classes with members who were cadets when he was at the Academy. Over the yrs you expand that to include other classes which have members with whom you have served along the way. Regularly I've had comments from '24 to '47 saying they always read my column. When I routinely reported that the medics had cured my Paget's disease, I got letters, some from

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grads I had never met, asking for the details.

So if you are not in '32 and are reading this column, please send me a short note to that effect. It will not affect the content of this column which is *about* '32 but is *for* everyone who is interested in '32. And it will help me to gauge whom I'm reaching out there. I'll acknowledge all your notes.

FINAL FAREWELLS. **Charlie Williams's** daughter phoned and **Eddie Farnsworth** came through with a long letter when Charlie's cancer finally did him in. Charlie had lived with it for a long time but didn't let it affect anyone but himself. Eddie wrote how he and Charlie were looking through memorabilia in 74 and saw the *POINTER* cover Charlie had drawn in 31 for the Army/LSU football game. He had depicted LSU as a White Knight jousting with a USMA Black Knight. Eddie was intrigued and at our 50th at WP in 82 he had it researched. A thorough report supported the claim that Charlie's cartoon was the origin of the "Black Knights of the Hudson" appellation that you now hear, see and read every time you tune in orally, aurally, or visually on a WP game.

In a note to me, **Alice** asked that I thank all members of '32 for their gift to the WP Fund in memory of **Charlie**.

Erv Somerville's widow, **Thelma**, died in Sep. Erv died in a Japanese POW Camp in WWII after 3 yrs imprisonment and sometime after, Thelma married Wm C Tyler. Tyler died last spring. Erv & Thelma's son, Erven Somerville Tyler '59, carries on the tradition. He was secy of the WP Soc in the Hampton Roads Area in the early 80s and is now a COL on active duty at the AFSC. **Eddie Farnsworth** represented '32 at Thelma's graveside service.

We also lost **Johnny & Vi Gavin** within 3 wks of each other. Everyone has to go sometime and when our time comes to leave the stage, I hope that **Pat** & I go out together the way they did.

THE FAMILY SEQUOIA. **Winnie Culp**'s daughter, Dr Millie in Seattle, is expanding her new career in broadcasting. Her agent in Los Angeles is lining up the stations for an afternoon TV show for biz ladies.

Ed Suarez's daughter Mia has moved to Sun Valley for summers, and continues in Palm Springs for winters where she is in real estate.

Ed's other daughter Diana continues with the NC State Museum of Art. She received the byline credit for its latest publication, *Color and Discover*, a children's guide to the museum; a beautiful, large, stiff back publication. The talented lady made good use of and gave credit to her asst artist, as well as the art design and photography depts of the museum in creating her jewel.

Ed & Bee continue their good work for '32 in the Southeast where Ed is our RVP. Ed reported the sterling treatment that **Marian Hardy** & Don Jr received at WP when they took **Don's** remains there to be laid to rest. At Marian's request he has written Don's memorial article for *ASSEMBLY*.

Carol Power visited her elder daughter & husband of 2 mos (after 8 yrs of courting) in San Jose where they work in the vineyards of Silicon Valley. Carol went to the Grand Opera in San Fran, natch. In her words, "Opera is still my elixir, panacea, tonic, placebo, etc."

1932: Mary & Lou Coutts

A little red-haired girl named Hillary made **Lou & Mary Coutts** great-grandparents. And **Gale & Gary Hall** had their first great-grandson on a significant day. The little guy's father is a stock broker and the day following young Michael's birth, the market celebrated his arrival with the all-time record stock market crash in history.

WORLD TRAVELERS. **Dick & Helen Hunt** and **Mary Bower** took the AOG tour from Passau down the Danube to its mouth, then changed to a Black Sea ship at Varna and on to Istanbul; 7 major cities in as many countries. Both ships Russian. Along with gps from other univs were a USNA '32 widow and two couples. The latter included Bob Maulsby, younger brother of Bill '29, who molded character in C-D Co our plebe yr.

1932: Mary Bower, Maulsby USNA, and Hunts with friends

Frank & Claire Jamison took the next edition of the same trip with two days extra in Istanbul and enjoyed it very much. Educational, instructive and Frank wrote that when they got home they appreciated the US even more. A neighbor and good friend of Frank, same weekly bridge club, etc, is in the co that got the WP Museum contract. They are real heavyweights; King Tut exhibit, the Smithsonian's Dresden exhibit, Jimmy (pardon my expression) Carter Library, etc. Work is starting and he has invited Frank into their shops to see how the WP project is coming along.

Anne Brucker is hooked on freighter travel; mosied up the coast from Galveston to Port of Newark, then a mo-long trip with 7 other passengers to Naples, Leghorn, Haifa, Izmir, Alexandria, and Valencia.

Bob Scott flew to a meeting in Taipei for a reunion of WWII veterans; ROK, Fourteenth AF and Flying Tigers. Saw old friends including Ying-teh Loh ("Y. T.") who flew with Bob in 42. Y. T. is now the natl policy advisor to the pres of the Republic of China.

1932: Zitzman between Esther Wray (left) and Bobbie Webster

I decided life has been too easy lately so I took a 10-day hardship tour in Paris. Joined in the last half by daughter Kay & husband who had not been back since they met there as teenagers when SHAPE was founded in 51. Also their two talented daughters, TV producers in Dallas and Baltimore respectively, visiting Eur for the first time. One thing they especially wanted was to have lunch in a good, high class French restaurant.

With no prompting from me, one of my old biz friends took us all to lunch at Maxim's where the food was superb and our party of 6 was outnumbered by *maitre d's*, *sommeliers*, and *garcons*.

AT RANDOM IN QUONDOM. **DB & Lib Johnson** attended their first grandson's wedding in Duxbury, MA. Back at CO Springs, Libby threw a beautiful surprise party for DB on his (gulp) 80th birthday with many close friends and relatives on hand. After that, **Bill & Vivian Kunzig** came from S.F. for a visit and entertained the Johnsons and **Frankie Thatcher** at the Garden of the Gods Club. On a visit from San Ant, **Chuck Clark** joined DB and **Cal Smith** in a round of golf at the CO Country Club.

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1932: Cal Smith, DB Johnson and Doc Strother '31

1932: Pat Zitzman between Latrelle and Pop Duncan

THE HOCKEY RINK IN THE NEW WP SPORTS CENTER. The Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY* (p 49) set out the criteria for naming the new sports facilities and they are good: a grad who had distinction in the sport, was a leader in the Corps and fell in battle in the full vigor of youth. **Tom Darcy**, who was the hockey cpt when we were cadets, and I have each put in strong letters recommending that the hockey rink be named for **Sid Telford** '34. Sid had everything in the book, on the rink and off: class, personality, sense of humor. When the big push came to crack the Siegfried Line in Sep 44, he was killed leading his armored bn. If you want to support Sid's nomination write COL Robert A Doughty, Head of the History Dept at USMA.

CLASS RINGS. I now have two rings and a miniature to give to someone who would like them. I took no chances at the last Army-Navy football game, and when **Pat** & I went to the TV party in the Marriott lounge, I was wearing **Joe Kelly**'s on my left hand and **Bill Culp**'s on my right. Therefore, we won the game by two touchdowns, one for each ring. Let me know if you want a '32 original.

'33

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COULD IT BE that this Lucky Star Class of '33, well known for its flexibility and resilience, is getting *brittle*? **Bob Turner**, sitting alone in his living room, minding nobody's business but his own, hears **Ann** coming in with the groceries and, being the gentleman he is, jumps up to help her. And guess what? He breaks his blinkin' ankle, that's what. C'mon, gang, we all saw what Army football did to Navy—let's tighten up and *hold that line*!

ASSEMBLY is now on its new (5 issues/yr) schedule, so there'll be one more (15 Apr) before our 55th. Save the dates (18–20 May) and be with us if you can. No more broken bones. . . .

These past mos have thinned our ranks by two: a classmate and a widow, bringing us to the (approximate) midpoint of deaths by "natural causes" (as opposed to accident or enemy action):

—On 4 Oct **Helen Chapman** died at Providence Hosp, Hyattsville, MD, after long illness. She was buried beside **George** at WP. She is survived by their daughter Mimi Chapman Jones of Jakarta, Indonesia; their son LTC Don C Chapman '60, Ret of Woodbridge, VA; and 6 grandchildren.

—On 8 Nov **Joseph Brice Crawford** died at WRAMC of complications following surgery. He was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery, with many '33-ers present. He is survived by his widow **Marjorie**; their daughter Anne Bell of Denver; two brothers, Weldon L of San Ant and John D of Humboldt; a sister, Grace L Cox of Huntsville, TX; and a grandson, Brice White.

To the families of our departed, the Class extends a hand of friendship and reassurance—they were dear to us, too, and God willing we shall meet with them again. Please stay in touch!

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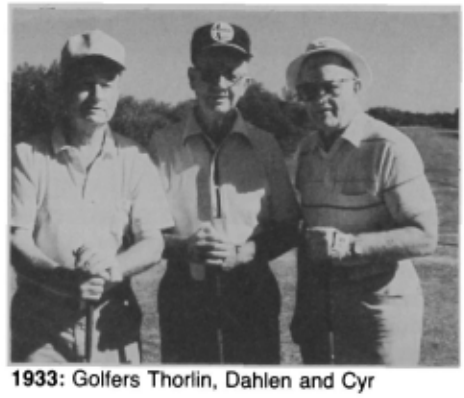
Bob Blanchard sends a welcome note and pic from San Ant. "**Bill & Helen Ely** blew in here on literally a whirlwind tour—they brought a thunderstorm with them, and we were out of power for 9 hrs. We set up golf with **Chet Dahlen** and **Fred Thorlin. Ann** played with Helen, **Tommy Dahlen,** and **Jean Arnette Myer**. . . . We just got back from Glenn Falls, upper NY and got caught in a snowstorm. . . . "

We have word that **Ray Corum** joined the Bypass Club this fall. From all reports (incl his) he's doing well. Your scribe recommended he read *The Healing Heart*, by Norman Cousins, a valuable little book.



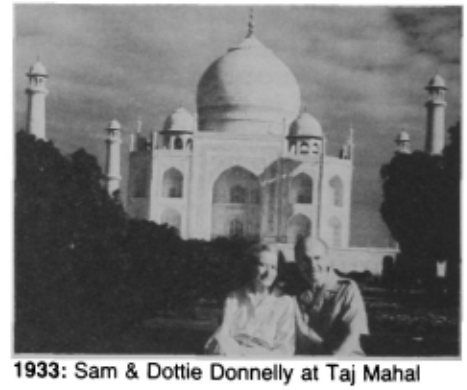
1933: Golfers Thorlin, Dahlen and Cyr

In part because he was so highly decorated, and with battlefield awards, **Joe Crawford**'s death generated some media interest, including a fine OpEd letter from a combat vet who had served with him in Korea. Besides the DSC personally awarded to him by FDR (see our FYB), his awards included 3 Silver Stars, 5 Legions of Merit, 4 Bronze Stars and 3 Purple Hearts.

A note from **Chet Dahlen** tells of the encounters **Bob Blanchard** reported (above) and more, "We took a marvelous cruise on the *Rotterdam* from Callao, Peru to Hong Kong, with many interesting stops, and we made two auto trips—to FL and to MI."

Speaking of Chets, a letter from **Chet DeGavre** recommends a "delightful inn about 2 mi so of St Michael's, MD, where **Tina** & I spent our last anniv and found it tops." The DeGavres were busy (end Sep) getting ready for the Garden Tour of VA's Eastern Shore, in which their home is included.

"The highlight of 87 was our fall flight around the world," write the **Donnellys**. "London, then India to see some of **Sam**'s WWII haunts, then Nepal. . . . We were lucky to have a beautiful day to fly along the Himalayas to see Mt Everest. Home via Hong Kong and L.A."



1933: Sam & Dottie Donnelly at Taj Mahal

Gray Essman sends their new address: The Woodlands, Apt 6-C, 217 Woodmere Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. "We're settled in our new apt and like it very much." He forwarded an interesting letter from **Bob Rayburn** (below).

"The flowers from the Class were beautiful," writes **Connie Eyler**. "We thank you for the loving thoughts. I shall be in touch." [*Note*: the Class sends flowers *or* a memorial contribution to some designated fund, as the family indicates its preference.]

"The **Fletters** thankfully continue in good health," sez their Christmas letter, "and intend to keep traveling because there's a lot of this world we haven't seen. . . . This traveling collects memories of events, places and experiences to

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be enjoyed when we can no longer travel comfortably. . . . But then we had a 92-yr-old on a recent tour who was as active as any of us—so maybe there's hope!"

1933: Irm & Bill Fletter with Marge Ryan

"Healthcare seems to occupy a great deal of our time," writes **Rita Guiney. Pat** was to go back to Denver end Nov for a further nerveblock to ease his spinal pain. All of us join in hopes that 88 will be a better yr for those two brave people.

John Honeycutt, it seems, not only makes violins ("fiddles") but teaches others how. Jul 87 *New Mexico Magazine* tells of the apprenticeship to John of one Prof Peter White, who "now sells symphony quality instruments through several NY City violin shops." Of such stuff is immortality, John—great teachers never die!

Word just in from **Bea Jones**, "I'll spend Christmas with Linda & Chris, then leave for Sonoma, CA and rent an apt for the winter. Sydna lives in Sonoma, which makes it pleasurable."

"**K**" had two ops in 87," writes **Charlotte Kaesser**—"Slowed him down a bit, but otherwise he's fine. . . . We think we'll be moving into the Indian River Colony Club next fall or winter—it looks good. 'Had lunch with the **Hurlbuts** and **Whites** in Vero Beach—all well."

1933: Red White, "K" Kaesser, Polly Hurlbut, Sue White, Charlotte Kaesser and Hurly at Vero Beach

From **Dick Montgomery**'s friend, Helen Holt, a letter of appreciation for "all the Class has done" in connection with Dick's passing. She is remaining at the Longboat Key address.

The **Popes** are back in their snug quarters at Laurel after summering on Cape Cod. "I shoveled snow the day before **Joe Crawford**'s funeral," says Phil, "and just couldn't make it."

"I hope to make our 55th," writes **Bob Rayburn**, who speaks of a trip to the US (from Ireland) last summer. " . . . revisited my old hometown, Alpena—few still around that I had known. Visited my sister in Albuquerque and a friend in Danbury, CT, and WP. . . . I passed my 80th last May. (Daughter) Rosalie & Mike, who live in Norway, came over to help me celebrate. (Son) Bob was in Morocco and couldn't make it. I'm well, and much to be thankful for."

From **Marge Ryan** we have a pic confirming her encounter with the **Fletters** on their Scandinavian cruise.

An interesting letter from **Barbara (Scoville) Brown & Dale**, "Since last yr was surgery, this one was travel to make up for lost time." And they describe their unusually comprehensive trip through South America in the spring, and through China in the fall.

"**Carolyn** & I are back in FL after Jun in Russia, 3 mo in Carmel, and a wk in TX (Dallas, Ft Worth and my home, Arlene)," writes **Oscar Senter**. "The 4 of us in the encl pic played our '33 Intl Match at Ft Ord, with **George Van Way** having the only decent score."

1933: Van Way, Meals, Leslie and Senter

"It's hard for a man—even a scribe—to win arguments with his wife," sez **Bert Sparrow**. "But noting that my normally articulate **June** has recently begun to mumble, I've urged her to enunciate her words more carefully. My new hearing aids are just what she needed."

"New Zealand is a wonderful country," writes **Carol Speiser**, just back from a 26-day trip to the South Pacific. "Everything else pales in comparison to the trip," which she describes in her Christmas letter.

Fred Thorlin reports from San Ant, "Here are pics of '33-ers at **Martha** & my annual A-N game party. We have Class luncheons every 3d Mon and get about 90% attendance. Attempts being made to reduce med service at Ft Sam; we're trying to stem the tide. Many of us are beginning to consider the various ret residences, and we like the Army Ret Community. USAA will open one next to Ft Sam in 88." Thanks for a very newsful letter, Fred.

1933: Cunin '34, Cyr, Dahlen, Blanchard, McCrary, Myers. Seated: Jensen and Thorlin

From **Art Tyson** comes news of a major move. **May Ware** had a bad fall last Jan, then a later one, with extensive hospitalization. Help in Savannah being difficult to get, they've moved to Mexico. Their new address: Primavera 75, Rancho Contento, AP 7 Ciudad Ceranga, Zapopan, Jalisco 45010, Mexico. Good luck, Art & May Ware—buena suerte, amigos!

Thanks to **George Van Way**, we have news of two of our widows: —"When attending a nephew's wedding in Denver (Dr Chas Van Way III, son of Chas VW Jr '24 and a USAR COL himself), I touched base with **Bobbie (Barbara) Broshous** by phone (Sep). She was recovering at home from apparently not too serious an accident."

—"Met **Maxine Bailey** at the wedding. Vivacious and attractive as ever, she was looking forward to traveling abroad this fall."

Reggie Weber reports new grandchildren, "On 9 Aug Reg Jr & wife Laurie, of Parker, CO, had a son, Derek Stephen Webster. They already have a daughter, Kristin, born in 83. And on 18 Oct Priscilla & her husband William, of Oxford, PA, also had a son, Jon William Pinches. They too have a daughter, Sharon Jeanne, born in 84. We look forward to the 55th next May—'see you then!"

CLASS MATTERS

55th Reunion, 18–20 May 88. Bulletin #2 has been issued; others will follow. **Steve Fuqua** has been hospitalized, and **Pinkie Webster** has generously agreed to take over mgt at the WP-Newburgh end.

Location of DC Area Class Luncheons will be at the Army-Navy Country Club, until further notice. Normally last Wed each month, but check with **Lyle Bernard** or other classmate in this area.

Newspaper Entries at Death are of two types:

—A short, fine print death notice, giving fact of death and details of memorial service, funeral, etc. This is normally handled by the funeral dir. —A 2–300 word biographical type obituary, with or

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without picture. This is normally *not* handled by the funeral dir and must be arranged, if at all, by the family or friends. Those desiring such obituaries are well advised to prepare them in advance.

USMA Class of 1933 Intl Golf Tournament was triumphantly held amid all customary confusion, uproar, wild exaggeration and allegations of mendacity; and was duly reported by a bulletin signed by **Hurlbut, Carver,** and **Pope**. Winners:

—INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT Top 10 using gross scores adjusted to course ratings: **Smith, Ely, Whipple, Blanchard, Van Way, Cairns, Bastion, Tripp, Shinkle, Senter.**

—HUSBAND & WIFE FLIGHT winners using gross scores: **Elys, Blanchards, Dahlens, Cairns, Walters.**

—WIVES & WIDOWS FLIGHT winners using gross scores: **Tommy Dahlen, Helen Ely, Ann Blanchard, Lil Cairns, Lelia Summerfelt, Betty Walters**

—PLAYERS's COMMENTS:

—**Leslie**: "As usual we paid little attention to the rules, esp those that would affect us adversely."

—**Cal Smith**: "My $1 entry fee I feel is really a contribution to **Ely, Hurlbut** and **Pope**."

—**Bob Rayburn**: (To **Charlie Carver**) "The Army football team plays in Ireland next yr. If you or any other members of '33 come over I'd be honored to have you as my guests."

'34

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The first paragraph is excerpted from **Dudley Wilmeth's** informative letter reporting his & **Frankie's** visit to San Ant. Dud was treated as an outpatient of USAF Hosp Wilford Hall in Nov and must return next May. **Cy Betts** ret from Southwest Research because of age and still works there 3 days a wk as a consultant. That helps keep him young as does his jogging, pushups, and swimming. At AF Village **Pinkie Alness** stays real close to **Jo**, who suffers from emphysema and osteoporosis. At the Army Ret Community they breakfasted with **Virgie & Jabo Jablonsky**, who were writing a letter to Cap Weinberger in appreciation of his having taken such good care of the armed forces. Dud sez: Let's all do it! Dud & Frankie had a phone visit with **Ken Cunin** who was paying court to beauteous **Jane Dunning** at her home. Wilmeth's visit included calls with **Catherine & Fred Cook, Kay & George Dany, Saralu & John Hutchinson, Tessie & Larry Savage, Irma & Ted Hoffman, Isabel & Charlie White,** and **Rip Winkle**. **Patsy & Jack White** entertained Wilmeths at Cappey's with "239 bean" borracho soup, enchiladas. . . . Their hosts seem to beat Dud to the check, but that's relatively inexpensive entertainment for the hosts. Dudley recommended that '34 appoint a *permanent scribe*. And he nominated from a slate of former reporters and reunion book editors. Forseeing a dearth of volunteers, Pres Jack White shot down the idea. However, any volunteers may send name and computer samples. At next stop, Waco, they visited **Hank Sebastion**. They suggest travelers and letter writers to keep lonesome Hank in mind.

Muff & Jerry Blair celebrated marriage of granddaughter Blair Kingston in Charlottesville, represented with VA realtors at Montreal convention, and assisted at St Louis wedding of daughter of cousin Lennie Griggs '54.

Paul Hanley, with **Jody** also answering calls, is chm of '34 @ 55 in 89, our 55th Class reunion comm. Paul and other members: **(Elma &) EO Davis, (Jeanne &) Bob Finkenaur, (Peg &) Blimp Neal,** and **(Jeanellen &) Joe Killian**. I included the wives of the comm after I read Paul's estimate of the situation including the decision to act "now." You may find some help elsewhere in this issue on reduced airfares as '33 @ 55 ops plan gets underway. Look to our own comm who will motivate, coordinate, accommodate, operate, inform, and supervise the whole affair from now until the final report is turned in. The comm requests your suggestions for any aspect of the fete. It has already selected the same time in relation to Jun Wk as used in former yrs. That was in rebuff to an Academy proposal that we move our reunion to fall, spring or post-graduation Jun. It takes women (and men) of courage to make decisions like that, so let's give them a hand! A helping hand full of suggestions. Do it today!

1934: Evelyn Ward and Helen Ruth at dinner, WP Soc of Hampton Roads

Two memos went out to you in Oct from Pres **White**. Both demand your attention. First, you are to write to WP and recommend that the hockey rink be named for Telford and **Van Nostrand**. Do it now!

Second, you should have long ago mailed your election of Class gift for one of the following: WP Prep Scholarship Program, the Library Fund or Faculty Dev and Research. We are most indebted to **Hubbard, Kern, Jablonsky, Norvell, O'Connell,** and **Stevens** for hours of research and long papers of discussion to help us make the election.

Foss & Tom Foote send: "After a nice holiday on Edisto Isl off the coast of SC we policed up around our home near Charlottesville, and in late Jun celebrated 50 yrs of marriage with relatives at Rochester, NY. Thence to Stowe, VT for 4 days and from there to Castine, ME for some sailing on Penobscott Bay with and against some Annapolis alumni. At home since late Jul we endured the drought of Aug & Sep. No further news at the moment. But I hope we could go toward FL in Jan or Feb. Our condo on the Outer Banks is rented for this Nov and next Jun. **Anne & Bill Kern** were here in late Sep as our guests for the Foxfield Racemeet. They (ED: THE HORSES?) were in good form. Also I spent two nights with **Lil & Bob Tyson** in Sep—two days of excellent sailing in his 35 ft yacht. Foote talked with **John Stevens** recently. He was in the hosp for a few days, now apparently OK."

1934: Dudley Wilmeth receiving certificate of merit from John Fisher, Pres Amer Security Council, Boston, VA

John Stevens reports: "DC area '34 met for Nov monthly luncheon at ANCC. Present: **Corrigan, PS Brown, Kern, Luehman,** and Stevens. **Bruce** absent with cold, **Edson** could not make it. **Cheston** and **Richardson** also missed. Next meeting—same place, 21 Jan. John adds, they discussed Class gift proposals, and recommend making it in memory of '34 who gave their lives during 'the war.' Stevenses visited **John & Janet Diefendorf** at Williamsburg Landing. **Louise Walsh** is reported as holding on. **Faith Edson** in latest report is taking good care of **Hallet**. DC '34 rendezvoused at **Kerns'** to watch ARMY 17—NAVY 3. Don't forget—send reunion suggestions to **Hanley**. *ASSEMBLY* deadline is 1 Feb."

Patsy & Jack White, Pat & Cy Betts, and **Larry Savage** watched Army—AF game via satellite TV at a sports bar. Jack said he played no favorites. He sat on a

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different side of the table for each half. To no avail—Army lost a good game.

1934: 1st: Jerry & Muff Blair, 2nd: Tom & Foss Foote at races, Montpelier, VA

'34 nominated the Honorable Paul Nitze for the 88 Sylvanus Thayer Award. We nominated Chet Clifton '36 for the AOG pres, and **Ralph Bucknam** for trustee-at-large.

Start planning now to attend '34 at 55 in 89, our 55th Class reunion in May of 89 at WP. Plan to rendezvous early and late, before and after the reunion with former roommates, co mates, teammates, former girl friends, current ones too, classmates who served with you, and those you have not seen in 55 yrs. What a reunion we can celebrate!

'36

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For the first time in the 33 yrs that you've indulged us by reading this column, there is a change! This column is being written 15 Dec—instead of 1 Jan. The reason? There will be FIVE issues of *ASSEMBLY* in 88—and thereafter.

Change #2: Since you've got to be tired of always reading "**Phil Gage**," you're now going to get a break!!! Our super-dedicated Class distaff mentor, **Sally Beard**, will write for you in May 88. She will print all the Class news—including the report on **Larry**'s cruise—that she or we have received up to 15 May. You will then see the issue in your mailboxes by approx 15 Jul.

We have been told that **Sally** is the only Class female columnist. And we are proud that not only '36 "leads the pack," but that she is so qualified to report on our news, our feelings, and the spirit of '36.

Hoping not to confuse you too much, please review the upcoming dates:

Issue mailed you	*Written by*
15 Feb 88	Phil—15 Dec 87
15 Apr	Phil—15 Feb 88
15 Jul	*Sally—15 May*
15 Oct	Phil—15 Aug
15 Dec	Phil—15 Oct

Many of us are looking forward to the 14–18 Mar cruise that our very experienced cruise-master, **Larry**, has been working on diligently since last Jul. Unfortunately, we also associate him with the word "yo-yo." The poor guy has had several changes in cabins, in applicants, and from the cruise line. Fortunately for us, he has absorbed all the flack himself. Here is his latest bulletin—"Plans for the next mini-reunion, a Caribbean cruise, from 14–18 Mar 88 are about complete. The following '36ers will be sailing from Miami on the *Sunward II* of the Norwegian Caribbean cruise line: **True, Terrell, Peggy Vincent, Hiesters, Klocks, Hosmers, Gages, Grubbs, Jones, McElhenys, Shepards, Chaffins, Steve Smiths, Meanys, Margaret Joyce,** Pat Hudson (Margaret's cousin), **Hay, Laurion, Patty Williams, Sally Beard, Westmorelands, Edie Wildrick,** Belle Robbins (Edie's sister-in-law). If you know of any other '36ers who would like to join us, please have them call Larry Laurion, 316-682-9211. He can't guarantee, but he'll try to get them cabins."

No greater proof of our approaching senility seems evident than the advertisement of those who are—or will be—residents of the sumptuous Army and AF nursing *homes*. It is understood that the San Ant Army Ret Center houses distinguished '36ers, the likes of **Grothaus, Powell, Torrey,** and **Tyler**. For some time already, **Bev Combs** and the **Bodines** have lived in AF Village. And now the announcement came recently to our door that Army Ret Residence in VA would soon accommodate **Julie Abrams, Breaks, Dawalts, Hanekes, Kieffers, Nadine Kingman, Larry (Cruise) Laurion, Palmers** and the **Swains**.

And while on the subjects anent the capitol, the Nov DC Class party included **Betty Dickson, Larry Sievers, Helen Spencer, Breaks, Chaffins, Cliftons, Dawalts, Evans, Lynchs, O'Briens, Twaddells, Saffords** (and **Sally's** spry 95 yr old mother), and the **Yosts**.

Ned Broyles called and indicated that he & **Lucile** were in good health and that he plays "some" golf. He says he's still recovering from an earlier hip and heart problem. After many yrs of disablement, dear old **Deacon Barlow** passed away—somewhat appropriately—on Armistice Day. **Dottie** sent thanks to the Class for their remembrance. By somewhat of a coincidence Dottie buried him in the same cemetery (Raleigh, NC) in which rests **Bill Covington**. Saluting Deacon for the last time were **Broyles, Page, Finley,** and **Yarborough**.

Louie Chappelear wrote that after we left him in Jul he spent 12 days in hosp—not as a result of our visit, fortunately! Then **Marj** and two daughters took a 3-wk trip to long planned for France, Scotland, and England. We lost the Chappelears for the Mar cruise because the ship does not have proper wheelchair facilities. Louie was very interested in going with the Class! **Bub Clark & Caline** celebrated their 50th anniv in Oct. He was also with a very few of '36 fliers on the occasion of their 50th reunion and grad from flight school. **Betty**

1936: 50th Flying Sch graduation: Austin, Arnold, Terrell, True, Ellert and Clark

Connor was through Atlanta in early Dec visiting her Pat and his family. He has been an engr for Lockheed a number of yrs and may be transferring to a new location soon. In late Oct **Ethel Crockett Aldridge** & husband Jack left their San Fran home for a visit to London and DC. In latter spot they visited with **Saffords**. Received a sweet letter from **Caye Curran** in Oct who'd been visiting her daughter in ME. **Eddie Dunn** sent in **Rus Groh's** obituary to AOG after many long mos of diligent research. It will be published in Dec 88.

1936: Chaffins visiting Steve Smiths

We talked with **Bob Fergusson** in Nov right after he & **Charlotte** had celebrated their 50th. He had recently talked with **Russ Janzan** who said he was alone—if not lonesome—and thought the cruise was a fine idea. We also heard from the **Greens**. One afternoon **Nick Grothaus** phoned to state he & **Dorothy** had been up north. A pleasantly long and interesting letter was received from **Elmer Grubbs**. He said his son has same address in DC with **Ben Davis** whom he sees occasionally. He states that his **Margaret** is not too well, and because of this he is at home a good deal. One of his consequent pastimes therefore is reading old *ASSEMBLIES*: and he cites several examples. **Laurion** called saying he had been in hosp one day and flew to

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Europe the next to enjoy a wonderful trip east on the Danube. He also advised—as did she, herself—that **Velma Harvey** was not going with us in Mar. In Nov, **Bill Hay** was taking a trip around country on Amtrak visiting children at various locations. **Tom Hayes** reports that **Jane Kinard** became Mrs Wayne G Dellinger at a small ceremony at the Navy PG Sch Chapel. (Certainly a beautiful spot to remember and also the site of one of '36's greatest reunions, courtesy of **Bill K.**) Jane & Wayne are residing at 28 Skyline Crest, Monterey, CA 93940. The **Hayes** had an autumn visit east visiting friends and relatives—and the **Chaffins**. Sep found the **Hesses** exploring the north country, i.e. a cruise to AK. And while on the subject of cruises, the **Heisters** are returned from the most ambitious yet heard about: they spent 47 days (ugh!) going around So Amer. The average passenger age was 75 and of course (from personal experience) they all caught viruses (over and above any *mal de mer*). The casualty list: 6 passengers died. Not from this cause, Dave has developed a knee ailment which will *ground him* for the ski season.

The first of Dec was a date the **Gages** and **Hosmers** met for lunch at Atlanta airport. Pleasant chat was passed for several hrs and Lyn's remarkable improvement was seen for the first time. The **Kellys** celebrated their 50th the end of Dec, and all the children were present. At deadline time, **Jim Landrum** phoned in that he & **Kay** are moving from their sky-high Waikiki overlook condo on 1 Jan. Their new address will be towards Diamond Head at 3003 Kalakaua Ave #5A, Hon, HI 96815. He said that **Rip** had had some shoulder trouble as a result of a ski accident of a recent yr. The **Meanys** were on a Nov cruise—warming up for the one in Mar? **Bob O'Brien** told us he has 3 new horses, all named after famous '36ers. A one yr old named "Crafty Layne," a two yr old named "Tiger Ted," and a 3 yr aged cleped "Go-Go Gordon."

1936: Motor biking for pleasure? Father/son Partridges

After upbraiding **Bob Partridge** for taking an unusual and historic motor bike trip last summer with his two precocious sons, and never recording the event on film, he finally found a (reproducible) pic of two of them taken in WY. Bob & **Tuck** also took a two-wk visit to HI in Oct. In mid-Nov **Bob Quinn** suffered a near fatal auto accident in Savannah. He was turning left when a car in the opposite lane struck him broadside and almost turned his car over. Bob's injuries were mostly internal and he almost bled to death. He's recouping now for Christmas. As they perennially do, Bob & **Juana** also came to the Scottish games at Atlanta's Stone Mtn in mid-Oct. **Rick Rickenbaugh** wrote that a second open-heart op a yr ago was not completely satisfactory, leaving him too weak to enjoy travel. He explains this kept him & **Arlene** from Hilton Head and next yr's cruise. But he hopes '36 continues reunions, because he *does* want to attend. The **Turnages** have been on 4 trips this yr and expect to see a grandson get his AFA diploma in 88 about the time of the cruise. **Jim & June Twaddell** celebrate their 50th on 2 Jan 88. **Chuck & Betty Waters** were visiting in San Ant in Sep. They "inspected" the new digs of our retirees **Grothaus, Powell,** and **Torrey**. They also had a party at the **Dunns**. They will spend Christmas with sister Mary in KY. Betty is having eye surgery in Jan. **Mimi Whipple** reluctantly rejected going on the cruise, but then suggested that there ought to be a reunion near her on Cape Cod. The **McElhenys** visited her in Oct.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

'37

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Just after finishing the Dec column last Sep I received the sad news of **Meyer Edwards'** death and added a short note before delivering it to the *ASSEMBLY* editor. The following Mon I accompanied **Marty Green**, his roommate, to WP for the funeral on 28 Sep. Services were held in the new Jewish Chapel on Delafield Rd prior to burial in the WP Cemetery where **Tom Compton** made some brief sentimental remarks concerning his "twin"—so called because they celebrated their last 20 birthdays together. Afterwards we gathered at Mary's Thayer Hotel suite and reminisced with her and her attractive family and spouses, all professionals in the computer field except daughter Tracey who is a tax lawyer. Tom & **Ruby** Compton provided warm support to Mary and her family. Mary asked me to "convey our thanks to the Class for the flowers that were sent, as well as all the kind and loving notes and phone calls." Please refer to pg B-47 of the 50 Yrbook for Meyer's very interesting bio.

The **Mitchells** had a delightful wine and cheese party at the Ft Ward Museum in Alexandria, VA in Sep, where Joe had been the curator from 64 to 79, and continues to be a booster and a volunteer on many occasions. Ft Ward was one of the largest of over 40 forts built at the beginning of the Civil War for the defense of Wash. It was restored by Alexandria and is a natl park.

Our co-ed luncheon in Oct was again a big one with 43 attending—**Hank Byroade**, the **Cains, Clarkes, Fred Diercks, Trapper Drum, Jim Duncan, Fraziers, Gildarts, Marty Green**, the **Halls, Hobbses, Luteses, Hoskas, Maliszewskis, Lee Martin, Mercados, Mitchells, Odens, Mette Parker, Prentisses, Ash Robbins, Seedlocks, Shives, Sally Taylor, Teeters, Jo Walker** and **Trixie Zehner**. Among the missing were our leader **Finn** and his **Bayly** who were visiting their son in CA, and the **Wilhoyts** touring the British Isles and the **Lemmons** out of town.

Jack Tolson reported in by phone from the AUSA mtg that he & **Margaret** would not be able to attend because they had to catch a plane to attend a mtg in Hilton Head in connection with the Army Air Museum being established at Rucker. Jack is chm of the foundation.

Roy Hefflebower, whom we lost to '38 after an injury to his foot during yearling yr, died 23 Oct at home in Falls Church, VA. Roy was a very popular member of our Class and C Co. He went on to become its co cmdr. I fondly remember how he kept me out of trouble during Beast Bks by whispering instructions to me during close order drill.

I sadly report that **Bryan Arnold** died 14 Nov in a nursing home in Sunnyvale, CA. He had been incapacitated by Alzheimer's disease for several yrs. His daughter Victoria took care of him at home for a while. She is still at home. Bryan's wife **Eugenia** can also be reached through that address. The first time I saw Bryan after graduation was at a remote airfield in Australia during WWII when he arranged air transport for me at a critical time. Later we had a pleasant reunion with him & Eugenia at the 35th. See M-47 and B-4, 50 Yrbook.

John Stowell, whom many of you know, and I took in the Army-Lafayette game at WP. It was a very exciting and high scoring game with a happy ending. John was thrilled with his return to WP where he was provost marshal and lived next to us on Barnard Loop from 45–48. He especially enjoyed rapping with the present PM and MP co cmdr, a tall striking-looking lady cpt, a grad of Notre Dame. Also, seeing his pic in a line-up of past PMs didn't hurt his ego any. While there I had an opportunity to compare notes on the Tac Dept with another lady cpt who is a Tac. If any of you have any problem with this I can assure you that her cadets aren't getting away with any-

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thing. I wisely declined an invitation to take Sat AMI with her.

Another successful luncheon on 20 Nov with 20 attending. **Delk Oden** drove up from Williamsburg and said they liked the Landings Ret community very much. **Trapper Drum** brought a guest, **Bob White**, whom many of you will remember. He took the short course, and left after plebe Christmas courtesy of the Math Dept. He wound up with Gen Eichelberger's 32d Div in Buna and spent the rest of WWII in New Guinea, PI, and then on to Japan. He is now in Norfolk as pres of the MacArthur Foundation and did a smashing imitation of his hero in one of his finer moments.

The **Mercados** are spending the winter in their San Juan condo and will return in Mar. The **Wilhoyts** also ducked down there for a short vacation on a nearby beach and had dinner with them one evening. About the same time, the **Gildarts** joined son Bert in researching the Natchez Trace for an article Bert has been commissioned to do. They warmed up to the task by doing New Orleans and then picked up a Winnebago RV in Natchez for the trek along this old Indian trail which has been incorporated in a natl parkway. They terminated in Nashville where they were unsuccessful in contacting the **VanVolkenburghs** but spoke to our **Frannie** who lives there. **Bob & Ginger** are off again to visit their children in Poughkeepsie and Montana over the holidays.

Many thanks to the **Lemmons** for a welcome bit of news and the accompanying photo showing a handsome and contented couple: "**Kelsie & Mary Lou Reaves** have completed their move from sun to snow, south to north, Clearwater to Minneapolis and are happy in a lovely new home. Their two daughters and

1937: Kelsie & Mary Lou Reaves

grandchildren live nearby. Kelsie keeps track of the Minnesota Twins from their 12th floor penthouse overlooking downtown. The view is spectacular." Kelley and Mary were their guests at an intimate 50th wedding anniv dinner on 23 Oct. The following evening, daughters Bette and Mary Jo hosted a "this is your life" dinner party at the fanciest place in town. The Lemmons report that Mary Lou & Kelsie enjoyed the evening to the fullest.

Again, exactly 37 enthusiasts witnessed the annual classic at the **Fraziers** and enjoyed both the game and their gracious hospitality. This number included two from the opposing side, Jim & Ann Prentiss Cruse, USNA '37 who, with our hostess, formed the Navy cheering section. Ann was suitably garbed in Navy dress topped off with the full dress fore-and-aft hat. Besides the aforementioned and us were the following rabble: the **Byroades, Marge Bailey, Cains, Clarkes, Drums, Gildarts, Green, Griffins, Halls, Hoskas, Lemmons, Maliszewskis, Mette Parker, Prentisses, Seedlocks, Sally Taylor, Ungers,** and **Trixie Zehner**. This is the 10th A-N game party for the Fraziers. They relieved the Zehners who initiated this convocation many yrs ago. Incidentally, I learned from Trixie that she became a 10th time grandma recently when daughter Chris in Newport, RI presented her with 7 lb, 10 oz Steven Michael Schuh. Father is a lcmdr, sub gp wpns off.

Geo McDowell reports that they had a delightful visit from **Dotty Donohew** and that she is a joy to be around although she understandably has her moments of sadness from her great loss. They did Galveston in a big way and one day Geo took her to work as part of her property mgt course—the field part. She was intrigued with the many problems of managing large condo projects, pricey townhomes, etc, but Geo could not convince her to come to Houston to work with Clark-McDowell Inc. Geo gave her an "A" on her short course.

In a note to **John Frazier, Bill Snouffer** said that he & **Nedra** had just returned from a lengthy trip to Morocco, Spain and Portugal. The Fraziers are off to visit son Doug and family in CA. Recently I read an article in *The Executive* mag featuring Doug and his earthquake consulting firm which is the largest. With his partner they supervise over 90 engrs and advise clients all over the world on earthquake resistant construction. Along this line I got a letter from **Jim Peale** reporting on the Whittier one that occurred several mos ago. He was in the shower at the time and it practically shook him dry but no damage to his home. He received some concerned calls from **Bud Hines** in NM and classmates in SF.

Sally Brown has sold the old homestead and rents in nearby McAllen while awaiting completion of the Army Ret Home in San Ant. She's not twiddling her thumbs though. She commutes to OK where she teaches at the Theological Seminary.

On 16 Oct the **Halls'** children and their spouses celebrated Scott & Ann's golden wedding anniv at the Columbia CC in Chevy Chase, MD. Congratulations to our worthy historian & his lovely bride.

Herein are some snaps received from **Karol Ames** too late for reunion news.

Peggy Hickok Hodge is looking for a

1937: Harriette Batjer and Swede Lindquist

'37 miniature to replace her stolen one. Contact her direct if you can help.

Scott Hall hopes these will be the last comments on the 50 Yrbook. According to **Gus Prentiss** the payments and contributions received so far have more than paid for expenses. Of the 350 copies printed, 13 were given to the 4 Friends of the Class who wrote letters to the Class, to the USAFA and USMA Libraries, to the Library of Congress and to members of the 50 Yrbook Comm. 218 copies were mailed to classmates and families. There are 19 available for those wanting additional copies. As requested by Scott, he has received notes of errors and omissions which he included in Addendum 2 mailed with the Dec Class flyer. If anyone needs additional copies of this addendum, contact Scott. Further updating of the book will be done through *ASSEMBLY* notes or Class flyers. Scott has received many complimentary notes and phone calls which he has passed to the other major contributors, **Frazier** and **Compton**. Correspondents and long distance callers included **Amos, Bell, Black, Connie Blauvelt, Mellie Clark, Cynthia Cone,** Mildred Blanchard (**Bob Marr's** sister), **Fellows, Penny Dunmyer** Elliott, **Jeanne Greeley** Thayer, **Hallock, Heidi Joerg, Klocko,** Paula **Laflamme** (**Ernie's** daughter-in-law), **Lawson, Lee, Lewis, Mansfield, Major,** Julie **McDonald** (**Bill's** daughter), **McElroy, Ann McKinley** Waters, **Murray, Register,** Marcie **Russell** Ward (**Al's** daughter), **Snouffer, Ed Stephenson, Bob Taylor, Tolson** and **Unger**.

1937: Kay Ames Gehrken, Roly Ames, Jr and Karol Ames

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Finally, **Homer & Sarita Uglow's** granddaughter Sara Cahill had planned for sometime to represent the Uglow family at the reunion. Through a series of unfortunate circumstances involving flight delays from LA, acceptance ceremonies into Princeton U and a flat tire en route to WP, she arrived just as the ceremony honoring our classmates killed in WWII was ending. Nevertheless she was able to talk to a few of our classmates and called Scott shortly thereafter to report that the Uglow family had been represented.

1937: Fitzgerald and the Ungers

A collection of Bataan and Corregidor material has been given to the USMA Library by John Patterson x-'59, in memory of his uncle, LT Alexander R Ninninger '41 who received posthumously the first Medal of Honor of WWII for action on Bataan 12 Jan 42. The librarian hopes that all who were in the PI before and during WWII will consider making the library the repository for their papers and works. Anyone interested please contact Mrs Capps (914-938-2954).

1937: Trix Zehner, Wade, Evelyn Powell

Have a good yr and come to the co-ed luncheon at Ft McNair OC, Fri 15 Apr, if within striking distance.

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On 23 Oct **Roy Heflebower** died at home after a long illness. He is survived by his wife **Jean**, one sister, one son Charles, two daughters (Lynn Ramsey and Leigh LaPorte), 6 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services and interment were private and **Dick Stilwell** offered condolences to Jean on behalf of '38.

Pp 10–16 *TX Hwy* magazine, detailed WWII experiences of Women's AF Service Pilots (WASP) and their tng at Avenger Field in Sweetwater, TX. In an earlier *ASSEMBLY* col we reported that **Kay D'Arezzo** attended a WASP reunion at Sweetwater during fall of 85. Kay was class cmdr for Flt 1 and received her wings as outstanding grad for 44-W-4.

14 Oct **Dupuy** became editor-in-chief for a multi vol *Intl Mil and Def Encyclopedia* to be published by late 91. 14 Oct luncheon at McNair was attended with wives by **Beverly, Bixby, Harrington, Lewis, Lotz, Missal, Mrazek, Sussman,** and **Blackburn**; also by **Chavasse, Damon, Schmidt, Bill Smith, Walson, Trudy Hannum, Rosalie Folda Valentine,** and **Isabel Bonnett**. The **Browns** were visiting friends in El Paso and their son and family in Santa Fe. **Tess Kopcsak** was golfing and the **Lahtis** were away due to illness of **Cindi's** brother. **Nim Collins** was visiting her son and family in Lubbock. The **Millers** were traveling in Aust and NZ. **Lloyd Johnson** ret to FL. The **Conells** had house guests and **Frank Izenour** had a big golf date. **Dick Stilwell** was out of town. **John Damon** distributed a new local roster of '38. **Kent Schmidt** visited Guam recently to be present for the birth of his 10th grandchild, a girl (6 girls, 4 boys). Rosalie Valentine and Isabel Bonnett visited Ft Sill recently, seeing the **Elmores** and **Offers**, and in El Paso, seeing the **Vails**. The Elmores and **Foldas** served together on Oahu when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Bob Offer had surgery at Brooke AMC during Jun and wrote, "Home in Jul and a slow progression to put on some weight. As of now, fine. Oct (last two wks) saw us en route to Turkey to visit our son in Istanbul. He is CO 528th FA Gp about 20 mi w of Istanbul."

1938: John & Dolores Damon at family reunion, Rehobeth Beach

1938: Another proud grandfather—Cliff Riordan and Alexander Smith

17 Oct **Gene Kelsey**, daughter Anne, son John & wife Gay, and the **Lewises** were guests at a delightful dinner and evening hosted by the **Lotzes** in their home. Gene had surgery recently at Duke Univ and may require further treatment before his golf hdcp returns to usual levels. His son John '66 is currently on Army staff in Pentagon, and Anne is an op res analyst at the Hoffman Bldg. Gene ret to FL after this visit. **Shirley & Junie** Lotz then spent two wks in Kauai visiting their son Roger. "We contacted **Clare & Pat Beck**, briefly visited their horse ranch at Lawai and dined with them at Kiahuna Plantation near Poipu.

1938: Junie Lotz, Clare Beck, Pat Beck, Shirley Lotz—Kauai

While passing through Honolulu on a return trip I called **Chuck Jackson** and **Elsie Sternberg**. We have 3 '38 families in HI and all will be at the 50th!"

31 Oct **Jan & Hugh Wallace, Mary Jacunski,** and **Muriel Amick** were companions on Danube River cruise, with a total 33 USMA alumni plus 150 others from 10 univs. They embarked on Soviet boat *DNEPR* on 1 Nov, finding Soviet food different but enjoyable. State rooms were small like on *Delta Queen*. In Vienna Jan & Hugh went shopping and to museums while others took city tour. There were city tours later in Bratislavia, Budapest, and Belgrade. Evening shows in Budapest and Belgrade were enjoyable. Travel in Rumania was delayed in customs and city tour of Bucharest was after dark. Aboard the boat, amateur shows by various gps, USMA AOG parties, and CPT's farewell party kept everyone occupied. From Bucharest they flew to Istanbul, took another city tour, and had to forego cocktail hr in remembrance of Kemal Ataturk (once per yr

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event). Many points of interest were visited but Jan, Mary and Muriel found time to do some shopping. Final farewell

1938: Jan Wallace, Mary Jacunski, Muriel Amick at Turkish rug mkt

party featured belly dancers, magicians, gp dancing, etc. After return to NYC Jan & Hugh saw two operas, Christmas show at Radio City, and *Les Miserables*. Hugh summed up, "An interesting trip but not one I would like to repeat. . . . "

4 Nov from **Brooks Wilson** to **Stilwell**, "Your letter forwarding photostat showing athletic team cpts '37-'38 was a pleasant surprise. I had no idea such a bronze plaque existed. . . . **Rogner** and I served in the same bombardment wing in England in '44. He was still the same old Rog, full of life with a smile for everyone, when he hailed me at a 48 football game in Michie Stadium. I miss him in particular, along with **Charlie Sherburne, Gabe Russell,** and **Allen Hulse**. . . . **Marge & I** probably won't attend the 50th. I would like to stay near my cardiologist . . . so will set my sights on the 55th."

9 Nov **Ed Machen** rendered a final report on our 50th Class gift—the enhanced Overlook. "Except for the final review and installation of plaques (projected for about 1 May), all work has been completed and looks fine according to Gus Fishburne. With cooperation of *ASSEMBLY* editor we think we can get a late spring photo in time for our 50th and a summer *ASSEMBLY* cover."

17 Nov Ft McNair luncheon was attended with wives by **Beverley, Bixby, Izenour, Lewis, Missal, Mrazek,** and **Voegtly**; also by **Brown, Chavasse, Nim Collins, Dupuy, Miller, Bill Smith,** and **Walson**, plus **Davis** and guest, Inez Ide. The **Stilwells** were in Bermuda and **Lotz** was in CA. The Beverleys are pleased to have son LTC Hank Beverley and family currently on duty at the Pentagon. The attendees concurred in the nomination of Secy Weinberger for the 88 Thayer Award and were informed of the status of the Class gift and preparations for the 50th. Davis was preparing for 3 exams and term papers for 3 coll courses. **Peggy Miller** was tutoring students with learning diabilities, but Frank informed us about their travels—2 wks in HI (1 wk

1938: The Beverleys in NVA—Welby, Margaret, grandson Bryan, son Hank & wife Betty

Oahu and Mauai, 1 wk Kauai). They had dinner with **Sternbergs** and later with **Becks**. Two daughters joined them in HI for a trip to Aust and NZ (1 wk Sydney and 1 wk Korara Bay Village), then on to NZ (Auckland 1 wk and then on to Maori country 1 wk) before returning to HI for 2 and 1/2 days before returning home. 26 Oct they went to Peggy's coll reunion at Wm & Mary. They are very proud of induction into Phi Beta Kappa at Wm & Mary (the original chapter in the USA of this prestigious honor organization) of their granddaughter, Virginia Fern Miller, first in the Miller family to receive this honor.

30 Nov from **Strand**, San Ant, TX, "The **Kieffers** hosted a cocktail buffet at FSH OC on 27 Nov to introduce their two sons, wives and two granddaughters to San Ant friends. Attending were **Wallaces, Macombers** and **Singers**. Maggie's sister **Mona Preuss** was there and Strand was there solo, for **Dotsy** was in Sacramento. Delicious food and a lively band made it an enjoyable evening for all. The Singers are going to stay home through Dec—a record for this much travelled couple. **Barbara** Macomber has a broken arm, so she **& Cliff** are staying close to home. The Strands are flying to Sacramento for Christmas and New Year holidays with daughter Kristin and 3 grandchildren. The **Wrights** hosted a Christmas party in their lovely home in Oakwell Farms on 11 Dec. **Evelyn Hartman** and the Wallaces live in the same area. The **Bayers** celebrated Thanksgiving with a new faucet in kitchen sink, installed by **Merrick**, a feat qualifying him as a master plumber! The **Kenzies** are enjoying life in AF Village II. They had a visit from **Charley Young** who was at Lackland for a checkup before returning home to AR. The **Van Sickles** are getting established in their home in Kalispell, where **Neil**'s son Pete also lives. . . . "

In last column we reported death of **Paul Preuss** and further info is extracted from a letter from **Polhamus**, "On 18 Sep we were deeply saddened by the death of Paul Preuss. He died from cardiac arrest after suffering with cancer for past several yrs. After serving in ATC, Paul was sent to CBI in 44 and then to WD Gen Staff before joining AEC in 47. He had various asgmts incl AEC tests, Air Def Cmd, and FAA. After ret in 66 Paul worked for 9 yrs with RCA dev electronics systems. . . . On a more joyful note, **Carter Duncan** visited the **Coiras** in Nov."

5 Dec **Mel Russell** has received final reports only from C and H Co team cpts for 87 USMA '38 golf challenge match and has requested all of these reports by 15 Jan. About 40 entry fees have been recd and more details will be in next *ASSEMBLY* column. From **Frieda Russell's** Christmas message, "We became great-grandparents on 5 Jan 87 when our grandson Richard's wife Karen gave birth to Lyndsey Marie—a truly darling baby. All children and we are doing well. Only one change made is Sara, who now works in state atty gen's off in San Fran and is very happy there. She lives in Oakland Hills and commutes to work by train."

9 Dec Christmas luncheon at Ft McNair was attended with wives by **Beverley, Brown, Missal, Mrazek, Art Smith**; also by **April Adams, Nim Collins, Damon, Chavasse, Dupuy, Davis, Trudy Hannum, Harrington, Lewis, Miller, Chuncha Ryan, Bill Smith, Alice Stilwell, Rosalie Valentine** and **Isabel Bonnett**. The room was well decorated with a pretty Christmas tree and everyone appeared full of Christmas spirit. Several ladies wore red with Christmas jewelry and some mil red blazers added Christmas color. **Stilwell** was ill after return trip to Korea; **Izenour** became ill en route and had to cancel. **Lotz** was in CA on business, so Harrington reported on the 50th preparations, and Brown about the 50th Class gift. As of 11 Dec our prog comm had recd 146 replies. Commitments to attend include 104 classmates, 91 wives, 17 widows, and 5 guests, totalling 217. Some further changes can be expected. Reports have been received from 17 classmates who, for health or personal reasons, will not attend. On 22 Nov the Harringtons were hosts in their home for mtg of our prog comm. Chm Lotz reviewed the preparations to date, including the budget, menus, flower arrangements, schedule of events, photos, etc. Further info will be sent to those attending by letter from prog comm after holiday season. We appear to be in a high state of readiness for an outstanding 50th reunion. Let's all be there!

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the following months: Feb, Apr, Jul, Oct, and Dec. That changes the deadline dates, too. So, when you have a news item send it; don't try to hit the due date, too confusing. The change may pre-empt some this time but no sweat, your news will lead in the next issue.

News from **Bill Martin** in the Rocky Mtns, "the far away land where news travels slowly." He writes, "**Milt Adams** joined me in Jul, along with LTG Bob Ruegg ret AF, for a trip to King Salmon, AK to fish for the chinook salmon. Had a great wk and caught an adequate number. I have been going there for the past 13 summers." Back in 39, Bill & his wife **Mary** traveled Europe in separate gps. (**Roscoe Crawford** and **Bill Henry** were with him.) This past yr, Bill & Mary decided to retrace together the route of yesteryr. In Sep, they had just returned from 3 marvelous wks in a camper in Europe. He then tells how Rocky, after inviting him to play golf in a member guest tournament at the Broadmoor in CO Springs, was straining so hard to win a bet on a drive that he ripped his rib cage. That squashed the member guest tournament for 87; maybe, next yr!

Had a nice note from **Phil Davidson** in San Ant, TX with a pic of the local '39ers taken 6 Oct at a party given by **Rich & Trudy Richardson** and attended by one out-of-towner.

1939: Newcomb, WT Smith, Richardson, Davidson, SR Johnson, Bristol, Whitehouse and Hamilton (out-of-towner)

Don & Rene Miller spent the last wk of Sep and the first two wks of Oct in New England. Periodically, they rent a cottage on Cape Cod in the fall and leave Prescott to go back and see the foliage, eat fresh fish and visit friends. While on the Cape, they dined with the **Morrisons** and the **Tom Smiths**. "Hadn't seen Tom since Pentagon days back in the early 60s. He looked great. He & **Fran** seem to be enjoying life, half spent in FL and half spent on Cape Cod. The Morrisons have a lovely place in Brewster with a view almost to Provincetown 30 mi away." The last wk, they drove to VT, NH and ME. While in VT at Manchester Village, they visited **Jack & Janet Kelly**; Jack in good health, doing some writing; Janet looking forward to the coming ski season. "They live in a very attractive condo near a golf course, which of course they use when not skiing. We missed **Claude & Jean Shepard** in Northfield, MA. Claude was at work at Amherst, so only got to chat with Jean on the phone." They had a great 3 wks but regretted missing **Carl Buechner** too, who had just left for FL about the time they arrived.

And now my apologies to **Ken Scott** who sent a welcome note in Jan 87 to arrive just after my due date. Somehow, it got in the wrong file and just turned up a few days ago. He sent a photo of 4 K Co files taken after the Army-TN football game in 86, a happy quartet indeed.

1939: Ken Scott, Howard St Clair, Bud Caffee and Sam Kail

Send a later photo, Ken and it'll not be so long in the publishing. Attending the game: Ken & **Mary Lee** Scott, **Sam & Mary Margaret Kail, Bud Caffee** and **Howard St Clair.**

Last Oct, Nina & I went to the San Fran area by travel trailer, as planned, and had the great good fortune to visit with the **Woods** at Carmel, who had not been forewarned, and the **Royces** in San Rafael, who had. We met **Sue & Elly** at his club for lunch one day, then toured the Robert L Stevenson Sch where Elly still teaches. Several days later, after having visited our new granddaughter in Monterey, we had dinner at Woody's home where he keeps a large garden. After dinner he told a very interesting story about his grandfather, OE Wood for whom Woody was named. His grandfather, who had been in the Rear Guard forces at the First Battle of Manassas, was invited to the White House with the few other survivors to receive the personal gratitude of the President. President Lincoln then offered any who wished an appointment to USMA. While at the Mil Academy, Woody's grandfather who was a very good sketcher and a bit of a poet, published a book which was the precursor of our present day *Howitzer*. Woody went to his attic and dug out original manuscripts. It was a most interesting evening.

At San Rafael, we spent two nights and two days with **Phil & Harriet Royce**. The first day he and I went to Letterman AMC where I was issued a pair of in-

1939: Sue & Elly Wood, Carmel, CA

the-ear hearing aids, while Harriet and Nina got acquainted. We lunched at the OC. The next day we went on a historical tour of Sonoma, visited a wine, cheese store and bakery, then picniced at the Buena Vista Winery, after having looked over their op and sampled some of their produce. That evening, we dined at a fine restaurant where Phil's oldest son is chief steward in the lounge. While at the winery, I took a picture of the 4 of us using the delay shutter on my new camera.

1939: Royces and Kepples, Buena Vista Winery, Sonoma, CA

Phil has become quite a philosopher (as you can see by the beard) and, while working with Harriet whilst she was earning her baccalaureate in history at Berkeley, became very interested in the religious history of Europe. When the men's club at his church was casting about for some interesting program, Phil organized a series of seminars, led by each member in turn, on this subject. He is now known affectionately as "Father Phil."

The next month, we again took off in our Suburban and Prowler; this time with the Green Valley RV Club known as the Chapparels. We went to a campsite on the Colorado R at Blythe, CA. There were 8 rigs in the convoy (3 serials, to avoid tying up traffic) all with CBs. This was an all-day drive to a potluck supper that night. Next day, when the others were playing cribbage and tossing horseshoes, or whatever, we dropped our trailer and went to Havasu City to visit **Ned & Jean Geary**. They

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have a beautiful home there. Ned showed us a stained glass lampshade he had made, but mostly he & Jean are into metaphysics. We saw the London Bridge, facing of which is original over a concrete structure, which was constructed entirely on dry land and then had the waterway dug under. Sand hills were used as falsework during construction at a great savings. When the flags were first mounted on the bridge, they were incorrectly arranged, but Ned got that straightened out. Now all the publicly flown flags in the city fly correctly, thanks to Ned. Ned & Jean are doing well and we had a nice visit with lunch at a new lunchroom in town.

1939: Ned & Jean Geary, Lake Havasu City, AZ

Elder & Erna James sent along with their Christmas card a news sheet so well composed it makes one envious: "The scorching days of last summer are gone but not forgotten and the beauty of the fall foliage rests easy in the memory. Thanksgiving dinner at daughter Gail's was a most pleasant beginning of another holiday season. Following a cheerful philosophy that as long as people can get out and around and carry out their customary life style, they must be in pretty good health, we declare that shoe fits us so we'll wear it." At the end of May they flew to NY for granddaughter Jacqueline's graduation from Vassar. On the return their sr pass allowed stopovers in Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and San Fran to visit friends and family. In mid-Jul, they were off to IA in their RV for a wk in Elder's hometown and then to brother Tom's place in No MN where "Elder caught a trophy fish (walleyed pike) which we had mounted and is expected to arrive soon to compete for wall space." They report daughters, son and families all in good shape and keeping close touch with each other and them. All in all, a good yr.

Fiftieth Reunion. In a brief summary of progress by the 50th Reunion Comm, **Gene Trahan** has provided the following info: *Anticipated attendees*—Approximately 190 classmates and several widows are planning to attend and have made payments to the Class fund. *50 Yr Book*: Early in Dec 87, **Mike Krisman**, chm of the 50 Yr Book subcomm conferred with the Reunion Comm and reported on progress. As expected, Mike has done an outstanding job, contributing diligent efforts and again demonstrating his talents. Preparation of the book is well advanced in spite of a few "slow" and non-respondents. The book will be approximately 200 pp long with an attractive hard cover. *Billeting*: Investigation is continuing for the best plan. A cruise ship is still being considered as part of the solution. **Bob Ploger's** Class Gift subcomm is proceeding with final arrangements for the Class gift and is awaiting final approval by the Secy of the Army. Response of the Class was overwhelmingly in favor of the gift of Medal of Honor plaques to the Academy.

With the new format for the *ASSEMBLY*, Class reports will be more frequent. Keep sending in your news so the Class of '39 can appear in each of the 5 issues. And my thanks to those who do!

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We've been a busy bunch for the last few mos of 87. For example, think of all those '40 gps that supervised that very satisfactory win over Navy. One such gp was at **Jack & Jo Kenney**'s in Santa Fe: **Jerry & Billie Addington, Charlie & Kathleen Banks, Bob & Jane Fate, Sam & Kiki Goodwin, Obie & Betty O'Brien, Carey & Betty O'Bryan, Babe & Stella Rogers, Fred & June Yeager.** At the same time, just outside Sacramento, **Bill & Kathy Porte** were cheerleading **Jack & Sue DeWitt** and **Bob & Belle Pfeil** to urge the Army team to bigger and better efforts.

1940: Hal & Terry Brown at the Silver Creek reunion

Bill Kintner has been busy, too. He writes that in 87 he has remarried (we extend **Faith** a warm welcome to the Class); the President has reappointed him to the Bd of Dir, US Inst of Peace; his book *Soviet Global Strategy* has just been published; and a book he edited, *Arms Control: The American Dilemma*, has also just been published.

Kermit Dyke is finishing 3 yrs of being busy as pres of the Chesapeake Ranch Club Property Owners Assoc. On behalf of the hundreds of owners of lots and houses in the 3,000 acre private community on the Chesapeake Bay just north of Solomon's Island, he has just finished mos of negotiations and court appearances to buy the common property from the bankrupt owner/developer—the roads, beaches, lakes, airstrip, stables, etc. They cut the ribbon 15 Nov; despite all the speeches, Kermit is *not* running for mayor.

Then there was that busy bunch from the DC area at the 3 Dec luncheon at Ft McNair, just before the Navy game: **JB Bonham, Bob Brewer, John Burfening, Bob Cassibry, Joe Couch, Kermit Dyke, Hazey Hazeltine, Oz Leahy, Russ Manzolillo, Joe Mastran, George Mayo, John McLean, Del Munson, Thad Nosek, Stub Oseth, Dave Parker**, in from CA to visit NY and VT, **Hobie Pillsbury, Mel Rosen, Woody Vaughan**, and **Freddie White**. Dave Parker told the gp about our 50th Reunion gift (more on that later), but spent more time explaining that the *AF Journal* had retitled his Dec 87 article on US strategic interests in the Panama Canal to read "The Panama Canal is No Longer Crucial to US Security." Dave says this implies a conclusion a bit beyond his intentions.

1940: John Burfening and Paul Phillips at the Silver Creek reunion

Woodie Vaughan told about his response to a USMA staff letter that said larger reunion classes have complained of not being housed together or as close to WP as possible. The staff asked for comments on 3 alternatives involving combinations of billeting reunion classes at Buckner or cadet barracks and scheduling reunions when most cadets are away from WP. Woodie replied that we're glad the reunion housing problem has been recognized, but that none of the alternatives provides acceptable accommodations, especially for older classes. He said that reunion classes want to be billeted together in first-rate places and they want reunions scheduled while cadets are at USMA (else why have reunions at WP?). He suggested that USMA 1) talk to alumni orgs at Ivy

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League schools to learn from them and 2) find a suitable convention center within 30 to 45 min of WP to handle reunion classes.

Thad Nosek then told of the planning for our 50th Reunion. He has convened a comm of classmates in the DC area with reunion experience and picked their brains. Actuarial statistics and the experience of recent large classes say he'll need 200 rooms for our 50th. Aside from a priority at the Thayer for perhaps 130 rooms and participation in the general alumni activities arranged by USMA and the AOG, he can expect no billeting or logistic support from WP. A careful search of hotels and motels in the greater area surrounding WP showed none within a reasonable distance that could or would reserve a block of 200 rooms at a fair price. There was one refreshing exception, though, in the case of a resort motor hotel, the Great Gorge Resort at McAfee, NJ, about 70 min by charter bus from WP. This has the usual resort features and good dining and sports facilities, including a 27-hole golf course, tennis courts, and swimming pools. Other larger USMA classes plan to use it for reunions (for example, '39 plans its 50th housing there), who find that the distance from WP and alumni activities would *not*, with prudent planning, be an insurmountable handicap. Thad needed to make an early decision to book us enough rooms for late May 90.

1940: Lanny Witt counsels Stan and Kay Smith at Silver Creek

Thad polled those at the luncheon. The resulting straw vote was unanimous: grab now the block of rooms that meets our needs. Therefore, Thad made the reservations and put down a deposit of $500. We've got housing! On to the 50th!

Dave Parker and the gift comm have been busy, too. Wks ago you should have received **Woodie Vaughan**'s letter describing several commitments the Class has made toward the publication of our 50th Reunion gift, the book now tentatively entitled *The Illustrated History of West Point*. Woodie pointed out that during 87 we signed an agreement with George Pappas '44 to write the text; we asked the AOG to commit funds from the '40 gift segment of the WP Fund; we made a formal proffer of this gift to USMA; and we signed a contract with Harry N Abrams, Inc of NYC to publish and market the book. One big advantage of having these agreements complete is that we can now predict with fair accuracy the maximum cost that we might have to underwrite from the Class gift segment. This lets us revise our fund-raising goal for end-1989 from $125,000 to $110,000. That should be within our capability. We've crossed the line of departure and committed the reserve; all that remains is to take the objective. This seems to be a good place to include **John McLean**'s annual treas report. John has this to say about the two accounts that the Class has with the AOG: "In Dec 87, the Class of '40 gift segment of the WP Fund was just over $68,000. For comparison, in Dec 85 it was just over $34,000 and in Oct 86, just over $49,000. This substantial increase should be a source of pride to the members of the Class who have contributed. However, to meet our revised goal of $110,000 in the gift segment by end-1989, we must continue at least this rate of giving and encourage classmates to participate who have not been able to do so before. Therefore, the Class still asks that each classmate contribute $100 annually—more, if possible—to the gift fund. We particularly hope that every living member of the Class will make some contribution, no matter how small."

John's report goes on, "With regard to the Class admin acct, the balance in Dec 87 was almost $1,400. Again, for comparison, in Dec 85 it was just under $1,000 and in Oct 86, just under $1,900. We hope each classmate will give $10 each yr to the admin acct since, as we approach our 50th, we know we'll have increased expenses."

And how does one go about contributing? Your $100—or greater—check should be made out to "West Point Fund" and marked "Class of '40 Gift Segment" at some convenient spot. Make the $10 check to "Class of 1940 Admin Acct—AOG." Send these 2 annual contributions to: The Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996-1780. Don't forget, these contributions are tax deductible!

And, speaking of contributions, **Woodie Vaughan** recently had a letter from Johnny Jannarone '38, Chm WP Fund Comm, asking that he advise classmates about relocation at USMA of the Major Donor Plaque and new criteria for adding to the some 2,000 names now on it of graduates, friends, or persons in whose memory contributions have been made. The plaque is being moved from the sally port of post hq, refurbished, and mounted in Eisenhower Hall. Current criteria for inclusion of a donor's name or the name of a loved one are a gift of $1,000 in one calendar yr or $3,000 lifetime giving. Effective 1 Jan 89, the criteria change to $3,000 in one calendar yr or $6,000 lifetime giving, so that if you want to be a major donor, you have until the end of this yr to qualify under the current criteria.

I called **Sam & Kim Webster** about the Carmel reunion 28 Sep-1 Oct 88. Kim says the response to last fall's flyer has been enthusiastic, with more "expect to attend" responses still coming in. In fact, some souls even want to sign up for every tour and activity in the program (leaving no time for sleeping or telling war stories). Their next mailing will go out in Mar to those that said "expect to attend" or "might be able—keep me informed." This mailing will have forms for hotel reservations and specific sign-ups for tours, dinners, and entertainments.

Jack & Jo Kenney reported that **Lou & Jean Mendez** visited Santa Fe last fall, stayed with **Sam & Kiki Goodwin**, and were the focus of a mini with local classmates.

I'm sorry to report some bad news. A recent phone call from **Lanny Witt** reported that **John Coontz** died this past 19 Nov after a long illness. Funeral services were at Ft Ord on 22 Nov. We offer our sympathy to **Tyke**, who can be reached at their home at 2208 Cliff Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92663.

Bryce & Sherry Denno sent a handsome photo of themselves, **Mac & Sally Lemley**, and **Dixie & Denise Lederman**, taken on the *Volga*, a Soviet riverboat that sailed down the Danube in late Oct from Passau to the Black Sea. There, the AOG-arranged tour transferred to an ocean-going Russian ship to their last stop at Istanbul. None of the classmates knew the others would be on board until the passenger list came out. Bryce says the '40 gp is indebted to Mac Lemley for his fluency in Russian. "He quickly endeared himself to the Russian staff and we classmates and wives shared in the resulting courtesies and perks."

1940: Lemleys, Dennos and Ledermans aboard the *Volga*

With this issue, *ASSEMBLY's* publication schedule is slightly accelerated to provide 5 issues this yr. This, of course,

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means shorter deadlines for scribes to send copy. I won't ask for info by any particular date; I'll go with whatever is on hand.

Marge & I hope that each of you had a gala Holiday Season and is well along on a happy and successful New Year. We'll see you at Carmel!

'41

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The Atlanta Mini (28 Apr-1 May) will surely be a winner—Co Ch, **Bob Kramer**, reports 192 '41ers and brides with confirmed reservations (as of 1 Dec). He asked me to say that even though you won't read these words until after the stated deadline, should you find at the last min that you can make it, please phone him—there are always cancellations—404-256-4948. He also said that, to keep the budget under control, letters (elaborating on the programs) are being mailed only to those who have indicated an interest. The comm has a great agenda, it will be springtime in GA, so LET'S GO FOR IT!

The 87 Christmas Letter with **Will Vaughan**'s usual charmingly funny cover was mailed by the AOG on 11 Dec, thanks to the outstanding support of COL Morris Herbert and staff. I am happy that this production survived the budget process and that you all still look forward to it.

The book is on track: **Walt Woolwine** has over $10,000 collected and invested; more than 70 bio drafts are in, and the first one completed and approved (by him) is **Mal Troup's**! 500 words is the max—the narrative format, edited by a third person who can (a) put it in the (more comfortable) third person and (b) meld in the appropriate adjectives is *recommended*. However, if you prefer another format—the allocated space is yours. No expletives, please. We *definitely* want a family pix. And we want one of you. Most agree it should reflect the zenith of your mil or second career. If that shows you on a golf tee—it's up to you! Don't forget that your "chop" will have to be on the final draft *before it goes to the printer*; also interpolations can be made onto my floppy disks until mid-1990, in case you are elected to Congress or make Man of the Year!

The "Class Summit" met in **John Deane's** off on Sat 12 Dec and **Mike Greene** will have a letter out in Jan discussing the agenda and plans for the Atlanta mini which has already grown to a maxi and promises to be a great affair!

The annual Christmas party at the Distaff Hall was its usual grand success—51 stalwart '41ers and brides. The guest of honor was Mrs Ethel Franklin (**Jane Garret**'s mother) escorted by **Woody**. This lovely lady was with us last yr also and remains an inspiration to those of us who think we are getting old.

Here's a position report on the flow of bios for the book: out of the approximate total of 330 classmates, widows, and families that we hope plan to send an input to the book, we have 71 bios in and filed. The co rep dirs have done a great job as "whippers-in" and the guy leading the pack is **Joe Reed** with 50% of "B" Co having completed their first draft! And please don't forget that my deadlines have always been elastic. At the same time, based on strong advice from the Class of '33 comm (whose excellent book is being used as our model) collecting input from sr citizens is like collecting input from sr citizens—and it takes (a) time and (b) active whippers-in!

Charlie Schilling sent in a poignant account of an incident at the annual reunion of the 165th Engr Cbt Bn he cmded in WWII. At one of the dinners where they sat together at a reserved table, the waitress said, "You must be a special gp having some kind of a celebration." When Charlie explained who they were and why they were together she replied, "So you all fought together in WWII. Will you please tell the men that I and my children are most thankful for what you did for us!" Charlie added, "Not many let us know these days—but when they do—there is a grand feeling of satisfaction—May it be said—Well Done!"

It ain't easy at our age to make even the local papers, but **Jonat Atkinson** grabbed headlines that read, "68 year old Atkinson shoots 68 at Highlands Falls Club"—NOTE: Par for that course is 70! Jonat & **Nancy** have bought a summer place in beautiful Highlands, NC, but they still fly South with the birds to sunny Bradenton for the winter. Shall we start a *Class of '41 Guiness Book of Records?*

And how often do you find a septuagenarian venturing on a unique but near disasterous odyssey? **Cocky & Hope Cochran** report, "We are still basking in the glow of our recent big adventure of bareboat charter sailing ourselves, with another couple, through four leeward isls to the west of Tahiti in a 39' cruising sloop for 2 wks. We enjoyed the spectacular beauty and topography of the reputed world's most beautiful isl of Bora Bora. We experienced the terror of being blown against a reef by a shrieking squall in the midnight blackness of our anchorage in a very remote lagoon off the isl of Tahaa. We powered free and dragged our anchor upwind to where it might hold better and spent the rest of the night on deck in the storm trying to make sure that we were holding fast in 90' of water!" Who says we're getting old?

In Oct the Natl War Coll Alumni held a seminar at the AF Academy at which **Ed Rowny** was the principal speaker. His talk on the INF Treaty was impeccable, as usual, and he took the trouble to break away from the Supe and the four-star Assoc MC to rush over and greet the '41 contingent in the audience.

1941: '41's award candidate—Ambassador Ed Rowny

FLASH: **Wally Lauterbach & Brenda Gustafson** were wed in Brewster, WA on 4 Dec!!!

TRAVEL: After **Cocky & Hope Cochran**'s scary adventure on a sailboat, we routine travelers have nothing to report except exotic visits to new spots on this planet or nostalgic trips to old haunts. **Butch & Jeanne Rising**, after a stop in HI with Inf Co CO CPT Harry III, wife and daughter, will fly West to their "Australia and New Guinea adventure which will include visits to Nassau Bay, Lae, and Finschafen." Butch won two Silver Stars on those beaches as a combat engr, cmdg assault landing units. **Paul & Marylou Root** will spend Christmas with son Mike and family in Frankfurt, his new asgmt.

Hugh & Mary Jane Foster visited Lajes AFB, Azores in Sep to give Mary Jane a much needed break from her confinement to a wheelchair and household over most of the past yr, and to visit son Rob, XO of a very interesting outfit which operates the Trans Terminal Unit. Besides playing longshoremen for Navy ships they " . . . perform sea rescue missions, including going mi to sea to take sick sailors off our submarines and rescue Portugese fishermen adrift on the ocean—usually in a hell of a storm!" **Kay** & I achieved a long cherished dream to tour the Orient in Oct. Those of you who have been on "The Wall," seen the Xi'an terra-cotta warriors and savored beautiful Guilin, understand how great it can be, especially for Kay, who had seen Beijing as a young girl. We are grateful to **Gregg & Mickey McKee**, authorities on Oriental art—especially ceramics, for advice on everything from shopping to tummy medicine! **Denis & Luci Grace**, though now ret from the New Orleans Port Authority, recently returned from Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. "Having a ball!"

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"It has been a 'travelin' yr for **Mo & Joe Reed**, starting with a Trans-Canal cruise in Mar from Acapulco to the US Virgins, continuing with Joe's WWII div reunion in Albany in Jul, followed by a wk's trip thru New England. They then took the glamour trip to AK via the Inside Passage cruise, a flight to Kotzebue (Eskimo village) and Nome (Goldrush town) on the Bering Strait, the 'Midnight Sun' train from Anchorage to Fairbanks, interrupted by a stay in Denali (McKinley) Natl Park to see the animals in their habitat, and a stern-wheeler cruise on the Nanana River out of Fairbanks. They returned to DC via LA (visiting relatives) and Tacoma (visiting **Martha & Bert Rosenbaum**, Joe's WP roomie). Mo says, 'Y'all take the trip!;' Joe says, 'Y'all take your credit card!' "

1941: Joe & Mo Reed at Kotzebue, AK

POTPOURRI: Received a very sweet and moving letter from Rose Lee Richards (daughter of **Jess Unger**) and Dr John L Richards, LTC, USA (Ret), son of **John Richards**, to report that her mother, **Marguerite** (Unger) Klette and John's mother **Elaine** "Sweetie" Richards had passed away from cancer during the past yr. John, number 26 in the Class of '64, and family live at 368 Church Hill Rd, Venetia, PA 15367.

Stan Ramey writes, "Missed you at Horse Cav Assoc mtg at Riley. Visited with **Mike & Eileen Greene**. The old Post is immaculate and not much changed from our days there. It is a living museum of the first order!" **Lynn & Bena Lee** hosted the San Fran Area Chapter's annual bash for the A-N game. **Tuck & Dody Brown** returned recently ". . . from a reunion of my old POW camp buddies. OFLAG 64 had about 300 offs and wives present in Alexandria, VA." **Ben & Marj McCaffery** and **Johnny McIntyre** drove to CO Springs from San Diego for the A-AF game, and though they didn't enjoy the show they savored the '52 sponsored party for all grads at the Woodmoor Country Club—'41 had the largest turnout!

Ret HS teacher **Dick Kline** writes, "US education is getting a going over, but I'll bet the special interest gps will dilute the effort and we will be back to the '60s again." **Laddy Greene** wrote a puny B-ache for not doing this much sooner, "**Jane** is a lovely lady from the deep South. Have known her for 15 yrs—a good friend of Margaret. She is very outgoing, smart, extremely well-known and liked in the community. I know you of '41 will fall in love with her when you meet her." **Charlie Fletcher** continues working for the Comm for Purchase from the Blind and the Handicapped—despite opposing law suits by greedy, special interest gps.

Ted Celmer hopes that the book will have photo coverage of WP today—having not been back since '59. It will. He also recommends that we dedicate it to ". . . our dear wives who have put up with and supported us during these yrs." **Cliff & Louise Cole**, having just returned from Australia, are now in So TX until 28 Apr. And the truly long-range migrants, **Rod & Gabby O'Connors**, are in Pucon to avoid DC's slush. Rod had a tough time at WRAMC this yr with a serious back problem. **Jim Cox** wrote that he hoped to make the Dec board meeting, but doubted that **Sara**'s hospitalization with a broken leg would permit. **Marion Camp** wrote that she had a great recovery from surgery at WRAMC in the fall, but that **Jack** had to be admitted to a vet's hosp and is still quite serious.

Our new CO settlers, **Hank & Kathy Boswell**, report, "Hank is recovering nicely from a heart attack on Veteran's Day. He was in terrific shape, doing everything right—that's probably why he's still here." **Pat Tansey** visited Norfolk to see CPT Vic (USMC) in action at Oceana NAS flying the F-21 as an aggressor!"

Sailor **Cochran** sent in the excellent prints of the post A-AF party in Woodmoor and reported that he and **Tom Corbin** were vying for first, " . . . in the great-grandparents sweepstakes!" Sorry,

1941: Cochran and Corbin finish "Great Grandpa Sweepstakes." Tom won by 2 wks!

fellas, but the great-grandson of **Jim & Kay Dienelt** is two yrs old by now! But the enthusiasm for "greats" is building up—good!

Lucy Millikin will be here with her entire family for Christmas and promises a picture of her special gang including Pete (finishing his PhD dissertation);

1941: Henschke, Brier, Carroll, J McIntyre, Upton, Troup and McCaffery

1941: Alma Troup, Marge McCaffery, Terry Chapman, Hope Cochran and Donna Cochran at Woodmoor Country Club

Sperry, teaching 1st grade here in Monument; Ann, a new customs broker; plus her 10 grandchildren. She deserves a special Christmas! **Harry Trimble**'s son Jack, LTC USAFA '71, is PCSing to Stuttgart with a new bride.

The Co rep dirs continue their excellent work on obits. **Spec Powell** has **Dick Aldridge**'s ready for the AOG and with help from **Horace Brown**'s input, Spec is writing **Howdy Clark**'s. **Tuck Brown** has followed up on **Dave Woods**' and it, too, should soon be at the AOG. **Whit Whitaker** continues his most diligent work with "C" Co on both the obits and the book. **Baron Von Schriltz** has done a Herculean job on **Ren Keleher**'s and is still seeking more data on his mil career, if anyone can help.

1941: Baron Von Schriltz at the Carrolls' party

The "season to be jolly" is here and we have much for which to thank the Lord!

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Julie Easton, despite a lightning strike that blew all of her appliances including the garage door openers, plus minor surgery (benign) remains her bouncy, cheerful self. "Son John will be here, from his new law firm, to join Betsy, whose new job is going well, and me for Christmas. My 'Things to do in 1987' list now reads, 'Things to do in 1988.' "

This issue of *ASSEMBLY* marks the first of the new 5 editions per yr, so keep the input flowing in and put the book on your list of "Things to do in 1988!"

I trust that we will all remember that when Tory Crawford took his last snap from center, as a first classman after a heartbreaking injury that left him limping, he struggled into the end zone, 9 yards, to seal Army's great victory 17–3!

YEAH ATLANTA MINI—GO '41!!!

'42

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What can I say? We did it superbly, with warmth, pizzazz, panache and a whole bunch of stamina! I speak of the fantastic 45th, of course. Indeed, like old wine, we've obviously improved with age—notwithstanding a little added sediment here and there!

First off, we're deeply indebted to **Ec & Genevieve Cutler** for putting all the pieces together—again—to assure that our 45th was truly all that it could be. **Yates & Helen Hill** demonstrated that "no experience necessary" applied to them for the way they stepped in to arrange and coordinate. **Bobo Clagett**'s skill with the whip and gavel as chm was evidenced throughout—and **Ali** obviously countenanced his inattention to normal household duties! **Jeff Davis** made a big hit with his surprise package of goodies for the he's and she's. (Especially catching was a delightful little precis on the way things were in '42—courtesy of **Doc Hyde**.) Although **Dottie Davis** was not listed as an advisor, no doubt her input contributed to Jeff's success!

We congregated in great numbers—113 of the Class (46% of the present troop strength) and a total of 229, to include **Sid Williams** and **Jim Rooney** whom we lost during cadet days. Both fit in as though they'd just returned from a long wkend! To name everyone attending would fill this column (Who yelled "I so move!") so I'll just hopscotch a bit, noting that **Larry Adams** led the list and **Bill Zimmerman** was the file closer. Others to be cited—**Chuck Bortell**'s daughter Bev, **Kathy Flanagan Farrell** & Ed, **John Finney** & his new bride **Lake, Jean Hughes, Jean Winkelmeyer Smith** Leu & Bob, **Rene Murray, Hal & Nonnie Ogden** with sister-in-law Gini Mueller, **Dan Raymond** and daughter Bobbie, subbing for ma, who was not physically up to attending, **Fred Rosell** and fiancé Anne Barber, **John Short** and friend Peg Quinlan, **Lynn Sifford** and sister Nancy McGarry plus **Rita Jaynes** and sister Harriet Demarest. Late scratches were the **Cages, Farringtons** and **Ray Miller. Martha Miles** was also absent to be with their USNA grad son who had been critically injured when struck by an automobile. The daily phone reports improved greatly but recovery was expected to be slow and painful. Part-timers included Meaghan **Flanagan** Leidig, **Lou & Kathy**'s daughter; Jonathan **Ulsaker, Carl & Pat**'s son and our cadet caboose, and Kevin Douglas, **Roy & Peggy Johnson**'s cadet grandson. Our Class aides, MAJ Gary Coleman '74, CPT Lloyd Carmack '77 and CPT James Hayes '78 were gems, shepherding us gently, firmly and with grace under pressure! I might add that their wives' occasional presence was responsible for some tucked-up tummies and straightened shoulders!

Taking things in chronological order, some of the hardier, older, wiser, rowdier (pick one) element arrived at the Ramada a day early for a wet run and a head start on the more circumspect. Some of them got to see **Ernie White**, who made a brief appearance before the crowd arrived. The trip up on Thu from DC proved to **Barbara** & me that "getting there is half the fun" as we rode up with **Bill & Mary Gernert** in their son Bill's van which he had carefully stocked for a safari. We took the scenic route up—beautiful—and lucked into a pleasant watering-hole for lunch. To save time, we returned via I-95 and were even luckier at lunch, meaning that at New Castle, DE we stumbled into a place that the girls found delightful and the bar was open!

Thursday's festivities consisted of cocktails and a buffet at the Ramada. Hugging, kissing, and handshakes and the cocktail hr put the buffet on the back burner! The only touch of bus was a highly proper recognition of the members of the fine reunion comm.

Fri am was devoted to bus tours encompassing the new Jewish Chapel, the old 1st Div of barracks and the new sports complex. At the latter, plaques with the likenesses of each corps squad cpt were a highlight, and my count showed that 10 of the 19 team cpts our 1st Cl yr were in attendance at the reune! Afterwards, we gathered at Eisenhower Hall for the formal dedication of our Patio. To refresh fading memories, the goal of "Project '72" was a gift of art. When that fell through, the Patio was undertaken, to be ready for the 35th—but we were only up to a ground breaking ceremony at that time. Optimistically, a plaque indicating presentation at our 37 1/2 mini was emplaced—a few mos before construction was completed! Improvements—thanks to the supervision of **Jeff Davis**—since then brought out a total input to the neighborhood of $90,000, with a handsome part of that attributable to **ElRoy Master**. At the dedication, **Al Hunter**'s remarks preceded the Supe's acceptance speech, filled with warm and humorous cadet anecdotes. We were told that our Patio is a welcome and useful addition to the scene. Next into Ike Hall for lunch, and thence to the Old Cadet Chapel for a brief but very moving memorial ceremony. **Bobo, Al** and **John Ely** made it a special occasion. Individual visits to the gravesites of our classmates followed.

Back to the Ramada to get spiffed up for the dinner-dance at the Thayer. A happy, Happy Hour got the juices surging before a good dinner, followed by good music and exhibitions on the dance floor that would have moved Mrs Roberts to applause! Before the midnight curfew, the long day began to take its toll and the die-hards who waited to take the last bus home were indeed "few in number" whether or not they were "the finest in the land!" Unfortunately, nap time on a very quiet bus ride home revived a number of the faithful, and post-party parties were soon in noisy progress!

As a consequence of the late night activity, a somewhat subdued gp filed out to the buses Sat am! In fact, a few chickened out entirely, so don't expect to find everyone in the Class photo! To Clinton Field for the aforesaid photo. With some difficulty, all participants were induced to shed their shades and face the sunshine. From there to the Plain and the unique opportunity to be *the* Class to take the Review. When the PA announcer introduced the Class to the assemblage, the scattered applause was suddenly punctuated by a sharp burst of acclamation from one particular section of the stands, where by strange coincidence, the '42 families were located! On a perfect, sunny Oct day, the Corps looked superb, and the aging, arthritic bodies of the old soldiers responded with mil posture remembered from plebe yr, if somewhat modified since!

To the mess hall for lunch, with a cadet at each table. (Can't you hear the tales in barracks about those old sods still making waves!) Ours was Kevin Douglas, **Roy & Peggy Johnson**'s grandson. The water corporal was **Sam Koster**, and I might add that he's learned a lot since plebe yr! After lunch, I told the plebe Kevin that his iced tea had been poured by a former supe! Kevin was suddenly blessed with a story to tell, not only to his classmates in 87 but also at many happy hrs in the future! After lunch, we ambled to buses on 10th Ave for the trip to Michie—and waited and waited. We fi-

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nally left for the stadium and even the most eager among us missed the 1st 5 mins of the game. It was well-played but disappointing, as the Black Knights were reduced to their 5th string QB, and the wishbone just won't go when you have to dig that deep. After the game, we waited—and waited—and waited for our buses. After every bus operating to outlying parking areas had emptied the stadium, ours arrived. My letter of complaint—and others—got a bedbug response outlining what had happened but failing to explain why the 4 buses of the only reunion Class got zero priority. As a consequence, we had a good, old-fashioned clothing formation trying to get showered and dressed for the final banquet. Cocktails were followed by appropriate toasts and a fine dinner. Then came the magnificent cadet Pipes and Drums band. What great entertainment! Then dancing to taped big band music provided by **Rip Young** before reluctantly admitting that "taps had"—or should have! One tidbit garnered was that **Sam & Betty Hays'** son was ensconced with his family in their old qtrs in Berlin!

Sunday's breakfast was another round of hugging and kissing, with regretful farewells. The opinion was unanimous that the 45th Reunion comm had done a super job, matched only by the quality of the people whose presence made it such a success. With reluctance I note that the small people of "G" Co won the attendance prize with 16—or 70%—on hand. On the other hand, their counterparts from "F" Co brought up the rear!

As Yogi Berra probably astutely advised, the future is ahead of us and in anticipation, **Al Hunter** is buttonholing people to make sure that the 50th surpasses the 45th. **John Reid** has agreed to coordinate the financial planning to guarantee that our contribution to USMA will be worthy of '42. Have this in your minds and hearts so that when the call comes, you'll be ready. Of equal import is that **Dick Horridge** has agreed to be the editor of our 50-Yr book. Please get in line to offer your help, especially if you're geographically handy. Much is conditioned upon his being able to sell the house and the orchard, so be on the lookout for a gullible person with plenty of scratch and the yen to leave the sybaritic pleasures of urban living!

In the more immediate future is the 47 1/2 mini in San Ant in the time period of 2–9 Oct 89, under the egis of **Ray O'Neal**. **He & Sue** are having a cocktail-buffet for the locals in early Jan for organizational and planning purposes. Info will be sent to all in the next Christmas letter, but do keep that timing in mind and schedule your cruises, exotic vacations, etc around it.

And back to the real world! **Andy Anderson** wrote regarding their new address. They've put their house up for sale and moved into a furnished place on the mainland as they await completion of a ret community in late 89. They'll be back on the isl next summer if the house hasn't sold. **Jean Hughes** had visited, and **Dopey & Jackie Stephens** were due for a rendezvous before the reune. **Lib** is still unable to travel—and she was sorely missed at WP.

Bunny Bonasso advised that he & **Eleanor** had enjoyed a trip to Europe, beginning in Paris where they'd met on a blind date, courtesy of **Matt Redlinger**! On to all the pleasure spots before doing So Italy where they'd visited his father's two older brothers and their families. They were accompanied by daughter Jacqueline and family on all the Italian segment.

1942: Bunny & Eleanor—Dolce Vita in Roma

Bob & Hancel Evans visted the **Offleys**. The only snap sent to me was blurred—probably symptomatic! The **Ormes** had all to dinner before the Evanses went on to see the redwood country and the CA north coast. The **Gernerts** were also out that way, as evidenced herewith. Their visit led to a

1942: The Gernerts and Offleys get Ramos fizzed

konklave of "K" Co, to include them, the Ormes and the **Colladays**. **Eric & Pat** had also hosted **Dick & Betty Hennessy**, luring them out of MI to see their daughter Mary—a high-level employee in Carson City—and family.

You can't hide no more dept—the **Horridges** attended a party at daughter Shelley's lovely new home. Conversation with a young couple who seemed to prefer more mature co led to the disclosure that the husband's folks not only live in Naples but are our downstairs neighbors!

1942: Dick Hennessy—the grey old dog—with Pat & Betty

A special kudo to our answer to Mr Hathaway, **Ink Gates**. If coaxed, he will show you his party eye, not true blue, but indeed black, gold, and gray! **Esther** sent along a lovely poem about our 45th, too much to include as I'm already dead with the editor—and besides, who wants to compete with talent!

Al Hunter's picture appeared in the latest TROA magazine. He and other smart alecs participated in a Bicentennial Constitution Day parade in Easton—in uniform. And he didn't appear to be holding his breath!

Phil Wyman produced another successful '42 golf tourney. Flight winners were **Sam Koster, Howie Slaton,** and **George Hesselbacher**. The disgruntled were **John Reid, Sam Gustaves,** and **Bill Ford**! One nameless duffer thought it was a driving contest and kept hitting onto Shirley Highway for the extra roll!

1942: Jerry, Gus, Carl and Charlie—optimists all

John Ely advised that **Bill Hamilton** had been undergoing radiation therapy at Bethesda for a throat problem. The initial prognosis is good. He added that the Class is supporting the effort to have the new hockey rink named for **Honi Tate** and his brother Joe. Seems like a natural, but who knows. **Larry Caruthers** had prostate surgery at WRAMC. I'm sure that the good guys are working to keep his morale in high gear. The gift to the Class reunion aides was a 2-qt pitch-

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er from the AOG catalogue. **Bill Kraft** and **Frank Clay** have become such experts on Gettysburg that they will be providing "tactical walks" for young offs and other interested parties come spring.

Carl Ulsaker reports that the 21 Nov dinner-dance at Bolling had to be cancelled because the Club had not recovered from a fire. Next event for those who might plan a visit is set for 10 Jun.

The **Gernerts'** Army-AF wkend was a big success—except for the game! Fri night at their house attracted the **Boltons, Connallys, Hennessees, Joan Michel, Ray Murphys**, some jr types of AF persuasion and some locals. Bread and many tax stamps were broken, but they were the only casualties! After the game,

1942: Elaine, Joan, Murph and Mary—no wonder he has a bad shoulder!

to the tavern at the Broadmoor to dine and dance. Sun eve with **Lu & Betty Clay**. Mon eve with **Ray & Elaine Murphy**. Joan departed for a golf tournament

1942: The host moves in on Margaret!

in Phoenix, hoping that the refurbished knee would hold out. Lu Clay is off to the Duke Med Ctr for a special breathing course, which sounds like a real workout, so let's hope that it pays real dividends. The best news emanating is that **Don Bolton** is in fine fettle.

As Mrs Pat Casey's cocktail napkins say, "After 60, life is mostly maintenance!" **Barbara** & I have concurred too well lately, as she has been having as yet undiagnosed miseries in both arms, and I've had a couple more bouts with the urologist. Must say that our spirits got quite a boost when we attended an Army-Navy game party arranged by some local jr grads and got to see the Army swamp the swabs.

Kathy Flanagan Farrell was specially honored by the Academy in Oct when a tree was planted by Qtrs 124 where she **& Lou** spent 24 busy—and productive—yrs! A marker accompanied the tree so that their contributions will be known in the yrs to come. Kathy expressed her feelings eloquently when she said, "When people would say they were happy to leave WP, I always felt they're not going to be happy in heaven!" Well done, Kathy!

And a very happy final item. **Chuck Bortell's** campaign to help Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS finance lights for **Guckeyson** Memorial Stadium bore great fruit, and **George Allin,** Chuck, **John Reid, Floyd Robinson** and **Howie Slaton** represented us at the dedication on the night of 16 Oct. A bugler played TAPS, the band played the natl anthem and a large number of people paid tribute to our **Bill**. I wish that everyone in the Class could read all the publicity from the school paper and from Bob Levey's *Washington Post* columns. Absolutely thrilling. And a 21-gun salute to Chuck Bortell for a superlative job.

As noted in the last issue, *ASSEMBLY* is to be published 5 times a yr. Rather than worry about deadlines, just send what you can, when you can, and we'll fit it in as best we can. The medics willing, **Barbara** & I will be off cruising the Far East with the **Offleys** in early Jan. If you see a column in the next issue, you'll know we survived!

Jan '43

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Well now, this is the first edition of our new series of 5-per-yr Class notes in the *ASSEMBLY*, and what better way is there to begin this series than with a "pot-full of notes about a lot of us folks." So here we go.

• **Quent Goss**, who returned to San Diego in 85, was so surprised to see the snapshot of **Jerry** and himself in the Sep 87 edition of our Class notes that he wrote to provide us with some news of our San Diego clan. According to Quent, **Jim Aleveras** had been doing a lot of running (including a local 10-km race) when he suddenly felt a tightness in his chest which led him to check into the Balboa Hosp for a weekend of tests. As a result, Jim had a heart catheterization, but is doing well and looking forward to a voyage with **Marge** on the *QE II* from Portugal to Dakkar, Africa and back with stops along the way. Meanwhile, Quent/Jerry were off to Singapore, Bangkok, and Hong Kong.

• During the winter luncheon of some 31 classmates/wives of our Wash clan

Jan '43: Celebrating the outcome of the Army-AF football game at CO Springs are the Seiths, Hacklers and the Bill Pitts

Jan '43: Ken & Dusty Buell at our Charleston mini-reunion

(including **Ginny Harrington**) at the ANCC, **Joe Benson** (Class pres) reported that **Tom Flatley** had also recently had a heart attack and was to undergo catheterization. Other items covered by Joe included an advance announcement of our 45th Reunion at USMA from 9/29—10/2/88 (the Army-Bucknell homecoming game wkend) during which we will be staying at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh. He said that he will be sending a letter to everyone with more info about this reunion on 1/19/88 (our actual Jun-in-Jan 45th). During the course of our bus session, we also nominated **Bob McDermott** and **Frank Camm** for additional terms as AOG Trustees-at-Large and **Jim Frankosky** to be Class Trustee. Bob was also nominated to be pres of the AOG. Speaking on behalf of **Pete Grimm** (editor of our forthcoming 50th Anniv Yrbook), Joe announced that **Wendell Bevan, Ed Bennett** and **Nancy Benson** have joined Pete's staff, while Frankosky, Camm and **Darrie Richards** will serve on the advisory comm for the yrbook.

• According to **Bill Knowlton** (chm of our 50th Anniv Gift Comm), we are now 1/5 of the way to our fund-raising goal for 1993, which includes substantial contributions from Class widows **Verlie Antonioli, Kathy (Beeson) Denison,** and **Jeane Mallory**; from Cherie Freeman in memory of her parents (**Paul & Audrey Andrepont**); and from two new members of our "$500-Contribution-Club" (**Dempsey** and **Ruyffelaere**).

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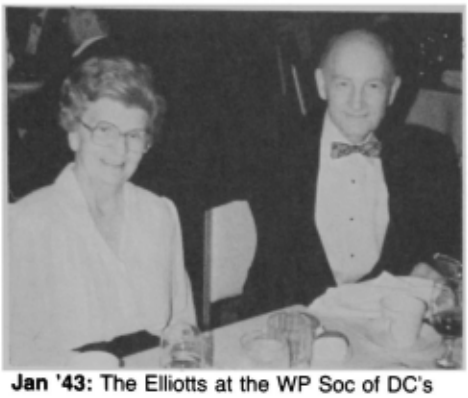

Jan '43: The Elliotts at the WP Soc of DC's fall dinner-dance

Jan '43: Fritz and Lowe sightseeing in Charleston

Jan '43: Hume with Nazzaro at an ANCC luncheon of our DC-area clan

Jan '43: Jane & Tote Talbott's Mongolian cook-out

• **Johnnie & Liz Johnson** have good reasons to be proud of their sons Tom and Nick. Tom '65, who is a prof of applied physics, dir of the Science Research Lab and asst dean at USMA, has been selected for COL. He is married to Cynthia Galas (daughter of Dave Galas Jun '43) and has 3 daughters. Meanwhile, Nick (a full COL) is ch of nephrology at the WRAMC Inst of Research and has 5 children.

• A major article in the 11/13/87 edition of the *Los Angeles Times* announced the selection of Richard T Schlosberg III to be pres and ch operating off of the *LA Times*. Richard T III (a USAFA grad) was the publisher and ch exec of the *Denver Post* and is none other than the son of our late classmate **Dick** & his wife **Helen**. Incidentally, Dick grew up as a "Sig C brat" along with **Jimmy Rumbough, Jim Huntley, Stan James** and me.

Jan '43: Dee & Kate Armstrong join the Knowltons and Arlene Camm for the promotion of Bill Knowlton, Jr '70 to LTC

• The Army Ret Residence Foundation—Potomac (ARRF-P) fall bulletin featured a photograph of **Bill Fritz** manning a Caterpillar bulldozer as actual construction of the Fairfax (the 1st ARRF-P residence) got underway. According to **Frank Camm** (pres of the ARRF-P), Bill, **Bob & Ruth Cook** and **Hal & Virginia Roach** will be the 1st members of our clan to occupy the Fairfax. **Bill Starnes** (pres of the ARRF-P's counterpart in San Ant) wrote to say that their new ret residence is completed and "80% sold out," to include **Tim & Louise Brown** who have already moved in.

• Some changes of address for our '87 Roster of Classmates and Their Wives include **John & Anise McGowan**, who now reside at 8607 East Orange Blossom Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85253, and **Ken & Dusty Buell**, whose new address is 1409 Oak Tree Court, Mobile, AL, 36609. We wish the very best to Dusty in her valiant struggle with cancer.

Jan '43: Ed Bennett with "lunker" brook trout and guide on the Eagle River, Labrador

• **Tut Frakes** is urging all of us to get our congressional reps to support HR 1917, which has been introduced by Rep Royal of CA in an effort to correct the 1977 inequities in Social Security benefits inadvertently imposed upon the so-called "Notch Babies" born during the period 1917–23—and that notch includes almost all of us. If enacted (and it faces a hard uphill battle), HR 1917 would increase our Social Security ret benefits (at age 65) by as much as 23% (in the case of those born in 1920). So, "buttonhole" your congressional reps to ensure that he/she votes for HR 1917 or one of the 15 other legislative proposals currently on Capital Hill that addresses this problem. Tut also reported that he has received a letter from the Supe (USMA) advising him that the Academy currently has 3 projects underway to memorialize the AF heritage of those classmates (and others) who graduated with wings. **Jim Frankosky** says that he will be pursuing this initiative when he becomes an AOG Class Trustee in 88.

Jan '43: The Starnes visit the Griffins in Honolulu

• In a letter to the editor of the *Heliogram* (a periodical published by the Council on America's Military Past), **Howard Wehrle** offered to assist in drafting sketch maps of the historical mil sites discussed in the various *Heliogram* articles, but added that he "wouldn't have heartburn" if his sketches were not published for lack of space or time. Meanwhile, the Oct 87 issue of the Army *Soldiers'* magazine published an article entitled "Hamburger Hell" which once again highlighted **Joe Conmy's** role as the tech mil adviser for the film *Hamburger Hill*. As Joe remarked after viewing the preliminary screening of the film, "When I saw what I witnessed in actual battle portrayed on the screen, it hit me right in the gut." Now, Joe is "on the lookout" for another possible film venture that would involve him as a tech mil adviser.

• Our congratulations to **Barbara Fiss** who is not only the asst dir of OPM for

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Federal Pay and Performance Mgt, but is also pres of the Eastern Region of the Amer Compensation Assoc (ACA) and serves on ACA's board of dirs. With all of her various business trips, **Bob** is really kept hustling, but always seems to find time to enjoy some good golfing wherever they go.

Jan '43: The Ruyffelaeres and Ruth Cook aboard the *Spirit of Charleston*

Jan '43: Pat & Darrie Richards in their penthouse overlooking the Potomac

• **Bob Smith** was in town for a series of meetings of the Social Security Admin's Disabled Pers Adv Council, of which he is a member. Bob and his friend (Joan Fulton from Columbus, OH) jointed a noisy group of us at the **Fisses** to watch the most enjoyable outcome of the Army-Navy football game on TV.

In closing, we offer our best wishes for a rapid and complete recovery to:

• **Marie Conmy**, who underwent painful spinal surgery last Nov.

• **Jim Hackler**, who had a shoulder op last Oct.

• **Jim (Rabbit) Brook**, who was operated upon for colon cancer this past fall. Although partially blind, he is still able to read our Class notes using a magnifying glass. We were saddened to learn that his wife (**Caroline**) died of Rocky Mtn spotted fever some 4 yrs ago.

• **Mryl Daye**, who suffered a major stroke following a cataract op last Aug, but is now beginning to walk again with **Jack's** round-the-clock help. As Jack remarked, "no flowers or sympathy cards, please—just say a little prayer for Mryl."

That's all folks for this edition of your Class notes. The next one of our new 5-per-yr notes will appear in the Apr edition of the *ASSEMBLY*.

Jun '43

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Navy having been appropriately sunk and the Christmas season celebrated, the great sidereal movement has again whisked us into a new yr. Just ahead lies our 45th Reunion and the presentation of our Thayer Gate gift to USMA. You will receive detailed info about the reunion from **Bill Malone**, so it behooves me not to upstage him (a near impossible task, in any case). In brief, however, the dates are Thur, 22 Sep to Sun, 25 Sep 88. We will be quartered at the Holidome Holiday Inn, Suffern, NY. Main events will be the Thayer Gate presentation on Fri and the Alumni Review followed by the football game with Northwestern on Sat.

About the gate, I'm truly happy to report that the project is *on track* and proceeding under the plan given in **Lee Hogan's** class letter of 10 Sep 87. **Bill Glasgow** tells me that WP will clear the site in mid-Feb to enable our contractor (who is also working in New South Post) to get a fast start by 1 Mar. As of this writing (late Dec 87), the response to Hogan's letter and **Bud O'Connor's** follow-up of 1 Oct has been good, and the effort is continuing. I wish everyone could see the drawings and artwork for this project. Space precludes adequate description here, but look for a feature article in the Apr 88 *ASSEMBLY*.

That's right—April. This magazine is going to a five-per annum format in 88. My deadlines will be mid-Feb, May, Aug, Oct, and Dec. But my asst, an ink-stained rogue named JW Krobar, will worry about that. Just send us your news at any time, and we'll get it in at the first opportunity.

A correction now. In the Dec 87 column I gave **Jim & Marge Christy's** new address with the wrong zip. Correct data are 419 102d Place North, Clearwater, FL 33520. (Knock your knob in, Mr. Krobar.)

Let's move on with one more picture from **Surkamps'** Aug splash bash. These two look as if they could still get into their cadet uniforms—a feat few of us could comparably manage.

When the **Thompsons** and **Clarks** played in the Southern Seniors Golf Tournament at Linville, NC last summer they took time out to gather with the **Bowleys** and **McCabes** at Bowleys' summer house. In the congenial gp below are (l to r): **Marge & John** Bowley, **Jean & Tom** McCabe, **Priscilla & Bob** Clark, **Ann & George** Thompson. Thanks, John—sorry we couldn't get this in sooner.

What next? We have always known

Jun '43: Cantlay and McAdam

Jun '43: Jun '43 in Linville, NC

Peggy Magathan as an artist, but now that she & **Wally** are well dug in down on the Isle of Palms she has turned her talents to the theatre—the spotlights, the grease paint, the applause—and loves it. Working out of the Millie Lewis Talent Agency, she appeared in the TV production of *The Blue and the Gray* and a number of commercials. More recently, she had a part at Charleston's Footlight Theatre in the comedy *Everybody Loves Each Other*. (Did this stimulate the superpower détente?) 'Way to go, Peg.

Jun '43: Peggy Magathan of the Charleston stage

From **Howie Coffman** I learn that the Dallas gp gathered for lunch last fall with 100% attendance. **Bud Bolling**, Coffman, **Hal Parfitt, Chuck Spieth**, and **Jim Wade** had such a good time telling war stories, etc. that they institutionalized the occasion as a monthly event. All classmates transiting the area are welcome and invited. Check with any of the

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above Dallasites for date and place. Counterpart activities include **Jim Walker's** Thursty Nite Sq in Satellite Beach, FL, the Fri lunch meeting of the Jun '43 Chowder & Marching Soc at Ft Myer in the Wash area, and the monthly wives' luncheon at the same place. Any more out there?

The peripatetic **Hardys**, late of McLean, VA but now sunning in Scottsdale, AZ, reappeared here on 9 Oct and were greeted by a goodly crowd kindly assembled by their daughter Linda. In the photo below are (l to r): **Betty** Hardy, **Nancy Rundell, Shirley Hill, Annabelle Silvester, Betty Anne Childs, Cecile Cover**, and **Nancy Malone.**

Jun '43: Betty Hardy and Co

And here are (l to r): **Deke Childs, Archie Hill, Bill Malone, Wick Wickert, JW Krobar, Bud Rundell**, and **Les** himself.

Jun '43: Les Hardy and Co

With **Archie Hill's** picture directly above, we should note here that a series of plaques honoring athletic team captains and outstanding athletes, by class, has been prepared by the Dir of Intercollegiate Athletics at WP. A good likeness of Arch as a cadet appears on our plaque. Below it are the full names of our captains: **Philpott** (basketball), **Bill Ray** (hockey), **Ivan** (lacrosse), **Ed McCabe** (baseball), **Munch** (fencing), **Hayes** (tennis), **Pence** (boxing), **Shiely** (rifle), **Leroy Wilson** (swimming), **Cutler** (track), **Ingwersen** (wrestling), **Bill Greene** (pistol), and **Ed Watkins** (gymnastics). These plaques have been dedicated at the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility. Congratulations to all our honorees! (I have just one question. Whatever became of the word "gymnasium?")

Now just look at this distinguished foursome outside the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas. Seeing **Ray Blatt** always reminds me of that time out at Ft Sill—but that is too long a story. I hear from **Dutch Umlauf** that Ray & **Barbara**'s oldest grandchild has recently been married, that Ray is operating a fruit and nut business (apples and walnuts) in Healdsburg, CA, and that he spends some time, on and off, cantering with a Trail Riders trp.

Jun '43: Ray & Barbara Blatt with the Hardys

Les Hardy also sent me a picture of **Betty**, himself, and the Hoover Dam. It would be hard to enlarge it enough so you could recognize them, so I better not try to use that one.

Turning now to the grove of academe, we have a card from **Tommy Tomlinson**, the sage of Jacksonville, who is enjoying a teaching and research sabbatical with the Dept of Mgt Studies at the U of Glasgow. Concurrently, he is researching his Scottish heritage in the glens and braes o' the Highlands. I can hear the bagpipes . . . **Bud (The Fox) Fredericks** is educating the Williamsburg, VA community with lectures on "Islam and Politics in the Middle East" as part of the William & Mary Special Program Series. This, he says, "at least keeps me out from under **Le**'s feet and off the streets." Salaam alaykum, oh shaykh!

You'll recall that our classmate **Tom Love** ret as COL, USAF in 72, had a new career as a commercial flight instructor and race car builder, but met with a tragic death in an air accident in 79 (obit, *ASSEMBLY*, Jun 80). Last fall his wife **Jane** notified **Bob Dwan** that the Loves' daughter had been featured on the Aug 87 cover of *Dossier* magazine. Sally is dir of the Insect Zoo at the Smithsonian's Natl Museum of Natural History, and has appeared with Johnny Carson, David Letterman, and other TV notables. Bob has met the young lady and writes, "Tom would be proud of her—she has much of his personality." Thanks to Jane Love and Bob Dwan, we reproduce the cover, much reduced, herewith.

In early Nov **Deke & Betty Anne Childs** flew west for brunch to the Jun '43 airmen's eyrie at the "Garden of the Gods" in CO Springs, whence comes the really great photo below. In the front row are (l to r): **Marve Beckett, John Hudson,** Deke Childs, Betty Anne Childs, **Marion Martin, Marty Martin**, and -yes- **Cab Brannon**. In the back row are **Myla Hudson, Susie Cassiday, Ben Cassiday, Roger Kullman, Anne Kullman**, and **Tom Beckett**. Note how well Cassiday looks—a wonderful recovery from the assault he suffered last Jul. (See the Dec 87 column.)

Si Silvester, afflicted with Parkinson's at the Nursing Facility of the VA Med Center, Ft Howard, MD 21052, has the distinction of having a book dedicated to him—vol II of *The Global Twentieth*, an anthology of the Twentieth AF in WW II. From **Jack McGregor** I've learned that editors Chester Marshall and Scotty Stirling have dedicated this volume "To Colonel Lindsey M. (Si) Silvester, USAF Ret, Class of June 1943, USMA, West Point." The book is published by Marshall Publishing, 2990 Watson Road, Memphis, TN 38118. Before being disabled by illness Si contributed substantially to this work and to the formation of unit associations. Volume III, due out in May 88, will contain an introduction by Si and chapters by **Ed Cutler, Zoo Gorelangton, McGregor, Bill Roos, Si** himself, **Chuck Spieth**, and **Jack Rawlings**.

Good news here! In early Dec **Jim Walker** talked with **Frances Tanksley** and learned that **Jep**'s recovery from the stroke is continuing so well he amazes the doctors. He is expected to regain nearly complete functional capability. Jim actually talked with the judge by phone and reiterates the **Tanksleys'** intention to be at the 45th Reunion.

But now comes the hard part. Having heard that **Pete Langstaff** was gravely ill, I called his home in Oklawaha, FL on 18 Nov and was dismayed to learn that he had died the day before—17 Nov 87—at the Ocala Memorial Hosp, of viral pneumonia after a long hospitalization and a series of heart attacks. Langstaff, the good soldier, our old "F" Co mate, the "mountain man" who walked the Appalachian Trail and rode a horse across the continent, is gone. Who can ever forget that straight arrow, genial personality and jovial laugh?

A memorial service was conducted on 6 Dec 87 at St Stephen's Episcopal Church in Silver Spring Shores, FL. Providentially, a letter has arrived from Ocala from **Arnold Tucker**, another old "F" Co file, and I quote, "**Shirley & I** attended the memorial service, having seen the notice in the local paper, both to pay our respects and to represent the Class. The service was most impressive and attended by an overflow number of relatives and friends. Perhaps the most touching part was the reading of the

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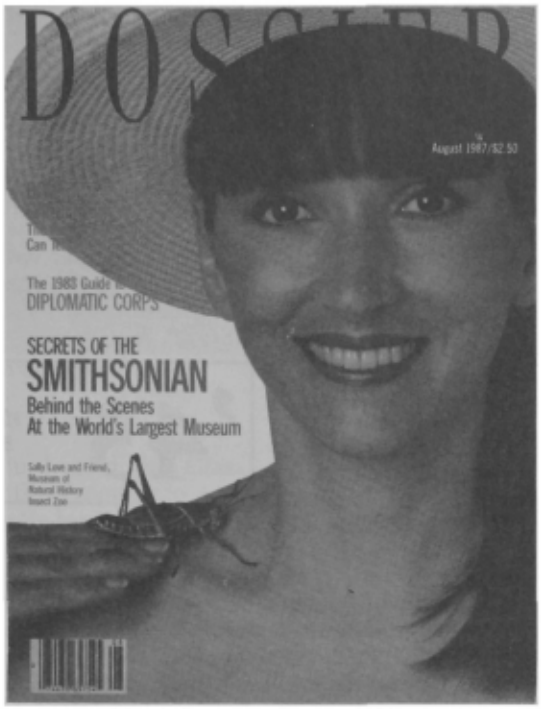

Jun '43: Sally Love and friend. Copyright *Dossier* 1987. Reprinted with permission.

Cadet Prayer by Pete's son George. Other heart warming testimonies were spoken by many who knew and loved him, leaving the impression that Pete's legacy is one for all of us to admire and emulate."

Pete was buried with mil honors at WP on 11 Dec 87. **Alan Jones** and I were there, with **Margo** and family members, to pay our own respects and represent the Class at the graveside ceremony. Margo, who was helped much by **Bill Lutz** in the wake of Pete's death, can be reached at Wit's End Farm, P.O. Box 964, Oklawaha, FL 32679. I understand that, for those wishing to contribute, a "**Langstaff** WP Memorial Fund" has been set up, address P.O.Box 923, and same Oklawaha zip as above.

Here in the Wash area, **Ann Rogers** and **Nancy Malone**, with some help from the male members, have arranged a Sun brunch party for the Class and local offspring on 20 Dec. Since it hasn't happened yet, I'll have to tell you about it next time. So long for now, and, believe me, Willy and Ed thank you for your support!

Jun '43: At the "Garden of the Gods"

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We have had a beautiful autumn in VA; my envy of FL and CA subsides when our hills and trees riot in color. "No never could I leave you, in Autumn—." While my neighbors raked, blew, sacked and suctioned leaves, I piled mine up, invited the nearby preschoolers to roll in them. The first strong cold front blew them all down the street. I did it and I'm glad! Everyone forgot after a ft of snow on Armistice Day.

Many received quite a shock from Wall St in Oct, and after-shocks since our govt won't bite the budget bullet and thus earns the NO GUTS award from the rest of the world. For some, however, other shocks have been palpable: breakfast was shattered by and with an 11 ft plate glass window at the **Gibsons'** in Pasadena as their house took up serious rock and roll with the earthquake on 1 Oct. Nighttime after-shocks added acreage to the toll of windows and anxiety; thankfully there were no injuries nor disastrous structural damage. Before and after that upset, **Chan** has been embarked with Cal Poly (Pomona) in establishing the Amer Bus Design Ctr aimed at "excellence and quality in Amer production and mgt" through interacting engrg, bus, environmental design (architecture et al) and other disciplines. The center plans to provide tng to students and industry execs and contemplates establishing an MBA-like degree: master of business design. **Marie** is busy in her studio of their new home, which is very modern in contrast to their Hacienda Feliz with her 3-dimensional collages of woven fiber art and acrylics.

Canadian friends, including **Fat Jack Combs**, threw a party for **Nick Fuller** on 13 Aug at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto, collecting guests from round the world including the **Stasers** and **Carl Anderson**. Afterwards, Stasers went to Ft Lauderdale where **BJ** participated in a natl contest in which she was crowned queen of the 60-and-over category of the Beauties of America Pageant. Then on to St Petersburg to visit **Bill & Marge Marks** with **Jack Hennessey** & bride **Donna, Tank DeArment, Bob Daly, Beef & Pat Courtney**.

Rock informed that the widow of our classmate **Jack Wells** (who was KIA behind enemy lines in Korea) manages a travel agency in Baltimore. She may be reached as **Ann Wells Sisson**, 604 S Hanover St, Baltimore, MD 21230. Stasers were visited in Anchorage by **Susy (Wolfinger) Federspiel** & husband in Jul from 707 Flying Fish Road, Fripp Isl, SC 29920. We welcome opportunity to keep in touch with families of classmates who

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1944: BJ Staser; Queen, Beauties of America Pageant

1944: Jacksons and Harrises at Homecoming 87

have gone on ahead and appreciate such info from Rock and others. Keep it coming!

Further of the jet set, **Nick Fuller** and Rene Lopez-Bravo '37 chaperoned the London honeymoon of **Fat Jack Combs**, who brought bride **Hillary** from Toronto for the 19 Oct party. (I suppose the London market crash that day was only a coincidence.)

1944: Rock, Carl, Nick and Fat Jack—Nick's 68th birthday

These new marriages bring to mind that "The Other Cup" is presently titled to **Jas O'Connor's** widow, since Jas's son is the last child reported to have been born to a classmate. So if any of these old bridegrooms wind up shooting silver bullets, let us know. Possession of "The Other Cup" is held by the father (or widowed mother) on behalf of the child until succeeded by another child of '44 born later.

Curly & Inge Jackson hosted **Doug & Leva Mae Harris** for Homecoming wk at Montauk, LI and WP. Great time except for the game score. Curly's son is now a triple-threat CPT: FA-Jungleer-Air Assaulter with the 25th Div back at Schofield Barracks where he started kindergarten.

In the course of requesting bios for the Class Book project, **Ken Cooper** received in Dec from **Beatrice Hendrick** the sad news of **Roger Hendrick**'s death from cancer on 15 Apr 87 in Saginaw, MI. We send our condolences to Bea and their family.

Was most pleased to receive a note and roll call of one of my favorite families from **Jack Johnson** in Tampa. Jack brought me up-to-date on Aviano, IT where he & **Meg** hosted me many times when we were in USAFE together. In 85 they had a great trip southward through Europe from Cologne, via Rhine cruise to Basel, auto-train through Austria to old haunts in Italy. Their great kids are all nearby in FL. We hope to see them in the New Year. Otherwise in W FL, it has been so quiet that **Dave Henderson** must be in jail.

We had nice Class luncheons in Sep and Nov, ate well, talked much, and had no controversy that **Jim Connell** or I can recall.

To hit the bookstores in Mar is *The Silent Snow*. **Ollie Patton's** new novel centers on the Battle of the Bulge, partly autobiographical. I'm eager to get it: during 3 yrs on night watches under sail I've heard of the travel, research, and growing pains of this novel without piercing the plot, and was privileged to hear **Boodler Richard's** story of the related walking tour of Ger that he and Ollie took as guests of the Wehrmacht in the spring of 45. "A green infantry LT, a battle-wise black SGT, and a terrified Belgian girl with only her body to trade. . . . " Reviewers have given it high marks, especially **John Eisenhower** whose history of the battle, *The Bitter Woods*, has been called definitive: " . . . provides insight into the battle from the soldier's viewpoint as the *Red Badge of Courage* did for the Civil War." Wow!

Jack Vitullo again did the honors to arrange "A Night at the Races" at Rosecroft Raceway in nearby MD. Defiant of bad omens, he assembled the gang for an evening of dining, wagering and sponsoring the USMA '44 Trophy race on the nite of Fri, 13 Nov, two days after our ft of snow! No reports of great winnings—or losses.

By the time you receive this, the Class Book project will be closed to new material. In the meantime, the producers are most pleased with the high participation of classmates in providing inputs. Proper thanks will be accorded here to producers, writers, editors, printers, naggers, and other supporters at the proper time, not now.

With this issue, I'm informed a new schedule for *ASSEMBLY*, 5 issues per yr, commences. I'm not sure that I can turn out 5 sets of notes worthy of your expectant attention each yr; I'm enough concerned with the quality of the 4! So, I'm thinking that we will plan to skip one of the issues, and will let you know in advance. Probably one with a summer deadline. Happy Gloom Period! GSOYP, A!

'45

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When I was growing up in Urbana, IL it was THE thing to vacation in FL in the winter. But **Hal & Julie Moore** have a better deal going. They spend summers and winters in Created Butte, CO (Jun thru Oct and Feb thru Apr) and spring and late fall (May and Nov thru Jan) in Auburn, AL. After Hal ret in Aug 77 he took a job as exec VP of Crested Butte Ski Area and did this for 5 yrs. Now he's completely ret. Hal loves the location which is 200 mi west of CO Springs and at the end of the road into the West Elk Wilderness. **Slade & Mike Nash, Bill & Edineé Combs, Pete & Cena Spragins, Sam & Rick Lessey**, and **Jock & Rosanne McQuarrie** are classmates who have visited at Crested Butte. Needless to say, the skiing is outstanding. The picture of Hal at Pearl Pass (alt 12,705) was taken on a ski trip from Crested Butte to Aspen. Hal and 3 others started at 0600 one day, climbed 3800 ft from a 9000 ft start, camped overnight, continued climbing at 0530 the 2nd day for 3 hrs to Pearl Pass and then on to Aspen. Hal said he's the oldest person to ski this trip. He added that it was an extremely stressful experience—almost as bad as Beast Barracks—but a very exhilarating 22-mi trip. The best part was the beer when they got to Aspen.

1945: Hal Moore; Pearl Pass, CO

Hap Argo sent me a list of the DC-area social events. A fall dinner party was held at the Natl Avn Club at Amelia's in the underground of Crystal City, VA.

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1945: Hal Moore, Pete Spragins; Crested Butte,CO

The **Bensons** again hosted the Class Christmas party at the Promenade Apts party room. 1988 calls for Washington's Birthday brunch in Feb, a spring party in late May, and the annual picnic in the summer. Men's monthly luncheons in SecArmy's dining room, 3C664 Pentagon are scheduled for 9 Mar, 13 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul, 17 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov and 14 Dec. (All of these dates except Nov are 2nd Wed of mo.) Luncheons are at 1230, with social time starting at noon. Any of us out-of-towners can attend by calling Hap Argo up to day before. (Office-823-8420, Home-780-5895)

Rex Sheffield x-'45 sent me a copy of the notice of **Jean** Hatter's death. She was married to **Corky Slack** and after Corky's death to **Barney Schneckloth**. She died on 23 Sep. A memorial service was held at New Castle, DE Presbyterian Church where she served as an elder. **Jim Elkey** passed on the sad news that **Tom Fitzpatrick** died of cancer in El Paso, TX on 12 Oct. He was buried in the Natl Cemetery there. **Gabrielle** now lives at 6143 Sierra Valle Lane, El Paso, TX 79912. Our deepest sympathy is offered to both these families.

Bill Love wrote that he & **Miriam** are back from Egypt (again). They're now living on Long Creek in VA Beach. Bill said that Egypt lacks the mgt talent to use properly all the money the US and other western nations are giving them. He says to come visit him and help defend him against what seems to be half the US Navy that surrounds them.

Marty Brewer and **Ed Mason** sent me a clipping from *Air Force* magazine of Oct. The AFA's Charlottesville, VA chapter has been renamed in honor of our classmate **William A Jones III**. Bill was awarded the Medal of Honor for action over No Vietnam while flying an A-1H rescue mission in 68. He died in a light acft accident in 69. This is a well deserved memorial to Bill.

Marty's letter also told about a tour that he & **Jane** took to New Zealand for 3 wks in Oct. He said it's a land of 3 million humans and 70 million sheep and he thinks they saw every one of the sheep. But it's a spectacularly beautiful country that must be seen to be appreciated. High spot of the trip was a flight from the base of Mt Cooke to a landing on the nearby Tasman glacier at 5000 ft where they had a snowball fight!

Ed Mason wrote that NASA has commissioned **Wilson Hurley** to paint pictures of various space activities. Ed works for Thiokol in Houston and was at the Morton Thiokol plant in UT for a solid rocket motor firing and found that Wilson (or Pat as we used to call him) was there to paint a picture of the firing. Thiokol assigned Ed as Wilson's host and he was able to spend a day with him & his wife **Rosalyn**. While Wilson set up his easel, mixed paints, and made preliminary drawings, Rosalyn took photos of the rocket motor before firing. A 2-day delay in firing and Ed having to return to Houston prevented Ed from seeing Wilson in action, but he really enjoyed being with him for the first time in many yrs. (Note: Most of you know that Wilson has become one of the best known artists of the American southwest and that a PBS-TV show featured him a few years ago.)

1945: Wilson Hurley preparing to paint picture of rocket motor firing at Morton-Thiokol plant in UT

1945: Wilson Hurley making preliminary painting of rocket motor firing at Morton-Thiokol plant in UT

Here's news from a few early Christmas cards: **Bill & Johnni McNamee** moved into a 2-bedroom condo in Laguna Hills Leisure World. It's a 10-gate guarded community of 10,000 homes and they love it. Sadly, Bill wrote me that he has a rare variety of cancer and doesn't have long to live. **Dick & Joan Jett** are enjoying life in Myrtle Beach. Dick has no ill effects from his heart op but does have trouble sticking to a low cholesterol diet. **Nell & Ran Preston's** Christmas letter was a rhyme patterned after *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. News included son Tom's Jun bride; a new granddaughter born to daughter Susan in May who attended the wedding at age 1 mo; and a planned move to San Ant in 88.

Great news! 28 Nov was the date for the marriage of **Mrs Claude Monroe McQuarrie, Jr** and **COL Levin Barnett Broughton** at St Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, VA. They're making their home at 1110 Neal Dr, Alexandria, VA 22308. Congratulations to you both.

YSAMRCOT's **Larry Jones** wrote me that '45 had the best Army-Navy game micro-reunion ever. They had a great dinner Fri night at the Phil Airport Marriott attended by 69 '45ers and camp followers. **George Benson** entertained with a series of yarns which tested credulity. Then there was THE GAME on Sat. It was great to be there for a win and for the 2nd in a row! After the game they had a buffet dinner attended by 60. The affair was particularly festive as newlyweds **Barney Broughton** and **Rosanne McQuarrie** were there.

Have a great New Year!

'46

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The Army Inf won the battle in a game that saw only 10 pass attempts for both sides in the annual A-N game. Good Show! On to Ireland!

You will find a photo of **Clint & Leigh Friend** taken on their motor yacht *The Dragon* on 18 Oct 87. Picture was taken at the dock on the Indian River behind their home on Merritt Isl, FL. This is 5 mos after Leigh's heart attack and brain damage.

1946: Clint & Leigh Friend

On 31 Oct 87 **Leigh** fell out of her chair while trying to get up and broke her hip. On 1 Nov an emergency hip replace-

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ment op took place and by 13 Nov she was home again. X-rays taken 20 Nov show all to be looking good and she is on the road to recovery. Back-up a little. Leigh went home from Sea Pines Rehab Hosp on 28 Aug. Her physical, speech and occupational therapy outpatient services are about 5 mi from home. **Clint** reported that Leslie, Diane and Vicki with Larry visited over Labor Day at which time they belatedly celebrated Leigh's 27 May birthday. Friends went to first party after attack at Patrick AFB given by **Keith & Franki Ball** with **Hal & Llora Stirling** also there. Clint gratefully acknowledges all letters, cards, flowers and calls.

It should be pointed out that some of the above was included in a note to **Jim Loome** who also passed along the following: **PI Barthol** reports son David recently promoted to 1LT (USMC) last Jun at Camp Lejune with Fleet Marine Forces and now on his way to Okinawa as of 10 Oct 87; granddaughter Amy born 16 Jun 87 to Lida & Cody Walker. **Sue & Si Hunt** have two grandchildren—Joseph born 22 Feb 85 to daughter Sarah & Steve Comiskey, and Lauren born 27 May 87 to Nancy & Tom Hunt; **Joe & Polly Jordan** had a great visit in HI with **Phyllisanne & Hal Horne** who almost convinced Jordans to return there.

For the Citadel game this past fall **Bob & Betty Jane Kren** were the guests of **Tom & Babs McBryde**; you'll see them tailgating for lunch on the far side of Lusk—one of the 5-Star parking areas now. After the game they enjoyed dinner

1946: McBrydes and Krens tailgating

at the Rye (NY) Yacht Club where **John & Connie Treadwell**, with guests, joined them. Incidently, at the last game of the season, Connie informed me this would be their last one since they are moving to SC as John is retiring. He'll be very happy with his horses there. For the Rutgers game Kren was on his own game tickets—50 yd line but way up there in the new addition. Among those present in that area were **Ralph Ellis, Bob (RDW) White, George Patton, Joe Jansen, Jim Dorney** and **Van Baker.** The **Burney** bunch attended a computer software users conference at the St Regis (NYC). Bob & Betty, **Frank & Barbara Richter** and

1946: Supplee wedding

Dee Burnham shared a few hrs of classes together. The Richters and Krens took in a Broadway play that night and Dee left for the homecoming game with Colgate.

Received a note and photo from **Bob & MJ Supplee** out Leavenworth way. Bob said this will be his first time ever in *ASSEMBLY*. Photo is of his family gp on the occasion of the marriage of his youngest daughter Penny to Pat Majerus on 20 Jun 87 at Memorial Chapel, Ft Leavenworth. Photo includes their 6 children plus spouses or young lady friends and their two grandchildren. Bob mentioned he occasionally visits over the phone with **Bob & Clare Crowley** who live in Rolla, MO. The Supplees would be delighted to see any classmates who come into their area.

Speaking of family photos at wedding time, also see the **France** clan on Susan's wedding day 13 Jun 87. Of our 4 children, 3 are married and you see our 2 granddaughters. Son Bill '74 on the left, has just been selected to CGSC. From *Army Times* of 7 Dec 87 other classmates' sons having received the same honor—Fred Alderson '77 and Walt

1946: France wedding

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Frankland '77. Congratulations to all. If I missed anyone, please advise.

After 8 mos away from the USA **Kent Berge** returned to CO to an untold quantity of mail and two growing daughters. After the 40th he spent two mos hiking and climbing mountains before taking off for Tasmania, New Zealand and Australia. He then went to Manila, Hong Kong, China, Japan, over the North Pole to Europe and Norway, then Andorra, Kenya and Tanzania. Among his traveling mates were a Yorkshire wool grower & wife whose's vet is James Herriot, still serving his old clients. Kent said the idea that cool 15–17 hr days may be had summer and winter by simply swapping hemispheres may be the best news in all of the above.

Another classmate, **Bob Walsh**, comes up for his first mention in *ASSEMBLY*. He & **Kitty** along with **Don & Bette Hughes** moved in on **Jim & Helen Hildebrandt** for a wkend in early Oct at their VT home. While the women enjoyed the foliage, the men motorboated on the local lake. The photo depicts Boat Cpt Jim briefing aides Don and Bob on the mission to "Secure Lake Willoughby for the season."

1946: Hughes, Hildebrandt and Walsh

Lou Elsaesser wants to notify all that he has moved from CA to 3918 Mctyres Cove Court, Midlothian, VA 23113 as of 27 Oct 87. A photo taken Memorial Day 87 of **Marie Parmly**, daughter Barbara and two grandchildren was forwarded by AOG to me.

1946: Marie Parmly and family members

Dec issue of *ASSEMBLY* mentioned fact that **George Patton** moved his boat last Jun with the help of **Jake Burney** and **Guy Troy**. Here's proof—photo showing George's cousin, Jake, George and Guy.

1946: *Arcturus III* under way

Received a newspaper article from **Ed Drinkwater** regarding the death of **John Marberger**, mayor of Norristown, PA. John died after a 17-mo battle with cancer which was discovered in July 86 in his throat. He had been mayor since 78. On 30 Nov he went into a coma and never regained consciousness. He died either 7 or 8 Dec 87. John had also been a sheriff's dep with the county. He had been elected to a third 4-yr term in Nov 85. John is survived by his wife **Elizabeth**; mother; 4 sons, Steve, John, Bob and Dave; two daughters, Cathy and Joan; and 4 grandchildren. Our sympathy is extended to his family on their deep loss.

Sep issue of *ASSEMBLY*'s Last Roll Call states **Ed McCue** died 12 May 87 in Arlington, FL, whereas his daughter Toni wrote me on 20 Sep to state he died 6 May 87 in Tampa. Ed was buried in Arlington Cemetery, I'm assuming in VA, since they're in an Arlington, FL. Ed is survived by his wife **Pat** and children John, Toni, and Terry. Pat is now in DC area—5901 Mt Eagle Drive, #503, Alexandria, VA 22303. Thank you Toni; the Class also wishes to extend their sympathy to you and yours.

I was told during the football season that **Ben Evans** had passed away and was buried in Arlington. Unfortunately no date except to say about two wks ago from a date in mid-Oct.

I have a draft of **Troy**'s OQ5 Bulletin that you Armor folks will have received in late Dec 87. **Guy** knew my due date was 15 Dec so he fired off the draft along with the photo on **Patton's** boat. Their big news is that **Jim Day** is working to get all you Armor types and wives to Ft Knox in 88 for a reunion. As of early Dec 87, 36 men with wives for a total of 68 plan to attend. Only about 19 are on the Beno List. What about gate crashers? No date, however, was mentioned. **Wallis** is now in his new mansion at 655 Adams Rd, West Point, GA still renovating, but quite beautiful and only 5 min from I85.

Persons have a new address (2 Tuchwell La, Savannah 31411) for a yr while they build their dream home. **Koch** made *NY Times* feature section re: renovating old houses in San Fran. **Frantz, Blum** and **Musser** all have new grandchildren. **Duke Wolf** is working on an Armor monument to be erected near Arlington and dedicated 11 Nov 89. Guy states maybe you should think of being there then. **Strieff**'s daughter Nicole continues to win all sorts of honors in modeling and beauty contests. Guy & **Wynne** are looking forward to their first grandchild in 88, and they expected to have all home from India, Ger, and VA for Christmas 87. He also stated that his mother died at age 93 in May and was interred in Arlington. The **Troys** are now settled in their new home with plenty of room for friends.

This last item was prompted by an item in Sep *ASSEMBLY*, p 53, re obituaries. **Bill Bamber** called to tell me that **Jack McWhorter** has volunteered to do the job. He is prepared, with help, to start putting together the obits of those deceased classmates, 98 out of 164 as of 28 Oct 87, whose obits have not been in *ASSEMBLY*. Jack wants to start with the earliest deaths during the 5 yrs after 4 Jun 46 and proceed forward. He also wants to provide a service for widows and relatives who could use such help. He needs their input for a draft which they approve before submission to AOG. If anyone would like this help, call or write Jack regardless of when their loved one died, ph 512-896-4070 or Box 984, Kerrville, TX 78029.

Jack lists 20 classmates who died between 4 Jun 46 and 16 Aug 51 and none have had an obit yet: **Alvyn L Woods, Benefield, Perry, William W LaMar, Gassett, Carr, Kernan, McGregor, Edwin S Van Deusen** (G-2), **Burnside, Eyman, Prevost, Hirsch, Marshall M Williams, Spellman, Arend, Schmidt, Vester, Gayle** and **Bonner.** Anyone who knew these men before, during, or after cadet days, or knows of a relative who can feed data to Jack can help. Just let him know and he'll provide the questionnaire. **Bamber** is running the data base for Jack.

'47

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Willie Munroe hibernated at his retreat in Rangeley, ME all summer after Reunion. During his annual migration to Tucson, he stopped over here in Lubbock in mid-Oct. Then he drove on to Roswell to visit the **Mastins** where he was able to do a good deed and capture a poisonous Mexican hognose snake in the Mastins' driveway under **John's** van. The snake is now in the Desert Museum in Tucson. Willie enjoys tramping the woods in ME; makes him feel like Daniel Boone. **Jane**

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1947: Mastin and Munroe with hognose

1947: Jackie Hayes, Gibby Perkins and Dottie Knipe

1947: Tom Rogers and Willie Knipe at reunion

1947: Willie "Daniel Boone" Munroe

is recovering from her second cataract op. She says that all of us handsome men had better watch out when she can see all again. **Ann & Jack Pearce** who stopped by the Mastins on the way home to Angel Fire in Oct are building a summer home in Green Valley, AZ.

NEW ADDRESSES: 1) **Butch & Bob Lilley**, 3126 Edson Terrace, Boise, ID 83705 (208-345-5327); 2) **Betty & Pete Boerger**, 180 Tree Cutters, Carolina Trace, Sanford, NC 27330.

Alumni Affairs, USMA, is seeking ideas and our recommendations re when and how to be billeted all together at WP for our reunions. Pass your comments and preference to **Frank Boerger** or me soon with respect to holding reunion at "West Point" spring, summer or fall and whether we should go "slumming" in barracks or go first class, like at Suffern Holidome. Alternatives and factors: 1) 2d wk Mar (spring leave): billeting cadet barracks 2) Alumni Wk or in fall: billeting Camp Buckner barracks 3) First two wks following graduation: Hotel Thayer or cadet barracks.

It appears as if **Betty & Pete Boerger** have set up a convenient "halfway hospitality house" (my comment, not theirs) in Sanford, NC. **Jackie & Tom Hayes**, while en route from Philly to Kiawah Isl (winter haven) in Sep, stopped by for refreshments and golf. In Oct, **Muriel & Bill Webb** spent a relaxing wkend at which time, **Posie & Tom Rogers** decided to join them for one of Betty's grand Southern breakfasts. I don't know if the new house has twice as much room as the old house.

Virginia & Jake Jacobson sent a short note describing once again how small the world is becoming. On 16 Oct, Jake overheard a familiar voice (**Bill Coghill**) in the money exchange bank line in the New Sanno Hotel in Tokyo. **Gerry &**

1947: Jacobsons and Coghills in Tokyo

Bill were reliving 1948–49 memories in Yamaguchi; Jacobsons were returning from Shimonoseki after visiting their Chris Mari and 1 yr old granddaughter, Leena Skiokawa Jacobson. Jacobsons deserve some sort of medal for having to go halfway around the world to see their grandchild.

1947: Kochs and Dottie Knipe at reunion

I was pleased to receive a whole stack of pics from **Dorothy & Willie Knipe** busy with their own HS reunion in Oct. I'm including some good 40th Reunion pics and a pic of Julie Knipe Mills putting on the Class garter at her wedding 13 Jun 87. Sister Kathy (Mrs Kellan Duncan) is assisting.

1947: Bride Julia with sister Kathy and Class garter

Duke Duquemin accompanied by **Patt** and Janice Jones (Patt's mother) met **Bobbi** & me in Little Rock, AR for the Natl Tennis Clay Court Championships in Sep. **John Naill** kept his promise and traveled the many miles from Brinkley to support us photographically and royally otherwise. Despite enthusiastic and

1947: Geracis, John Naill and Duquemins at Little Rock

"Gunga Din" support from girls, we did not win but "done well" achieving the "quarters" in doubles. We had a lot of fun. Wait until next yr.

The **Sargents** stay busy and continue to keep me well-informed. Out here in the middle of the lonely isolated prairies, I appreciate any and all newspaper clippings, pics and comments from the big cities. **Meg** has completed the **Reckmeyers'** portrait.

Bev & Bob Rosen, now ret and in the DC area, report highlights from that contingent hopefully on a continuing

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1947: Duquemins with Pat Haig at reunion

1947: Meg Sargent with "Reckmeyers"

basis from now on. In Aug, they went to Mexico City on a pleasure/business trip; in Oct, they took a vacation to the Pacific Northwest up the Snake and Columbia Rivers, etc. They happened to be home to attend, with many, the annual Rosecroft Raceway Fall '47 party. **Stella & Mike Bellovin** were the hosts for the evening of racing fun. The 8th race was the USMA 1947 PACE. **Jimmy Johnson, George Maloney, Madeline & Bob Curtis, Sylvia & Wally Lukens** presented the prize to the winning horse in the winner's circle. Bob says that it should be noted that **Wayne Hauck**, Class treas, as you all now know, was observed to sit steadfastly through all 10 races and never make a bet!

1947: Pete Boerger leading "old" choir at reunion

As some of you know, **Bobbi** & I took a spectacular trip to Portugal this past Nov. We heartily recommend it for the 42 1/2!

Beat Boston College!

1947: Jimmy Johnson, PJ Curry and John Novomesky

'48

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Hugh Perry, '48's focal point in the NE US, sends in his first report and tells us that **Merle & Joyce Sheffield** have moved to NH at 18 Littlehole Rd, Durham 03824. Previously we've had Merle in both ME and the Virgin Isls. Now all we need is some news from the Sheffields. The **Egberts** were in San Fran for a meeting of the Amer Public Transit Assoc where John is trying to upgrade his DC METRO credentials (and have a good time). While there they saw **Phil Day** who is still dir of emergency services for the city and county of San Fran. Phil says he's had "it" and is going to ret-ret in early 88. We would too with the San Andreas Fault acting up all the time and the mayor who appointed you not running for reelection, Phil.

The Wash Metro Area classmates had a big fall dinner dance at Ft Myer on 17 Oct. Beautifully and tastefully organized by **Bob & Carol Pomeroy** (to include a dance band) and presided over by our able MC **Bob Ward** whose jokes continue to tickle the funny bone while just being on the border of social acceptability; reports on the upcoming reunion activities were given by Chm **Ennis Whitehead**, Yrbook impressario **Tom**

1948: Starry & Ware

Ware and Class Pres **Dingeman** who finally made an official function two yrs into his term. Pictures of the more photogenic (and sober classmates) are interspersed throughout the following text. In attendance were the **Allens, Carl Anderson**, the **Barnetts, Bellingers, Bradys** (Sally Adams), **Braswells, Brattons, Egberts, Gene Forrester** and his significant other, Marie Meyer, **Ann Griffith, Halls, Harshs, Hoffmans, Hoyts, Genevieve Jones**, the **Tom Joneses, Josephs, Bill**

1948: Tom Jones, Pressman, Barnett

Kaula, Kastrises, Marianne Kiernan, Kirwans, Kritzers, Macklins, Kathy Meinzen, Packards, Paters, Petersens, Pomeroys, Jake Pompan, Pressmans, Willard Scotts, Shiveleys, Starrys, Swearengens, Swenholts, George Thomases, Wards, Wares, Whiteheads, and **Witkos**. The

1948: Scott, Kirwan, Kastris, Shiveley

Brattons are just back from a vacation in Kenya—**Louise & Joe's** description of the scenery and animals highlight this as a wonderful place to visit. The Harshes are just back from 3 wks in the Middle East where they visited Greece and Turkey among other exotic places. All you old men still working out there, ret and "smell the roses" and get reacquainted with the "little old lady in tennis shoes" around the house—see what you're missing. Formerly, the '48 DC contingent had one big bash on Valentine's Day long wkend, but since this was in the prime winter sports vacation period when Bob Ward wants to go skiing, and he's our MC for now and evermore, to keep him it was decided that two parties per yr were more desirable—one in the fall and the other in the spring. Those of you planning a spring trip, put down the date of 16 Apr 88 for the next DC area

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Class gathering and plan to come join your classmates to get a "leg-up" on all the conversation before the big 40th Reunion.

Jack & Pat Osteen are just back from a relaxing tennis, golf and shopping vacation at The Cloister in Sea Isl, GA. Jack was silent on winning any trophies, but the housekeeper reported that he was the only one who slept on the chocolate wafer placed on his pillow rather than eating it. Jack, old boy, I know the ears are going bad, but are the eyes gone too?

As you all read this we will be in the depths of winter up in the NE US. Those of us in the Wash DC area remember the blizzard of 87 when the buses and subway quit running. But, do not despair for 88—one of our own number has been appointed "snow cmdr" of the Metro—fear not for we are saved. In fact in the early Nov 12-incher here in DC he kept them running! Who is this saviour—I'll never tell! His phone number is 762-MELT. Guess! We have quite a few entrepreneurs in this area—one such is **Arnold Braswell**, pres of Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Inst. Our own Arnie was captured on film at a reception of the Natl Assoc of Manufacturers for Rebecca Range—the pres's new public liaison dir. **Ione**, have you seen this picture? **Jim Hooker**, our area rep out in the West reports from CO that all the area classmates had a big get-together at the Army-AF football game at **Ken Barber's**. The only problem with the report (other than we lost the game) is Jim didn't tell me who all was there—all I can do is report for the record all the classmates living in the CO area who are presumed to have mustered for a party—so, other than Jim and Ken, **Ben Eakins, Norm Lovejoy, Otis Moore,** and **Phil Porter** are in the immediate area. By the way, Jim reports that Phil is with the Natl Judo Assoc; seems to me I remember you were a big booster for that sport when we were cadets, Phil.

1948: Rebecca Range and Braswell

When Perry stirred up the troops in the NE, he got a lot of responses from long quiet classmates. **Bill Lyon** wrote him from Plymouth, MA that he is a part-time consultant and part-time golfer. **Don Cerow** in Framingham, MA says he's still working (that's interesting, now why don't you tell us more about what you & **Barbara** are really doing); **Roger Conover** in Basking Ridge, NJ, now ret from AT&T says he & wife **Adi** met the Perrys at the Wake Forest game; Roger is still running and competing in 4–5 road races a yr—Roger said he had heard from **Barbara & Perry Sykes** in Northfield, MN where they both have a tapestry studio and are in the process of expanding into the woven fabric market; **Bette (Mrs John D) Hamilton** writes from Westwood, MA that all is well with her and youngest daughter who has recently married Gregory Edwin Meister; finally, even though he is never one to toot his own horn, Hugh adds that he & **Barbara** attend most Army football games every yr and at a recent one saw **Charlie & Betty Ann Shook**, my old roomie who has dropped out of sight these last 40 yrs. And to cap off the whole report he sends along a picture of "**Flaps**" **Capps** and **Barbara Perry** taken at the Perrys' daughter's wedding—thanks for the good report, Hugh! Through careful planning and by prearrangement, **Ash & Marion Foote** met **Dolly** & me at the El Paso, TX airport as we were passing through the area. We had an hr of good conversation between planes, interspersed with the viewing of scores of pictures of children and grandchildren. Notice Ash's "Beat Navy" button (and we did)! The Footes report seeing **Margery Medsger** recently.

1948: Capps and Barbara Perry

1948: Ash & "Happy" Foote

We are now up to 71% Class participation on our 40th Reunion Ski Lodge expansion project. Those of you who have not yet declared your intention to participate will be contacted by phone shortly after the first of the yr. We are striving for as near 100% response as we can get. We've got the walls, floors, and plumbing paid for, now we need the windows and heating plant—dig deep you guys!

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In Apr 87, **Tom & Pat Bamford** saw the youngest of their 4 children, Stephen, married to Nancy Dewitt at the Natl Presbyterian Church in DC. The Class was well represented as can be seen in the photo. From L to R are **Lee & Trudy Surut, Marie & Bill Kennedy, Art & Barbara Kingdom**, Nancy, Stephen, **Pat Bamford, Phil Feir,** Tom Bamford behind **Mary Feir**, and **Margaret & Gene Marder**. Marie & Bill flew up from Austin, TX; the others are from the DC area.

George & Joan Orton attended Founders Day festivities at Ft Monroe. George reports that, as usual, he was the only '49er present. In the photo he & Joan join with the only attendee from '47, George Bland, and friend. Orton reports this combination was appropriate as he was a turnback from '47. As of Sep the Orton house in Williamsburg, VA was up for sale and a move to Hilton Head Isl planned. During an earlier visit to Hilton Head, the Ortons were entertained royally by **Dan & Jean Guyton**. George is in the process of writing the obit for **Tom Luzon** at **Madeline**'s request. He and Tom were roommates for two yrs.

George Orton relates a tale showing that old gym shorts never die, they just get redistributed by the laundry . . . or whatever. **Joan**'s brother, Dick Hodgkinson USAFA '62, is town mgr in Londonderry, NH. A local resident, Tom Horgan '51, came in to the off and they discovered a common bond—George Orton. It seems Horgan was cpt of the gym team and has a pair of Orton's gym shorts he still wears. He came by the next day to show them to Hodgkinson. George writes, " . . . how did they end up with Horgan? I sure wasn't on the gym team—left that up to **Punch (Jamison)** and **Rigor (Morton)**." Small world.

And like the shorts, some old jocks keep going too. **Jack Haynes**, see photo, continues to fence competitively. During the first qtr of the yr he drove up once a wk from Old Bethpage, LI to work out with the cadet fencing club. That's in addition to being pres and coach of the Grumman fencing club. In Jun he & **Pearl** traveled to Phoenix, AZ to watch the Natl Fencing Championships. While there he entered the Sr Olympic Open

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1949: April Bamford-Dewitt wedding in DC

1949: George & Joan Orton

1949: Jack Haynes, still competing and winning

Fencing Tournament, sponsored by the US Fencing Assoc. Jack took first place in the sabre competition and second place in fencing. He lost one fencing bout to a 72-year-old competitor. Cheering Jack from the sidelines were **Stan & Chris Bush** and their son Brett. Then to escape the 115° heat, he & Pearl visited their son Mitchell in Boulder, CO. Mitchell is a computer analyst at Ball Aerospace.

Petey Cox, Jack's wife, writes from Fayetteville, NC, with news of Jack's 30+30 birthday. (They don't use big numbers for these occasions.) She enclosed before-and-after-the-party photos of Jack, which may be useful to illustrate the evils of demon rum. Sorry you can't see these, folks. But we do have a photo

1949: Jack Cox and sons

of Jack and their 3 sons on the occasion of the christening of granddaughter Paige Marie. Her dad is son Kendall '79, shown on the left. Next is son David, a Lutheran minister now serving in Oslo, Norway. Then Jack. On the right is Peder Cox x-'75. Petey inquired if Jack is the youngest in the Class. Class pres **Duane Smith**, also a contestant for the position, reports that the honor goes to **Avery Fullerton**. Petey also reports that **Doris Bounds, Willie's** widow, sends regards to all and that **Buck & Joan Nelson** are around but seldom seen. Buck has turned to gardening and his lawn consistently wins prizes. Joan is teaching and is on the board of the State of NC Ed Commission.

Via **Ed Townsley** comes news from **Rigor & Maryanne Morton**, in Carlisle, PA. Rigor reported a new right hip was installed in May. The old hip was interfering with his handball games. He mentioned that in his previous hospitalization, ca. 1951 in Japan, he spent many mos with **Al English**. Seems he missed 'ol Al this time around. In Oct, the Mortons visited I-1 classmates in the Pacific NW. Two photos from the tour are shown. The one with the brick-wall

1949: Jean & John Hayes with Rigor and Maryanne Morton

1949: Rosemary & Ed Heesacker with Rigor and Maryanne Morton

background shows (l to r) **Jean & John Hayes** at home in Spokane with the Mortons. In the photo with the fish, that's **Rosemary & Ed Heesacker** on the left, with the Mortons, in Oceanside, OR.

Rigor reports that **John Hayes** has sold his Inland Empire Coca Cola bottling works and is now dir of fund-raising for the Sacred Heart Med Ctr—a vast complex of cradle-to-grave med services. The **Heesackers** live adjacent to the beach with huge rocks covered with thousands of sea lions blocking their view of China. **Ed** took Rigor fishing and each caught a chinook (king salmon). Rigor notes that when they were visiting the Heesackers, a heavy salmon rod hit Ed in the head and he bled for hrs. As they were leaving the Hayes', the trunk lid came down on John's head and he bled all the way to the airport. Rigor is looking for a message in all that.

John & Nita McDonald sent a Christmas card, photo, and letter from Brookfield, WI. That's Jack, standing with a big

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1949: Jack & Nita McDonald with children and grandchildren

smile in the center back row. Next right is Nita. Others in the photo are children, their spouses, and grandchildren. Jack & Nita took a vacation and "roots" trip through parts of Europe. They found some traces of ancestors in Ireland, England, and Germany. Jack says that his USMA German studies plus a Berlitz book allowed him some communication with the natives. He reports it was all great fun. Now others of you out there with excess Christmas photos might want to send one in along with your news.

Frank Hinchion writes that a new granddaughter arrived in Aug while he was visiting son Frank in Denver. While there he saw **Bo Calloway**'s youngest son who reports that dad is spending much time in DC doing work for the Republican Natl Comm. In Denver Frank saw an item in the newspaper reporting that **Jack Wogan**, local real estate man, was informally heading the Alexander Haig campaign org. Another granddaughter arrived in Oct in Champaign, IL. The mother is daughter Kerry whose husband is a grad student at the U there. Frank now has 9 grandchildren. Via Frank comes news from **Bill Moore** in CO Springs. In Sep, Bill was golfing with **Jack Madison** at Ft Carson when Jack hit a hole in one. Later **Jane Moore** called **Arden Madison** and learned that Arden had made a hole in one when she was 16. Also present for the great event was Ed Lorenze. Bill writes that Ed "... was in F-1 with me, but didn't graduate due to problems with yearling math."

The DC bunch went to lunch at the Pentagon on 4 Nov. Present were **Ted Boland, Dave Bolte, Bill Bumpus, Jack Carr, Jud Conner, Jack Cronin, Joe Eagers, Bob Ennis, Phil Feir, Dick Gillespie, Don Gower, Bill Hoffman, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Webb Ivy, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Bill Lake, Huck Long, Tom Marsh, John Maurer, Rigor Morton** (from Carlisle, PA), **Bob Pfeiffer, Duane Smith, Orton Spencer**, and your scribe. Phil Feir reported an overwhelming margin of respondees to his mailing voted for a cruise ship for the reunion. He received 175 responses with checks. Based on the response it will now be determined if a suitable ship is available. We may need to invite another class to share it. The second choice was to stay in Poughkeepsie. Phil reports the AOG is interested in the possibility of routinely using a ship for reunion housing for some of the later and larger classes.

Some of the DC bunch who did not go to the A-N game met at **Bob & Sally Springer's** home to watch via the tube and to enjoy a bring-a-dish supper. Present were **Bob & Anne Black, Ted Boland, Joe & Joanne Eagers, Al & Dorene Fagg, Carl & Ginna Fitz, Dick & Carolyn Gillespie, Bill & Flo Huber, Web Ivy** and date, **Art & Barbara Kingdom, Hal & Adele Lombard, John & TC Magnotti, Paul & Pat Monahan, Bill & Betty Nordin, Bob & Alice Nulsen, George & Carolyn Pollin, Duane & Jean Smith, George & Sachiko Summers, Lee & Trudy Surut**, and **Ed & Jan Townsley**. A get well card was signed for **Ted Swett**, in the hosp for minor surgery. Two attendees were on crutches, Carl Fitz and Bob Springer. Both had damaged a knee. It was fun and it's always nice to be on the winning side.

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This accelerated publication schedule of 2 1/2 mos means more issues and earlier deadlines. It is more important than ever to keep a steady flow of news for the column instead of trying to meet seasonal deadlines.

We follow with interest many classmates still in the public eye. We received a news release from the Southwest Research Inst in San Ant, TX regarding **Pat Zabel**. Pat was promoted to principal engr in the Engring and Materials Sci Div. Since joining the Inst staff in 76, Pat has worked in the Energetic Systems Dept on programs involving ballistics, survivability/vulnerability of mil vehicles, aircraft fuels systems, and munitions dev. He is currently managing programs to improve enzyme-based products for use as cleaners and soil stabilizers.

1950: Pat Zabel

Some time back, **Bill DeGraf** received a lively letter from **Henry Sachers**, written from the Chula Chomklao Royal Mil Academy (CRMA), Nakorn Nayok, in Thailand. Henry said that he was shocked into writing when he discovered that he was the oldest living grad at the WP Soc of Thailand's Founders Day banquet. Henry's old grad talk of reminiscences had the theme, "It's great to be a plebe again," (he is teaching plebe language at CRMA), which was well received by a gp of 30 grads. He said it reminded him of his first Founders Day in 51, when **Jim Wheaton** was ranked into giving the youngest grad's talk. For the past 5 yrs, Henry has been teaching in Thailand. After teaching and traveling around in NE Thailand, he settled down at the Royal Mil Academy 2 1/2 years ago and enjoys the twin challenges of learning Thai and teaching English. However, he promised to make the 40th Reunion. Bill also received a note from **Doris & Andy Byers**. They recently visited their daughter in Italy to lend support and assistance and to welcome a granddaughter named Michelle.

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Pictures of the annual AUSA Convention in Oct showed **Briggs Jones** showing **Bill Ward** some of the hardware that Gen Dynamics was displaying. Also, Bill was photographed speaking to the meeting of the AUSA chapter presidents. Bill also attended a Class luncheon in NY recently, where he saw, among others, **Buccolo, Gallagher, Henn, Luckese, Mangum, Smithers** and **Wickham.**

The Federal Computer Week featured **Linc Faurer** last summer in his position as pres of Corp for Open Systems (COS). COS was formed and is dedicated to the advancement of global computer and communications interconnectivity. Starting with only himself in 86, Linc has built a staff of 70 with strong tech and mgt strengths. Sr execs from 20 leading computer and communication firms and the Def Communications Agency and, soon, the Natl Bureau of Standards have or will have joined COS. **Jim Workman** sent along a column from the 11 Nov *Atlanta Journal* reporting **Dave Carlisle**'s campaign to vindicate the record of the 24th Inf Regt in the Korean War. The 24th was one of 6 all-black units activated by Congress after the Civil War. For the past 8 yrs from Los Angeles, Dave has challenged the accounts of the regiment's service record in the Official Army History and several books, because he "wanted to tell the complete true story of the American black fighting man." Jim, living in Atlanta, commented that after losing his father in Aug, he has discovered that it is awful being an orphan at the age of 59 yrs. In Oct, he had another shock when his eldest grandchild became a teenager. Even his hair is grayer he wrote. (He gets no sympathy from me on that score.)

Many are coming to their second ret. **Phil & Jean Harper** wonder whether they are the only members of the Class who are really ret. They are not complaining about life in "Harper's Harbor" in Panama City, FL, just wondering. Son Harry, Susan, and the 4 grandchildren grow in busy and productive lives. Harry is working toward his PhD at the U of FL. Daughter Chi-Chi & Ran (soon to be a MAJ) enjoy HI, naturally. Daughter Kim & Chip each fly in CA—he as a Delta pilot and Naval Res F/A-18 fighter pilot, and she with her own Cessna 172. **Bettie & Bill Curry** joined us from Richmond on a pleasant afternoon with a gp of classmates at a northern VA restaurant for the Army-Navy game. (**Ty Chandler** has made arrangements for the past 3 yrs for this afternoon, which we share with the Class of '50, USNA.) Bill recently ret from Whitaker Gen Med Center—his second ret. He continues as a consultant. As he aptly put it, there are a lot of other things he wants to try yet. Son Chip lives in Melbourne, FL and owns the Curry granddaughter; and daughter Linda Gaskins lives in Lake City, SC, tending to the Curry grandson. As another sign of the times, **Bill DeGraf** ret from Science Applications Intl Corp in Nov. **Laurie Eek, Hank Strickland, Bob Lunn,** and **Bruce Petree** were on hand for the ceremony. He too has other irons in the fire, not the least of which are upkeep on the house and a regular racquetball date. He and **Lou Genuario** have launched a home inspection business, which is making demands on his time.

Down in the Charleston area **Bev & Jack Mackmull** are enjoying "ret" life. Jack had triple bypass surgery, but came through all that very well. Trips for the two of them took them to Berlin and later to the Paris Air Show, followed by stays in Garmisch, Berchtesgarten, Vienna, and Budapest. Despite such exotic places, Bev still welcomes home in the US. Apparently Jack travels more as a consultant than he did on AD (though that is hard to imagine).

We've received news of a couple of Class daughters. **Kathy O'Brien** has moved into the Wash DC area from upstate NY. Daughter Erin '86, was home Thanksgiving. She is stationed at Ft Lewis where, in addition to her professional duties, she is playing a lead singing part in the Olympia Light Opera. She has recently appeared in *Mikado*. Maybe some of you saw the article in the *Army Annual*, entitled "Women Swimmers 5th at NCAAs." One of the sr co-cpts of this successful team is one of our Class daughters, Kathy Pierce, daughter of **Lee & Ed Pierce**. Kathy finished 3rd and 4th in the Natls and was named Academic All-American.

Weddings continue to catch our attention. **Malvene & Ben Lewis** have a new member of the family. Son Michael and Sidney Hornby were married 30 Nov. They live in New Brunswick where Michael is working to finish his PhD at Rutgers. Debby '80 is studying in Harvard U's MBA program. **Sam Smithers** was kind enough to pass on the news of Amy **Crittenberger**'s wedding on 8 Aug in the Wash area. She and her groom, Walker Taylor from Wilmington, NC are surrounded in the picture above by her father's classmates, **Sid Steele, Jim Lee,** and **Sam**, plus **Jim Fooshe**'s son, Cabel who was standing in for his father. The wedding was just beautifully done. **Jack & Pookie** would have been as proud as they could be of Amy and the whole family who put it on. Amy & Walker will make their home in Wilmington, where Jim Lee will keep his eye on them.

Wanderlust keeps others on the road. In Oct **Al & Marilyn Romaneski** hit the space-A offs for a trip back to the States from their current work with OCSC in Stuttgart. There the two of them took over the hospitality house in Ludwigsburg last spring. As many as 60 GIs and dependents show up at a time for companionship, Bible study, meals, trips,

1950: Crittenberger-Taylor wedding with Cabel Fooshe, Smithers, Lee and Steele in attendance

etc, all handled by Marilyn & Al. They were also very fortunate to have their elder son Mark and his family transferred to the Stuttgart area, where Mark is a JAG with VII Corps. Nice to have some family around for all of them. . . . While in the states the Romaneskis visited their other children and grandchildren, saw the rest of Marilyn's family, spent some time with the **DeGrafs**, and even managed to make Marilyn's ??? HS reunion. (I won't tell if Marilyn doesn't.) They had a great trip, but required two days and 5 airports to get back to Ger because of our freak snowstorm in the East.

Fran & Andy Pick timed things a little better, flying into Natl the next day when the skies were clear. However, **Robin & Bill DeGraf** had to get rid of more than 12" of snow in the driveway just to get the car out to meet Fran & Andy. Finally, the 4 of them headed north to WP for a wkend of friendships and football. The Picks joined up with **Patti & Jim Kelly, Ann & Jim Tormey**, and **Lish Lee**, all staying at **Carolyn & Dave Cameron**'s in their qtrs at Lusk. It was rather a bittersweet get-together, for with Dave's ret next summer, this was the last time for such a gathering in the familiar setting of the Academy.

Pris & Russ Glenn seem to get busier every yr. Travel, work, children, grandchildren all keep them running. They too expect to have their children all gathered for Christmas, down in Atlanta. Similarly **Margaret Irwin** expects all but her Kelly home for Christmas in Portland. She has added two grandchildren this yr—a girl in Aug for Dan & Muffin and a boy in Nov for John & Susan. All that kept Margaret from doing much traveling this past yr.

Joan Vinson took advantage of the AF/Navy game in Annapolis to get a number of the Class together, particularly the AF crew. **Ann & Dick Leavitt** came in from CA. **Ann & John Streit** from FL. **Sally & Skip Scott**, who have ret in the CO Springs area, also were there, along with **Pat & Bennie Davis** and **Dottie & Charlie Gabriel** and a number of others from

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the local DC area. **Bess Banister** reports that **Grady** is still traveling on his job and that she is still involved with the Museum Gift Shop. They are expecting to go to CA for Christmas in San Clemente with 6 of their 7 children there for the big day.

Eloise & Jake Allen also helped us cheer Army on to victory. Jake informed me that a Class mini-reunion 88 is planned for 29–31 Jul (3 days, 2 nights) at Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford, PA. It will be hosted by **Bob McBride, Don Dunbar**, and **Jake Allen.** Anyone who has not received info by the time he receives this issue of the *ASSEMBLY*, can write J.W. Allen, PO Box 2603 Arlington, VA 22202 or call (703) 920-4651.

We have the sad task of announcing the death of **Nels ("Tex") Ritter** on 16 Dec 87 after a long illness. He was interred at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 22 Dec. The memorial service was attended by **Marge**, daughters Elise and Carol and husbands, and many of his classmates and other friends. We shall miss Tex as a friend and classmate and extend our deepest sympathy to Marge and the family.

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Due to *ASSEMBLY* space limits '51's column is now approximately 2/3d as long as in previous yrs. As a result, much info provided by classmates/reg reps has been shortened to provide max input w/o losing basic intent. Please bear with us; unfortunately, because of limitations, each recent column has been editorially cut. Amount of info provided requires stretching out reporting dates for regions and the col will emphasize classmate/wife info, limiting detailed family data. In the meantime we will wipe out our info backlog ASAP.

In Milwaukee where he is dir, can mfrg, Miller Brewing Co, **Jim & Judy Guyer** lead very active lives—both are involved in local politics; he also travels often to include a recent sailing trip to the Caribbean with **Herte** and **Louisell**. Jim reports that **Bill Schooley** heads a very successful law firm in Granite City, IL that enables him to monitor directly the actions of his 4 children. Two sons are attys, a daughter is the bookkeeper, and a 3d son is an investigator and the firm's pilot. **Bill & Marylin's** 4th son is also an atty, living in St Louis. The **Tom Woodleys** are in Champaign, IL—he is asst prof of Eng, U of IL. Wife **Pat** is pres of Peoria's NCCW and is busy in other commun activities. Of their 6 children (4 are boys), 3 work with computers and one son is a pilot with Air KY. **Ed & Jean Peter** are in Libertyville, MO; Ed is VP, Comm Dist Ctr, Independence. Daughter Jean

1951: In Sep Guyer's agenda included '51's luncheon: Waldman, Guyer, Steele, Robinson, Remson

1951: Two desperados in the Port of Gustavia—Herte and Louisell

and 3 grandchildren are in Chicago; daughter Mary is engaged to marry an MD soon to enter the Army. **Bob & Josie Johnson** remain content planting trees and vegetables on their 4 acres near Frederick, IL; first daughter and 2 grandchildren are in Chicago; other daughter married a Marine CPT and enjoys service life. **Bob** recently visited Bill Des Islet (brother of **John**, his roommate at WP)—they've developed a close relationship since John's death. **Lauren Ashley** is pres, WP Soc of MN and in real estate in St Paul. Wife **Jean** continues her success as an actress in commercials and with Guthrie Theatre. Daughter married an AFA grad, son is an architect in Dallas. **Chuck Wallens**, pres of WP Soc of WI for 11 yrs, recently turned over the reins to a '59 grad; however, he continues to serve on Sen Kasten's Comm for Sel of WP Cand. **John & Marianne Osbourne** in Jackson, MI—John, an engr with Commonwealth Assoc, is also involved in real estate; their two sons are both in college. **Paul & Gladys Neidringhaus** are located in Northbrook, IL where Paul is owner and pres of Penco Precision Co; Gladys continues active in choral gps and associated activities. With their 3 sons graduating from Notre Dame, Loyola and Marquette, it's safe to infer the Neidringhauses are strong believers in a Catholic education.

REGIONAL SPOTLITE: Far West—CA (**Roy Herte**) and NW—AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY (**Dan Sharp**). Roy reports "the CA contingent" in great shape; in L.A. **Bob Macklin**, '51's thespian and playwright, travels much—often acting in his own plays; he & **Lydia** have 4 children and 6 grandchildren, none of whom are actors. In Fullerton, **Al Esser** will forego happily his heavy travel schedule in Feb while he & **Jean** expect and await their first grandchild. Much of Al's travel is to Turkey to supervise Holmes and Naver Base Maint contracts. The "Gray Fox," **Bob Simpson** gives a Topanga update—he & **Denyse** spent Jul and Aug in their "Andalucian villa on the Med;" son Rob—Abn CPT at Bragg; daughter and grandson in Wash DC; youngest at U of CA (Berkeley) going for his PhD. **Ed Zuver**, now a vegetarian (Herte: "It's hard to imagine the I-2 trencherman turning down meat and potatoes."), also studying EE at San Diego State. Children of **Dave** (who is w/ Hughes Acft) & **Pat Schlatter** are all coll grads; 3 in CA; oldest daughter an AR MD at WRAMC. Dave and **Ray Sargeant**, who lives in Santa Barbara near **Jim Brett**, occasionally get together for a Dodger game.

Farther N **John Granicher** and **Bill Vandenberg**, sole '51 reps in the San Fran Bay area, were happy to see **Al Esser** visit in Aug in his pos as reg VP, Soc of Am Mil Engrs. John works in the city while **Barbara** drives to her work as asst principal, Petaluma HS. In Palo Alto the Vandenbergs live in a house they bought in 69; he commutes to Oakland while working as a "consulting engr." Their family (3 daughters, 1 son and expecting 2d grandchild) is scattered from CA to NY. Bill welcomes calls from anyone in the vic. **Bob Lerner** ret after 20 yrs now lives in Redondo Beach and works for Northrop Elec Div. Bob is divorced and has two children living in San Fran Bay area. On 12 Jun **Buzz Aldrin** spoke to 1000 avid listeners at a CA town hall luncheon, including the **Craigies**, the **Shermans, Buck Farrington, Al Esser** and **Gerry Dingman**—all seated at table 51. Also **Gary Sanderson** reported that in Jul Buzz challenged the leaders of America's space community in a stirring speech at the Mars II Natl Conf. Last May **Jack** Craigie was paid a uniquely deserved honor when USMA invited him to present the "Outstanding Swimmer Award" to Natl Champ Cadet John Van Sant. Incidentally, Jack admits to adding a few lbs due either to **Marilyn's** cooking or other aspects of "the good life" in L.A. From the desert, Barstow, comes word of **Bill Magill**: after ret from the Army 13 yrs ago, "Slugger" continued working for DA at Ft Irwin, CA as a civ engr—amassing 37 yrs in "Sam's SVC." Also in So CA is "**Sully**" **Johnson**, working w/Northrop, who recently went to a WP Soc of Orange County function also attended by **Mert & Effie Bangerter, Arlie & Paula Sher-**

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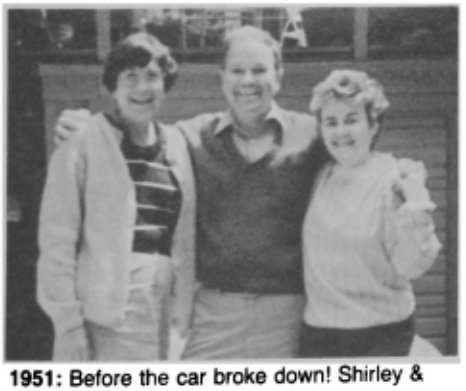
1951: Jack Craigie and family

man, and **Stu & Esther Malmgren**. Incidentally, in Sep "Sully" & **Jamie** once again spent their annual vacation on the beach in Mexico. Near Canoga Park **Don**, a broker w/Caldwell Banker, & **Sara Leehey** just completed their busiest summer ever: one son received his BA, another his MA, a 3d was married, the Leeheys revisited WP, they celebrated Don's mother's 90th birthday, and in Sep Don & Sara were thrilled to see and hear the Pope in Dodger Stadium. Finally, Monterey claims 3 '51 stalwarts—**Ken De Ment** (C-2) x-'51, ret AF, is exec dir, Monterey Reg Pollution Ctl Agency; he & wife **Marianna** have a daughter and son (AF pilot) and one grandchild. **Norm Dunlap** & wife **Maria** are also in the vic; he has been an instr with the Def Lang Inst since ret in 72. The **Hertes** continue to hold down the fort in Monterey where **Mary Ann** teaches elem school while **Roy** is asst city mgr in adjacent Salinas; all their children are "out of the nest" and living in CA. After a recent whirlwind visit by the **Walthours**, Roy graciously reported, "despite our best efforts Immigration insisted that **'Bubba' & Shirley** return to FL." The Walthour version differs slightly, "we managed to slip to CO Springs to see **Bob Isaac** and **Bud Bacon** in TN after visiting **Dick & Jean Perry** in San Diego." In Nov Roy



1951: Before the car broke down! Shirley & Russ Walthour with Mary Ann Herte

also reported the **Guyer, Herte, Louisell** Caribbean trip which coincided w/info from Jim and Bill; either their memories are getting better or are getting better coordination on their stories.

Dan Sharp maintains that all '51ers in the NW are uniformly happy with their selection of the area in which to work and ret. **Bill & Janet Monsos**, the only city dwellers among the MT contingent fall into this category. After ret, Bill became a real estate broker in Great Falls and also a bar/restaurant owner. Son Mike is at Cent WY U; daughter Holly at U of MT. In a less populated setting near Belgrade, MT, **Rod & Joan Gilbertson** keep 40 acres of alfalfa; but spend most of their time in a cabin just N of Yellowstone Park. **Dick Haggren** from Albuquerque, who visits and fishes w/ Rod from time to time, is still skeptical that people actually live N of Sandia Peak. **Jane Otten** remains on 39 acres to which she & **Hank** ret near Big Fork. Not feeling fully tested by running a ranch alone, last summer Jane managed weddings for daughters Ketey and Elise; 3d daughter lives in nearby Helena. To the east **Dick & Margaret Schwarz** have finally moved into the city of Idaho Falls, at least she has; he continues his quest to meet personally every sport fish in ID. Recently Dick took a wk's R&R as a deck hand on a commercial fishing boat for salmon—the cpt was delighted that a member of Pac Fishing Mgt Council would subject himself to such OJT. The **Sharps** also have a fish story—son Dan, biologist w/AK Fish and Game Dept, did a 90-day tour w/a USSR fact ship in the Bering Sea. As a NOAH obsvr to monitor catch content, Dan reported Russian treatment proper bordering on warm; food was ample, fresh but plain. On lv in Dutch Harbor, Russians stock up on Amer Levis and Japanese electronics. **Dan & Marilyn** live in Boise and come E infrequently despite numerous invitations from the **Meighens, Russells** and **Lefflers**—I guess that should give an indication of something!! **Miles Grant, Art Scalise** and **Tom Foster** continue on OR tax roles. Tom says that while on AD, he & **Marjory** passed through Ashland so often and liked it so much, they decided to ret there. Since he has earned an MBA while concealing the benefits of OR from migrating Californians. Tom IV is a cpt w/10th Div at Benning; other sons are in HI and NYC. Of 8 members of '51 in WA, 4 are or were active with Boeing. **Pete Thomas**, dep reg rep and a great asst to Dan, has been in touch w/**John Croan, Fred Denman,** and **John Hemphill**, all of whom live in the greater SeaTac area; **John Brown** is in the vic of Ellensberg. Pete, who had a heart atk last Mar, and **Betty** are exploring a possible move to FL. It seems that while consulting for the Shuttle Prog in 86, they discovered some particularly attractive area in the Melbourne/Cocoa Beach and Tampa Bay areas. Dan says that mini reunions occur in the NW whenever two classmates meet; ex—the **Nub Reeds** traveled S to Richland for **Bill & Alice Stockdales'** 35th anniv. As Spokane's dir of engring svcs, it is said that Nub in concerned w/ sanity and blood pressure on alternating days—almost daily examples of crisis mgt. However, Nub is very enthusiastic and happy with his work. No less cheerful is **Carolyn** who gained an adv degree in comp sci during the past yr, is teaching same at E WA U, and began a software consulting svc—must be something in the air. Midway between the Reeds and the Stockdales on the Black Knight Ranch are to be found **John & Priscilla Brown**, their youngest son Peter, and 225 cows. With 5 older offspring in search of their fortunes elsewhere, Peter is about to enter the Sch of Vet Med at WA St—it is assumed that John will provide a summer site for his OJT for Pete's commitment toward a large animal practice upon grad.

CLASS ACTIVITIES: On 10 Oct **John & Peg Byers** hosted DC area '51ers and wives at their Prince Royal Gallery in Old Town, Alexandria. All thoroughly enjoyed

1951: The party was great! The Byers and McDonalds

the food, camaraderie, and changed atmosphere—we're now hearing requests for a yrly repeat. DC AREA LUNCH-

1951: The Snyders represented the Midwest. Bob & Peg Dean, Mary Carolyn Snyder, Van Matre and Snyder

EONS: 11:30am each 3d Thur of mo at ANCC Sch: 18 Feb, 17 Mar, 21 Apr. Questions—call **Bob** or **Tinky Hyatt** 703-425-4839. Once more the A/N game was well attended to include **Barbers, Beczkiewiczes, Cortners, Charley Crowes, Detars, Fants, Fischls, Fosses, Giordanos, Griesingers,** the **Buddy Hoffs,** the

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1951: Luncheons are '51's favorite meeting place. Coughlin, Doerflinger, F Rockwell, Mulder, Lemnitzer

1951: The McMullens and Giordanos enjoyed!

1952: Class 35th Reunion

John R Hooks, Lynches, Pete Matthews, McMullens, Partains, Pendletons, Bill Quinn, Roberges, the **Joe Rogers, Fred Rockwell, VanMatres, Webber,** and **Williams.** Once more **Ab** Webber w/lovely

1951: A/N game stalwarts—the Williamses and daughter & husband and the Rogerses

Marge as hostess and supported by son Michael, hosted his annual party for '51 and others after the game—needless to say, it was a happy group!! CLASS PAR-

1951: Ab's parties leave nothing to be desired—Marie Foss, Fischl, Anne Pendleton and Griesinger

TY: 4 Mar. '51 has scheduled a Class party in conjunction with Ft Belvoir Founders Day activities which includes attendance by spouses/guests. '51 will meet for cocktails in Yorktown Rm of Ft Belvoir's Engr Mess beginning at 1830. MISSISSIPPI CRUISE: 18–22 Apr 88. Begins and ends in New Orleans; followed by sightseeing, nite club tours, Jazz Festival, breakfast at Brennan's, etc. Approx 40 '51ers and guests signed up. Contact **Howie** or **Mollie Peckham**, 850 Loggerhead Isl Dr, Satellite Beach, FL 32937. Tel: 305-777-2873.

REGIONAL SPOTLITE for next *ASSEMBLY*: NORTHEAST—New England (**Pete Foss**); NJ (**Tom Odderstol**); NY and CAN (**Al Lichtenberg**); PA (**Ron Roberge**); MIDDLE ATLANTIC—MD and DE (**Earl Keesling**); VA—NoVA (**Dan Wardrop**); No VA (**Chuck Ewing, Ken Holle, Bob McDonald, Don Van Matre**)

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In my last article I suggested that you would have maybe 3 hrs after reading it to get off a letter to me to make my deadline. I guess I overestimated since I haven't yet received my copy and today's my deadline for typing. I'll be putting together my next article on Sat afternoon, 6 Feb, and you should be reading it in Apr. It begins to look as if you'll either have to remember my deadlines wholesale or simply not wait for deadlines. I'm happy to get material any time and will use all I can in the next issue after I receive it. My writing date will now be the last Sat prior to 10 Feb, 10 May, 10 Aug, 10 Oct, and 10 Dec. My deadlines to WP are now the 15th of those mos.

Again, this issue begins with material which I cut from the Sep article because of lack of space. I have to assume that no additional cuts were made by the editors since this time I can't read the actual published article before putting this one together.

Bill Duncan reached his mandatory ret date from the DE NG on 2 Jul and shared the following re the total ret "package:" "Each yr my unit, the 261st Sig Cmd, has an annual dining-in which we refer to as an Honor's Dinner. This yr, I was selected to be the guest of honor and it was my ret dinner. It was a formal affair which about 400 people attended from both the mil and civ communities. I was thrilled when LTG Paige, the CG of the Info Sys Cmd, pinned the Army DSM on my chest. It was a real surprise to me and I am honored. The basic citation was for my participation in just about all the natl res comms one could be a member of, such as the Surgeon Gen's Advisory Comm, the Army Res Forces Policy Comm and the Reserve Forces Policy Bd.

"Subsequent to that event, on the wkend of 6–7 Jun, we had the following events in which I was an active participant: On 6 Jun, in conjunction with Dover AFB and their open house, we had our Governor's Day ceremonies and review. As part of the ceremonies and review, the Gov presented me with the Conspicuous Service Cross of DE and promoted me to the State of DE honorary rank of LTG. During the ceremonies, we had participation from a bn of the 82d Abn. We had the Thunderbirds. We had the 3d Regt Drill Team. We had every acft I believe the AF or the Army Air Corps has ever flown and a good time for over 120,000 persons at Dover AFB. Needless to say again, that was a big thrill. Also, I would like to point out that Lord & Lady De La Warr were guests of the Gov that wk and this ceremony was also the opening of the bicentennial of the Constitution for DE, 'The First State.' The 82d Abn jumped into Dover AFB, assembled, double-timed to the reviewing stand, and the bn cmdr came up on the reviewing stand, presented me with a plaque and then they presented Lord De La Warr with a plaque. At that time, it was revealed that Lord De La Warr had been in the British First Parachute Regt that was isolated and cut off at Arnhem and was rescued by the 82d Abn. It was a very moving and touching sight to see this man in view of 120,000 spectators with tears in his eyes telling this bn cmdr that seeing the 82d Abn again was the greatest thrill of his life.

"The next day on 7 Jun, we had the change of cmd ceremony where after a little over 12 yrs as cmdr of the 261st Sig Cmd, I handed the flag over to my dep, BG Arthur V Episcopo. Well all I can say is that the people at St Francis Hosp are now going to see the lights on in my off

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and wonder who that new employee is because I won't be running all over the world like I had been before; perhaps not as much as those on AD but, except for Australia, I have worn my uniform on every inhabited continent in the world for the US Army."

1952: Gathering on the Plain at the 35th Reunion

I also received a news release dated 18 Sep 87. "**Denis F Mullane**, chm and CEO of the CT Mutual Life Ins Co, was named by the Natl Assoc of Life Underwriters (NALU) as recipient of the John Newton Russell Memorial Award for 87, the highest individual honor conferred in the life insurance industry. Mullane received the award for distinguished service and in recognition of the leadership role he has taken in the life insurance industry during a career that spans 31 yrs at CT Mutual. Presentation of a Steuben 'Excalibur' crystal and gold sculpture was made at the annual convention of the NALU held in Orlando, FL. The NALU lauded Mullane for a 'quality of life demonstrated in the quiet but resolute manner in which you have opened doors of equal opportunity to others in your co and community, in your mgt by consensus that has earned enviable loyalty of associates, and your sensitivity to the human condition.' In addition to his contributions to the life insurance bus, the Assoc recognized Mullane for his long service to numerous prof and community orgs, for his support of prof education programs, and for his commitment to the role of agents in an expanding industry. Mullane was praised as a 'leader of the life insurance business' who has demonstrated 'vigorous and unqualified allegiance to agents and agency field mgt as a powerful and productive resource.' A native of NYC, Mullane joined CT Mutual after graduating from USMA and serving 4 yrs on AD. His extensive involvement in prof orgs includes exec psns with the Life Underwriters Tng Council, the American College of Life Underwriters and the American Council of Life Insurance. In addition, he also serves on the bd of the Univ of Hartford; is past pres of the Greater Hartford Arts Council; and is actively involved with Junior Achievement, his parish council, and various youth sports and dramatic gps in the Hartford area."

I wasn't able to attend the Class reunion this time and only 4 people have provided me any info from it. **Bill Schroeder**, who works in the same bldg as I (but only visits about once a yr), dropped by the other day to let me know that it was a great reunion, as usual. He was particularly impressed by the astronaut portrait of **Ed White** and **Mike Collins**. And **Bob Woodward** sent me a

1952: Jean Pilk and portrait of White and Collins

few pictures and the following note: "Just returned from the reunion and a wk in VT viewing the fall colors. Here are a few photos we took of some of the 'old soldiers.' We enjoyed seeing everyone and the weather was perfect for the entire wkend. The astronaut portrait presentation was a very moving ceremony and brought back many memories of my early (60s) yrs at the Cape working on Pad 20 right next to these guys." Bob also

1952: Leonard, McClung, McDonnell and Oliphant

sent a copy of the program from the memorial service. The prayer of remembrance and dedication for 66 named deceased classmates was, "Lord God, as we remember these classmates and friends who have completed the march you assigned them, we thank you that they shared our lives. We ask that you help us to be more worthy of your blessings and that you strengthen our intent to love you and to serve you faithfully all our days. Amen." **King Coffman** and **Deryle Whipple** each wrote to let me know about the great Christian fellowship that was experienced by many at the reunion. I wish I could have been there. I rather imagine that someone has a more detailed report on the way to me that I'll be able to include in my next article.

That's it for this issue. As you can see, the earlier deadline has resulted in a paucity of info to report. You can all change that by feeding me a continuing stream of Class news. So, until next time, please keep those cards and letters coming!

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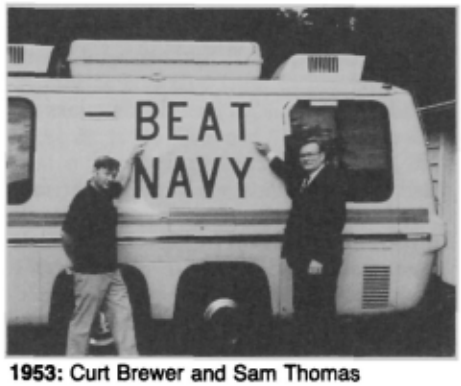
How sweet it is! Army 17—Navy 3. More on this later.

Sam & Nadine Thomas visited **Curt Brewer** in Sep and decorated the Thomas' motor coach with a great prediction. The Thomases also saw **John &**



1953: Curt Brewer and Sam Thomas

Nancy Angstadt at a lifeboat drill on the *Song of America* in Oct. It looks like everyone made the drill but those 4.

1953: Nadine & Sam Thomas and John & Nancy Angstadt

Weemo Wubbena sent an article by **Vince** (a.k.a. **Rand**) **Araskog** from the 6 Sep *New York Times* that I hope the *ASSEMBLY* will be able to print with Vince's permission. Weemo also passed on an inspiring story about **Tom & Tardy McGregor's** son Jim who, at 19, was found to have testicular cancer that had gone undiagnosed for many mos. Jim had lost 40 lbs and was threatened with

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kidney failure when he went to WRAMC for tests that finally identified the problem. The op and chemotherapy that followed have resulted in complete remission, and the growth on Jim's kidney has disappeared. Tom is now with Vitro Labs in order to be close to the hosp when Jim comes for his monthly visits. We share the McGregor joy in this miracle of modern medicine.

The Wash contingent lunched 27 Oct and **Weemo** reports that **Art Brown** spoke of the football team's injuries and the Supe's hopes for a private org to be concerned with mil leadership. **Herb & Ann Peckham** visited the Wubbenas recently and revealed that Herb has ret from teaching and taken up computers in a big way.

Recent press clippings show **Vald Heiberg** smiling at a gift plate he received at Ft Clayton, Panama. But, **Art Brown** looked grim about being guest speaker at an AUSA luncheon. Perhaps the menu wasn't too good.

Jim & Susan Stuart report reinforcements to their Kilmarnock, VA outpost. **Bill & Steph Jewell** have moved there from Richmond, and **Bill & Pat Sifford** are in the area. '53 is adding class to Tidewater.

Betsy Roderick recently held a surprise birthday party for her sister Susan. **Bob, Jeanne & Robbie Glasgow, Pauli Smith**, and the **Wubbenas** attended. It was a great opportunity to view Betsy's ambitious and impressive project in Old Town Alexandria. She is renovating and expanding the existing house in a deluxe way and is doing much of the work herself . . . striving for the **Vald Heiberg** award for engring excellence. The Glasgows were here for the Down's syndrome convention and took extra time to visit family and friends. Bob has suspended his real estate practice to devote full time to Robbie and the Down's syndrome natl effort. He reports good progress in the crucial areas of public awareness, research, educational and recreational opportunities, plus constant pressure for governmental and private sector spt.

Sue Dinges visited El Paso to visit daughter Kristin & her husband Dale Hruby now stationed at Ft Bliss following the Arty OAC. That was the first time Sue had been there since Ed finished the OAC in 64. We hope Sue got to see some of the happy band of '53 warriors there.

Finally to Army vs Navy. '53 hosted the joint Army-Navy Classes of '53 luncheon on 1 Dec at Ft Myer and had a great time. Beautiful women, good food and spirited debate. We were represented by **Bob & Carol Bartlett, Dick Benz, Bob & Jackie Blastos, Keith & Wanda Born, Tom & Ruth Brain, Bill Burdeshaw, Don & Claire Davis, Larry & Vi Davis, Norm & Margi Delbridge, Drew & Marlene Dowling, Jerry & Ann Goetz, Russ & Barbara Groshans, Bill & Pat Harris, Cliff & Jan Landry, Al & Pam Lindholm, Jim & Maggy Linka, Chuck & Frankie Lowman, Jim & Ruth Miley, Cliff & Mary Lou Neilson, Max & Priscilla Noah, Wally & Mutt Parker, Herb & Inge Schmidt, Bob & Margaret Schroeder, Don & Sarah Shaw, Joan Sweeney, Sam & Nadine Thomas, Weemo & Marie Wubbena**, and me.

Art & Jerry Brown graced the head table and did a masterful job of hosting ADM Carl Trost (CNO), Bill Habermeier, Com of Midshipmen and Gus Hubel, pres of USNA '53. Art imported exceptional talent in the person of Fred Gorden, Com of Cadets, who held his own in the debate very ably. Wally Parker took pictures that we hope to have in a future issue.

A lot of family news was passed at the A-N luncheon, but my shorthand failed me. So, I depend on notes like the one from **Dick Benz** enclosing the picture of their proud family after son Mark received his wings at Williams AFB 20 Nov.

1953: Dick, Judy, Mark and Paul Benz

My deadlines for submitting future columns are 15 Feb, 15 May, 15 Aug and 15 Oct. Please give me a wk to pull it together. Until then, we hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and are now getting lots of exercise.

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Prof JB Holley, Jr of Duke U relates that **Norm Bedell** had for 7 yrs been dir of physical plant there, after 4 yrs as dir of physical plant at Bowling Green U and 4 yrs with Monsanto Rsch Corp. Norm is now asst VP for physical plant at Penn State U, in charge of 700 employees and 1,000 buildings in PSU's 21 units throughout PA. Prof Holley had high praise for Norm's universal popularity, high standards and leadership. "Norm was a splendid advertisement for the professional Army off corps and an exemplar of the Academy graduate who continues to win friends for the Army after ret."

Louis Charles Wagner, late of L-1, writes to distinguish himself from **Lou Carson Wagner**, still on AD as CG, AMC. Lou Charles ret from USAF as an O-6 in 75, with wife **Katherine Westendick** and their 7 children. He earned a degree in counseling and was a marriage and family therapist for 11 yrs in Eugene, OR (which is not a classmate). They moved to Tallahassee, Kay's hometown, where Lou was dir, Child and Family Section of its health agency and recently entered pvt practice in his field. Thanks, Lou, you're just as we remembered you.

Big **Ben Schemmer** was moderator of a distinguished discussion gp in the ComDef 87 Exhibition and Symposium in Crystal City, VA, in Oct. This was the first held by the US and its 19 common def partners. Over 200 cos exhibited and more than 50 tech papers were presented.

Bill & Lynsey Klein ret to St Petersburg, FL on Rivera Bay. Bill is VP-admin for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, running the business side of the NFL team. Daughter Katherine is married to CPT Frank Finelli '79, now teaching at WP. Katherine & Frank presented Kleins their first grandchild/son in Feb. Shara, who was born in HI when our contingent was with the 25th Div, married businessman Doug Ward of San Ant, where both work for USAA. Son Will is in engring sch at U of TX, San Ant. Of their twin sons, Rich grad in 87 from WP to arty and Kelly attends the Citadel. When Rich completed jump sch at Ft Benning, Bill jumped with Rich's class and delivered the graduation speech. Bill is fond of 2 old football photos on his wall. One shows the LSU '23 football team of only 11 players, incl his dad, the team cpt. The other is of classmate and WP halfback no 21, **Bill Purdue**, Lynsey's brother.

Pres **Jack Miller** of Spring Grove, PA, attended annual AUSA conf in DC in Oct. Amid the aging displays, he met aging classmates **Corky Gabbert, John Hudachek, Bob Reed** and **Paul Miller** (no relation). Paul is a researcher with BDM after a stint at CIA. Jack had dinner with Bob, who is with Martin Marietta in CO and whose daughter Jennifer is a sr at CO St. Bob started a software business and will go full-time if it continues good. At AUSA in a display of maj res cmds, Jack saw a photo of 221 MP Bde CG, BG **Doug O'Connor**, from CA.

Jim & Bobbi Williams moved into their new home in Great Falls, VA, and have started a co to produce unclassified intelligence from on-line data banks. When the Army formally chartered the Mil Intel Corps as part of its regtl system in Jul, Jim was honored by selection as the first honorary col of the Corps. Jim was the first USMA grad and RA to earn 3-star rank purely in intelligence, ret as dir, DIA. The Williamses met **Jerry Lodge** in NJ and **Corky Gabbert** at a

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symposium on L.I. They also visited WP at Homecoming and bused to Michie with Doug O'Connor and **Jan LeCroy**, who attended an AOG Trustees meeting. On 1 Jan, Jan became pres of the Dallas Citizens Council, a 50-yr-old org that addresses public issues.

Pres of American Def Preparedness Assoc, **Larry Skibbie**, hosted a showing of an SDI film in DC. Def Secy Weinberger was in attendance.

1954: Skibbies, Reeds and Hannons on Nantucket Isl

Friendly **Frank Hicks** writes from Villa Hills, KY. He is with West Shell Realtors and a member of the Million Dollar Club of the Kenton-Boone Board of Realtors in Edgewood. He had lunch with **Chuck Bavaria** and Tommy Bell '55, who has recovered from a prolonged illness. Frank sent a section of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* reporting that Chuck Bavaria is VP and GM for airline mktg with Gen Elec Acft Engines in Tokyo and landed a rare contract to supply engines for Boeing 747 liners bought by Japan AL. Chuck lives in Cincinnati when he's not braiding rubber bands for those engines.

After 30 yrs, **Elliott & Joyce Gritton** of Reno, NV, returned to Ger in Sep for a sightseeing trip of 97th FA Bn digs. They stopped at Mannheim to visit daughter Holly & husband Scott Torgerson '82, who will assume cmd of the 66th MP Co in Karlsruhe. They saw **Jack Galvin** on the Armed Forces network being interviewed about a NATO exercise in progress. Imagine Jack calling NATO to attention?

Exactly as programmed, Edleen & Keith Bergelt presented her parents, **Ed & Jan Pawlowski**, with their first grandchild, Evan, on 21 Nov in NYC. Gramps & granny went up for the christening and the new parents and Evan visited Ed & Jan in Vienna, VA during the holidays.

1954: Elliott Gritton somewhere in Ger

Other seasonal travelers include **Walt & Renate Evans** of Potomac, MD, who spent a mo in France and Ger and were joined by their son John, who had been traveling there and in the Mideast on vacation from OH U. Evans' daughter Stacey & husband David had a baby boy last summer, and daughter Sarah & husband raise 2 children while continuing their professional careers. Walt looks good for a grandfather.

1954: Bob Adams, Doug Stuart and Dick Sugg at Katie Stuart's wedding reception at Ft McNair

Lastly, in Dec, **Chuck & Helen Wilson**'s daughter Elizabeth Louise married Bradley Hayek in Potomac, MD.

The Army Rabble beat Navy handily. My prediction of a close score was wrong, but my incense has been damp. Thanks for your continued support. Mire!

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When you read this edition in mid-Feb of 88, football season will have vanished from the press and the tube, but as of this writing, the "game" is only a wk past and the 17–3 victory over the Mids is still being savored in these parts; at least I can report that the massive signs above the Mall Entrance to the Pentagon boasting the dominance of goat-dom very quickly disappeared! While the mailbag has been perking up with the approach of the holiday season, other news of classmates has come via contacts here in DC and an occasional phone call across the land. **Fred Knieriem** & his wife **Patti** and their two young daughters came up to No VA for Thanksgiving from Atlanta, but sorry to say we weren't able to link up. Fred continues on with Lockheed in GA in intl mkting, keeps active raising those two small youngsters and manages to hustle a few quid on the golf courses around Atlanta. Be on the watchout for a small, stout man bearing a 9-wood! **Bill & Sue Carrington** sent a nice summary of their yr in Oberammergau, FRG, from which point Bill motors to work as a member of the U of MD faculty in Munich. He's recently completed his EdD, and is currently working on a textbook on organizational leadership. Sue continues her main activity in woodcarving, but is also active in the O-Gau and Garmisch mil communities. Again they urge all traveling in Bavaria to drop by Oberammergau and pay them a visit.

Ed & Nancy Rumsey dropped a lengthy note in the Christmas mail advising that they're enjoying the challenges and rewards of running their athletic center and racquetball club in the Clemson, SC area. In addition to being located so that their grandsons and families can visit often, Nanc works at Clemson U and Ed does his thing as one of the owner-mgrs of the Kourthouse Athletic Club. Not only is this by way of a profession for Ed, it provides him a way to keep his waistline in double digits.

Charlie & Rita Flynn are now settled in Prescott, AZ, and in a news-rich letter to **Al & Edie Edwards** (who now live where the Flynns did in the Annapolis area), recount the great pleasures they derive from life in the high desert. Charlie says Prescott is about the same size as Annapolis, but without the press of a major metropolitan area nearby. Charlie has become a full-time faculty member at the western campus of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U, a sch devoted solely to the avn bus. Not only does he enjoy being back near the flying world, but Charlie has been able to make many old USAF contacts as well. I can assure you that there is no one who can thrill those young aspiring fliers with flying stories as well as Charlie, either. Charlie says that he and son Jon have found some of those fabled CO River/White River fishing sites where the rainbows take numbers to climb into your creel! Good to know Rita & Charlie are settled out west.

Speaking also of those who have been through some moves this last yr, Rev **Walt & Nancy McCrillis** sent a super letter detailing their change of venue this last yr from FL to Pascagoula, MS, where Walt is now the minister in the Christ Lutheran Church. Nancy's mother has joined them in the move and has taken an apt close by. Walt's ministry is really burgeoning, and he has become deeply integrated into community activities. God Bless, Walt & Nancy, all the best in your new calling.

As has become somewhat of an institution here in the DC area, the day following the Army-Navy game sees a major Class gathering at a Sun brunch. This yr's gracious hosts were **Carl & Marsha Cathey**, who opened their lovely

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home in Annandale to some 70 area classmates and ladies who came to celebrate the win, press the flesh and the opportunity to make a mini-reunion. Co-hosting with Carl & Marsha this yr were **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky, Dick & Carol Baker, Al & Edie Edwards** and **Vicki & I**. The turnout was really super; it boggles a scribe's mind to have all those folks together under one roof. In addition to some updated info, I got some good snaps.

1955: Carol Baker and Cutchins checking out Cathey's plaques

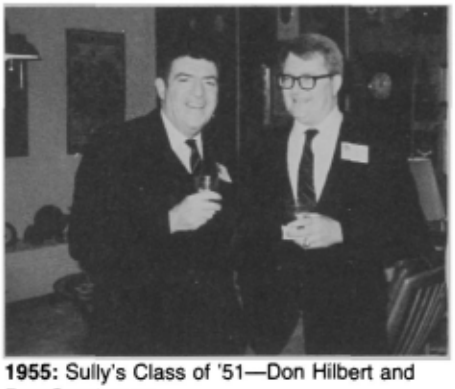
Jim & Nancy Cutchin were early arrivals and it allowed the chance for some good old 2nd Regt reunion talk. Jim is still busy as an atty with the Nuc Regulatory Commission—not an easy job these days. **George & Mary Monahan**, who are among the last of the '55 USAF AD stalwarts, were welcome special guests; Geo is now among the most sr def acquisition officials in DOD in his position as DCS/RD & A at HQ USAF. By my count, Geo & Mary and **Tom & Helen Wilkinson**, who is currently the registrar and resident golf pro at the USAFA, are the sole remaining '55-ers on AD in the USAF. Keep up the great work, guys!

1955: George & Mary Monahan sample the western omlettes

Don Smith and his lovely companion also celebrated the win and enjoyed joining up with old 1st Regt stalwarts such as **Jim & Helen Drummond**, who were pleased to announce Jim's ret in the new yr and their full transition to their home in the Hamptons area of VA. Jim has been serving as dir of the Army's Test and Eval Agency.

1955: Jim & Helen Drummond with Jack McAuslan (back to camera)

Among other reunions that took place this Sun was a mini get-together of Sully's Prep School, Class of '51, to include **Don & Chickie Hilbert, Ray & Ann Gunderson** and **Tom & Peggy Herren**. Not sure these ladies all knew these gents in Sully's days, but they were able to go back to pre-WP time to share some dormitory and constant-cramming memories. Sad news is that Sully's is no more!



1955: Sully's Class of '51—Don Hilbert and Ray Gunderson

Ed & Marjorie Nidever also enjoyed their old E-1 co mate's hospitality; both look super, and the photo attests.

1955: Ed & Marjorie Nidever with Linda Newton

Dick & Greta Masson were also among the re-uniters; Dick is still busy with the Intl Planning Analysis Center, Greta with real estate in Arlington, VA. Greta and **Pop Warner** shared some stories about real estate, especially Pop's new homestead near Goshen, VA, where his consultancy bus is all that stands between him and being a complete VA country gentleman. Happily we see him still from time to time in DC.

1955: Greta Masson with Pop Warner

Host **Carl Cathey** shared some old lacrosse memories with **John Giddings**, while Carl's portrait overlooked the exchange. John & **Sheri** are still very active community planners and real estate brokers in Severna Park, MD.

1955: Carl Cathey and John Giddings with onlooker

Tom & Elaine West, greeted by **Don Smith**, fully enjoyed old times and filled us all in on his work in the Safety Off at NASA. **Dan & Yvette Troyan** and **Bob & Nancy Russell** had a chance to revive some Old North Bks memories and hear Dan relate how life is as a member of the Marine Corps staff structure.

1955: Tom & Elaine West with Don Smith (center)

In fast review, and relying on a failing memory and poor eyesight (the equipment of the perfect spy!), I recall more of

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those attending and enjoying as: **Bill & Anita Anderson**, from Charlottesville, where Bill is active in AFA work and is a practicing atty; **Al Bundren** and his lovely lady; **Bob & Marly Carpenter**; **Jim Eddins**; **Joan O'Brien** and **Joan Matteson**, both looking lovely; **Dan & Anne Malone**, from out Purcelleville, VA, way; **Woody & Donna Fleming**, who kept us up to speed on Woody's work at BETAC; **Marty & Pat McGuire**, who shared some of Marty's experiences on the U of MD Economics faculty; **Carl & Jo McNair**, who really look to be enjoying their newly found ret; **Ted & Starla Vitori**, old friends from Peterson Field days, who recounted Ted's excitement in his new position with PRC and Starla's many involvements in real estate in Reston, VA; **Ed & Betsy Anderson**, who make us all understand why blondes have more fun—there ain't no gray! **Zach Hagedorn** and his lovely companion **Joanna Lundy**, who brought me up to date on Zach's work at Booz, Allen; **Jim Bergen**; **Jack & Lovie McAuslan**; **Bob & Linda Newton**; **Bob & Pat Strati**, down from WP; **Matt & Betty Schepos**, taking a break from their HS teaching labors.

1955: Bill & Anita Anderson with scribe's wife Vicki

Marsha, Edie, Sandy, Carol and Vicki really laid out a spectacular spread, which included an omlette chef who was kept moving out smartly. Can't ask for a better gathering except to ask for more to attend. Wish you'd all been there.

1955: Dan & Yvette Troyan with Bob Russell

Don't let the gloom period get to you; hope you all had a great holiday season and came through it nearly on weight. As this will reach you in mid-Feb, a warm and special birthday wish to the following:

Feb: 16-**Howard, Dickson**; 18-**Domeck, Ryan**; 19-**Vandersea**; 21-**Sherman**; 23-**Wells**; 24-**Isbell**; 25-**Peters**; 26-**Reed Stone, Wing**; 27-**Donald, Whittaker, Zaborowski**; 29-**Wiegand**.

March: 1-**Karnes, Baker**; 2-**Enslow, Dryer, Jerry Brown**; 3-**Fikaris, Bottoms**; 4-**Dick Hawkins**; 5-**Finger, St Amour**; 6-**Paul Martin**; 7-**Cairns**; 8-**Gay, Wilkinson**; 9-**Rod Davis, Ludwig**; 12-**Wallis, Shideler, Turner**; 13-**Jim Miller, Hansell**; 15-**Lichtenberg**; 16-**Jeffries**; 17-**Raynal**; 18-**Walton, Landers, Greer**; 19-**McCrillis**; 20-**Cini**; 22-**Nourse**; 23-**Gallup**; 24-**McNiven**; 25-**Bouchard, Haas**; 30-**Cohan**; 31-**DeMaris, Weissenborn**.

April: 2-**Dax, Frost**; 3-**Straus, Hinrichs**; 4-**Shaffer, Pond**; 7-**Malooley**; 8-**Rock, Vincent**; 11-**Wolfe, Perkins, Giddings, Tom Philips**; 12-**Fetko, Griggs, Sechrist**; 14-**Don Smith**; 15-**Jeter**; 16-**Poirier, Bishop**; 17-**Rudski, Newton, Herren**; 19-**Coyle**; 22-**Harvill**; 23-**Cardillo**; 24-**Deveraux, Guthrie**; 25-**Gilpatrick, Delong**; 26-**Thornquist**; 27-**Myers, Ordway III**; 28-**Ikeda**; 30-**Steinman**. Happy days, guys, take good care!

Finally, as I was just putting the finishing touches on this, **George Page** called me from his place in Bryans Road, MD, with a super idea: all of you who annually produce a Christmas letter to your close friends and relatives, please make a copy (from the word processor so many of you have these days) or one you have left over and mail it to me. That way, I'll have the news that you have all spread out to your close ones that can be shared with your classmates. The address is just above, the cost is 22 cents, can't beat a deal like that! Thanks for the prompt George, hope you & **Patty** had a super time on your New Zealand, Fiji, Australia trip in Jan.

1955: Members of '55 enjoy the AOG Danube River cruise

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Happy 1988! This is the first column of what could be a 5 column yr, depending on how much mail I receive. Unfortunately, it caught me at a bad time because the govt decided to release a request for a proposal on a contract as a holiday present and I am spending many extra hrs trying to respond to it. I don't really have to do it—I can always find a new job. I believe it also caught you by surprise because I haven't received much mail or response (i.e. pictures) to the last column. Just a reminder; because there are 5 deadlines instead of 4, there is not much time between the time you read the column and when the new column has to be submitted. Therefore, write fast and often. Now to the news.

1957: Kielkopf, Bennett and Gross; Founders Day 1987, Carlisle Barracks

We had a large contingent at the A/N game and thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the second half. Perhaps next yr we can get one of our Philly residents to host or set up a gala event after the game. Any volunteers? As it was, there wasn't much socializing at the game, and I was so cold I hardly even moved. About 17 people came down on a bus from DC, which is a convenient way to go, and if planning gets started early enough some of you could plan to be in the DC area next Dec and join the bus crowd. If you are interested, please write and I'll get our game planner, whoever that may be.

Got a letter from **Ray Bell** with an article he extracted from a Providence, RI newspaper in Sep. He said it may explain why **Luis San Andres** didn't come to the 30th. I quote from the article. "Troops overran a communist rebel camp yesterday . . . on southeastern Luzon Isl . . . The mil cmdr of southeastern Luzon, BG Luis San Andres. . . . " The article goes on to describe the situation in the area and makes the point that it is not the best. We all extend our congratulations to Luis on being a gen and a cmdr, and we wish him well, but I for one do not envy him the job, nor does

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Ray Bell. Ray also mentioned that he's doing a lot of traveling around the country to mil bases, but he hasn't run into any classmates recently. That's what happens when you pass the big 30. **Lou Circeo** wrote from his new home in Atlanta, said he has a big house with lots of room for visitors and asked that I put his address in the column (4245 Navajo Trail, Atlanta, GA, 30319, tel 404-451-3650). Lou is off and running in his new career as the "Principal Research Scientist/Dir of the Construction Research Center" at GA Tech. The official announcement makes the point that he is the founding dir and that he was selected because of his "natl prominence and intl exposure." To quote John Myers, asst dean of research admin, "Circeo has the knowledge and experience to direct a construction research center of this scope, and is widely known for his understanding of technology and his commitment to communication and technology transfer." The center will take a broad approach to construction research and will provide info and technology transfer from other fields to the construction industry. Projects will include everything from dev of new materials to worker motivation, and Lou says that one of his principal goals is to transfer some of the mil construction products to industry. Good luck, Lou. We'll all be looking for info on the progress of the ctr and fully expect it to greatly improve, if not revolutionize the construction industry. **Sue & Cliff Goodson** sent a Chanukah card and newsletter, both of which are appreciated. Both Sue & Cliff had some med problems associated with sports injuries, but refuse to quit competing. Sue is learning how to play tennis left-handed and is now up to the "social" level. However, she still runs competitively and continues to win in the 5–10 km events. Cliff tore his right achilles tendon playing tennis and has turned to weighlifting and recreational walking for exercise while he gets back into shape for playing tennis. They did attend the reunion, and in fact, were able to visit with us while they were staying with friends in the DC area. Cliff and I were roommates for a yr and it was fun to reminisce. They became grandparents on 30 Jul when Bethany Elise was born to Isabel & Richard, Cliff's son. Son Robert was married to Susan Holt in Jun and they are now living in Warrensburg, MO where Rob continues in the linesman apprenticeship program with MO Public Service. Son Craig had a tough first yr at NM State, spending most of the spring semester on crutches after rupturing a ligament in his knee during a soccer game. Maybe the Goodsons should give up sports. Got a note from **Ed Hickey** with a very pleasant surprise inside. Seems Ed went to Houston, TX and collected a donation for the Class gift from **Frank "Nails" Knight** of diving fame. Frank & **Marty** have 3 children; two in coll and one in HS. They have a "super" home south of Houston and Frank is employed by the Eagle Construction Co at the Johnson Space Center. They took pictures of the occasion, but like all pictures they never seem to make it to me. **John & Isabel Holland** sent a lovely card, a letter, and an offer I don't think we can refuse. They attended the reunion and really had a great time visiting with so many long-time friends. Please note that I am avoiding the use of the term, "old" friends. Quite a few people asked about John's mother, who has remarried since we last knew her, and so he provided her address. Mrs George R Helmick, 585 Paokano Loop, Kailua, HI 96734. Now for the super offer. John is interested in working on the 30th Reunion Book and would even be willing to head up the project. All we need now are some additional volunteers and lots of pictures, anecdotes, comments, etc from those of you who attended. I'll be looking for your response after this column is published. Thanks for the offer, John. I'll get back to you as soon as I get some responses.

Received a note and some lovely reunion pictures from **Joe & Sue House**.

1957: Smiths, Voorhees and Houses

Sue's one complaint about the reunion was that she didn't have enough time to speak to all the people there. Oh well, there's always the 35th, and maybe some mini-reunions in-between. Thanks for the pictures, Sue. Got a holiday greeting from the **Huckabees** and saw Bill at the game, but didn't get to exchange any

1957: Kovels, Bucks, Jody Scott

info. Maybe next time. Found an old picture in my desk and decided to include it here. Actually, it's not that old, since it's from the 87 Founders Day dinner at Carlisle Barracks, when we still had cols on AD. **Dick Mollicone** gave me some info on his new job, and I forgot to relay it in the last column. He joined ESL, a subsidiary of TRW, in Aug as the dir of new bus dev, and is responsible for pursuing bus at the corporate level. Got a nice long letter from **Sam Morthland** written after the reunion. It's not just long, it's a masterpiece that he started in Sep and finished in Nov. Here goes. First, and most important, he thought the reunion was great, especially since H-2 had 6 reps. They were Sam, **Jerry Schumacher, Steve Quatannens, Arcade Boivin, John Schaffer** and **Bob Buckner**. Two others who had planned to attend were **NB Penrose** who is just starting a new career in Austin, TX and was working on a batch of new proposals, and **Craig Smyser** who had to go to St Louis because his mother became seriously ill. Sam lives in Houston, TX and is working on Space Shuttle contracts for UNISYS. He's the mgr of Contracts and Material (subcontracts, facilities, logistics, and other cats and dogs—he said it) for an 800 person work force on a 15 yr contract. That should last until he's ready to ret again. Sam is very active in the Natl Contract Assoc (NCMA) and is the VP of the local chapter. Wife **Marsha** has entered the real estate bus and is doing great. Not only does she love the work, she knows what people need and has been so successful at helping others that she made the "Million Dollar Club" her first yr in the bus. They have 3 children; Patrick, the oldest, was due to enter the AF in Oct at Myrtle Beach, SC as a budget off, but got a last min call (after he had packed his bags, quit his job and had given up his apt) offering him flight sch in Dec. Since that was his first choice, and mom & dad had plenty of room, he took it and is spending time living at home and taking flight lessons to be better prepared. Sam says the only victim is his refrigerator. I should mention that Patrick was the cadet col of his AFROTC Gp at Wright State U in Dayton and is in the process of setting up an assoc of grads for the sch's ROTC grads. Daughter Ann Marie is a soph at Alvin Comm Coll and is a real TX girl, complete with pickup truck. She's engaged to a boy in Dayton and is supporting AT&T. Long distance romances are tough—and expensive. Daughter Catherine is a HS frosh and just enjoying life. She's hard to keep up with and keeps the Morthland house occupied with large numbers of male visitors. Sam says it keeps him young. I'll bet. He also related a story from the reunion, made some suggestions and passed on some info about other classmates. First the

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story. **Nick Robinson** was heard advocating that we attack the last co passing in review as a fitting continuation of our Plain hi-jinks. The only thing that deterred him was Sam's assurance that **Gerry Galloway** really did have some 30-cals emplaced to counter such behavior. Hey, I'm only repeating what I'm told, and I believe it. The first suggestion was to avoid playing a Catholic sch when the Pope is in the country. The others are a little easier to address, and I'll pass them on to the comm for the 35th. On their way back to Albuquerque in their '62 Mercedes, **Dick & Cynthia White** visited with Sam & Marsha and reminisced a little more. It was a good time. While visiting Salt Lake City on bus, Sam drove up to Ogden and visited with **Bob & Millie McCoy**. Bob is the CG of the Ogden Air Logistic Center and decided to go for a hop in one of the F-16s for which he is responsible. He said it took more time to get suited up in the G-suit, helmet, etc than he spent abn. I guess getting ready is not half the fun. A last note from the letter. The reason Sam didn't mail it in Sep is that he was waiting to enclose some pictures taken at the reunion. Unfortunately, daughter Catherine managed to double expose the roll. Not even modern technology could prevent it from happening. Oh well. Thanks for a truly great letter, even if there are no pictures. Saw a note in the COE's Engr Update which said that **Gary Stemley**, former cmdr of the 411th Engr Bde, Brooklyn, NY has been appointed asst ch of engrs for Mobilization, Res Affairs, and Logistics. In that capacity, Gary will advise the COE on mobilization planning and readiness requirements, Army Res tng, and logistical spt to mobilization. Congrats!

Bruce Turnbull sent a note addressed to the entire Class, and I quote, "My sincere thanks for the kind and thoughtful recognition given to me at our 30th Reunion. My involvement over the past 22 yrs has been a labor of love—not work—for I have been privileged to have been able to attend all of our reunions since the 10th. As I said at the 30th, reunions are not individuals, but rather a class—the Class of '57—a unique gp of talented people who shared a common experience—WP. So again, my heartfelt appreciation to our classmates for their recognition, and a special request that we all return to our Alma Mater every 5 yrs to renew our commitment to Duty-Honor-Country and to each other."

I can think of no better way to end this column. Write, and send pictures.

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46th Column. Fourth Sun of Advent, I'm late (hope it makes the new, tight schedule, perhaps at the end of the class notes in the "late rank" rank). Fortunately the NFL schedulers helped out by having the Redskins-Dolphins game at 8 pm. On to the news, of which there is too much. Please note new off tel no—I am now with Rolls-Royce, Inc.

First, a scoop reported by **Jae Stanton** (L2): we will soon have another classmate permanently assigned to WP. **Suzy Spurlock** (I1) has been selected to become the assoc dir of admission, USMA. She begins her duties on 1/19/88. No doubt **Garry Roosma** (H2) will rope her into 30th Reunion planning and execution. Congratulations Suzy!

Next news is that of ***weddings***. **John Schaffer** (C1) wrote, "Please welcome my new wife **Tang Leshi** (called **Laura**) to the Class. We were married on 23 May 87 in Greenbelt, MD following her arrival from Hong Kong. Laura is originally from 'deep in the heart of China'—Beijing. She got to Hong Kong in 82 where she worked for an Amer co. The Army attache there fixed us up on my 84 visit, and we dated during my 85 and 86 trips to HK and China." Congratulations to John and a warm welcome to Laura.

Another ***marriage*** to report: **George Huff** (G2) in Oct to report that he was taking his bride **Barbara** to Homecoming at WP. They were married 3 wks earlier (late Sep) in Venus. Again, 772 congratulations to George and a warm welcome to Barbara.

Two changes in Reunion CCQs from the info in the last column: F2 is **John Sewall** (a change in time for my separate Reunion Book mailing in Nov) and K2 is **Mike Davall**. Scribe took advantage of John's return to ODCSOPS and DC area to have a truly local CCQ for F2. The K2 change was requested by **Frank Franks** due to his travel schedule which will preclude his attending the reunion.

Fred Goodenough, the Kappa Dos Runner, asked to remain in that capacity, pleading the rigors of the 88 presidential campaign. Fred is responsible for communications at both conventions and with the various contenders. When I called, Fred was in a meeting with the Secret Service. Seems safe to assume that he will not ret next summer, certainly not before the next pres is in off.

A number of the Class profiles have been returned. The first received was from **Troy Chappell** (L1), who sez he intends to attend the 30th and lists his post-Army career as "retired!!" Other respondents include **Mike Dugan** (I2) (who claims to have written a book entitled *POM*, published by USAF in Apr 88), **Don Johnson** (B2) (who did not check intending to attend reunion), **Dave Turner** (L2) (who is interested in adding a "Life Style" portion to the profile—you may hear more from Dave on this before or during the reunion), **Bill Ganey** (H1) (who ret 1 Dec 87), **Fred Hall** (D2) (who added a question not asked, "Why did I leave 'Minnetonka?' "), **John Bradley** (A2) (who has been published, *The Second World War, Asia and the Pacific*, by Avery Publ Co, 86), **Dave Bourland** (K2) (who added "walking" to the list of athletics and cited "Transportation" as his type of business—scribe refuses to touch this one), **Jerry Cook** (F1) (who has a cpt son flying Blackhawks in Ger), **Bill Clary** (M1) (who is on the Atlanta Ski Club downhill racing team), **Pete Groh** (I2) (who does intend to attend the 30th), **Bob Grete** (M2) (who is a published author and remains dir of the Rocky Bayou Christian Sch), and **PD Vanture** (B2) (who is into ultramarathons of 50 km and 50 mi).

Lost and Found: Found since the listing in the last column are **Bob & Jodi Dey** (H2) (in Boise, ID and even surfaced at AUSA in Oct!), **George & Sandra Wees** (I1) (both addresses for Bob and George provided by **Gale Robertson** H1), and **Claude Fernandez** (F2) (found in Atlanta by **George Lawton** G2). Lost and found both since last column are **Tony & Carole Smith** (I1) (in S.F., CA). Mailed their reunion book info to Pres **Jack Bradshaw** (M2) and asked Jack to forward it. Don't think that modus operandi will work for many of the other "lost" '58 files. In fact, the lost list is longer by virtue of the 9 letters returned to sender: **Larry Ashbury** (F2), **Ted Childress** (B2), **Gene Fisher** (L2), **Bob Hultzen** (K2), **Ed Jasaitis** (F1), **Harry Kramp** (K2) (one of our newest fathers, how can Harry have gotten lost?), **John Roe** (C2), **Larry Tharp** (L1), and **Dick Warner** (I2). Repeating the lost files as of last column: **Bill Foulkes** (A1), **Fritz Nuffer** (B1), **Joe Brown** (C1), **John Raymond** (E1), **Bob Case** (I1), **Bruce Trott** (I1), **Ed Lucci** (K1), **Bob Regut** (K1), **Larry Shull** (M1), **Dick McManigell** (A2), **Bill Murphy** (D2), **HA "Bud" Davenport** (E2) (sent his reunion book via **Gene Scales** and it hasn't been returned, maybe Gene's found him), **Don Forney** (E2), **Bob Foster** (E2), **Bob Kirtley** (K2), and **Homer Jenkins** (M2). IF YOU HAVE ADDRESSES FOR ANY OF THE LOST CLASSMATES, PLEASE CONTACT **JOHN NUN** (703-339-5569 or 10812 Anita Dr, Mason Neck, VA 22079).

And, if you are reading this column but have not received the first reunion letter from **Garry Roosma** or the Nov 87 reunion book letter from **George Sibert**, (1) you are probably reading some other grad's copy of *ASSEMBLY* because if it were yours as in being a subscriber, the AOG would have your address; and (2) we need to hear from you ASAP! Contact Garry at home 201-746-5788 or off 201-328-0650. My info started the column.

Letters. **Tom Claffey** (K2) writes, "**Norm Monson** (K2) and his wife **Eileen** visited Santa Fe from their home in

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Redlands, CA. Norm is with Hughes Acft in Anaheim. **Sylvia** & I had a great time catching up on 30 yrs which have passed all too quickly. **Hank Bielinski** (also K2), where are you? Monson and Claffey are looking for you." (Try 41 Edcris Place, Huntington, NY 11745—it worked for the reunion book mailing).

Pres **Jack Bradshaw** sent along a letter from USMA PAO and picture of the '58 plaque honoring our Army team cpts. There are plaques for the period 1890-1986. Our plaque features a photo of **Mike Harvey** (E1), AAA trophy winner, hockey "A" 55–58, lacrosse "A" 55–58, and 2d Team All American lacrosse midfield 58. Our cpts listed are **Jim Kernan** football (C1), **Don DeJardin** basketball (A1), **Len McCormack** hockey (C2), **Ray Riggan** lacrosse (B2), **Nels Conner** baseball (A2), **George Huff** tennis (G2), **Bob Puff** soccer (C2), **Jim Jones** rifle (M2), **Gordon Goodman** and **Pat Kirk** swimming (both B1), **Jerry Betts** outdoor track (H1), **Glenn Phillips** wrestling (A2), **Bill Parks** golf (H2), **Dick Oberg** pistol (B1), **Gar O'Quinn** gymnastics (L1), **Jerry Lewis** cross country (B1), **Jerry Betts** indoor track, (H1), **Don Williams** squash (D2), and **Brad Johnson** 150 lb football (K1). Congratulations to our team cpts. The PAO wrote that a feature article would appear in Dec *ASSEMBLY* about the plaque dedications in the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility. Didn't see it, maybe next issue.

Note from **Gene Scales** (C2) said he's an author. He sold an article to *Soldier of Fortune* magazine on the history of RECONDO. He sent a number of pictures which may appear, space permitting. **Rollie Peck** (ex-L2) wrote **Dale Hruby** (M2) (chm, Class Memorial Fund), "As a life member of AOG and a staunch supporter of our Class, I have fallen short when it came time to contribute to the '58 Memorial Fund. . . . I will offer no excuses, my check for the requested $100 plus a self-imposed $100 penalty for late contribution is attached." And Rollie plans to attend the 30th!

Pete Kusek (E2) CCQ sent along one reply to his letters to E2 files about the 30th—it was from **Ed Matthews** (our newest father—repeating info from 44th col which was published in 45th col: Ed & **Linda** were blessed with Ashley Danielle McCall Matthews birth on 2 Dec 86, now one!). Ed provided **Eddie & Jerri Adair's** address. He also provided info from **Billy Mathews** (M2) that on 2 Jul 87 an Appeals Court ruling sez that academy time no longer counts for Federal Civil Service ret. "The case is Horner vs Jeffrey, No 86–697, US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit." Billy had called scribe for some addresses of classmates who are in Fed Civil Service, trying to organize a counterattack.

Back from Bern, SZ and in DC area are **Bill & Edna Serchack** (K1). They have two daughters Bridget and Mary Ellen working in DC, and son Bill is a jr at MI Tech. Bill's most recent "gee whiz" (his term) accomplishment is receiving the Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do. They hope

1958: Tae Kwan Do Korean Master Kim and Serchak, Black Belt

to attend 30th, but are planning transition to the 2d career next summer. **Mike Mahler** (L1) writes, "I have your letter and am delighted that I have finally made rank." (Aside: he's the RRR, Regional Reunion Rep for Chicago and vic—that's rank? Actually it is pretty rank at that.) Mike continues, "I suspect that it has more to do with not being at the monthly luncheons than any natural merit, but at this stage one takes what one can get. I was so dazzled by seeing classmates arrayed in co order again on one of your encls that I sent my check for $100 to the AOG." The Mahlers celebrated **Ellie's** birthday in Austin visiting eldest daughter at Univ TX grad sch. **Nell & Glen Hall** (H1) and **Jill & Stan Bacon** (I2) participated in the surprise party. Mahlers will attend 30th en route to youngest daughter's graduation in MA.

A first letter from **Jack Tierney** (C1) who confided that, "I now feel compelled to write," informing us that his son Mike is an atty in DC. Father Jack asks for help in rescuing Mike from his ordeals of tennis and subsequent libations with the mad "**Igor Sigurski**" (also C1). Jack reported seeing **Curt Ballard** (F1) at a Texas Bankers Assoc meeting. Curt plans to attend the 30th. The compelling reason for writing was to comment on the 30th Reunion Class Org, especially "Class Apparel Sigurski?? What an oxymoron!! I have always suspected that those inside the beltway smoked funny cigarettes. As one who has been with the man from the bars of Highland Falls to the promotion of C Prather, I can promise you jock straps and raincap covers, if we are lucky. I salute the 'Organization.' I can travel light to our Great Gorge. There will be no need for shirts (ties only), socks, or suits. All we need are pink pants, derbies, and the aforementioned jocks and raincap covers. Well done!!"

Glenn Brown (F2) points out "the

1958: Marie, Mike (JD U of Denver) and Tierney

exact middle of the graduate listings in the *1987 Register of Graduates* falls on pg 619 (the listings begin on pg 303 and end on pg 935) . . . and lo, on that page begins the listing for the Class of '58. Is this an omen? Should we notify the AAA ticket off? Or just forget the whole thing?" Letter from **Marilyn (Mimi) Sigler** (A1) at their new home in Houston. **Jim** is a senior VP of Bovay Engrs, a consulting engr firm which Jim and some other offs purchased from Armco. Jim Jr (27) is an FA 1LT at Ft Hood. He married Susan Aximann last yr. Daughter Cindy (26) will grad from U of CO med sch while Robert (23) grad from TX A&M last yr. Siglers see **Karin & Ron Hudson** (L2) fairly often and live near **Frank & Ann Bowen** (D2). Siglers are planning to attend 30th, "we can't let A1 down."

Short note from **Tony Smith** (I1), confirming that Pres **Jack** did forward Smith's mail. Tony provided **Suzy Spurlock's** current CT address, but we all know it will change soon. Suzy will be with Tony & **Carole** on Christmas Day. **Pete & Lynn Penczer** (D2) had a recent visit from **Mel & Kay Farrar** (M1). Farrars are moving from St Louis to Quakertown, PA where Mel has been called to start a new church. Pete attended the WP Soc of NY dinner "Support and Defend—200 Years," where he saw **Will Roosma** (H2) and **Denny Sharon** (also H2). Lynn is teaching part-time at NYU.

Christmas cards. Running out of space and time. Mr & Mrs **Walker** (**George's** parents) (H2) will try to make the reunion, especially the Fri dinner when we sit by companies. **Ron & Karin Hudson** (L2) have son Dale as a LT in Ger and newly selected as BG Herrling's aide in 3d AD. Son Craig is in Aero and ROTC at UT. Shirley & husband Raleigh will soon make the Hudsons grandparents, of twins! Karin has started catering to use skills "learned during my yrs as an Army wife." **Ed & Faith Ofgant** (D2) are looking forward to 30th. **Jim & Dottie Castle** (F2) expressed similar sentiments re 30th. **Ann & Linc Jones** (I1) are enjoying Italy and SETAF and expecting kids for the holidays. **Ellie & Gene**

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Wilson (I1) have son Chris flying at Ft Ord, and Doug in flt sch at Pensacola. "Jennifer is going strong as a pre-teen." And scribe remembers when she was the most recent offspring in the Class. Gene will ret in Jul and hopes to return to West Coast.

On to notes. At the DC Beat Navy rally at **Florence & Al Salisbury's** (L1), **Joe Luman** (H2) played the piano and **George Robertson** (H1) sang. Great party I'm told. Al ret 9/30/87 and is VP of Contel's Federal System Sector and dir of the Contel Tech Ctr. Perhaps Charlton Heston will come to the rally next yr. **Delores Riordan** reported via **Mike** (H2) that **Bob Durkin** (C1) is new dir of Def Mapping Agency. **John & Mimi Nun's** (A2) daughter Tara was married on 10/3 at 3 pm. They were so organized that John delivered mailing labels to me that morning. **Ken Phillips** (A2) called from Little Rock where he is security mgr and special projects for Interstate Airlines. He needed address for Memorial Fund check (send checks to West Point Fund, AOG, WP, NY 10996—marked '58 Memorial Fund). Ken went to Army-KS game and saw his cadet roommate **Denny Bruzina** (A2, yep, roommate in same co), who is VP at bank on post at Ft Riley and raising cattle. **Art Meyer** (K2) helped cheer Army to 41–14 victory. Art has PhD in engring and is teaching at U of NE in Omaha.

Bill Mathews (M2) called from Phoenix (first contact with a scribe!) about cadet time and Fed Civ Serv (covered earlier). He's with IRS and reported that **Cary Martin** (L2) (our locator sez M2) is also with IRS in San Fran. **George Lawton** (G2) reported seeing **Palmer McGrew** (I2), **Jack Downing** (H2), and **John Schaffer** (C1) at a recent 503d Abn Inf reunion dinner. They all served together at Bragg and in Okinawa along with **John George** (A1) and **Dave Depew** (G2) (both missed the dinner). **Chuck Toftoy** (E2) called to volunteer to organize the 24-hr lounge, Benny Havens, at 30th. His recent book, titled *How CEOs Set Strategic Direction*, is published by Planning Forum, Oxford, OH.

Fri 12/18 was **Pete Brintnall's** (M2) ret P-rade at Ft Myer. Scribe arrived after the late rank was dismissed, parked next to **Mark & Dawn Sigurski** (C1) as they were getting into car to leave. Mark awarded me the "**Jae Stanton** Award." **George Lawton** came up and accused me of going to McNair and concurred in the "Jae Stanton Award." Did manage to catch Pete & **Janice** before they left. Pete will stay in DC area consulting for firms doing bus in So Amer.

A great idea from COL Paul Child '52 the editor of *ASSEMBLY*: you all can forget about deadlines for the next 5 issues in 88 (perhaps 6 in 89). We'll meet ourselves coming and going. Just write or call and with luck it will appear sometime. Trust me . . . smile. Meanwhile, don't write or call with column poop unless you've sent your reunion book write-up to your CCQ—that's your important task. If you haven't done it when you read this, STOP AND DO IT IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY DUE OR EVEN OVERDUE. Remember, order the books by 8 Apr ($40 delivered at 30th or $45 if you want it mailed after the reunion).

Ten years ago scribe suggested two songs for the 20th Reunion—either Anthony Newly's *Stop the World, I Want to Get off* or Johnny Paycheck's *Take This Job and Shove It*. That was then, this is now. How about the Mac Davis hit *It's Hard to be Humble* as the '58 theme song for 30th. It goes something like this, "Oh Lord, it's hard to be humble, when you're perfect in every way. . . . " Fits USMA '58 from this unbiased point of view. See you 18–21 May at Great Gorge!

'59

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To continue our entry in the *Book of World Records*, **Joe Enright** believes he is the only plebe ever to have been delivered to Beast Barracks by submarine. The *USS Irex* dropped him off at North Dock on 5 Jul 55. Now, his land legs long recovered, he & **Terry** (Big Red) live in Fairfax, VA where he continues to find his job as FMC Corp dir for mktg mil equipment to foreign govts to be challenging and rewarding. Big Red sometimes accompanies him to field offs in Athens, Brussels, and Singapore.

Polly & I see the **Enrights** from time to time, and life seems to be agreeing with them. **Joe** reminisces that his best mil asgmt was a 3-yr accompanied tour in Saudi Arabia where he was mil advisor to the current Crown Prince. He & **Terry** have two children—Mike, 26, USNA '82, is a naval aviator teaching flying at Norfolk after a couple of tours on the carrier *Nimitz*; and daughter Kris, an insurance underwriter in FL, is married to a Navy pilot who participated in the raid on Libya.

Jim & Marian Taylor are at Osan AFB, Korea where Jim is DCS for Engring and Svcs for Seventh AF. Old friends encountered have included **Bob Ryan** before he left country; **Jim van Loben Sels**, who passed through in late Oct; and **Gerry Stadler** who, as reported last time, is CofS for Eighth Army in Seoul. The accompanying photo shows the Taylors after a ceremony in which Jim was awarded the Legion of Merit by LTG CC (Buc) Rogers '57, who cmds Seventh AF.

The last time **Jim** wrote, the **Taylor** boys were all enrolled in USAFA. Now young Jim '83 is still single and flying

1959: LTG CC Rogers '57 with Marian & Jim Taylor

C-141s out of McChord AFB, WA; Bob '84 is married to a classmate and serves as a civil engring off at Ramstein AFB, Ger; and Michael '85, who is cross-commissioned in the Navy and married a CA girl named Heidi, is aboard the *USS Okinawa* in the Persian Gulf. Mike & Heidi recently had a son, and Bob & his wife are scheduled to double the grandparenting of the Taylors in Feb. Daughter Robin is a jr at CO State and majors in math and combat shopping, according to her father. If you pass through Korea or will be there for the 88 Olympics, let Jim know. The address is PSC Box 54, APO, SF 96366-0006.

Domenica Williams (that's **Micki's** handle since she's taken an upscale job in the Off of the Political Advisor to CINC AFSOUTH in Naples) sends the photo of the entire family at Trophy Point. They gathered for son Eric's wedding on 10 Oct. He & new wife Deborah had a perfect day for it, and the Williams family enjoyed one of those rare times together with everyone in from far-flung asgmts.

1959: Carla, Christian '85, Deborah, Eric '83, Domenica and Bruce Williams

Ben Faber writes from Paris, TX that he occupies his time with real estate investments both at home and in Brazil. He gets to Wash at least once a yr to participate in Mary Stuart Montague Price's debutante ball, which occurs during the Thanksgiving holiday. Ben has been a friend of Mrs Price since his cadet days and he serves as vice chm of the Men's Floor Comm.

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John & Pat Eberhard are in Naples, FL where John practices as an orthopaedic surgeon. There was a good gathering of grads in Naples for Founders Day and the A-N game, says John, and he enjoys seeing classmates at these occasions. The Eberhards have 3 daughters. Karen, 27, is married and works as an accountant; Marie, 26, is a secy, also married; and Laura, 21, is at the U of So FL.

Dick & Nete Sundt are in Houston, where Dick is a consultant in the DOD ops and maintenance contract area. Nete has been a retail salesperson for 5 yrs, but she is looking for something in the med field that will better suit her tng as a physiotherapist. Jacqueline, their oldest daughter, is a 6th grade teacher in San Ant. She graduated from Trinity U there in 86 and then spent a semester at U of Copenhagen before returning to teach. The other daughter, Jennifer, is a HS sr in Houston and is in the process of looking at colleges. Her parents are hoping for TX A&M, which is not too far away.

Dick received a letter from **Bill Wheeler** and reports as follows. Seems Bill spent his first ret yrs in Tahiti, ran into trouble with the French govt over land zoning regs, and departed for Australia, Fiji, New Guinea, and a good bit of New Zealand before going to Costa Rica. He appears to have traveled to Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Sri Lanka before coming back to the US in 86. He now lives in Anna Maria Isl, FL and has a sailboat. Dick tells the story in much more colorful language, which I will leave to your imagination here. But you know where to get it firsthand.

Dick says that his parents are doing fine and that **Nete** has been able to get to Denmark to see her mother in each of the last 4 yrs, thanks to the family stake in the frequent flyer program. Dick adds that he saw **Bill Marshall** and **Sandy Beach** at a recent mtg of the WP Soc of Greater Houston. MG Bolling Jun '43 was there to tell them about a Vietnam memorial fund being established for the State of TX, a project that seems to be doing well and that Dick says Texans will be justly proud of.

Rod & Sharon Ferguson are now in beautiful Vicenza, about 45 mins west of Venice and an hr south of skiing in the Dolomites, where Sharon is civ pers dir for the Army. The new mailing address is USMCA Vicenza, Box 2428, APO, NY 09221. Rod is ret and does vol work with the chapel and at ACS where he does budget counseling for soldiers in financial trouble. He also spends about 15 hrs a wk as a part-time financial planner and stock broker. He says they are happy and healthy and that '59 visitors are always welcome at Via Del Rocoli 58. Rod's son Jim, 27, is a cpt and an arty btry cmdr at Ft Riley. His wife, Janice, is also a cpt and arty btry cmdr. And son Reed, 22, just left the DC area for a new job in Troy, NY.

I am so sorry to report that Jamie **Madden**, son of **Jay & Kathleen**, died on 2 Oct. He was 23 yrs old. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of the Resurrection Memorial Fund for later distribution to service orgs that provide assistance to young people in distress. The church address is 2280 N Beauregard St, Alexandria, VA 22311. Jay & Kathleen are at 6207 Holmes Run Pkwy, Alexandria, VA 22311.

'60

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Another deadline to be met and Christmastime in to the bargain.

Chaz Wood and I made a nostalgia pilgrimage to USMA, Braden's and Navy game football practice. We can report practice went well albeit cold, Braden's exists no longer and our *Alma Mater* seemed in good order. Chaz is a mgr in AT&T's computer architecture area, has a two-yr old son and two older boys in service (Army and Navy); he weighs the right amount and is very philosophical and seemed to me on point as he approaches the second 50.

Mike Mooney called me today from NY Hosp where he has just had a leg amputated as a result of diabetes. A card or note to his home from you all out there might lift his spirits (address: 222 East 93rd St, New York, NY).

Received today a letter from **Paul Symonds** who is busy managing his grandfather's estate. The estate consists of 3 trusts plus 4 properties in CT, and includes two acres in Point-of-Woods (Fire Isl for the non-interior decorators) beach front complex with two cottages. Paul's son is a hockey player of note in NJ and is being recruited by ND State (Div I NCAA Champions 86), MI State, MN-Duluth, and UNH. Will have to keep in touch as son makes his mind up this winter on which college to opt for.

The NY WP Soc ran a big event in celebration of the 200th yr of the Constitution—it really was well done and pix will probably appear in this *ASSEMBLY*. '60 was represented by a goodly number of whom I personally saw **Ted Crowley** & wife, **Paul Mandry** & wife. I understand **Tom Maginnis** too was present.

Count on a fellow lawyer to save your bacon—a long letter was received from **Duke Snyder** on F-2 activities at reunion; while it is dated info, it is new news to me and us non-F-2 files. Duke maintains his residence and a law off in PA but has spent the majority of the past 4 yrs developing the Sanibel Isl Hilton Inn and the Sonesta Sanibel Harbour Resort, the home of the Jimmy Connors US Tennis Center in Ft Myers, on the southwest coast of FL. (I've been to Sanibel, my sister has a place there; whole isl is a very, very nice place.) He continued with an after-action report on the big 25th Reunion.

Twelve of 20 F-2 files made it back in fine style. **Don Barrell** came Wed night of reunion from HI. **Jack Hixson** Thur night, and **George & Beth Wrockloff** on Fri. HQ at the PA house worked out well and **Grant Schaeffer** and **Jan** and **Hal Brownfield** and Sue joined them for Sun brunch at the Duke's house.

Fri was non-stop talk. Sat was a gorgeous day with p'rade, rocket cheer on the Plain led by the Supe, dedication of the Class of '60 room, Supe's open house, supper in the Cadet Mess and a BIG WIN that evening over BC. All loved the Class cheering "We want 60" as Army ran up the score to 45–14!!

F-2 heard from **Mel Hayes** who couldn't make it, as his wife had just had a baby girl. Letters from **Mike Ferguson** and **Chuck Belan** were received. (Note that Chuck saw **Bill Hardenberg** last yr, but they can't find addresses on him and **Ace Myers**.) F-2's consensus was that we all looked "terrific" and were still enthused with life's little challenges. They rekindled a lot of great memories and remembered how fortunate they are to have shared all the experiences of life and gather together again to review them. They hoped collectively that since we know of the whereabouts of "F-2ers" and since we seem to have more independence for travel, we can touch base more often through the yrs. Joan & Duke certainly hoped no one will be shy about visiting.

He included a final grade on the map previously supplied by him (3.0 basis):

Failure to insert North arrow	− .5
Hixson lost	− .2
Barrell lost	− .2
Wrockloff lost	− .2
	−1.1
Bonus for Disclaimer of Liability	+ .5
(his math)	2.4

Chuck Belan's poop was that unfortunately he was not able to make it, but he had planned to. Instead, he will be administering the Second Army Civ Aides to the Secy of the Army Conference in Puerto Rico and St Croix (tough duty). We are to please believe him when he tells us that he would rather have been there with us all. Not only did he have 12 CASAs to mind, he also had 7 gens. A wkend of no fun in the sun. Glad to hear Indians are still needed. He was the PAO of Second Army at Ft Gillem in SE Atlanta and lives in the BOQ during the wk and goes home to Columbus on the wkends (did this for almost 4 yrs); it is now ended. He was actively looking for a job, hopefully in Columbus, and hoping to ret as soon as one was found. Why

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Columbus you ask? Chuck bought a neat house there in 79 and it has become their albatross. Can't replace it.

The **Belan** children are away now as Kent graduated from GA in 84 and is a freelance computer wizard in Atlanta. Cindy lives in Columbus, so **Joyce & Chuck** see her more often. Joy is a soph at GA Southwestern in Americus. Joyce works for USPA and IRA financial planners for mil offs, whom some of us may know. She is a mainstay in their off.

This was **Chuck's** 3rd public affairs asgmt and he still didn't like it. Chuck feels the Army will never learn how to use public affairs. So, after 31 yrs, continuous, in uniform, he figured—time to leave.

Mike & Jane Ferguson wrote that **Duke & Joan**'s letter came on 23 Oct but they appreciated the thought! As it was, their household goods arrived from Japan on reunion day so they would have had a tough time making it. In any case, they missed but want to stay in touch. The Fergusons should still be in Wash DC and look for visitors. They too are FL "residents" (Pensacola) and do intend to ret there.

F-2 sent photocopies of pix but they won't print out in *ASSEMBLY*.

While participating at a business program at Skidmore College, one of my co-panelists asked if I knew **Terry Gill** from WP; I advised that he was a classmate (apparently their children see each other). I passed on the message for Terry to write with some firsthand data from CA.

I wonder who accompanies the NATO cmdr to Norway, England (24–25 Nov), etc and missed his roommate and family in London from what I read in the newspapers?

That's all folks.

'61

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The football season was a spectacular success, as all who watched and cheered the Army team to victory over Navy have proclaimed! During the season, reports came in on other games: **Rod & Janis Granneman** brought together a crew for the AZ/Stanford game. Rod was very bullish on **Frank & Barbara Gibson's** eldest son Boomer, a sr at AZ, and a pro-candidate outside linebacker. The Gibsons, the Grannemans, **Bill & Linda Esselstein, Paul & Muffin Vallely,** and **Pete & Barbara Gleichenhaus** tailgate partied afterward. Then the Esselsteins hosted a dinner party for all of the above. Bill is a sparkling atty specializing in municipal law in Menlo Park; Gibson is doing a Donald Trump in So CA; Paul weathered the Crash of 87 (not to be confused with crash and burn) with aplomb and grace (and a dictionary wasn't even needed, Rod!); Pete is the dep cmdr, the Presidio of San Fran (and is still running marathons, I'll bet). Rod, you've done a spectacular job of getting the poop across the

1961: Football? Where are the parkas?

Continental Divide, thanks!

Phil & Sharon Mallory were at WP for the Citadel game. They also made it to the **Boylans** to farewell **Dick & Betsy Behrenhausen** who are now in Verona where he is the dep Ch of Staff for Spt HQ LANDSOUTH. They arrived in Verona after 5 wks of studying Italian. According to Dick, they are now able to say "buon giorno" (look out, **Andy Sarzanini**!) **Pete & Kathy** Boylan have since departed WP and are now at Ft Sheridan. The Mallorys also got to see the **Vanderbushs, Hoys, Heimdahls, Rennagels,** and **Counts**.

At OSD, **Bob & Barbara Rosenkranz** are also expecting to remain in DC a while longer. (New BGs also have to wait in line for asgmts!) **Bob Kee**, special asst to GEN John Galvin '54, is at HQ SHAPE along with **Bob Chelberg** and **Terry Kirkpatrick**. Bob C is ch of the Policy Div and Terry is in the Logistics and Manpower Div. After a tour at the US Mission to the UN, Bob & **Ruth** are settled in Belgium, accompanied by eldest daughter Debbie, a recent grad of Trinity College in MA; their son Rob is at Temple U and daughter Susan is at Sienna College where **Tom Rousseau** is head of the math dept.

Ed Brunner is still projecting power from CENTCOM. Recently he sojourned to the AWC to lecture on practices and procedures for unified cmd strategic planning. He was well received and a credit to '61.

Bob & Brigette Oliver are still in the Louisville District. Bob was at an engrs conference in Baltimore, where he exchanged slide rules with **Chip Wanner** who is the dep div engr for the Pacific Ocean Div in HI; **Gene Witherspoon** who is at Ft Bragg; **Frank Tilton**—Ft Knox; and **Dan Barney** who is in Heidelberg. This gallant throng was not able to link up with **Marty Walsh** (MD secy of Dept of Environment). Judging from the planned activities, Marty missed a fun time.

Jim & Bobbie Blesse hosted an A/N game party in Manassas, VA. Along with **Paul & Sue DeVries** and others, they

1961: Ed Bruner and friend . . . somewhere downtown Tampa

cheered the team to victory while reenacting the first battle of Bull Run. **Howie &**

1961: Beckett, Blesse, DeVries: achieving a lifelong ambition—the A-Z tango at Crabtown

Gracie Graves were at the stadium with son Greg '88. They shared freezing temperatures ala 1958 with **Bo Schultz, Buzz Randall** and **Paul Vallely**. A few days earlier, **Olshansky** advised that he would be there also. (Did you make it **Shane**?)

Chip Smith wrote me from Gloucester, MA. He & **Sally** wish to thank everyone for their sympathy and concern. Daughter Laura was married in Mar 87 to one of Sid's classmates '86. Chip ret in Jun and is running a financial mgt co. He & Sally marked their 25th wedding anniv in NYC. **Bob Oliver, Bob Hardiman** and **Gene Witherspoon** (members of their wedding party in Munich) joined them again for this wonderful event.

Recent editions of the *Army Times* announced the rets of **John Cornelson** and **Joe Fishburne**. (Please let me know of others.) Also, a lengthy article in the 19 Oct *AT* describes **Stan Clough's** services as the project mgr for the Enhanced Position Locator Reporting System at Ft Monmouth.

Bruce Dalgleish is heading up a tng mgt program for Gen Mills Corp in Orlando, FL. **Jim Tedrick** is continuing as a registered investment advisor in Alexandria, VA and has a very impressive op. While escorting the CSA Fellows from the AWC, **Tom Stone** had a chance to visit briefly with **Sarzanini** and all is well in Rome . . . and all is well along the banks of the Yellow Breeches in Carlisle.

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Hello'62

There has been but one letter since the reunion, guess folks have been busy . . . with the market drop, the INF treaty, and such. The adjacent picture treatment shows some scenes, and I'll pass on my feelings about being there. The Class looked pretty good for the yrs being carried around. Actually, the wives looked better than the guys. In some places beards provided cover for some of the sags and lines.

Efforts by the WP based contingent planning the affair, paid off to an extreme. I had a lively, continuous conversation with **Gus Fishburne** for the hr bus ride from the hotel to the Academy the first morning, after a night dancing in Great Gorge's Birdcage Lounge. By that afternoon, neither of us could remember a word we had spoken.

The wk of the reunion **Al Rushatz** received the Robert Stewart Memorial Award from the President's Council of Physical Fitness. He shared the dias with Dr J, Julius Irving and Olympian Mary Lou Retton. A gentleman still, Al is doing great on all turns of the course although he confessed he has dropped off to 108 pushups.

As I write this in early Dec, I recall much earlier days, out drinking with **Kimsey** . . . when it took two mos and 44 hrs to recover. With Christmas approaching, I'm still a little drowsy from the last reunion night when **Harry & Ann Meeth, Mack & Eloise Howard, Ron Brown, Jim Kimsey** and his friend shared the dinner table. I don't recall laughing that hard in at least 15 yrs! From what I saw, the laughter was contagious and . . . found all the corners of the hall. One co got together, phoning those not present . . . including their plebe Tac off. I spoke with M-2's Tac our plebe yr . . . William C Caldwell III, Gen, Ret, the wk after the reunion. He resides outside of Columbus, GA. He sounded great!

John & Terry O'Neal drove me to Great Gorge, and I returned to Newark with **Harry & Ann Meeth** who departed for Orlando. I then went on to Columbus, GA for an Inf conference. Needing rest after what had been a less well rested reunion wkend, I was put into a room next to a rock gp who gave a concert on Tue night. I finally went home to AZ for some sleep. Actually, I found I had new neighbors with a barking dog . . . still trying to sort that one out . . . perhaps I'll get some sleep over the Christmas holidays.

I have since had lunch with **George Handy** who is now a strategic planner for United Technologies in Wash. In fact, George and I got together in the middle of the big snow in Oct. With few inputs from the Class, I'm showing some of the pictures of THE weekend. Hope everyone had a great holiday season and the start of a super 88. Write!

'63

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1964: Schous, Frasers and Grunstads

'64

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Welcome to the new world of the *ASSEMBLY*. Tradition is crashing down around us as the *ASSEMBLY* goes to press for the first time with 5 issues per yr rather than 4. The poop should be more timely, but probably there will be less of it. We'll see. . . .

By now, everyone with a valid address with the AOG should have received **John Ward**'s outstanding piece of work, the Class Directory. I have received numerous favorable comments, justly deserved. John has received contributions toward the costs of production from 171 of you and 50 more responses will put his effort into the black. Let's support John in this one and maybe he will be prevailed upon to put out periodic updates.

It seems like just yesterday we were holding the 20th reunion, and already the 25th is fast approaching. **Kim Flint**, the 25th Reunion chm, has organized his comm at WP and another in DC honchoed by **Dan Evans**, and files this report. "The 25th Reunion is scheduled for 19–22 Oct 89. For the first time ever, we'll all stay together at the same hotel (Great Gorge's Mountain View Resort in Vernon Valley, NJ—a great facility that offers everything!). The football game will be against Lafayette. Estimated cost is about $75/100 per person/per day and will include everything but travel expenses. Make your plans now for the best reunion ever. Details to be mailed on or about 1 May 88."

Norm Grunstad writes from Phoenix that he & **Holly** are still trying to acclimate themselves to life in the AZ sunshine. Not a problem with **Dirck & Leilah Schou** and **Harvey & Kitty Fraser**. The 3 couples gathered in Tucson for a mini-reunion, and Norm says the Frasers and Schous have successfully gone native. Dirck is pushing his med instrument co and Harvey is with IBM. Holly has also gotten into the act and is working for a decorating firm.

Barry McCaffrey finally checked into the net with a letter on his official stationary—yellow legal pad. Barry & Jill and last child still in the nest (Amy, a soph) are off to Brussels in Jan (and he has the gall to complain about my asgmts!) The qtrs there are going to be big and consequently the welcome mat is out for all classmates and offspring in the area. In Barry's relatively recent travels he crossed with **Huba Wass de Czege** and **George Fisher** (at an FTX at Hunter-Liggett), both of whom are bde cmdrs with the 7th ID (Light). In a swing through Central Amer he visited with **Jay Cope**, now DCSOPS of US Army SOUTH, and **Jim & Vicki Harding** in Tegulcigalpa, Honduras.

1964: Huba Wass de Czege with Barry McCaffrey

John Tate, at the gentle urging of wife **Toby**, provides us with a chronicle of the highlights of the past yr or so in the Tate family. John practices law in San Ant and serves on the city council of his local community. His latest election victory, by 4 votes, has justifiably earned him the moniker, "Landslide Tate." John also was involved in the San Ant Vietnam Memorial effort which provided him with the opportunity to get together with our old mentor Gen Westmoreland & wife Kitty. A connection with the ownership of the New Orleans Saints (through Toby—not John) made possible a great super bowl wkend in LA with **Dick & Gail Carr**, who John reports are hale and hearty. Despite all these activities, and kids and travel, fishing appears to be John's principal avocation and one at which he apparently does very well,

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1964: Gen & Mrs Westmoreland with John & Toby Tate

last yr catching the largest Dorado (which I assume is a fish) in the world, off the Yucatan!

Yours truly continues to toil away here in the backwater of the Pacific. I ran into **Ken Sprague** the other day who has ret here and works for the State govt. Talk about someone who has become acclimated, Ken looks very at home in Aloha shirts. On a trip back to Charlottesville, VA, I had occasion to visit with fellow legal conferees **Tom Kullman** and **Gene Sullivan**. Tom, despite a break in service, I am happy to announce is on the COLs list and as he says, has finally caught up with the Class.

Hope you all had a happy holiday season. Keep those cards and letters coming!

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. This will be a short column since the number of cards and letters has been reduced dramatically. Why not take a moment now and drop me a line, especially with a picture of you and/or your family.

Did any of you happen to catch the article in the 11/5/87 *Wall Street Journal* about the "Year of the Bimbo" and our own **Chuck Pfeifer**? Chuck was referred to as a "man about town in NY" by none other than gossip columnist, Taki. He was also referred to by the *Journal* as a middle-aged man who once acted in a soft-core porn movie who later posed in ads as the Winston cigarette man and who now produces TV commercials. His idea on where to find the latest crop of bimbos? Try the modeling agency "Face Books." Love it! Incidentally, if you have seen the movie "Wall Street," the 6th stockbroker in order of appearance was none other than Chuck Pfeifer.

Received a nice reply from **Bob Doughty**, our own, who is also the chm of the Museum, Historical and Memorialization Comm at USMA, indicating that **Bobby Arvin** is a strong candidate for consideration for having the gym named after him. Stay tuned. **Rich Boerckel** wrote that he was receiving all of the mail addressed to him as "Class pres." Rich, you're correct that I have the most accurate list of our classmates. As correspondence is received, I update my list manually and then once or twice a yr, I send it to **Paul Barber** who updates our computer list, a copy of which is then sent to AOG. Speaking of that, Rich wonders why one of the permanent troops at WP doesn't become our acting Class pres, an idea which I think has merit. So, why don't you folks at WP get your heads together, elect someone as our acting Class pres, and notify me as well as the AOG? Rich inquired about **Harry Joyner** who, according to my info, is still in San Ant at Lackland AFB. Rich seemed to think that Harry had moved away. Rich, you're right, **Ray Woodruff** has moved to Sugarland, TX. Rich indicated that one of our lawyer classmates called him in San Ant but unfortunately, he lost the message. While we do have a relatively current list of names and addresses, we have not sorted them by zip code. Sorry. Rich indicates that he's with the Def Mapping Agency's Latin Amer arm as the dep dir, which requires frequent travel to Latin Amer. He still corresponds with **Lucky deLaar** who ret last Jun and works for a consulting engr firm at Brown U in Providence, RI. Lucky was very impressed with the ret assistance provided by the Providence WP Soc.

Part of Rich's correspondence to me included a picture of the plaque that lists the athletic team cpts for 1964–65 and the AAA trophy winner (**Ron Butterfield**). I checked all the names and they seemed to be ok, except they had Ron listed as Robert R. Speaking of Ron, does anyone know whatever happened to him?

Rick Bunn wrote in Oct and reported that WPS had their picnic for the Pugent Sound area at Ft Lewis. As you can see in the picture, Rick's father, Bob, is substituting for missing wife **Donna** (who was busy with the co she just started) and **Linda & Zig Roebuck** represented us well. Linda, how did such a good looking young lady as you marry such a hairy former roomy? Zig was called in to provide some type of temporary dock so that the boats could be brought in at the lake. Zig is the CO of the 35th ADA Bde at Ft Lewis.

Dave Kuhn reports that donations for the Class Fund are continuing to be received and are increasing. He also reported that most people are following my suggestion that they contribute $65 per yr. You would be amazed at how quickly this fund would add up if we all did that. Dave is also leading the charge to have the gym named after **Bob Arvin**. **Dan Christman** wrote that he & **Susan** were unable to attend our Homecoming

1965: Bob Bunn, Rick Bunn, Linda & Zig Roebuck

brunch at WP in Oct because he had already committed to another engagement. Dan, we will certainly invite you to next yr's festivities. Dan anticipates that he will know about his promotion date sometime in the spring.

1965: Founders Day 1987, Presidio of San Fran

John Swenson found a letter that he was going to send me last summer and had *somehow* misplaced. As usual, John's missives were full of good info. **Denny & Edna Brewer** ret and moved to San Jose where Denny works for FMC. His last asgmt was instructing at the Naval PG Sch in Monterey about two yrs ago. **Cam McConnell & Debra** are living in Pittsburg, CA at 4418 Valley Vista Dr where Cam has his own structural engr-ing firm (the premier and only firm of its type in Pittsburg). **Duncan & Jeanie McVicar** are still in Los Altos where Duncan has a successful mktg mgt firm tied into the Silicon Valley bus community. **Manny Maimone** works for SAIC in McLean. John has also talked with **Terry & Nancy Ryan** who live in the DC area. He reported that **Joe Anderson** came out last semester and showed the "Anderson Plt" and lectured to his class. Joe is the dir of quality control for the Chevrolet/Pontiac Canada gp of GM. John also saw **Buddy Bucha** at Buddy's father's funeral in DC. Bud's doing real estate dev very successfully in NYC. **Ralph Adams** is doing very well in commercial real estate in Palo Alto according to John. **John Bell** & his wife **Becky** just sold his dental practice in Cupertino and is opening a

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new off in Milpitis. The two Johns play tennis every wk and Swenson will be his inaugural patient in the new practice. **Step Tyner** is in Carmel and is doing well in their joint bus. John reports that **Jerry Ledzinski & Tina** are also in Carmel and that their children are state-ranked in tennis. Jerry called me on Thanksgiving evening from a phone booth in downtown Chicago wondering where one might find a good restaurant. I suggested to Jerry that with some advance notice, things like that can be taken care of. Jerry was in Chicago watching his boy play in the Natl Finals where he lost in the singles and was doing pretty well, at last report, in the doubles. Jerry is switching his bus to fee-based as opposed to commission-based in time of great uncertainty, as he calls it. John Swenson also reports that **Marty & Vicki Johnson** ret and are living in Castroville, CA, the artichoke capitol of the world. Marty is teaching engring and math in Gavalin Coll in Salmos, CA. **Bobby Berden** is the mktg spt mgr for Arete Computers and lives in Monte Sereno. **John Malpas** & wife ret in Orange Co where he works for TRW in L.A.

That great outside shooter of WP basketball in the mid-60s, **Joe Koz**, wrote in Sep with an update on what he & **Ann** were doing. I last saw Joe at USMA when we were trying to get the USAFA/USMA game to Chicago. He was the dep com at USAFA from whence he went to the Air War Coll at Maxwell AFB. While there, his basketball team beat the Natl and the AWC team which had Dick Chilcoat '64 coaching while **Dick Murray** coached the War Coll. Koz then went to Korea for 3 yrs where he was the CO of the A-10 outfit and dep cmdr of the 314 Air Div and then vice wing cmdr of the 51st TFW at Osan AFB. At present they are studying Hebrew in DC in anticipation of being the def attache in Israel. All of their children have gone: Joe, the youngest, is at TX Tech along with daughter Julie. Don works and lives in Dallas. Joe reports that his sister lives here in Chicago and I would like to extend an open invitation to the Koz family to come by and visit us on your next trip. We're in the northwest suburban phone directory.

1965: Hawkinses with Colls

During one of our visits to WP, we took some pictures that will be included with this article. One shows 4 of the 5 classmates who are trustees (**Joe Anderson, Tom Barron, Jim Conley,** and myself) as well as another picture of **Ray & Linda Hawkins** behind the gym after a football game.

1965: Anderson, Barron, Conley and Coll; Trustees meeting, Homecoming 86

I would close by hoping that all of you watched Army's great victory over Navy and especially the natl TV shots just after the game with **Louey Csoka** embracing an obviously jubilant sr quarterback, Tory Crawford. It was really a neat sight to behold.

Well folks, that's about it for now. The letters really are drying up, and the number of articles to be written has increased, so please, please send those cards, letters and pictures.

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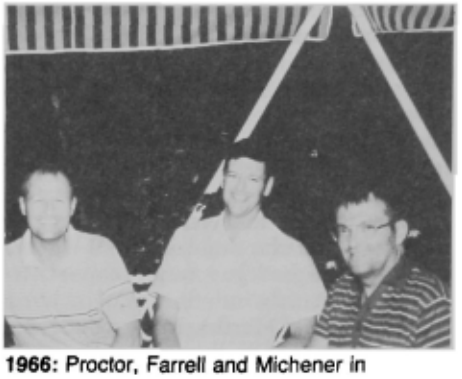
Thin gruel for this offering. Perhaps you worthy readers haven't fathomed it yet, but this column is not self-sustaining; it needs your input to live. Either start providing news or I start making it up: "Rumors of **Jerry Cecil's** debauchery continue, despite lack of legal evidence. . . . " As a matter of fact, that might be more fun than transmitting your messages.

Jim Proctor is finishing up his tour in Honduras—and doing a great job as was earlier reported. He's on the O-6 and SSC list, but I haven't heard what he'll do beyond that. In the meantime he sent me some photos of classmates coming through Palmerola. That's probably the only good part of being there.

Fred Rees was promoted to BG as TAG of the OR NG on 2 Nov. Fred adds that jointness has reached OR—there are about 2200 Air Guard and 7800 Army Guard members. Having no previous "joint" background with USAF other than as a FAC in RVN, he says he finds that aspect of the job challenging but fun. Fortunately, the OR Naval Militia

1966: Jim Proctor and Hilty Dunn at JTF-B, Honduras



1966: Proctor, Farrell and Michener in Palmerola

1966: Replacing the eagles with stars on the shoulders of BG Raymond Rees are OR Gov Neil Goldschmidt and Rees' wife Mary Len

disbanded in 1919 so he's still allowed to say, "Beat Navy!" And we did it!

Tom Swain sent a very thoughtful and informative letter *from* HI, where he's cmdg the 25th Div Arty. Actually, it wasn't from HI, since he's on the road more than he's home. A "snapshot" of his cmd shows he spent two wks on the "big isl" giving his heavy bn its EXEVAL, and then left for Japan where he has a bn (+). He also has a bn (-) in Australia, a btry coming home from Thailand, and a btry leaving for Panama. He says he's never worked harder in his life, but it's fun. **Jeanne** doesn't complain because she's too busy as OWC pres. Kristine, who was valedictorian in HS, is a soph at U of TX where Kimberly will be joining her next yr. He says Marc, the youngest, is just occupying space waiting for the magic wand of intelligence to

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strike him. But Tom says they're a fun crew and he wishes he could see them more. Tom shared a few thoughts about the past. For him, and perhaps most of us still on AD, our Vietnam experiences are only valuable in helping the young offs learn the hard lessons without the loss of life; not to dwell on too much for their own sake. He added that when they were filming *Tour of Duty* at Schofield, they used some of his howitzers and attempted to portray real offs, not the stereotype that seems to come out of Vietnam as immature, stupid, etc. He had some good conversations with the producers, so maybe we can get that part of the story across.

Again speaking of the story, reporter Rick Atkinson has been busy in chronicling our Class and was kind enough to pass on the following tidbits: **Art Mosley** has been living in Key West for 5 yrs and is the city planner, which involves him in lots of interesting debates between preservationists and developers. In the city's mayoral election last mo, the good guy beat the bad guy so Art expects to continue his job indefinitely. He lives with his wife **Martha** in a wonderful century-old "conch house" on Fleming St in old Key West. **Ted Hill** is teaching math at GA Tech and makes it a point to take a periodic sabbatical for post-doctoral research or simply to have an adventure. He lives in a bungalow right on the perimeter of the campus. Others in Atlanta include **Mike Fuller**, who is leaving as the southeast regional honcho of Sprint to return to the home off exec suite in KS City. This is the 3rd or 4th time he's shuttled between the two cities. **Al Lindseth** is practicing law downtown and has made a considerable name for himself in school busing cases. **Marcia Bonifas, Art's** widow, still lives in CO Springs and works for CHAMPUS in Denver. She hopes to move to DC sometime in the next few mos. Art & Marcia's oldest daughter, Beth, is studying nursing at Georgetown U and will be an Army nurse; she'll start with some practical experience at Ft Bragg next summer (Martin AH, right?). **Gary Droubay** has been in AK for a decade now with his French Vietnamese wife, **Georgette**. He's with the actg firm of Peat Marwick in Anchorage. **Tom Beasley** and **Doc Crants** in Nashville scored a nice coup recently through their Corrections Corp of Amer by landing a contract with the State of TX to provide more than 1000 prison beds. **Bill Haneke** lives in Midlothian, VA, outside Richmond, with wife **Mary** and 4 fine kids. They've got a beautiful house on 12 acres and a pond. Bill's doing some consulting work. **Matt Harrison** continues to hold the fort at Wedtech in the Bronx. Matt joined the co in the summer of 86, just before the scandal exploded, and his competence and integrity were so apparent that the authorities asked him to stay on and supervise the dismantling of the co and its assets. He & his wife **Judy** and their two daughters recently bought a new house in Rye Brook, NY. **Art Lincoln**, who left the Army in 76 after playing a prominent role as a JAG off assigned to defend cadets accused of cheating in the EE 304 scandal, now practices law in a one-man firm in Worcester, MA. Also in MA after ret in 86 is **Jim Brunnhoeffer**, who works for the Analytic Sciences Corps (TASC) in Reading.

Among those **Rick** has seen recently at WP, **Larry Donnithorne** is the Supe's strategic planner, which means he is responsible for thinking about the kind of offs the Academy should be turning out in 2002 and beyond. **Mac Hayes** last summer took over as regt Tac for the 1st Regt, succeeding **Bob Seger** who went to TRADOC. **Morgan Roseborough** now sits outside the Supe's off as special asst and gatekeeper. **Lance Leach**, whose daughter is a plebe, continues to run the Academy's computer services, and **Art Mulligan** is still in the Dean's off. **Leigh Wheeler** recently ret at WP and is practicing medicine in VT. **Ken Grice** remains on the physics faculty.

As you can see, the bulk of my news comes from **Rick**. Please send me some stuff too!

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2 Oct 87: Have been on leave for the past wk. It has been the kind of wk that gives leave a bad name. If my beloved wife gives me one more chore, or even hints at the fact the hedges still need trimming, I will get ugly. There is something seriously wrong when someone who works at this Hqs is anxious to get off leave and back to work. I remember when being on leave meant fishing trips. Phooey.

7 Oct 87: TDY to Ft Benning. Just like old home wk. Ran into **Chuck Sutten**, also here on TDY from the bowels of the Pentagon. Everytime I ask him what he does for a living he gives me some huma-huma answer and changes the subject, something I have learned is a normal reaction from people who work in the Penatgon. Also ran into **Al Nahas**, who continues to try to translate inf materiel requirements into terms that industry can understand. And wouldn't you know it—**Dean Risseeuw** is here, a Johnny-on-the-spot industry rep, trying to sell Al some of his robotic toilet seats for the latest inf fighting vehicles. If he gets lucky and sells a few maybe he will be able to afford a new stone for his Class ring. Seems he lost his a few yrs ago, and in a flash of inspired inf brilliance, simply filled in the hole with Elmers glue. A class act. And last, and by all means least, I also ran into **Dave Hale**, who's here attending the pre-cmd course prior to taking his bde at Ft Ord in Jan 88. Hale, as usual, is looking more than a little confused.

8 Oct 87: Read in the newspaper today that **Mike Mullane** has been selected to be part of the crew for the second space shuttle mission, once NASA resumes flights. Hopefully, Mike won't be too old by then.

12 Oct 87: Received a phone call from **Greg Crawford** this evening. The last time I saw Greg was 19 yrs ago when I was pressed into service as best man in his wedding. I'm afraid I don't remember much of the affair, as they served lots of booze. However, the fact that this phone call is the very first communication Greg has sought with me since that day confirms my suspicion, based on some of the many, many stories I have been told, that I did not behave myself very well during and after the ceremony. The reason Greg called was to find out what one wears to a Class reunion (seems he's been out of touch). If he does what I told him, the rest of us should have a lot of fun at his expense. I can hardly wait.

14 Oct 87: Tomorrow we depart for the reunion and the Lord only knows what high adventure. Tonight Suzi was so excited at the prospect of getting away from THE BOYS I had to put her to bed early with a cold towel around her head.

15 Oct 87: Great beginning to the reunion. The Hotel Thayer, with its usual sense of urgency, has one clerk on duty. Check-in line stretches down to Buffalo Soldier Field. After a quick shower and drink, head to Ike Hall for the party. Great fun is being had by all. The air is permeated with the smell of wrinkle cream and hair dye, and there are lots of beet red faces from the sucking in of stomachs. Every now and then there is a loud blast and rush of air, followed by buttons rolling across the floor, as someone gives up the effort. In the midst of all the gaiety there is a loud disturbance, caused by **Mike Hood** (some things never change). Suddenly, a familiar figure is seen outside the window, rappelling down the side of the bldg. Yes, it really is our very own B-MAN, that diminutive dynamo in black tights, **Goose Gonser**. This promises to be a fun wkend. After the reception we repair to the dining area for the Class dinner. While trying to carry on an intelligent conversation with **Bill & Bernadette Koch, Ed Dewey** shows up. All intelligent activity immediately ceases. Dewey pours his glass of wine on my food. This promises to be a long wkend. *Later*. Get back to the hotel around midnight. After a brief trip to the bar, repair to our room for some much needed sleep. Phone rings at 0100. It is **Barb**

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Mackerer, and she wants to play. **Suzi** is not pleased. I make the sacrifice alone and trudge up to the **MacFarlane's** suite, where I find **Scotty & Linda**, the Mackerers, **Brick Andersons, DC & Sandy Jones, John Montanaros** and some other folks playing adult games. Against my better judgement, I join them. Some time after 3 am I go home, but only after doing escape and evasion throughout the hotel from Barb and Linda, who thought it would be fun to wake up Suzi. The Inquisition would have been more pleasant than that.

16 Oct 87: The day dawns much too early. The only reason my eyes open is because the lower lids are pulled down by the weight of the bags underneath them. First thing on the agenda is the Class bus mtg. We accomplish great things. By unanimous vote, **Dave Hale** is voted out of the Class. Also by unanimous vote we accept **John Hart's** recommendation that the Class tree should be a potted palm located in the hotel bar. An appropriate plaque will be purchased from the Class fund, which **Jeff Madsen** tells us has over $9K in various and sundry accounts. Feeling more than generous at this stage of the game, we all agree to double our annual contribution to 67 cents per person. However, **Hobie Pillsbury's** motion to use the money to endow a permanent chair on the faculty for him is met with derision from all present. **Dean Risseeuw** will donate a toilet seat instead. Finally, **Bob Knapp** adjourns us with sufficient time to get a Bloody Mary before the next agenda item. At 11:00 am we all gather at the SEA Memorial at Lusk. It is time to be serious, to remember and pay tribute to those treasured friends who, because they knew the ultimate meaning and cost of Duty, can't be here with us today. But of course in spirit they are always with us. **George Pejakovich** leads us in prayer and **Mark Hamilton** reads his beautiful poem, "Reunion." The awful roll call is read. Across the rolling hills, awash in their autumn colors under a cloudless sky, the haunting strains of *TAPS* echo gently, and we all reach down deep inside as we try to be brave. We are especially blessed this day by the presence of **Jack Graziano's** parents, who have come to share our collective love. *LATER*. The Class dinner tonight was a big hit. **Suzi** finally got to meet **Barb Mackerer**. A lot of people seemed to enjoy watching Suzi strangle her. Even John seemed to enjoy it. As this was also Suzi's 40th birthday (there are no secrets in my family) I took advantage of the occasion. Picture in your mind's eye the look on her face when **Mike Cox** led 506 people in a rousing rendition of *Happy Birthday*, followed by a gorilla delivering a bouquet of black and pink balloons. I shall pay for this for a long time. As I have always been a slow learner, I repeat last night's mistake and join the revelry in **MacFarlane's** suite. At least this time Suzi comes with me. The word has gotten out, and the party is much bigger tonight. **Sellars, Hansens, Nolans** and lots of other folks show up. Get into some heavy conversation with **Mike Riess** and **Goose Gonser**. Finally, about 4 am, someone notices the MacFarlanes have gone to bed. The rest of us decide to do likewise. In the MacFarlane's bed. This is fun.

17 Oct 87: Again the day breaks with a loud crash. Am told that over 100 fools turned out for the 0630 Spirit run through the cadet area. This kid is not one of them. Getting out of bed is enough of a challenge for one day. First event is the alumni exercise and parade. For the first time in anyone's memory, Odin cooperates and we are blessed with beautiful weather. I was sorry **Rog Arango** didn't make it to the reunion, as I was looking forward to seeing him perform the role of oldest living grad. It would have been neat to see him on his gurney at the head of the column. The parade was especially memorable for **Brick Anderson, Dave Rivers,** and **Bob Rettig**, as it was the first one they had ever been to. Probably just as well; Rettig is the only guy on earth who could get out of step to the "Thumper." Brought back fond memories of plebe yr and **Bob Wysocki** trying to execute squads left, march, from the 2d rank. Despite hrs of one-on-one extra instruction by most of the cows in the Corps, he never got it right. After a splendid tailgate lunch, highlighted by a stirring performance by the cadet drum and bagpipe band (the pipes almost un-nerved **Emmett Mahle**, as they reminded him of his first detail Beast squad ldr), we fall in at Michie for the game. Alas, the only black spot on the wkend, made doubly difficult by WP's very strict policy against booze at football games. The Sons of Slum and Gravy never got out of brown boy defilade today. After the game there was a larger crowd than usual in the hotel bar. Great turnout for the alumni dinner dance this evening. Perhaps a highlight of the evening was the special Class of '67 commemorative brandy we had. Some people couldn't get enough and kept coming back for more—**Phil Kinney, Greg Crawford, Bill Koch, John Frink, Dean Risseeuw,** and **George Dials** were just a few. After the dinner joined a large crowd of revelers in the hotel bar. Ended up swapping war stories with **Doug Pringle** until the wee-wee hrs. Despite the beard and one less leg, Fat Daddy is still the guy we all knew and loved.

18 Oct 87: Time to go home. Geez, it's been a great 4 days and I hate to see it end. The reunion has provided all of us with a rich tapestry of images and memories to sustain us for a long time. Who can forget the joyful emotion when **Joe Casey** found Coach Palone, like father and long lost son. On a somewhat lower note, who could ever forget **Craig Butler's** tie, the ugliest in the universe. The turnout was great, with almost 300 classmates and close to 600 people altogether. And they came from around the world: **Zeke Wimerts** from Brazil, **Jim Millikans** from Saudi Arabia, **Jeff Mills** from Israel, and a whole slew of folks from Europe. Even **Ty McCoy** came, with a sort of fresh haircut and a new suit. Of course, he also chose to sit in the Supe's loge during the football game,

1967: '67 gaggle at the 20th Reunion, alumni review

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rather than with the Rabble. Those of you who didn't make it, you really missed something special. A lot of laughter, an occasional tear, a reunion of souls. There is a very special quality about this Class, and I think it is evident to most people. There is a genuine, deep sense of collective bonding; it is not superficial. One disappointment was that the **Nidas** couldn't come, but I understand **Angie** is too busy putting the final touches on the 2d volume of her cookbook *The Smoke Alarm as a Culinary Tool*. No matter. **Gussie Haeffner, Bob's** wife, is Tony Nida's sister, and she provided me with several more yrs worth of Angie stories. Stay tuned. Of course, no report on the reunion would be complete without many words of thanks for the reunion comm at WP. It was only because of their tireless efforts that everything went so well. Special thanks to **Terry Hand** for his work on the 20 yr bk. If you don't have one, get one. If you all had one, I wouldn't have to grind out this drivel for another two yrs. **Ray Winkel, Hobie Pillsbury, Mike Cox, John Hart, Earl Walker** and all the rest of you guys who made it happen—section tenths and late lights are in order. A very special thanks to Joan Emmers, a very special lady, and her husband Jack, the lacrosse coach, who through thick and thin made sure the whole thing didn't unravel around our ears. We're proud to have them as honorary classmates. And **Ace Clark** is the hands down winner of this issue's Welsh Rarebit Award. As the reunion chm, he managed to not even show up. Some people will do anything to keep from hosting a party. Two sour notes. First BG(Ret) McDermott, who is the main squeeze for USAA, who for 20+ yrs has insured most of our cars, toys and homes, had the incredibly poor judgment to book a room between MacFarlane's and the Mackerer's rooms. He was last heard, in VERY strong language, to swear that no member of '67 would ever get one dime of insurance from USAA again. It would probably not be in our best interest to let him know that **Dan Ragsdale** is one of his sr execs. Secondly, the US Hotel Thayer has decided that MacFarlane's suite will have to be condemned, and we will all be charged an appropriate amount from our fixed accounts. And so, to home.

19 Oct 87: It's a good thing I took an extra day's leave. Tried to go out for a run this morning, but after half a mi was still unable to get my gut off the ground. So I came home, took two more Alka Seltzers, and for the last half hour have been trying to figure out why Dr Doom poured Elmer's Glue all over the two cats. Grandmommy is also glad we're back, as she gets to go home now. The boys aren't saying much, but I don't think I really want to hear the truth about what went on here the last 4 days.

27 Oct 87: Short note from **Ken Strong** in today's mail. Fuerte sent along the photo of WP's ret mule, Buckshot, with Ken's daughter Elizabeth aboard during the homecoming parade in Elba, AL this mo. Buckshot, 28 and going strong, is living out his days on Ken's place in Elba.

1967: Ken Strong and daughter Elizabeth with Buckshot, Oct 87

6 Nov 87: High roller roll call time: the 1988 WC list was released today. Notable among the names not on the list is mine. Perhaps **Suzi** shall prepare me Welsh Rarebit for dinner. Those worthy souls deemed fit to take one more step in the inexorable creep toward excellence are **Tom Jacobus, Harry Rothman, John Stewart, Joe Terry,** and **Bob Griffin**. Some guys can take a half step—they are on the alternate list. These half brights are **Bart Bohn, Bill Ervin, Woody Held, Mike Kush, Mike Neuman, Woody Spring, Bill Stone, Steve Viney** and **Emmett White**. You all make sandwiches. Fall out. Drag pro.

7 Dec 87: Change of address from **Bill & Bernadette Koch** arrived today—they're now at 15 Brittany Pl, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. Was glad to hear Bill is still with us. I called him at his Wall St off the day after the crash and they had to go get him off the ledge to answer the phone. That made him lose his place in line for the jump.

8 Dec 87: Nice surprise today—a very nice Christmas present from the **Balkcoms** and **Dyers** arrived in the mail. I'm not kidding, this is really a nice toy. I can only assume the boat to put it on will arrive in the next day or so. The rest of you folks had better get on the stick. You don't have much time left to get me something.

14 Dec 87: OK kids, that's it for this one. You were warned last time—with the new publication schedule, my deadlines are earlier than ever. 285 people promised, in their most solemn voice at the reunion, to write to me. I'm still waiting. Features to look for next time: I'll tell you all about how I carried **Hank Uberecken** through Ranger School. It was 3 days before the fact that we were finished made it into that soggy mass of nerve endings that serves him for a brain, and I was finally able to put him

1967: The Hines family, Christmas 87

down without him whimpering. Also, I plan on starting a **Phil Kinney** look-alike contest. Prizes to be announced later. Take care, everybody. Have a safe, joyous holiday season in the spirit it was meant to be, and mail me your presents soon. God Bless. BEAT NAVY.

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As soon as I mailed our last article, I got a letter from AOG confirming that there will be 5 issues of the *ASSEMBLY* in 88, and stating that, "Scribes are under no pressure to generate notes for each issue. . . . " I think I've heard this line before—and believed it. . . . I was also informed that we can't print "xeroxed" pictures. So if you want to see a burned picture of **John & Fran Oneal**, you'll have to drop by the AOG during our reunion and look in the '68 picture file. Notes for this issue were due 15 Dec 87, and you'll be happy to know that **Tom & Pam Jewell** were the only ones in the Class organized well enough to get a holiday card and newsletter to me by that time. Since my notes for the Apr *ASSEMBLY* are due NLT 15 Feb, the AOG approved solution is for you to send a "steady flow of news as it occurs . . . " rather than wait to be bored or offended by my babbling.

When I'm hurting for news, I can always rely on the good old *Army Times* to publish a list that deserves mention. Aside from a pictorial of Tripler AMC radiology honcho **Mark Hansen** offering mil gator aid to an ailing 40-yr old 500 lb Honolulu zoo resident (no, I'm not referring to **Steve Ader**), the SSC list was published. Among the classmates I could recognize were infantrymen **Jim Baird, Greg Camp, Jim Cima,** and **Bob Hensler**; engrs **Brian McKenna,** and **Mike Thuss**; communicators **Chuck Giason, Pete Paulson,** and **Bruce Sweeny**; aviators **Greg Johnson** and **Jim Orahood**; and redleg **Mike Simonich**. Hang on, there'll be more next yr.

Of those who made the list, only **Chuck Giason** was able to attend the Nov

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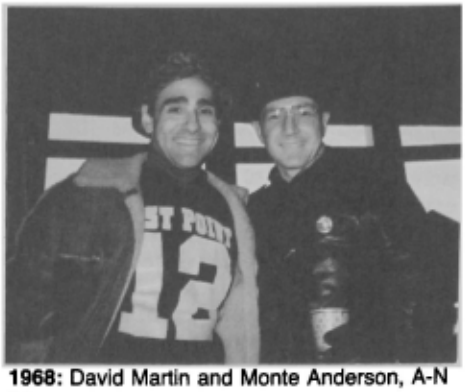
classmate gathering at Pentagonia. **Bub Younts** took over organizational matters temporarily from **John Keane** for this luncheon and coordinated for a very timely speaker—classmate **Bob Shaw** from Academy Grads Exec Search, Inc (576 Post Rd, Suite 210, Darien, CT 06820). Other luncheon goers included **Monte Anderson**, who organized an earlier C3 reunion but forgot to tell all C3 classmates except for **Dave Ohle** and **Bill Mulvey; Bob Adams**, who is trying to perfect nuclear hand grenades as a bargaining chip; para mil reporter **Dave Hatcher; Karl Leathem; Terry Laughton**, who has come through recent major surgery with flying colors; **Joe Mangino; Bill McCauley** still has bird legs, and heads special ops asgmts at MILPERMECCA; **Tom McConnell**; DARPA rep **Jack Munson; Ken Nicholson**; still active **George Nippell**; professional student **Norm O'Meara**, who has lost all of his uniforms; ARINC Research Adv Weapon Sys Mgr **Henry Riser**; short-timer lawyer **Gary Roberson; Dick Steiner** who has put DJ duties aside for a while to moonlight as a magician and to firm-up relations with the Navy; **Bob Stroud**, who is being eaten up in the DCSOPS fray since winning his promotion battle and taking a deserved European vacation; light inf and SDI expert **Gordie Tillery; Ed Thal**, who is trying to sort out the Army portion of DoD systems matters; new daddy **Marv Wooten; Chuck Vehlow**, who took a break from his Foster-Miller mil sys engr dir duties in MA to do some Res time in DC; **Mike Wells**; and **Sam Wyman**. If you're interested in what **Bob Shaw** does and what he can do for you, you can call him collect at 203-656-0404 for a BRIEF rundown. For the DC crowd and whoever writes to me, I also have brochures. **Chuck Parker** is rumored to be wandering the halls of the 5-sided day care center as an SLJO with OCLL while finishing off his PhD.

1968: Suzanne Landin and Dick Steiner at 500th Night

Another newsy event of a great gathering was the mass of classmates who met and helped the Army team on to victory at Vet's Stadium in Philly. WP was represented by OIR Ch **Pat Toffler**, and by PAPs **Dan Kaufman** (who brought his bride and children) and **John Dallen** (who brought **Trish** and left their brood at home). The Dallens came to the game to satisfy their curiosity as to where we were going to sit this yr since last yr's bet was trapezes and outriggers so we could watch the game in a mirror hanging from the Goodyear blimp. They report that **Chuck Jones** is still in charge of calling the St Louis dist engr off to say, "Surf's up" during flood season and really likes it. Three qtrs of **Bart McLelland's** family sat with us while son Scott fell for the Navy "Academic Top Gun" letter and is now a plebe at USNA. **Mike Romash's** brother used Mike's seats since Mike's jacuzzi seat in HI is still his favorite place to watch the game. The AWC was represented by **Charlie Mahan** & his wife and **Lee & Lisa Outlaw**. They report that **Ray Lynch** is with them at Carlisle; however, I didn't see him at the game. The NWC student contingent was represented by **Jeff Rogers** who reported that he was there with **Bob Brace** and **John Ryneska. John McDonald** just departed the NWC faculty in the fast lane for parts important but unknown. **Henry & Karen Riser** drove up with **Dave & Susan Ohle**. O5(P)s married to real estate agent Spanish teachers must do well because Susan wore an outfit that costs more than our 79 station wagon—at least that's what **Patty Johnson** told me they told Susan at the Good Will store where she bought it. With the Risers and Ohles was **Jerry Cobb** who gave up the haircut that helped him double as a Libyan pres and ex-Redskin running back. **Ray Puffer** is still at Watervliet and seemed a lot happier this yr at the game. **Marv Wooten** left **Ann** at home to look after son Samuel who was born last Aug, while **Dutch & Megan Hostler** attended without their boys for the first time since their oldest was born. Speaking of offspring, **Mike & Sue Toole** said that they were not only acclimating to Springfield, VA but their children have dug in and really enjoy what the East has to offer. **Dale Hansen** was escorting the same comely accountant that he was with last yr. Others at the game whom I didn't get a chance to talk to were **Mike Peters, Bob Beahm, Jerry Sorrow** and **Bruce Sweeny**. After the game, the Hostlers, Ohles, Risers, and **Gerards** not only went out to eat but found the perfect place we can all meet when our brides start using blue rinse on their white hair.

I hope I don't cause a feud or cries of favoritism by noting that **Paul Joseph** brought his two children to the game from Ft Lee where he is an endangered species—a mil post AG in TRADOC. He mentioned that he was at a party in Atlanta last 4 Jul where he heard about **Mike Noonan's** report on last yr's mini reunion there. **Bruce Erion** left his helicopter running on a tether because there wasn't room to land it and drove to the party in the 67 Vette he bought new. **Dickey Bowers** still owns half of Atlanta while **Barry Conway** owns the other half. **Mike Noonan** also got a letter from **Ron Kendall** in Australia, who said that he'll be coming to our 20th. On his way out, Paul saw **Fred Shahid** at the airport where Fred had just put **Sally** and the girls on a plane so they could go get re-yankeed. Fred stayed behind to keep up with his PMS duties.



1968: David Martin and Monte Anderson, A-N 86

Mike Fay got in under the wire to inform us that he too is in paradise to help **Mike Romash** and **Mark Hansen** cheer on Army from a jacuzzi. After Mike gave up cmd of the 7th Med Bn, the Fays were forced to spend a couple of vicious wks in the Waikiki Hilton before they got qtrs at Ft Shafter so Mike could be within a 5 min drive to work. Mike is ch of sports med in ortho svc at Tripler AMC. Mike also ran into **Jay Crenshaw**, another ex bn cmdr, who is doing something MIish at Cp Smith. I'm glad that it's a classmate and his family who has to surf the waves and SCUBA through the coral gardens. Let's have the reunion at Mike's house.

1968: Jason, Mike, Samar and Britton Fay at Mike's promotion to COL

Although volunteers to do the obituaries for our classmates continue to come in, more are needed. The volunteers who signed up to honor **Pete Connor** are **Bob Keller** (10 Mervine St, Monterey, CA 93940) and **Jack Miller**. Jack and Bob are at the TRADOC Analysis Cen in

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Monterey where Jack is the ch and Bob is floating resumes. One of the most moving volunteer letters I've received came from **Jim Swinney** (24 Lexingon St, Dover, NH 03820), who was the last classmate to see **Dave Sackett** before he was killed in RVN in 69. Jim's Cav plt eventually reinforced Dave's co and later helped evac the casualties. Jim didn't know Dave very well while we were at WP; however, feels that writing Dave's obituary would help achieve closure with "survivor guilt."

Jim got his civ bde by accepting a sr VP position with the Putnam Cos in Boston and reports that he and **Stew Beckeley** are in the same USAR unit. Stew is the sch secy and has converted all the unit records to ADP layouts. **Jim Carmen**, who seems to be establishing some sort of Thai import/export business in addition to his other unmentionable official stuff at VHFS, is the only other recent contact with Jim. Jim also reminded me that after enduring a plebe math "question boards" session with me, he knew I was destined to be the scribe who could fill up a column with no factual info. However, unlike my babblings, obituary writers can't do their job without your support, so write to them to express your remembrances, thoughts and feelings.

To help rekindle some of those feelings, **Dave Ohle** is putting together a Class memorial service in DC at the VN Memorial on Sun morning, 5 Jun 88. Please plan to attend. For those of you who have not yet been to "The Wall" and who thought that your VN memories were neatly tucked away with your jungle fatigues and boots in some crevice of a forgotten duffel bag, watch out! That place will evoke long subdued memories and emotions which I guess need to be aired for everyone's well being. We really need to do this as a spiritual 20th Reunion on our graduation day. After the gathering at the wall, we'll go over to one of the local clubs for brunch. Stay tuned for more info.

Neil McLean forwarded a ch of add form to let us know that he finished bn cmd of 5/20 Inf in ROK and that he's at the Naval WC. However, he did not give his consent to release his address.

Jimmy Walsh wrote to let us know about another '68 get-together on 4 Jul in Birmingham at which barbecued beer was the main course. **Pete Poynter** and **Eric Thomas** now also live in Birmingham, where Pete is helping to reach out and crush someone with the tel co and Eric is an engr with So Nat Gas. **Mike Brennan** and family came through from the DC area where Mike is working on a fellowship at WRAMC, on the way to a VN 1st Cav reunion in TX. **Jack Cocheran, Bev**, kids and dogs stopped off from their cross-country trek from Stanford to WP. Sales rep **Harold Yager** and family

1968: 4 Jul 87—a mind is a terrible thing to waste: Brennen, Robinson, Cochran, Thomas, Poynter, Walsh, Barns and Yager

came in from Dalton, GA. Architect **Bill Robinson** brought his family in from Chattanooga. And **Tommy Barnes** closed down his dental practice for the wknd up in Cullman, AL for this brain numbing event. Jimmy reports that the same stories drew the same laughs and kept the guys up late. The key point of discussion was the fact that for 1st Regt, the key to successful post grad education was "goat status" at WP. But, can you really trust any school that would give us As and Bs?

Highlights of Christmas rumors of those not heard from recently include: **Fred Parker** has been flossing regularly; **Paul Baerman** can now spell Hawaii and has turned some of his tie-dye Eastern and European woolies in for some cooler cottons; orthopod **Steve Frushour** has managed to retrieve the newspaper each time it landed in the bushes last yr; Ford engr **Steve Nyquist** took the family to the pancake house for dinner the other night where everyone ordered pancakes except for free spirited wife **Joyce**, who had a waffle; ID Dep Sec of State **Ev Wohlers** reports a lot of talk around town since the new self-service gas station went in; and Digital Equip Gp Constr Mgr **Rollie Oliver** is saving up to buy goldfish which can be flushed if they don't work out.

The 20th Reunion at WP is really taking shape. **Dan Kaufman** is in charge now and needs all of our support to get everyone together. If you have not received your 20th reunion announcement, write or call Dan Kaufman in the Dept of Social Sciences at WP immediately. If you know of classmates who didn't get one, let Dan know. If you haven't sent in your registration form, do so as soon as possible (don't worry about the 15 Jan deadline). You can send in the bio form and picture later. Info on lodging is forthcoming; be patient, no one is getting ahead of you. We're especially concerned about the following guys who have been off AOG rolls for quite a while: **Jim Adams, Boon Allen**, Scandinavian citizen **Henry Alward, Don Andrews, Ted Broyhill**, zooite Dr **Billy Campbell, Steve Childers, Doug Cohn, Dave Cunningham, Frank Delia, Steve Donahue, Abe Eustice, Walt Gaddis, Dan Gooding, Karl Gustafson, Bob Henderson, Jim Horton, Harrison Jack, Bob Jetland, Alvie (Cooth) Kimball, Dave Knecht, Bill Kyzer, Virg Lambert, Larry Main, Steve Marcuccilli, Pat Moe, Steve Murphy, Chuck Myers, Frank Nader, Mike O'Connell, Rog Olson, Joaquin Perez, Fran Post, Benny Robinson, Doug Stevenson, Tom Stites, Werner Stolp, Charlie** and **John Williams, Les Wright** and **Tay Yoshitani**. If you know where these folks are and they chose to stay off the AOG roster because they don't want to be bugged to give to some fund or other, or they're not interested in taking a cruise with a bunch of old grads, please keep them informed about the reunion. You won't believe how special this fall will be, so keep in touch and keep our classmates in touch because you're all we've got.—DAVE

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This col is being written on 14 Dec 87, covering news received since 28 Sep. My next deadline is 15 Feb 88, so correspondence received prior to that time will appear in the Apr issue. That will include holiday correspondence received after 14 Dec, since the new publication schedule required me to submit this col prior to Christmas rather than after New Year's as before.

Though it is over 18 mos away, please mark your calendars now for our 20th Reunion, which will be held from 12–15 Oct 89. We encourage attendees to arrive on Thur for a reception that evening, a day at WP on Fri and Class dinner Fri night. Sat will include a Class meeting (principally to discuss a Class gift to the Academy), Alumni review, tailgate luncheon, a Homecoming victory over Holy Cross, and the Alumni dinner dance that evening. A memorial service and farewell brunch will conclude the wknd on Sun. Details will be provided in mailings and this col and, for now, please provide comments and suggestions to me. Also, keep your address current with AOG to ensure receipt of info.

By the time of the reunion, I would like to have published or under preparation *ASSEMBLY* obituaries for all of our deceased classmates. I just completed **Jim Isenhower's**; it was at once a very difficult task and a distinct privilege. Please let me know as soon as you can if you would like to write on behalf of one of these classmates not yet honored: **Dellwo; Ford; Heath; Ivey; Karstens; Kirby; Leppig; McGee; McKelvey; Nab-**

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ben; **Northup; Oliver; Rose; Sawtelle; Shine; Silva; Sowa; Thain; Tinker; Woodrum;** and **Yonan.**

The top news item this time was Army's big win over Navy on 5 Dec. In Philly for the game were **Andrews, Jim Ball, Bassett, Bird** (from Chicago), **Blake, Bosshard, KC Brown, Ralph Crosby, Dencker, Dolton, Evans** (Phoenix), **Finch, Fagan, Guernsey, Bob Harper, Hillebrand** (Chicago), **Hunkele, Jarvis, Jenkins, Ken Johnson, Kimmitt, Legere, Maasberg, Meischen** (Houston), **Moen, McCaslin, McGovern, Nesbitt, O'Connell, O'Toole, Richards, Richmond, Riddell, Robella, Spann, Tigges, Wanless, Wheelock** (LA), **Yarnell, Yerks** and **Young**, as well as former classmates **Neumerski, Schumacher** and **Wasilewski** (Pittsburgh). Charlie Jarvis and Mike McGovern organized a pre-game tailgate and post-game reception and dinner at the Hilton. Both went very well, were well attended and, we hope, will become yrly fixtures.

My new job announcements generated a number of letters and calls. (My direct dial work no is atop the col.) Writing nice notes were **John Abbott** (Dallas), **Doug Fitzgerald** (Sudbury, MA), **John Greathouse** (en route to Berlin), **Jay Haney** and **Dennie Haydon** in Atlanta and **Randy Peters** (Houston). Also in touch were Class lawyers **John Bacot** (Surfside Beach, SC), **Roger Balog** (Houston), **Jack Fitzgerald** (Palm Springs, CA), **Cary Gaylord** (Tampa), **Spud LaVallee** (Mesa, AZ) and **Steve Rhyne** (Charlotte). Calling in were **Steve Bosshard**, who flies for Continental out of NJ, **Walt Mischler**, who is a govt securities broker dealer with the Liberty Gp in Newport Beach, CA and **Charlie Thensted**, who practices law in New Orleans. I may have to change jobs again just to stimulate additional Class news!

Before proceeding to current news, I must apologize to **Craig Garrett**, who sent me a nice note in Sep that I did not get into the Dec issue. Craig is ch of gen med at WRAMC, and his wife **Kendra** is completing her doctorate in social work at Catholic U.

I also owe an apology to **Linda & Greg Nosal**, who sent me some time ago an announcement of the birth of Christina Ann on 19 May 87. It, too, was misplaced for an issue. The Nosals are now at Ft Gordon.

Peggy & Bill Smith sent the first card from the civ side of the Class. They are settled into their new Gaithersburg, MD home, but Bill is still recovering from the "Black Monday" market plunge. Peggy has gone, in her words, "horse crazy," and, having visited their 2-acre spread in its beautiful rural setting, I can see why.

Terry & Bob Jenkins are still in Devon, PA, where Bob now designs and sells envelopes for a privately owned co. Terry tutors at their HS and works at a local computer firm.

From the AD side, **Marilyn & Steve Hammond** wrote from Garden City, NY, where they are living while Steve completes his doctorate at Columbia. He is slated for a permanent position in the BS&L Dept at the Academy (I hope in time to help with the reunion!). Marilyn is teaching as a librarian at the local parochial school.

1969: Harry Dolton, Bob Glacel and Joe Halloran

In Springfield, VA, **Barbara Glacel** threw a combined 40th birthday party (lots of those in 87) and going-away for **Bob**, who took cmd of 1–4 FA on the DMZ in Korea on 14 Dec. Barbara was recently promoted to gen mgr of the Mgmt Progs Div of HAY Systs.

Mickey & Lee Remmel sent a nice card from Tampa, FL, while **Hugh & Pat Donohue** recently moved to Ft Sam Houston in San Ant, TX. Hugh is surgical consultant at the Health Svcs Cmd.

Joe Cornelison wrote from Panama to announce his marriage on 4 Jan 88 to **Ella Gerchow**, who works for the Panama Canal Comm. Joe was recently extended in Panama until Jul 89.

In Ger, **Claudia & Phil Clark** welcomed their 3rd child and second son, Christopher Frank, on 6 Nov. The Clarks are due to return stateside this summer. Staying in Ger are **Joan & Bob St Onge**, who took cmd of 1–48 Inf, 3d AD, in Gelnhausen. Joan teaches in the DoDDS system.

Tidbits Dept: **Randy Bryant** is still active in rugby here in DC and tried to get me out for an "Old Boys" tournament. Fortunately, I could not find my gear. **Glen Hirabayashi** recently began work with the IRS in their tax litigation section, so watch your step on 15 Apr.

Sr Svc College list for next fall included: **Diffley, Mike Fisher, Tom Garrett, Gloriod, Hawley, Ivany, Lobdell, Rucker, Sadoff** and **Wallace.**

Private practice is turning out very nicely for me, in large measure because first-class colleagues in govt have been replaced by first-class colleagues in the firm. **Holly** and our five—Kathleen (8), Robert (6), William (4), Mac (2) and Rooney (1)—join me in wishing you and yours a very happy new year.

God bless to all in '69.

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It was a most enjoyable time. Especially since it included another outstanding football victory over Navy! One of the premier events of the game festivities had to be the DC contingent party at **Joe & Katie Reeder's** on Fri pm before. The headcount sheet closely approximated the DC area phone book with all of the following folks crowded into Reeder's Arlington, VA home: **John & Rosemary Dobiac, Ross Kelly, Randy & Bonnie Rutler, Bill & Paula Trivette, John Boslego, Steve & Sharon Wesbrook, John & Olga Pavlick, Larry Clark,** the **Bonarrigos** (who came all the way down from Homer City, PA), **Dave & Debbie Brown** (along with their 14-yr old son Kevin), **Tim & Linda Krebs, Chuck & Betty (Carr) Hicks, Chuck & Lorraine Gandy, Hank & Jamie Zimon, Bill & Kathy Vogt, Tom & Ginger Nicholson, Jim & Pat Murray, Dick Williams, Rich & Sue Rutledge, Dale & Jody Marvin, Gary & Delores Wimberly, Skip & Peggy Lane, Steve & Mary Starner, Jim & JoAnn Crawford, John & Jackie Greenwalt, Dave & Michelle Desannoy, Nelson & Lilian Johnson, Bill & Terry Taylor, Nick Sebastian, Charlie & Patty McGee, Bill Knowlton, Johnny & Kim McClellan** and **Jim & Linda Etchechury.** Unfortunately, not all were able to witness the gridiron victory in person. The munchies at the Fri fete received rave reviews, but with Katie setting up with participants for a pitch-in table, no less would be expected. The Browns showed up from Dallas, TX. John Dobiac is currently working for AT&T at Dulles Intl Airport which services the DC area. Johnny McClellan is working for IBM in Arlington. Dick Williams is now at Langley AFB zooming something or other. Paula Trivette has landed an asgmt as the White House Resident Nurse for Nancy Reagan.

The train ride to Philly was not so well attended with only **Dick Williams,** the **Browns, Bonarrigos, Vogts, Lanes** and **Reeders** taking advantage of the opportunity to avoid the traffic and congestion on the highways and parking lots to attend the game. The game was held at Veteran's Stadium, but before this yr's classic, Brown and Reeder went to visit the JFK Stadium of past memories. The Lanes, Vogts, and Bonarrigos went on to the Def Troop Spt Ctr and observed the arrival of the Army mules to the stadium. Skip Lane had heard that the plot of the Middies to capture and paint the mules white prior to the game was thwarted by the ever-alert Philadelphia's finest. The cadets who had absconded with the Navy mascots were somewhat worried

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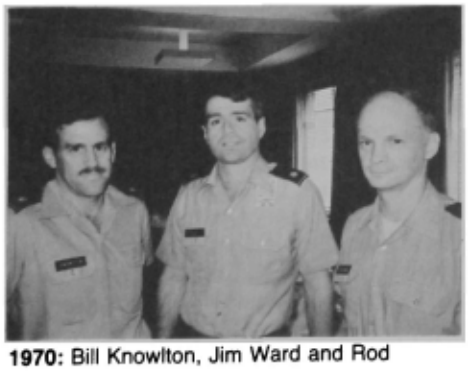
about the type of tng obtained at Crab U, based on the stench and the apparent lack of established sexual preference by the animals. The train, contrary to many initial feelings, was a good deal. It afforded an opportunity to maintain a consolidated party uninterrupted, reminiscent of the old cadet days of riding to Philly from USMA. Skip, the honcho for the affair, had cleverly arranged the Class to be in the 1/3 of a car on one side of the 1/3 car bar, thereby providing easy access to refills and the advantage of watching the other folks pass in review. The last 1/3 of the car was occupied by some USN lawyers. Reeder and Brown naturally entered into a wager whereby the loser of the game would sing the fight song of the opposing team to the other party to the contract. Unfortunately, even after the Army win, the USN contingent could not be persuaded to deliver a rendition of *On Brave Old Army Team* to the victors. The Navy ladies in the party, on the other hand, did attempt a chorus of *Amazing Grace* to bail the men out of their contractual obligations. It was also very interesting, according to Joe, to hear Ollie North attempt to explain that Navy didn't really lose.

Jim & JoAnn Crawford headed N by auto and met up with **Lou & Susan DeScioli** prior to going to the game. Susan is expecting her first child on 1 Apr (no foolin'). They were met by **John & Anne Carlson** and **Paul & Pat Franke**, and went on to the game together in a well-loaded (no pun intended) van.

There were lots of other folks at the game. Also seen were **Mike & Pinky Murphy** and their 3, **Bob "Duck" Millard, Paul & Debbie McDowell, Paul Cunningham, Jim & Kathy Kee, McGees, Desannoys,** and **Charley Velez. Tom & Duran Walker** and their children Susan (14) and Jennifer (8) were also there. Tom is currently working with IBM in Pittsburgh.

There must have been other A/N TV viewing venues. Send your gory details for the entertainment of our loyal readership for the next issue.



1970: Bill Knowlton, Jim Ward and Rod Backman, DC luncheon, Oct 87

The DC bunch also got together for lunch at the Pentagon last Oct. Scattered

1970: Jim Kee and Nick Sebastian, DC luncheon

1970: Churchill, Murray, Hayes and Riggs, DC luncheon

about the column this time, and maybe next time, you will see assorted mug shots of the perpetrators of that crime.

John Beasley sent his greetings from Ft Richardson, AK. He is serving as the SJA for the 6th ID (Light), no doubt resolving differences among those who claim "tastes great" vs "less filling." John, **Karen** and the kids, Bridgit (13) and Brendan (11) are shown with the peak of Mt McKinley as a backdrop. John

1970: Beasleys in AK

even gets to rally the AK rabble as the pres of the WP Soc of AK. All that, however, is expected to end next summer when John joins the Army gypsies in the bi-or triennial migration.

Les & Patti Sumner have been reliving their childhood through surrogates. It seems that with their choice NY digs, they have entertained the offspring of our classmates, as well as some aspiring members of the Long Gray Line. The

1970: Fleumer, Taylor and Velez, DC luncheon

first episode was when **John & Kathy Becker** dumped their "two huge teenage boys," Scott and Mark, on them for a wkend. Keeping up with youth was a great struggle for Les, now well into middle age. The Beckers are normally in St Louis now that Emerson Electric acquired his previous outfit. Not learning that it's hard to live as intensely as they did once upon a time, Sumners tried it again as hosts of two cadets from '90. Patti required occasional translation services from Les, but fortunately the cadet slang has not been greatly altered in the past two decades. Last summer Les & Patti hightailed it out to Santa Rosa (near SF), CA to visit Patti's mom and stayed a few nights with **Gil Pritchard** & his beautiful wife **Ann Sumner** (Les's sister). Gil is pres of an outfit that produces/distributes healthful snack food (a CA specialty, e.g. chips fried in sunflower oil). Ann is an English teacher at a local jr hi, is working on a novel, and has had at least one article recently published in *Retired Officer* magazine.

Les has traded visits with **Bill & Portia Green** and their son Kyle (4). Last time Les went to see them in Greenville, SC, they got off the train and Bill met them with a red-light-flashing, siren-blasting fire engine—Bill's brother-in-law is the local fire chief. Bill even let Les wear the ch's hat, but Patti made him take it off at dinner. Bill works as an engr for Michelin Tires and **Paul Mozoski** works with him there.

Whereas, **Jim Crawford** has big ears. And, whereas, he collects news on good folks in the Class. And, whereas, he spreads it tactfully around so that we can all know what's going on. Therefore, let it be known to all that he's ok in my book, and it's about time to spread some dirt out on him: Jim expects a reasgmt next summer and covets a position as PMS at Gonzaga U, Spokane, WA. But who knows what the odds are in the OPD lottery? **JoAnn** is an art teacher at Chantilly HS, Fairfax and has **Pinky Murphy** as a history teaching colleague at the same sch. Jim has been doing a batch of traveling as the vice ch's rep at interesting activities, such as the recent USA-

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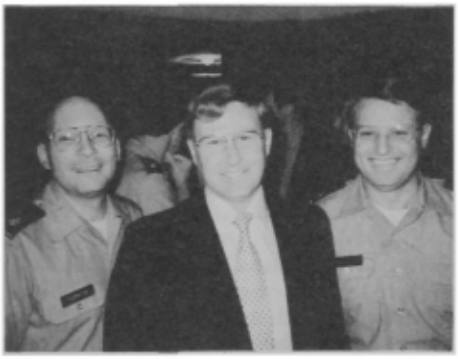
1970: A-N Lax—Papa Hirsch, Crawford, Hirschs, Opatovskys, an anonymous squid, Knowlton, Williams and friend

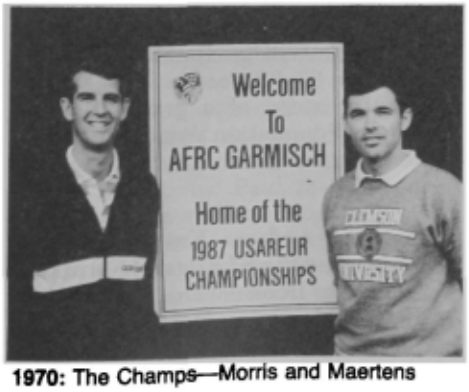
REUR brief to EUCOM. While there, he had the opportunity to check in with the USAREUR asst JAG, **Ron Riggs**.

Joe Reeder says he bumped into **Ed & Norma Smith** at the WP Soc of NY bash. Ed is currently at USMA on the chem dept faculty. Also at the party were **John & Terry Connors**. John is currently serving as the NY Soc's secy.



1970: Thornton, Pavlick and Nicholson, DC luncheon

Tom & Karen Maertens are due out of Heidelberg for a two-yr PhD acquisition program at U of TN, followed by an asgmt at USMA in the Dept of Geography. Sometime between lab experiments and lectures, he will be practicing the beat for the Happy Daze triumphant 20th reunion tour.



1970: The Champs—Morris and Maertens

Skip Lane recently turned out the lights at DCSRDA which was eliminated in the recent round of reorganizations. Now he's participating in the proj mgr crs at Ft Belvoir. **Peggy**, meanwhile, when not running down the kids, Katie (7), Sarah (10), and Adrian (13), is an exec asst to the sr VP for the Nathan Hale Gp, an engr and des outfit in Fairfax. When not turning out lights, Skip can be found on the dry end of a fishing pole and usually doing good things with the wet end, like catching trout. He takes his brother-in-law on trips because when Peggy goes, she wins the prizes for the first fish, most fish, and biggest fish. The ruby-throated Adrian is in chorus for the sch and has achieved participation at the state level with her gp. The younger girls are both involved in ballet and soccer, activities with transferable skills, although I'm not sure which one to the other. Lane, by the way, complimented yours truly for this raggedy column—I wonder what favor he wants from me now?

Other neat stuff, rapid fire, found among the pile of turkey bones which were recently rendered for soup: **Bill & Linda Malkemes**, having moved out of Ger, can now be found at Ft Knox. **Bill & Terry Taylor**, of Annapolis, are a part of the USMA underground which puts "BEAT NAVY" bumper stickers on Middie firstie cars. **Bruce Raisor** can be found in the SF area where he has been building things for the last 10 yrs or so. **Paul & Cheryl Fardink** are in Columbia, MD where Paul works for LABCOM, a wholly owned subsidiary of AMC. **Dave Desannoy**, in spite of the laws of physics regarding inertia, can periodically be seen running the streets of N VA. **Rich & Linda Measner**, currently at Ft Bragg, are expecting a move to an unnamed ROTC asgmt. Their daughter is also in the Army now, serving as a MEDEVAC pilot. Among those listed as occupants of the center of the European world at HQs EUCOM are **Larry Horacek, Bob Ryan,** and **Phil Richard**. **Steve Starner** is now in Bamberg leading an array of cannon cockers. **Bill Adams** and **Jim Price** had their name come up on the DC duty roster and will therefore be making arrangements for the DC area '70 picnic—make your plans early to attend. **Paul Bisulca**, currently serving in Portugal, was overheard to have been asking about COL Pucket. Anybody from 3d Regt care to comment? **George Allin** has signed in to a new asgmt as CO of the 2/18 FA at Ft Sill. **Brian Davis** made the trip halfway around the world from the Philippines to Heidelberg, FRG where he is now working at the 266th Theater Finance Ctr.

Now if only we could only hear from **Tim Carman, Mark Gilbert** or **Frank Whitlock**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name next Apr in bold print, in an internationally distributed magazine, then make a call, send a letter (with a picture) before the first wk in Feb, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

1970: The Foxes; Founders Day 1987, Ft Rucker

1970: Costello, Kee, Vogt and Deason, DC luncheon

'71

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Army beats Navy, **Harmless** beats the politicos and **Shoemaker** beats the crowd to the AWC, but I'll be darned if I can beat this *ASSEMBLY* deadline. For the first time in 10 yrs, I get these notes to the printer before the 1 Jan deadline, only to learn that the AOG has shifted the deadline to 15 Dec. Seems that deadlines have been changed to accommodate 5 issues of the *ASSEMBLY* coming off the press in 88. Worry not what the suspenses are. You write 'em, I'll print 'em. Not without confirmation, of course, **Paul Fasi**.

Now back to the headlines. In a 180 degree reversal of 4 yrs ago, the Democrats of Greencastle, IN led by mayoral candidate **Mike Harmless** won all but one municipal off in the Nov city election. Mike became the youngest mayor in Greencastle history when he won a 268 vote victory over the Republican incumbent. Congratulations and a "Professionally Done" to Mike & **Susie** who, although exhausted after their successful campaign, know that many tough challenges lie ahead.

As mentioned in the last issue, **Chris Shoemaker** is winding down his cmd of

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1971: Tanker John Brown in FRG

an arty bn in Ger. But no time for a breather for the Shoemakers, as Chris has become our first classmate selected to attend Sr Svc Coll. Kudos again, guys.

1971: The Shoemakers and Fittons in Berlin

Dave Smyth is alive and well down under. After a long, 4-yr tour with the White House Communications Agency and a short, 6-mo tour at the AFSC in Norfolk, Dave & **Lorraine** joined the **Van Buskirks** as our only known classmates in Australia. Dave is an exchange off to the Royal Australian Army Corps of Signals, stationed at Simpson Barracks, just north of Melbourne. He works as the off cmdg and sr instructor of the Technician Tng Wing. Outside of trying to figure out why the Aussies don't drive on the right side of the street, the isl sounds like a dream come true. **Mike** Van Buskirk graduated from the Australian CGSC in Dec and has repositioned to Ansbach, FRG, where he is the XO of the mil community. Dave notes that the current US mil attache to Australia is COL Terrence Wallace, who was a Tac from 69–72.

Bob Lundy is no longer a virgin. To supplant the obsolete F-1 newsletter, he penned his first letter to this humble servant. Bob left the service in late 82 and joined Hewlett Packard to work in semiconductor product mgt and later, sales. He left HP in 84 for Rolm, later acquired by IBM, where he currently serves as the product line mgr for the 9751 CBX Business Communication System. Of late, Bob has been driving the announcement of the system on the US, Asian, So Amer and Middle East markets. All good news, but Bob likens the past yr to Beast Barracks. Isn't stress wonderful? Tucked away in the Bay area, Bob & **Janice** decided to exorcise some of that stress last Oct by attending a telecommunications trade show in, don't you love it, Geneva, Switzerland. Bob has crossed paths with several of '71s finest. **Rich & Suzie Knight** live in Penol, CA (near San Fran) where Rich works for SPRINT, leveraging on that good Signal Corps tng. **Joe & Karen Visinski** are out NH way, but Joe recently took time away from his job as the bus dev and planning mgr for Norden to visit CA. **George Gilmore** continues to do great things as the pres and CEO of Mitel Datacom in Herndon, VA.

Now, **FD Durrum** has the right perspective on life. He notes at the top of his recent letter that "this will probably be the last time you hear from me, cause I don't intend to move, change jobs or accomplish anything more than I'm reporting. . . . " I wish I could stop grubbing files! Nevertheless, Frank recently became a certified financial planner and works as a stockbroker (letter written after 19 Oct) and limited partner in his firm in Mt Pleasant, NJ. **Pete Weddle**, pres of HAY Systems, Inc was recently elected VP of the Natl Security Industrial Assoc. This gp includes over 400 industrial, research, legal and educational orgs that fosters communications between govt and the industry that supports it.

1971: Founders Day in Romania with Brennan and Doyle

And the rest of the story . . . my special friend, **Bill Currie**, has taken himself a bride. Bill & **Cindi** were married last fall and will stay in Tulane, MI. God Bless, kids. And to you, too, **Max Miller**, for standing up for Mr Currie.

And now for the sad part of the column. I regret to announce here in front of my entire, motley readership that the AOG has officially listed the following classmates as lost. If you find any of these poor folks, turn them into AOG to save them the embarrassment of being listed here again: **Anderson (Pete), Atchison, Baumann, Boesch, Buckowsky, Cole, Corn, Crandall, Daniels, Edwards (Jerry), Ferguson (Butch), Gaffney, Glatt, Gorski, Grazioplene, Greer, Guerland, Harris, Hoffman, Johnson (Don), Jowell, Kelly (Logan), Kelly (Mike), Kempfe, Kloeber, Koontz, Lindsay, MacDonald (Mac), Mankowski, Mann, McQuistion, Metcalf, Morrison (JD), Mussa, Petersen (Gerry), Pohl, Rasmussen, Robinson, Rosenberg, Sapp, Seitz, Singer, Smith (Bruce), Smith (Fred), Spears, Speight, Spohn, Steele, Vik,** and **Weldon.**

1971: Rice, Shin, Wilcox and deMoya in Korea

Time to play Santa Claus. Has anyone else noticed how a Santa paunch tends to develop when you hit 38? Maybe it's the kimchee. I better get home soon. Ta-ta.

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Here are some excerpts from cards and letters received since last issue. Please disregard the lack of transitional phrases!

Jeff & Marianne McCausland announce the birth of their second child, Nicholas Jeffrey, on 29 Sep 87. They have been in Ger for two yrs as the XO of a 155mm bn in Ansbach. Following that asgmt, he was contacted by MILPERCEN and asked if he would like to apply for a research fellowship in intl relations due in large part to the fact that he completed PhD while teaching at WP. He was awarded a John M Olin Fellowship by the Center for Intl Affairs at Harvard. He will be spending the first part of the 87–88 academic yr in Ger under the terms of a grant from the Fulbright Foundation working at a Ger research inst and then return to Harvard in Jan.

For his exceptionally well argued new book, MAJ **Andrew Krepinevich** has been awarded the 87 Edgar S Furniss Jr, Natl Security Book Award. It is presented by the Mershon Center, a research inst at Ohio State U devoted to the study of natl security and public policy problems. The award is made each yr by a distinguished natl panel for the best new book on natl security research by an author publishing his first book. Andy

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received a PhD from Harvard U in 84. He now serves as a mil asst in the off of the Secy of Def at the Pentagon.

Sure had a good time at the 15th Reunion. But first some other important news: On 24 Jul 87 **Margery Joanne Stratton & H David Barnhart** were married in Davenport, IA. The **Ryans** moved from CA to OH. They live outside of Cincinnati near the I-275 loop and just west of I-75. **Phil Jones** is driving on as XO of the 536th Engr Bn. **Steve Powers** is the J-4 who also serves as the J-1 of the Spec Ops Cmd (South). **Mike Deegan** is with J-3 US South Com.

Welcome to the newest addition to the **Aldrich** family—John Mariel was born 13 Oct 87 to **Mike & Marie**. John weighed 6 lbs 6 ozs and his arrival kept Mike & Marie from participating in the reunion. (He probably realized that the walks to Michie Stadium would have triggered an untimely arrival!) John joins sisters Carrie and Maria and brother Thomas to the Aldrich clan.

A change of address card from **Steve & Liz Broussard** show the veteran European travelers are now settled at Fort Knox.

Tom Pawlowski is currently working on his PhD in ops research at GA Tech. Tom said that he expects to complete his degree in about 3 yrs (Jun 90). Quite a few of our classmates were selected below the zone to LTC, including **Skip Ash**. Recognize quite a few other names on the list including **Bob Dees, Gene Barton, Bruce Barlow, Tom Greco, Jim Kerin, Pete Topp** and **Walt Wodjakowski**.

Tom Marks updated us on his latest exploits in Sri Lanka. Upon his return to Honolulu, Tom accepted a position as a social studies teacher at the Academy of the Pacific. Tom continues to write articles on the struggles in the Asian-Pacific area.

The reunion was a wonderful treat for **Trish & Bill Guarino**. On the boat ride they talked with **Bob MacArevy** & his wife **Terri**. **Skip Ash** also arrived in time for lunch at the train station. Things are progressing well for Skip as he sets up house in the DC area while on special asgmt as a Congressional Fellow. At the Class party they laughed with **Mike & Peggy Godbout** and compared real stories of "married with children." **Paul & Denise Oskvarek** also made the party, having left their children in NJ with Denise's relatives. Paul & Denise are stationed at Fort Knox. Sat morning **Joe & Pat Edwards** were able to make the alumni review, having just been transferred from Ger to the DC area. Joe has been assigned to pers as part of the transportation activity—revenge, Joe claims, for having complained too long and too often about the Army's PCS move policies.

Tod Wilson wrote of his latest move. Tod & **Sheila** and daughter Jamie are now stationed in Rabar, Morocco. Sheila & Tod finished at the Language Sch in Monterey, CA on 1 Aug and had planned to visit family and friends between asgmts. However, during a med exam, the doctors discovered that Tod had serious skin cancer (malignant melanoma) which required surgery. Fortunately, all is well (the margins were free) and Tod just needs to have frequent checkups. While Tod was recovering from surgery, Sheila was offered a teaching position in the Rabar Amer Sch (HS math), but she had to be there in Sep. So while Tod completed a school at Wright-Patterson AFB in OH, Sheila and Jamie flew to Morocco and for the first time preceded him to an asgmt. There were a few hassles, but thanks to their ability to speak French and their previous experience in the Middle East, things worked out quite well. While in OH, Tod was able to see **Al Barlow** in Cincinnati and **Butch Fennema** in Indianapolis.

Ken Hopper is leaving the service in Jun to become an associate prof at the Milton S Hershey Med Ctr in Hershey, PA. This is PA State's med school and complex.

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"And now the sounds of grief begin to fill
My ear; I'm come where cries of anguish smite
My shrinking sense, and lamentation shrill . . ." (Dante's *Hell*).

You guessed it. Time for another *ASSEMBLY* article. Actually this is the first of our new and improved "pentannual" publications designed specifically for the "Old Grad Scribes" who sometimes get tired of playing shuffleboard during those long ret world tours. You know, the tours for which the AOG is always sending you brochures, "A once in a lifetime football wkend in Dublin, one overnight, two meals included for only $8 million. Slightly more if you take the 4 kids." And considerably more when you consider 1 pound @ $1000.

Just joking COL Child and all you AOG guys and gals (HEE HEE). I'm just a bit pressed for time. Sat, the day before yesterday (that's right, a quick count by the editors will prove I'm writing this in Ger the day before it's due them) my bde had its St Barbara's Day Ball. Generally this is a time of great fun and comradeship among artymen, unless of course you are the M/C and in charge of your bn's sponsoring the affair. The fun multiplies when after it's all over and the gens and cols all tell you what a fine job you've done, a bn cmdr locks your heels because he and his guests could not see the stage over the arty punch bowl. Then he thinks me rude when I point out that with a little planning on his part he could have volunteered to have his bn put on the whole thing, thus ensuring he got the best seats in the house. I have often found that in situations like this, to have a sense of humor that is not in tune with the superior off's can lead to disastrous consequences. But the Academy trained us for just such times when the mindless but ever effective "No excuse, Sir" always carries the day. Actually, I did have fun and the bn cmdr from up the road explained later that he really wasn't angry at me, but frustrated because he was not allowed to throw his nylon into the arty punch as a symbol of "all the ladies who make it worthwhile." I mean to say the nylon he brought with him for the purpose of placing in the punch to symbolize . . . oh, you artymen know what I mean. (You're beginning to sense my desperation for news from the Class, right?)

Continuing right along as if I don't know that you know that I don't have anything to say. . . . The scribe from '67, from whom I have learned many of my bad habits, has a great plan for meeting the ed's suspenses. He keeps a journal and writes immediately after he receives a letter. I tried it this time and found it a great comfort, but tonight with **Kathleen** at a coffee, I had no one to help me find where I had misplaced the notes I wrote and no time to put off writing another day. (Anyhow I have a bet with myself that LTC Lowrey '67 can't be that organized two issues in a row. You know how forgetful one gets at that age. That is with the exception of my bde CO COL Roe '67. How'd I do, Sir?) Now do you all get the idea? God knows it's difficult to do a job using the written word based only on the input provided by classmates, most of whom think TACFIRE is really a means of communication. For you math and science guys (I've noticed that "guys" is very popular among our present gen off corps, gives a touch of earthy friendliness) MAPY = MCL. Before you physics hives have a complete memory dump trying to remember if that's the follow-on step to the *Twinkle Little Star* formula, it means More *ASSEMBLIES* Per Year = More Classmates' Letters or we go back to the old photo drama of the Baker kids perched in every conceivable position on every wall of the Heidelberg Castle. I'm not beyond that. It saves buying photo albums because no matter how I label the photos, and the AOG has a 20 pg booklet of the correct procedure, I never get them back.

Now, like the teacher I am, I apologize for taking up the valuable time of my good students to chastise the majority of the Class.

My biggest apple-shiner was **Joe Pallone**. As long and as welcome as the letter was Joe, you're right, I'm sending

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it back with red ink for your own good. (Don't you hate it when people say that, as if we don't know what's good for ourselves in our late 30s. "You need DA staff time MAJ. I'm sending you to run a Xerox machine for 3 yrs for your own good and your family can live in a two br $2000 a mo apt." "Thank you, sir. It's good to have a mentor like you.")

1973: Pallone and Francis at the Canadian Army trophy competition in Grafenwoehr

Joe sent me a picture of him and **Ed Francis** at Graf during the Canadian Army Trophy Competition. Ed is the dir of a 3-sentence, 15 acronym "co/prog" conglomerate title that means his co makes M-1 tank engines, and he gets paid big bucks to go all over the world looking at them and saying technically astute things such as, "Won't start, huh?" Then he has a PFC mechanic tell him why and passes it off to the co as field research. But really, Ed, "How 'bout that Ger beer, huh?" (I'm on a roll. Let's hope **Kath** doesn't get home from the coffee in time to censor this.) Ed & **Lori** are bldg a new house in Stratford, CT. As a matter of fact Ed, Kath & I went to see *King Lear* in Stratford on our honeymoon and had two bikes ripped off our car at the Howard Johnsons. Quaint little village.

Joe also sends word of **Dave & Deb Bubb**. (Dave, you sent me a beautiful letter when I first started this job. This is about the last time I'll say anything nice unless you write again real soon.) Dave's the ch of prof dev at the sch at Aberdeen Prv Grds. Sarah is in 5th grade, and Lesley is in 2nd. (Dave & Deb, God be with ya if all 2nd graders are like ours.) Dave sings in the church choir and he & Deb are the Arnold and Lopez of the local links.

Joe also relates that **Ed & Gail Quinnan** are back in Salinas, CA and Ed was asgnd at Ft Ord as bde S3. He is now an Air Cav sqd S3. Gail received her RN and BS degrees and is working after (the best news of all) the birth of daughter Kelly Christine on 18 Apr 87. Ryan is in 3rd grade and Sean has gone to kindergarten after being let off for good behavior. Ed is trying to organize a reunion of the 888 TAC SPT GP if **Grady Poole** will contact him and help get things started.

Still giving **Joe** all the credit for reporting the news, **John & Jeanne Daly** departed Ger in Jun for CGSC. John was the S3 and XO of the 1/11 ACR and Jeanne was the much-loved, skillful dr of the med center. Joe & **Cathy** were a bit miffed that their goddaughter Nancy Daly was taken to KS without their permission.

Today I received a Christmas card from **Tim & Patti Hoffman**. **Joe** tells me that Tim is the 3 for a Bradley bn (1/30th according to my card) and **Ben Cabell** is the XO. If you don't think the Army is a small microcosm, think again (or if a math major, look up microcosm). Tim, Ben and I were all in the same "beast" squad.

Joe also ran into **Ricky Waite** who's a G3 plans off in the 2AD and came over here to play in last yr's REFORGER.

Don & Donna Get are in Hong Kong where Don is taking his in-country FAO tng. (I assume he must be learning about K-Mart production and a foreign English language.) Donna is teaching at the CA Intl Sch. Daughter Sarah is attending a Cantonese pre-school. And Amy (born Sep 86) is growing and talking more daily.

And finally I figured out how **Joe** could send a picture from Thailand while stationed in Ger. **Cathy** had a business trip in the Far East last yr, and he met her there and traveled in Taiwan, Japan, and Hong Kong.

Joe also reports the sad news of **Andy Yarchuk's** death. I did not know Andy, but he completed plebe yr and was medically ret after surgery for a brain tumor in 70. Andy went on to graduate from Syracuse and married his sweetheart **Jay**. They reared two beautiful sons, Philip Andrew and Matthew Allen. Andy was ordained in 84 from Atlanta Christian Coll and had his own church in Columbia, SC. He passed away during surgery for a 3rd brain tumor on 25 Oct 85. I'm as moved as if Andy had been my best friend because he and Joe and I and all of you raised our right hands a long time ago on a hot Jul day and swore we stood for the things we believed to be right in this confusing world. I'm sure Andy had more blessings than I could ever ask for, so I ask that God bless you, Jay and Philip and Matthew.

On himself **Joe** tells us he's the S3 and soon to become XO of the only US tank bn in NORTHAG, an area that for me means only REFORGER spt.

Dave Winklbauer, an old friend with whom I puzzled over many a math problem, sends an update. Placing his emphasis and his heart in exactly the right place, Dave relates his most exciting news, his 15-mo old son Matthew (@ Oct 87). Dave directs the info consulting bus for Harbridge House in Boston. Dave asks the mystery question of the qtr, "Where is that man of letters, **Red McKenna**?"

1973: Cathy & Joe Pallone in Thailand

1973: Dave Winklbauer and son Matthew

Quick notes from the ever faithful editor of the *Guppy Gazette* (G4). **Mehans** in Berlin . . . **Roz & Don Riley** celebrate the arrival of #3 Daniel Patrick, born 5 Jun 87. Don headed for 3AD and old Tac, "What comes around, goes around." **Moskala's** still in WP area, **Don** with NY Telephone and **Suzie** with WP Library. **Tom & Sue Daze** in 2/75 FA in Hanau. **Butch Baker** so dumb that he doesn't even know Tom's a classmate when he helps rate 2/75 on a Corps Arty ORTP team last spring!!

Received a First Republic Bank PR release that **Stanley J Shipley** has been elected sr VP at First Republic Bank, Dallas.

I shall close now and submit to the editors my only real excuse for being late. I'm still trying to make up that 31st day of Jun 87. That extra day was given to me and all loyal supporters of the AOG when we sent them a ridiculous sum of money for last yr's calendar.

GOD BLESS . . .

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Greetings to all members of "Courage and Drive '75." I hope this finds you all

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still celebrating our resounding victory over Navy. BEAT NAVY . . . AGAIN!

I recently spoke with **Wes Hayes** regarding the upcoming 15 yr reunion. It's closer than you may think. Wes would like to hear from anyone who would like to head up the comm for this event. (As DA would have it, I got to WP just after the last reunion and will be leaving just before the next one.) Anyone who is inbound to WP, who will be here through 90, or who permanently resides in the area, would be perfect for this challenging and rewarding job. (OK, I'm trying to sell this job.) If you read through this issue of *ASSEMBLY*, other classes have had some great ideas about where to stay, what to do, and organizational ideas for running a large reunion. Call me if you would like some suggestions.

On money matters, please don't forget the Class of '75 Gift Fund. The Class of '65 uses the idea of sending $65 per yr. This could be adopted by our Class and we could follow the policy of sending $75 per year . . . or $750 . . . or $7500 . . . depending on your current financial situation. Doing this, we could build up a rather sizeable '75 nest egg. One reminder, please earmark your check specifically for the Class of '75 Gift Fund. Comments or suggestions, contact **Wes Hayes** or me.

I have started a Class Roster since I am receiving quite a bit of mail. I plan to update this file with each change of address that I receive. At the moment, the list is quite short. If you would like to include your name on this roster, please send name, address, phone number, home of record address, business or unit address, or any other info you wish to include, to me. Quite often I receive requests from one classmate trying to locate another classmate who had been previously mentioned in the column. I'm hoping this roster will help us keep in better touch with each other. If you would like a copy of my current listings, give me a call or drop me a card.

A series of plaques honoring Army team cpts from 1890 to 1986 was recently dedicated at the Multi-Purpose Sports Facility at WP. Each class is represented by a separate plaque bearing the names of those class members who were cpts of intercollegiate sports teams and since 1904, the name and likeness of the class' most outstanding athlete. The listing for our class is as follows: AAA Trophy Winner, **Dorian T Anderson**; Football, **Robert E Johnson**; Basketball, **David J Thomas**; Hockey, **George D Clark**; Lacrosse, **Walter P Schaefer**; Baseball, **Brent L Clark**; Tennis, **James E Armstrong**; Soccer, **Phillip R Nelson**; Rifle, **Ralph D Ghent**; Swimming, **Jeffrey H Boatright**; Skiing, **Gary L Williams**; Wrestling, **John C Schoonover**; Golf, **Gregory A Stone**; Pistol, **Cary W Mehlenbeck**; Gymnastics, **James C Johns**; Cross Country, **Norman F Reinhardt**; Indoor Track, **Jesse F Owens** and **John F Craven**; Squash, **Michael A Killham**; 150 Lb Football, **Jay S Gruskowski**; Fencing, **Jay R Bishop**; Outdoor Track, **John F Craven.**

On to the news . . . **Tupper Hillard** and **Jose Picart** organized a great '75 tailgate held before and after the Rutgers (24 Oct) game. I took several photos which will be appearing in this and succeeding issues. A blank sheet of paper to the scribe, posted on the wall, conveyed the following messages: "What a great reunion—lots of fun and memories. **Mike Laffosse**" "Our thanks to T Hillard without whose effort this mini-reunion would not be possible. From all of us." "The cadets look much younger today than they did in our day. **Brewster**" "Hello and good luck today to the VMI of the North. Randy Robertson, VMI '75" Classmates at this reunion included: Hillard, Laffosse, Picart, Pardue, Brewster, **Strom, Barton, Gwiazdowski, Simon, Sellers, Kasprisin, Bruce, Lynn, Stacey, Jay Bishop, Drummond, Wright, Ryan, Isaacs, McCall, Melton, Muniz, Cage, Magnanti, Abcouwer, Kolar, Weinstein,** and **Haith.** It was great to see Jack Cage again. He is currently the aide to GEN Thurman.

1975: Tom & Kristie and Cameron Oetjen

1975: Rutgers tailgate—Bartons, Hillards, Gwiazdowskis and Dad Hillard

George Hazel, your brother mentioned your name in '73's column in the Dec issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Care to update your own classmates? Received a great letter from **Larry Gibbs.** The last time I saw him he was catching the garter at my wedding on 5 Jun 75. Larry says he's alive and well and living with several of our classmates out in KS. He says the biggest benny of CGSC is the yr-long '75 reunion they seem to be having. Larry returned from Europe in May where he spent time working at USAREUR ODCSLOG in Heidelberg as the log plans off, a co cmdr, and an aide for LTG Melner at NATO Hq in Brussels. He is currently looking at a troop asgmt after getting his master's through the cooperative degree program. Larry reports that H-4ers out west include **Charley Peddy, Pete Larson, Chuck Vuckovic** and **Dan Judy**. All you KS types need to pass around a clipboard at your gatherings and send the notes to your friendly scribe.

1975: Rutgers tailgate—Weinstein and party

1975: Rutgers tailgate—Picarts, Lynns, Staceys and Bishops

It is with deep regret that I report the death of our classmate, **David Frank Pursell**. David passed away on 27 Dec 87 at 5 am at home in CA. He suffered a 2-yr bout with cancer. David had been working as a civ in the Presidio. He is survived by his mother, Grace Pursell, 111 No F St, Pensacola, FL. Mike Falco, a friend of David from Cornwall, will be working on the *ASSEMBLY* obituary along with David's mother. If you would like to assist in this effort, please contact me. The Class extends its sincerest sympathies to Mrs Pursell and her family.

Had a very quick phone call from **Joe Jaggers** who was at Tony's Pizza after showing his family around WP. Wish we could have gotten together. Joe is working for Aamco in Chicago and has prom-

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ised a long letter and family photos in the near future . . . so where are they, Joe? Received a great letter from **Jim Dunphy** with the following news: F-3ers held a mini-reunion at the Citadel game in Sep (see photos). **Wes Hayes** is a lawyer in Rock Hill, SC. He & his wife **Sally** have two boys. Wes is also a member of the SC

1975: 1st row—Johnson, Sally Hayes and Vogels. 2nd row—Dunphy, Hayes and Nakayama

1975: Dunphy, Hayes '66, Johnson, Nakayama and Hayes

House of Reps. Jim says he's well on his way to the White House. This country could certainly use a '75er in the White House. **Jerry Johnson** works for Raytheon in MA and is also going to be in the USMA Liaison Program ensuring the cream of the crop attend Hudson High. **Cliff Nakayama**, wife **Sharon**, and children have just moved to Fairfax. He works for a def contractor that manufactures the Bradley. **Sid Vogel** lives around the corner from me and teaches in the D/Soc Sci. Jim Dunphy is a lawyer for the Bd of Vet Appeals in Wash. He is also a maj in the Res and is forced to spend two wks of every yr at the Presidio. How he must be suffering! Jim also reports that CPT Hayes, Tac for F-3, is now LTC(P) Hayes, Cmdr, 1st Regt. Thanks for a great letter, Jim. We look forward to hearing from you again.

Mike & Lori Genetti sent an update from CA. Mike is at Stanford until Dec 87, then on to DC for Christmas, back to CA to snowbird at NASA Amer Research Ctr until Jun, TDY at Leavenworth, then to Norfolk for AFSC, then to WP in Jan 89 with the D/Engr.

Received a great letter from **Chris**

1975: Rutgers tailgate—the Stroms and VMI visitor Randy Robertson

Gaston. He hadn't written in several yrs. The photo was taken at **Bruce Ray's** home in CA when Chris was TDY to Norton AFB. Bruce is a civ regional

1975: Chris Gaston and Bruce Ray

marketeer for a co that makes surgical equipment. He & **Angie** have 4 children. Chris sent some F-1 news: **Pat O'Connor** made his annual trip here to DC as the East Coast reg dir of Intersvc Rugby. He also got a chance to help the Army team win the Intersvc Rugby championship held at Ft McNair. Pat is stationed at Ft Devens. Chris sees **Jack Gulden** at the Pentagon from time to time, but he was recently asgnd to work on the C/S's staff so now we all know who to blame for policy. **Bill Ivey** (Chris's brother-in-law) is in the 82nd as a bn XO. **Tony Rowan** is in West Orange, NJ and chalked up a huge success as project mgr on the Sheraton complex recently completed in NJ. Chris says Tony is now building condos at horrifying costs. Hey Tony, what are your "classmate discounts?" Tony still *attempts* to play rugby in his spare time. Chris saw **Bob Hoopes** last summer at his home in Allentown, PA. Bob & **Jeane** recently put a pool in their back yard and have been spending time catching rays. Is the whole Class invited, or only the F-1s? Chris also reported that the following F-1ers planned to attend the A/N victory in Dec: Tony & Jeannie Rowan, Bob & Jeanne Hoopes, **Dave Williams**, Bill & Debbie Ivey, Pat & Karen O'Connor, Jack & Debbie Gulden, and **Joanie** & Chris. Since **Kathy** & I were sitting up in Oxygen Heaven with one of her old school teacher chums, we didn't get to see any classmates. I'd appreciate any other Navy game info. Chris also mentioned that he is stationed at the Pentagon with AF Intel and that he & Joanie have 3 girls, Erin (7), Jamie (5) and Katie (2). Thanks for a great letter, Chris. Guys like you make this job a whole lot easier.

Received a letter from **Fred Dierksmeier** who was in Huntsville, AL in Oct. Seems Fred is getting tired of moving (4 times in two yrs). He finished

1975: Fred, Ben and dog Dierksmeier. Fred's the one with the least amount of hair!

CGSC in Jun and arrived in AL in early Jul. He was in the cooperative degree program and should have finished his MBA in Dec. **Liz** stays busy with Red Cross and both are enjoying baby Ben. The Dierksmeiers are headed to Ft Polk where they are having a home built. Liz is hoping to get her master's at Polk. Fred's worried that Ben isn't talking at 16 mos. At ages 2 and 6, we sometime wish ours would be quiet! Would like to see Fred again. Was the last time at my wedding like with **Larry Gibbs**?

Kathy had two phone visits; one with **Steve Montgomery's** mom in Dexter, MO and one with his widow, **Trudy** in OK. Both are doing well and seemed to really enjoy the calls. Trudy asked us to take flowers to Steve's grave for Christmas, which we were honored to do.

1975: Alex and Alison Montgomery at Memorial Flagstaff to Steve, Dexter HS, MO

Steve is buried here at WP. I was in Ger and Steve and I had corresponded several times. The day I got his last letter seemed like any other. We had been making plans for meeting at the 10th

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1975: Alex and Trudy Montgomery

Reunion, which Kathy later altered when Janice decided to arrive on Reunion weekend. We were flying back to the US for the birth of our daughter and were planning to meet with Steve & Trudy, along with some other F-4 friends. This letter from Steve stopped me in my tracks. It came with a cover letter from Steve's secy telling me of his death. Steve had written to me on the day he died, but never had a chance to mail the letter. Steve Montgomery touched all who knew him. He was a kind and thoughtful person. He was a good friend and the kind of person you would want your children to emulate. I know that Steve is with the angels in heaven. I miss you, Steve. I'm sure that Mrs Montgomery and Trudy would enjoy hearing from Steve's friends. Give them a call.

It would seem that I am not the only Pardue to write for the *ASSEMBLY*. Recently **Kathy** interviewed Mrs Carolyn Gaspard, the Cadet Hostess, for an article which we hope will be appearing in this issue. Kathy enjoyed the experience immensely and is looking forward to future asgmts from COL Child.

There are several Christmas cards that I will hold until next time since we're about out of space. I hope your New Year has been a happy one thus far. Bill.

1975: Rutgers tailgate—Kolars, Pardue and Hillard

1975: Rutgers tailgate—the Picarts

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CONGRATULATIONS ARMY TEAM . . . HANDING NAVY A 17–3 DEFEAT FELT GREAT!!!

It is time for my yrly plea for help. I only had one letter for this column and this is the second article in a row with little news. Also, this is the first publication in the 5/yr cycle, so please refer to my last article for details on the new deadlines.

1977: The Elliotts in Brazil

Our lone entry comes from **Bob, Ann,** Marilyn and Jenny **Elliott** who are enjoying a two-yr tour in the Pers Exchange Program in So Brazil (approx 700 mi so of Rio). He is assigned to a Brazilian Army railroad construction bn. The Elliotts love the area as well as the asgmt and to the best of their knowledge there are no other US mil between Rio de Janeiro and Montevideo. Bob spoke to **Pancho Kinney** recently who is currently finishing up a yr of study at the Brazilian CGSC in Rio as part of his FAO qualification. After that he will do a 6-mo country tour/travel prior to an as yet unknown FAO utilization asgmt. Apparently Pancho and his wife **Veronica** are living the high life in the big city. **Rick & Karin Shaw** arrived in Rio last summer where he is studying Brazilian literature for a yr prior to going to USMA to teach Portuguese. Bob knew of Pancho's whereabouts from **Blair Turner** while at DLI last summer. Blair and Pancho had gone to grad school at Columbia U. Blair and his wife are in Ger while he qualifies as a Western Europe FAO. Thanks for all the news Bob, it sounds like you are having a great time . . . good luck.

Susan & I got a chance to attend the reunion last Oct. Other than the disappointing loss to Colgate, the wknd was a success. I had hoped to get photos from classmates to share with you . . . but unfortunately have none at this time. In excess of 300 classmates showed up, and we were all treated to a very well planned and executed series of events. I would like to express my thanks on behalf of the Class to all of you who contributed to a memorable reunion, in particular to **Andy Chmar** and **Brian Smith**, co-chm, and all of the sub-comm chm . . . **Mike Keith**-treas; **Mark Palen**-housing; **Mark Gillespie**-transportation; **Tim Fong**-data base; **Steve Gravlin**-Class party (Thur); **Jim Morris**-Class party (Fri); **Andy Twomey**-gifts; **Mark Lowery**-tailgate; **Scott Lofgren**-AAA ln; **Jim Greer**-registration; **Al Lewis**-Class photo, and **Mark Collins**-memorial service. I would also like to thank **Pete Kingman** for conducting the memorial service and **Mike Hughes** for dedicating the Class tree. Thanks again, guys, your hard work paid off and it showed.

I realize that it might seem like a long way off, but **Jim Malcolm** and I would like to put a few bugs in your ear. . . . The first has to do with donations to our Class gift fund which now has approx $4,000. Classes traditionally present the Academy with large gift donations at the 30th Reunion. It might seem ludicrous to raise this issue 20 yrs before our turn comes up, but the fact that the gifts are usually in excess of one-half million dollars requires that we start thinking about it now. One suggestion is to designate contributions to the Annual Giving Program specifically to the "1977 Gift Fund." You may also send any donations directly to AOG with a similar request. If any of you would like to get more involved with gift planning, etc., please let Jim or myself know.

The second issue is our 15th Reunion. Those of you who are projecting to be assigned at USMA during that time frame, or civs that live in the greater NY area might keep in mind that we will need your help. Again . . . if there is any interest let me know.

That is all for now. Hope to hear from you soon.—Keesy

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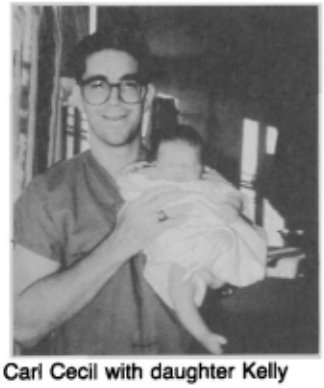
Hello from WP. Due to the new publishing schedule for *ASSEMBLY*, this article will be a little on the short side. Once again, I need letters to make an article! Enough complaining—Happy New Year.

At one of the football games this fall I bumped into **Mike Modica** who is now out of the Army and working for a truck parts firm based in Baltimore. After his Harvard MBA Mike landed a nice job as a VP of finance for the firm. He gave me one of his cards but I have misplaced it.

Also at the recent Army-Navy game I was running around before the beginning of the game to try to get TV coverage for the Math Dept's Spirit Run. In this run 13 members of the Math Dept ran a relay from the WP OC to Veteran's Stadium to deliver spirit mail to the football team. It was lots of fun to be part of such a crazy and exciting event. Anyhow, as I was running around, someone called out to me but I did not see who and then could not find the seats later. Whoever said hello, I'm sorry I did not get over to talk and now apologize. Now on with the letters.



1979: Carl Cecil with daughter Kelly

Carl & Karen Cecil have now crossed the boundary as first-time writers. Carl is presently cmding an MI co in Ludwigsburg, Ger. Carl & Karen have not bought a cuckoo clock yet, but instead settled for a 10 lb 6 oz baby girl, Kelly Marie born 28 Jun. Carl says that he has seen **Mike Streff** but that was about all. A good letter for a first-time writer.

John Lesko wrote from Watertown, MA where he is working in the Materials Tech Lab. MTL is a part of AMC/LABCOM. MTL was once an active arsenal back in the Civil War, WWI, WWII, etc through 1967. There John is working on the application of advanced materials to the next generation of combat systems. It's a good asgmt for an arm cavalryman working in an R&D secondary billet. By night John is working on his master's in technology & policy at Boston U. Way

1979: John & Debbie Lesko with Jonathan

back in Jan 86 John met **Debbie** who was then in charge of security and intelligence at MTL. Needless to say, John then lost his long standing bet with **Mike Beasley** and **Greg Kogut**. His bachelor days are over. Now, by day Debbie takes care of both John and Jonathan while she is busy looking for work. By night she is attending Lowell U. John was hoping to get a letter from both Greg Kogut and Mike Beasley; his address is MTL, Quarters 117, Arsenal St, Watertown, MA 02172.

Jim & Patsy Treharne are at Auburn U and are truly enjoying themselves. Jim has been advising ROTC students, a job which gets quite intensive at times. Jim has completed his CGSC and is now working on a master's from Auburn. He plans to start full time in Sep, but there may be snags with the budget cuts. His degree will be in industrial engring with a major in ops research. Jim still plays racquetball and is one of the offs leading an OCF gp among the cadets. Patsy is very busy with her hobbies and homemaking duties. Most of her efforts go into raising the two children. She is also in ladies Bible study, an orchestra member, and a Sunday school teacher for two-yr olds. Rebecca is now 3 and began preschool last Sep for two mornings per wk. Jimmy is now 1-yr old and big enough to hold his own against his bigger sister. He loves to climb and explore whatever he can get into. Needless to say the two of them are a true blessing. Jim & Patsy also say, "We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and pray that you receive God's richest blessings in 1988." There are also several others that Jim has seen. **Steve Farmer** is also at Auburn working with the ROTC. **Lloyd Darlington** and **George Singleton** are working on their master's and will be returning to WP as Tacs in the summer of 88. Jim says **Vic McGlaughlin** is at Ft Benning. Vic is doing well and is working on his med residency at the hosp there. Jim got a letter from **Rick & Melody Hughes**. Rick is on the 2nd yr of a 3-yr tour at MIT where he is working on his PhD while en route to WP. **Greg & LeAnne Miller** are at U of TX where Greg is an APMS. They were just blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Joshua Gregory, on 6 Feb 87. **Paul & Roe Riddle** are now living in FL. They are running a business together and having a great time doing engring consulting work.

I truly enjoy putting this article together and support the Association's efforts to try to make it more current with more publications. But this needs your help. Thanks to everyone for sharing their notes. God Bless.

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Hey, I have to write this column, so I

1980: The Wray family, Nov 87

get to put MY family's picture anywhere I want to. We are doing well here in Atlanta. My lovely wife **Nancy** sees to it that daughters Keeley (4) and Katie (3), and son Willie Jr (3 mos), continue to thrive. Bus is good—I work for a major Dutch investor/developer of commercial real estate—and I still play a mean guitar in between mowing lawns, changing diapers, and other tribal rituals of the species of Homo Suburbanis.

How about the rest of you? Note that *five ASSEMBLY* issues now will be printed annually, so get your news in expeditiously.

Beth & George Woods announced the birth of Mary Elizabeth on 5 Oct 87. Mary has a sister Theresa (4) and a brother Joseph (2). No pictures or other news were sent by George—if I remember correctly he is soon to be teaching BS (as in BS&L) at USMA.

Doug & Barb Lobdell, son Doug III (4) and daughter Erin (18 mos), are in CO. Following cmd of HHC, 4th Engr Bn, Doug goes to CAS3 and then to AF Undergraduate Space Tng. That will lead to a few more yrs in CO at the Army Space Agency. Doug adds that **Rick & Kathy Ann (Wildey) Funk** have a daughter, Kelly (1). Rick attends a seminary no of Boston, flies as a reservist, and has aspirations for the chaplaincy. **Glen & Vicki Ledeboer** were married recently; Glen works near DC in specialty 53.

Jeff Hills spent 3 yrs in the 4th Engr with **Doug**, making several trips to the

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NTC. **Don Reeves** is in the SF in the Philippines. **Tammie Kaseman**, at last report, was a civ working for Mitre, headed back to Ger. **Doug Sommers** is also a civ in Ger, working for a DEH.

Tom "OB" O'Brien is headed stateside in Mar. He & his wife **Alé** are both aviators in Korea, a mere bus ride away from the end of the earth, according to Tom. They will be stationed at Corpus Christi Army Depot in TX. While Tom says the duty was tough, he & Alé managed to tour several Asian nations during their leave. Prior to going to Camp LaGuardia, Korea, OB spent over 4 yrs in the 3rd ID in Ger.

Danna Maller rescued this issue's column with lots of news and pictures. Danna herself lives in Santa Clara, CA, working as a sales rep for Container Corp. She and friends rent a ski house at Lake Tahoe for the season, and she invites visitors. Why anyone would vacation at Tahoe, when Ft Irwin is so close, is a mystery to me.

Danna reported a get-together at **Mary (Rosinski) & Roy Whitley**'s home near DC. As previously reported, Mary has infiltrated the Pentagon, and Roy works at an agency with **Dan Gerstein**, acronym unknown. News of attendees follows: Dan & **Kathy (Wheless)** Gerstein have 2 children, Sara and Rachel. **Jane (Perkins) McKeon** is an S-3 at Ft Eustis, with a daughter, Jacqueline. **Sue Kellett-Forsyth** teaches ROTC at Campbell College, NC near Ft Bragg, where her husband **John** is stationed.

Carol Barkalow is a co cmdr at Ft Lee, doing well enough on the side with real estate (**Danna** termed it "slumlording") to drive a black Jaguar. **Anne Fields** is the aviator branch cpt's asgmts off at MILPERCEN, and lives in Alexandria.

1980: Front: (Wheless) Gerstein, (Perkins) McKeon, Kellett-Forsyth. Back: (Rosinski) Whitley, Maller, Barkalow, Fields

Bill & Angela Skoda live in Laurel, MD where Bill works as a project engr. They have a daughter, Emily (18 mos).

Danna had news of other classmates as well. **Ann Collister** earned a Stanford MBA and works in San Fran as a mgt consultant. **Rich Repetto** works as a sales rep for Mobile in New Orleans, and has been active in triathlon competition.

1980: The Skoda family

Dan & Sandy Mueller live in New Orleans with daughter Allison (3). Dan works for Exxon in marketing. **Mike & Ann Mizusawa** live in Flint, MI with their two children. Mike works for Pepsi. **Tim Perley** went to grad school at Stanford, and works for an enterpreneurial firm in Santa Rosa, CA.

We are starting to enter our 30s now, and some of you haven't said a word about your 20s yet. Stay in touch. Take care, and God bless you all . . . Bill.

'81

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Not much news has trickled in lately; in fact I have had more hometown news releases than letters. The top story is that **Bob Luster** is organizing a desktop directory for the Class on his computer. When finished, the directory will be a convenient guide to keeping track of our fellow classmates. I encourage all of you to update the data base with the following information: NAME (last, first, middle), RANK OR BUSINESS TITLE, HOME ADDRESS & PHONE, BUSINESS ADDRESS & PHONE, SPOUSE'S NAME, DO YOU WANT CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO HOME OR BUSINESS? For those of you interested in purchasing a directory please send a $7.00 check made out to "CLASS OF 1981 FUND." Send the check to Bob Luster, 2728 Duhallow Way, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Currently, Bob is planning on a distribution plan of 30 May. Hopefully, this directory will locate some of those classmates who have dropped out of circulation. Bob asked, "Has anyone seen **Tom Dodd**?" For further questions contact Bob at (415) 583-6601.

Barry & Betsy Lowe are in Clarksville, TN. Barry relinquished cmd of the 101st's LRSD last Jun and is now cmdr of C Co 3/327th Inf. Last Oct Betsy had a beautiful baby boy, James Barrett (Jeb). Betsy's roommate in postpartum ward was **Ray Palumbo's** wife **Alice**. Anthony Arthur Palumbo was born only 3 hrs before Jeb. The Lowes and Palumbos are planning on the two sons to be Class of 2009 roommates. **Greg & Claudia Hiebert** of Ft Bragg also had children; twins Eric and Katie were born last Jun.

Chris Cachero wrote from Kosrae, an isl in Micronesia. He is assigned to the 84th Engr Bn at Schofield Barracks, HI and is part of a 13-man civic action team deployed to Pohnpei and Kosrae. What a deal huh? And the Army pays him too! This is about 3,000 mi southwest of HI and is the same place **Jim Alty** and **Brian Bowers** went in 84 and 85. Chris is the CO and is OPCON to the Navy in Guam. His uniform is modified Navy Seebees shorts. The mission is primarily small construction projects and lots of "flag waving." Kosrae has been called "Tahiti without development" and is very beautiful. Fairly isolated, his monthly supplies come in via C-130 aircraft. Upon return in Mar or Apr, Chris plans on getting married to a lawyer in Honolulu. All G-4 guppies are invited to the wedding! Also at Schofield Barracks is **Pete Goebel** and MAJ Nunes, our G-4 Tac.

Next exotic place is Harvard Bus Sch. **Steve Russell** is attending for his MBA. He says Cambridge can't beat the Hudson view but the nightlife is substantially better. Also from '81 at Harvard are **Paul Mango** and **Doug Pauley**, both the class ahead of Steve. **Kent Stiegler** is now out of the Army, a GS-12 in Springfield, VA and is doing the same things he did in the Army. Kent called Steve to report that he had heard from **Mike French** who is not too far away in Ft Dietrich, MD. **Scott & Heidi Richardson** are down in New London, CT, working for Peat Marwick and recently moved into a new house.

From the last frontier, Ft Wainwright, AK reports **Wally Golden**. He is asgnd to the 4th Sqdr, 9th Cav and is now cmding Troop B after a stint as the Sqdr S-3. Last Oct his wife **JoAnn** delivered twin boys, Avery and Adam. As both weighed over 8 lbs the Goldens believe they have ensured a future winning season for the 150s' team of 2010. Joining son Mike (2) and daughter Natalie (4), the Goldens have a complete family. **Bob & Carolynne Delisle** are also stationed in AK. They have 3 children including twin girls, Catherine and Christina, and son Robert. Bob is the cmdr of the 47th Engr Co. **John Garmany** is the CO of A Co, 4th Inf Bn. Wally has also been in contact with **Jim Daly**. Jim is now living in NJ and has 2 boys, Jimmy and John. **Rich & Betsy LaPerch** have a new son, Stephen, who was born last Nov and joins brother Richard II who is 2. **Asher Williams** whom many recall was paralyzed in a diving accident during beast 80, is living in San Jose, is married, working for Lockheed and has one son, Asher III.

OK, you asked for it—the hometown news release bullets! Graduates from the "cornerstone of the Army's off edu-

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cational system," CAS3: **Ed Naessens** (wife is **Marie**), **Barry Bazemore** (wife is **Carol**), **Earl Knight** (wife is **Guadalupe**), **Kevin Donohue**, **Norman Grady** (wife is **Donna**), **Mike Litwinowicz** (wife is **Natalie**), **Fred Hellwig** (wife is **Gabrielle**). Received medals: **Paul Hilton** an MSM for service as a cmdr with the 1st Bn, Korea; and **Morris Minchew** an AAM for gunnery expertise while serving with the staff and faculty of Ft Sill. Arrived for duty: **Steve Klotz** at the 554th Engr Bn, Ft Belvoir, VA; **Jeff Tierney** at Falls Church, VA, as an ops analyst; **Paul Dinardo** with the 16th Inf, FRG; **Ricky & Rosario Riera** with the 30th Inf, FRG. Assumed cmd: **Dan Wise** of B Btry, 1st Bn, 30th FA, FRG. Received master's degree: **Mike Knippel** received his Troy State degree while serving as a tactics instructor at Ft Rucker, AL with wife **Laurie**. Participated in Exercise Solid Shield 87: **Greg Hiebert** as CO of an 82nd Abn unit went to Camp LeJeune, NC and Honduras.

Some of ya'll need to pick up a pen before they issue you one at CAS3, to write in. Good luck to all, RBP.

'82

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Hello, Select Few. If you haven't noticed, this issue arrived in Feb. The *ASSEMBLY* is now going to come out 5 times per yr. It will allow news to be a bit more timely. There are quite a few letters in this issue that have a Sep 87 date on them, so news is sometimes quite dated by the time it appears in print. No sweat, lots of stuff this issue. Let's get to it.

Two letters from HI. **Ken, Cindy** and Meagan **Lewis** are enjoying the tropical sunshine. Ken is the cmdr of C Btry, 7/8 FA, 25 ID. **Dave McBride** and **Rick Bassett** are nearby as lt inf co cmdrs. **Steve Williams** recently left his cmd and is now in the 25 ID DivArty S-3 shop. **Dan Grymes** stopped by not too long ago on his way to an asgmt with the 2 ID FSE.

Ken has also spoken to civs **Eric Thor** and **Ken Creighton**. They are roommates in Sunnyvale, CA working in firms in Silicon Valley. **Kenny Robertson** also lives and works near them. **Ken, Cindy** and Meagan are shown herein.

Greg Perchatsch is also in HI. He & his wife **Donna** are the proud parents of newborn son Nicholas. Nicholas arrived on 10 Oct 87 and sports blond hair and blue eyes. He's a big kid and Greg thinks he'll be a lady killer. **Les Knotts, Billy Wrenn, Rick Bassett, Dave McBride** and **Wes Elmore** are co cmdrs nearby and Greg was scheduled to take Dave's co when he wrote. **Stump Francis** and **Selby Rollinson** are in the G-3 shop and

1982: Ken, Cindy and Meagan Lewis

Brian Bogard works in a bde S-3. Selby recently became a father as well. Greg has done his share of traveling with the 25 ID, visiting Thailand, Australia (twice) and Korea. That doesn't include stops in Guam, the Philippines, Pago Pago and Fiji. **Steve & Janet Croskery** and their sons Jeremiah and Keary visited the Perchatsch family recently. Steve started at Lewis, got married, took cmd of a Cohort co which went to Korea for a yr, took a second cmd of an ar bn HHC and was on his way to IOAC at Benning when they stopped in to visit.

1982: Greg and Nicholas Perchatsch

Mark Kimmey is still OPFORing at Ft Irwin and sees quite a number of the Select Few as they rotate through NTC. He also saw quite a few folks at CAS3 when he went through. Seen rotating: **Rich Lavosky**, with 7ID at Ord; **Tony Wickham**, tank co cmdr with 1/77 Ar from Carson; **Dennis Bradley**, co cmdr of A Co, 39 Engr from Devens; and **Scott Francis**, cmdr of CSC, 2/60 Inf from Lewis. **Dave Nadeau** is also at Irwin, assigned to 6/31 Inf, Mark's sister OPFOR unit. Dave was the S-3 Air/Regt Air Dir Off and had gone to the pre-cmd course at Ord. He was scheduled to take a co on his return. Seen at Leavenworth: **Pat Neary**, currently working in the Pentagon for J5, START branch; **Kurt King**, with 1 ID; **Ed Hughes**, S-3 of an FA bn in the 2 AD at Hood; **John Wassom**, also at Hood with the 1 Cav Div as 1 Bde S-3 Air; **Debbie (Gillette) Feierstein**, with 937 Engr Gp from Riley; **Steve Hasley** and **Tom Henry** from Hood; **Steve Cyr**, from 54 Engr Bn from Wildflecken, Ger; **Chuck Noll**, en route from Korea to 3 ACR at Bliss; and **Barb Grofic**, who was not in CAS3 at the time, from Lewis. It appears that CAS3 is rapidly replacing the adv courses as the new gathering place for Select Few cpts punching that particular ticket.

Meanwhile in civland, **Tony McDonald** is growing his hair long and parting it in the middle (probably) at the Harvard Bus Sch. Tony, wife **Lisa**, and son Christopher left Ft Carson last Aug and moved to Cambridge, stopping along the way to visit with **Alan, Kathy** and Allegra **Guarino** in Newburgh. Al is working with a Wall Street Bank. Upon arrival at Harvard, Tony found that there were a few other '82ers around. **Rick Beard** finished a trp cmd in the 11 ACR, hung up the uniform and checked into Harvard. **Mike Centers** finished up in Ger, too. He & wife **Kim** and daughter Nicole are in Cambridge. And **Rick Wakeman** is there, too. There are also a few USNA crabs running around the campus and Tony was looking forward to a spirited Army-Navy party.

1982: Danny & Laurie Durham

The old I-3 gang is making a little news. **Danny & Laurie Durham** were married in Savannah, GA on 10 Oct 87. **Archie Wilmer** and I were in the wedding party. Danny is in the S-3 shop of the 224 MI Bn at Hunter Army Airfld. The 224 is an aerial exploitation bn and he's been flying C-12s and OV-1s all over the hemisphere for 3 plus yrs. Arch was in the OD adv crs at Redstone Arsenal, and I'm still flying Black Hawks with non adv crs grad **Kevin Mangum** here at Campbell. Another old I-3er, **Ozzie Gorbitz**, is taking an interesting path. Oz finished his cmd of an air cav trp in the 11 ACR and resigned his commission. He then applied for and received a commission in the USAF and a slot in AF flt sch. (Or vice versa) He will also realize his dream of flying A-10 Thunderbolt II ground spt acft as he has a slot as a full-time reservist A-10 pilot. **Bryan & Theresa Eckstein** welcomed their 3rd boy into the world recently. Danny joins brothers BJ and Chris in the rapidly expanding household. Bryan will be leaving XVIII Abn Cps staff soon and heading to Ft Rucker for the adv crs.

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Another aviator, **John Sosnowski**, is doing well. John is up at Ft Devens with 10 SF Gp. He's the UH-60 Black Hawk det cmdr.

Jim Wartski writes from Ft Knox where quite a few '82ers are stationed. **Keith Hartlage, Dennis Ostrowski, Joe Moravec,** Jim, **Eric Sexton, Craig Langhauser** and **Manny Silva** all work within two floors in the same off building. **Steve Kocher** and **Mike Minear** are also nearby. Eric and Manny have left the Army since the photo was taken. Eric is off to law sch and Manny is working with Proctor & Gamble in CT. Jim is currently awaiting a cmd at Knox.

1982: Select Few at Knox

Class Pres **Mike Hogan** would like to thank all the folks who attended the 5 yr Reunion and made it a success. Some 100 to 110 people came back to the banks of the Hudson for the occasion. On Fri a party was held down at the train station by the river. Sat the alumni review at Thayer Monument and on the Plain was held. Following the parade, '82 had a tailgate party down by Ike Hall. Then it was football time and Army lost a tough one to Colgate. That night a dinner dance was held in the Mess Hall. Mike still has some of the favors that were made for the wknd. He still has the following items: gray corduroy hats w/ embroidered '82 crest—$10, sweater pins '82 crest—$6, tie bars '82 crest—$6. To get some of the excess items, you can write Mike at 1212A Ash St, Ft Dix, NJ 08640.

We've got some tragic news to report. One of our ranks was involved in an auto accident and is paralyzed and two of our classmates have passed away. **Bill Lowry** was in a car wreck on 8 Aug and has lost the use of his legs. He had completed med sch at U PA and his residency at Beaumont AMC in El Paso. Bill was getting some Army experience with 7 SF Gp when the accident occurred. He's currently undergoing rehabilitation and plans to enroll in a masters program in public health. His long-term plan is to begin a residency in psychiatry in mid-89. You can send Bill letters at the following address: Bill Lowry, Ward 1W, Spinal Cord Inj Svc, VA Med Ctr, 1201 Broad Rock Blvd, Richmond, VA 23249. Good luck, Bill. Our prayers are with you. **Chuck Gorbandt** and **Gus Ho** passed away in late 87. Chuck died on 21 Nov at Ft Benning and was buried at WP. He is survived by his wife **Monica (Balkus)**. Gus Ho was killed in an auto accident near Dothan, AL on 11 Dec. He was also buried at WP.

Good luck this spring and you'll be getting your next issue of the magazine in less than 3 mos.

'83

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CLASS RING FOUND. In early Dec, a large size Class of '83 man's West Point ring was found at WP. To claim it, contact COL Herbert, AOG Staff, at (914) 446-5860.

'84

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Greetings '84!! By the time you read this, I should be on my way back to beautiful Ft Belvoir for the adv course. That's why you should note the change in address at the top. Mail sent there will be sure to get to me via my in-laws. You should also be enjoying the first of 5 articles for the yr. My deadlines are a little different so if you wrote around the holidays, the letter missed this issue and will be in the next! With that out of the way, we can get on with the news.

I am always happy to receive each and every letter sent to me. But I received one for this column that was extra special. The letter came from **Dan Priatko**. You'll remember that Dan was injured in a car accident after graduation and has been steadily recovering since. Dan writes that he is 75% recovered and, with the support of his family and classmates, he should be 100% soon! He extended his thanks to all of you who have been supporting him in your thoughts and deeds, particularly **Matt Adams**. Dan, it made my day to get a letter from you, and I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say that you are in our prayers and we wish you rapid progress in your recovery!! Those wishing to drop Dan a line can reach him at 12378 Longview Dr, N Huntington, PA, 15642.

More good news made its way to me from **Ray & Maura Prisk**. The Prisks added yet another beautiful baby to their family! Bridget Christine arrived in Aug and joined Timothy (2 1/2 yrs) and Erin (1 1/2 yrs) to bring the Prisk family to 5! Ray was a co XO in San Fran at the time the letter was written but will be at Ft Belvoir for the adv course when you read this. I'm looking forward to meeting the whole family! The Prisks passed along that **Chris & Kim Marshall** had their first child back in Sep. Congratulations to both couples! Thanks for the info, Ray, and I look forward to seeing you at Belvoir.

One of my old aero buddies, **Keith Darrow**, wrote from FRG where he is applying all of that good aerospace tng as a helicopter pilot. Keith had recently had a new REFORGER experience. Along with **Greg Kokoskie, Bernie Vezeau, Rob Nave,** and **Mike Criss**, Keith worked in the Joint Visitors Bureau which had the enormous responsibility to plan and execute the over 300 VIP visits during the exercise. All those mentioned above are with the 1st AD. In the course of his travels during the exercise, Keith saw **Melody (Smith) Lutz** and **Rey Reza** who were both deployed from Ft Hood with the 1st Cav Div. Melody was the acting Bde S-1 while Rey was an asst to the Bde S-3 for the 1st Cav's Cbt Avn Bde. **Bob Bobinski** was also over from Hood working with the 1st Cav trans off. Bob & wife **Karen** are doing just fine but Bob says visiting Europe would have been more fun if Karen were with him! **Ed Kastner** was in FRG with his Apache sqdn from III Corps at Hood. By the time this hits the press, though, Ed will be a permanent resident since his unit moved permanently to FRG in Jan. Finally, Keith shared an experience for all those who doubt that "good deals" exist in the Army. Keith and a trainer from his unit were given an all-expense paid, two-wk trip to Paris, France to participate in the Paris Air Show! As you can see from the photo, it was really tough duty!! Thanks for all the info, Keith!

1984: Keith Darrow with a fellow pilot at the 87 Paris Air Show

Curt Cozart and **Dave Danielsen** also dropped a line from FRG, although by the time you read this they should be back in the States for the adv course. They wrote about an event that they had participated in that sounded like a lot of fun albeit a lot of work! They had gone on an 1150 km bike ride that traced the route of Patton's Third Army (commonly called the "Liberty Trail" by the French) through France and ending at Bastogne, Belgium. Lost among the 500 or so Europeans participating, they ran

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across **Mike Schweppe**, and they all rode together for the 9 days of the trip. Although they say their legs will recover, they will not soon forget the beauty of the land or the fond memories!!

1984: Danielsen, Cozart and Schweppe on the "Liberty Trail"

You may recall that I had mentioned **Andy Lawrisuk** in the column a few times as being here at Bragg. Well, Andy wrote from FRG where he was PCSd last Apr!! Andy is now with the 2d AD. A number of classmates are there including **Matt Blyth, Kelly Campbell, Dave Hayes, Mark Pannenberg, Bob Hand, Jeff Erickson, Butch Eucker,** and **Ken Elliott**. Andy is the spt bn S-2. He has done some traveling with **Rich Suter** and **Chris Richardson**. Rich is with a German ADA unit while Chris is switching over to MI and should have departed for the adv course when this is published. Andy passed along that **Kevin & Marietta Koziatek** had written him from HI announcing that they had a baby boy! Congrats!! **Charlie & Colleen Forshee** are also proud parents of their second child out at Ft Campbell where Charlie is an Inf bn S-1. Finally, Andy passes along a hello to all of those at Bragg especially **Todd Johnson, Bill Coyle, George Sabachick, Scott Eighmy, Stan Mickens** and **John Quigg**. Thanks for all the poop, Andy!!

Bev Rogers wrote from the MI adv course but by publication date she will be in ROK where she hopes to run across **Meg Gordon** and **Caroline Selee** who are stationed there. Prior to the adv course, Bev had worked for 9 mos at the USMA Admissions Off. Currently serving there are **Ros Watford, Gerren Grayer** and **David Balland. Alex Lambert** had been at WP for a short while doing an internship at the hosp. **Bob & Barbara Portigue** were at grad '87 with their son last Jun. Bev has also visited several places between WP and Ft Huachuca. These included HI where she ran across **Kelly (Harriman) Ziccarello**, Ft Campbell where she saw **Pete Boylan**, and CA where she visited with **Mark Triplett**. Bev also attended the wedding of **Herschel & Sherry (Bradley) Holliday** last Jun! Congrats!! Other grads in attendance were **Ron & Phylis White. Hal Prukop** and **Bill Kime** were at Huachuca for a course at the same time Bev was. Hal was taking a force alignment course after transferring to MI. He says that he & wife **Anycia (Abeyta)** are doing great! Bev claims that she heard through the grapevine that **Norbert & Diane (Burman) Klopsch** had a baby boy as did **Brian & Angela (Gaston) Olsen**. How about some confirmation on that rumor, folks? Bev, thanks for the informative letter!!

Another correspondent wrote from FRG. **Ken Thrasher's** wife, **Pat**, wrote from Spangdahlem AB where Ken is XO of HHB, 6/56 ADA. Serving with him in that unit are **Frank Pais**, who is XO of A Btry, and **Dave Cook** who is an asst S-3. By the time this hits the press, the Thrashers will be at Ft Benning where Ken will be attending the Inf Adv Course. Accompanying Ken & Pat in this endeavor are their two daughters, Tiffany and Kimberly. As the photo shows, they are a very handsome family!! At their final

1984: The Thrasher family

Founders Day in FRG, the Thrashers enjoyed the company of numerous classmates including **John & Yvonne Heller, Mark Morin, Bruce Bruno,** and **Joe Kulmayer**. Finally, Pat & Ken would like to say hello to the **Matz** family! You'll remember from the Jun 87 issue that **Don, Jan** and **DJ** are all in HI soaking up the sun! Thanks for all the info, Pat! I look forward to hearing from you again!

I received a postcard from our infamous Class secy **Randy "Smitty" Smith** who was in HI visiting another B3 Bandit, **Carl Grunow**. Smitty had just finished a marathon, world record 32 mos in Korea!! No, that is not a misprint! Smitty is now up at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD for the adv course. How about us getting together while you're on the east coast, Smitty?

As '84 winds down first tours, the awards are beginning to roll in. The Hometown News Service sent word that **John Spiszer** had received the ARCOM in Korea and **Paul Kenney** had received one at the Mil Ocean Terminal, NJ. Receiving the AAM in various locations were **Bob Mahoney, Mike Kwinn, Dan Schwitalla, Joe DeMarco, Andrew Nocks, Emery Fehl, Jim Melanson** and **Chris Richardson**. Congratulations to all!

Other news sent by the news service: **Jim Kester** and **Bill Cattley** have graduated from flight sch at Ft Rucker. **Pete & Laura Popovich** have just arrived in FRG where Pete will be serving with the 334th Ord Co. **Jim Kenney** participated in "Solid Shield '87" in Honduras. He is stationed here at Bragg with the 82nd Abn Div. **Jeff Erickson**, stationed with the 66th Arm in FRG, competed in the Canadian Army Trophy Competition which tests the best tank plts in NATO and their ability to hit moving and stationary targets in the least amount of time. **Tom Schmitt** has earned an Expert Infantryman Badge. **Dave Cannella**, serving as an instructor for the US Army Marksmanship Unit, led his team to a score of 1,758 points out of a possible 1,800 points at the Natl Air Rifle Team Championships in CA.

Finally, I ran into **Karen (Doner) Jones** at the club a while back. She & husband **Brian** '83 are doing great here at Bragg. Karen is with 118th Avn. She sees numerous classmates in her travels including **Dick Hewitt** and **Brian Brockson**. That same night I ran into my neighbor **Mark Stump** who was masquerading as a disk jockey! Now I know aviators are crazy!! Just kidding, Stumper!!

Well that is it for now! I hope everyone enjoys his time at the adv course and his new asgmt. **Dianne** has convinced me to include a recent picture of us taken at the Engr Ball here at Bragg. Thanks again to

1984: Moe & Dianne Lescault

all who wrote! I look forward to hearing from all of the rest of you for the next issue!!

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'86

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Hope all things are going well for everyone. I've been fairly busy with

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work and enjoying the Ger atmosphere.

Alyson Goermar, Steve Warnock and **Eric Whipple** say "hello" from Illesheim in the middle of Bavaria. Alyson has been keeping busy down in Grafenwoehr where her arms room was inspected by **Ann MacIntire**. Alyson will spend most of Dec in Graf. In Aug, Alyson captained an all-female team and won the USAREUR raft race. Also in Sep, she received an AAM for writing, orchestrating and performing her bn's redesignation ceremony. Keep up the good work!

Ted Kostich & wife **Karen** were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Courtney Marie, on 20 Mar 87 down at Ft Benning. They are now at Ft Carson where Ted is a plt ldr in 1/8 Inf.

Racheau (Ray) Lipscomb provided info concerning all our friends in Korea. Ray has extended to Oct 88 in order to take a chem plt with the 4th Cml Co. **Paul Humphreys** extended until Mar 89 and expects to go straight to the adv course upon his return to the States. Stationed with Ray at 4th Cml Co are **Charlotte Callari** and **Landon Lack** who had to branch-transfer to Trans due to his knee injury following graduation. Through correspondence, Ray has learned that **Cliff Mainor** married **Jody McDonald** on 13 May 87 and now they are at Ft Lewis. **Scott Gerig** married **Nadine (Ellie May)** on 11 Jul 87. Ray, thanks for the letter.

Roger Carstens, our beloved pres, finally decided to write almost after 1 1/2 yrs. Rog is living with **Paul Lafontaine** and **Eric Newman**. They have successfully established a bohemian bastion at Ft Stewart. They purchased a 69 Olds 98 for $200 (dented beyond belief) and spray painted it a hideous black. Then they added the word "Botto" in white spray paint. It must look wonderful.

Did receive some bad news. **Sid Smith** died in Ger around 7 Aug. The Class sent flowers along with a nice message to his funeral.

Rick Lange, John Linch and **John Collison** celebrated their promotion with a huge party. **Kim Warren** was there and I forgot who else they said came. I was supposed to go but landed with duty, plus auto problems.

I'm looking for things to write, so I'll quit. Everyone, be happy and don't get into any trouble.

'87

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Greetings from the "Home of Infantry." I (**John Hurst**) am writing this column for **Wayne Green**, while he and a couple hundred of our classmates enjoy the great outdoors at Ranger School. Speaking of Rangers, I had an opportunity to see a few of them in the supermarket when they had their 8-hr break. **Rick Nieberding** (my roomie) brought **Chuck Mitchell, Tom Costa** and **Dave Smith** by to clean my refrigerator. "Smitty" spent his break calling his girlfriends while attempting to lick peanut butter out of a jar. They must be having a great time out there, because it's the only thing they talk about. I ran into **Troy Garrett, Terry Giliske, Nate Johnson, Tim Mitchell, Kieth Basik** and **John Grissilo** at an IOBC party to which I wasn't invited. The Inf types seemed to be enjoying life before Ranger School, while the Armor Rangers attempted to punish themselves before leaving Ft Knox. I understand **Lou Bartulovic** and **Stan Olenginski** marched into post hq at Knox and demanded Ranger slots for themselves and 25 of their fellow "treadheads." They asked for it and they got it.

Enough about the combat arms. No, I didn't forget about you artymen, aviators and combat engrs. If you would put down that beer can and write a letter, you might get something written about you and your beloved branch. The only news I've recd is that **Hugh Cate** is still alive, **Joe "Simbloat" Simonelli** looked like a barbarian at the Army-AF game and aviators **John Novalis, Steve Shea** and **Chris Petty** live in a lime green house dubbed the "bungy hut." I understand **Mark Parrish** was married last summer, but nobody has heard from him since. I guess married life is keeping him busy. **Fred Kaehler** wrote to tell of the exploits of EOBC 7–87. Fred explained that **Jeff Kuehle, Bill Leady, Mike Kiene** and **Kevin Knutti** spent a majority of their time in Georgetown, Olde Towne Alex and at the Ft Belvoir OC. I was pleasantly surprised to hear from someone who enjoyed themselves at the basic course.

I thought I would get away from my fellow Class offs when I reported to Ft Benning in early Nov. I was wrong. VP **Chip Holton** and Treas **Dennis Schrecengast** are neighbors, while Secy **Dave Smith** and Historian **Wayne Green** are feasting on bugs and snakes in Ranger Sch. Chip bought a basset hound pup to keep him company, while roommates **Herbbie Hoffman** and **Chris Sharp** are away. Unfortunately, the dog keeps Chip rather busy. Chip has started to enjoy new hobbies such as carpet cleaning and furniture repair. If anyone wants a cute puppy, I'm sure Chip may be able to work a deal. Dennis chose to search for his companionship at weekly aerobics class. He's the only guy there, but he doesn't mind being surrounded by young ladies. Dave and Wayne have been issued Ranger buddies to fill their companionship needs.

I departed Ft Benning for two glorious wks of NBC sch at Ft McClellan. I personally want to thank **Kent Cheeseman** for keeping me awake in class and for providing the comic relief. Others that suffered through the course include **Jeff Sauer, Greg Whann, John Sanchez, Ben Danner, Patty (Raugh) Griffin** and **Glenn Yeaw**. Glenn made a name for himself at Knox when he was captured, abused and tied in his own tank tarp by OPFOR. I guess Glenn forgot what he was supposed to learn in SERE school. While at McClellan, I took off with Jeff, Greg and **John McCombs** to witness the Army team's thrashing of Navy. Being the youngest class of old grads in attendance earned us the worst seats in the stadium, but all still had a great time seeing familiar faces. In attendance were **Ralph Thompson, Kathy Pierce, Kurt Bodiford, Jeff Hassman, Greg Krystyniak, Greg Larson, Steve O'Dell, Sam Homsy, Pat Rhyne, Mike Mathias** and many more. Some brought wives, some brought friends and most brought Bud.

Congrats to **Mike Francesconi** on his graduation from Ranger Sch. Because aviators were not allocated Ranger slots, Mike went to Ft Benning during his graduation leave to compete for a slot. Mike earned his tab in Aug and is now enjoying flt sch at Ft Rucker. **Don Johnson** sent word that he has a toddler on the way so the cup race is on! Let **Wayne** know if you are expecting a child in the near future. The only picture I received comes from 3 cavalrymen at Ft Knox. **Todd Cyril, Brad Palmer** and **Triiip Bowen** display their true cavalry spirit by showing off their old cavalry garb.

1987: Cyril, Palmer and Bowen

That's about all the news that **Wayne** and I could fabricate. In closing I would like to remind you to keep AOG informed of your current address. In addition, you are encouraged to contribute to the WP Fund, which provides money for projects and programs not covered by govt appropriations. You may restrict your gift to sports programs, clubs, the library, or even the Class of 1987 Class Fund. These contributions are tax deductible if you itemize deductions on your return. If you want to discuss Class bus or just want to say hey, I may be contacted at 2LT John J Hurst, 6510 Hampton Way M-12, Columbus, GA 31907, (404) 569-9255.

Keep the letters and pictures coming, and best wishes for a safe and successful 1988.

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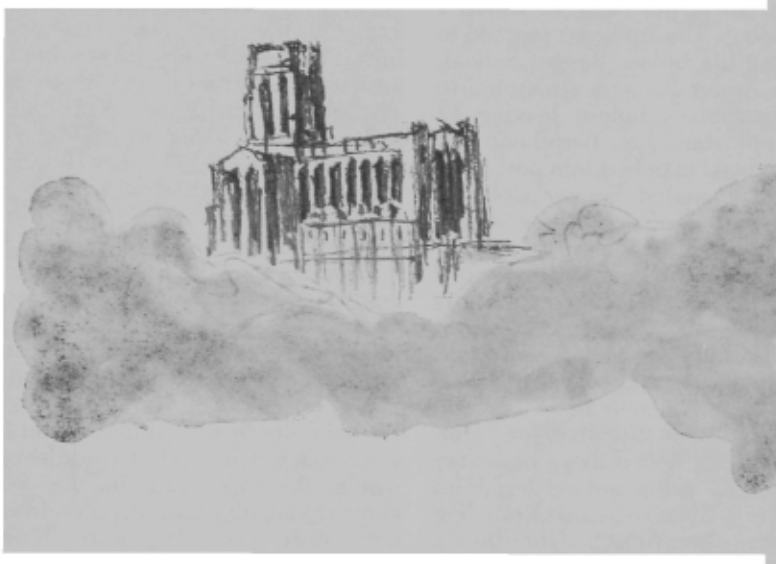
Be Thou At Peace

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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Virgil Farrar Shaw

NO. 6366 CLASS OF 1919

Died 26 November 1986 in Clearwater, Florida, aged 87 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Virgil Farrar Shaw

VIRGIL FARRAR SHAW was born 14 October 1899 at Cambridge, Ohio. It was from this state that he entered the United States Military Academy in June 1917. As a member of the last wartime class, he graduated and was commissioned in the Cavalry on 1 November 1918. Following the Armistice his class returned to West Point as students for a period of six months. During the summer of 1919, his class visited the battlefields in France, Belgium and Italy.

Colonel Shaw holds the degree of Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington, Class of 1927. His military training subsequent to attending West Point included two courses at the Cavalry School, the 3rd short course and the Division Staff Course at the Command and General Staff School, the Army-Navy Staff College, and the National War College.

He served at several Cavalry stations west of the Mississippi River, and also had a tour with the 26th Cavalry in the Philippines. From June 1937 to May 1939 he commanded Machine Gun Troop, 2nd Cavalry, which was charged with weapons demonstrations for the Cavalry school and weapons testing for the Cavalry Board. While at the Cavalry school from June 1939 to June 1941, he acted as the adjutant.

Colonel Shaw was detailed with the newly formed War Department Bureau of Public Relations in July of 1941. He served as the executive officer of the bureau until reassigned in November 1942. From December 1942 to May 1943 he was commanding officer, Division Trains, 20th Armored Division, Camp Campbell, Kentucky. After attending the Army-Navy Staff College Course, he was assigned from October 1943 to August 1944 as the deputy chief of staff for Lieutenant General Holland M. Smith, USMC, Commander V Amphibious Corps. While in this position he participated in the planning and operations for the capture of the Marianas. In August 1944 he joined the staff of the Tenth Army, where as chief of Plans and Operations Section, G-3, he participated in the planning for and capture of Okinawa. When the Tenth Army was demobilized in October 1945, he joined the Headquarters, 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division in Tokyo, Japan.

In January of 1946, Colonel Shaw reported to the commandant, Army-Navy Staff College for duty on the Joint Review Board for Operations. He was reassigned the same year to the staff and faculty of the newly organized National War College, where he served for two years. Upon completion of this tour, he joined the first joint Headquarters, Caribbean Command, in the Panama Canal Zone, where he served for four years as director of Logistics.

When Colonel Shaw returned to the US in 1952, he was assigned as the professor of military science at the University of Massachusetts. It was from here that he retired as a colonel from active duty after almost 36 years of faithful service to his country.

After his retirement, Colonel Shaw was the director of Massachusetts Operational Survival Plan Project from 1955–59. This project developed the first complete state Civil Defense Plan which later became the pilot plan for the Federal Civil Defense Agency. While on active duty he was awarded the Legion of Merit with "V" Device, four Bronze Stars with "V" Device and the Commendation Ribbon.

In September of 1959 he joined the staff and faculty of Southwood Junior College, Salemburg, North Carolina. He served there until 1971 as professor of history and assistant president.

From 1971 to 1979 he performed volunteer work for Sampson County where he was named "Man of the Year" by the governor of North Carolina. He moved to Clearwater, Florida in 1979.

Colonel Shaw is survived by his wife Lois S. Shaw, his son Douglas, and his daughter Mrs. Barbara Abbot. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia on 19 December 1986.

Colonel Shaw was a loving father, loyal husband, and outstanding patriot who served his country faithfully and well. He shall be missed by all who knew him and by a grateful nation.

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Davis Ward Hale

NO. 6460 CLASS OF 1919

Died 13 August 1986 in Los Angeles, California, aged 91 years.

Interment: Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California

Davis Ward Hale

DAVIS WARD HALE was born in Birmingham, Alabama, the fifth of seven sons of Lena Bolinger Hale and Dr. Thomas Philip Hale. He attended schools in Louisville, Kentucky; New Albany, Indiana; and the US Naval Academy before being appointed to the Military Academy by Senator Kern of Indiana.

After graduation he and his classmates toured the battle fronts of World War I in Belgium, France, and Italy; as a second lieutenant he attended the Fort Monroe, Virginia, Coast Artillery School for one year. After eight months in the Coast Artillery, he transferred to the Cavalry in July 1920 and was stationed at Fort Williams, Maine; Fort Riley, Kansas; Camp Knox, Kentucky; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; and Camp McClellan, Alabama, with the 6th Cavalry. He was honorably discharged on 11 June 1925.

Following his discharge, Davis became a tactical officer and English instructor at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana, leaving there to become Commandant of Cadets at Black-Foxe Military Institute in Los Angeles, California. During the Great Depression the institute closed its doors. Davis then became a deputy probation officer of Los Angeles County, where he served from 1932 until his retirement in 1965. His interests following retirement included golf, tennis, and hiking. His service to God included support of many local, national, and international Christian or-

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ganizations. For many years he sang in his church choir.

Davis is survived by his daughter, Margaret Hale Magness (herself married to a US Air Force officer, retired Colonel Woodrow W. Magness); son, Earl Douglas Hale II; brother, Earl Douglas Hale; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two nieces; one nephew; and a step-daughter, Lynette Bailey Turner.

Of his father, Earl Douglas Hale recently wrote, "I think back to my boyhood, and remember that at his best I thought he looked like the noblest man I had ever seen. He did his best, and now he's gone from us forever. I hope that we will meet our loved ones in Heaven."

Words of the twenty-fifth Psalm, one of Davis' favorites, read at his memorial service, express his philosophy of life:

"Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.
Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation.
Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake.
All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.
Turn thou unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses.
Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.
O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.
Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee."

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William Wallace Ford

NO. 6602 CLASS OF 1920

Died 9 November 1986 in Danbury, Connecticut, aged 88 years.

Cremated and ashes scattered over Sagaponack, New York

WILLIAM WALLACE FORD was born in Waverly, Virginia on 2 October 1898, the son of Herman and Addie Johnson Ford. He was graduated from the Waverly High School in 1914. From there he attended the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, but transferred in 1915 to the University of Virginia where he was still enrolled in 1917 when Congress declared war on Germany. He enlisted at once and was still in the service when he was appointed to West Point where he

William Wallace Ford

reported in June 1918. An important landmark during his stay there was the arrival of General Douglas MacArthur in the spring of 1919. As superintendent, MacArthur undertook the steady and determined task of modernizing the Academy. Wallace was graduated from West Point in 1920. The years of peace that followed were rich and eventful, especially his marriage to Alice Trowbridge Harris in February 1923.

In 1940, with World War II already in progress abroad, military thinking quickened in the United States. Wallace now had 20 years of service as an artilleryman as well as seven years of private flying, and was fully aware of the inadequacy of the sighting of targets. His thinking in this direction and at this particular time led to his greatest contribution to World War II. In 1942, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he pioneered and developed the use of light aircraft, known as "Grasshoppers," to direct artillery fire. The program has been credited for saving hundreds of lives and he himself has been spoken of and honored as "The Father of Army Aviation." His tour of duty at Fort Sill ended in 1947.

It was soon followed by a three-year stretch in the Canal Zone, and in 1951 he was assigned as commander of the 43rd Infantry Division which would serve NATO, with headquarters in Verdun, France. On 31 August 1954, orders came for his retirement. His military honors were the Legion of Merit, twice, the Bronze Star, the Air Medal and, for his service with NATO, the Legion d'Honneur.

But Wallace felt much too young for complete retirement. He promptly became vice-president of an aircraft company in Ohio, received a degree in mathematics from Miami University and taught mathematics at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst where Alice, his first wife, died in 1976. He retired a third time, but never really stopped.

One of his most important roles in civilian life was in condemnation of the Vietnam War, and his military rank gave weight to his opposition. He lectured from coast to coast against this involvement. In 1979 he married Sarah Litsey Nye and moved to Redding, Connecticut.

In 1980 Wallace published his first and only book, *Wagon Soldier*, a vivid and often rollicking account of life at West Point and his subsequent Army life which he undertook (as he did everything) with a vengeance, a flair, an old-fashioned courtliness. At 88, he was never old.

In the spring of 1987, his ashes were given to earth, to join those of Alice in the garden of their home in Sagaponack, Long Island. But his remarkable presence will go on in the pages of *Wagon Soldier*. The book has been widely read, not only by the military, but by those who honor a long life, lived to the full.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his daughter Elise Ford Knapp, of Redding; a sister Elizabeth Ford Sprowle of Richmond, Virginia; three sons, William W., Jr of Vienna, Virginia; Trowbridge H. of Princeton, Massachusetts; and Dr. John P. of Closter, New Jersey; nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Sarah Litsey Ford

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Ralph Parker Eaton

NO. 7601 CLASS OF 1924

Died 16 May 1986 in Asheville, North Carolina, aged 87 years.

Interment: Lewis Memorial Park, Asheville, North Carolina

Ralph Parker Eaton

DOC EATON WAS born in Bloomington, Illinois in 1898, the son of Herbert L.

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and Grace Baker Eaton. He volunteered for the Army at 17 and "prepared" for West Point in the 5th Division on the World War I Saint-Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne battlefields. Serving as a first aid man, he accompanied infantry patrols at night to the German trenches. His description of camping in the rain and dark at Verdun is more gruesome than anything produced on television.

"When I finally got home," he wrote, "I joined the ROTC at the University of Illinois, and in 1920 a captain shanghaied me into West Point." (Eatonese for being selected.) "I brought along a salvaged first aid kit because I didn't know what I was getting into. It held Brown's Cough Mixture, headache powder, throat swabs, etc. After I cured a dozen plebes word got around and I was called 'Doc.' My classmates liked my treatment better'n the cadet hospital because it was faster and no records." Doc stressed the kit was salvaged.

Doc's letters are delightful. He wrote in his original style, uninhibited and unique, his humor shining through. Samples—"I enjoy scribbling on Christmas cards, but to do 500 you have to start on the 4th of July. With the arrival of father time, I'm down to 50. . . . When we were married the Fair Eloise didn't know a house wren from an eagle, but she discovered my interest and became a birder, too. . . . At a cocktail party, best thing to do is put your hearing aid in your pocket and just say, 'Yes.' . . . I had a rough time in English until my instructor was head football coach Capt. J. J. McEwan, 'The Giant from Minnesota.' He took an interest in *moi* and gave me a bushel of 3.0s I didn't deserve. I hated Huxley but McEwan made him my *ami*."

When Doc became a yearling, he served as unofficial betting commissioner, going to the football game in New Haven wearing the dress coat of a fat cadet "with $3,000 in bills taped around my midsect. Marching to the Bowl, I could hardly breathe. After our 14–7 loss I went under the stands, half undressed and forked over to a bunch of Yalies, their girl friends gawking. It burned me up."

Doc was a fine semi-pro baseball pitcher although he did not play at USMA. In 1926–27 he served as personnel adjutant, 9th Infantry in Texas and as player/coach. His team won two successive divisional championships. He wrote, "At Pettit Barracks (400' x 150'), Zamboanga, our post team in the commercial league hadn't won a game in 2 years. Colonel Grier was beside himself. He told Gus Herndon, '29, and me, 'If you two lieutenants want good efficiency reports, get us out of the cellar.' Gus'd go 4 or 5 innings with an o'hand fast ball, and I'd come in sidearmed and with an underhand knuckler. We didn't lose a game, saving our efficiency reports. I played center field, too, under skies that had no ceiling, making spectacular catches, staggering around. Colonel Philoon accused me of grandstanding."

In World War II Major General M. B. Ridgway selected Colonel Eaton as Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Division. General Ridgway writes, "Doc and I had complete mutual understanding and spiritual rapport which should be the ideal relationship between a commander and his chief of staff. I am forever grateful for his superior services." Doc wrote, "I decided the best way to handle the remarkable, fast thinking and very moral, absolutely fearless M. B. R. was to give him no advice, but when he *asked* for my opinion to give him both barrels of the truth, as I saw the situation. This seemed to work." To a friend distressed at being called to the rear for conferences, away from his front-line units, "Too bad you don't have M. B. R. as your commander. If he wanted to speak to you, he'd go up front where you are."

On the night before D-Day, Normandy, Doc and General Ridgway disagreed. Doc said, "He wanted to sit in the front seat of the lead glider. 'No,' I said, 'that's my seat.' I convinced him that the first night glider landing in history was no place for experiment, so I rode in front and he jumped. The glider cracked up. The landing dislocated my hip and jammed my knees. A first aid man carried me to a cowshed where we existed 2 days. All I could get him to do was hang a Red Cross flag out of the window."

Eaton recovered sufficiently to serve as Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and was promoted to brigadier general. He served as adjutant general, USMA from 1951–54. The career of this smart, able, humorous leader was recognized by the WWI Victory Medal, Distinguished Service Medal, 2 Legions of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, 3 Commendation Ribbons and Croix de Guerre of Belgium and France. In 1986 a room in Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg was dedicated in his honor. For more about this remarkable man, see *Bold Leaders of WWI*, by Reeder; Little, Brown & Co., 1974.

Doc's first wife was Mary L. Shaffer. Their children are John E. Eaton and Mary Ellen E. Burnette. In 1939 he married Eloise C. Lull, and their children are Lucy E. Jonckheere and Jane E. Roda. Doc and Eloise have 13 grandchildren.

R.P.R. Jr.

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Roy Jacob Herte

NO. 8017 CLASS OF 1926

Died 28 August 1986 in Cornwall, New York, aged 85 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Roy Jacob Herte

ROY WAS BORN in Brooklyn, New York and spent his entire younger life on Long Island. He enlisted for the purpose of going to West Point and entered the Academy in 1921 on an appointment from the Army. His cadet years were normal, happy ones although he stubbed his toe in math and was turned back to the Class of 1926 with which he graduated. He was a member of the Rifle Team and was a constant participant in the annual Indoor Meet in which he excelled as a runner. His most prestigious office was as a member of the Cadet Honor Committee. His most amazing accomplishment—achieved by very few—was to go through his entire cadet career without ever serving a period of confinement nor walking a tour on the area. His happiest moments were on dates with Else Klein, a hometown girlfriend.

Roy was commissioned in the Infantry and his first assignment was at Fort Douglas, Utah. While he was stationed there, he proposed to Else by mail and she accepted. Their first child, Roy, Jr., arrived the following year. After a tour in Panama, Roy was assigned to Governor's Island where Ellen was born. Normal Infantry assignments followed, including a tour of duty with the 35th Infantry in Hawaii. While serving at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, World War II broke out and Roy was sent to Europe with the 318th Infantry of the 80th Division. He was captured by the Germans and spent 9 months as a POW. For his war service, he was decorated with the Bronze Star with V and received the Award for Valor from the Norwegian government.

Normal stateside duty followed, culminating with his assignment to the 1802d Special Regiment at West Point in 1951. In the Class of 1926 booklet, published for their 25th Reunion, is this statement: "Roy is one of the distinguished members of the Class who has

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acquired a silver mane without the corresponding wrinkles of age." Roy completed his active career as commanding officer of the 1802d at West Point. He was on duty there for the graduation of their son in 1951, as well as for the marriage of their daughter to John Schick of the Class of 1955.

Else and Roy moved to nearby Cornwall-on-Hudson following his retirement and established a picturesque home on the end of a shaded street, where they lived for more than 30 years. Roy commented to a classmate, "Based on hours spent in building, painting, fixing, cleaning and digging, I can't remember a day when I had nothing to do." Roy further cautioned, "(1) Before age 70 move into an apartment. (2) It is not smart to retire where snow is a problem. I realize these gems come too late to do any good."

Roy died peacefully in his sleep at his beloved Cornwall home, not long after his 85th birthday. Several months later, Else moved to Carmel, California where she now lives near her son and his family as well as her daughter's children.

In a beautiful tribute, Roy's son wrote these memorable words, "The high points of dad's life were evidenced by his absolute devotion to his Country, the Military Academy, his family and his friends. If he left any of us a legacy, it was his unblemished integrity, his unwillingness to settle for the 'half truth' and his insistence on standing by his principles, regardless of the consequences. I can say with no small amount of pride that those of us that truly knew this kind and genteel soldier, are better persons because of our association with him."

Not only Roy's classmates but all his many friends will attest to the true significance of his son's poignant observations.

E. R. H.

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Christian Gotthard Nelson

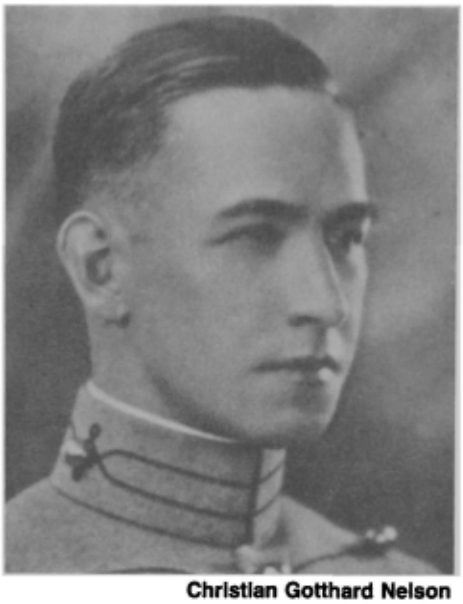
NO. 8199 CLASS OF 1927

Died 17 October 1986 in Oswego, New York, aged 84 years.

Interment: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, Syracuse, New York

CHRIS WAS BORN in Brooklyn, New York on Christmas Day 1901 to Frank and Agnes Nelson. He was the eldest of five boys and attended New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn and New York Preparatory School in New York.

Upon graduation from the Military Academy he was assigned to the 18th Infantry. His early service was quite varied as he took a detail to the Signal Corps, attended the Signal School in 1933 and in June he transferred to the



Christian Gotthard Nelson

Field Artillery and later went to the Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft).

During World War II he served in the South Pacific Theater starting with the 208th Coast Artillery (Anti-Aircraft). His next assignment was unusual for an Army officer. He was ordered by the transportation officer, South West Pacific to organize an armed guard outfit to take care of all foreign craft then in use. This included British, Dutch, Chinese and others. He then set up a training organization to make seamen out of Army enlisted men. From this was born the Ship and Gun Crew Command. This organization started in a convent near Sidney and later moved its headquarters to Brisbane while the crews were scattered all over Australia.

On returning from R & R in 1944, he found that he was in charge of loading operations on Red and White Beaches of Leyte Province, Philippine Islands. After a bout with pneumonia he returned to the United States in 1945.

He then had a tour with the Organized Reserves in New York and Wyoming. This included assignment as chief of the National Guard Inspection Division, Fifth Army. He next went to Korea where he was inspector general of IX Corps, then to IG Eighth Army. In 1957 he retired. At that time he was stationed at Fort Hood as inspector general of the III Corps.

On retirement he settled in San Antonio, Texas where he was quietly effective, a splendid addition to the city as a citizen, civic worker, churchman and as a friend to all who knew him. Although living in San Antonio he returned to his family in Oswego, New York as often as possible. This much loved family is made up of his daughter Doris Woodard, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren whom he called his "North Country Mob."

Any organization he joined could always count on him to help out as needed. As a member of Bethany United Methodist Church he was their financial secretary for 15 years. He was a charter member of the San Antonio Retired Officers Association, serving on several committees. As a member of American Legion Business and Professional Post 10 he served as finance officer and was chairman of Boys' State Committee for 10 years. This latter position gave him much pleasure as he was able to help several young men. He was, among other things, adjutant and treasurer of the San Antonio Military Order of the World Wars for which duties well done he was elected honorary post commander.

As if he did not have enough to do with these organizations, he enrolled in Trinity University of San Antonio where he was awarded a master of arts degree in history. This led to his becoming an instructor in history at San Antonio Community College, 1961–73. During this period he served on the dean's committees on academic entrance qualifications and student life activities.

In addition to his Oswego family he is survived by a brother, C. H. Nelson. Chris moved to Oswego, New York to be near his family. He died there of a massive coronary.

BG Robert Aloe, classmate and friend

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Carroll Huston Prunty

NO. 8435 CLASS OF 1928

Died 23 January 1986 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 81 years.

Carroll Huston Prunty

CARROLL HUSTON PRUNTY, known to his intimates as "Bill," was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 29 July 1904, the son of Colonel Leonard William

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Prunty, a graduate of USMA Class of 1901, and Bertha Huston Prunty. As an Army brat, he attended grammar school at various places, high school at the New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, New Mexico, followed by the Columbian Preparatory School, Washington, DC. He was appointed to the Military Academy from the 4th District of Kansas by Representative Homer Hoch.

At the Academy, Bill was a member of the Choir, the plebe Color Line, the Rifle Squad, the Rod and Gun Club and was a pistol marksman and a rifle expert. His classmates described him as calm, steady, quiet—a man whom soldiers will be glad to follow.

Bill graduated 210th in this class and was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, but soon transferred to Cavalry and was stationed at Fort Meade, South Dakota, 4th Cavalry from 1 August 1930 to 31 August 1932.

On 2 January 1930 Bill married Rebecca Harley at Bismark, North Dakota.

Bill was a student officer at the Cavalry School, Fort Riley, Kansas from 1932 to 1933. He returned to Fort Meade and the 4th Cavalry in June 1933, was appointed first lieutenant on 1 October 1934, and stationed there until June 1937. Bill's next station was Fort Knox, Kentucky, where he was assigned to the 1st Cavalry. From August 1937 to June 1938, he was detailed to the Quartermaster Corps and assigned to Remount Depot at Fort Reno, Oklahoma (promoted to captain on 9 June 1938).

Military history: Ft Reno, Okla, Remount, Jun 38—(Maj AUS 31 Jan 41)—1 Sep 42; Cairo, Egypt, CO Heliopolis Gen Dep—(Lt Col AUS 1 Nov 42)—1 May 43; NATO, ETO, 2 Armd Div, 11 Jun 43—(LM BSM)—28 Jan 45; ETO, WDMB, G-4 Div, 29 Jan-23 May 45; Washington DC, WDGS, 24 May—(Maj Cav 9 Jun 45)—(Col AUS 23 Aug 45)—10 Oct 45; Ft Logan, Colo, ExO, 15 Oct 45–1 Mar 46; CO Ft Logan—(Col AUS terminated 30 Apr 46)—1 Jun 46; Wyo. Mil Dist, ORC dy-25 Jun 47; Ft Riley Kan, ExO OCnS, 26 Jun 47–25 May 48; Heidelberg Germany, Civil Affairs Div, Hq EUCOM, 20 Jun 48—(Lt Col Cav 2 Jan 49)-(CR)—15 Apr 49; Berlin, IGO, 16 Apr-20 May 49; CO 16 Constab Sq—1 Dec 49; CO 1 Bn, 86 Inf, 10 Tng Div, 5 Apr 50.

In 1950, he was commanding officer, 28th Infantry at Fort Jackson. From August to November 1951, Bill was an instructor for the 112th Cavalry, Texas National Guard, San Antonio, Texas. Bill retired for disability as a colonel. His last residence was 1313 Milky Way, Sky Way Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Military honors included Legion of Merit, October 1943; Bronze Star Medal, February 1944; Army Commendation Ribbon, June 1948. Bill's military record speaks for itself. He was a man of courage and understanding, loved and respected by his troops as well as by his superiors. He left many friends to mourn his passing, but as far as I know, Bill left no enemies.

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Walter Henry Esdorn

NO. 9028 CLASS OF 1931

Died 6 October 1986 in Boca Raton, Florida, aged 81 years.

Cremation—ashes scattered over the ocean

Walter Henry Esdorn

IT IS WITH deep sorrow that I inform you of the death of Walter Henry Esdorn on 6 October 1986. He suffered from a serious disability of the legs and spine, diagnosed as "neuropathy."

Walter was born in New York City on 16 August 1905. He was graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1926. He received an appointment to West Point in July 1927, graduating second in his class in 1931. Shortly thereafter he attended MIT and received his master's in electrical engineering.

Subsequently he started on a slow but steady progress up the corporate, or should I say military, ladder. He served at Fort Belvoir, Schofield Barracks, Camp Clairborne and Fort Ord. With the beginning of the war Walter went overseas to supervise construction of airdromes outside of London. It was here that his work was spectacular. With 3,000 troops under his command, the airfields were completed in less than a year. The war ended and Walter returned home as a full colonel—just 13 years after his West Point graduation. The work in the United Kingdom was a bit too much and he retired, disabled, on 30 April 1945.

Walter took an engineers' examination for New York State—came out first—and subsequently became engineer on the NY State Thruway.

Walter married Elisabeth Troup (Smith '25) in 1968. They retired and moved to Boca Raton in 1970.

Walter was always very conscious of the ties which bind together members of the Long Gray Line firmly secured by common belief in the values of Duty, Honor and Country. These ideals, nurtured at the Academy, served in making Walter the fine man he was. Walter, my mother and I say "Thank you, West Point."

Robert Troup

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James Edward Maloney, Jr.

NO. 9304 CLASS OF 1931

Died 30 September 1986 in Boise, Idaho, aged 79 years.

Interment: Morris Hill Cemetery, Boise, Idaho

James Edward Maloney, Jr.

JAMES EDWARD MALONEY, JR. was born in Albany, New York on 3 June 1907, the son of James E. and Bertha (Andrews) Maloney. His father, a doctor, served as a major in the Army Medical Corps in World War I. Shortly after World War I, the family moved to Brooklyn, New York where James attended high school and from where he was admitted to West Point. His desire to attend West Point and to enter upon a career in the Army was a result of his father's service as an Army officer and of his own desire for an Army career.

Jim enjoyed his years as a cadet and although not an outstanding student, he had no real difficulty in outwitting the Academic Board, graduating 277 out of his class of 306.

Shortly after graduation he married Lillian Smith and proceeded to his first assignment with the 7th Infantry at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. In 1934 he

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was assigned to the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where his son James, III was born in January 1935. In January 1939 his second son, Michael, was born at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming. Jim and his family were always very close and both of the boys followed in their father's footsteps, also going to West Point, Jim III with the Class of 1957 and Michael with the Class of 1961.

Jim spent his first 10 years of service as an Infantry company officer or commander and felt that there was no service more interesting or rewarding.

The family was at Schofield at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; soon thereafter, Jim served as a battalion commander with the 21st Infantry. He then went on to join the 232nd Infantry with the 42nd Division at Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. In April 1944 he joined the 45nd Division on the Anzio Beachhead. In August of 1944 he was returned from France to Italy and was promoted to colonel in 1945 upon assuming command of Headquarters Command AF, METUSA at Caserta, Italy.

In 1946 after a tour at Fort Leavenworth as a student officer, Jim served in Germany for three years and in 1949 became Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Akron in Ohio. In 1952 the family proceeded to Japan for a three-year tour, returning in 1955 when Jim assumed command of Fort Jay at Governors Island, New York.

His last tour of duty prior to retirement at Fort McPherson, Georgia, in 1961 was as chief of MAAG and US Army Mission in Honduras.

During his wartime service, Jim was awarded the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and a variety of campaign ribbons and battle stars.

After retiring from the Army in 1961, Jim and his wife Lillian moved to Boise, Idaho where he and his boys enjoyed fishing and hunting and golf at a local country club.

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Donald Linwood Hardy

NO. 9435 CLASS OF 1932

Died 19 July 1987 in Winter Park, Florida aged 78 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

DON WAS BORN in Chicago, Illinois on 14 October in 1908. He was the son of E. Linwood and Therese Hardy. Don was four years of age when the Hardy family moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There, his father managed the large chain of historic Schubert Theaters in the area.

Donald Linwood Hardy

One of Don's boyhood interests was the collection of postal stamps. As he grew to manhood, his interest became fascination. Philately emerged as his lifetime hobby. Don's knowledge was vast. He knew the history of almost all of the countries and places from which he had collected stamps.

Don's wife, Marian, has been most helpful in portraying the dramatic events during their lifetime together. Most dramatic is the story of the day she and Don met for the first time; she was only sixteen and Don seventeen. Marian was the daughter of the prominent Palmers of Philadelphia. Although Don lived in the same city, their first meeting took place on the beach of nearby Ocean City, New Jersey. There, the Palmers had a summer place on the beach road. Across the way, a banner of gaudy Greek letters marked a somewhat dubious house as the home of a high school fraternity. Marian was on the beach returning from the post office when she noticed two boys trying to overtake her. Frightened, she ran to a nearby retainer wall for garbage cans and crouched in hiding. Several minutes later she heard a boy's voice asking her to come on out from hiding, she wouldn't be harmed. They just wanted to meet her. It was Don's voice and the beginning of a friendship that would meld into love and devotion that would last a lifetime.

One of Don's boyhood dreams that became a reality and influenced his destiny was to go to West Point. He attended Stanton-Loomis West Point Prep School for two years, received his appointment and entered with the class of 1932. Don's two years at Stanton-Loomis had given him an excellent academic background. This, in turn, gave him more leisure time to participate in cadet activities during his four years at West Point. Though his contributions were apparent throughout his cadet days, it was as a first classman that his many talents came to the forefront. On the "make list," he became the cadet captain of A Company. Cadet activities included class treasurer, president of the Camp Illumination Committee, senior hop manager, editor of biographies, 1932 *Howitzer* and president of the Dialectic Society. As president of the latter, he had the responsibility for the Hundreth Night Show, which he wrote, coordinated and directed.

During our plebe year, Don was selected as a member of the Cadet Choir. Most of the activities of the choir were part of the services held in the stately Cadet Chapel that rested atop the hill behind old North Barracks. Because of his magnificent baritone voice, Don was often selected as choir soloist.

Don and Marian remained each other's "one and only" from their first meeting on the beach at Ocean City to his graduation from West Point. Then, there in the Cadet Chapel where Don sang so eloquently for four years, they exchanged their wedding vows.

Don wanted to be an Army pilot. He was found physically qualified and began his training at the newly built Randolph Field, Texas. From there he moved to the other side of San Antonio and began advanced training at old Kelly Field. He graduated in October 1933 and was rated a pilot in the Army Air Corps.

His first six years were uneventful with the exception of his first at Luke Field, Hawaii. It was there that his son, Donald Linwood Hardy, Jr., was born. Donald Jr. is serving in the Civil Service on duty with the United States Air Force.

The United States was well on its way to recovering from the economic depression of the early 30s when Don was ordered to Wright-Patterson Field, Ohio in 1939. His three years there were a period of world conflict: Germany overran western Europe, was at war with Russia and engaged in the air battle with Britain; Japan invaded China and other parts of the Far East, conducting unannounced attacks against our forces in the Philippines and our naval forces at Pearl Harbor. The United States was at war. Wright-Patterson was an important cog in the build-up and war readiness of Army Air Corps units. It was during this period that Don became expert in materiel with supply as his specialty. With the exception of several intervening assignments, materiel would control his future endeavors.

In 1943, Don was reassigned to the China-Burma-India area where he served with the Army Service Command. He not only managed war supplies but flew many hours over the "Hump" to deliver them to Chinese forces. His Legion of Merit, Air Medal and Bronze Star speak highly of his accomplishments on the ground and in the air.

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His next assignment was in the China Theater of Operations as the assistant chief of staff, Materiel in the Army Air Command. For his services in that position, he was awarded another Legion of Merit.

Returning to the United States in 1946, he was almost immediately reassigned to Sweden as Air and Military Attache there and also for Denmark. In 1950, he returned to Washington to attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Upon graduation, he served for three years in the Office of Deputy Chief of Staff, USAF.

In 1954, Don received his first promotion to general officer concurrently with his appointment as chief of the Military Advisory Group in Japan. In 1957 he returned to the United States for duty at Wright-Patterson where he received his final promotion, major general.

In 1960 he was assigned as commander of the Middletown Materiel Area. Then because of his many years in the supply field, he was ordered to Washington, DC to be executive director of the newly formed Joint Defense Supply Agency.

In 1964 Don received his last assignment—to Philadelphia. There he commanded the Defense Agency Supply Center until mid-1965. Upon retirement, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service to his country and to the United States Air Force.

After several years of retirement Don and Marian moved to Winter Park, Florida. They also bought a sixth floor apartment overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at New Smyrna Beach. Don enjoyed his daily walks up and down the broad beach and the magnificent view of the ocean.

Don and Marian attended four of the last five class reunions. They missed the 55th. Don's health was rapidly failing. On 19 July 1987 Don concluded a remarkable life on this earth, a life that had spanned the years of the astounding transition of the Army Air Corps into one of the most powerful air forces in our time.

Ed Suarez, classmate

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Robin George Speiser

NO. 9733 CLASS OF 1933

Died 29 January 1986 in Montclair, New Jersey, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Robin George Speiser

ROBIN GEORGE SPEISER was born in Durango, Colorado on 27 April 1910, the son of Ralph and Maud (Cornell) Speiser. When he was five the family moved to Wallkill, New York, then to Newburgh. He graduated from the Newburgh Free Academy (HS) and served for a year in the New York National Guard before entering West Point (1929).

Robin (known as Bob to most of his classmates) is remembered as a bright, alert and interested cadet. "Frank, good natured, fun loving," wrote his *Howitzer* biographer, "he is ready to give and take regardless of the outcome . . . a good friend, staunch and true." His cadet activities included wrestling, the cadet orchestra and choir, and the fishing club.

Following graduation Robin was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Artillery and reported with his new bride, Thelma Vincent of Newburgh, to their first station, Madison Barracks, New York. After four years as a battery officer (battery commander and executive officer), he was ordered to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he graduated from the Regular Course in 1938. He then returned to troop duty, first with the 80th Field Artillery at Fort Des Moines, later with the 8th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. With Thelma and their son Robin Jr., he was there on the "Day of Infamy," 7 December 1941. Thelma and Robin were evacuated, but he remained for several months.

The war years found Bob next at Fort Sill, as executive to the assistant commandant, Field Artillery School, then in the 10-week course at Command & General Staff School (Fort Leavenworth). In December 1943 he joined the 410th Field Artillery Group at Camp Butner, North Carolina, as executive officer, moving with that group to the European Theatre of Operations in July 1944. Assigned to command the 738th Field Artillery Battalion (8" How, SP) in November, he held that command, fighting as part of XII Corps, Third Army, until the end of the war.

Bob's stirring combat diary and the citations covering his Silver Star medal, the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters to his Bronze Star medal, bear eloquent testimony to his gallanty in action.

He was to remain in Germany for two years after the war, commanding other Field Artillery units, and later the 51st Constabulary Squadron. In March 1947 he was ordered briefly to New York, then to Arizona as instuctor with the National Guard. He remained in Phoenix until July 1950. During this period Bob suffered the tragic loss of his first wife, Thelma, who died in 1948. They had three children: Robin, Jr. (USMA '56), Jane and John.

In 1949 Bob married Carol Finch of Rutherford, New Jersey who presented him with a fourth child, their daughter Suzanne. In 1950 they moved to Fort Monroe, Virginia where he served in G-1 of Army Field Forces until entering the Army War College (Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania) in 1951. Upon graduating Bob went to Japan for three years in J-1, Headquarters Far East Command. During this tour (at age 45) he requested and completed jump training with the 187th RCT in preparation for assignment to the 82d Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as division artillery commanding officer and chief of staff—"the finest troop duty I ever had."

The euphoria of troop duty with the nation's finest at Fort Bragg was followed (December 1956) by two and a half years with the Intelligence Directorate of the Joint Staff (Pentagon) from which duty he retired in May 1959, "just 30 years after donning cadet gray." "It (my service) was a wonderful experience," wrote Bob. Certainly it was experience on which he and Carol could look back with deep pride and satisfaction.

But career-wise, Bob was far from through. Upon retirement he settled in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, and joined the staff of Becton, Dickinson & Company (surgical instruments) in planning and management, becoming executive vice president for plans and programs in 1960.

He retired from Becton, Dickinson in 1970, worked for Fairleigh Dickinson University as director of development for two years, then as a consultant for development at St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York for two years, a position from which he retired (in his words) "for the third and last time."

Following that final retirement Bob's health deteriorated. He suffered a stroke, then heart attacks, the last of which carried him away in January 1986. He is survived by his wife Carol, two sons and two daughters, a brother, two sisters, and twelve grandchildren.

In 1958, for 1933's Twenty-Five Year Book, Bob wrote, " . . . thus passed our

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first twenty-five years in the Army, with many wonderful experiences and many wonderful friends." Those words reflect the outlook of an innately happy man. Troop and command duty, the best part of Army service, were what he loved; and few officers in their first twenty-five years had more than he. This was no accident; it is a tribute to his spirit and to the confidence placed in him.

In addition to his careers in military and in civil life, there are other important facets to the story of Robin Speiser: his role at home as a family man, and as an active participant in every community in which he lived. A devoted husband, father, and grandfather; a man who loved music (he owned three violins and enjoyed playing them—strictly for his own pleasure); a devout member of his faith (Christian Science)—in each of these capacities he contributed generously of his time and very considerable energy, to the well-being of others. For his warmth and humor, for his courage in adversity, for the example he set throughout his life, Robin Speiser will be remembered with pride and affection by all who knew him.

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Franklin Gibney Rothwell

NO. 9805 CLASS OF 1933

Died 5 April 1986 in La Jolla, California, aged 74 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Franklin Gibney Rothwell

FRANKLIN GIBNEY ROTHWELL was appointed to the United States Military Academy from New York City in 1929. The son of Clarence A. and Benita Buckel Rothwell of New York City and Brightwaters, Long Island, New York, he could trace his maternal roots in New York City back to the Carroll farm in the parish of St. Peter located near what is now Westchester Square in the Bronx. In entering West Point, Franklin followed in the path of several relatives and uncles-in-law, including Owen Glenn Collins, James Waddell, and Alden R. Crawford.

Upon graduation in 1933, he served with the Air Corps, then the Infantry and subsequently settled on a career with the Coast Artillery. In the peacetime years prior to World War II, he was variously stationed at Brooks Field, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Adams, and Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

At the outbreak of World War II he was at a post near San Diego, California, where he met and married Nellie Grant Cronan, who as the great-granddaughter of General Ulysses S. Grant had her own ties to West Point. Throughout most of the war, he commanded anti aircraft units in the South Pacific, though the onslaught of a tropical disease invalided him home.

During the tense years of the "Cold War," his interests having turned to military intelligence, he was appointed military attache to the United States Legation in Bucharest, Roumania. Later, he was made chief of the Eurasian Branch at the Pentagon, and then ordered overseas again as advisor to the Frontier Guards, Teheran, Iran.

Perhaps a brief personal anecdote will sum up Franklin's influence on others. During World War II, the author of this obituary, then a second lieutenant with the 159th Infantry on Attu in the Aleutian islands, enountered a medical officer who had served under Franklin, at that time commanding anti aircraft batteries in San Francisco harbor. "Your brother," said the good doctor, "was by far the most intelligent and astute commanding officer I have ever served under." That chance, almost forgotten, entirely unsolicited compliment from a casual acquaintance of long ago perhaps best sums up how most people saw Franklin. He was of a scholarly disposition, courtly and urbane in manner, fastidious but never pompous, exacting in thought and precise in speech—the embodiment indeed of that noble but perenially elusive concept, an" officer and a gentleman." He loved his wife and daughter and West Point.

He is survived by three siblings: Marjorie Meyer of Rancho Juliano, Lompoc, California; Benita Feldman of Monroe, Michigan; and Professor Kenneth S. Rothwell of the University of Vermont; several nieces and nephews and one maternal aunt (Mrs. A.R. Crawford, widow of the late Major General A.R. Crawford); and his wife, Nellie Grant Cronan, and daughter, Theresa Lauren Rothwell.

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Albert Curtis Wells, Jr.

NO. 10311 CLASS OF 1935

Died 11 September 1986 in Sacramento, California, aged 74 years.

Interment: Newcastle Cemetery, Newcastle, California

Albert Curtis Wells, Jr.

ALBERT CURTIS WELLS, JR. was born 15 February 1912 in Covington, Kentucky to Albert Curtis, Sr. and Hazel Morris Wells. In this northern Kentucky town, he and his brother Howard helped their mother with a small farm, raising 3,000 white leghorn chickens and two milking cows. His father was a pharmacist, and though he never was connected with any military service, provided the encouragement for Al Jr. to apply for West Point.

Concurrent with his graduation from Covington High School, his family moved to the small western Kentucky town of Munfordville. Fortunately, the Congressman for that district resided in that small town, and he provided Al with his appointment. In preparation, Al attended the Marion Military Academy in Alabama prior to his entrance to West Point in 1931.

During his cadet years, he became known as the "boy pharmacist" because of the drug store and first aid station he had in his "white elephant." Besides his academic pursuits, he acquired the managership of the baseball team.

Upon his graduation in 1935, he set his objectives to enter the Ordnance Department which he accomplished in 1937. He continued his education in Ordnance School and received his master of science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1939.

World War II led to his first assignment overseas. In 1941–42 he was designated to brief all new division commanders and their staffs with the ord-

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nance they would use in combat. In November 1943, he was assigned as chief of the G-4 Supply Branch where he supervised the detailed supply planning. This responsibility continued throughout the war. For this contribution, he received the Bronze Star Medal. In addition, he received the Couronne de Chene (Luxembourg) and the Croix de Guerre avec Palme (Belgium) during his service in Europe.

Returning to the States, he was placed in charge of the Depot Branch in G-4, War Department General Staff. There he coordinated the planning and implementation of retrenchment in the depot system.

Al continued his education at the University of California at Berkeley and graduated in 1950 with a master of science in bioradiology. He used this training in the Ballistics Lab and Research & Development for Ordnance during the early 1950s. During the Korean War, he was commanding officer of the 314th Ordnance Ammunitions Group. He received the Legion of Merit for his leadership, professional competence, and his comprehensive understanding of essential technical aspects in directing activities of this command. Once the war ended, the 314th Ordnance Group supervised the rebuilding of the orphanage for the Korean children in Seoul.

His final assignment in the Army was commanding officer of Benicia Arsenal, California. There, he supervised the installation of the first fully computerized financial and inventory control system in an Ordnance depot.

Al's retirement in 1961 led to many new horizons in the Loomis Basin, located 25 miles northeast of Sacramento, California. Besides his position as division manager with Aerojet General Corporation, he engaged in his favorite hobby—building a new home, one of three he had built before his death. He was elected to the Placer County Board of Educators and could be found supporting the local schools whenever possible.

Al's personal life was as fulfilling as his military career. Meeting Marguerite Mary Bohn in 1929, he pursued her until she married him in 1937. They had four children and proudly watched all four graduate from college.

After the last child was "out of the nest," they traveled and enjoyed life until cancer took Marguerite after 46 years of marriage. Her death was taken hard by Al, but he was fortunate enough to meet a recent widow, Helen Tanovich, whom he married in 1984.

Al passed away of respiratory failure on 11 September 1986. He left behind his wife Helen; his four children—Dr. Curt Wells, Dr. David Wells, Anne Day, and Mary Jo Payne; his five grandchildren; and his brother, Howard Wells.

His honor, dedication, and love of country and family exemplified his high ideals which he passed on to those who knew and loved him.

Mary Jo Payne, daughter

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Edwin Gregory Beggs

NO. 10645 CLASS OF 1936

Died 14 April 1981 in Tallahassee, Florida, aged 67 years.

Interment: Unknown

Edwin Gregory Beggs

"BULL" BEGGS HAS joined the long gray line. Diminutive Cadet Beggs received his nickname probably because he came from the tall tree country of the Northwest where everything is supposed to be big, but "Bull" was one of the runtest of the runts.

His disaffinity at West Point with "chevaux" recalls one of the funniest incidents of that cadet era. "Bull" was running the jumping course on the Cavalry Plain when suddenly his mount veered to the right, crashed through a six foot hedge and bolted "vendre a terre" to the stable. En route the horse went under a picket line leaving "Bull" suspended on the iron chain picket line, waving in the breeze.

Edwin Gregory Beggs was born on 4 January 1914 in Idaho and entered West Point from the state of Washington. Commissioned in the Infantry, his first assignment was in the Canal Zone where he was assigned a mount and there learned how to love and discipline his former foe, the "horse." In fact, he loved to ride so much that he participated in all of the off duty "horsy sports" that were a way of life prior to World War II. He transferred to the Quartermaster Corps and participated in the war against Japan as assistant war plans officer under Admiral Halsey. Later he became assistant G-4 of the Okinawa Command where he earned the Bronze Star Medal.

He was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Armed Forces Staff College, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Post World War II he served as military attache in London and on the staff and faculty of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Colonel Beggs' military career ended in 1963 when he was retired because of a heart condition.

Although retirement ended his military career, "Bull" started a new one in the field of education. He attended George Washington University and received his master of business administration degree. From 1963 to 1966 he was the business manager of Prince George Community College, Largo, Maryland. In 1966 he came to Cocoa, Florida to become vice president of Brevard Community College, in which position he remained until 1977 when his heart again forced him to retire, this time for good.

During his educational career Colonel Beggs participated in several organizations, being president of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers; board member of the Society for College and University Planners, from which he received the first annual award for distinguished service to College and University Planning; distinguished member of the Council of Educational Facility Planners; member, Florida Community Junior College Council of Business. The last named organization awarded Colonel Beggs the George Washington Honor Medal in recognition of the respect and honor he brought to the community college system of Florida.

In 1977 "Bull" moved to Tallahassee, Florida to be near his children and live out his last years. He was survived by his wife, Mary, now deceased, and three daughters.

"Bull" Beggs is missed by his family, his classmates, and his many friends. Well done, "Bull," Be Thou At Peace.

Walter A. Faiks, '36, his roommate

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Hilwert Schuyler Streeter

NO. 10648 CLASS OF 1936

Died 11 August 1986 in El Paso, Texas, aged 74 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

SCHUYLER STREETER WAS born to John and Jennie Streeter in Boyne City, Michigan on 19 September 1911. However, he considered Detroit his home and it was there that he enlisted in the Army in order to enter the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Sheridan. His efforts there were successful and he was ap-

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Hilwert Schuyler Streeter

pointed to West Point, entering in our class in 1932.

At West Point he found that academics were not a serious problem, but discipline was another matter. The many friendships he developed outside of "I" Company, other than those from the Rifle Team, were a result of many hours in Central Area.

Schuyler had a subtle sense of humor and a taste for adventure relatively unknown to "outsiders." However, some of his escapades became well known to all: his stroll across the area to turn in the BB gun he failed to conceal before going to class; water bags and hosing down the class of 1938 on the way to turn in their rifles prior to furlough. Memorable events in the company were the Limburger cheese on the hot radiator in the room of a member of the class of 1934; and a toy train running through the halls of the 9th Division.

An inveterate gambler, sports fan, poker and bridge player, Schuyler found the curricula at West Point to be a necessary evil. His roommate "Abe" Abrams graduated six files ahead of him in spite of this association. When graduation approached, Schuyler and Abe both wanted to fly, but eye problems in the physical exam resulted in both choosing the Cavalry at Fort Bliss. This continued a friendship that lasted throughout their careers.

Shortly after graduation Schuyler married Vivien Ludowieg and a child, Jo, was born at Fort Bliss in 1938. In 1938, the three-month old baby girl and Vivien accompanied him to Camp Perry where he had taken the Fort Bliss team. While there, Vivien, on an errand alone to obtain supplies for the baby, was killed in an accident.

In 1939, Schuyler and Laura Pritchard, a resident of El Paso since the age of four, were married. The marriage of 47 years included the travels typical of a Regular Army family, the separations resulting from war, and eventual retirement back in El Paso to a home near Fort Bliss in 1958.

Schuyler's first assignment away from Fort Bliss was to Fort Sill in 1939, where he was detailed to the Air Corps in the 1st Balloon Squadron. This was followed in 1940 by a move to Fort Knox, assigned to the 1st Armored Division as commanding officer of Company "G," 1st Armored Regiment.

He continued in Armor throughout World War II and after. He was commanding officer of the 707th Tank Battalion, European Theater of Operations, from 31 December 1944 until 29 August 1945; commanding officer, 4th Tank Battalion, 1st Armored Division from 30 August 1945 until 20 February 1946; and had assignments at Mannheim in 1946 and Vienna in 1947.

Returning to the US in 1947, he was assigned as instructor of the Ohio National Guard at Cleveland from 1947 to 1951. He was again overseas in 1951 and 1952, assigned to the Joint US Mission Military Aid For Turkey.

The years 1952 to 1955 were spent at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as executive officer, Armored Combat Command. Returning overseas he was assigned to the Verdun installation of ADSEC in France from 1955 to 1957.

Upon retirement in 1958, Schuyler turned to his main interest, his gun collection. He attended shows throughout the west and was a recognized expert. This continued until failing eyesight and severe arthritis limited his mobility, and reduced his driving to household support only.

His interest in sports never waned, and a New Year's Day in the Streeter home was a sight to behold. In his study were football games on two TVs, and at least one radio. He was also an avid reader (at least a subscriber) of many publications, mostly technical or financial, and his den was a mass of literature, the location of any particular item known only to Streeter. Laura had long ago given up on any housekeeping in that area. Schuyler also followed the financial world, and his adventures in this area were conservative but successful.

The last few years of Schuyler's life were spent in fighting the pains of arthritis and the frustrations incident to failing eyesight and other physical debilitations. One of the most discouraging aspects was the inability to stand for any length of time or to really relax. However, to the occasional visitor, he appeared to be coping.

Late in 1985 and early 1986, it became necessary to hospitalize Schuyler on several occasions, and in May his condition necessitated moving him to a rest home, as Laura could not provide the physical aid he needed. In August his general condition and body functions deteriorated rapidly and in a few days he was gone.

In the 1936 *Howitzer* Schuyler's outstanding characteristic is mentioned, i.e., "a philosophical tolerance for the shortcomings of others." In retrospect, I don't remember his ever engaging in conversations that included the reviling of an individual. He would more likely counter ill treatment with some subtle wile, for example—remarking marked cards he discovered and watching the expression on the face of the culprit as he hastily left the game.

The writer had the good fortune to be closely associated with Schuyler for four years at West Point and enjoyed many visits to his home during the Fort Bliss days of 1936 to 1939, and in the past 28 years. Along with Laura, his daughter Jo, and his three grandchildren, we will miss him—a loyal and true friend.

E.S.H.

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James Early Norvell

NO. 10876 CLASS OF 1937

Died 21 June 1984 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, aged 69 years.

Interment: Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma

James Early Norvell

JAMES EARLY NORVELL was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, 19 December 1914, the son of Major B. P. and Mrs. Bessie (Carter) Norvell. He received a Presidential appointment and entered West Point in 1933. In 1937 he graduated and received his commission in the Field Artillery. His first assignment was to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas. He then went to Fort Benning, Georgia and other stations among which were Camp Polk, Louisiana and Fort Sill, Oklahoma, prior to going to the

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European Theater with the 16th Armored Division in 1944.

At Fort Bliss Jim married Elizabeth "Betty" West, daughter of the late Colonel William W. West of the Class of 1905. Colonel West was on the US Olympic Riding Team in 1920. Jim and Betty have three children: James E. Jr., born at Fort Monroe, Virginia, 28 August 1943; David Carter, born in Washington, DC, 3 August 1945; and Sarah Shippen, born at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, 22 August 1951.

After World War II, Jim was assigned to the US Constabulary in Germany until 1948 when he went to the Ground General School (later the Army General School) at Fort Riley, Kansas. He was the assistant chief of staff, G3 until 1949 when he became a student at the Command and General Staff School, completing the course in 1950. From there he went to the Pentagon, serving in the office of the assistant chief of staff, G1 and the office of the Comptroller.

In 1953, he joined the G3 Division of Headquarters, Eighth Army in Korea, and during the latter part of his tour was appointed the assistant chief of staff, G3. For this service he was awarded the Legion of Merit and was decorated by the Korean government.

In March 1955 he was assigned as secretary of the US Army Artillery School. From February 1956 to February 1957 he commanded the 17th Field Artillery Group. Subsequently he served as deputy director of the Department of Tactics and Combined Arms, and as director of the Department of Communications and Electronics, US Army Artillery and Missile School.

In 1959 he returned to Germany and served with the 8th Infantry Division Artillery until early 1961 when he assumed command of the US Army Garrison, Piotiers, France. In November 1961 he became chief of staff, First Logistical Command.

Upon his return to the Continental United States in July 1962, Colonel Norvell was assigned to the US Army Artillery Board as deputy president and became president in April 1964, a position he held until his retirement in 1967. After his retirement, he and Betty settled in Lawton, Oklahoma.

In 1973 Jim's kidneys failed. He was on "home dialysis" with Betty as the technician. Jim's activities were curtailed to some degree, but he was able to remain amazingly active hunting, playing golf and helping friends less fortunate than himself until his last few months. He died in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Oklahoma City in June 1984.

His dry sense of humor was never lost. He was a very special person, completely devoted to his family, his country, and his Army, and all with whom he came in contact absorbed some of his devotion and enthusiasm.

He is survived by his wife Betty; their two sons, James and David; daughter Sarah; three grandchildren; and two brothers, Frank, Class of 1934 and Bill, Class of 1940.

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John Lawrence Powers

NO. 10906 CLASS OF 1937

Died 1 October 1986 in Louisville, Kentucky, aged 71 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

John Lawrence Powers

JOHN LAWRENCE POWERS was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on 13 May 1915, the son of John and Rosa (Linn) Powers. He attended public schools in Massachusetts and graduated from South High School in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Appointed to the Military Academy from Massachusetts, "Larry" was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Infantry upon graduation.

In 1938 he married Mildred Trainer, who survives him. He is also survived by sons John L., Thomas T., Michael W., Christopher, Myles E., by a daughter, Amelia, and by six grandchildren.

Shortly after graduation from the Academy, he attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Among the schools he attended later in his career were the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and the Army War College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Larry served in combat during World War II. He served with the 1st Division in England, Scotland and North Africa, and then was transferred to the 34th Infantry Division in which he was a battalion commander. While with the 34th Division, he saw action at Anzio and Monte Cassino.

He earned a number of honors during his many years of dedicated service to his country. Larry was awarded the Silver Star for his leadership and gallantry in action (29 January 1944), when he moved his command group under intense artillery fire through an enemy mine field to a position within his battalion's objective. From there he was able to capture the entire objective and accomplish his mission. Other decorations he earned were the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and a Presidential Unit Citation Badge.

Upon returning from Europe, he was assigned to the staff of the Infantry School at Fort Benning. In 1957, he was assistant chief of staff at G3 Headquarters, Fifth Army (Chicago). He later became commander of the Southern Sector Command, XX Army Corps and retired from that position on 31 July 1965. Throughout his postwar career, Larry participated in civic projects in the communities where he served, including those in Korea and at SHAPE Headquarters in Paris.

After his retirement from active duty, Larry continued to serve his country in a civilian capacity with the Department of the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky. He retired from that position on 1 July 1978 in Louisville, and subsequently earned a master's degree in community development at the University of Louisville.

He served with valor and distinction—his God, his Country and his family.

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William White Saunders

NO. 12203 CLASS OF 1940

Died 13 May 1984 in El Paso, Texas, aged 69 years.

Interment: Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, Texas

William White Saunders

BILL LAUNCHED HIS military career by enlisting in the New York National

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Guard in April 1933. He then proceeded to West Point in July 1935 by way of the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Totten, New York. Although he was a "five year man" at the Academy and encountered some difficulties with the mysteries of the academic departments, he never allowed them to dampen his spirits or restrict his extracurricular activities. He is well remembered as a cadet for his keen sense of humor, his reputation as a "snake" at the hops, his performance at Camp Illumination, and his acrobatic maneuvers on Poncho, the Army mule.

During these early years as a cadet, he once joined the "Lewis and Clark Expedition" (i.e., Bill Lewis and L. Square Clark, his new roommates). There he was able to fall out of his top bunk, having been used to occupying the lower one!

While Bill retained his cheerful, witty, and optimistic outlook on life, he nonetheless took his military career seriously, being governed by a strong sense of duty and honor throughout his service. After a brief stint as a student flying officer upon graduation, he settled into a 30-year career in the Army Artillery with a wide variety of assignments throughout the world. World War II found him for the most part in the South Pacific with combat units, but his later service included diverse duties in many locations. Most notable of these were the G3 Division, US Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany; PMST at Middlebury College in Vermont; US Army Advisory Group, Korea; president of the US Army Air Defense Board, Fort Bliss, Texas and finally director, Command and Staff Department, Air Defense School, Fort Bliss.

I had the great pleasure and good fortune to serve with Bill for seventeen years while stationed at Fort Bliss and later in retirement in El Paso, Texas. During the time that Bill was assigned to the Air Defense School, in addition to his other duties, he devoted his energy and valuable experience to guiding many young and restless second lieutenants through their first months in the Army and their Basic Air Defense Artillery Course. In fact, Bill kept my young son on the straight and narrow during those transitional days from a Citadel cadet to a second lieutenant. I will always be grateful to him for that.

Bill also was an avid golfer and spent endless off-duty hours promoting golf as president of the Fort Bliss Golf Association. In addition, he was an avid "do it yourselfer" and spent many leisure hours repairing clocks for his friends. His sense of humor and endless supply of jokes and witty stories portrayed an officer who could blend the good life with the serious aspects of military life.

Bill's military service ended on 31 August 1970 with retirement at Fort Bliss and an award of an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Legion of Merit. He chose to remain in El Paso, Texas with his wife Hazel where he became widely known and respected throughout the military and civilian community.

Through several years of declining health, Bill maintained an optimistic attitude. He faced the end on 13 May 1984 with the courage and dignity that was the subject of admiration by his many friends and acquaintances.

His family recognized Bill's love for life and his jovial humor, and when he joined the Long Gray Line, his faithful golf putter went with him.

He is survived by his wife Hazel; one daughter, Sandy; three sons, Mark, Bob, and Eric; and eleven grandchildren.

His Classmates

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Charles Fuller Matheson

NO. 12622 CLASS OF 1941

Died 14 April 1986 in Punta Gorda, Florida, aged 67 years.

Interment: Southeastern Memorial Gardens, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Charles Fuller Matheson

CHUCK WAS BORN 1 June 1918 in Detroit, Michigan, to Charles Walter and Annie Fuller Matheson. He attended grammar school and high school in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

In 1936 he entered Colonel Stanton's West Point Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York. Those of us who knew him there promptly dubbed him "Sandy," a nickname he carried through the next four years at West Point. Sandy's dry wit and originality appealed to everyone; his interest in sailing and sports in general made him a fine companion. He won his appointment to the Military Academy and entered with the rest of us in July of 1937.

Sandy's keen sense of humor and good sportsmanship stood him in good stead during Beast Barracks and the rest of plebe year. Assigned to H Company, he proceeded for four years to distinguish himself on the squash court and the pistol range as well as the football field where he starred for the goats in the annual classic.

In June of 1941 he was commissioned second lieutenant and later that summer married Hilda Brown, the mother of their three sons. He reported to flying school in August of that year. In March of 1942 he was graduated and assigned to the Air Corps. In June he was promoted to first lieutenant.

Sandy was assigned to combat duty and found himself flight leader of a P40 squadron flying patrol over Adak and the other Aleutian Islands during the bitter fighting in August to November of 1943.

By 1944 he was assigned to the Ninth Air Force in the European Theater. He was given command of the 394th Fighter Squadron and in May of 1945 was promoted to lieutenant colonel. During this time Sandy flew 94 combat missions, some 237 hours, in P38s. His exploits won him the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, 16 Air Medals and the Croix de Guerre avec Etoile de Vermeil. Those who flew with him had the greatest respect for Sandy's unassuming courage and coolness in action.

He returned to the States after the war and earned a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Pittsburgh; he was then assigned to Headquarters, Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as chief of the Fuel, Lubricant and Chemical Quality Control Section.

In 1951 Sandy was ordered to the Tactical Air Branch at the Air Proving Ground, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, as branch chief. In 1952 he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his work in testing in-flight refueling under combat conditions in Japan and Korea. In September he returned to Eglin where he was assigned as chief of the Command Support Branch. In April of the following year he was promoted to colonel and became inspector general for the Air Proving Ground.

In April of 1955 Sandy was transferred to Albuquerque where he served for a year and a half as chief of the Nuclear Weapons Division. Following this assignment he was ordered to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, as commander of the Maintenance and Supply Group and later as wing director of Materiel.

In the summer of 1959 he became deputy commander of the Tactical Missile Wing in Orlando, Florida. After more than a year he was sent to the Pentagon where he served as chief of the

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Nuclear Safety Division. A year later he was ordered to Alexandria, Louisiana, as director of Materiel. This turned out to be Sandy's last duty station; he retired at the end of July 1961 and returned to Myrtle Beach to settle down.

Sandy taught in the Myrtle Beach high school for a couple of years, but his love of flying led him to the local Inland Airlines as a charter pilot for the next few years. In 1968 he shelved his wings for employment with General Telephone in the overall maintenance of the microwave communications system for the area.

The coast of South Carolina provided Sandy with a great opportunity to get back to an early love—sailing. With his second wife, Jeanne Dillow Matheson, he spent much of the last few winters cruising along the Atlantic coast and in the Bahamas and Florida. In April of 1986 they were on a cruise that had taken them across Okeechobee Lake and canal system to the west coast of Florida. On the 14th they were tied up at a marina in Punta Gorda where Charles Fuller Matheson suffered a heart attack and died aboard their boat.

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Richard Paul Yeilding

NO. 12924 CLASS OF 1942

Died 12 March 1967 in Cocoa Beach, Florida, aged 48 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Richard Paul Yeilding

"I've never met a man that I didn't like!" are words attributed to America's homespun philosopher Will Rogers. For Richard Yeilding, also a son of Oklahoma, Will Rogers' gentle and unique example gave inspiration to live by.

Dick, born in the Sooner State at Walters, schooled there and at the University of Oklahoma, was nominated to West Point by his Congressman Will Rogers, Jr. He arrived at the Academy a handsome and bona fide representative of that state.

Dick's greatest interest at West Point was lacrosse. To it he brought a natural athletic ability and rich experience in basketball and football from his high school days. His quick smile and easy-going manner won him friends easily both on the athletic field and throughout his class.

As graduation and our launching into wartime service approached, Dick chose the Field Artillery as his basic branch. Just prior to graduation, we were visited by General "Hap" Arnold, who gave us a rousing talk about the US Army Air Corps. His enthusiam took root in Dick, as in many of our classmates, and he opted for the flying training program.

Dick seemed to take to flying like he had to everything else in the service. He came through primary and basic training and into the advanced program with ease. Then came a great blow when the medics found, during the advanced program at Lubbock, that he had become diabetic. In that day, diabetes meant no more flying or even general service duty. Like most of the rest of us, Dick was genuinely eager to do his part in the great battles then upcoming on our widespread war fronts.

His wartime assignment, however, was to West Point as an instructor with the Mathematics Department. It was a time when West Point was woefully short of graduates to serve there and was a fortunate duty for both Dick and the cadets. He became a competent and sympathetic mathematics instructor and a most enthusiastic assistant coach of the lacrosse team. This duty also occasioned his meeting Mary Nancy Bailey, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Kinchehon H. Bailey. They were married on 5 October 1945 at the West Point Chapel. As the war had ended, they were fortunate to have many classmates, friends, and family members present.

From West Point and retirement for physical disability, Dick returned to the University of Oklahoma where he taught mathematics and earned a master's degree. Next he began a doctoral program in statistics at the University of North Carolina. During that time the Korean War broke out. Dick volunteered to return again to West Point as a mathematics instructor, for he knew that once again the Academy would be short of graduates teaching on the faculty; however, the Army solved its manning problem without him. In a short while, when he had finished most of his doctoral requirements, Dick received an offer of employment from Boeing in Seattle.

At Boeing, he began as a statistics oriented engineer in their work with the space program. Among other projects, he was involved with Dyna-Soar, Minuteman, and Saturn V. By 1962 he had been promoted to supervisor of systems engineering with the Saturn V First Stage Booster Program and had moved with his family to Cocoa Beach, Florida. By then his family was growing and eventually included (in order of appearance): Richard Paul II, James, Mary, and Ellen.

Dick loved West Point and the military life. His example influenced his brother Howard (USMA June 1943), and his sons Richard (ROTC, University of Florida 1971), who served as a pilot in the US Air Force until 1980, and Jim (US Air Force Academy 1974).

Many of West Point's sons have served their country well in civilian roles that directly supported a national effort. Dick certainly was one of these. He would, himself, be proud that his sons have followed in his footsteps, not only by serving in the US Air Force, but also by their present employment with the Boeing Company. His daughters have emulated his mathematics interest: Mary teaches mathematics at Florida State University, and Ellen works with Lockheed as a computer programmer.

Perhaps he would congratulate himself even more for having had Mary Nancy Bailey as his lifetime O.A.O. for she, herself, after Dick's death in 1967, became a teacher and encouraged their offspring into their present worthwhile careers.

Another of the characteristics of Will Rogers that Dick also exemplified was that he was a self-made man. Dick's father did not believe in the academic route to a career; that Dick himself funded his pre-USMA education at the University of Oklahoma, and later, in spite of his physical and financial concerns, took himself through some tough postgraduate programs, eloquently speaks to that quality.

Perhaps in another way Dick more closely resembled his inspirer in that he, like Will, may have "never met a man he didn't like," but also, as those of us who knew him well would believe, "he never met a man that didn't like him!"

—a classmate

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Edward Joseph Aileo

NO. 13021 CLASS OF 1942

Died 27 May 1986 in Washington, DC, aged 71 years.

Interment: Arlington Natonal Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Colonel Edward Joseph Aileo was born in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, 17 March 1915, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Aileo. During his formative years and throughout his life, Eddie was known for his outstanding disposition

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Edward Joseph Aileo

and willingness to provide a helping hand to others less fortunate.

Eddie graduated from Carbondale High School in 1933, the same year that he completed four years of participation in the Citizens Military Training Corps. In 1935 he enlisted in the Regular Army and was detailed to the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Totten. Originally a member of the Class of 1940, Eddie was found deficient in mathematics. After attending the University of Scranton, he was readmitted to the Military Academy with the Class of 1942.

Upon graduation Eddie was assigned to the 349th Infantry Regiment, 88th Infantry Division, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma. The 88th Division was the first of the World War II selective services divisions to be deployed in combat. In Italy, he served as cannon company commander, regimental S-2, and battalion executive officer. Eddie remained with the 88th Division through 1946 as part of the occupation forces of Trieste and Venezia Guilia.

He remained Infantry Branch qualified through assignments at Fort Devens, Massachusetts, as commander, 3rd Battalion, 4th Regimental Combat Team in 1957; and later, in 1958, as commanding officer, 2nd Battle Group, 60th Infantry. From June 1946 to July 1972, his major contributions to the service were to be in fields other than infantry unit commander.

Eddie served in the fields of personnel operations, intelligence, and language related assignments which resulted in numerous interesting overseas and CONUS tours of duty. In the field of personnel operations, Eddie served with the Infantry Branch, Career Management, now known as the Office of Personnel Operations; with Headquarters, Second Army, Fort Meade, Maryland; and as chief of Military Personnel Division. Later he served as assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at the same headquarters. In Paris he served with Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe where he helped form a multinational manpower survey team to evaluate personnel requirements for Army, Navy, Air Force and civilian personnel for all twenty Headquarters of Allied Command Europe. His last personnel assignment was with the US Army Physical Disability Agency as special assistant to the commanding general.

In the intelligence field, Eddie served at regimental and division levels. He was deputy commandant, Defense Intelligence School, and assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, US Army Europe and Seventh Army.

In the area of language-related assignments, Eddie served as a French instructor, US Military Academy, as liaison officer, French Infantry School at St. Maxient, and as chief of staff, NATO Defense College.

He furthered his education at American service schools by completing the Cannon Course, Basic Officers Course and Advanced Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia and the Command and Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In Paris, France he pursued advanced studies in French at Alliance Francaise and the Sorbonne, and graduated from the NATO Defense College.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

After more than 30 years service, retirement became a reality on 22 July 1972. He then served as a consultant for the Gentex Corporation while residing in the Washington area. Later as a resident of Annapolis, Maryland, he was active in civil affairs, and had many other interests.

In April 1947, Eddie married Marliesse Hartel-Heye of Bremen, Germany, who preceded him in death. In December 1975, Edward and Barbara Hickok Aileo were married in Alexandria, Virginia.

Colonel Aileo is survived by his wife Barbara of Annapolis, Maryland; two daughters from his first marriage, Marjorie Teachey, of Arlington, Virginia, and Madeline Helleger of Saddle River, New Jersey; two grandchildren; and three brothers, Jackson and Frank of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, and James Lovito of Honesdale, Pennsylvania.

Prepared by a Classmate

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Frank Edward Boyd

NO. 13154 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 24 October 1948 at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, aged 30 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

FRANK EDWARD BOYD died in an aircraft accident at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, on 24 October 1948 at the age of 30. He was buried at West Point.

Frank Edward Boyd

Having received his wings at Randolph Air Force Base before graduation from West Point, Frank became a multiengine pilot flying B-26, B-17 and B-29 bombers. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while flying combat missions.

A native of Ohio, Frank attended secondary schools in Middletown, Ohio and St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from Hughes High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. While seeking an appointment to West Point, he spent his freshman and sophomore years at the University of Cincinnati and attended night school at the Venable School of Drama.

His dreams from boyhood on were about flying and West Point. Frank was fascinated with airplanes, and much of his boyhood was spent reading, talking, and making airplanes. His father and grandfather gave him an open-cockpit helmet and goggles which he usually slept with and wore each time he could find a pilot who would give him a ride. His father and grandfather always talked a great deal about General Grant and West Point, so it was not a surprise he would someday become a cadet.

Frank never turned his back on adventure, challenge, or opportunity. Defying danger, he climbed the highest of trees, dove from the highest of bridges, swam the roughest waters, and parachuted from rooftops. He challenged all in his way and usually won.

Life at West Point fulfilled Frank's long-sought goals of a fine education, wings, and opportunity to take a place among the MacArthurs and Vandenbergs whom he admired most. He was a well liked, exemplary cadet with a promising future.

Frank can best be described as an officer and gentleman of substance, vision and destiny; his early calling was a

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deep loss to his family, friends and country. He was a devoted, caring son, learned student, fine athlete, accomplished thespian, examplary West Pointer, distinguished flyer, loving father, and true friend to all. Frank knew what he wanted to do and did it with purpose, dignity, and Christian principles.

Frank was the son of the late James Bruce and Garnette Boyd of Sarasota, Florida. Surviving members of his family are a sister Mrs. Collins M. McKelvey of Oldsmar, Florida, and a brother Rear Admiral Paul C. Boyd, USN (Retired) of McLean, Virginia. His wife Jayne, remarried, is Mrs. David Winant residing in Hilton Head Island, North Carolina. Daughter Carol is Mrs. Edward Montgomery who resides in Hamilton, Ohio, with two children, Kathy, age 9 and David, age 12 years.

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Paul Edward Andrepont

NO. 13177 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 17 May 1966 in Riverdale, New York, aged 49 years.

Interment: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne, New York

Paul Edward Andrepont

BORN IN LOUISIANA, my father, an avid sports enthusiast, won letters in football, baseball and basketball when he graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Rayne. For three years he worked in the oil fields while serving as a corporal in the 108th Cavalry Regiment of the National Guard. Two years of schooling in business administration followed before he gained an appointment to West Point in 1938.

Despite his preparation, that first term indicated a need for a fresh start. Dad went to "Sully's" in Washington and reentered in August of 1939 with what he always considered "his" Class, graduating at the one-third mark in January 1943. He not only played Corps squad lacrosse as a plebe, but was an intercollegiate fencer for four years on both saber and foil. Additionally he was an acolyte at the Catholic Chapel, which led to his meeting my mother. The *Howitzer* entry cited "Andy's" willingness to help in French and retell stories of his oil field days, as well as his friendliness, *savoir-faire* and sincerity.

Paul Andrepont was commissioned in Coast Artillery but as a specialist in anti aircraft. That connection with radar and computers led to work at Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology plus a series of stateside posts with troops. Then, in October of 1944, he went overseas to the Military Intelligence Division of European Theater of Operations headquarters. By December of that year, an Allied Control Commission (ACC) was formed for Bulgaria, in an effort to maintain freedom in that country. Dad spent 1945 as engineering officer of the ACC and 1946 as executive officer of the Intelligence Division. It was in these posts that dad made his greatest contribution to the Army, winning the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

This intelligence experience ideally suited dad for his next two assignments—the Attaché Course at the Intelligence School and assistant military attaché in war-torn Greece, lying just south of Bulgaria. Here my mother and brother were able to join him. But there was no intelligence branch in that era, and in the fall of 1948 dad was ordered to the Advanced Course at Fort Sill. By March of 1949 Paul decided that the various skills he had acquired over the years did not appear in his Army future, and his experience in a combat theatre had not been in his basic branch. He resigned to see if civilian life might not permit a better combination of these skills in defense related matters.

Moving back to the New York area, he started as vice president and treasurer of one firm, moving to Bendix as a sales engineer, and then as executive in a series of defense oriented firms like Maxson, Reeves Instrument and Bulova Watch. During all this period he kept his interest in sports and fitness. It seemed somehow ordained that when death came it would be suddenly while playing tennis at the Riverdale Yacht Club.

My mother, Audrey, and my father were introduced by Father Murdock, Catholic Chaplain at West Point. They were married the day after graduation at St. Margaret's Church in Riverdale. Paul Jr. was born in November 1943, but the family did not go overseas until Athens, which was not a typical diplomatic assignment because of the civil war. I was born shortly after dad's shift to civil life, and John was born in 1953.

Mother started going to the "Black Knights" football games in 1939, and she continued cheering on the Army team even when dad was overseas. From 1949 and return to the Riverdale area until dad's sudden death, the Andrepont family never missed an Army home football game or the Army-Navy game. My father was an avid golfer and taught all of us to play tennis, but nothing meant more to all of us than those Saturday afternoons (rain or shine) at Michie Stadium, or going to Philadelphia to watch Army "Sink Navy."

To us, the spirit of this special, loving father will always be at West Point, and we think of him as we continue the tradition of supporting the Army team. He was survived by my mother, who continued to live in Riverdale until her death in 1987; by Paul Jr., an engineer in Michigan; by Cherie, married to an oral surgeon and living in Dobbs Ferry, New York; and by John who works in Research and Development in Chicago. We all try to follow the example of my father: a dedicated family man who lived by the West Point motto—Duty, Honor, Country.

Cherie Andrepont Freeman

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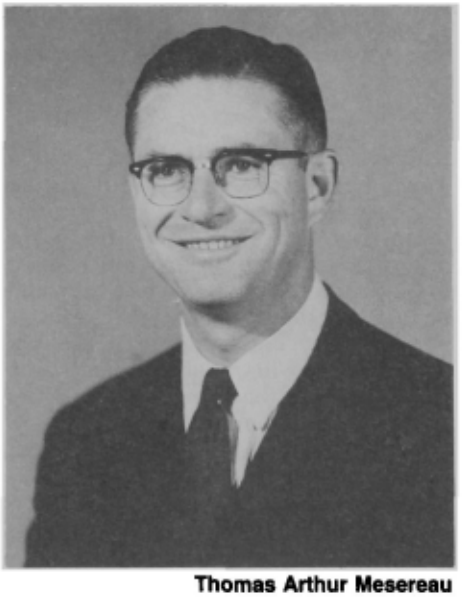
Thomas Arthur Mesereau

NO. 13432 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 16 March 1986 in Irvine, California, aged 64 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Riverside, California



Thomas Arthur Mesereau

A TRUE SON of New Jersey, Tom Mesereau, was born and schooled there. His father, a sergeant major in World War I, and his mother, a registered nurse, were also New Jersey natives. However, it was athletics rather than his father's military genes which drew Tom to West Point. The first college football game he

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ever saw was an Army-Notre Dame game. Then a friend got an appointment to Navy; and the outstanding athlete of Saint Cecilia's High School in Englewood (gold medal, 2 football letters, tennis letter) found a West Point appointment fairly easily.

He was only 17 when he entered, but as our *Howitzer* said, he arrived with the inherently good qualities which made him the all-around fine man he was. He surpassed his high school record by playing four years of football and winning the major "A" three times. During his final year, Tom was selected to a number of All-American teams and averaged 59 minutes of playing time per game. Three years of track filled the spring. With an instinctive feel for the leadership potential which resided in this elegant soldier, the Tactical Department made him regimental adjutant. When he strode across the parade field to call the troops to attention, Tom looked every young boy's dream of the ideal cadet.

But early graduation came, and Tom was one of the few to enter that newly developing elite force of infantry parachutists, and one of the few to go to the Pacific. He served in New Guinea and on Leyte and Luzon, with a spearhead on his Leyte ribbon. Soon the newspapers carried columns on this fabulous combat hero whose calm presence under fire so inspired his men. His 511th Airborne Infantry troops moved straight up a fire-covered slope and wiped out a fortified position in the face of great odds. For five days they had no food. Yet at the end of a month, on Christmas day, they came out with high morale and a record of singular achievement. Their leader, Tom, had won the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

With that record, it is no wonder that Tom's battalion was selected to be the first battalion into Japan to prepare for the arrival of General MacArthur. He often described the eerie feeling of leading his men into Tokyo when they had no idea how the Japanese would react, or whether they understood that the war was over. And his picture appears in a group scene of the surrender ceremony on the *USS Missouri* where he was commissioned to fly the surrender document back to the United States. Again, it was natural to send him home directly afterwards in September for a series of press conferences and appearances. But it was typical of the man that none of this changed him: he remained the same warm, quiet and unassuming leader he had always been.

Tom was player-coach of the 11th Airborne football squad and the All-Army Pacific team that defeated the Navy in Shanghai during the "China Bowl" which took place shortly after the war's end. He presented the game ball to a happy General MacArthur at the general's headquarters in Tokyo. That he was known to MacArthur, as well as his football record, made logical his next assignment to West Point as assistant graduate manager of athletics and plebe coach. Then came the Armor Advanced Course, executive of the 508th Airborne, and Command and General Staff College. But civilian life challenged him, and he was eager to see what he could do there.

In 1947 while at USMA, Tom visited Mama Leone's Restaurant, run by those two great friends of West Point—May and Gene Leone. He met their daughter Luisa, and in 1949 they were married. Young Tom and Marigene came along in due course. So when civilian life called, Tom went with Gene in 1953—and Luisa saw less of him than in the Army. For the life of a successful restaurateur starts in the markets before dawn and ends in the dark of night. Despite his commitments, Tom was active in the West Point Society of New York and served as its president. In 1959 he returned to New Jersey with his own restaurant, the Opera. No matter how busy the evening was, classmates were always made to feel most welcome by Tom, either in Leone's or at the Opera.

The Horn & Hardart Company made him vice president in 1965 where he utilized his restaurant expertise on the corporate level. In 1969 he joined W. R. Grace & Company, a post which took him to Paris and Copenhagen to run Grace's European restaurants. In 1975 he retired from Grace, but continued to work with various facets of the restaurant business which he knew so well, living in Laguna Beach, California. He even published his own cookbook which completely sold out.

Tom and Luisa were divorced a few years ago. In the interim, Tom started a career counseling business with some partners before becoming ill. In true fashion, Tom waged a gallant fight against cancer without ever calling attention to his failing health. On his last birthday, in phone conversations with classmates, he radiated optimism for the future. He made his home with his daughter Marigene, and doted on his granddaughter Katherine. Along with son Tom, they were his reason to fight. When notified that he was ill, the W.R. Grace Health Fund made the largest award to Tom ever given to a former employee to assist his recovery. Three days before his death, Tom was awarded the first annual "Duty, Honor, Country" award by the Orange County, California West Point Society for which he had also been president. On 16 March 1986 he slipped away from us. The funeral was held at Laguna Beach, California with a classmate from the 11th Airborne Division among the pallbearers. He is buried in the National Cemetery at Riverside.

In his Cullum file are some words he handwrote in about 1978: "Contrary to a young man's belief, life does not become simpler as one grows older. New problems emerge as some disappear. The best advice is to establish a course and follow it to the best of one's ability." This Tom did, but in a fashion that brought credit to his country and inspirational leadership to those with whom he worked. We are all the better for having known him.

He is survived by his son Thomas A. Jr.; by his daughter Marigene Kachurka, and her daughter; and by a sister and two brothers. "Well Done. Be Thou At Peace."

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William Johnson Ray

NO. 13733 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 3 September 1986 in Hot Springs, Virginia, aged 66 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

William Johnson Ray

WILLIAM JOHNSON RAY was born in Brookline, Massachusetts on 2 April 1920 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Ray. Bill graduated from the Beacon School in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts and attended Harvard and Stanton Preparatory School before coming to West Point. His father briefly attended USMA with the Class of 1907 and his brother Tom graduated in the Class of 1942. This background and the obvious coming of World War II prompted Bill to enter the Military Academy in June 1940.

As a cadet Bill had no problem with the system. In academics he ranked above the middle of the class. He excelled in athletics, winning both a minor "A" and a major "A" in hockey and captained the team his first class year. He attained the rank of cadet lieutenant.

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After graduation in June 1943, Bill attended the Basic Infantry Officers Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. From there he was sent to Camp Robinson, Arkansas where he joined the 264th Infantry Regiment, serving as platoon leader, company executive officer and finally as commanding officer of Company K.

In June 1944 Bill was sent to Europe and assigned to Company I, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. He served with distinction during World War II with the 2nd Division. He was awarded two Bronze Stars, the Silver Star for gallantry at Rhemick, Germany, two Purple Hearts and the Combat Infantryman Badge. In addition, for battle heroism in France and Belgium he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm and the Order of Leopold with palm. He was given a combat promotion to captain in November 1944. He remained with the 2nd Division throughout World War II and its subsequent stationing at Fort Lewis, Washington in May 1946. In June 1946 Bill was assigned as military assistant to the US Army Representative on the US Military Staff Commission, United Nations. From New York, Bill became aide to the Commander-in-Chief, Caribbean stationed at the Canal Zone. From 1950–52 he was assistant graduate manager of athletics at West Point. In June of 1952 Bill was selected as aide to General Ridgway, SHAPE and continued in that capacity when General Ridgway became Chief of Staff, US Army. In 1958 Bill was awarded a master's degree in business administration from Harvard Business School. After a tour as deputy comptroller at Fort Benning, Bill was assigned to Eighth US Army Headquarters in Korea. He attended the Army War College and graduated in 1963. From June of 1964 until November 1967 Bill was director, Office of Military Instruction at West Point. In 1967 he retired from the Army in the grade of colonel, having served his country with distinction for over 24 years. He was awarded the Legion of Merit upon his retirement.

Shortly after retiring Bill accepted the position of director of Financial Affairs, National Football League in New York City. He served the League until shortly before his sudden death on 3 September 1986. During his some 17 years with the League he displayed his keen sense of business and gained the friendship, confidence and respect of the team owners and the commissioner.

Bill was a true son of his Alma Mater, a man with whom honor was sacred, whose deeds always followed his words, with an unaffected human love for people. The Great Master of Men has gained and we have lost.

Colonel Ray is survived by his lovely wife, formerly Margaret Owens of Anniston, Alabama; William Jr. (Class of 1972, USMA); Marion Kriwanek; and M. Catherine Ray.

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John Thomas Price, Jr.

NO. 15774 CLASS OF 1946

Died 7 December 1985 in Austin, Texas, aged 62 years.

Interment: Ashes interred in Roswell, New Mexico

John Thomas Price, Jr.

JOHN THOMAS PRICE, JR. was born to John and Jeanette Price on 7 December 1923 in Amarillo, Texas. His early life was spent there where he starred as quarterback on his high school football team. John attended the University of Texas in Austin for one year prior to accepting an appointment as a cadet at the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1943. He was graduated on 4 June 1946 and commissioned in the Artillery. After attending the Officer Basic Course at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss he was assigned to his first troop unit in the 6th Infantry Division in Korea.

It was following this tour and while on leave visiting his parents that John met the one true love of his life, Betty Loucette Ballard. John married Betty on 30 April 1949 in Roswell, New Mexico. They spent the next four wonderful years at Fort Sill. While there they were blessed with their first child, John III, born on 27 December 1951.

Following a second tour in Korea during which John served with I Corps Artillery and was awarded the Bronze Star, he returned to Fort Sill where he and Betty were overjoyed with the birth of their second child. This time a daughter, Susan Loucette, was born on 21 December 1955.

In 1957 John was selected to attend the Spanish General Staff College. After a refresher course at the Army Language School, he and Betty spent a delightful three years, from 1958 to 1961, in Spain where they developed many life long friends within the Spanish Army.

In 1961 John was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army and performed duties as an assistant secretary of the Army General Staff. It was here that he was first able to display his inordinate ability as a high level staff officer. For his service during four years on the Army General Staff he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Next came a tour in Vietnam on the Military Assistance Command Vietnam staff untangling the logistical nightmare that was Vietnam. Again his expertise came to the fore and he was awarded the Legion of Merit on two occasions for this duty.

After commanding a battalion of artillery at Fort Sill, John was selected to attend the Army War College. Following his graduation he, Betty and their children returned to Washington where John served as a staff officer in the J-5 Directorate of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1971 John was selected to command the 2nd Armored Division Artillery at Fort Hood. Following this command tour he became the deputy chief of staff of III Corps and ultimately was selected to become the chief of staff in 1975. Upon his retirement on 1 August 1976, John was awarded his fourth Legion of Merit.

John and Betty made their retirement home in Austin, Texas and thoroughly enjoyed the next nine years of their lives. John spent his retirement years involved in a wide variety of activities—business, investments, social and civic. He lived his life to the fullest and made scores of friends wherever his travels took him.

Though small in stature, John always gave the impression of greatness through his spirit and dignity. To the last, his great charisma, warm personality and sincere thoughtfulness were a source of comfort and joy to all who knew him throughout his life. We are all far better off for having been his associate.

John is survived by his wife Betty; his son John T. Price, III of Baltimore, Maryland; his daughter Dr. Susan L. Price of Seattle, Washington; his sister Jacqueline Brunson of Hobbs, New Mexico; and one granddaughter.

A Classmate

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Robert Bruce Ferguson

NO. 17461 CLASS OF 1950

Died 5 January 1983 in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, aged 57 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

BOB WAS A leader who cherished and exemplified the ideals of West Point. Born 8 December 1925 in Plattsburgh,

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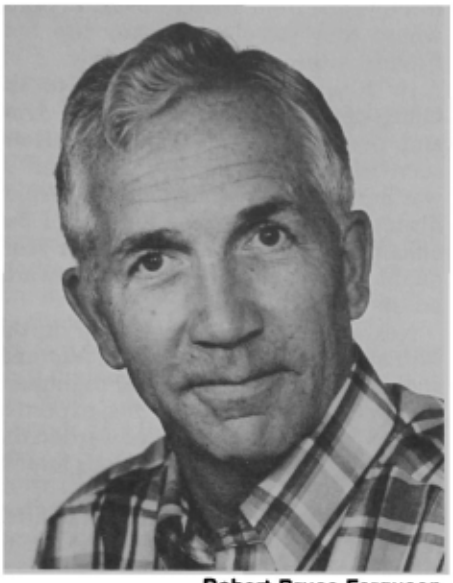

Robert Bruce Ferguson

New York, he was raised in Keesville, New York by his mother. Responsibility came early to Bob as he helped to care for his younger brother and managed newspaper routes. He developed a love for music in the study of the violin and oboe which he subsequently played in the Plattsburgh Symphony. It was during his early high school years that he first expressed a desire to attend USMA. After graduating as salutatorian in 1943, he studied at Braden's Academy. Unable to enter West Point that year, he enlisted in the Army at age seventeen. He served as a combat infantryman with the famed 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division. He was among the first troops to reach Dachau and free the prisoners.

When the war in Europe ended, Bob was in Austria and was offered a commission with the Occupation Army. Still determined to go to USMA, Bob reenlisted in 1945 and returned to the States to attend USMAPS at Cornell. Meanwhile, he continued to search for an appointment. Offered one to the Naval Academy in 1946, he turned it down and returned home to find an appointment to West Point awaited him.

From the beginning of Beast Barracks Bob excelled in all aspects of the Academy program. His experience in the Army plus his additional academic preparation enabled him to do extremely well and to help others who were struggling. While a cadet Bob was active in the Cadet Chapel Choir, Glee Club, Ski Club, Public Information Detail and Rifle Team. He wore academic stars but always had time to serve as a patient coach for classmates. During second class summer he was one of ten cadets chosen to participate in an exchange program with the French Military Academy, L'Ecole Polytechnique. As a first classman, Bob was a cadet captain, the commander of Company "C," 1st Regiment. His example as a leader and his value as a friend were firmly established at West Point and were widely respected by classmates throughout his life.

Following West Point, Bob was stationed in Austria for four years, initially with the 351st Infantry and subsequently with the Mountain Training center at Salfelden. In 1954 he went to Fort Benning, Georgia for parachute school and Infantry officers' courses. He was a company commander in the 29th Infantry in 1956 when he decided to leave the Army in order to assume the vice presidency of Frankson Furniture Company in West Ossipee, New Hampshire. During the seventeen years he managed this company, he became highly respected both in business and in the community.

On 28 December 1973 Bob married Charlotte Wood and took on the responsibility of three stepchildren. He became a marvelous father and succeeded in providing a balance of love and discipline by example which gave them a secure foundation for future development. He formed his own business by starting Wood Dimensions, Inc. in Tuftonboro, New Hampshire . . . a wholesale lumber solid dimension business which tripled in volume in the first three years and is now being carried on by his family.

In 1982, two years after losing his younger brother to cancer, Bob learned that he also had cancer and was told he had one year to live. It was a terrible blow for everyone, but Bob was determined he would live as normal a life as possible. During his last year Bob spent many weekends at West Point with daughter Jennifer who was a plebe. It was very exciting for him to have her there. You can imagine his pride and satisfaction when Jennifer was selected as a company commander for Plebe Parent Weekend! He relived his days as a cadet through her experiences. He spent time talking with many cadets, being supportive and encouraging by expressing his appreciation for values he had acquired as a cadet. He also renewed and strengthened ties with many classmates. His cadet company, "C-1," had a mini-reunion which he thoroughly enjoyed. He was comforted by the fact that friendships with classmates and their families would endure and continue with his family after he was gone. Jennifer graduated 22 May 1985 as a cadet captain, battalion commander and is now a 1st lieutenant stationed in West Germany near where Bob was in World War II.

Bob conducted his business from the hospital and from his bed at home right up until four days before he died. He displayed fantastic courage. He never complained and did not wish to burden anyone with sadness. He believed that life had been good to him. He was determined to bear his cross bravely, and quietly taught his family what to do to carry on without him. He truly loved West Point and chose to be buried there. Bob was an extremely kind man, a wonderful husband, father and friend. At his memorial service, his minister aptly summed it up by saying, " . . . We acknowledge our lives have been richly and wonderfully blessed because we were privileged to walk part way with Bob."

Charlotte and Classmates

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Benjamin Franklin Evans III

NO. 23280 CLASS OF 1960

Died 26 October 1983 in Washington, DC, aged 46 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

Benjamin Franklin Evans III

BENNY WAS BORN at Fort Sam Houston, Texas on 12 March 1937 and was raised in the nomadic life style of an Army "brat." When he was nine, his father was assigned to the Tactical Department at West Point. During this period (the Blanchard, Tucker, Davis era) Benny's love of sports and admiration for the cadets he met kindled a desire to later attend the Academy. After graduating from high school, Benny enlisted in the Regular Army and attended the West Point Preparatory School at Fort Stewart, New York. He subsequently received an appointment from the enlisted ranks and entered USMA 3 July 1956.

He was a good athlete devoting his efforts primarily to hockey. He was a playing member plebe year, assistant manager of the varsity team the next two years and manager of the varsity first class year. He was also the manager of the 1960 United States Olympic hockey team during the time it trained at West Point. Benny was also a member of the soccer and golf teams his plebe year and

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soccer his yearling year. In addition to athletics, he was also active in the Debate Council and Forum, the German Club, and the Special Program Committee. As a cadet he didn't set the academic world on fire. He was "turned out" each semester of plebe year and in three subjects the second semester of yearling year. It didn't seem possible that he could remain at the Academy as the odds of passing three "turnout writs" were terribly slim. He refused, however, to give up. His courage, his pride and belief in himself and in the ideals of West Point enabled him to overcome this academic obstacle and continue on to graduate with his class.

Benny was a warm, friendly, gentle human being who enjoyed West Point in spite of the academic pressures. He also was a fun-loving person with a sense of humor, who did not take the system too seriously, resulting in frequent tours on the area or hours confined to quarters.

Upon graduation 8 June 1960, Benny was commissioned in the Infantry and attended the Infantry School at Fort Benning, completing the Airborne and Ranger courses. His first permanent assignment was as an infantry platoon leader with the 1st Brigade, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Benny's training was concentrated in counter-insurgency and jungle warfare, terms that took on added significance as more and more senior lieutenants were sent from Hawaii to train Ranger battalions in a far away place called South Vietnam. Following three pleasant years with the 25th Division, he returned to the United States and was assigned for two years as a tactics instructor at the Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The lessons of his early training were soon put to use as Benny was assigned to Vietnam in 1965 as the senior advisor to the 30th Ranger Battalion. Subsequently, on two occasions he volunteered and was accepted for duty in Vietnam (1968-1969, 1971-1972). During his service in Vietnam, Benny was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

Although not a good student in the true sense of the word, Benny had a common sense, practical approach to planning and problem solving. This talent was recognized as attested to by his continuing assignment to planning positions. After his first tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to West Point as the plans and training officer of the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry. After his second tour, he was the plans and training officer of the Army Training Center, Fort Ord, California, and upon his return to the States after his third tour in Vietnam, he was assigned to Headquarters, Third Army, Fort McPherson as the plans and project officer for the reorganization and activation of the new United States Army Forces Command. After completing his mission at Fort McPherson, Benny resigned his commission in the Army on 7 January 1974. He joined Conti-Commodities in Washington, DC to begin a successful career as a commodities stockbroker.

Benny's Vietnam experiences were indelibly etched into his life and memory. During his three tours in Vietnam, he developed great admiration and affection for his Vietnamese associates. He became an avid reader of anything published on Vietnam and was always ready to discuss this great national tragedy which so deeply affected the nation. He frequently visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington to pay his respects to those American soldiers who died in Vietnam and for the Vietnamese whom he felt had been abandoned.

After Benny's sudden death from a heart attack in Washington, DC, his family received many letters from his friends and classmates. The following are a few extracts from these letters:

"Outstanding young men like Benny Evans made it possible for me to enjoy 36 wonderful years at the US Military Academy as Hockey Coach and Assistant Athletic Director. Everyone connected with the Army Hockey Program loved Benny. He had such a pleasing personality with a smile always on his face. As a manager, he was tops."

"My memory of Benny is of a full-of-life, fun-loving person who was a boon companion and a warm friendly type."

"I considered him one of the finest men I ever knew. We shared many and memorable times together. He was extremely popular and I never heard any ill word about him. Benny had a kind heart, a ready smile and was a true friend."

"Not having the chance to tell Ben how much I admired and respected him, as a West Pointer, an officer and a friend, leaves me with a deep feeling of regret. In his companionship, wit, charm and sense of humor, I found all I could have hoped for in an older brother during those formative months as a second lieutenant. I will miss him immensely. He will always be with me in thought and prayer. God bless him."

Throughout his life, Benny demonstrated the highest example of personal integrity and dedication. Open-minded, straightforward and personable, with intense interest in people and their welfare, he gained and retained the friendship and respect of all who knew him. Although low-key about the Academy, the Army, and his Country, he was "GUNG HO" about all three.

B.F.E, Jr.

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Carl J. Winter, Jr.

NO. 25083 CLASS OF 1964

Died 23 November 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam, aged 25 years.

Interment: Hemlock, Michigan

Carl J. Winter, Jr.

IT HAS TAKEN a long time—too long—to write about Carl. It seems that one always has a reason for not doing those difficult things that he knows need to be done: "Too busy," "Don't know what to say," "Maybe next week." I've come to realize, however, that my difficulty arose from a concern, maybe even a fear, that I would not be able to do justice to one so special; a person who meant so much to so many people. To me, in particular, Carl was a brother, a good friend, an inspiration and standing example of what it means to dedicate your life to the highest ideals of West Point.

How does one write about his beloved brother, now gone? Oh, I could list his accomplishments and provide a chronology of his life, but such things would portray an incomplete picture of the man who meant so much to us. They would not reflect the many hot summer days working together on our parents' farm in Michigan; the evenings spent playing hide-and-seek around the old barn; the cold winter nights huddled together under a mountain of blankets; the rare privilege of having an older brother who you knew cared about you and would always be there when you needed him. They would not reflect a husband and father who possessed a deep love for and pride in his wife Beverly, his son Curt, and everything it meant to be a

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devoted family man. They would not reflect a son who was a constant source of pride to his parents and to the small town of Hemlock, Michigan. They would not reflect his strong belief in God and the importance of his faith in every aspect of his life. Finally, they would not truly reflect his love and pride in being a professional soldier, a career which he strongly believed in and for which he made the highest sacrifice.

No, Carl's life cannot be adequately described in cold chronology or platitude. Carl's life is best described by one word: Love. He had a deep and abiding love of life, love of family, and love of God and Country. It permeated every aspect of his life, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him was touched by it in some way. I have often asked myself how a person with so much to give could be taken from us so early. The answer to that question has eluded me for many years. As the years have passed the answer has slowly emerged—he has never really left us. Yes, he is gone from us physically, but he has left an indelible watermark by which we can measure the successes and failures of our lives. Carl was sent to us for a very special purpose and left us having completely and wonderfully accomplished it.

Yes, Carl you are gone from us now. We will no longer be able to bask in the warmth of your contagious smile and remembrances of our days of youth. Those of us who love you, however, will never forget you. We feel your presence constantly among us and realize that for all things there is a purpose. For 25 years the earth was a better place because you were here, and it will be a better place for many years to come because of what you left behind. The memories of our times together are treasures which can never be lost.

Farewell, my dear brother, until we meet again.

Daniel J. Winter

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were enrolled in the Class of 1991, while five entered West Point during the Class of 1990 admissions cycle.

MAJ Wallace served in the Admissions Office at West Point from 1983–86 as chief of the Records and Testing Branch. This branch is responsible for the administration of all candidate files, numbering about fourteen thousand annually. "I enjoyed my tour in the Admissions Office at West Point," says MAJ Wallace, "but I never really had an opportunity to work closely with candidates in the field, which I now enjoy. As an Admissions Participant I can help the admissions effort and have personal candidate work I missed while at West Point."

Three years of experience in the Admissions Office does prove beneficial for MAJ Wallace in his candidate contact work. He knows exactly what is required of candidates and can assist them in completing their files. "Working with candidates is similar to working with young basic trainees in the Army," says MAJ Wallace. "You take basic trainees and develop their skills as soldiers. When you work with candidates you see their interest develop from a starting point, and increase as they become qualified and then receive offers of admission.

"When I am speaking with a candidate I focus more on his immediate concerns," adds MAJ Wallace. "One of the things I lacked as a new cadet was a realistic picture of what cadet life was going to be like at the Academy. I sometimes use some of our young West Point lieutenants here at Ft. Sill to help provide my candidates a more accurate portrait of cadet life. I concentrate on admissions requirements since I gained a solid knowledge base working in admissions."

The work of these admissions field force members are examples of the variety of admissions work going on throughout the country. Active duty officers, liaison officers, civilian volunteers and parents all have a hand in helping West Point enroll quality classes.

"Each year we take time to review the accomplishments of our liaison officers and our field force volunteers," says COL Rushton. "It is important for them and for us. We concentrate some of our attention on training programs for our liaison and admission participant force in order to keep them fully informed of the opportunities and admissions requirements for USMA. This well-trained field force has paid great dividends for us, and will continue to do so as we face even more competitive years."

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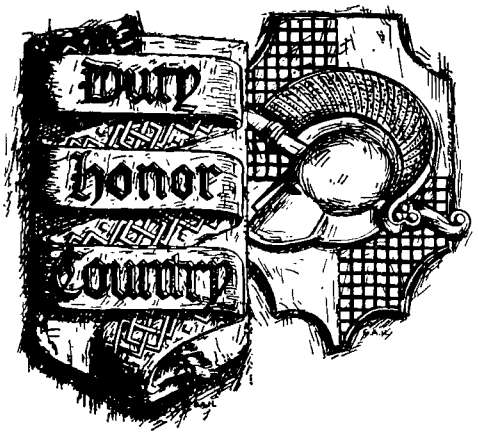

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of December 1987 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
Vernon Evans	1915	4 November 1987	Bethesda, MD
Edward H. Young	1919	22 November 1987	Vero Beach, FL
Henry F. Hannis	1920	19 October 1987	Albuquerque, NM
Bruce R. King	1923	24 November 1987	Nassau, Bahamas
John F. Bird	1925	31 October 1987	Lawton, OK
John H. F. Haskell	1925	10 November 1987	*Queen Elizabeth II*, at sea
William H. Nutter	1925	7 November 1987	El Paso, TX
Waldo E. Laidlaw	1926	3 October 1987	Redstone Arsenal, AL
Turner A. Sims, Jr.	1926	19 November 1987	Bethesda, MD
David L. Van Syckle	1926	23 October 1987	Walnut Creek, CA
John H. Kochevar	1927	19 October 1987	El Paso, TX
Paul D. Adams	1928	31 October 1987	Tampa, FL
Charles G. Goodrich	1928	28 November 1987	Augusta, GA
Brendan M. Greeley	1929	23 November 1987	Tucson, AZ
Joseph J. Ladd	1929	17 October 1987	Bensalem, PA
Raymond C. Brisach	1930	19 November 1987	Martinsburg, WV
Van H. Bond	1931	27 October 1987	Clarksville, TN
Charles L. Williams, Jr.	1932	25 October 1987	Newport News, VA
Joseph B. Crawford	1933	8 November 1987	Washington, D.C.
John E. Barlow	1936	12 November 1987	Raleigh, NC
Robert H. Kessler	1936	10 November 1987	Huntsville, AL
Bryan C. Arnold	1937	14 November 1987	Los Altos, CA
Roy C. Heflebower, Jr.	1938	23 October 1987	Falls Church, VA
Patrick D. Mulcahy	1939	19 October 1987	Carmel, CA
John B. Coontz	1940	19 November 1987	Newport Beach, CA
James D. Langstaff, Jr.	Jun-1943	17 November 1987	Ocala, FL
Thomas E. Fitzpatrick, Jr.	1945	12 October 1987	El Paso, TX
Ralph L. Bentley	1947	28 July 1987	Selden, NJ
Rodman Saville	1948	25 June 1987	Fredericksburg, TX
Mathews M. Collins	1951	15 October 1986	Tucson, AZ
Robert E. Irvin	X-1952	11 October 1987	Gaffney, SC
Neil A. Chamberlin	1954	13 June 1987	Westfield, NJ
Fred Kersh, Jr.	1954	25 July 1987	Durham, NC
Charles M. Gorbandt	1982	21 November 1987	Columbus, GA

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