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Dear Graduates and Friends of West Point:

This time of the year finds the air here filled with footballs. Players seem to be everywhere—in weekend pick-up games of touch on the Plain; with that battling horde of 150 pounders; among thirty-six intramural teams fighting it out for the brigade championship; as hungry competitors on the junior varsity; and, of course, on the brave old Army team itself. Throw in mule-riders, rabble-rousers, the rally band and all the rest of us proudly wearing "12th Man" or "13th Man" spirit buttons and you have a formula for total involvement. Cadet Michie could not have begun to imagine what he was starting when he introduced the game nearly a century ago.

When appointed Superintendent, General Westmoreland was called to the White House for an interview with President Eisenhower. After twenty minutes or so of general discussion, Westmoreland rose, thanked the President, and began to leave the Oval Office. When he was at the doorway, Ike called for him to wait. The Commander in Chief strode over, took him by the elbow, and said, "I do have one instruction for you: do something about that ailing football team!"

Why was the President of the United States so personally concerned over a team that only the year before had enjoyed an undefeated season and had produced a Heisman Trophy winner? Well, in the autumn just ended, the cadets had slipped to 4 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie—including a 43-12 thrashing by Navy. Clearly, Ike wanted Army to be a winner.

Visitors ask rather often how football—big time football—is important to the Military Academy. Responses come quickly to mind:

- It is a way to bring West Point to the attention of citizens across the country, particularly to young Americans.
- It raises revenues making possible the fielding of all our other intercollegiate teams.
- It expands our contacts and relationships with other educational institutions.
- It provides a source of pride and identity for alumni and friends.

But those answers alone aren't wholly satisfactory. They are probably true for many schools playing at our level. Surely there must be special reasons why football is special at West Point? And there are.

The Superintendent and Coach Young in front of the Monument to the Army Athlete.

To begin with, following and supporting the Army team through the fall semester is perhaps the single most unifying activity of the Corps of Cadets. They march together in reviews watched by thousands of spectators before each home game, they combine exuberantly in pre-game rallies, they sit side-by-side in the stadium and cheer together, they cherish in common the thrill of the march-in before the Navy game, they share the exhilaration of victory and the disappointment of defeat.

Further, the team has significance to the larger Army, not just to current cadets and old grads. As the Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Army have often told the players, the U.S. Army has hundreds of thousands of soldiers who did not go to college, who therefore have no team affiliation, and so adopt Army as their own. After all, soldiers wear "U.S. Army" on their uniforms, over the heart, and when the Black Knights of the Hudson take the field, well, by golly, that is *Army* out there! Last year when we played near Forts Riley and Carson, several thousand soldiers attended, yelling as lustily as any graduate. Many had even learned cadet cheers so they could be more a part of the fun. And, in a spontaneous display of unity, dozens of them joined the cheerleaders in the end zone doing pushups to mark points after each Army score.

Then there is always MacArthur's ringing statement to contemplate: "On the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that, upon other fields, on other days, will bear the fruits of victory." That pertains, certainly, to all competitive sports, and goes far to explain why we insist that every cadet must be an athlete, why each must be on a team every semester, and why we emphasize contact sports. Of all sports, though, football may most directly correlate to combat—consider its mixture of the mental and the physical, its demands on raw courage and close teamwork, its combination of tactics and techniques, its psychological component, its responsiveness to inspiring leadership. And it ought to pass without debate that some words take on a deeper meaning for students preparing to serve in the Army—words like winning, and victory, and sacrifice.

Having made those points, though, it bears reminding ourselves that football is, after all, only a game. It helps achieve our mission at the Academy, to be sure, but it is not a purpose unto itself. Players remain cadets first, subject to all the rules governing the behavior and standards of the Corps of Cadets. They must adhere to the same values and meet the same developmental goals as all who wear cadet gray. They are a part of the Corps, not apart from it. Far from doing less, they in fact give more. All of us at West Point take great pride in that—the coaches, the players, the rest of the Corps, the staff and faculty, our families, all of us.

Our air is filled with a sense of excitement along with all the footballs. We are immersed in the pageantry and color and fun of autumn, and are eagerly looking forward to BEATING NAVY. . .YET AGAIN!

Best wishes from West Point.

Dave R. Palmer
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Superintendent

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The Mexico most of us dream of is a vast playground of lush jungles, posh ocean resorts, endless beaches, undulating palms and fragrant tropical blossoms . . . a color-splashed land of constant song and sunshine.

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Review of Honor Code and System

By Captain Scott D. Hazlett,
Commandant's Special Assistant for Honor

At the request of the Superintendent, and subject to DOD and Congressional approval, the Chief of Staff of the Army appointed a commission to review the Academy's Honor Code and System. The commission will be chaired by Wesley Posvar, USMA Class of 1946, and currently the President of the University of Pittsburgh. At press time, Dr. Posvar was planning to convene the first meeting in late October, providing approval is obtained. The commission expects to complete its work early in 1989, subsequently reporting to the Chief of Staff and the Superintendent.

What follows is an extract from Lieutenant General Palmer's 14 May 1988 letter to General Vuono asking that he appoint a panel to take an external look at the Honor Code and the Honor System:

Among the reasons I am making such a request are the following:

- It has been 12 years since the cheating scandal of 1976 brought about abrupt changes in the Honor System.
- The last major outside reviews were by the Borman Commission (December 1976) and the West Point Study Group (July 1977).
- The Superintendent's Honor Review Committee has just completed a two-year examination of the Code and System, which resulted in some significant recommendations.
- Some important initiatives in the leader development arena have been begun over the past couple of years, and are closely tied to cadet moral-ethical growth.
- Some changes also have been made recently in the Honor System itself, and more are imminent.
- I have designated the Honor System as a subject for special focus during Academic Year 1988–89.
- The Army has done much serious thinking in the last several years on the subject of values and leader development, and it is necessary that programs at West Point be in synchronization with those of the Army.

Taken together, those facts suggest that the time is ripe to have an outside panel look at what we are doing in order to help assure that our efforts are in fact in harmony with the ethic, values, and direction of today's Army.

In articulating the specific purpose of the panel, a two-fold approach seems proper. First, the group should look at what has happened with the Honor Code and System since 1976, retracing the routes of the many changes which have taken place since that time. This will necessarily include an assessment of the current status, health and climate of the Code and System. Secondly, and of prime importance, the group should provide us its candid assessment and recommendations of where the Academy ought to be (and how to get there) as we approach the year 2002 and West Point's third century. Integral to all of the above will be one overriding concern: How can the Code and System best support the purpose, mission, and goals of the United States Military Academy?

The operative elements of the proposed charter for the commission are as follows:

Committee Name: The Chief of Staff's Special Commission on the Honor Code and Honor System at the United States Military Academy (USMA).

Objectives: The Committee will review the Honor Code and System at USMA.

Scope:

- A review of the goals of the Honor Code and its relationship to leader development and professional performance.
- An assessment of how the Honor System supports these goals.
- An assessment of whether there exists an adequate balance between Cadet and Staff/Faculty involvement in the Honor System.
- An assessment of the role the Honor Code and System play in helping USMA meet its purpose and mission, both now and in the future.

During its review, the committee and its members should be guided by a sense of historical perspective: how the Honor Code and System have developed throughout the Academy's history, with a special focus on the evolution that has taken place throughout the course of the past twelve years.

The outcome of this review will be an assessment of the current status and relevance of the Honor Code and System, and a measure of what adjustments may be appropriate to support the moral and ethical development of Army leaders through the Academy's Bicentennial Year, 2002, and beyond. In essence, the committee will assess how the Honor Code and System can best support the purpose, mission, and goals of the United States Military Academy and the United States Army in service to the Nation.

At the time of publication, the following have been invited by the Chief of Staff to be members of the Commission:

Rand V. Araskog
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, ITT Corporation.

Howard D. Graves
Major General, U.S. Army; Commandant, U.S. Army War College.

Timothy T. Lupfer
Major, U.S. Army; Political Military Planner, Plans and Policy Directorate (J-5), Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Jack N. Merritt
General, U.S. Army (Retired); Executive Vice President, Association of the United States Army.

Roscoe Robinson, Jr.
General, U.S. Army (Retired); Consultant, Planning Research Corporation.

Richard F. Rosser
President, National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

Elmer B. Staats
Chairman, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

Eugene R. Sullivan
Judge, U.S. Court of Military Appeals, Washington.

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Partner, Coopers and Lybrand.

Robert M. Kaufman
Former member, USMA Board of Visitors

Matthew B. Ridgway
General, U.S. Army (Retired); Advisor (Honorary Advisor).

When the report is received next year, results will be published in the *Assembly*.

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Captains Kathleen (Gerard) and Scott Snook, USMA 1980

With the admission of women to the Military Academy in 1976, it followed that marriages between graduates would take place, and indeed many have. Further, it could be anticipated that both would want to pursue full military careers. How does this work out? In spite of the unique challenges, many couples have managed very well in pursuing their profession and also in raising their families. One of the successful couples is Captains Kathleen and Scott Snook, both outstanding young professional officers, who have returned to West Point as faculty members. ASSEMBLY thought that its readers would be interested in becoming acquainted with the Snooks as representatives of a new era in the history of Academy graduates and arranged for the following interview.

It has been eight years since the first class of women was graduated from West Point. Captain Kathi (Gerard) Snook, now instructing at the Academy in the Mathematics Department, is one of these women. Her husband, Captain Scott Snook, is a graduate of the same class and an instructor of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership at USMA. It is a challenge teaching and seeing to the needs of their two children, Sean (3) and Kyle (2).

Kathi and Scott come from diverse backgrounds. She is from a large military family. Her father, Colonel Bob Gerard, was head of the Department of National, International Security Studies at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania before his retirement. Kathi has a sister Dino who is a USMA graduate of '83 and a brother David who was graduated from West Point in '85. Her brother Charlie is now at the Merchant Marine Academy. Scott, from Ephrata, Pennsylvania, has one older sister. His parents are both teachers. At one time he had wanted to be a doctor, but was uncertain. Then, a retired lieutenant colonel in the area talked to him about West Point and got him an interview with his Congressman. The family knew little about West Point, but accepted the idea immediately and are proud he is a graduate.

Kathi and Scott first met in their junior year. During senior year, when she was brigade XO and he the brigade supply officer, they lived only two rooms apart. They began dating in the spring of that year, and were married the following October. Because of dual careers they knew it would be important to be willing to compromise in order to stay together and that they had to look ahead and plan carefully. It was no coincidence, for instance, that both children's births were timely.

After the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, they were sent to Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Cadets Gerard and Snook, April 1980.

Snook family, October 1987.

The wedding, Carlisle Barracks, October 1980.

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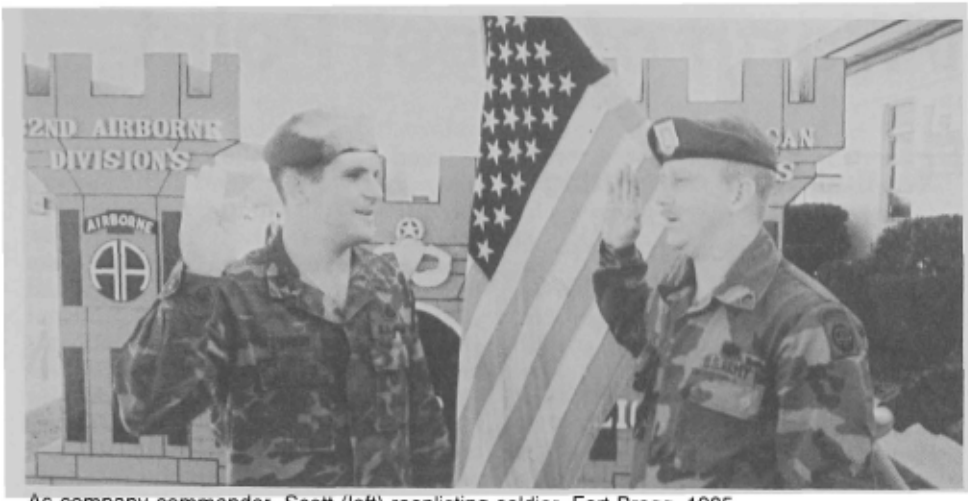
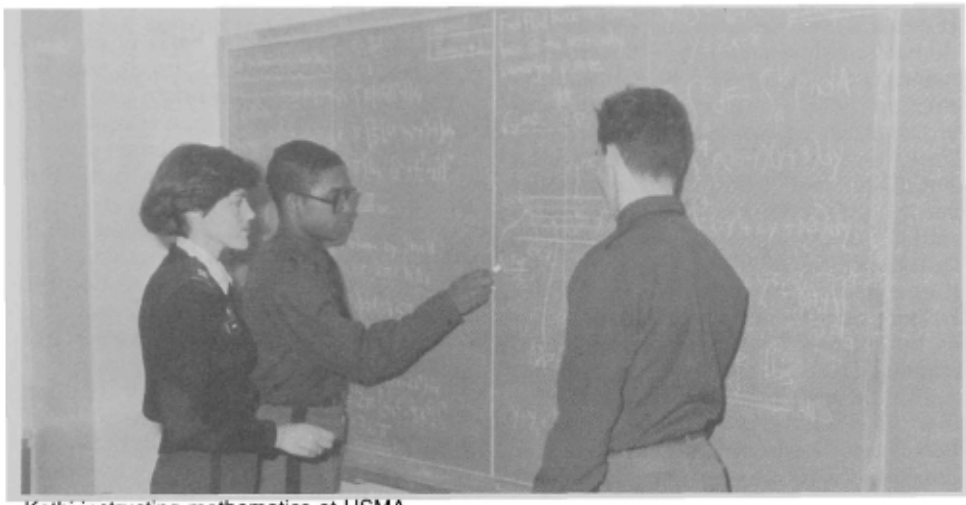


As company commander, Scott (left) reenlisting soldier, Fort Bragg, 1985.


Kathi instructing mathematics at USMA.

Scott and Kathi, Christmas 1987.

for the next 4½ years. Scott was on jump status while there and served in the 307th Engineer Battalion of the 82nd Airborne. He held positions as line platoon leader, construction platoon leader, battalion S-2, company XO, and company commander. Kathi was assigned to the 20th Engineer Brigade. She was a bridge platoon leader, then a protocol officer in the XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters. She then served as the XO and subsequently commander of a topographic engineer company. When they were promoted to first lieutenants, they received their bars on the tailgate of a C-130 and then made a jump. They feel fortunate to both have had commands during their first assignments. They completed the Engineer Officer Advanced Course by correspondence and then went to Boston for graduate school. Kathi received her master's in applied mathematics at Boston University and Scott an MBA from the Harvard Business School. He was a Baker Scholar there as a graduate with honors.

Scott's parents had been happy with his choice of West Point, but like most parents, they clearly preferred he not be put in any danger. In October of 1983 when Kathi and Scott were celebrating their anniversary with a candlelight steak dinner, Scott was called away on alert to leave Kathi blowing out the candles alone. The following morning she was told he would be among those in the first landing in Grenada. Concerned that it would upset his parents, Kathi answered their telephone calls by saying that he was busy and just fine. It was his parents, however, that the Army chose to call in the middle of the night to say that Scott had been wounded by shrapnel in Grenada. Their question to Kathi was, "Is there something you meant to tell us?"

Teaching at West Point is a great joy and privilege for them. It seems that "beyond the call of duty" is truly their motto when one learns that after full days of teaching and fitting in quality time with their children, they also volunteer. Kathi helps with the women's gymnastics team and Scott helps with the squash team. Kathi also serves as a member of the Societies Committee of the USMA Association of Graduates. At the Most Holy Trinity Church they have assisted with the Teens' Encounter Christ Group, and the pre-Cana marriage talks.

In the future Kathi hopes to work with agencies and groups addressing issues about dual careers. Experience has shown her and some of her friends just what needs must still be met, and she feels strongly that being one of the first women graduates, she has a responsibility in leading the way for others to follow. The primary issue to her is the personal issues of children and family. She feels she is seen by many service members as comparable to a civilian working wife of a military man, when in fact, she is their peer. Child care for those with dual careers and housing are two concerns that she feels need attention.

This past summer Kathi and Scott were both away from West Point completing the nine-week course at Fort Leavenworth. Planning the housing and care for their children far in advance was required so that they could devote full attention to their studies. They have now returned to West Point to continue their faculty responsibilities.

Kathi, Scott, and many couples like them will continue to lead the way in the new era of marriages between USMA graduates and other professional military couples.

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Price/Cost/Worth of West Point

Introduction

In response to the inquiries of USMA's 1987 Board of Visitors, the Academy undertook a study of the price, cost, and worth of West Point. The results of the study—which were both interesting and, in some ways, surprising—were briefed to the Board of Visitors and then incorporated into a study summary. That summary was distributed to a few USMA graduates and others whom we thought would be particularly interested. It has gained considerable attention, resulting in some recipients duplicating and distributing the summary further and a lead article in the Army Times. *Because of the interest generated by the study, it seems appropriate to make the summary available to a wider audience of persons interested in West Point, and so it is reprinted below.*

The reader should note from the beginning that the study was intentionally limited to comparisons that could be made in quantitative terms, avoiding the difficulty of dealing with subjective bases of comparison. It is acknowledged, nevertheless, that those subjective elements may be far more important than the ones which can be quantified.

—Colonel Larry R. Donnithorne

Price/Cost/Worth of West Point

A Study Summary

From time to time, over the years, the United States Military Academy (USMA) has been challenged as "too costly." The Academy's response is then usually perceived as defensive and is therefore not totally accepted, leaving the issue alive to arise again. Taking advantage of a period when no one was leveling the charge, Academy officials initiated a study of the price, cost, and worth of West Point in order to determine, in calm reflection, what the facts were. The results were startling. They should serve to preempt the hoary challenge by having the response already in place the next time it surfaces, and help take a step toward correcting the inaccurate "common knowledge."

1. Background.

As a nation, we have historically placed high value on education, recognizing it as an essential ingredient to the continuance of a democracy. Because of that high value, we have chosen to subsidize the cost of education at all levels, in higher education as well as elementary and secondary. A result of that subsidization is that the "cost" and the "price" of higher education in America are quite different. The cost is the dollar value of the real resources that are consumed in operating a college, while the price is the dollar amount paid by students to acquire a college education.

We find, when comparing cost to cost and price to price—not price to cost—that West Point is no more expensive than other competitive, comprehensive colleges.

Indeed, misunderstanding of the distinction between price and cost was highlighted by the recent "National Task Force on Higher Education and the Public Interest" as a public interest issue of great concern. The Task Force said, "Few among the general public or opinion leaders outside higher education . . . understand the distinction between price (what students are charged as tuition or fees) and cost (the actual expenses to an institution for research, public service, and instruction.)"[1]

In America, the price of higher education is only a part of the total cost. Students in this country seldom pay the full cost; instead, the large difference between the cost and the price is paid from the revenue received from endowments in private colleges or from tax revenue in the case of state-supported colleges.

The difference between cost and price is significant for West Point as well. Unwary observers—or very aware demagogues—may compare the "cost" of West Point to the "price" of other colleges, concluding incorrectly that West Point is vastly more expensive. For example, the *cost* of a four-year education at West Point is about $191,000. At a highly-selective, comprehensive (engineering, sciences, and humanities) undergraduate college one can expect to pay from around $5,000 per year in some state-supported colleges to about $20,000 per year in private colleges, making the *price* of a four-year education somewhere from $20,000 to $80,000. Anyone inaptly comparing price to cost—$20,000 versus $191,000—is fostering a misunderstanding. We find, when comparing cost to cost and price to price—not price to cost—that West Point is no more expensive than other competitive, comprehensive colleges.

2. Price-To-Price.

Because students at West Point are on a full scholarship and are not (normally) charged a price for their education, it is difficult to set a "price" that compares directly with what a student might pay at some other college. It is noteworthy, however, that two situations arise in the law whereupon a West Point student may have to pay for his or her education: (1) foreign students and (2) graduates who fail to complete their obligated service. In these situations, the payment required by law is about $20,000 per year, very similar to the "price" of the nation's prestigious private universities such as Harvard and Stanford.

3. Cost-To-Cost.

A comparison on the basis of cost-to-cost is straightforward, and it can be shown in both logic and data that West Point is no more costly than comparable colleges. Since the educational process at West Point is comparable to that of the selective, comprehensive colleges, it is reasonable to suggest that the total dollar value of faculty salaries, laboratories for chemistry and engineering, computer networks, classroom upkeep, and the other resources needed to educate 4,500 students in humanities, sciences, and engineering is about the same. It does not matter whether the process is carried on at West Point or Boston, Berkeley or South Bend—logically, the big numbers must add up to roughly the same total.

The data says the big numbers do, indeed, add up. The total annual cost of higher education in America divided by the total annual number of graduates is about $117K. The same figure for West Point, as stated earlier, is about $191K. Keep in mind that the figure of $117K is the average cost of *all* colleges, including the lower cost, limited-offerings institutions as well as those more costly selective, comprehensive colleges to which West Point compares.

The cost to the nation (that is the dollar value of all resources consumed) for educating young persons for commissioning as Second Lieutenants is nearly the same for either USMA or ROTC.

4. USMA and ROTC.

The Army's interest in educating young persons for commissioning as second lieutenants is accomplished through two pre-commissioning education programs—USMA and ROTC. The distinc-

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tion between the price and the cost of education has sometimes been misunderstood even within the Army in comparisons of West Point and ROTC. The cost to the nation (that is the dollar value of all resources consumed) for educating young persons for commissioning as second lieutenants is nearly the same for either USMA or ROTC. The cost per graduate for USMA is $191,000 and for ROTC $183,000.[2] This conclusion also logically follows from the point made previously about the costs of education. When the full costs of education are included, the big numbers must add up, whether the education is via ROTC at South Bend or USMA at West Point. And they do.

5. The Worth.

Having considered to this point the price and cost of West Point, one still must investigate the only question that truly matters: is the Academy worth the cost? What is the Army's return for its money? In the phraseology of efficiency, "How cost-effective are the Army's expenditures?" In order to answer such questions, one must first ask, "How cost-effective is West Point in comparison to what?" A reference point for comparison is needed. This study compares West Point to ROTC. In doing so, the sole objective is to affirm the nation's need for both a strong program at USMA and a strong ROTC program.

The cost effectiveness of USMA and ROTC in meeting the Army's needs may be evaluated in myriad ways, no one of which will stand as an absolute. One relatively neutral approach is to compare man-years of service returned to the Army by graduates of each source. Within the Army Officer Inventory database, one may find the number of officers by branch serving in their first year of service and in each of the later years of service and higher grades. Based on the number of officers in the Army by year of service, one can calculate the retention rates and flow rates of officers through the Army. For example, in 1987, of those USMA graduates reaching the end of their 6th year of service, 74% of those commissioned are still in the Army. Of the ROTC graduates reaching the end of their 6th year of service, 56% are still in the Army. In the 20th year of service, 36% of USMA are still in the Army and 25% of ROTC.

West Point and ROTC each serve the nation in different but important ways.

From here one can begin to compare the productive years of service one obtains from each commissioning source per officer graduate and the relative rates of return, or cost effectiveness. The answer depends on the year at which one calculates. At the 6th year, the USMA graduate on average provides 13–14% more man-years service than ROTC; while at year 30, the USMA graduate provides 26% more man-years, calculated using the latest retention rates, those of FY86 and 87. Since the cost per graduate of USMA is only 4% greater than ROTC but the acquired man-years are 26% greater, USMA appears to be cost-effective to the nation. This conclusion holds without any effort to differentiate the output of the two sources.

Still, it is noteworthy that the output of the two sources of commissioning is different. One important difference is in the entry of technically qualified officers into the combat arms. Of the 974,000 college graduates in the United States in 1987, about 17% obtained degrees in engineering and 3% in physical sciences. The Army recognizes its need for technically capable officers in the future and has set a goal of having a technical background in at least 40% of the officers in the grade of lieutenant colonel at the 19th year of service. One-half of the USMA class of 1987 completed studies in engineering or physical sciences. Of the 201 members of that class who went into the field artillery, for example, 56 were engineers and 19 physical scientists. Of the 3,023 ROTC active duty officers commissioned in 1987, 355 went into the field artillery, of whom 17 had engineering degrees and 30 had physical science degrees. The engineers from ROTC go primarily into the Signal Corps and the Corps of Engineers, not the combat arms. Therefore, of the officers entering the field artillery (and this is true of the other branches) with technical backgrounds in 1987, a larger absolute number and a much larger percentage came from USMA. This point, combined with earlier conclusions regarding retention rates, enables one to glimpse the future.

Projecting mathematically using the 1987 retention rates linked to commissioning sources and types of degrees, one can get an idea of the mix of lieutenant colonels by background who will be in the Army in the year 2006, when the 1987 cohort of new officers will reach the 19th year of service. That is the point in Army career patterns when 75% of the officers will be serving in their secondary specialties (many of which require technical backgrounds). The conclusion of such a projection is that more of the Army's lieutenant colonels having both combat arms experience and a technical background in 2006 will have come from USMA than ROTC.

At least one measure of the inputs to the two sources is available for comparison. Of the 3,023 ROTC officers receiving active duty commissions in 1987, 1718 had scholarships and 1305 did not. For those ROTC cadets who were rank-ordered by the Army for consideration for active duty commissions (probably a select group from the total ROTC graduate population for that year), the mean SAT score was 1030 (for the total of both verbal and math). The mean SAT score for USMA graduates for 1987 was 1210. West Pointers are typically compared to the ROTC 4-year scholarship winners who had mean SAT scores of 1177; however, of the 3,023 ROTC active duty commissions, only 550 (or 18%) had 4-year scholarships, and most of them did not major in engineering or sciences.

Based on these indicators, one may conclude that the two commissioning sources are quite different. West Point and ROTC each serve the nation in different but important ways. West Point is the only pre-commissioning education source totally responsive to the Army's needs irrespective of national mood or sentiment. Moreover, it serves as the standard-bearer for the professional officer corps and a preserver of traditional values for the nation. ROTC provides a different but equally valid pre-commissioning education experience and produces officers who enter not only the Army but also the vital Reserve Components. Indeed, it is toward this latter mission they they are primarily aimed at present.

At the conclusion of the USMA study of price, cost, and worth of West Point, the 1987 Board of Visitors was briefed on the study in considerable detail. In response, they concluded as follows:

"West Point actually is a bargain for the Army and the Nation." 1987 Board of Visitors

Considering the full costs of education, the costs to the nation of educating West Point students are approximately the same as those for educating ROTC students. When the benefits derived by the nation are considered as well (the greater proportion of Military Academy graduates commissioned in the combat branches, the greater number of officers with academic backgrounds in engineering and physical sciences commissioned in combat branches, the higher retention rates and longer years of service, and the general quality and dedication of Military Academy graduates), West Point actually is a bargain for the Army and the Nation.[3]

6. Summary.

The conclusions to be drawn from the study of the price, cost, and worth of West Point include the following:

(1) Monetary comparisons of West Point with other colleges—in order to be

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A Cook's Delight . . . 4400 Hungry Cadets

by Kathleen E. Pardue

One of the most interesting tours at West Point is a behind-the-scenes look at the Cadet Mess Hall. If one is fortunate enough to have his tour conducted by Manny Mendes, the cook general foreman, the tour will be most informative and a lot of fun.

Manny, as he is known to practically everyone, has a tiny office at the back of the kitchen conveniently located between the steam area and the roasting area. His office walls are lined with pictures of such notables as Ronald Reagan, and former superintendents Lieutenant General Sidney B. Berry and General William A. Knowlton. He says he'd like to hang more of his mementos, but there isn't enough wall space in his office. Also displayed are photographs of Lieutenant General Willard W. Scott, recent superintendent, and current superintendent, Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer. General Scott, when at West Point for a football game, stopped by to see his friend Manny. In the photograph Lieutenant General Scott is wearing one of the yellow scarves worn by the mess hall cooks and he is stirring a huge pot of soup.

Manny is the most senior person on the staff of the Cadet Mess Hall, having worked there for over 30 years. He started as a dishwasher in May of 1958 and has worked his way up through the ranks. Listening to Manny tell about his experiences in the mess hall is like having a piece of West Point history come alive. Manny knows every inch of space in the huge mess hall and the kitchen below. He can tell you the history behind the paintings on the ceiling beams and explain in minute detail the workings of a deep fryer with a control panel that looks like something borrowed from Star Trek. Manny exudes such pride in his work that a true West Point spirit shines through every word.

Manny has had specialized training at the Culinary Institute of America. He has also visited the mess halls at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and the Naval Academy in Annapolis to study their operations. He beams with pride in his staff when he tells you how the Air Force Academy has a staff of 50 more people than he does to feed about the same number of cadets. He is also proud of the fact that he is able to use less equipment than the Naval Academy to feed the Corps.

About the author: Kathy Pardue has a master's degree in community mental health from Long Island University. She has 2 children, ages 2 and 7, and is married to the '75 scribe, Bill Pardue. The family currently resides at West Point.

The famous Mural Room

Manny Mendes, Cook General Foreman. His office walls are lined with photos of the history of West Point.

Currently, the Cadet Mess Hall staff consists of an Officer in Charge, a Dietician/Nutritionist and 157 full-time civil service employees. The mess also employs contract services in both the dining room and housekeeping sections, the entire staff totaling approximately 350 people.

The Cadet Mess Hall is a model of organization from the kitchen, through each of the varied departments, and into the dining areas upstairs. The kitchen is equipped with a conveyor belt with a hot lamp overhead. Trays placed on this conveyor belt are filled with ten servings each of the meal's hot food selections. Ten of these trays are then placed in warming cabinets and sent with the waiters. One waiter handles ten tables, feeding 100 cadets. Cold foods are placed on the tables approximately 30 minutes prior to the meal. Family style service is still used in the mess hall, including dinnerware with the West

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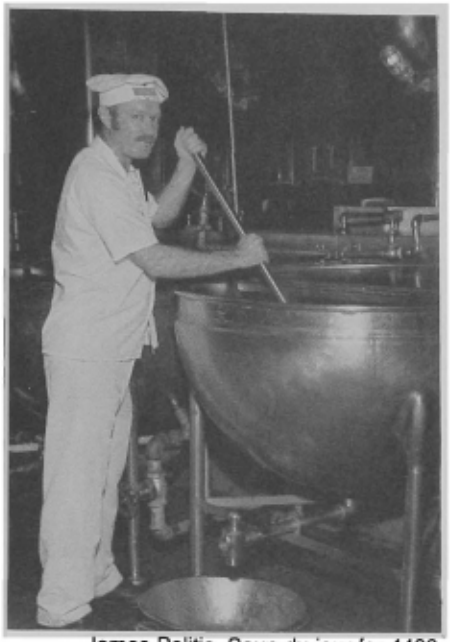
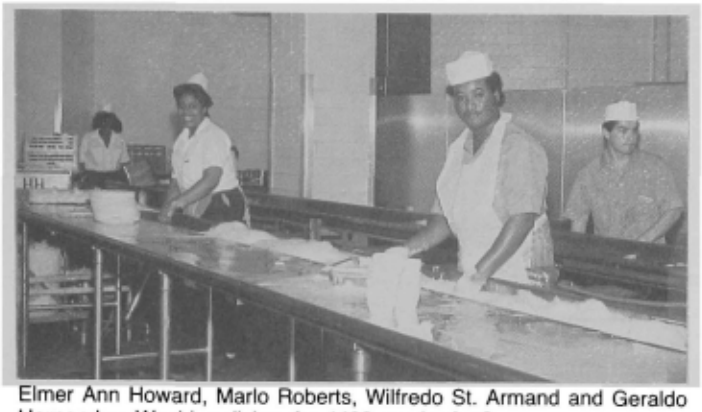
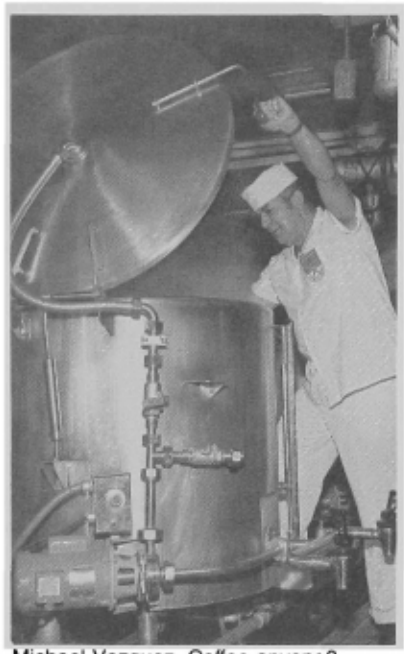


James Politis. Soup du jour for 4400.



Elmer Ann Howard, Marlo Roberts, Wilfredo St. Armand and Geraldo Hernandez. Washing dishes for 4400 can be fun?



Michael Vazquez. Coffee anyone?

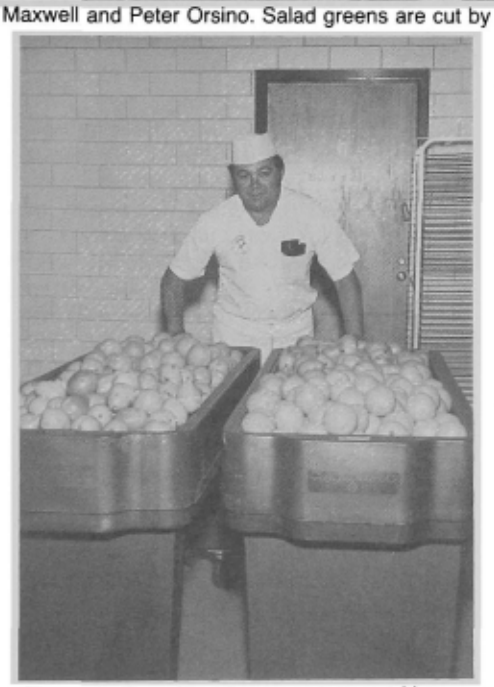
William Maxwell and Peter Orsino. Salad greens are cut by hand.

Point crest and tablecloths.

Every area of the kitchen is designed for feeding large numbers with maximum efficiency. Approximately 3,100,000 meals are prepared annually at an average daily cost of $19,500. These include the regular menu, banquet menus, diet menus, sports nutrition pregame meals, portion variations for athletes, box meals for cadet outings, and picnic rations.

The large pots in the kitchen look more like cement mixers than potato mashers and stew pots. The roasting ovens look almost like ferris wheels loaded with meats and casseroles. Kitchen equipment includes seven 100-gallon kettles, two 80-gallon kettles, eight 60-gallon kettles, four 40-gallon kettles, and nine steam pressure cookers. There are also twelve even-heat top ranges, twelve fry-top ranges, and four tilting braising pans. Three revolving oven trays can cook 144 pans of meat or rice simultaneously. The huge continuous belt fat fryer is able to cook 4000 chicken pieces or 1500 pounds of potatoes in 90 minutes and uses $1000.00 worth of frying oil to operate. The six breakfast toasters can toast 1200 slices each per hour while the four 75-gallon coffee urns brew 6400 portions of coffee simultaneously.

The lingering smells in the hall outside the bakery are heavenly, even on a day when very little baking is being done. Almost all baked goods are made here, including hot dog and hamburger rolls. Only sandwich bread is purchased commercially. The bakers are able to produce such items as eclairs, brownies, donuts, pizza pie shells, pastries, tarts, cakes and cobblers. The bakery frequently uses a commercially-made frosting version of the West Point crest, but all other cake decorations are done by this fine staff of bakers.



Clemente Cruz. Keeping an eye on nutrition.

Twelve meatcutters prepare all types of meats and seafoods, processing 150,000 pounds of meat monthly. Each roast beef dinner requires approximately 3300 pounds of beef. An air-conditioned salad preparation room was added in 1969, containing two mechanical potato peelers, chopper, mixer, vegetable cutters, rack refrigerators, walk-in refrigerator, and vegetable storage rooms. Manny likes to tell his visitors how quality comes first at the Cadet Mess Hall, even down to cutting tomatoes and lettuce by hand rather than by machine because it makes a more appetizing-looking salad.

The dishwashing facilities, called sculleries, are located on the main floor in the north and south sides of the dining area. Each contains a dishwasher capable of pre-rinsing, washing, and sanitizing 13,000 dishes per hour, and a rack-type dishwasher capable of processing 50 racks of glasses, cups, and silverware per hour. Like all other parts of the Cadet Mess Hall, this too, is a model of efficiency and organization.

The dining hall consists of six main floor wings and seating for the 4400 plus cadets. There are also two additional rooms: the Black, Gold and Gray Room and the Regimental Room, the latter a gift from the Class of 1937. These two rooms seat approximately 136 cadets each and are used for special occasions such as cadet dinings-in. These two rooms are in use approximately five nights per week and cadets dine in a formal atmosphere. Manny is happy about the fact that "the cadets have a place to learn to act like ladies and gentlemen" so that when they leave West Point and become officers, their social skills will not have been neglected.

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Brigadier General Jack L. Capps Retires

By Lieutenant Colonel John D. Hart and Major Gary S. Coleman, *Department of English*

On 1 July 1988, Colonel Jack L. Capps, Professor and Head of the Department of English, USMA, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, retired, and promoted to brigadier general after more than 40 years of commissioned service. Colonel and Mrs. Capps were joined by family, friends, and colleagues at ceremonies and a reception held in the Class of 1947 Train Station.

Brigadier General Capps was born in Liberty, Missouri, on 16 July 1926. He entered the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1944 as a member of the Class of 1948. He was commissioned in the Field Artillery on 8 June 1948. On 29 July 1953, Captain Capps married Marie Theodora Pappas in the Cadet Chapel at West Point.

During the first ten years of his military career, BG Capps served in field artillery units in Germany and Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and in a missile unit in Illinois. He also served as a member of an advisory group to the Ethiopian Army.

BG Capps attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania and earned a master of arts in English in 1960. He was assigned to the Department of English, USMA, as an instructor and associate professor from August 1959 until June 1963. In 1963, he completed his doctoral studies and was awarded a Ph.D. in Literature. The following year he completed the Army Command and General Staff Course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and returned to USMA, having been appointed permanent associate professor of English in 1964. In 1967 he was named Professor and Deputy Head of the English Department. In 1977 he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department.

About the authors: LTC John D. Hart is a 1967 graduate of USMA, commissioned in the Field Artillery. Awarded an M.A. in English from the University of Massachusetts in 1973, he is currently assigned as an assistant professor and research officer in the Department of English at USMA.
MAJ Gary S. Coleman is a 1974 graduate of USMA, commissioned in Aviation. Awarded an M.S.in systems management from Southern California University in 1983 and an M.A. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University in 1986, he is currently assigned as an assistant professor of philosophy in the Department of English at USMA.

As a distinguished soldier-teacher-scholar, General Capps has provided the motivating force behind a broad range of educational, scholarly, and cultural endeavors at West Point that have materially advanced the reputation of the U.S. Military Academy in the academic world.

BG Capps proved to be an able and dedicated teacher and administrator. He served as director of the core English courses in composition for all fourth class cadets and was one of the original developers of an American Studies program for advanced fourth class cadets. His elective courses were among the most popular offered by the department and included extensive studies of American literature, especially the poetry of Melville, Dickinson, and Frost. His command of English literature allowed him to range easily into the major works of that tradition, and he offered a lively elective course on Shakespeare. BG Capps also taught a variety of subjects at the more sophisticated level of senior tutorial and advanced individual research projects in literature. He was instrumental in establishing a core course in philosophy in 1978.

Much of the academic and scholarly work by BG Capps reflecting so favorably on USMA was performed on campuses away from West Point. In the summer of 1967, he served as visiting professor at the University of Massachusetts.

From August 1971 to June 1972, BG Capps was visiting professor of English at American University in Beirut, Lebanon. In addition to carrying a full teaching load, he succeeded in generating considerable international good will and scholarship. He participated in the Annual Byron Porter Smith Lecture Series, and his lecture, "Emerson, Dickinson, and Frost: Concentric American Poetry," was published by American University. He was invited to Ethiopia, where he had served previously in a MAAG assignment, to conduct an inspection tour of military training facilities and address the faculty of the Haile Selassie Military Academy. His address, "Modern Education and the Military Academy," was later published in the Ethiopian military annual *Blood and Steel*. Upon completion of his eight-day tour, BG Capps prepared a substantial evaluative report for the defense attache in Addis Ababa.

COL Jack L. Capps. Professor, USMA, Head of Department. *(Photo courtesy of Pach Brothers, New York)*

During 1980–1981, BG Capps spent his sabbatical year as a teaching member of the faculty of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, England.

In the arena of literary scholarship, General Capps enjoys international renown, and his activities have brought the Military Academy itself into the spotlight of scholarly acclaim. In 1966, the prestigious Harvard University Press published his book, *Emily Dickinson's Reading, 1836–1866*, which received broad critical acclaim from prominent literary journals including *Virginia Quarterly Review*, *American Literature*, *Times Literary Supplement* (London), *New England Quarterly*, and *Modern Language Quarterly*.

Two years later, BG Capps co-edited Steven Vincent Benet's verse account of the Civil War, *John Brown's Body*, published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston. This edition, an accurate text with complete historical notes, is the only fully annotated teaching text of Benet's Pulitzer Prize winning work. It has been printed and reprinted in some 10,000 copies.

Over the years, General Capps has contributed a host of reviews and articles to scholarly journals such as *College Composition and Communication* and *American Literature*. In 1967, he was

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Jack and Marie with son Steve, daughter Kate, and farewell gifts received at their retirement ceremony at the Class of '47 Train Station.

Teaching 19th Century American Literature.

Soldier, scholar, educator, patron of the arts.

appointed to a select group of scholars-annotators who contribute regularly to the major literary bibliographies published in the authoritative journal, *American Literary Realism, 1870–1910*. He was formally commended by the editors of this journal for his sustained "active scholarship" in conjunction with the endeavor.

BG Capps founded and has been the guiding genius of the West Point William Faulkner Collection and the Faulkner Concordance project. The Faulkner Collection, the compilation of which was overseen by BG Capps, is a large assemblage of Faulkner first editions, bibliographies, and associated scholarly material maintained in the William Faulkner Room of the USMA Library where it is accessible to scholars from all over the world.

General Capps serves as chairman of the Faulkner Concordance Advisory Board and as general editor of the Faulkner Concordance Series. Since the beginning of the concordance research project in 1971, General Capps has produced concordances for ten of Faulkner's major works and has established the mechanism for completing the project. These concordances, consisting of the alphabetized vocabulary of each text and showing every contextual occurrence of each word, are essential linguistic and analytic tools for the close study of literature.

Through the concordance project, General Capps has developed productive academic associations between West Point and scholars from such institutions as Yale University, Georgia State University, and the Universities of Bonn (Federal Republic of Germany), Kansas, Michigan, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southern Mississippi, and Virginia.

West Point's deep involvement in Faulkner scholarship has been widely and favorably noticed in the scholarly world and has received frequent mention or review in such literary periodicals as the *Newsletter for the Study of Southern Literature, American Literary Scholarship, Southern Literary Journal, Resources for American Literary Study,* and the prestigious *Publication of the Modern Language Association*. The *Journal of Modern Literature* has described the concordance project as "one of the most ambitious collaborative efforts in literary scholarship in the modern period." At the Second International Conference on Computers in the Humanities, Dr. G. Hertlein described the project as one of the two most impressive computer-assisted efforts in progress in the world.

In July 1986, BG Capps directed a two-day international conference at West Point entitled, "Faulkner and the Military: A Symposium," which featured presentations by a number of established Faulkner scholars. BG Capps edited a special issue of *The Faulkner Journal*, published in 1987, containing papers presented at the conference.

Since 1967, General Capps has been the principal directing force behind the Cadet Fine Arts Forum, an academic extracurricular activity established by the Dean to foster the cultural interests and development of cadets. The diverse and high quality program of cultural events that General Capps developed has served not only the Corps of Cadets but the West Point community and the central Hudson Valley as well.

As overseer of the Cadet Fine Arts

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Forum, General Capps has provided for West Point an enriched cultural environment that is both the envy of and the model for other colleges and universities across the United States. The forum sponsors seminars in such diverse cultural interests as art, creative writing and poetry, drama, cinema, music, photography, and American culture. It organizes cadet trips to places of cultural interest, obtains the services of distinguished lecturers for seminars, directs the USMA Visiting Artist Program, offers a Great Films Series, arranges exhibits by recognized artists, manages an admission-free chamber music series, and presents a self-sustaining performing arts series in Eisenhower Hall Theatre at prices affordable to cadets.

Under General Capps' stewardship, the performing arts series, in the fall of 1974, smoothly moved into Eisenhower Hall, the new 27-million-dollar cadet activities center which contains the second largest proscenium theater on the East Coast. The series features premier national and international cultural performances including concert orchestras, ensembles, solo artists, dance companies, musical theater, drama, and ethnic productions. The immense range and vitality of West Point's current cultural ambiance is thus to a great degree attributable to the vision and force of personality of BG Capps.

During his tenure in the Department of English, BG Capps served under ten Superintendents and five Deans of the Academic Board. He was a member of the Academic Board for over a decade and served on or chaired committees responsible for selecting seventeen members of the permanent faculty and seven statutory professors. For the last eleven years he has been a principal member of the Admissions Committee and served as chairman from 1985 to 1988.

From August 1976 to June 1977, BG Capps was entrusted with the chairmanship of the Academy's Special Readmission Committee, charged with evaluating readmission applications from ex-cadets of the Class of 1976. The readmission enterprise, unprecedented in terms of its sensitivity and difficulty, dealt with the cases of 137 ex-cadets. Under BG Capps' wise and steady hand, the committee presented over 100 cases to the Academic Board for readmission to the Corps.

In addition to his efforts on behalf of cadets, the Military Academy, and the West Point community, BG Capps has served as exemplar and wise counselor to scores of Army officers assigned to the Department of English. His patience, dedication to the ideals of the Army, and genuine concern for his subordinates have had a profound effect on all who served with him. This influence on junior officers is probably one of his greatest contributions to the profession of arms.

In the West Point community, General Capps was a dedicated supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. For many years he served on local pack and troop committees, for twenty years as West Point institutional representative, and for ten years on the Executive Board of the Hudson-Delaware Council of the BSA. He was a chief organizer of the West Point Boy Scout Annual Camporees, which through the years attracted tens of thousands of scouts from all over the country. In his 1974 citation for the coveted Silver Beaver Award, the highest award for adult service at the council and institutional level, he was described as "one of those rare personalities who applies the benefits of his profession and training to the needs of scouting and other programs for the benefit of mankind. Any program concerned with youth is first and foremost on his mind, and with his can-do attitude there is no obstacle too great to overcome."

In addition to his community activities in support of scouting, BG Capps supported the Cadet Chapel and was active in the Episcopal congregation at West Point. For many years, he was active in the Constitution Island Association and helped to build it into an historically significant organization.

Mrs. Capps has also been a vital part of the West Point volunteer community. She has been an active member of the West Point Altar and Hospital Guild, the Constitution Island Association, and the Episcopal Altar Guild. She served as a Girl Scout troop leader for eight years and as a member of the Nursery School Council for five years. After earning a master's degree in library science from SUNY-Albany in 1968, Mrs. Capps became the Map and Manuscript Librarian at the USMA Library, where she provided invaluable assistance to cadets, instructors, and researchers.

BG and Mrs. Capps have two children. Their son, Steve, graduated from West Point in 1976 and, like his father, was commissioned in the Field Artillery. He is currently assigned to Fort Jackson, South Carolina. The Capps' daughter, Caroline Kate, graduated from Randolph-Macon Women's College, Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1978 and currently is the marketing and sales manager for the Ohio State University Press in Columbus, Ohio.

BG Capps' previous military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Army Commendation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Parachutist Badge, and Glider Badge.

He is a member of the Modern Language Association, the National Council of Teachers of English, the New York State English Council, the Conference on College Composition and Communication, and the American Association of University Professors.

Throughout his military career, BG Capps embodied those traits of intellectual vigor, humane values, ethical integrity, and professional competence that define the ideals of West Point and the Officer Corps. His colleagues in the Department of English, both past and present, will greatly feel his absence, but wish him and Mrs. Capps all the best as they enjoy their well-deserved retirement.

Colonel Stromberg Heads Department of English

Upon General Capps' retirement, Colonel Peter L. Stromberg, formerly the deputy head, became Head of the Department of English.

Colonel Stromberg graduated from USMA in 1959 and was commissioned in the Infantry. He is both ranger and airborne qualified. His early assignments included service in the Panama Canal Zone as a platoon leader with the 1st Battle Group, 20th Infantry and as an adjutant and company commander in the 1st Battalion, 508th (Airborne) Infantry. He was assigned to MACV in 1964 as an advisor to II Corps Logistics Command and the 23rd Ranger Battalion. Following an assignment with the Department of English and graduation from the Army Command and General Staff College, COL Stromberg was assigned to the Office of the Special Assistant for the Modern Volunteer Army, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army. He later returned to Vietnam and served as senior advisor to the 6th Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.

Colonel Stromberg received an M.A. in English literature from Cornell University in 1967 and served as instructor and assistant professor in the Department of English from 1967 to 1970. In 1972, while in Vietnam, he was appointed permanent associate professor. He returned to the United States and completed his Ph.D. in 1974. In 1977, he was appointed Professor and Deputy Head of the English Department.

Colonel Stromberg's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, three Vietnam Service Medals, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He has been awarded both the Expert Infantryman Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

He is the co-author of *Teaching Ethics in the Military* and a Trustee-at-Large of the Association of Graduates.

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PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES, USMA, WEST POINT, N. Y., OCT., 1988

MICHAEL S. DAVISON

A Personal Message . . .

From The President

In June of 1981 the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates under the leadership of my predecessor, Dixon '40, conducted the only long range planning conference of its kind which the Association has ever held. Nineteen attending senior Trustees and committee chairmen participated in extensive and comprehensive discussions of your Association - its past, present and future. There was emphasis on the future and the direction which the Association should take in achieving its purpose of promoting the welfare of the Military Academy.

From that important conference there emerged a strong consensus that the Association should seek to expand its support for the Military Academy by working through the West Point societies and that in order to enhance our support we should place the Association's program and budget planning on a formal, five year basis.

Early in my presidency the Board of Trustees decided to seek both of these objectives. We are now in the 4th year of managing the Association's programs and budgets on a five year basis. We now look out to the future and identify what it is we need to do, how we will organize to do it, what it will cost, and how we will fund it.

It is the other objective, however, expanding graduate support for West Point through our societies, which will have the greatest impact as we move toward the 21st century. We are now beginning the 4th year of our West Point Societies Program - a year of planned activity described in a separate article in this newsletter - and we have accomplished much in the three years of the program. Certainly, the most visible accomplishments have been our two Societies Presidents Conferences at West Point, our very active Trustees Speakers Program, a 30% increase in the number of West Point societies and our dissemination to societies of information about West Point. But of greater significance are the less tangible, but no less real, results these activities have encouraged - increased communications between West Point and societies, increased focus of society activities on West Point and the Corps of Cadets, and increased graduate participation in admissions support and public relations activities on behalf of the Academy.

During these past three years, our West Point Societies Program has become one of our three most important programs - along with fund raising and publications. But in realizing benefit for West Point, we have only begun. We now have over 100 societies distributed across the land, which are autonomous, yet strongly related to the Association of Graduates through common membership, a common love for West Point, and a common desire to support our Alma Mater. In these societies and the Association I see an overall organization with extraordinarily talented members whose potential for benefit to the Academy and through the Academy to the nation is enormous. I see the continuing role of the Association and our West Point societies as catalysts for harnessing that potential and making it available for the benefit of West Point. Not just financial potential or contributions - though they are very important - but in support of the Admissions Program, in seeking and finding ways to promote the image of West Point in local communities and in assisting the Academy in new and creative ways to realize legitimate goals not otherwise achievable. For many of us this is an exciting and rewarding challenge. Increasing numbers of you are joining us. I urge each of you to look to the leadership of your local West Point society for ways that you may help your Alma Mater.

With the beginning of another academic year at West Point, the Association is exploring three new and exciting ways that we can contribute to the Academy's welfare. As many of you may know, one of the greatest needs at West Point is an expanded and renovated hotel. The Superintendent has made this a high priority improvement. We perceive a role for the Association in accomplishing this objective. While at this writing the Superintendent has not yet decided to turn to the Association in this regard, we have a committee studying the issue to determine in greater detail the role the Association could play should we be asked.

We also have a committee at work to formulate and define the issues involved in establishing a leadership institute as envisioned by the Superintendent. While such an institute would be privately endowed and separate and apart from the Military Academy, the institute could serve not only to reinforce the development of leadership in the Corps of Cadets but also to interface between the leadership values at West Point on the one hand and, on the other, public and private institutions of the nation which desire to participate. I expect that we will have an interim report from the committee later this year.

The third activity we are exploring is the possibility of producing for commercial TV a video film on the history of

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Army football and its contribution to the development of combat leadership and service to the country. The film would be jointly produced with a major national firm. We are well along in our planning, which provides for airing on national TV in the fall of 1989.

We will keep you informed on our progress on these important issues as they are developed. They are but three examples of activities which our graduates, acting through the Association and our societies, have underway to assist the Academy. West Point and the Association need your support. There is much we can do.

Societies Program Begins Fourth Year

The Association's West Point Societies Program begins its fourth year this fall, encouraged by the success we have achieved through the strong and enthusiastic efforts of our societies, and determined to make even greater strides in the months to come.

There are now 104 active West Point societies—98 in the United States and 6 overseas. Most of our societies are east of the Mississippi, 64 of 98. California ranks first with 8 active societies; Florida ranks second with 7; and Texas is third with 6.

When we began our program, there were 78 societies, of which at least four were totally inactive and existed in name only. With a goal of establishing at least one society in every state and major population area, Morris Herbert '50 and "Skip" Wensyel '52 of the Association's West Point Societies Directorate, are helping graduates organize another 15-20 societies around the country.

Within the next year, we hope to have active societies located in Burlington, Vermont; Dover, Delaware; Wheeling, West Virginia; Toledo, Ohio; Delray Beach, Florida; Ft. Rucker and Montgomery, Alabama; Springfield, Illinois; Des Moines, Iowa; Boise, Idaho; and Santa Barbara, California. If you live near one of these cities, please contact Morris or Skip and they'll give you the name of the graduate to contact. The President of the Association has emphasized that graduates can best support the Military Academy and its ideals through joining the organizations whose objectives and goals parallel those of the AOG—our West Point societies.

The Association's Societies Program continues to emphasize those activities that will support the Military Academy and simultaneously strengthen the society. For 1988-89, assisting the USMA Director of Admissions and his field force where needed in the on-going effort to recruit the best possible candidates for the Military Academy still remains a priority objective. Additionally,

AOG Speaker's Program: Mullane '52, Founders Day dinner speaker for Connecticut Society

the Societies Directorate will urge—and assist—societies to broaden their programs in two areas: sponsoring an award for high school students that will identify promising candidates and provide good public relations for West Point in the local community; and, fostering better relations with the local West Point parents club.

The most enthusiastic supporters of West Point are the parents clubs. We are urging our societies to seek them out (there are over 100 clubs nation-wide) and invite their members to join the society either as regular or associate members. We believe joint activities, inviting the parents club to Founders Day dinners, picnics, and other society events, will reinforce and strengthen both organizations.

The significance of establishing West Point society/parents club relationships is best illustrated by the remarks of a cadet mother who attended the Second Annual West Point Societies Presidents Conference at West Point this past May. Mrs. Marti Garlett represented the newly formed Wichita society, and said, "When my son was in high school and becoming interested in West Point, we didn't know a single graduate. It would have been so helpful to be able to talk to someone who had gone through the West Point experience." By reaching out to our parents clubs, we can provide that positive contact for cadet parents across the country.

The Presidents Conference was discussed in the July issue of *Assembly*. The one-day conference was a full day for every one of the 56 delegates representing 54 of our societies. We concluded the program with a dinner hosted by the AOG, where Superintendent Dave Palmer '56 addressed the society presidents and their wives, thanked them for coming, and gave them a brief "State of the Union" update on the Military Academy.

Finally, an important element of our Societies Program that continues to grow is our Speaker's Program. During 1987-88 eight members of your Association's Board of Trustees visited 37 different West Point societies and made luncheon and dinner speeches. We are planning a similar program for 1988-89, and I plan to once again participate in the program with our other speakers. If your society would like to request a speaker, please let us know.

The progress we have made in all of these various areas is the direct result of the efforts of our graduates, young and old, who have contributed generously of their time and skills to make the program a success. On behalf of the Association and the Military Academy, the President of the Association of Graduates extends appreciation. The results are beginning to show, and our Alma Mater is reaping the benefits. Keep up the good work!

Margin of Excellence

"Why should I give to West Point? They get their money from Congress and, besides, cadets are too spoiled nowadays anyway." Such sentiments are heard from old grads from time to time, particularly after the arrival of the gold envelopes asking for contributions to West Point.

While it is true that Congress provides the necessities to operate the Military Academy, it by no means meets all requirements. West Point must compete for shrinking assets just like all other Army entities. Also, West Point is engaged in an increasingly difficult competition for students. The number of eligible students will continue to shrink over the next few years making this competition more and more important. Therefore, those things which make West Point a special place not only contribute to getting and keeping good cadets but, also, in the long run, provide better leaders for the Army and our nation. This is our "Margin of Excellence." This is where you can make a difference.

In the last year contributions from all sources to the West Point Fund from the Annual Campaign were $2,204,261. The enclosed graphic indicates the amount, by purpose, for which these contributions were designated. Although this sum represents less than 2% of the operating budget of the Military Academy, it means much to cadet life - more clubs, more travel, better athletic facilities and a wide variety of intellectual stimulation. Simply put, it makes West Point a better place at which to live and study.

The breadth of extracurricular activities available to cadets is enormous. In the last fiscal year $266,000 was provided by the West Point Fund to support these activities. Help was provided for uniforms, equipment, transportation and

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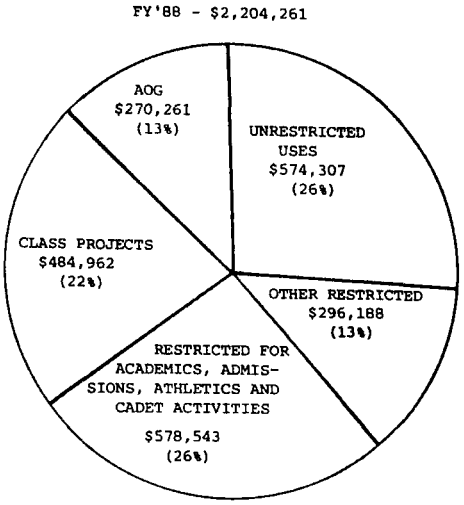

special events support. Without assistance from the West Point Fund and its donors, life for cadets would be far less enjoyable and challenging.

In addition to clubs and other extracurricular activities, much assistance goes to academics to help make West Point a better institution. This year $202,000 will be spent for such activities as student conferences, seminars for distinguished leaders, faculty development and research, and unfunded cadet educational travel. An additional $191,900 will go to assist the USMA Admissions Program and for the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program, thereby improving the quality of our incoming students.

Support also goes to Intercollegiate Athletics ($156,500 this fiscal year). This money pays for athletic training trips to warmer places in the winter, produces season highlights and recruiting films, and improves athletic facilities. This support is in addition to that generated by the Army Athletic Association and is considered essential for maintaining a "margin of excellence" in our intercollegiate athletic program.

The allocation of those contributions which are made without restrictions are based on recommendations of a USMA staff committee chaired by the Chief of Staff. The committee has representatives from the diverse activities at West Point. It receives requests from many agencies, such as the Office of the Dean or Commandant, prioritizes them and sends its recommendation to the Superintendent for approval. The system ensures that the most pressing requirements are met first and that they represent the Superintendent's priorities for the Academy. The requirements always exceed the available money.

Another large area of support comes from class gifts. Last year $484,982 came into class funds. This money will be spent on projects approved by the Academy as beneficial and desirable and for which funds will probably never be received from Congress. Current projects include the doubling of the ski lodge by the Class of 1948, the construction of a new Thayer Gate by the Class of June 1943 and the publication of a book on the history of West Point buildings and architecture by the Class of 1940. Several other classes are raising money for projects not yet determined. These classes include 1942, January 1943, 1950, 1958, 1964 and 1966. Class gifts have added inspiration, history and convenience to the West Point community, and they will continue to account for worthwhile additions to the institution.

We can take pride in the support West Point receives from its graduates and friends. It provides a "margin of excellence" which improves the total West Point experience. It helps us get better candidates, train better cadets and produce better officers. It provides an increment of quality which helps to make West Point one of the really outstanding undergraduate institutions in the nation. If you are among the three-quarters of our graduates who did not participate in last year's annual campaign, be advised we need your help, too. Help make West Point a better place. Contribute to our "margin of excellence."

The Register of Graduates

Most graduates are familiar with the REGISTER OF GRADUATES and FORMER CADETS published by the Association of Graduates. Some 15,000 copies are printed and distributed annually. As with ASSEMBLY, the staff endeavors to produce a high quality publication at a reasonable cost that furthers the ideals of West Point and promotes the welfare of USMA.

The predecessor of the REGISTER was GEN. CULLUM'S BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER OF THE OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY, consisting of nine volumes beginning with Volume I in 1868 and ending with Volume IX in 1950, thus overlapping to a small extent the REGISTER which was first published in 1946. The first edition of the latter contained 344 pages; since, it has grown to over a 900 page volume.

The heart of the REGISTER is, of course, the detailed biographical entries of graduates. For this section we depend primarily on each graduate himself to keep his entry current. Most take advantage of the back of the publications subscription renewal form mailed in early April of each year. However, changes are encouraged to be submitted at any time. To insure that the REGISTER is comprehensive and current, typically some 15,000 changes are posted for each new edition. Beginning with the 1987 edition, we have been able to post changes on our in-house data base, which means that our printing house can produce the pages from a computer tape we pull in Cullum Hall each August.

Other important features of the REGISTER include the lists of superintendents, deans, commandants as well as the deaths, separations, and retirements since the last edition. Also included are useful, current listings of society officers and class officers. It should be noted that while the biographical section contains only graduates and a few X-cadets about whom some significant information is known (entered at the end of each class section), the Locator is a listing of *all* individuals who have entered the Academy. To help defray expenses of publishing the REGISTER, tasteful advertising has been accepted.

The REGISTER has proved a very useful and popular publication for several reasons. Besides the basic information of value as a current and convenient reference, it is an important historical document. The sum of its entries illustrates quite dramatically the varied, numerous, and significant contributions that USMA graduates have made to our American society. Further, the format of the REGISTER itself fosters class identity and cohesion.

As you are aware, each annual REGISTER includes only the "living" classes, i.e. those classes with at least one remaining member. However, at each 10 year mark a decennial edition is published which includes all classes, from 1802 forward. The Publications Committee and the Publications staff have, of course, already begun their planning for the 1990 edition.

Publishing the REGISTER is a substantial challenge and the efforts of a number of dedicated individuals working in close concert is essential to the enterprise: Mrs. Susan A. Rosenthal, Assistant Editor, posts all of the changes on our in-house computer and prepares other copy for publication; Col (Ret) James W. "Skip" Wensyel, Assistant Editor, who, among his several other responsibilities is Advertising Manager; Mrs. Norma Doyle who assists with advertising; the Chicago team of R.R. Donnelley that prepares the typeset and the Crawfordsville (IN) team that prints, binds, and distributes the REGISTER; and the editor who serves to coordinate the efforts of the staff and the printers. It should be noted that through the energetic efforts of Colonel Wensyel and Mrs. Doyle the advertising program has grown dramatically. The revenue in 1984 was about $12,000; the revenue anticipated for the 1988 edition will be over $44,000.

Member Services

"The Association shall be dedicated to furthering the ideals and promoting the

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welfare of the United States Military Academy."

That is the purpose of the Association as set forth in our Constitution. It is significant that ours is an organization established to serve West Point and not to serve our members. *Yet*, it is equally significant to understand that if we are to succeed - our established purpose of serving West Point, the Association must provide a variety of services to you, its members. And we do!

First, and possibly foremost, we publish for our members one of the outstanding alumni magazines in the country, *Assembly*. Through this unique publication graduates may remain informed of happenings at West Point, activities of classmates and West Point societies and historical events. Part of its uniqueness is the cohesion it encourages within classes and within the overall graduate body. Along with *Assembly*, the Association publishes for our members the *Register of Graduates*, one of the few remaining annual graduate directories among college alumni organizations. Rich in historical value, the *Register* enables members to keep abreast of career developments of classmates and friends and is a source of current addresses for contacts and correspondence.

One of the Association's most visible and widely used services is its Gift Shop through which some $300,000 worth of West Point quality giftware and memorabilia is distributed each year. With the help of a catalog printed annually, the Gift Shop is operated for our members, not the general public, and approximately 80% of our sales are mail orders.

One of the Association's relatively new member services is our group travel program. Designed to approximately break even financially, the group travel service offers 4 or 5 trips each year for Association members and friends of West Point who are sponsored by members. To assure quality travel service, the Association relies on reputable travel companies which have experience in group travel and which have the capability of providing first class service at locations around the world. Extensive trips to Europe, Russia, and China have been offered and next year we go to South America and Poland for the first time.

Perhaps the most extensive service the Association provides its members is through USMA class organizations and West Point societies. With the ultimate objective of promoting our Alma Mater, the Association fosters cohesion and camaraderie among our graduates by supporting and assisting classes and societies. We provide administrative support to both groups - support such as collating and mailing newsletters, reunion activities, class fund administration.

Finally, a member service we all can hope to receive is recognition of the 90th and 100th birthdays of living graduates. For a 90th birthday the President of the Association presents the member with a bound album depicting and describing the highlights of his cadet, military and civilian careers. At 100 years of age we present him with an appropriate memento. We also recognize the oldest living graduate on each of his birthdays. At the "end of the Long Gray Line" we express the Association's sympathy to spouses or next of kin, and we assist family members or friends in preparing the obituary for publication in *Assembly*.

A number of the services are unique and we believe they play an important role in maintaining that special relationship which exists between West Point and its daughters and sons.

1988 Annual Meeting of the Association of Graduates

The 119th annual meeting of the members of the Association was held in Washington Hall at West Point on 20 May 1988. The President of the Association of Graduates, Davison '39, presided at the meeting which was attended by approximately 300 members. Seated on the dais in addition to the President and the Superintendent were the oldest graduate present, Brimmer, Nov '18; two past presidents, Saltzman '25 and Finlay '28; the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Clifton '36; the chairman of the Constitution Review Committee, Bennett '64; the Catholic Chaplain, Monsignor Cunniffe; the Jewish Chaplain, Major Leinwand; and the First Captain of the Corps of Cadets, Louks '88.

In his opening remarks to the membership the President noted that a report on the affairs of the Association had been distributed. (The report was published in the July ASSEMBLY.) Davison expressed his continued sense of enthusiasm and commitment to the role the Association is pursuing in its promotion of the welfare of West Point. He said he sees that role both now and for the future as catalyst for harnessing the enormous potential of our graduates and for making that potential available for the benefit of the Academy in an orderly, practical, widely supported and financially viable way. He urged the members to look to the leadership of their local West Point societies for ways that they, as graduates, could help their Alma Mater.

The President next introduced the Superintendent as "a member of the Association of Graduates, a military officer of extraordinary capacity as a leader, an author of distinction, a member of the Class of 1956, the 53d Superintendent of the Military Academy, Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer."

At the conclusion of General Palmer's remarks the President moved to the next item on the agenda, action on proposed amendments to the Association Constitution. The President introduced Bennett '64, chairman of the Constitution Review Committee, to conduct the vote on the amendments, which had been previously mailed to all members. After a brief discussion of the amendments, Bennett entertained a motion for approval, which was made. The amendments as mailed to members were approved by a voice vote (copies of the amendments and copies of the Constitution after amendment may be obtained from the Secretary, AOG).

Returning to the chair after the vote on the Constitution, the President introduced the next agenda item, the election of President and Trustees, and the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Clifton '36, to conduct the election. After presenting the slate, Clifton entertained a motion for its approval, which was made. The slate was unanimously approved by a voice vote and is presented elsewhere in this edition of ASSEMBLY.

The President then asked the Superintendent to join him for the announcement of Class Gifts to the Academy, which were made by Sweany for the Class of '23, by Lincoln for the Class of '33 and by Machen for the Class of '38 (in the absence of Stilwell, who was accompanying the visiting Philippine Secretary of Defense, Ramos '50). A June '18 gift made in connection with its 70th reunion is announced elsewhere in this ASSEMBLY. The Superintendent expressed the Academy's gratitude for the generosity of these gifts.

The President then adjourned the meeting.

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MEMBERS OF THE Association of Graduates at the annual meeting at West Point on 20 May elected a slate of graduates to serve as President, Class Trustees, and Trustees-at-large.

Elected as President of the Association for a sixth term was M. S. Davison '39.

Eleven Class Trustees representing the classes of '39, Jan '43, Jun '43, '49, '53, '59, '63, '68, '73, '78 and '83 were selected for a one-year term. Twelve Trustees-at-large were elected to serve three years.

A complete listing of Officers and Trustees of the Association can be found on the contents page of each issue of ASSEMBLY. Biographies of Officers and Trustees are available in the latest REGISTER OF GRADUATES.

PRESIDENT

Michael S. Davison
'39

CLASS TRUSTEES

Eugene A. Trahan
'39

James O. Frankosky
Jan '43

Edmund F. O'Connor
Jun '43

Robert T. Marsh
'49

Norman G. Delbridge, Jr.
'53

Joseph H. Coreth
'59

George T. Hamilton
'63

Fred B. Johnson
'68

R. Douglas MacIntyre
'73

Leslie Szaboicsi
'78

Edward C. Gully
'83

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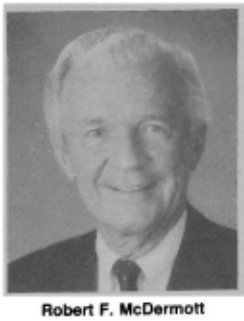

Robert F. McDermott
Jan '43

William B. Caldwell, III
'48

Roscoe Robinson, Jr.
'51

Aaron Sherman
'51

William R. Raiford
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R. Jan LeCroy
'54

William H. Willoughby, Jr.
'60

Dana G. Mead
'57

Douglas P. Bennett
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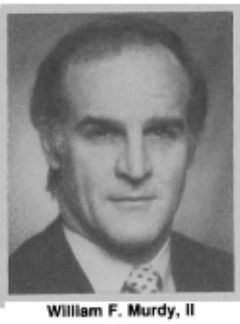

William F. Murdy, II
'64

Charles F. Brower, IV
'69

Theodore A. Taylor
'74

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Brigadier General Wilford J. Hoff, Jr. Retires

By Lieutenant Colonel Dwight S. Springer,
Permanent Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry

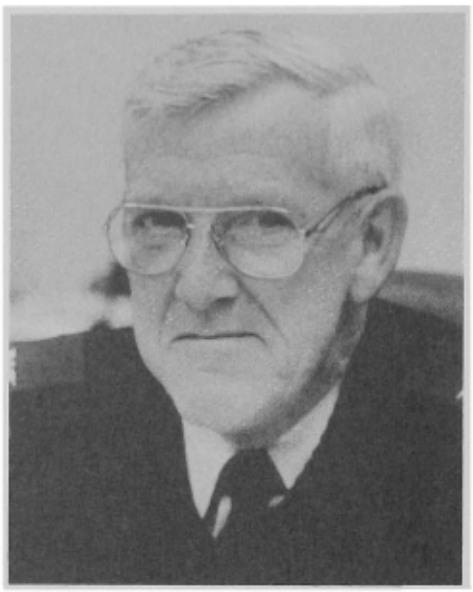
On 1 July 1988, Colonel Wilford J. Hoff, Jr., Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry was honored at an award and retirement ceremony presided over by Superintendent Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer. Colonel Hoff was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his more than 38 years of outstanding service to our Army and nation, including 29 years of service to the United States Military Academy, and was advanced to the grade of Brigadier General upon his retirement. Joining BG and Mrs. Hoff at the ceremony were their three sons, Richard (USMA '79, Captain, Corps of Engineers) and his wife Anne, Gregory and his wife Chris, and Kevin.

Wilford Joseph Hoff, Jr., was born 3 October 1928, in Walterboro, South Carolina. He graduated from Walterboro High School in 1946 and entered The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina. He rose to the position of regimental executive officer, the second ranking cadet in the Corps, and graduated as a Distinguished Military Graduate in June 1950, with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and a commission in the Regular Army.

While at The Citadel, Cadet Hoff met a Columbia College coed on a blind date. He quickly determined that this young lady was to be his lady, and on 5 July 1950, Carolyn Cousar of Sardinia, South Carolina, became the bride of new Lieutenant Hoff.

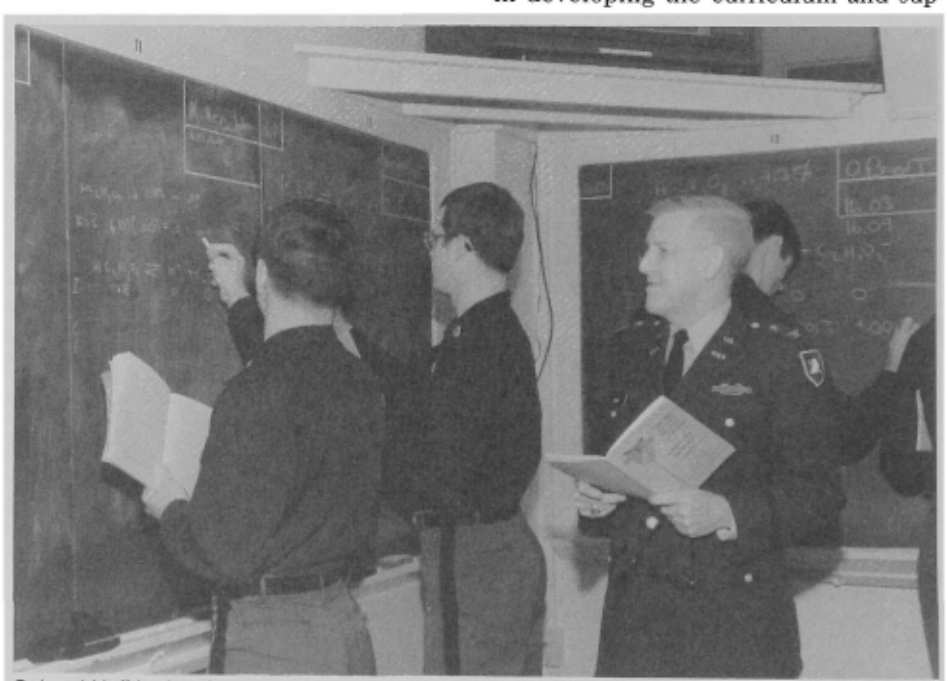
But the nation was again at war and there was little time for a newly commissioned Infantry lieutenant to savor the joy of graduation and marriage. Before July was over, he was in Korea as a platoon leader in a rifle company of the 23rd Infantry Regiment, where he served with valor and honor until evacuated to Army hospitals in December 1950. His combat service was recognized by the award of the Bronze Star Medal with V device, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Korean Service Medal with three battle stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Commendation Ribbon, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Lieutenant Hoff's next duty station was Fort Jackson, South Carolina, where he served as an assistant G-1 and as a company commander with the 8th Infantry Division. In the summer of 1952, he transferred to the Chemical Corps and was posted to the Edgewood Proving Ground, Army Chemical Center, Maryland, for duty as a test officer, responsible for the conduct of field tests of chemical equipment and the writing of test reports. In the fall of 1953, he entered graduate school at Princeton University where he earned the master of arts degree in chemistry and completed research toward a doctorate. The now Captain Hoff returned to Edgewood in October 1956 to serve as a project officer with the Chemical Corps Board. This assignment placed responsibility on him for long-range doctrine planning, design of field test programs, interpretation of field test results, and the preparation of final reports.



BG Wilford J. Hoff, Jr.

Captain Hoff first came to the United States Military Academy in July of 1958. During a four year tour, he served as an instructor and later an assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry, becoming a key person in the conduct of instruction in chemistry. When the Academic Board responded to the curriculum study of 1958 by approving the introduction of advanced study courses in 1959–60, he was instrumental in developing the curriculum and supporting laboratory program for an advanced program in chemistry that included both general chemistry and organic chemistry. The core general chemistry remained a yearling course, but expanded from 90 to 106 attendances (including 20 labs and 9 lectures) with the elimination of Military Hygiene classes that formerly occupied the final



Colonel Hoff in the classroom.

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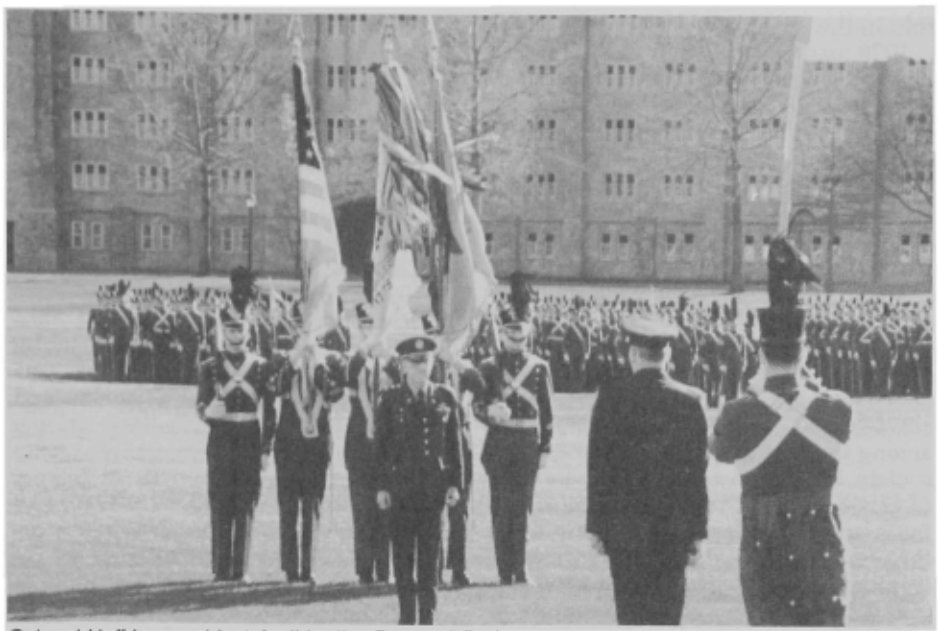
weeks of each spring. An elective in Physical Chemistry, one of the first twenty electives approved for the Academy, was also developed. It was during this period that he was promoted to major (December 1961) and was awarded the doctor of philosophy degree from Princeton University (January 1962).

In July 1962, Major Hoff returned again to Edgewood, Maryland, where he was assigned as the Assistant for Chemical Weapons, Office of the Assistant for Technical Operations, CBR Agency, Edgewood Arsenal. In this position, he was responsible for supervising the planning, budgeting and performance of research and development projects by the Chemistry Research Laboratory at Edgewood Arsenal.

The introduction of advanced courses and electives at the Military Academy added greatly to the complexity of the curriculum and significantly increased the need for technical expertise. As a result, the Department of the Army established the Permanent Associate Professor Program to augment the corps of Professors with additional tenured faculty who would provide subject matter expertise, continuity, and supervision to the program of instruction. The initial authorization was for fifteen positions. Given Major Hoff's major contributions to the department, it is not surprising that he was selected to be the first Permanent Associate Professor (PAP) in the Department of Physics and Chemistry and the second PAP in the history of the Academy. Thus, Major Hoff returned to West Point in June of 1963 to begin what was to become more than twenty-five years of continuous service on the tenured faculty.

These twenty-five years were to be marked by change unparalleled in Academy history. During Academic Year 1963–64, two semesters of Physical Chemistry were offered with computer applications added for the first time. Newly acquired instrumentation, a gas chromatograph and an infrared spectrophotometer, were used in the advanced course. Major Hoff was at the forefront of these changes, the development of an undergraduate faculty research program, and the long-term planning of the necessary facilities to support both. Cadet papers were presented in chemistry at the Eastern Colleges Science Conference for the first time in the spring of 1964. A laboratory program was developed, equipped, and implemented in the physical chemistry electives. The advanced course became all general chemistry in 1964 and two semesters of organic chemistry were added as the department's third and fourth electives in 1965–66, making chemistry a "program in depth."

The year 1964 saw legislation expanding the Corps of Cadets to more than 4400. The resulting 110 million dollar construction program included new lecture halls in Bartlett Hall, the installation of a closed circuit television system with outlets in all classrooms, and a substantial upgrade of the Academy's computer facilities.



Colonel Hoff honored last April by the Corps of Cadets at a review in his honor.

Superintendent Dave R. Palmer and Carolyn pin on BG stars following retirement ceremony in the Thayer Award Room 1 July 1988.

The Department of Physics and Chemistry separated into two departments in 1966. The now Lieutenant Colonel Hoff became the deputy head and executive officer of the newly formed Department of Chemistry under Professor and Head BG Donald G. MacWilliams. Colonel Hoff was directly involved in all aspects of the department operations, including the recruitment of department instructors. In response to a Board of Visitors' recommendation to establish life science courses, the department established the two semesters of Human Biology in 1968. Faculty and cadet research was made possible through grants received from the Army Research Office and the National Science Foundation, and this effort formed the nucleus of the Science Research Laboratory established at USMA in 1969. New laboratory equipment and instrumentation were added and a new chemistry laboratory (Bartlett Hall 120, the old electricity lab) was placed in use during 1973. During Academic Year 1974–75 Colonel Hoff served as the acting department head. He was also heavily involved in the planning for the restoration of Fort Putnam for the Bicentennial in 1976 and continued his active

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role in the post chapel program.

1976 marked a significant point in the history of the academy. The admission of women made headlines throughout the country, but the proliferation of study groups set in motion changes that surpassed anything seen before at West Point. Class length went from 80 to 60 minutes, the 3.0 grading scale was replaced with letter grades only, and chemistry as a core course went from two semesters to one. Colonel Hoff again was deeply involved in planning and implementing these and the many other changes that occurred in a relatively short period of time. Colonel Hoff was among the first group of Permanent Associate Professors named as Professors of Designated Subjects and became acting head of the department again upon the retirement of BG Donald G. MacWilliams in 1977. He also chaired the Cadet Life Committee, whose study of cadet life and time has impacted on many policies now in effect at USMA.

Colonel Hoff was named as the fifteenth Professor of Chemistry in July 1978. He became the first non-West Point graduate to serve in this position in 150 years. The past ten years have seen even more change. As always, Colonel Hoff led the way. The core general chemistry became a two semester sequence in the plebe year. More electives were added to cadet academic programs. In chemistry, senior level electives in Biochemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Instrumental Methods of Analysis, Directed Research, and Chemical Engineering were added. An optional major in chemistry was approved. Research by faculty and cadets has increased, including cooperative projects with the U. S. Army Chemical Research, Development, and Engineering Center (CRDEC) and volunteer summer training opportunities for cadets at CRDEC and other Army laboratories. The visiting professor program was established within the department in 1979, and an active student affiliate chapter of the American Chemical Society was established and now operates as an official cadet activity. During the past three years, the Chemistry Department has led the way in using the cadet personal computers in support of courses. In addition to his service on the Academic Board and the General Committee, Colonel Hoff served for many years on the USMA Admissions Committee and the USMA Policy Board.

When Colonel Hoff first came to USMA, there was but a single year of general chemistry taught by officers who in many cases had studied no chemistry beyond their own course at USMA. There were no electives. There was no research. Colonel Hoff is the one single individual most responsible for the chemistry curriculum that now includes two levels of the core general chemistry courses and fourteen electives in chemistry and the life sciences, taught by a faculty with a minimum of a master's degree (about 30% of the department faculty have a Ph.D.) in the field of chemistry, chemical engineering, or biology from a major university. Colonel Hoff established a dynamic program in chemistry that provides cadets the required foundation to continue study at the graduate level. The Academy Medical School Program that permits up to two percent of each graduating class to enter directly into medical school following graduation is due only to Colonel Hoff's efforts to provide the programs that prepare our graduates to compete against the brightest students from other colleges and successfully complete medical curriculums at the finest institutions in the country.

During their 29 years at USMA, BG and Mrs. Hoff have seen over 23,000 cadets graduate and join the long gray line, more than half of all USMA graduates. More than 200 officers have passed through the department and been influenced by the Hoffs. Major construction has changed the face of the Academy: New Brick and Stony Lonesome housing areas, a new hospital, PX, major new barracks, an expanded Washington Hall and Officers Club, major new buildings such as Eisenhower Hall, Mahan Hall, the new Cadet Library, and the Jewish Chapel, the dedication of such statues as those of MacArthur and Eisenhower, and realignments of the Plain. The Hoffs have seen many great Americans visit USMA including Presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Ford, and Reagan. Train service to West Point stopped, the Corps expanded from 2400 to 4400, mandatory chapel ended, women joined the Corps of Cadets, and the curriculum continues to evolve. But through all this change, the Hoffs have remained a constant. Few cadets or officers who have known BG Hoff have not been influenced by his devotion to duty, attention to detail, and maintenance of the highest standards of academic excellence and professional competence. He has contributed to the intellectual, moral-ethical, military and physical development of thousands who have gone on to serve the nation well and in turn to influence others to do likewise. And few cadets, girlfriends, fianceés, parents, and friends who have visited the seven sets of quarters the Hoffs have lived in at West Point will ever forget Carolyn, the gracious hostess. It is impossible to measure how great and widespread the Hoff influence has been, but it is certain that as the Hoffs retire to Manning, South Carolina, the Hoff legacy will live on at West Point and throughout the Army.

Colonel James H. Ramsden Assumes Duties as Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry.

Colonel James H. Ramsden became the 16th Professor and Head of the Department of Chemistry effective 1 August 1988 following the retirement of BG Wilford J. Hoff, Jr. Colonel Ramsden was born 6 January 1936 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was a distinguished graduate of the USMA Class of 1958, standing 19 in a class of 573. His first assignment was as a Field Artillery officer with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, where he served successively as a fire direction officer in a 105mm battery and as a platoon leader in an Honest John battery. Colonel Ramsden's other assignments included aide to the Chief, MAAG, Phnom Penh, Cambodia; instructor and assistant professor in the Department of Physics and Chemistry, USMA; combat duty in Vietnam with the 1st Cavalry Division; extensive combat development duties at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, OK, the CBR Agency, Fort McClellan, AL, and at the Ordnance Center and School, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD; and director of Technical Support, Edgewood Arsenal, MD. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with OLC, Meritorious Service Medal with 3 OLC, Air Medal, and Army Commendation Medal with 2 OLC. Colonel Ramsden was selected as a Permanent Associate Professor and returned to West Point in July 1980 where he has served as Deputy Head of the Department of Chemistry. Colonel Ramsden is a graduate of the Field Artillery Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the US Army Command & General Staff College, and the US Army War College. He holds an MA and PhD in inorganic chemistry from Johns Hopkins University. He is actively engaged in research in the areas of phosphite-sulfur reactions and decontamination studies involving phase transfer catalysis, two areas of interest to the Army. Colonel Ramsden spent Academic Year 1987–88 on research sabbatical at the Department of Chemistry, University of Florida. His favorite pastime is jet skiing on the Hudson River. Colonel Ramsden is married to the former Rae Jean Lorenzen of Annapolis, Maryland, and the couple have four children, James, Kim, Michael, and Linda.

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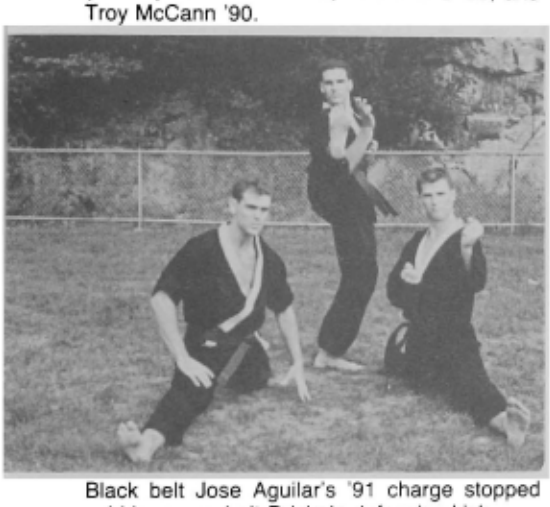
Cadet Karate Club and Team

By CPT(P) Guy P. Ontai and CPT Edwin L. Dottery

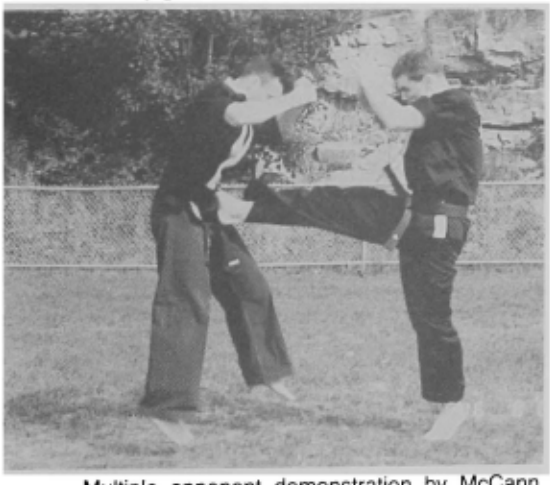
"... reticence, sensitivity, unselfseeking, personal discipline and sobriety in dress, conduct and speech, all married to total self-assurance—[these traits] were at extreme variance with the extrovert style of the hero."

—John Keegan,
The Mask of Command

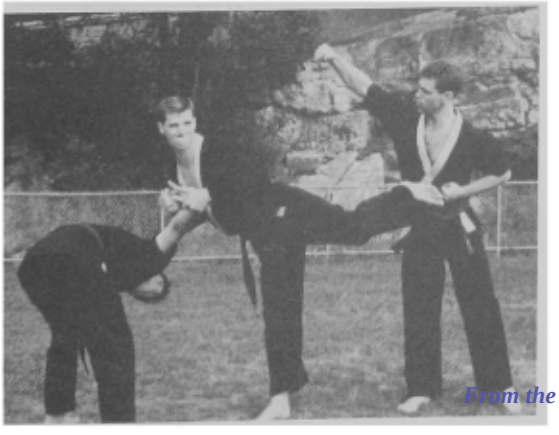
Balance and flexibility demonstrated by Cadets (L to R) Dave Drisko '90, Luis Muniz '90, and Troy McCann '90.



Black belt Jose Aguilar's '91 charge stopped cold by green belt Drisko's defensive kick.



Multiple opponent demonstration by McCann with wrist lock on Keith Markham '90 and kick to Drisko's mid-section.



How does Mr. Keegan know so much about the goals of the martial artist? The above passage is Keegan's characterization of none other than the Duke of Wellington, a successful occidental warrior. Nevertheless, Keegan's description of this famous combat leader describes some of the goals of any dedicated martial artist; here, "martial artist" refers to any serious practitioner of a martial art such as Judo, Karate, or Kung Fu.

Why Karate at West Point?

Karate directly supports the institutional goals of the Academy. Most would agree that what differentiates an Army from a violent mob is the vital presence of discipline and control. Command and control is exercised by leaders of character who must control others by the force of that character. Our implicit assumption is that to control others, one must first have control over oneself. Self-control is an essential goal in the training of a martial artist.

Modern-day martial arts aim to achieve goals consistent with our goals at the United States Military Academy. We develop leaders through a rugged, demanding combative activity with a warrior's ethos. Any genuine martial art clearly advocates and strengthens the goals of discipline, perseverance, controlled aggressiveness, courtesy, and indomitable spirit. These goals are often overlooked because of the more obvious physical goals of strength, balance, flexibility, speed, and controlled power. As it is practiced here at West Point, karate is a vigorous, rugged, contact activity and sport. Through martial arts, cadets train hard, practice individual fighting strategies and tactics, and develop a fierce will to win while representing USMA in intercollegiate competition.

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CPT Dottery is a 1979 graduate of USMA, commissioned in the Infantry and branch transferred to Special Forces. Airborne, Ranger, and Special Forces qualified, he has been assigned to Infantry, Airborne Infantry, and Special Forces battalions. He holds a master of science in applied physics from Stanford University and is currently assigned as an assistant professor in the Department of Physics at USMA. He is a second degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and is presently the assistant officer-in-charge of the Cadet Karate Team.

What is Karate?

Karate, translated literally from Japanese as "empty hand," is a martial art, and a way of life for many. It is a striking art, utilizing kicks, punches, and other specialized blows. This differs from martial arts such as Aikido and Judo which emphasize grappling techniques akin to wrestling. The goals of karate include self-discipline or self-control, self-confidence, integrity, and perseverance. One achieves these admirable goals in addition to the overt, physical goals of balance, power, and precision, and even grace. Martial, because these attributes are gained while training to fight. The basic philosophy of all martial arts is to unify the mind, body, and spirit.

Because of the benefits espoused above, one finds that karate is immensely popular among both sexes and all age groups, regardless of background. At West Point in particular, one finds a healthy interest, often drawing about 200 cadets each year expressing interest to begin training or to continue to train with the team, despite their limited discretionary time. Karate's appeal can be approached from several different perspectives.

KARATE AS EXERCISE. Karate employs the whole body to perform techniques which include footwork (maneuver), blocking (defense) techniques, and kicking and punching techniques (offense). To effectively (and safely) perform many of the kicking techniques, there is an emphasis on stretching and flexibility—many of the more graceful and devastating advanced kicking techniques involve kicks in the vicinity of the opponent's head. Repetition in training allows the development of strength, power, speed, and endurance since the techniques involve multiple, rapid, energetic movements which can be varied to achieve an aerobic or even an anaerobic workout.

KARATE AS SPORT. Most collegiate competition involves sparring and forms (described below). The rules are generally similar, but many vary from competition to competition. Most sparring competitions are either light or moderate-

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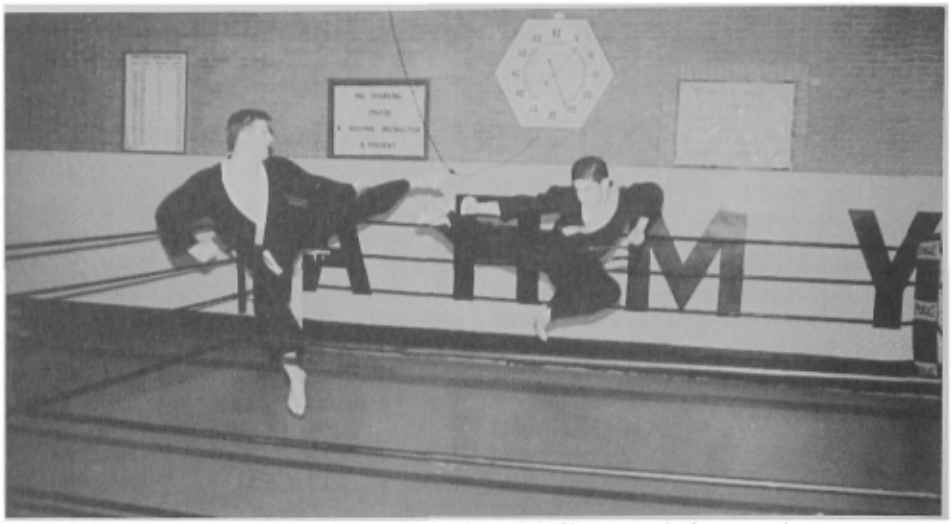
contact affairs depending on the experience level of the competitors. Safety pads on both the hands and feet are worn to prevent injury. Full contact bouts as seen on television are performed by professionals and are not found at the collegiate level. Olympic rules (Tae Kwon Do, a Korean variant of karate) require competitors to wear a full chest/stomach pad and protective head gear, since more contact is allowed. Men wear a protective cup just as any prudent baseball player would. Scoring areas are the face, chest and stomach, similar to boxing. However, similarities stop here as points are scored when one executes a controlled, focused strike to an authorized target area. Excessive contact, as indicated by bleeding, redness, or welts, can result in disqualification. A martial artist attempts to exhibit control; therefore the rules are designed to encourage power and speed with control. Flailing or charging, as one might see between amateur pugilists, is not rewarded; in fact, a charger frequently gets the wind knocked out of him by a well placed defensive kick.

KARATE AS ART. Forms are the manifestation of art in karate. Forms are a predetermined sequence of defensive and offensive techniques performed against a series of imaginary opponents. The intent of form is to demonstrate control, balance, precision, and power. They also ingrain rapid, reflexive action into the practitioner. The motions of the forms often instinctively find their way into sparring and self-defense situations. Timing and tempo are also essential ingredients, as all techniques are not conducted at "combat speed," but some are simply included to demonstrate body control and even the beauty of physical motion. At first glance, one can draw an analogy to the artistry of dance or even the floor exercise in gymnastics competition. However, the martial component is readily apparent as the motions are not just for the inherent, esthetic beauty, but also for their effectiveness in fighting.

KARATE AS SELF-DEFENSE. Training in karate allows one to develop coordination in the acts of blocking, punching, and kicking. Besides the conjunctive health benefits, this training obviously prepares one to fight when required. Frequent, repetitive training causes one to react instinctively. Free sparring or one-step sparring (controlled, specific attack and defense techniques) allows one to develop strategies and to train for distance (range), accuracy, and timing. One trains to attain both accuracy and power in the strikes. This ability is commonly referred to as "focus" in most martial arts and is popularly demonstrated in the breaking of multiple boards or concrete with bare fists and feet. Even if this degree of power is unattainable in elderly or very slight martial artists, their ability to attack their assailants in the most vulnerable parts of the body with great speed and precision can still incapacitate an assailant.



Black Belt Cadets McCann (L) and Matt Michaelson '90 (R) engage in free sparring.

KARATE AS SCIENCE. Rather than Hollywood's obsession with Herculean acrobatics and voodoo ninja death punches, genuine karate is founded on good physics. Physics?! Of course! Fond memories flood back of impulse, momentum, accelerations, conservation of energy, and perhaps even conservation of angular momentum. Proper karate technique requires proper application of these concepts and principles. Every kick, block, punch, or combination can be improved dramatically with an understanding of the unavoidable mechanics involved. The team addresses questions such as the following: To increase the effectiveness of a strike, what exactly must be done? (Answer: Focus; maximize the speed of the technique at the instant of contact, and maximize the "mass" behind the strike by proper tension and position of the body.) Regardless of one's level of understanding, one must not only *obey* the laws of physics, but ultimately, with training, to *ally* them to his techniques.

1987–1988 Season

We have the potential to achieve a high level of excellence as a team at USMA primarily because of the following factors: 1) Because of the nature of the martial arts, we find that there are many cadets who have already achieved a high level of expertise through training in private schools of the martial arts prior to attendance at West Point (many arrive with black belts in Karate and Tae Kwon Do); 2) We have a dedicated and competent master instructor who is retained to train cadets; 3) We usually have officers assigned here at the Military Academy who are interested in the martial arts and cadet development, albeit with

McCann demonstrates how simple techniques can generate tremendous power. Holding is Markham, braced for impact.

Aguilar demonstrates the precision and control expected of a black belt with a flying side kick to McCann's head.

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Team Photo. Coach: Mr. Don Southerton (white w/blue trim); last year's OIC, CPT Beverly Cardinal; CPTs Dottery and Ontai standing right.

varying levels of experience; and 4) Quality competition is available everywhere.

When afforded the opportunity to practice, we find that cadets are attracted to Karate, which should not be surprising. Cadets learn an effective, military-related skill. In addition, cadets are presently given opportunities for belt promotion in the martial art of Tang Soo Do (a classical Korean variant of karate) up through the different levels of the rank of black belt.

Last year's team ranged in experience from beginner to black belt, including a dozen black belts. Additionally, three more cadets passed their black belt tests this past April.

We have been in contact with club programs from schools such as Boston College, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, MIT, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Yale. Furthermore, a number of small schools in the region have attempted to organize a collegiate league (including Western New England College, Westfield State, Springfield College, and Southern Massachusetts). As expected, the Naval Academy and the Air Force Academy also have strong programs.

Our season began in October 1987, with the All U.S. Tang Soo Do Championships, a national individual championship conducted at Bal Harbour, Florida. Of the 10 cadets allowed to participate, we returned with nine medals. In November, we concurrently sent 15 cadets to compete with the Air Force Academy and another 10 cadets to a collegiate invitational tournament at Western New England College. At Air Force, we won the team forms competition but lost the team sparring competition by a score of 6-9 (matches won/lost). At Western New England College, we competed against Brown, Yale, Springfield, Westfield State, and Western New England College. We won the forms competition, and tied for first in the round robin team sparring competition.

We also conducted an invitational team tournament at West Point in November. Navy, the Merchant Marine Academy, Western New England College, Westfield State, and Springfield competed. We won the team forms competition and took first and third place in the individual forms competition. We swept first and second places in both the A team (advanced) and the B team (intermediate/beginner) free sparring competitions. The cadets clearly dominated the tournament, with the exception of a close victory over Navy by a score of 3-2 with the Superintendent in attendance and cheering the Army team.

In February, we visited the Royal Military College in Canada with a small team. Once again, we won the forms competition. In free sparring, the A team fought to a 3-3 tie, while the B team lost a close match by a score of 3-4. Overall, it was considered a hard fought tie.

The final event of the season was at the Naval Academy, with the Merchant Marine Academy also competing. We won first and third in the individual forms competition, but placed a close second in the overall team forms competition. We entered two five-man B teams and our B teams swept first and second in the sparring competition. We also entered two A teams, but our highest finishing A team managed only a third place (Navy entered three teams, Merchant Marine one).

Everyone can look back proudly upon what was clearly a very successful season even if we just count wins versus losses. However, we include among our most noteworthy achievements the development of several cadets this year who did not have any prior experience. These were the cadets who manned our B teams that lost only one close match in all sparring competitions. Additionally, five cadets were able to pass the black belt test in the martial art of Tang Soo Do.

A Warrior's Way of Life

Young, impressionable men and women develop and internalize martial, or warrior ideals and skills that are noble and honorable. Not surprisingly, five out of six of the Karate Team's recent graduates selected Infantry as their branch, with the sixth choosing Military Police. It's easy to see that their martial arts training will prove beneficial in their professional duties, especially in their enhanced self-confidence. Through the development of unarmed fighting skills, cadets gain great self-confidence, self-esteem, and ability to interact with others without fear of intimidation. The martial arts are more than just a sport that one might dabble with in high school or college. Serious practitioners know that it is a way of life that one can practice as long as one is willing. Along with the knowledge and abilities mentioned above, it imbues the graduate with a sense that this activity does not have to end with cadet life, but can naturally lead to a lifetime commitment to a warrior's path—tough, realistic, individual training for a fight that, hopefully, will never come.

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Class of 1992 Selected From a Record Number of Applicants

By Joe Dineen, *Admissions Media Branch*
Photos by Rick Hunter, Pointer View staff

Members of the Class of 1992 marched back smartly to the grounds of the United States Military Academy during a sun-drenched morning in mid-August to be accepted as members of the Corps of Cadets. There was a liveliness in their step, and a renewed confidence on their faces.

The new class, selected from a record number of 14,664 applicants, had completed a week of field training at nearby Lake Frederick, the final segment of Cadet Basic Training and the first test of the West Point experience. It was a challenging seven weeks for the 1,326 men and women who entered the Academy on Reception Day, 29 June.

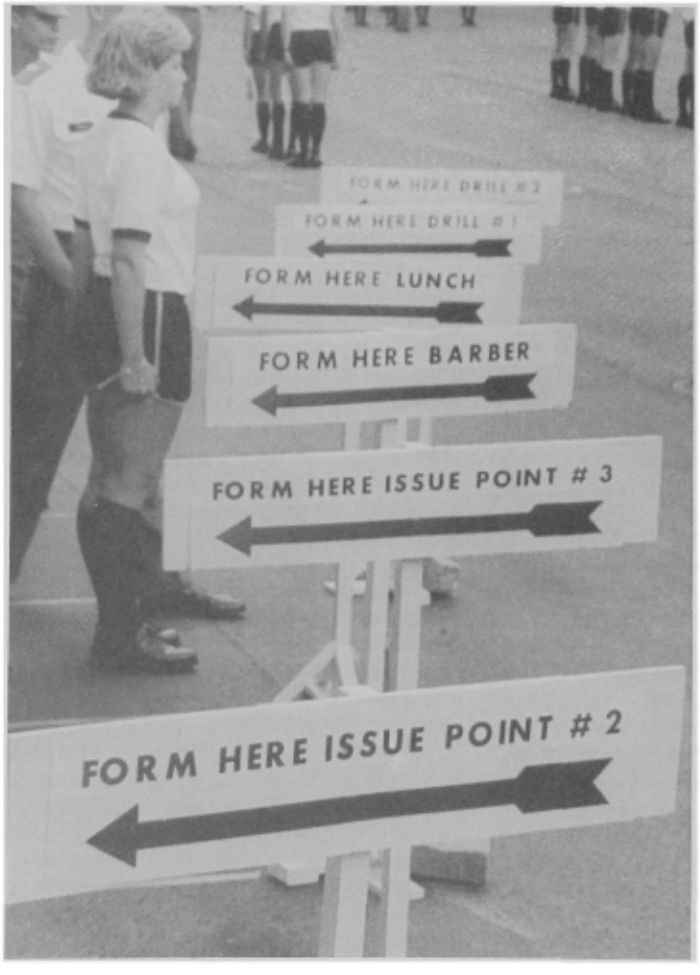
Since their indoctrination on R-Day, the Class of 1992 learned about military courtesies, uniform preparation, inspections, rifle marksmanship and tactical maneuvers. Many hours of tough physical exercise prepared the class for long foot marches and land navigation exercises. It was climaxed by a week of bivouac at Lake Frederick, and a long march back to join the Corps of Cadets.

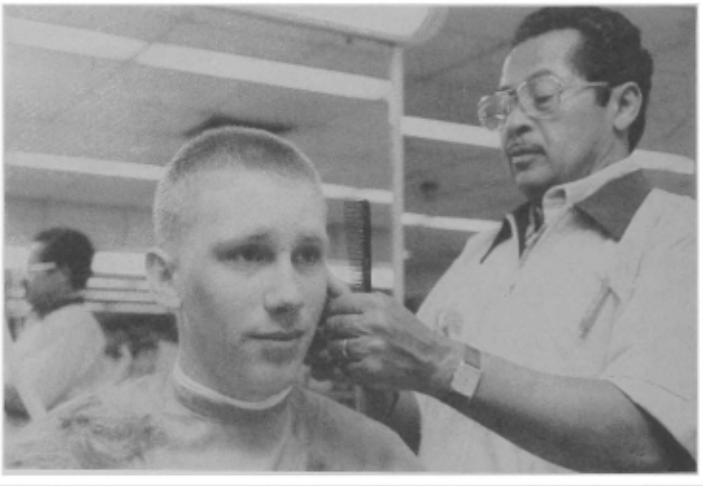
Some class members fell by the wayside during the arduous training, but the others marched through Washington Gate, greeted by the strains of the USMA Band and applause from the entire West Point community for a job well done.

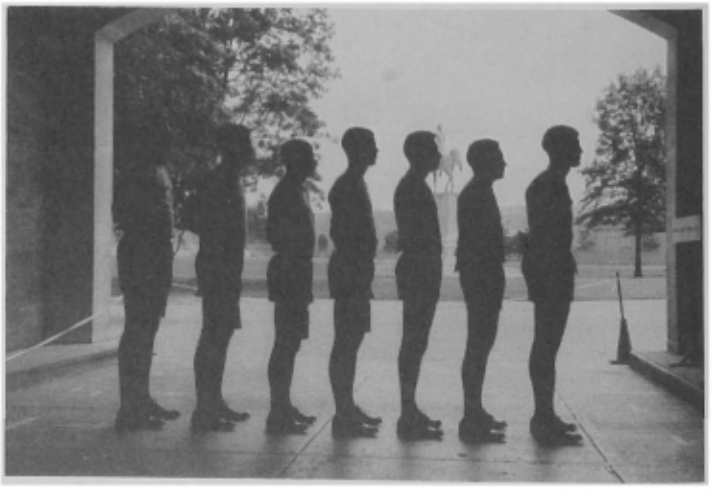
Now the Class of 1992 begins its initial academic workload, and another period of adjustment. However, it might be fitting to look back to see how this group of men and women was selected and offered admission to the nation's oldest service academy. The record number of applicants made this year's admissions cycle one of the most competitive. It was the second year in succession the Admissions Office reported a record number of applicants, surpassing the previous record established by the Class of 1991 by 171 applicants.

"This was our most competitive year for West Point admissions," said Colonel Pierce A. Rushton Jr., Director of Admissions. "The record number also intensified the selection of our class. The class is exceptionally gifted in terms of scholarship, leadership and athletic achievement. Those are the candidate qualities we look for in the admissions process, and qualities that will serve cadets well while at West Point and later as Army officers."

What is significant about the record number of USMA applicants is that it comes at a time when colleges and universities expect a significant drop in applications. The college bound population in the United States is decreasing







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and will continue to do so during the next five years.

Among the pool of 14,664 applicants, more than 5,800 received nominations and just over 2,800 were qualified for admission. Offers of admission were made to 1,780 and 1,326 accepted the offer, including 162 women. Additionally, there were 108 Black, 50 Hispanic and 14 Native American candidates among the Class of 1992.

The Class of 1992 includes cadets appointed by Congress from every state in the United States, as well as others appointed from military service sources. Ten foreign cadets also entered the Class of 1992, one each from Bolivia, Guatemala, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Malawi, the Philippines, Singapore, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

A profile of the class shows that 86.5 percent ranked in the top fifth of their high school class, and 95 percent were in the top two fifths. The class included 116 valedictorians and 92 salutatorians. A total of 311 received National Merit Scholarship recognition and 868 were members of the National Honor Society.

The Class of 1992 also exhibits strength in athletics. A total of 1,232 participated in varsity athletics, and among those, 1,182 earned varsity letters. There are also 749 team captains represented in the class.

Profile—Class of 1992

Volume Of Applicants	Men	Women
Applicant Files Started	12668	1996
Nominated and Examined	5089	741
Qualified (Academically, medically & in physical aptitude)	2484	320
Admitted	1164	162

Rank In High School Class	
First Fifth	86.5%
Second Fifth	8.5%
Third Fifth	4.3%
Fourth Fifth	0.6%
Bottom Fifth	0.1%

College Board Admissions Testing Program (CBATP) Scores*

Range	Aptitude Verbal	Aptitude Math
700–800	3.7%	20.8%
600–699	29.3%	54.9%
500–599	50.7%	23.7%
400–499	15.7%	0.6%
300–399	0.6%	0%
Mean	564	642

*Includes only scores used as a basis for admission. ACT scoring range was unavailable at this time.

Academic Honors	
Class Valedictorians	116
Class Salutatorians	92
National Merit Scholarship Recognition	311
National Honor Society	868

Activities	
Boys/Girls State Delegate	341
Class President or Student Body President	363
School Publication Staff	
School Paper Editor or Co-Editor	99
School Paper Staff	226
Yearbook Editor or Co-Editor	66
Yearbook Staff	205
Debating	215
Dramatics	186
Scouting Participants	566
Eagle Scout (men) or Gold Award (women)	143
Varsity Athletics Participants	1232
Letter Winner	1182
Team Captain	749

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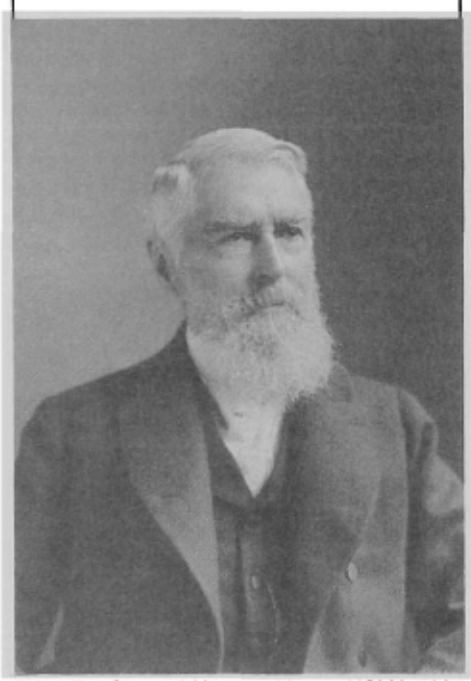
Cadets Construct Covered Bridge

Standing in front of the completed bridge are cadets Scott Sallah, Kirt Ricci, Chuck Klinge, Ed Struzik and Steve Hart.



Brigadier General Herman Haupt, USMA 1835 (Courtesy of USMA Library Archives)

It's a relatively small, insignificant stream (the West Point terrain analysis calls it "intermittent") which runs behind Michie Stadium, intersecting the sidewalk connecting A-lot and the Multipurpose Sports Complex. While its volume of water may be small, the bolder strewn gully formed by this stream presents a formidable gap to bridge. In January of 1988, a narrow and rather nondescript steel stringer bridge with a well worn wooden deck spanned the stream. While fully functional, the existing bridge was inconsistent with its picturesque surroundings. It has since been replaced by a 50-foot 19th century style covered timber bridge. The new structure which features a Haupt type truss was designed, planned, and constructed by cadets of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers under the guidance of the Department of Engineering. In addition to providing an improved facility, the bridge is intended to commemorate the civil engineering achievements of BG Herman Haupt.

Herman Haupt, born in Philadelphia in 1817, graduated from USMA in 1835 at age 18. After being appointed a brevet 2LT in the 3rd Infantry, Haupt resigned his commission and began a career as a railroad engineer. From 1835 to 1861, he worked on the construction of many railroads and railroad bridges throughout Pennsylvania. It was during this period that Haupt, now 22, designed and patented the "Improved Lattice Truss" which today bears his name. More than a railroad engineer, Haupt also taught mathematics at Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg and developed a vastly improved pneumatic mining drill.

During the Civil War, Haupt rose to flag rank and served as the Union's Chief of Military Railroads. In this capacity his innovations in expedient railroad bridging and rail line destruction further enhanced his reputation as a gifted civil engineer. After the war, Haupt continued to serve with the railroads as they expanded westward, ultimately as the superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad. His diverse career included stints with pneumatic machinery and mining companies, membership in several technical societies, and publication of numerous books on bridges, rapid transit, mining, and the Mississippi River. Herman Haupt passed away in New Jersey in 1905.

The Haupt truss allowed for a significant savings in material over other bridges of the time and was widely used in the late 19th century in covered bridge design. The Haupt truss configuration limits stress reversals (forces in a member going from tension to compression and back) and places all of the large diagonal members in compression. The diagonals carry the majority of the forces caused by the loads and take advantage of wood's superior performance in compression. The design of the recently completed bridge adjacent to Michie Stadium accurately replicates a 19th century covered Haupt truss in all major details. However, steel bolts replace Haupt's wooden dowels, and planed lumber members, his "rough cut" timbers. Interestingly, one of the problems overcome in this project was the procurement of the necessary No. 1 Grade 1-inch boards. These were used as roof sheathing in place of the more common plywood used today for similar applications. Still, a source for these specially milled boards was found and the bridge remains authentic in nearly every detail.

The design and construction of this Haupt truss bridge was completed over a six-year period by first class cadets en-

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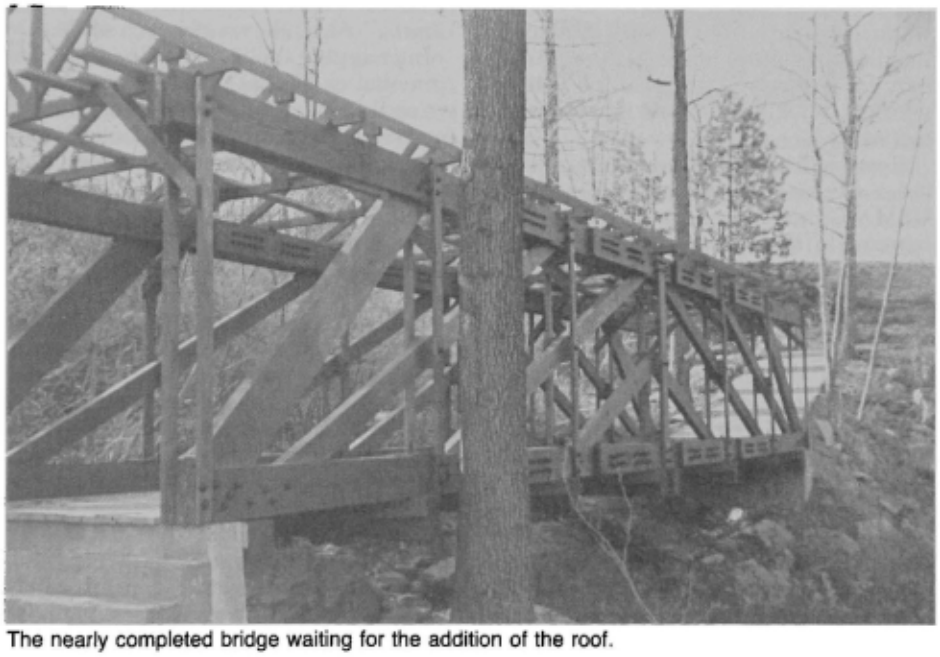
rolled in CE 489, Advanced Independent study in Civil Engineering. Cadet (now CPT) Richard Smith '83 researched Haupt's truss design and applied it to the design of a 50' bridge with guidance from MAJ Jeff Irvin '73. The design collected dust until it was resurrected by Cadets Michael Rose and Paul Rollins '87. With the help of MAJ Robert O'Neil '75 and CPT (now MAJ) Harold Leeman '76 they performed a constructability review of the project, producing plans for the connection details, a bill of materials with cost estimates, and the required abutment modifications.

Construction of the Haupt truss bridge began in January 1988 with the formation of the Uniformed Services Construction Company (USCC Inc.) with Cadets Steven Hart '88, project manager; Edward Struzik '88, assistant project manager; Curt Ricci '88, construction superintendent; Charles Klinge '88, truss foreman; and Scott Sallah '88, demolitions and roof foreman. MAJ William Seymour '76, the project advisor, assumed the role of the West Point Area Engineer and prepared a standard contract which specified the bridge plans, materials, construction and inspection requirements, and the completion deadline. In most contracts, a monetary penalty is awarded to a contractor if he goes past the completion deadline; . . . in this contract, No Bridge = No Graduation! Even we novice engineers understood this equation.

Cadets Ricci, Klinge, and Sallah first examined the existing plans and found the usual discrepancies between the details called for and the details that could be physically constructed. They submitted change proposals to MAJ Seymour who rectified the problems. Cadet Struzik prepared a computer generated construction schedule using the Critical Path Method (CPM). The CPM listed the major tasks to be accomplished in order of precedence and projected a completion date based on the duration of each activity. The entire management team was relieved to note that the project was "do-able" by 25 May 1988 (hat throwing day). This preliminary work occupied the winter months (gloom period).

In the first phase of construction, the existing bridge was removed at the end of February. Engineering instructors modified the concrete abutments while USCC Inc. took its annual spring holiday in Florida. The actual construction of the bridge trusses began in March on the Gate No. 6 overpass leading into Michie Stadium. The main trusses and roof trusses were completely prefabricated here. A crane and crew from the West Point Directorate of Engineering and Housing (DEH) lifted each of the main trusses into place. Each of the main Haupt trusses was guyed and secured with cables until they could be tied together and stabilized. Floor beams and the roof trusses were then installed. Finally, the floor, roof sheathing, and shingles were added.

With the help of West Point DEH equipment and riggers, the main trusses (2 tons each) were slung into position.



The nearly completed bridge waiting for the addition of the roof.

During the construction, USCC Inc. submitted the daily construction progress and safety reports required of all government contractors. Additionally, the CPM was updated daily so that an accurate project status was maintained. USCC Inc. happily reports no lost time injuries, 100% project completion under budget and ahead of schedule, and all of the cadet management team graduating on time.

The Uniformed Services Construction Company would like to thank the many people who made this project possible: the Association of Graduates which provided funding through the West Point Fund, the West Point Directorate of Engineering and Housing for their equipment support, the West Point Engineer Platoon for loan of their tools, the cadets of the ASCE/SAME student clubs who lent strong backs, and the officers and NCO's of the Department of Engineering who gave their time and expertise.

The next time you visit your "Rockbound Highland Home," please swing up behind Michie and visit this small addition to the West Point scene. We think you'll agree that its graceful lines and rustic setting are a fitting tribute to BG Herman Haupt, Civil Engineer and Nation Builder.

Cadet Stephen Hart '88

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Academic Limits

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

A careful balance between stability and innovation has been a characteristic of the curriculum at USMA ever since Douglas MacArthur started the modern reform period soon after World War I. While some might say there has been too much stability or too much innovation, in fact, change has been evolutionary and deliberate in order to preserve the broad general education that is the foundation of our academic program. However it has come about, change continues to be a part of the scene at West Point, for to remain static in our unsettled world is to place at risk the reputation of the Military Academy for graduating enlightened leaders who can quickly assimilate into our modern Army.

If you will recall, in the February 1988 issue of *Assembly*, we published the USMA Concept for Intellectual Development in this column. As part of the 2002 study, we outlined our educational objectives and what we hope will be the professional outcome. Leading the objectives was providing a foundation in the basic and applied sciences to include an understanding of the engineering decision methodology. Our professional goal was to enable our graduates, after accumulating appropriate experience, to allocate resources and to manage the employment, development, and acquisition of technical systems.

Since the late 1970's, curriculum review committees of our faculty and the ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering Technology) accreditation team have looked at engineering education at USMA. Over the same time, the engineering science and engineering design core components eroded from a strong multicourse array to a comprised collection of four common core courses and a single course on civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering. While the cadets who concentrated in engineering still received a comprehensive preparation, a nagging question persisted as the process unfolded: is our engineering program for *all* cadets strong enough to meet the needs of Army officers in the future?

To answer this overall question, I asked the Curriculum Committee a series of questions. Are we teaching the right engineering for all cadets? If not, what should we teach? Are we organized correctly to teach the right engineering? And if we are not, how should we be organized? In addition, I asked the committee to look at how academics fit into the academy schedule. How might we achieve greater flexibility in scheduling classes for the benefit of cadets as well as the facilities scheduling process? To answer the last question, the committee had to begin by looking at how we teach.

This spring and summer the Curriculum Committee reported its findings and made its recommendations. In this and subsequent issues of *Assembly*, we will pass on the results in "Academic Limits." First, the weekly schedule.

In changing the weekly schedule, the principal challenge was to determine if we could improve the potential for learning while reducing the amount of time spent in class. Somehow, it seemed logical that if the time spent in class were focused on essential elements of a subject, overall scheduled time might be reduced to some extent. This proved to be true and the breakthrough occurred in mathematics.

Over the same time that the number of engineering courses in the core was being reduced, there was a significant reduction in the number of lessons allocated to mathematics. Specifically, core mathematics decreased from the equivalent of six courses to four courses, yet all six subject areas were still being taught at a reduced coverage level. Curricular innovation was to identify and develop more fully four of the six topics that best supported the overall curriculum. These four common courses were calculus (two semesters), differential equations (one semester), and probability and statistics (one semester). The remaining two mathematic topics would have to be deferred until the last two years for those cadets who specifically needed these skills for their fields of study or majors. Because the revised math sequence covered fewer topics in more distinct courses, we gained increased scheduling options and flexibility while still reaching greater depth of knowledge in the most critical subject areas.

Other courses lent themselves to similar adjustments. In addition to shortening the mathematics courses, core courses in foreign languages were reduced from 47 to 40 class attendances. Core physics, electrical engineering, and general engineering courses were reduced from 47 to 40 class attendances with necessary labs repackaged into a series of two-hour periods rotated on a biweekly basis. Social science courses in economics, government, and international relations were likewise reduced from 47 to 40 lessons with extended (two-hour) biweekly sessions added to allow for optimum use in research or as compensatory time for out-of-class papers or computer exercises. We think these changes also make it possible for cadets to organize their time better and to experience longer periods of "fenced" time.

Though perhaps not the most important characteristic of the new schedule, but surely the most identifiable is the elimination of scheduled classes on Saturday morning. Cadets will enjoy leave, trips and other activities on only half of the Saturdays while the other half is made up of "duty" Saturdays. The Dean and Commandant will still use these "duty" Saturday mornings for special lectures, extra instruction, voluntary laboratories, design project consultation, chain of command performance counseling, and even examinations. This change should minimize the impact on academic instruction by class absence from West Point for athletic, extracurricular, and weekend travel, a significant problem of long standing.

Next issue, the curriculum changes.

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The COM Reports

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

Yesterday (5 August) I marched with the Class of 1992 and the upper class cadre to Lake Frederick beginning the traditional Plebe Hike. It was a rather special occasion since it also marked the thirtieth anniversary of my own Plebe Hike back in 1958. Colonel Joe Gross, my classmate and brigade tactical officer (formerly the deputy commandant) also made the march. Afterwards, we both concluded that once every thirty years is just about the right frequency. (The Bull Hill climb greatly influenced our thinking.)

When I lead the the march back in next Friday, 12 August, I will have been your Commandant for one year and two days. Having all the experiences of a full year under my belt, I find it apropos to address change and "trim adjustments" in this report.

As you know, there have been plenty of significant changes since my cadet years, but I have found them to be quite appropriate. You will be pleased to know that the fundamental character of the Corps has not changed, however. Cadets are just as motivated as ever to excel and have made me proud on numerous occasions throughout the year; and in doing so have given all of us "old grads" good reason to be proud of our alma mater.

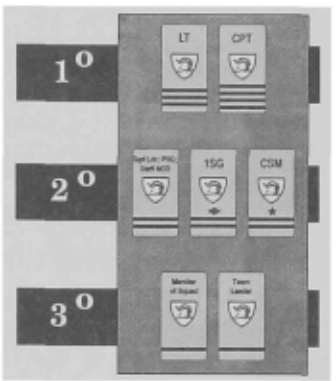
In the last issue I reported the return of cows as squad leaders at both Beast and Buckner. As the training period ends, I can tell you that this initiative has proven successful beyond expectations. It has given the cows superb preparatory experience as trainers in common soldier skills (and Corps traditions in Beast). At the same time, the firsties roundly agree that the chain of command works more smoothly with a cow squad leader than with a firstie classmate in charge of the squad. Yearlings were designated as team leaders in the squads at Buckner, yielding a rather natural chain of command structure and one that will afford progressively increased leader opportunities and responsibilities over the four years. Concomitantly, significant reductions were derived in troop support requirements from the field. The USCC staff did great work in hammering out the details over the last year, and the summer implementation was virtually flawless. Every indicator supports continuing with this structure, recognizing that there is still room for expanding cadet trainer opportunities. We are already working on this for next summer. (See the article following, "Training to Lead at Camp Buckner," for elaboration.)

As the academic year begins we will implement a change to class rank structure and company organization. In essence the summer experiences by class will be carried forward into the academic year Corps organization. With the completion of summer training each class as a whole will move to the next rank level. The plebes become privates with their acceptance into the Corps during the Fourth Class Presentation Ceremony (Reorganization Week Parade). All the yearlings are corporals; the cows sergeants; and the firsties officers. (See Table 1.) Companies will be organized with three line platoons and one headquarters platoon. Only one firstie, the platoon leader, will be assigned to a line platoon; all others will be in the headquarters platoon.

Continuing a test begun with one battalion last year and adding a full regiment this year, we moved the first class into a living area apart from their companies. They still attend company formations and perform the full range of duties in leading the Corps. The fundamental thought here is to enhance the transition from cadet to officer—a perennial challenge for the academy—by challenging the first class towards successfully accomplishing their duties in a "BOQ" environment similar to the Army's and consistent with every first class cadet being an officer (unless they run afoul of disciplinary regulations).

During last year's single battalion test, major concerns were twofold: that this arrangement might cause second class grades to drop as they assumed responsibility for call-to-quarters within the company and that there was the potential for abdication by the first class. This, however, was not the case. When we measured results between the test battalion and pilot companies within the Corps, results showed us that the indicators were either unchanged or they increased positively. Thus, what we expected to achieve in enhancing the firsties' preparation for the Army had no measurable detrimental impact within the Corps. Additionally, several excellent leader development gains were observed in more effective accountability for areas of responsibility and increased chain of command effectiveness. Should we find this situation to hold true this year, we will move the entire Corps into this configuration beginning with Academic Year 1989–90.

Academic Year Rank Structure



While there have been some notable initiatives, it remains true that the first class leads the Corps. The Class of 1989, "We strengthen the Line, '89," was charged by the Superintendent just prior to last May's graduation with three tasks. They are to improve the quality of drill performance, to educate the Corps and set the example in instilling the concept of honor, and to lead the Corps in spirit support of our athletic teams. From what I have observed this past summer, I am confident the Class of '89 is prepared to accept these challenges and to excel in doing so.

In closing, I would like to introduce this year's Corps leadership. The first captain is Cadet Mark Jennings. Cadet Jennings is from Utah and served as the first detail "King of Beasts." The deputy brigade commander is Cadet Ron Campbell. Cadet Campbell is from Maryland and served as the second detail "King of Beasts." The brigade executive officer is Cadet John Nelson from California. Cadet Nelson was the CFT regimental commander for first detail. The four regimental commanders in order are Cadet John Tonra (New York), Cadet Adam Such (New York), Cadet David Oksenberg (Michigan), and Cadet James Raymer (California).

It's never too early to think BEAT NAVY!

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Training to Lead at Camp Buckner

By Major Timothy J. Kiggins
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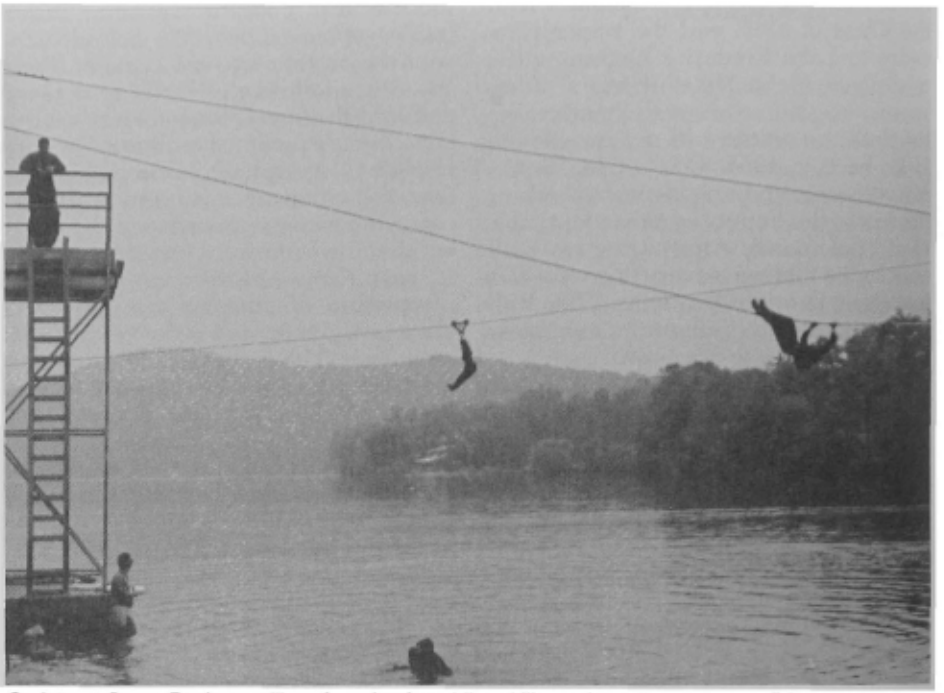
The day ends as other days have ended here for many summers. Trucks filled with cadets arrive from various training sites. The tired bodies which have been engineers, cannoneers, and air assaulters for the day offload and begin to assemble in platoon formations. When one unit is gathered, the company commander takes over and says "Way to go 4th company, good job today. Let's do it again tomorrow." After brief instructions for upcoming tasks, the company is released to prepare for retreat and dinner formation.

This scene at Camp Buckner is timeless. Individual and collective training continue to be the core of the Camp Buckner summer experience, and third class cadets still train with a wide variety of units and equipment. But the organization for training and the philosophy of training are new and different compared to previous years.

First class cadets have been employed as the cadre for Camp Buckner companies for many years. Principally, the duties of upperclass cadets have involved normal chain of command responsibilities relating to discipline, morale, logistics, and welfare of the new third class. This summer, the role of these cadets has changed significantly. They still shoulder the same command responsibilities, but are also responsible for much of the training given to the third class. In contrast with previous years, leadership development in the upper classes is of equal importance to military skills development in the new yearlings. Two policies have allowed this focus to change. Second class cadets have been assigned to Camp Buckner as squad leaders, and officers from the staff and faculty have been assigned as platoon trainers for each cadet platoon. The results indicate that these changes are a success.



Cadets at Camp Buckner still perform basic soldier skills such as the water confidence course.

Cow Squad Leaders at Camp Buckner

The recently revised mission statement of the military academy highlights the development of "leaders of character." As part of the annual review of summer training following Cadet Field Training 1987, the Office of the Commandant recommended a major change in structure to help accomplish this mission. Cadets would receive an opportunity to gradually progress through more demanding leadership challenges as they mature through the West Point experience. During second class summer, cadets would fill positions normally filled by noncommissioned officers in the Army. At West Point, this meant second class squad leaders at Camp Buckner and at Cadet Basic Training. For the rest of the second class, this meant assignment to one of the Army training centers as a drill instructor. In their first class summer, cadets would then be assigned to officer-type duty positions. These include the company officers at Camp Buckner and Cadet Basic Training, and as lieutenants during Cadet Troop Leader Training with active units. In each case, the progressive leadership development of upperclass cadets is the primary focus. By adding unique responsibilities to the normal cadet chain of command functions, the Military Academy incrementally approaches the development of leaders of character.

Cadet Trainers

Progressive leadership positions allow cadets assigned to Cadet Field Training at Camp Buckner to fill a role which has formerly been filled by augmentation unit soldiers. Cadets now teach selected tasks to their units as they progress through training activities. Each squad leader is assigned to teach a series of tasks at the various training sites at Camp Buckner. At some sites, the first class platoon leader is responsible for the training given to the third class. A pocket size *Trainers Guide* lists the tasks, conditions, and standards for each training task. Cadets use this guide to assist in preparing for training and as a reference for concurrent or refresher training during breaks. The tasks selected for training are common soldier skills which the squad leaders have already performed to standard during their preparation phase. This "Train the Trainer" period begins before the new third class returns for summer training for the first detail cadre, and during training for the second detail cadre. It allows squad and platoon leaders to practice mastery of tasks and develop training skills without

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the presence of third class cadets. Before the "Train the Trainer" phase is complete, the cadet cadre for each detail will have performed every task in the *Trainers Guide* that applies to that detail, and will have visited every training site. This intense period coupled with the squad leader's own recent experience at Camp Buckner allows the cadet cadre to be very effective as trainers. When a unit arrives at a training site, squad leaders have already taught their squads the necessary tasks or are given time at the site to present instruction. This allows augmentation unit soldiers to present more advanced aspects of a skill, or to build on the training which squad leaders have completed.

Platoon Trainers

Cadet squad leaders have assumed responsibility for a substantial training load. The first detail squad leader is operating in the individual training phase of Camp Buckner, where all training is hands-on and intense. A typical squad leader teaches a substantial number of tasks during this period. At the same time, the platoon is frequently training as a unit separate from the company. This increases the administrative and planning responsibilities of the squad leaders, almost to the point of overwhelming them. In an effort to give squad and platoon leaders a resource to help them execute their new responsibilities, the position of platoon trainer was created. Platoon trainers are officers from the Office of the Dean or Office of the Commandant who are assigned to each platoon at Camp Buckner. These officers may be nuclear physicists or lawyers by training, but all share a quality which makes them invaluable to cadets in training: experience in the Army. They attend all training with their platoons and assist the company trainers (academic year tactical officers) in rendering leadership evaluations of cadets. They do not normally appear before the entire platoon as instructors, but are frequently seen questioning and guiding the cadet cadre. They screen classes, check on the completeness of plans, and require backbriefs from the cadet leaders. The platoon trainers ask questions which routinely prompt cadet action. In their role as mentors, these officers are relating many of their own experiences from similar situations they have encountered in Army units. While cadets are the primary beneficiaries of the platoon trainer concept, the program also benefits the officers assigned as platoon trainers. Many platoon trainers teach cadets during the academic year, and the experiences they share with cadets at Camp Buckner will carry over into the classroom. At the same time, platoon trainers are being professionally rewarded. They are fulfilling the Superintendent's objective of every officer on the staff and faculty spending one summer involved in summer training with cadets. Finally, platoon trainers are refreshing themselves on many basic combat and survival skills which they may not have practiced recently.

The assignment of second class cadet squad leaders and the assignment of platoon trainers to Camp Buckner represents a positive achievement toward the military and leader development of cadets. With cadets shouldering a larger share of training, there is the possibility that the quality of training may be degraded when compared to the training conducted by the professional soldiers who come to Camp Buckner every summer. But with the assignment of platoon trainers to coach and counsel cadets, cadets have shown that they can perform at a level comparable to that of the augmentation soldiers. Adding the fact that they now receive a greater opportunity to train and lead their subordinates throughout summer training, the benefits of this new policy will appear in West Point graduates as a greater ability to lead and train based on more practical experience.

The cadet cadre is extensively involved in training third class cadets. This cadet platoon sergeant gives a safety briefing to his platoon during aviation training.

Second class squad leaders supervise their squads during individual and collective training. Their new role reduces the need for augmentation unit support.

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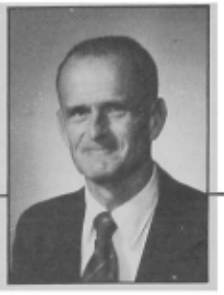
The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



The back page of the July 1988 Army Sportsletter has a headline "Army Saga of Success in 1987–1988." I am not at all sure this is a title I would give to our 87–88 athletic year. Our 57.7 winning percentage was somewhat below that of recent years and certainly below the 66.6 percent that is our goal. Of course, if you are in the coaching business and are in the individual student athlete business, your goals are much higher than a two-thirds winning percentage—you want to win them all.

Nevertheless there were some significant highlights last year and I will list them for you:

Men's Cross Country a 5-0 season with a win over Navy

Women's Cross Country a 3-0 season with a win over Navy

150 lb. Football a 5-2 season sharing a National Championship and a win over Navy

Women's Volleyball a 29-12 record with a win over Navy and a bid to the NCAA Regional Championships

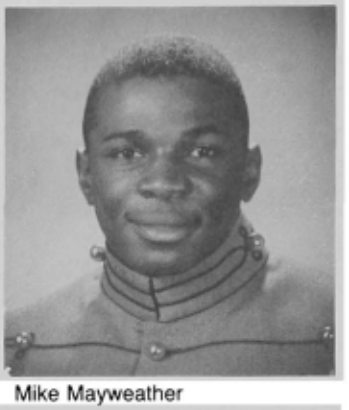
Men's Soccer and Football with wins over Navy

Women's Indoor Track a 5-1 season with a win over Navy

Women's Basketball, though losing to Navy, a 19-13 season with selection for the Regional NCAA Tournament after winning our Empire State Conference Championship

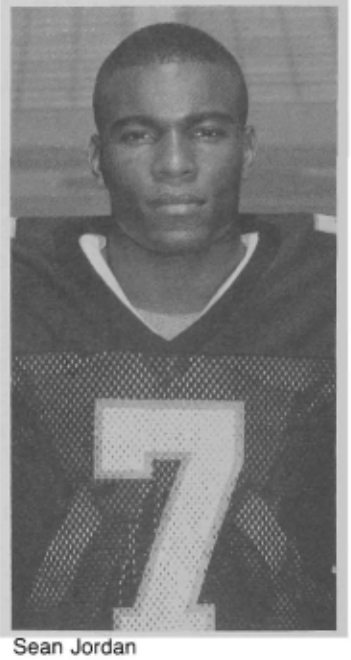
Women's Outdoor Track a 2-0 season with a win over Navy

Women's Softball a 33-11 season with an ECAC Tournament Championship



Mike Mayweather

Ben Barnett



Sean Jordan

We intend to do better and the Class of 1992 gives us special encouragement. In our summer intercollegiate athletics indoctrination early on the Beast Barracks calendar, all but 50 or 60 of the class signed up for one of our intercollegiate teams. They will not all make it, of course, but they set a record for interest and attitude at this stage of their West Point careers.

As I write this article, Varsity Football practice has just commenced. Our plebe players get four days of extra indoctrination in practice before the varsity begins its allowable 29 practice sessions prior to our opening game. In listening to Jim Young speak to an ECAC council gathering and our local Rotary Club, I believe he appears optimistic and looks forward to this 1988 season.

As you know, last year we wound up playing six different quarterbacks when injury beset one after another of the ranking players in that position. It was hard to take in 1987 but does give Jim Young five experienced quarterbacks from which to choose this year.

You can look toward last year's plebe halfback Mike Mayweather and sophomore fullback Ben Barnett to give us many exciting moments (last year they combined for 1385 yards rushing). Mayweather and Barnett, along with talented split end Sean Jordan, are expected by Jim Young to lead the offense and be the big guns this fall.

Army's defense was much stronger in 1987 than they had been in 1986, yielding fewer points, fewer first downs, fewer rushing yards and fewer passing yards. Defensive coordinator, Bob Sutton, thinks the 1988 team can do even better.

The coming schedule does look to be one of the toughest in Coach Jim Young's Army tenure. The real revenge game in store for the cadets is with Holy Cross who have beaten us the last two years. A tough game in Seattle with the University of Washington Huskies follows Holy Cross and then home games with Northwestern and Bucknell.

We play Air Force in Michie Stadium again this year. We have beaten them the last two times the game was played there—look for a repeat performance in 88.

An exciting event on the slate is the Boston College game to be played in Dublin, Ireland on 19 November. This is the celebration of the millennium of the city of Dublin and is the first Division IA college football game ever to be played in Ireland.

Jim Young will get his 100th win as a head coach with the next Army team victory. I have already had a plate engraved memorializing the Holy Cross game; only the score needs to be added after the game. We believe the 1988 season will be an exciting one and a winning one for the Army Football Team. At least one pre-season college football magazine has predicted Army to "go a bowlin.' "

I've shared my goals for our program with you on many occasions: 1) the maximum participation opportunities for the Corps of Cadets, 2) participation to be a positive leadership development experience, 3) good stewardship of the Army Athletic Association, and 4) teams of which the Corps, the West Point community, and our graduates can all be proud. I can assure you that in our 1988–89 academic year we will again pursue these goals. Thank you for your friendship and support.

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USMA Names Sports Facilities

by Major William D. Gabbard

In early May, the Superintendent announced the naming of eight sports facilities honoring alumni of this institution. The choice of names was a difficult one and involved a search through the records of hundreds of graduates and the invaluable input from scores of individuals and USMA classes. Selecting just the right name for each facility became the focus of a ten-month research project.

At an institution as rich in tradition, as laden with honors as is the Military Academy, the choice of names for any building or activity is legion. Various portions of USMA had for many years been locked within certain parameters. Roads were named for former superintendents; cadet barracks for outstanding general officer graduates; academic buildings for professors.

After careful analysis, the Superintendent decided to follow the path suggested by the examples of Michie and Shea Stadiums. These facilities were named for former cadets who excelled in a sport associated with the facility, who were leaders in the Corps, and who died in battle in the full vigor of youth. Their examples serve as strong reminders of the sacrifices paid by many of our fine cadets. To understand the rationale better, one need only look at these two men and their personification of the Military Academy's motto of "Duty, Honor, Country."

Dennis Mahan Michie, Class of 1892, had a passion for sports. Football was emerging in the northeast as a popular sport in the ivy colleges, but Academy leaders felt that "extensive athletics or indulgence in any sort of intercollegiate competition would prove to be a harmful diversion to men dedicated to military service." But Dennis Michie proved to be an iconoclast.

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Fighting the intransigence of entrenched "wisdom," he accepted the challenge to play a Navy football squad in 1890, even though Army had no team at the time. Struggling against the system as well as his team's lack of experience, Michie fielded an Army team on the Plain at West Point, but watched helplessly as it foundered 0–24. Such an inauspicious beginning before the assembled multitude of the Academy's hierarchy almost doomed his efforts from the start. Only through Michie's stubborn perseverance (and probably to the detriment of his class standing) was Army able to field a second team in 1891. But, oh sweet revenge! Playing at Annapolis his senior year, the Michie-coached team "crunched the crabs" 32–16. Thus was born a tradition and Dennis Michie rightly accorded the title "father of Army football."

When war broke out with Spain in 1898, Lieutenant Michie proved he was every bit a soldier as he was an athlete. Serving as aide de camp to General Hawkins, he took part in the invasion of Cuba and the critical battle of San Juan. Acting as a runner, with messages for the far right of the US line, he traversed the entire length of the front during the early hours of 1 July. He was the only contact the right wing battalions had with headquarters and according to one battalion commander, the only staff officer he saw at the front the entire day. He stayed with the forward battalion for a while, then excused himself to return to headquarters. Somewhere along the way back, in that "fog of war," Dennis Michie was killed. He was only 28 years old.

Richard T. Shea, Jr., Class of 1952, was not the founder of any sport at West Point, but he was a definite leader in the Corps and a star on the track team. Already 21 years old and with enlisted time behind him when he entered the academy, he was the natural man for classmates to turn to in difficult situations. Cadet Shea did not shy from the responsibility. By his first class year, both tactical officers and classmates across the Corps recognized his leadership by appointing him a cadet captain and company commander and electing him captain of the Army Track Team.

The war in Korea was already two years old when Lieutenant Shea graduated on 3 June 1952. Negotiations were ongoing between the antagonists, but for one negotiating point or another, men were still dying. Attacks by the Chinese in human wave formations overwhelmed US and allied soldiers fighting for hills known only by numbers on a map, or by names like "Pork Chop Hill."

One of those soldiers on the front line by the summer of 1953, one year after graduation, was Lieutenant Shea. While generals and politicos met at Panmunjon, young Shea was tasked with holding a barren Korean hill; his enemy counterparts were tasked with taking it. The Chinese human waves rolled up the hill, despite the intense US fire, and soon the fighting became hand-to-hand. Sheer numbers threatened to throw the Americans off the hill, but each time his troops began to falter, Lieutenant Shea ordered and led a counterattack with bayonets against the enemy masses. Three times Shea led his troops into close combat with the enemy, and three times was successful, the final time driving the Chinese forces down off the hill. From that final counterattack, however, he failed to return. Last seen fighting hand-to-hand with a mass of Chinese soldiers, Richard T. Shea, Jr. was killed only a few days before the war was signed to a conclusion. Awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his valor, young Shea was but 26 years old when he died.

The lives of these two young men and their dedication to the values of West Point established a precedent for choosing names for other sports facilities at USMA. While their examples may seem restrictive, the list of those who fall within the established category is by no means small. The difficulty lay not in finding a few graduates who might meet all criteria, but in making difficult selections from a plethora of strong candidates. Indeed, everyone involved in the search for possible names was impressed with the large number of possible candidates. The following individuals were deemed the most outstanding.

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Thomas Truxtun '37

West Point soon will have a new lacrosse facility and that facility will be named for Thomas Truxtun, Class of 1937. Truxtun was a leader in his class in every sense of the word. On the athletic fields, he excelled in both soccer and lacrosse. He played on the soccer team all four years, and on the lacrosse team the same four years, lettering the last three. He was elected team captain of the lacrosse team his first class year, was a three time lacrosse All American, and is one of only six former Army lacrosse players enshrined in the National Lacrosse Foundation Hall of Fame.

When he was not on the playing fields, Truxtun was leading the Corps of Cadets. His class elected him vice president, and the Tactical Department made him a cadet lieutenant. In academics, he stood near the top of his class.

On 12 June 1937, Thomas Truxtun was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery. The spirit of "directed aggression" he took from the playing fields of West Point served him well in Field Artillery and, once war broke out, propelled him to command of an artillery battalion under General MacArthur in the Western Pacific. He especially enjoyed the role of forward observer, of being close to where the action was and of being able to direct fire to where it was needed most.

Doing his duty to the utmost, however, and disregarding risks to insure his unit provided the support needed, cost Thomas Truxtun his life. Near Tabio, on Luzon on 6 June 1945, Lieutenant Colonel Truxtun went forward with the infantry unit his battalion was supporting to insure the fire his men provided was doing what the infantry needed. Far forward and in an exposed position, he was shot and killed by a Japanese sniper. Posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, he was only 31 years old.

Carl R. Arvin '65

An individual who epitomizes the word "outstanding" was Carl R. "Bob" Arvin, Class of 1965. Bob excelled in everything he attempted. Wrestling for four years, he was elected team captain his senior year. He was a member of the debate council and forum, served as a SCUSA round table participant, edited the *Howitzer*, and was a member of the Catholic Chapel Choir. He was a Rhodes Scholar finalist and impressed the Tactical Department enough to be appointed First Captain of the Corps of Cadets. In addition to all of this, he stood 43 academically in a class of 596. There was little that Bob Arvin could not do.

The Army followed suit in recognizing Bob Arvin's leadership abilities. On his first tour after graduation, Bob was selected as the youngest company commander in the 82d Airborne Division. After a successful command, he was picked to be aide to the assistant division commander, serving until he got orders for Vietnam in early 1967. Lieutenant Arvin was assigned as an advisor in the MACV in May and earned his first Silver Star for gallant actions in September 1967. In October, near Hue-Phu Bai, in the northernmost province of the Republic of Vietnam, Lieutenant Arvin's ARVN battalion encountered a regimental-sized unit of Viet Cong which pinned his unit down in an exposed, untenable position. At grave risk to himself, Bob Arvin assisted his Vietnamese counterpart in maneuvering a portion of the battalion and subsequently defeating the larger enemy force. During the counterattack, Lieutenant Arvin was mortally wounded and died on the field of battle. For his actions on 8 October, the 24-year old lieutenant was awarded a second Silver Star, a Purple Heart and posthumously promoted to captain.

In recognition of his achievements and leadership, the Cadet Gymnasium will bear Carl Arvin's name. The tribute is actually small compared to the inspiration provided by this cadet leader and scholar. Bob Arvin strove for excellence in everything he did, both as a cadet and soldier—no more fitting example could serve as a cadet role model.

Robert W. Crandall '39

Within the gymnasium are two areas upon which are focused much cadet attention, and two names were chosen to honor graduates whose lives should inspire the Corps. The olympic-sized pool in the Arvin Gymnasium will bear the name of Major Robert W. Crandall, Class of 1939. Bob Crandall was Army's outstanding diver in 1938–39, setting many meet records, and establishing an Army record for points in competition against Dartmouth. During his senior year, Cadet Crandall was elected captain of the Army Swim Team and led the team to a winning season and a victory over Navy.

Outside the pool, Bob Crandall also proved to be a leader. Born in the Canal Zone of an Army family, young Crandall was already familiar with the demands of the service before he arrived at West Point. His classmates found him ever ready to help a comrade, and held him in high regard. The Tacs agreed with the Corps and made him a cadet lieutenant.

After graduation, Bob went into the Cavalry, but with the outbreak of World War II, found himself in the Infantry. Rising quickly, Major Crandall commanded a battalion of the 3d Infantry Division against German forces in France. Though captured in 1944, once repatriated, Bob asked to see further service, and sought another command. In the spring of 1945, Major Crandallwas sent to Italy and given command of a battalion attached to the newly reconsti-

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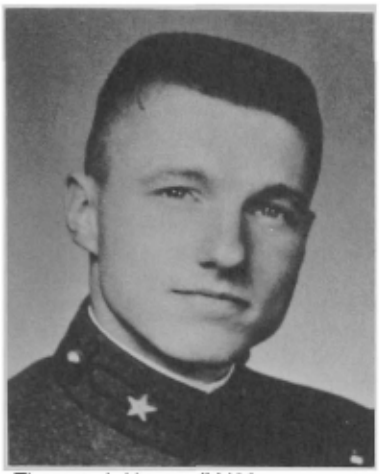
tuted 92d Division. The men of the 92d had not performed well previously and had to be pulled out of the line. Thus, Bob Crandall's second command was no easy job. Yet, he had the force of character to take this weak unit and make it a strong fighting one. Faced with stiff German opposition, the men of the 473d Infantry responded admirably and fought northward over rough terrain, even as the war in the rest of Europe was winding down. On 25 April, a mere week before the cessation of hostilities in Italy, Major Bob Crandall was killed in action near Sarzana. Only 30 years old when he died, the battalion commander was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.



Thomas J. Hayes, IV '66

The other area of Arvin Gym which demands its own name is currently called East Gym—at least by those who do not remember it as Central Gym. Site of the indoor obstacle course and of a myriad of pick-up basketball games, the gymnasium with the indoor track will bear the name of Captain Thomas J. Hayes, IV, Class of 1966. Cadet Hayes was another individual who demanded from himself nothing but excellence and gave everything he had in service to his nation. Tom Hayes played on the Army Soccer Team for four years, fenced on the varsity Fencing Team, and participated actively in the Army Ski Club all four years. He was a member of the Russian Language Club from his plebe through firstie year, president of the Cadet Choir as a first classman, a member of the Honor Committee his second and first class years and chairman of the Honor Committee as a senior. In his spare time, Cadet Hayes earned stars, graduating 9th in a class of 579. The Tactical Department saw fit to make him a cadet captain and brigade adjutant.

Such an impressive beginning should have served to make this third generation West Pointer an assured success in the Army. A glance at Tom's decorations serves to underscore his dedication and service: 2 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars w/V, 5 Air Medals, Air Medal w/V, 3 Army Commendation Medals, Commendation Medal w/V.

Captain (posthumous promotion) Thomas J. Hayes, IV was only 25 years old when he was killed in action on 17 April 1968. To paraphrase the award citation of the Silver Star (first oak leaf cluster) he received for valor on that day, "As his aero rifle platoon was inserted into an area near Binh Co to search the area for 'hostile elements,' the platoon began to take fire from an enemy force of unknown size. During the initial burst of fire, the platoon's point man fell wounded and was lying in an exposed position 20 meters from the insurgents' entrenched position. Lieutenant Hayes called for covering fire, left his covered position, and ran through concentrated fire to the wounded soldier. With hostile rounds hitting all around him, Lieutenant Hayes pulled the wounded man to safety. As another one of Lieutenant Hayes' men was moving to a more advantageous position from which to deliver fire, he was seriously wounded. Again, scrambling through devastating hostile fire, Lieutenant Hayes reached the wounded man and pulled him to safety. Thereafter, as Lieutenant Hayes began directing his platoon's fire against the well-entrenched enemy, a Viet Cong sniper opened fire, mortally wounding the lieutenant. Lieutenant Hayes' actions on that day saved the lives of at least two American soldiers and undoubtedly prevented the Viet Cong from inflicting great losses on a friendly force." Thomas Hayes exemplified all the traits of character and self-sacrifice West Point tries to instill in its graduates.

Donald W. Holleder '56

The Multipurpose Sports Facility will be named after Donald W. Holleder, Class of 1956, a name known countrywide in the 1950's. As a football player, Cadet Holleder was an outstanding end and was voted All American in 1954. In 1955, when Coach "Red" Blaik needed someone to fill the quarterback position, he asked Don Holleder to assume the role. Cadet Holleder responded admirably, leading Army to a 6–3 season and a memorable 14–6 win over Navy. In basketball, Don Holleder was the invaluable 6th man on a scrappy West Point team. Going against a strong, tournament-bound Navy team in 1954, Holleder with rugged inside play neutralized Navy's front court and helped Army to a narrow victory. Don's athletic abilities earned him many awards, not the least of them the Army Athletic Association Award for outstanding football player of his class. Beyond West Point, however, Don earned national honors. In addition to being voted an All American, Holleder was the winner of the 1956 Swede Nelson Award for Sportsmanship and was subsequently enshrined in the NCAA Football Hall of Fame.

Off the field and court, Donald Holleder was also a leader. Cadet Holleder was a cadet captain and company commander. Though academics proved a challenge, he met the Engineering Department's demands as he met other competitions—head on and with determination, and emerged victorious to pin on gold bars in June 1956.

After Command and General Staff College in 1967, Major Holleder received orders for Vietnam. During his short time in Vietnam, he impressed both superiors and subordinates alike. A sense of constant vitality was evident in his work, and his dedication earned him 4 Bronze Stars and 9 Air Medals. In October 1967, Don was serving as an operations officer in the Black Lions Brigade of the 1st Infantry Division when that division undertook Operation Shenandoah II.

On 17 October, the operation ran into major difficulty. The leading battalion of the brigade was ambushed by the 271st Viet Cong Regiment, and immediately took heavy casualties. Over 100 men were hit, including the battalion commander and sergeant major, both killed in the initial moments. Added to the general chaos of conflict was now the devastating lack of leadership. Unguided and taking heavy losses, troops began filtering rearward.

Into the confusion stepped Don Holleder. The brigade operations officer moved into the fray to give order to the chaotic situation, bringing retreating sol-

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diers back into the battle as he did so. He encouraged the men, compelling them by his example to resume their positions, and thus almost single-handedly created order from rout. The decision point of the fire-fight, however, was at the very forward edge of contact. Running to the point position to rally the US troops, Major Holleder was almost instantly wounded mortally by a burst of fire from the jungle trees. He died within moments. Said one of the soldiers who had followed him back into the battle, "I have never seen such a commander. What an officer!" A quite appropriate eulogy.

For his valor on that day in October, Don Holleder, only 33 years old, was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. For the other aspects of Don Holleder, however, for the complete cadet and soldier that he was, West Point has named its new Multipurpose Sports Facility in his honor. The building should serve as an edifice to Donald W. Holleder's full and rewarding life of service to his country and to West Point.

Edward C. Christl, Jr. '44

Another individual whose life and deeds must inspire admiration was Edward C. Christl, Jr., Class of 1944. Cadet Christl was flanker of all flankers as the "tallest man in the Corps," and thus almost obliged to play basketball. That he was good was an added bonus. Playing three years (the war class of 1944 graduated in three years) on the plebe and varsity teams, Christl led Army to an impressive win over Navy in his second class year. Then, as team captain during his first class year, he led the team to an undefeated and national #1 ranking. 1944 was the last season the Army basketball team has gone undefeated.

Off the court, Christl was also a leader. A striper in an era of "slick sleeves," he also served as chairman of his class' election committee. Academically, he graduated in the top quarter of his class, and elected to be commissioned in the Field Artillery.

When Christl graduated on 6 June 1944, the fate of the allied invasion on five beaches in Normandy was quite unclear. And when Lieutenant Christl joined American soldiers less than six months later as a forward observer assigned to an infantry unit, Hitler's December attack at the Bulge emphasized that the war was far from over. There would be much hard fighting ahead and grizzled American veterans of the 65th Division might have second thoughts about following a 23-year old lieutenant.

The first lieutenant soon turned any misgivings around. Seemingly more infantry than the infantrymen he was supporting, young Christl gained the soldiers' respect by his leadership examples. When the division reached the Fulda River, to fill the request for a reconnaissance of the far side, Christl jumped into the river, followed by a squad of infantrymen, to provide the intelligence. With respect came affection for an officer who would not ask men to do more than he himself would do.

In the spring of 1945, the 65th Division pushed south into Austria, and it was there, near a town called Eferding that Lieutenant Christl was killed. On 4 May, while leading troops against holdout SS troops, he was hit by machine gun fire and died instantly. Later, one angry troop was heard to exclaim, "I'd have killed a dozen of those SS _____ with my bare hands if I'd known they got that big lieutenant!" Edward C. Christl, Jr. was awarded his nation's second highest award, the Distinguished Service Cross.

At West Point, LT Christl will be remembered not only for his contributions to his nation's defense, but also for his impact on his Alma Mater. USMA will honor the whole man, by naming the Basketball Arena of the Holleder Sports Center for Edward Christl, a fine student and athlete.

Joseph S. Tate, Jr. '41

Frederic H. S. Tate '42

Two brothers will be memorialized in the naming of the Army Hockey Rink. Joseph S. Tate, Jr. (Class of 1941) and Frederic H. S. "Honie" Tate (Class of 1942) were outstanding athletes and hockey players. Joseph was the elder of the two. In addition to lettering in both hockey and lacrosse and serving as goalie for the icemen his firstie year, Joseph Tate was a stalwart for his class' goat football team. The younger Tate, "Honie" (pronounced hoe-knee), was involved in as many activities as a cadet could get involved in. He played football for four years and lettered; played tennis his 3d and 2nd class years; and played four years of hockey, lettering the last three. His first class year he was elected captain of the Army Hockey Team. Outside of athletics, Honie Tate worked on the *Pointer* and was a member of the Cadet Chapel Choir. He was in the middle of his class academically, and was recognized as a leader by the Tactical Department who made him a cadet captain and member of the brigade staff his first class year.

The two brothers were very close the three years they attended the Academy together, and besides their love for the hockey ice, they shared a love for flying. Joe graduated first, and by 1943 was a squadron commander and lieutenant colonel. He flew bombers and endured the tortuous months when the Army Air Corps was trying to solve the problems of daylight bombing over Germany with little fighter support. By December of 1943, Joseph Tate had earned a Distinguished Flying Cross, several Air Medals and a Purple Heart.

Honie joined his brother in the skies over occupied Europe in the spring of 1943. A fighter pilot, he had to watch in vain as the bombers flew on beyond the fighters' range, contenting himself with ground attacks and occasional encoun-

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ters with Messerschmitts and Fockewulfs brave enough to sortie against raids within fighter range.

Three days before Christmas 1943, Joseph failed to return from a mission. His plane, hit over Osnabrueck, Germany, tried to make it to the coast but crashed somewhere in Germany. His leadership and courage earned the 25-year old flyer a Silver Star and a second Distinguished Flying Cross, but his brother endured a lonely Christmas.

Within nine months, the Tate family would suffer the loss of another flyer. With the allied invasion, and the subsequent establishment of bases on the continent, fighters could provide air cover for the bombers and effective support to ground elements. On 20 September 1944, Captain Frederic "Honie" Tate, attempting to provide that support was shot down over Vigneulles, France. He too was only 25 when he died.

William G. Gillis '41

The final facility to be named at this time is the Army Field House. Used in the past by the Army Basketball, Football and even Baseball Teams, the facility today is used almost exclusively for indoor track. One individual who saw its use in more than one of those sports, but shone as a star in track was William G. Gillis, Class of 1941.

Bill Gillis is probably most remembered by his classmates as a star of the football team, for which he was elected captain his senior year. But off the gridiron Gillis was also fleet of foot, using his speed to set academy records in the 220 yard low hurdles (which lasted for several years) and the high hurdles. His year-round participation in indoor and outdoor track, as well as football, kept him away from too many other pursuits, but Bill was well respected by his peers and by the Tactical Department who made him a cadet lieutenant his senior year.

Bill's leadership blossomed after graduation. At 26, he was the youngest battalion commander in Third Army when he was thrown into combat at the operationally important battle of Mortain-Avranches. There in a three-day conflict which saw heavy casualties on both sides, Gillis' battalion was instrumental in turning aside the German counterattack. Certain German generals later characterized the battle as the most crucial of the war, for a German success may well have driven the Americans back upon Omaha Beach.

Within the next 45 days Major Gillis saw more than his share of combat. At a crossing of an important canal off the Marne River, and in the face of devastating and direct enemy fire, Major Gillis swam and waded the canal several times to insure his battalion's success. For his actions that day, he received the Distinguished Service Cross.

Racing across France with Patton's Third Army, Major Bill Gillis time and again was in danger, earning in addition to his DSC, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and several foreign ribbons, including the Distinguished Service Order and the Croix de Guerre. On the first of October 1944, in the Gramercy Forest outside Nancy, only 60 days after he took command of his battalion, Major Bill Gillis was killed in action. He was six days short of his 27th birthday.

Thus, the Academy has chosen some few of its sons to memorialize. The names are attached to granite and brick structures that they might last some few years longer than mortal flesh. But we are not by such actions memorializing nor even eulogizing the deaths of these men; rather, we are seeking to immortalize the achievements of their full, but much too short lives. In naming these facilities after young men who were vibrant, alive, yet full of dedication to the goals of this institution, we seek to inspire the Corps of Cadets, to imbue a continuing line of gray with the same qualities of character and determination displayed by the cadets and soldiers Truxtun, Arvin, Crandall, Hayes, Holleder, Christl, Joseph and Frederic Tate, and Gillis. The attributes these few held dear are elements of character appropriate for all who have gone before and all who will follow. Each in turn displayed his love of Duty, Honor, Country.

Army Multipurpose Sports Complex	Holleder Center (Donald W. Holleder '56)
Basketball Court	Christl Arena (Edward C. Christl '44)
Hockey Rink	Tate Rink (Joseph S. Tate, Jr. '41; Frederic H.S. Tate '42)
Cadet Gymnasium	Arvin Gymnasium (Carl R. Arvin '65)
East Gym	Hayes Gym (Thomas J. Hayes, IV '66)
Olympic Pool	Crandall Pool (Robert W. Crandall '39)
Field House	Gillis Field House (William G. Gillis '41)
Lacrosse Locker and Weight Room	Truxtun Hall (Thomas Truxtun '37)

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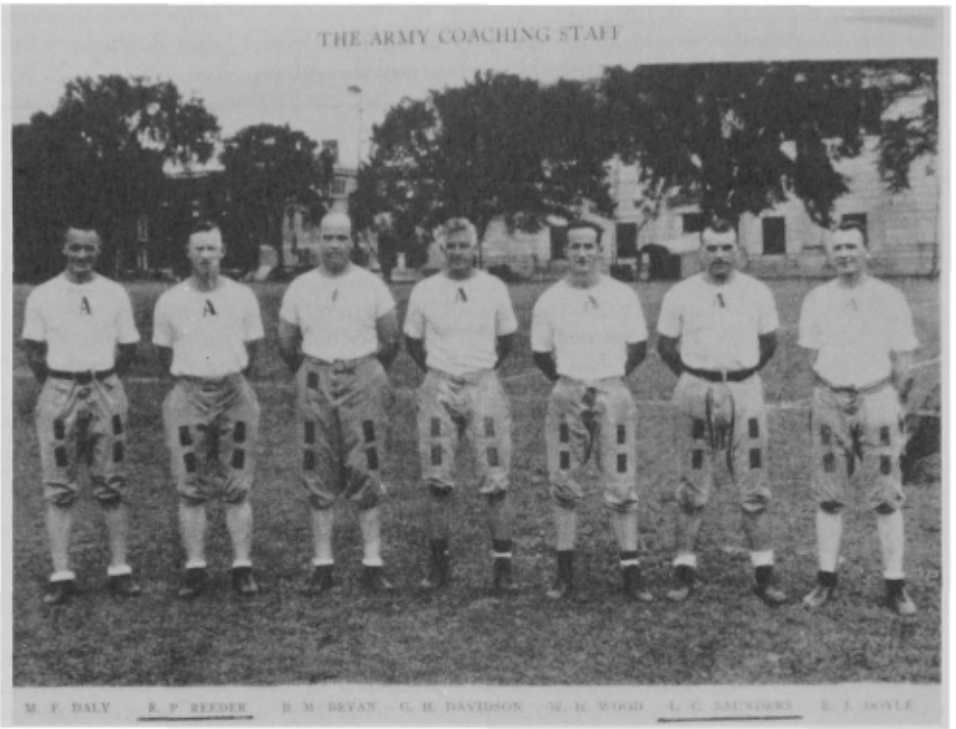
BLONDY AND RED



The 1935 coaching staff.

"Upon the fields of friendly strife are sown the seeds that upon other fields on other days will bear the fruits of victory." This is a story about two fellow football coaches shortly before Pearl Harbor that lends credence to MacArthur's estimate of the situation.

Before World War II, all football coaching at West Point was by graduates, mostly lieutenants. In those days scouting by the use of movies was considered unsportsmanlike. Reliance was completely on observing the play of future opponents from seats at games supplied by them. This meant gleaning the information from the 7 to 8 seconds required to run each play. West Point relied heavily on such "battlefield reconnaissance" and developed it into an art. "Blondy" (his hair was black as coal) Saunders '28 and "Red" Reeder '26, practitioners of the art in 1935, were a scouting team: Blondy of the Navy line, Red of its backs. By game time in 1935 if asked, they could have told us what the Navy team had had for breakfast.

Came the kickoff. Before the admirals had found their seats—touchdown #1. Before they had spread their blankets—touchdown #2. As they were taking their recovery drinks from their flasks—touchdown #3. Score at the end of the first sixteen minutes, 21–0; final 28–6.

Not only were the rapidity and size of the scoring in the Navy games of those days unprecedented but every member of the "A" squad and two from the "B" squad who had come down to Philadelphia with the Corps and marched on to Franklin Field got into that game.

Colonel Russell P. Reeder, combat infantryman. (Portrait by Mr. Charles Wrenn).

A few years later Blondy, now a colonel in the Army Air Corps, was stationed with his bombers at Hickam Field adjacent to Pearl Harbor. There he was in on the "kick off" of World War II. Unfortunately his planes were strafed on the ground and rendered useless by the Japanese.

Colonel Laverne G. Saunders reporting to Admiral Halsey, Guadalcanal, November 1942.

In six months he was back in the game, this time playing on the Navy's side in the South Pacific where some war correspondent dubbed him "Saunders of the Solomons." The sobriquet was in recognition of his superb support of Admiral Halsey's fleet in the battle in the Coral Sea. The fact that less than 15% of the intended invading land force survived to abruptly turn and head back toward Japan, was due in major part to

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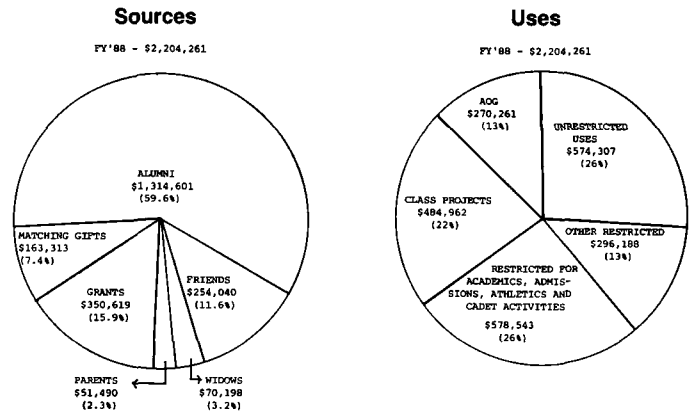
West Point Fund Committee Report for Fiscal Year 1988

As is its custom, your West Point Fund Committee publishes in ASSEMBLY a summary report of all AOG fund raising activities for the fiscal year which ended on the preceding 31 March. In addition to the data below, the July issue of ASSEMBLY carried two articles about the FY'88 program—one discussed individual donors, the other—corporation and foundation donors. A copy of the complete report will be provided on request. Members of the West Point Fund Committee as of 31 March 1988 are listed below.

A comparison of total receipts by the AOG for FY'87 and FY'88 is shown below. Figures in this report do not include interest.

	FY'87 No. of Gifts	FY'87 Total Amount	FY'88 No. of Gifts	FY'88 Total Amount
a. Direct contributions (Annual Giving)				
$25,000 and over	18	$2,494,820	11	$ 667,448
Less Than $25,000	12,015	$1,619,086	11,271	$1,536,813
TOTAL DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS	12,033	$4,113,906	11,282	$2,204,261
b. Planned Giving				
Bequests	9	$ 729,325	14	$ 650,564
Life Income Plans	17	$ 795,795	5	$ 276,839
Life Insurance	1	$ 50,000	1	$ 10,000
TOTAL PLANNED GIVING	27	$1,575,120	20	$ 937,403
GRAND TOTAL	12,060	$5,689,026	11,302	$3,141,664

Table I



The results achieved for our FY'88 fund raising effort are second only to those achieved in FY'87. The extraordinary results for FY'87 were primarily the effect of three large gifts totalling $1.8 million and the more favorable giving climate during the FY'87 period. Total income for FY'88 was $3.14 million compared to $5.69 million for the FY'87 and $2.63 million for FY'86.

Significant features detailed in this report are:

a. Unrestricted giving for FY'88 was $587,863 compared to $601,784 in FY'87 and $539,546 in FY'86.

b. Planned Giving income was just short of $1 million ($937,403) for the year which is down from FY'87, our best year ever at $1,575,120.

c. Class giving for FY'88 was $484,962 compared to $748,678 in FY'87 and $408,998 in FY'86.

d. Graduate participation was 24% for FY'88. This declined from 25.8% for FY'87 and the first decline in the past seven years.

e. Special Giving planning for the Alumni Center Building Fund has been initiated.

Table I represents both the sources and uses of direct donations (Annual Giving) to the West Point Fund during FY'88. It is significant to note that 59.6% of all donations came from alumni. Of the total of $2,204,261 contributed to the annual fund drive, 26% was unrestricted. This compares with 14.6% in FY'87. Unrestricted contributions provide the greatest flexibility in their use for programs which support the Military Academy and the Corps of Cadets.

Tables II and III pertain to giving by class. There were 7,230 donors (24% of all graduates) who contributed $1,314,601. This is down from 25.8% graduate participation in FY'87 but up from the 23.4% level in '86. Class giving activities for restricted purposes of their class gifts were also down. Increased alumni participation in the annual fund program in support of the Military Academy remains an ongoing objective of the West Point Fund Committee.

Table IV addresses West Point Fund Programmed Expenditures for programs supported by unrestricted funds. The West Point Fund Advisory Committee of the Superintendent recommends distribution of these unrestricted monies. The requirements are justified by the various Military Academy program managers for financial support which is not available through appropriated funds. Requirements from unrestricted money continue to grow, especially for those categories of items listed in Table IV. The major uses of unrestricted money are for support to extracurricular, athletic, academic and admissions support programs. These programs all complement cadet development but would have to be curtailed without the generous support of our donors.

Planned Giving for FY'88 includes three separate types of giving to West Point which are Bequests, Life Income Plans and a gift of Life Insurance. The total amount of money received from realized bequests during FY'88 was $650,564 from 14 different bequests. The names of these individuals are as follows: BG Frederick S. Strong III '10; Mrs. Joseph M. Colby, W'29; Mrs. E. DeTreville Ellis, W'15; COL George C. Mergens '23; COL Francis R. Hoehl '32; COL Arthur R. Apmann, P'50; COL Rudolph E. Smyser, Jr. '28; COL Robert T. Foster, Jun'18; LTC John R. Nygaard, Apr'17; Mr. Harry B. Davis, X'24; Mrs. Harlan T. McCormick, W'20; COL Robert H. Kessler and HON Clare Boothe Luce, Friend. The combined value of these 14 bequests was $650,564.

The total value of gifts to irrevocable trusts which were received during FY'88 was $276,839 from five separate life income plans. The Charitable Gift Annuity continues to be the most popular instrument. There have been 23 Gift Annuities since its introduction in 1983 with a total value of $703,914. A listing of the trust instruments received during FY'88 has been written up in the Bulletin Board section of previous issues of the ASSEMBLY to the extent the donors would allow their names to be used.

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Table II
Contributions by Class FY'88
(Bequests & Life Income Trusts Not Included)

Class	#of Donors	Total Amount of Donations	% of Participation	Balance in Class Gift Accounts
1910–1919	43	$ 7,045.00	40%	$ 12,971.22
1920	15	101,935.00	42%	*
1921	5	290.00	71%	4,102.83**
1922	12	12,020.00	57%	
1923	27	2,035.00	57%	21,013.43
1924	33	3,700.00	52%	27,030.43
1925	20	1,380.00	44%	*
1926	20	5,108.75	49%	6,778.67
1927	29	2,110.00	29%	68,187.62
1928	38	5,666.00	43%	353.12
1929	40	15,275.00	49%	2,427.00
1930	30	2,630.00	35%	28,265.89
1931	49	9,172.87	39%	35,143.90
1932	47	6,175.00	45%	20,094.14
1933	72	11,047.40	47%	27,326.38
1934	51	11,887.50	42%	3,099.12
1935	43	3,700.00	30%	*
1936	63	9,445.00	38%	10,805.23
1937	75	23,837.00	48%	81,521.58
1938	100	18,899.33	59%	39,213.23
1939	136	14,279.00	44%	56,434.25
1940	186	24,380.00	62%	51,083.42
1941	93	10,815.05	36%	63,973.48
1942	100	9,260.00	41%	12,715.00
Jan 1943	167	33,650.13	63%	20,258.09
Jun 1943	187	134,667.21	57%	685,458.26
1944	91	15,462.00	27%	19,780.22
1945	167	32,347.37	25%	4,764.04
1946	188	20,666.94	28%	12,071.04
1947	53	10,271.00	22%	20,851.38
1948	127	76,568.00	51%	234,709.33
1949	96	35,563.00	21%	38,176.03
1950	141	16,781.00	26%	20,379.38
1951	63	38,832.66	16%	555,779.74
1952	99	48,940.00	23%	25,409.27
1953	87	10,664.37	21%	117,020.44
1954	99	9,011.00	19%	11,852.96
1955	140	18,935.00	34%	119,714.22
1956	77	7,873.26	19%	14,172.80
1957	145	14,820.00	32%	15,553.69
1958	121	14,950.00	25%	49,451.61
1959	72	8,665.00	18%	26,902.49
1960	95	9,870.87	20%	16,976.97
1961	83	4,469.00	20%	2,469.22
1962	96	9,422.00	18%	5,048.33
1963	73	4,235.00	18%	2,532.37
1964	140	25,447.50	29%	148,804.62
1965	112	12,194.00	22%	3,965.32
1966	138	18,747.98	29%	33,332.43
1967	103	215,478.46	21%	5,076.61
1968	128	10,330.00	21%	1,875.40
1969	152	9,520.00	23%	7,962.05
1970	249	21,576.31	37%	41,926.23
1971	141	9,690.00	21%	14,187.26
1972	131	7,625.37	17%	7,463.86
1973	128	5,645.50	16%	3,336.59
1974	143	9,683.00	20%	14,446.06
1975	131	6,736.00	17%	2,316.57
1976	158	5,099.00	21%	5,718.06
1977	131	7,800.00	20%	4,583.74
1978	153	5,574.00	20%	3,127.23
1979	136	4,583.00	18%	5,348.37
1980	164	5,224.80	20%	974.09
1981	162	5,572.00	18%	9,658.29
1982	184	9,193.00	22%	851.07
1983	166	5,627.00	21%	11.44
1984	154	5,730.00	18%	507.12
1985	130	5,877.00	14%	1,372.41
1986	102	9,694.58	11%	1,906.75
1987	100	3,195.00	10%	1,169.85
TOTAL	7,230	$1,314,601.21	24%	$2,911,793.24

*Class Account Closed
**Joint Class Account

Table III
The Top Ten Classes

In Dollar Contributions FY'88		In Donors FY '88		Percent Donors FY '88	
1967	$215,478.46	1970	249	1921	71%
Jun 1943	134,667.21	1946	188	Jan 1943	63%
1920	101,935.00	Jun 1943	187	1940	62%
1948	76,568.00	1940	186	1938	59%
1952	48,940.00	1982	184	1922	57%
1951	38,832.66	Jan 1943	167	1923	57%
1949	35,563.00	1945	167	Jun 1943	57%
Jan 1943	33,650.13	1983	166	1924	52%
1945	32,347.37	1980	164	1926	49%
1964	25,447.50	1981	162	1929	49%

Table IV
West Point Fund Programmed Expenditures FY'88

Admissions Support	$161,500
Cadet Activities	$234,000
Academics	$189,500
Athletics	$204,000
TOTAL	$789,000

West Point
Fund Committee Members
BG John R. Jannarone '38
Chairman
Mr. Bernard W. Abrams '47
Mr. Carl B. Anderson, Jr. '44
Mr. William J. Bowen '45
MG Neal Creighton '53
MG Thomas C. Darcy '32
Mr. Anthony J. Delano '51
COL John A. Feagin, Jr. '55
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Mr. James G. Gantsoudes '64
Mr. John A. Hammack '49
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Mr. C. Roland Stichweh '65
Mr. Absalom T. Webber, Jr. '51
Mr. David C. Young II '55

Ex Officio Members
COL Robert A. Strati '55
Secretary, WPF Committee
Director of Development and Annual Giving
COL Richard L. Gruenther '46
Planned Giving
COL Thomas B. Russell '59
Special Giving
COL Charles K. Flint III '64
Advisor & Alumni Affairs Officer

Ex Officio Members (Class Trustees)
MG Jack O. Bradshaw '58
MG Willis D. Crittenberger '42
COL Lloyd E. Johnson '38
MG William A. Patch '48
BG Charles D. Youree '52

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"Hard Times During World War II"

We owe the following exchange of letters to Colonel John R. Brinkerhoff, ret. (USMA 1950) who found them while sorting through the papers of the late Brigadier General William W. Bessell, Jr. (USMA 1920), former Dean of the Academic Board (1959–1965). As Colonel Brinkerhoff points out, even in the midst of war it was possible for two officers bound by their Academy ties (Colonel Earl North was in the Class of 1909) to engage in literate, witty banter. The clever content of the letters is best appreciated only by those with close ties to West Point. Marie Capps of the USMA Archives rendered us another of her many kindnesses by locating the rare Scriven's ad for us. Our oldtimers may recall that these same letters appeared on page 8 of the January 1943 ASSEMBLY.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

November 17, 1942

Colonel Earl North,
Treasurer,
U.S. Military Academy,
West Point, New York.

Dear Sir:

On November 9 I sent a letter to your office asking for 6 pairs of Scriven's long summer drawers. Your office replied by letter dated November 11, copy inclosed.

Mr. Treasurer, I don't believe my letter or this reply from your office have been brought to your personal attention. Mr. Treasurer, I rise (in my long drawers) to protest against this discriminatory action. I have been wearing these drawers (I mean with proper changes for hygienic reasons) for 24 years. Next to myself, I like them best. I know from recent personal observation that you yourself, Mr. Treasurer, have also found this "item" to lend the proper air of distinction to an officer of long and valued service like yourself.

Mr. Treasurer, on the day I left the Military Academy, 24 years ago, properly attired as to nether garments, I was firmly convinced that the Military Academy was thereafter surely going to h---. This conviction has been strengthened throughout the years. Now, that I have received this letter from your office, I am positive.

I did not mind your substituting 32 length drawers instead of 30 length drawers as I just turned up the cuffs, but the statement, "we are discontinuing this item" touches me to the heart. This, Sir, is a sacrilege. The long grey line in their long Scriven's drawers would, I know, rise up as a man to join in my protest were they aware of this fact. You, Sir, alone are able to take remedial action, personally interested as you are.

May I hear from you in reply or must I write my Congresswoman?

Very truly yours,

Wm. W. Bessell, Jr.
Colonel, Corps of Engineers.

November 11, 1942

Colonel W. W. Bessell, Jr.,
1409-44th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 9th we do not have any long drawers in size 32 waist, 30 length. However, we are shipping you under separate cover six (6) pairs of these drawers in size 32 waist, 32 length, and trust they will answer your purpose.

They are being shipped to you C.O.D., since we do not carry accounts with officers, other than those stationed at this post.

Another reason for our substituting this size is that we are discontinuing this item and will not be able to procure any more.

Trusting they will reach you in good order, we are

Very truly yours
THE CADET STORE
By:

P. L. Weitfle
Major, A.U.S.
Asst. Treas., U.S.M.A.

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PERSONAL AND HYGIENIC

December 1, 1942

Colonel Wm. W. Bessell, Jr.,
1409-44th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 17th, 1942 in which you make a most eloquent and stirring appeal for the perpetuation in perpetuity of the ancient and honorable Scriven long drawer custom of the Corps. Any doubt one might have as to your loyalty for and devotion to your Alma Mater and its glorious traditions would be forever dispelled on reading your plea in behalf of that honorable though humble garment which has for more than a century contributed so much toward making contented calves and molding sturdy legs which have carried illustrious graduates like yourself down the highway of success.

Please accept our apologies for shipping you 32 length drawers instead of 30 length which you specified. We are very much concerned as you may be endangering, not only your own health but that of your associates, by wearing your drawers too long. If you will return them we will be glad to shorten them at our expense, either in our tailor shop or by putting them through the cadet laundry.

To return to the question which is so dear to the legs of many old graduates like yourself, we agree with you that the long grey line of long drawer lovers would protest to the last man a decision on the part of the cadet store to abandon completely its long established long drawer position and sell shorts only.

But even the cadet store must keep not more than one generation behind the times. You must be aware, sir, observing as you are, that with the march of youth styles change, particularly in drawers. You recall pictures in the old ancestral album of great grandmothers clad in drawers so long that the ruffles thereon were visible and only ankle high. But drawers have gone a long way since those days. They have been on the up and up. In fact they have reached such astronomical heights as to be scarcely visible to the naked eye and old grads like yourself, with a keen interest in all things feminine, have no doubt noted this as you skirted the crowded streets on a hot, sunny day late in the afternoon. Even the nomenclature has changed with the times. "Drawers", "step-ins", "panties", "scanties", "snuggies" and now "Zeros". (The latter is a war model—fast, airy, plain, easily brought down.)

Men's drawers have closely followed girls—that is as to styling. They are now "shorts" and in recent years they have retreated to such an extent that their survival in any form is problematical.

A few pairs of Scrivens long drawers are still issued to each class on entrance. A beast has to endure anything for a time but sooner or later even he revolts and amputates both legs (drawer) above the knee. It is our most painful duty to advise you, sir, that the time is not far distant when Scrivens will take its place in Academy History along with the wash basin and slop jar, the cross-the-icy-area toilet, the table cloth, C. Smith and the cryophorous. Cadet interest in Scrivens might be prolonged for a time by introducing into the curriculum a short course in long drawers or by composing a new cheer to be known as "The Long Drawer Yell". In anticipation of their demise we have already prepared a fitting obituary. In it old grads will learn that long drawers with an elastic side insert were first purchased many years ago from James A. Scriven and Company, Long Island City, New York. This firm succumbed to the changing styles as did the manufacturers of buggies and went out of business about 1917, so you see that the cadet store is, thus far, only 25 years behind Scrivens in abandoning the long drawer line. There survive today only three known firms who continue to manufacture this elastic side seam, cloth, long drawer. The long knitted variety is, of course, easily obtainable.

In view of the Scrivens situation, and because of our interest in keeping your legs happy, we respectfully recommend, sir, that you order a lifetime supply before the species is extinct. We also reverently suggest that you order one pair with about a 48 inch waist (Even Scrivens has a limit of elasticity), this pair to be carefully preserved and reserved for your Arlington ensemble. It would be most distressing to put an old long drawer grad away for his last long sleep clad in shorts and finally, may we suggest a fitting epitaph:

"Here lies a valiant soldier,
Revered by kith and kin.
In life he fought for Scrivens,
In death he sleeps therein."
Pax Vobiscum.

Sympathetically yours,

EARL NORTH,
Colonel, C. E.
Treasurer, U.S.M.A.

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P.S. Suggest you refrain from writing your Congresswoman. She may not wear 'em.—or does she?

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News from the Societies

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

Since our last report seven (7) new West Point societies have posted their guidons. New societies and their presidents are as follows:

Northern California (Sacramento)—Pres, **George Grayeb** '52
Southwest Georgia (Athens area)—Pres, **Ray Heath** '67
Las Vegas—Pres, **Delbert Barth** '46
Central New York (Syracuse area)—Pres, **Charles Breeding** '78
Upstate South Carolina (Greenville area)—Pres, **Pete Selleck** '77
Monticello (Charlottesville, VA area)—Pres, **Bill Anderson** '55
West Virginia (Charleston area)—Pres, **Jim Spurlock** '62

Organizers for another dozen societies delayed recruiting for the summer; we hope to have more societies on the board this fall.

Some of the following societies' reports did not reach us in time to be included in the July ASSEMBLY; because many deal with Founders Day, we carried them over to this issue. Suspense dates for submission of articles for the ASSEMBLY are as follows:

Issue	*Due at AOG*
Feb	10 Dec
Apr	10 Feb
Jul	10 May
Oct	10 Aug
Dec	10 Oct

—Skip Wensyel '52

TENNESSEE VALLEY

The West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley celebrated the 186th anniversary of the founding of West Point at the Redstone Arsenal Officers Open Mess on 4 Mar. The turnout was the largest in the society's history with 155 graduates, spouses, and guests in attendance. Guests included the parents of four local cadets. The society was fortunate in having the Superintendent as the main speaker, who was introduced by **Larry Capps** '63, the senior active duty graduate present. **Gus Hergert** '50, society president, was master of ceremonies for the program which included remarks by **John Lindberg** '82, the youngest grad present and **Ed Mohlere** '36, the oldest. **Tom Chapman** '64 and grads from the USA Strategic Defense Command took time from their duties on the President's SDI program to plan and execute an outstanding affair.

Before the dinner 15 admissable candidates and their parents had an opportunity to talk with the Superintendent. The meeting demonstrated the close relationship that exists between the admissions participants in the Huntsville/Florence area, the West Point Society of the Tennessee Valley, and the Assoc of the US Army. The undersigned, as coordinator for the admissions program, was responsible for the candidate/parents invitations. **Dale McDonough** '72 made arrangements for the meeting. **Herb Wagenheim** '56 who, in addition to being an active admissions participant, is also treasurer of the AUSA, the organization which funded the meeting. Herb has been instrumental in keeping AUSA involved in the USMA admissions program as well as the ROTC scholarship program. Each year the AUSA invites USMA candidates offered admission, as well as ROTC scholarship winners, and their parents, to an AUSA dinner meeting where they are recognized for their achievements.

The society is looking forward to next year for a bigger and better event as the Academy counts down to its bicentennial anniversary.

—Ed Hildreth '57

ALASKA

New officers for the West Point Society of Alaska, to serve until the summer of 1989, are: Pres—**Frederick F. Lash** '69, VP—**Steve Jarrard** '82.

The new address for the society is West Point Society of Alaska, P.O. Box 5–504, Ft Richardson, Alaska 99505.

—Steve Jarrard '82

Editor's Note: The West Point Society of Alaska's attractive decal is shown on this page. Other societies interested in similar decals might contact LTC Gustave Villaret, USA (Ret), West Point Society of El Paso Area, 8412 Edgemere Boulevard, El Paso, TX 79925.

SAN FRANCISCO

The annual business meeting was held on 10 May at the Presidio Officers Club, preceded by a Benny Havens hour. New members were appointed to the Board of Governors, with departing members of the board thanked for their contributions. New officers for the society are: Pres—**Darryle L. Kouns** '60; VP—**Thomas W. Fife** '50; VP—**Mark C. B. Klunk** '40; Sec—**Paul F. Adams** '76; Treas—**Jack P. Hug** '60.

The society is preparing a new directory of grads in the area, to include business affiliations. Other activities planned for the coming year include periodic luncheon meetings, an Army-Navy Game Brunch, and Founders Day (tentatively set for 4 Mar). Anyone desiring information about society activities, to locate a friend or classmate in the area, or to relocate to the Bay area should call **Paul Adams** (H: 415-672-8004; O: 415-433-1400).

—Paul F. Adams '76

SOUTHERN ARIZONA

At its annual Founders Day Dinner, held at the historic Arizona Inn, the West Point Society of Southern Arizona (Tucson) approved the initiation of a high school awards program. This new program is to recognize high school juniors throughout Southern Arizona for excellence in Character, Academics and Athletics. A second goal is to provide increased awareness among all high school students and their parents of the

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significant educational and development opportunities offered to qualified young men and women by West Point.

The prime movers leading this effort were six members of the society who believe that such an awards program has potential for benefiting West Point as well as students in the Southern Arizona community. Six schools were selected, and letters outlining the purposes of the program and guidelines for student selection were written to their principals. All six schools enthusiastically entered into the program and provided the knowledgeable teachers and counselors needed to select the students to be honored. The students, identified with their schools, and the society members who made the presentations at their annual awards ceremonies, were the following:

Maureen Brooks Matt Taleck	Salpointe Catholic High School	**J. Pollin** '44
Jessica L. Snyder Stephanie L. Manis	Flowing Wells High School	**J. McCray** '48
John R. Wallace Stacy L. Hill	Sabino High School	**G. Jones** '35
Roger G. Henderson	Sahuaro High School	**G. Jones** '35
Matt Davis	St. Gregory's High School	**S. Sherard** '62
Tonia L. Walker Adam D. Thrasher	Buena High School	**V. Gannon** '46

This initial step by the society to reach out to the community through its high schools was well received. Encouraged by the results received, we intend to continue efforts in this awards program.

—Jack M. Pollin '44

LOS ANGELES

Founders Day was celebrated by the WPSLA on 26 Mar at a dinner held in the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The guest speaker was GEN **Carl E. Vuono** '57, CSA. To the 134 members, spouses and other guests, the affair was a resounding success. Attitude adjustment started at 1800. Early birds were entertained by video tape highlights of the 87 football season. The West Point Glee Club and USMA Band, circa 1974, provided additional taped music. Later in the evening, taped musical selections from the Glee Club, circa 1957 in honor of GEN Vuono, were featured.

The National Anthem, played by the USMA Band, called the group to attention at 1930. After the Pledge of Allegiance and traditional toasts to the President, the Corps, and the Ladies, **Tara (Krause) Freeman** '82, newly elected to the society's Board of Governors, started a new tradition with a toast to "the Gentlemen."

After a delicious dinner, the meeting was called to order by society president **Ted Taylor** '74 who introduced new board members **Tay Yoshitani** '68 and **Tara Freeman** '82. **Arnold Winter** '49 followed with his usual stirring rendition of the treasurer's report. **Ed Olivares** '57, Founders Day 1988 chairman, then introduced the evening's speakers.

The oldest grad present, MG (ret) **John McCoy** '39, graciously yielded the honor of addressing the society to his classmate **C. L. P. Medinnis,** who regaled us with tales of the true "Old Corps," before the Corps "had."

The youngest grad present was **Tara (Krause) Freeman** '82 who, in the best tradition of the "Select Few" of 1982, gave a stirring and serious speech truly fitting for the occasion.

Ed Olivares introduced the Chief of Staff who then demonstrated his regard for the soldiers in today's Army and for their families in his speech addressing his vision of the Army and West Point as they are today and as graduates can expect in the 1990s. GEN Vuono was highly complimentary of the job that LTG **Dave R. Palmer** '56 is doing as Superintendent and was justifiably proud of the statistics he presented on the education and training levels of soldiers in today's all-volunteer Army.

The formal events of the evening closed with the traditional singing of the *Alma Mater* by all present, led by former members of the Glee Club and accompanied by **Tom Sharp** '50 on the grand piano.

The new president of the Orange County WP Society (**Lee Gray** '53) is a past president of the WPSLA; we look forward to joint programs with the Orange County Society.

In closing, and in a more serious vein, BEAT NAVY!

—Ed Olivares '57

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

This year's Founders Day dinner for WPSDC, at the Army-Navy Country Club on 11 Mar, was a sellout. Every one of the 300-plus seats available was occupied as graduates joined in celebrating USMA's 186th anniversary.

Following the posting of the colors, GEN **William Y. Smith** '48, society president, toasted the Commander-in-Chief. Led by former Superintendent and the oldest graduate present MG (Ret) **Frederick A. Irving** '17, all then toasted the Corps. The youngest grad present was LT **Alexander Stojadinovic** '87.

A highlight of the evening was presentation of the annual Castle Memorial Award to LTG (Ret) **Edward L. Rowney** '41. In presenting the award, GEN Smith spoke of Ed Rowney's many important command and staff assignments and of his many outstanding achievements during an illustrious military career. The Castle Memorial Award is presented each year by the WPSDC to the USMA graduate who has distinguished himself/herself in exemplifying the ideals of West Point in either a military or civilian capacity.

Guest speaker for the dinner was BG **Fred A. Gorden** '62, Commandant of Cadets. General Gorden expressed deep pride in the role of West Point in producing leaders for "today's superb soldiers." He described the present USMA admissions program and a number of other ongoing activities at West Point. Following General Gorden's very interesting and enlightening remarks, graduates sang the *Alma Mater*, accompanied on the piano by **Bill Raiford** '52.

BG Fred A. Gorden, Commandant of Cadets, prepares to speak to graduates at the Washington, D.C. Founders Day dinner, Army-Navy Country Club on March 11 as COL J. Frank Hennessee '65, program chairman, adjusts the microphone.

On 5 May, at Fort Myer Officers Club, the WPSDC held its annual spring luncheon. Guest speaker was LTG **William E. Odom** '54, Director of NSA, who was introduced by LTG (Ret) **Willard W. Scott** '48, society vice president. Gen Odom described the economic and political problems facing the Soviet's General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev as Gorbachev attempts to implement reforms in the Soviet system.

At a short business meeting following Gen **Odom**'s presentation, COL (Ret) **Nicholas W. Kuzemka** '63 was elected to

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replace **Thomas M. Carhart** III '66, who is leaving the area. The terms of **Allan C. Torgerson** '46 (Treas) and **Philip A. Farris '46** (Pub Affairs) were extended.

Gen **Scott** presented the Maxwell D. Taylor Leadership Award on 26 May to the outstanding graduate of the USMA Preparatory School. The society makes this annual award to honor one of its former members, GEN **Maxwell D. Taylor** '22, who distinguished himself brilliantly in service to our nation for more than 50 years.

—Phil Farris '46

NORTHWEST FLORIDA

The West Point Society of Northwest Florida held its Founders Day celebration at the Officers Open Mess, Eglin AFB, Florida, on 25 Mar. About 80 alumni and guests attended. The guest speaker was COL **Pierce A. Rushton, Jr.** '59, USMA Director of Admissions.

COL Pierce A. Rushton, Jr. '59, Director of Admissions with classmate LTC (Ret) Robert G. Crawford, Treasurer of Society of Northwest Florida.

—Haydon Y. Grubbs, Jr. '53

SPACE COAST

We joined with the local jolly tars for a barbecue at the Patrick Yacht Club the evening of 18 Jun. There were 49 of us and 17 of the sailors, which we figure should be an accurate forecast of the next Army-Navy game score. We hold these joint outings every year, and everyone enjoys them.

Following a business brunch in Sep, we're looking forward to the Army-Navy game rally at the Patrick Officers Club on 3 Dec and the great big Christmas dinner dance in the Eau Gallie Yacht Club on 11 Dec. Nick Stella's Band will play, so mark your calendars.

—Jack Dibble '40

ATLANTA

New officers for the West Point Society of Atlanta are Pres—**Mike Gabel** '59; VP—**Dennis Haydon** '69; Sec/Treas—**Ken Silberstein** '63; Program Chmn—**Jim Clawson** '83; and Pub Info—**Jim Cobb** '43. That's a 40-year spread!

Our society exists to provide an organization in which graduates and former cadets of our Alma Mater may continue their associations, and through which we may cooperate to promote the principles and welfare of the U.S. Military Academy. We have been a society since 11 Sep 1965. Our charter members include **Phil Gage, Sr** '09, and **John Hester** '08. There are over 500 USMA grads and former cadets currently somewhere around Atlanta.

Our tentative program for the new year includes football games, softball, a visit by the West Point Glee Club, a Christmas party, and interservice sports events. We also interface with the Academy Wives Club and with **Frank Egan** '61 in his USMA recruiting efforts. **Dennis Haydon** '69 is responsible for our society's support of the Admissions staff. We welcome visitors to any of our programs.

—Mike Gabel '59

HAWAII

The WESTCOM Founders Day was held on 22 Apr at the Hale Koa Hotel in downtown Waikiki Beach. In all, 234 people attended the ceremonies that included speeches by the youngest and oldest graduates, skits, and a talk by BG Roy Flint, USMA Academic Dean. Everyone enjoyed the outstanding evening.

—2LT Ernst H. Weyand III '87

CHICAGO

The West Point Society of Chicago held its Annual Golf Outing at Cog Hill, 31 Aug. The Chairman was **Mike Pyrz** '80. Over $500 was donated by various individuals and corporations for prizes for the event, both for graduates and non-graduates. Trophies were given for the lowest and highest scores, the former, of course, known as the "Goat." Those favored were **Bill Sumner** '78, defending his champion's title, while **Bill Hubbard** '73 had the dubious honor of defending the Goat.

A Benny Haven's Hour was scheduled in late Sep where everyone renewed old acquaintances and discussed Army football. A great time was had by all!

Plans are being made for the Annual Army-Navy game rally to be held once again at Mike Ditka's Restaurant in Chicago on 5 Dec. Call **Jim Nalepa** '78 at 312-304-1990 if you're interested.

—Dennis R. Coll '65

MID-GULF

On 14 Mar the West Point Society of the Mid-Gulf held its annual Founders Day dinner at the Pendennis Club in New Orleans. The society's guest this year was LTG **Dave R. Palmer** '56. In honor of his visit to New Orleans, Mayor Sidney Bathelemy named Gen Palmer an Honorary Citizen of New Orleans and, with the City Council, proclaimed the week of 14–18 Mar to be West Point Week in the City of New Orleans.

Among the more than 70 West Pointers, wives and guests at the dinner, were **Charles Thensted** '69, president of the WPSMG; BG (Ret) **Roy Kelley** '41, chairman of the New Orleans Dock Board; **Roy Mossy** '46, of Mossy Oldsmobile; **Lucian Truscott IV** '69; Mr. Stanley Saulny, whose son is an '88 grad and who serves as president of the local West Point parents club; and **Sam Stapleton** '50, manager of International Business Programs at the World Trade Center.

COL (Ret) **George LaBreche** '40 and CPT **David Shelly** '80, a student at Tulane Law School, addressed the group as the oldest and youngest grads, respectively.

—Charles F. Thensted '69

ANNAPOLIS

The West Point Society of Annapolis held its 2d annual Founders Day dinner on 4 Mar at the recently remodeled Annapolis Hilton. Almost 100 grads and their guests enjoyed a Benny Havens hour followed by an excellent dinner in the main ballroom of the Hilton. GEN **Michael S. Davison** '39, president of the AOG, was our guest speaker. He provided a good insight into what is going on today at West Point and in the AOG. We were honored to have him as our speaker. BG (Ret) **Luke Finlay** '28 provided the remarks as the oldest grad present, and **Frank Ojeda** '79 provided the perspective of the youngest grad.

The surprise of the evening was a brand new mural decorating the wall behind the head table. Its subject is an 1820's scene of the Plain at West Point. It really is beautiful and provided a special setting for this Founders Day dinner.

—Phil Polak '45

NEW ENGLAND

The West Point Society of New England held its Founders Day dinner at the Nashawtuc Country Club, Concord, MA on 18 Mar. **GEN Edward ("Shy") Meyer** '51, former Chief of Staff of the Army, was the guest speaker and he

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delivered an inspiring message. **MG Rush B. Lincoln, Jr.** '32 delivered a brief talk as the oldest graduate. The society appreciates the great support received from **Clint Seward** '63, chairman for the dinner, and all the committee members.

In June the society hosted its annual Welcoming Dinner for the candidates of the Class of 1992 at the Army Natick Laboratories Officers Club. The candidates were joined by new yearlings, Class of '91. **MG Joseph J. Skaff** '55 highlighted the evening with remarks about a career in today's Army. **Jim Brunnhoeffer** '66 and **Chuck Vehlow** '68 coordinated the event with over 100 people in attendance from MA, NH and RI.

Again this summer, **MG & Mrs. George S. Patton** '46 were gracious enough to invite the society members back to their beautiful Green Meadows Farm for a family picnic. **LTG & Mrs. Dave Palmer** '56 were also guests of the Pattons and certainly added to a wonderful family atmosphere. The Superintendent inspired all of us with his update of Academy activities and the values he continues to inculcate in cadets and faculty. A special occasion, adding greatly to the event, was Mrs. Joanne Holbrook Patton's being made an honorary member of the New England Society. Her continued support and many personal contributions over the years certainly deserve this special recognition. Society officials, **David Winklbauer** '73 and **Ellen Groschelle** '82, presented Mrs. Patton with a framed membership certificate.

Mrs. Joanne Holbrook Patton being made an honorary member of Society of New England.

In Oct the Society will meet at Ft. Devens, hosted by **MG Joseph J. Skaff** '55 to hear about the "Army of the 1990's". **Jarold Hutchison** '56, 1st vice president of the society, encourages everyone to attend and also see the new Officers/NCO Club.

—Corky Henninger '58

NEW JERSEY

On 19 Mar, in Asbury Park, NJ, 253 graduates, wives, guests, and friends of West Point gathered again to renew old acquaintances, tell "war stories," and reminisce about time well spent on the banks of the Hudson. After an extended Benny Havens hour, the assemblage moved to the banquet room. The colors were posted by the USMAPS Color Guard, and everyone was welcomed by the society's president, **Everett Lucas** '67. Then followed traditional comments from the oldest grad, MG (Ret) **Preston Corderman** '26, and the youngest grad, CPT **Joseph W. Snodgrass** '83. Snodgrass delighted the audience by accomplishing his mission in typical cadet fashion, gleaning his remarks from a visiting firstie from the Cadet Pipes and Drums.

Following a scrumptious meal, entertainment was provided by the USCC Pipes and Drums. The cadets, down from the Point for the evening, were very impressive, as the pipe and drum renditions were heard all over the hotel and down the boardwalk as well.

Guest speaker for the evening was BG (Ret) **Peter Dawkins** '59. Pete's remarks were both comical and insightful, befitting one of West Point's favorite sons.

The evening concluded with the USMAPS Glee Club and the assemblage singing several songs, most important of which was the *Alma Mater*.

Warning order for next year: Due to the overwhelming response for this year's event, the 1989 Founders Day will be held again at the Berkley-Carteret Hotel on 18 Mar. Rooms at a reduced rate for Founders Day participants will be available; 1988 required 60 rooms, so mark your calendar in black, gold and gray and get your reservations in ASAP.

At the Apr meeting of the Board of Governors, the current slate of officers was reelected for another campaign: Pres—**Everett D. Lucas** '67, VP—**Frank Collins** '64, Sec—**Tony G. Smith** '78, and Treas—**John Fee** '62. LET'S EVEN THE SLATE IN '88—BEAT NAVY!

—Tony G. Smith '78

CENTRAL NEW YORK

Since forming the society last fall, we now have a board of directors, committee slots filled, over 40 members on our roster and growing.

On 22 Jun we held our third informal dinner meeting. Held at LeMoyne Manor, in attendance were the following:

Ross Irvin '68 **Paul Curtin** Jun '43 **Joe Tedeschi** '57 **Bob & Arlene Newman** '77 **Bill Cross** '62 **John Berry** '90 **John & Sally Dargle** '62 **Peter Tofani** '88 **Charles & Geri Breeding** '78 **Chris & Harriet Stanat** '62

The program was quite a success—entertaining, thought-provoking and informative. This was made possible by **Peter Tofani** '88 and **John Berry** '90, both quite articulate and excellent speakers on the topic of recent changes at USMA from the cadets' point of view. Although we all say, "The Corps has . . .," the society agrees that, if they are all like those two, the Corps is in fine shape!

The society's board met on 22 Jul to establish priorities for the society and plans for next year. Treasurer **Ross Irvin** '68 has provided us with a computer membership roster. Society priorities for the coming year are to increase membership while presenting quality programs; recruit cadet candidates and provide admissions help; and improve public relations for West Point and for the society. Planned programs include the following:

22 Sep: Anheuser-Busch Brewery tour
Oct: Dinner meeting
5 Nov: Syracuse U *vs* Navy football
3 Dec: Army-Navy Game party
Feb: Ski/banquet at Labrador
Mar: Founders Day
May: Picnic/barbecue

—Charles Breeding '78

LONG ISLAND

The WPSLI held its first annual Golf Scramble on 9 May at the Swan Lake Golf Club in Manorville. The group had a great day, and thank goodness, there was at least one good golfer in every foursome. Our champions were from the classes of the 60's, with **Blanchard** '67, **Dorney** '65, **Hawkins** '65 and **Szigethy** '68 (shown in photo left to right) taking the honors for the afternoon. Our golf pro, **Clyde Cocke** '51, already is talking about a challenge match with our USNA adversaries, and/or a scramble at the West Point Golf Course.

West Point Society of Long Island Golf Scramble winners.

The society held its first Board of Directors meeting on 14 May. Each step in the organizing process is making this a stronger society. Future activities include a pool/yard party during the summer, reinforcing the Connecticut society at the

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Army-Yale game in New Haven, and an Army-Navy party. BEAT NAVY—AGAIN!

—Marsh Harrington '61

CLEVELAND

The new officers of the West Point Society of Cleveland are President, **T. Merritt Bumpass** '65; VP, **Al Catani** '69; Secretary, **Greg Honzo** '67; Treasurer, **Cliff Stilgenbauer** '72; and Admissions Liaison, **Bill Willoughby** '61. Our Founders Day guest speaker was Carl Ullrich, the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at West Point. Members of our society, parents club, and friends were again pleased that Carl returned to participate in this event with us. Merritt Bumpass attended a conference at West Point concerning societies. In a newsletter to our members, he highlighted activities of the AOG, admissions to West Point, and new developments affecting the cadets. **Dr. Peter Horoschak** '62 has left the Shaker Heights, OH, city school system, where he was Superintendent of Schools, for a similar position in Pittsfield, NY. **Bob Case** '46 ret as VP of AmeriTrust and has moved to San Antonio, TX. Bob was one of the founders of our society and served for many years as our treasurer. We wish him well for the future. **Bill McLaughlin** '72 has led a project to identify graduates of the service academies living in our area to arrange future social gatherings. **Al Catani** '69 is the monitor for a "career network" for our members. This network will assist graduates in identifying career opportunities within our area and in the future will be tied in to other societies who have a similar network.

At the request of the West Point Parents Club of Northern Ohio, **John McCarthy** '49 was the guest speaker at a dinner meeting of their club in Tiffin, OH. The topic of his presentation was "Prospects of a Career after Military Service." This club recently has been formed and plans to increase its activities as well as to develop closer bonds with our society and a new West Point society that may be established in the Toledo area.

—John McCarthy '49

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA

Carl Anderson '44 hosted a barbecue picnic at his lovely home in Oklahoma City on 4 Jun, honoring the new cadets from western Oklahoma. Mr. Anderson returned home early from a class reunion in Florida to do something special for the incoming Class of '92. The backyard of his home, featured in *Southern Living* magazine and overlooking the golf course, provided the perfect setting. The classic Oklahoma barbecue was plentiful and delicious.

Among the guests were current Oklahoma cadets, the West Point Parents Club of Central Oklahoma and the local admissions liaison team. The new cadets and their families were able to meet the current cadets and to learn something of what to expect from the coming year. Among new cadets present was Payl Robyn, son of **Sally & Eric Robyn** '69. Also present was **Dale Smith** '69 who serves as liaison officer for the USMA Admissions Office.

—Dale Smith '69

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Our society has had a series of interesting activities during the spring of 1988. First, on 21 Apr we were present for the ceremony naming the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. This was a momentous event for the honorary president of our society, with guests from federal, state and local governments, the US Army, USMA and, of course, the 82nd Airborne Division. On 17 Apr, GEN **Matthew B. Ridgway** Apr '17 gave an outstanding speech, giving us all an opportunity to relive history.

At our monthly meeting in Jun, Gerard Patterson, author of the new book, **Rebels From West Point,** joined us for lunch and gave us an excellent presentation of his book. On 12 Jun, our society joined the West Point Parents Club of Western Pennsylvania for their annual picnic for new cadets, current cadets and new graduates. This was a great time to catch up on the past, present and future of our Alma Mater.

Unfortunately, our new president, **Jack Richards** '64, will be relocating to northern Virginia this summer. **John Robinson** '41, the current VP, will be serving in his stead until our next monthly meeting in Sep.

—Dennis M. Morgenstern '73

RHODE ISLAND

The WPSRI was founded on 15 Apr 88 with the prime goals of promoting West Point, its ideals, and camaraderie among graduates, cadets, former cadets, and Academy supporters.

Three events are planned for the rest of 1988: a picnic at Katy Field, Newport Navy Base on 10 Sep; a joint trip with the WP Parents Club of Rhode Island to West Point for the Army-Northwestern game; and a 19 Nov business meeting. The latter will be a dinner with a distinguished guest speaker. We have selected 11 Mar for our Founders Day celebration, to be held at the Newport Naval Base Officers Club.

Visitors or newcomers to the area are welcome to participate in society programs!

—Dick Bauchspies '58

COLUMBIA (SC)

The West Point Society of Columbia, SC Founders Day dinner dance was hosted by MG George M. Krausz, CG of Ft Jackson, at the Ft Jackson Open Mess. We were privileged to have the Com, BG **Fred A. Gorden** '62, as our guest speaker. As an added treat we had the special guest of MG Krausz, MG Ricardo Galarza (Army of Uruguay), also at our table.

For this occasion, celebrated on 25 Mar, our oldest grad present was COL (Ret) **Sam Silver** '29. This was the 5th consecutive year that Colonel Sam was the speaker. Our youngest grad for the 2d consecutive year was LT **James Diorio** '86. **Pat Canary** '62, our society VP and a classmate of BG Gorden, performed the introductions in true "classmate" style. Gen Gorden brought the crowd of approximately 150 dinner guests up to speed on West Point with his remarks. Following dinner, the dance floor was fully utilized.

Our senior active duty grad is BG **Charles Hansell** '61. For our two events of the year, Founders Day and the Army-Navy football rally, BG Hansell appointed a USMA grad battalion CO as project officer. LTC **Lee Morand** '68, CO of the 3/61 Infantry, very capably assisted by his XO, CPT **Lynn Lancaster** '81, was appointed for the 88 Founders Day. The team did a great job, and all attendees attested to that.

My two year tour as prez expires momentarily, and I will pass the baton to **Pat Canary** '62. Pat's first order of business, as mine was, is to find a "volunteer" to serve two years as VP and then succeed him. I will retire with the distinguished title of immediate past president.

—Art Taylor '52

MID-SOUTH

The WPSMS held its Founders Day celebration at the Racquet Club, Memphis, on 26 Mar. Our guest speaker was COL **Pierce Rushton, Jr** '59, USMA Director of Admissions. Attendees included grads and their wives, as well as members of the local West Point Parents Club.

Society officers are Pres—**Richard Carter** '73; VP (Tenn)—**Rene Wolf** '50; VP (Miss)—**David Chandler** '49; VP (Ark)—**John Tipton** '52; Sec—**Luke Wright** '43; Treas—**Al Austin** '49; and USMA Liaison—**Bob Wheaton** '55.

WEST POINT SOCIETY OF NORTH TEXAS

This edition from North Texas brings good news and bad news. The bad news is that we in North Texas are losing two of our strongest supporters and hardest

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workers. **Jack Lowe** '65 and **Jesse Adams** '73 have been promoted and reassigned by their companies. **Ray Colvin** '53 is convening the Nominations Committee to find replacements as soon as possible. Jesse's transfer to CA left the society with two vacancies to fill: VP of Admissions and Regional Admissions Coordinator. Besides the number of jobs vacated by Jesse, we have lost a terrific friend to the West Coast. North Texas will, however, always be home for Jesse, and we plan on his coming home soon.

The good news we report has to do with **Tom McNiel** '45. Remember how he was "quieted" last year by a small bout with cancer? Well, Tom is back in stride with the North Texas Chapter. We are happy to report that he has recently had nine biopsies—and, happily, none of them has shown any indication of cancer!!!

Do you remember the old, fightin' North Texas Society golf team and our coach **Nick Stafford** '69? Well, Nick's at it again. This little old tourney has grown into a tourney which includes alumni teams from all major universities. So, Nick will enter a four-man team and, once again, defend our honor on the field of friendly strife. My money's on Nick and the North Texas boys.

—Donny Atkins '73

CENTRAL TEXAS

The Central Texas Chapter in Austin held its annual meeting in Jun at the Westwood Country Club. Hosting the meeting was outgoing president **Lee McCrary** '49. Elected to the Board of Directors for the 88–89 term were President, **Ward Goessling** '49; VP—**Dyke Miller** '60; VP Programs—**Bob Blitch** '55; VP Plans—**Clayton Nyberg** '79; Sec/Treas—**Dick Fuller** '46; and **Bruce Robertson** '51, Admissions Coodinator.

In May the monthly luncheon group was treated to a talk from LTC **Harrison Lobdell, III** '69, currently commanding the 1/5 Cav, 1st Cav Div. Lobdell spoke about his unit's involvement in testing combined arms tactics and training at NTC.

Central Texas Society luncheon (4 May 88): Fuller, Pendergrass, H. Lobdell, Lobdell, Whitfield and Agnor; all are members of the class of '46 except LTC H. Lobdell, Class of '69.

The Austin area plans to continue its past slate of programs for the coming year. These are a fall picnic (2 Oct), a Jan 89 reception for Austin area HS junior scholars/athletes, Founders Day celebration in Mar, and the next annual business meeting in Jun 89. A fifth activity, which goes on all year, will provide luncheons at the Westwood Country Club on the first Wed of each month, at noon. The contact for these luncheons is **Lee McCrary** '49. Anyone passing through Austin or new in town and wishing to join this group, please contact Lee.

—Duke Miller '60

SOUTH TEXAS

If any other West Point society lays claim to a finer Founders Day gathering, I'll question their veracity. LTG **Dave Palmer** '56, with his AF classmate, GEN **John Shaud** looking on, delivered an inspiring speech to about 200 grads, spouses, and aspirants at the plush Wyndham Hotel, San Antonio.

Our society president, Gen (Ret) **Ralph E. Haines** '35, did his usual sterling job of introductions and comments, but it was our oldest grad, MG (Ret) **Claude Chorpening** Nov '18, who

MG (Ret) Claude Chorpening Nov '18.

prepped the audience. The wry humor evident in the accompanying picture should give some idea of the nature of his remarks. The Supe never had an easier audience. He had us in the palm of his hand. A great message—beautifully delivered, gratefully and respectfully received. Our one disappointment was that the WP Pipes and Drums couldn't get transportation in this time of tight budgets so the San Antonio Fiesta celebration was thereby diminished.

At a society luncheon at Randolph AFB Officers Club on 31 May, GEN **John Shaud** '56, Air Training Command commander, spoke. John is now on his way to be Chief of Staff, SHAPE. We are all much aware that there is little chance that we will again see one of our grads addressing us with four stars on an Air Force uniform as the days of active duty Air Force West Pointers are numbered.

—Terry Hansell '55

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The West Point Society of Middle Tennessee (Nashville area) is planning a group trip to West Point for the Army-Vanderbilt game on 12 Nov. Individuals interested in the rally should contact Mr. Doctor Crants, 28 White Bridge Road, Suite 206, Nashville, TN 37205.

PUGET SOUND

A luncheon honoring those candidates who had been accepted for West Point this year was given by our society on 11 Jun, at the Fort Lewis Officers Club. Other guests were the principal speaker, **BG Gary Brown** '62; the candidates' high school counselors; a few yearling cadets; the president of the area parents club and several junior officers who introduced the candidates to the assemblage. Also invited "Dutch treat" were the candidates' parents and the regional USMA liaison officers who had recruited some of the candidates.

We consider this annual luncheon to be the single most important function our society sponsors in support of our Alma Mater. Each year the post PIO takes photographs and prepares news releases for the Tacoma paper and for the candidates' hometown newspapers, thus providing favorable publicity for West Point. Our thanks go to **MG Ed Trobaugh** '55, our VP, for making the arrangements and acting as master of ceremonies.

BEAT NAVY!!!

—Win Curley '41

Founders Day 1988, Indianapolis. Strange '38; Carl Ullrich, USMA DIA; De Coursey '68; and McMaster '81.

GREAT BRITAIN

The West Point Society of Great Britain held its organizational meeting in London on 10 May. There were 9 grads

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Bulletin Board

Thayer Exhibit Unveiled

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger helped unveil the Thayer Award exhibit in the Pentagon earlier this week. Burger, who will receive the prestigious award in ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy next month, was joined by retired General Michael Davison, president of the Association of Graduates; Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, superintendent; and Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr.

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Warren E. Burger (right) talks to retired General Michael Davison, president of the West Point Association of Graduates (left); USMA Superintendent Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer; and Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. after the Thayer Award exhibit dedication inside the Pentagon mall entrance, Monday. Although well known people like Bob Hope, President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Gen. Douglas MacArthur have received the Thayer Award, the exhibit was designed to familiarize Department of Defense officials with the award program.
(Photo by Capt. Kevin J. Bergner)

"I hope this exhibit will promote an awareness of the Thayer Award and the code of ethics it represents," said the Chief Justice.

Burger retired from the U.S. Supreme Court in 1986 to serve full-time as chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution.

"My underlying philosophy as Chief Justice is quite complex," Burger said, "but I believe there is no better expression of my personal approach to ethics than the Military Academy motto: Duty, Honor, Country."

About 60 members of the Army leadership attended the brief ceremony.

Air Defense Pioneer Honored by 32d AADCOM

The memory of a pioneer Air Defender, the late General George Vernon Underwood, Jr., was honored by the 32d Army Air Defense Command recently in a ceremony redesignating the Patriot garrison at Hanau, West Germany.

"George V. Underwood, Jr. Barracks" is now the official name of the modern complex constructed to house the 2d Battalion (Patriot), 43d Air Defense Artillery. The garrison had previously been known unofficially as "Patriot Kaserne," since the unit's deployment to West Germany in June 1985.

MG James C. Cercy, 32d AADCOM CG and COL Donald E. Nowland, 10th ADA Bde CO, unveil the new sign for Gen. George V. Underwood Jr. Barracks in Hanau, FRG, 19 May 1988.
(Photo by Barbara A. Biskupich, 32d AADCOM PAO)

Construction on the 550-soldier installation began in October 1982 and was completed in August 1984 at a cost of $23 million.

Major General James C. Cercy, Commanding General, 32d AADCOM, led the soldiers of 2/43 ADA, 10th ADA Brigade, the Hanau MILCOM and distinguished guests in a commemoration ceremony marking the official designation on 19 May 1988. The highlight of the ceremony was the unveiling of a permanent monument bearing a dedication to the memory of General Underwood.

A 1937 graduate of the United States Military Academy, General Underwood was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps; his long and highly distinguished career included several important firsts for the ADA branch and 32d AADCOM. He was the first Air Defense officer to achieve four-star rank. He was also the first two-star commander of 32d AADCOM, oversaw the redesignation of the 32d Artillery Brigade to 32d AADCOM, introduced the five arrowhead insignia and coined the motto "Swift and Sure."

USAREUR's Air Defense forces were much different 22 years ago when MG Underwood assumed command of the 32d Artillery Brigade, then headquartered in Kaiserslautern. The brigade, the Army's largest, was composed of the 10th, 69th, and 94th Groups, in addition to the 7th Signal Support Battalion. The brigade employed only the Nike Hercules and Basic Hawk systems. Interestingly, the brigade at the time also had its own band, aircraft and pilots.

Three months after General Underwood assumed command, the brigade was redesignated the 32d Army Air Defense Command. During the ceremony, held on the Vogelweh hardstand, Kaiserslautern, 11 May 1966, USAREUR General Order Number 84 was published, redesignating the command complete with a general level staff and a new insignia. In his remarks that day, General Underwood, perhaps unwittingly, also introduced the new command's motto with his words: ". . . like the arrowheads on our sleeve, we aim to be straight, swift and sure." The "Swift and Sure" motto wasn't to become official until later that same year. The attendees of the redesignation ceremony, however, could claim to have heard it first.

General Underwood relinquished command of 32d AADCOM in autumn 1967 with the award of the Legion of Merit, third Oak Leaf Cluster, for exceptionally outstanding service.

In October 1967, he assumed command of the US Army Air Defense School and Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. The following year he became the commanding general of the US Army Air Defense Command. From April to September 1971 he commanded the Fourth (redesignated the Fifth) US Army. General Underwood's final assignment was as Commander in Chief of the US Southern Command, 1971 to 1973. He retired 31 January 1973. At the conclusion of his career, his awards included three Distinguished Service Medals, four Legions of Merit, the Army Commendation Medal and the Special Breast Order of Yun Hui (Chinese). He died in El Paso, Texas on 3 August 1984. He was married

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to the former Miss Heistand Scott and they were the parents of three children.

General Underwood's early career (1937–1941) included tours with various artillery units at Fort Scott, California; Fort Kamahameha, Hawaii; Fort Rodman, Massachusetts; and Fort Adams, Rhode Island. In 1941 he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and in 1944 the Task Force Officers Course conducted by the War Department General Staff, where he remained with the school's operations division. In 1945, General Underwood served with Headquarters, China Theater and the following year moved to Washington, DC, to serve on the staff of General George C. Marshall, then Presidential envoy to China. In 1946 he returned to China with Marshall and stayed until 1947. From 1947 to 1949 he served on the General Staff with the Plans and Operations Division.

After graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College in 1949, he took command of the 867th Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion in Alaska until 1951. In 1954 he graduated from the Army War College and remained as a member of the faculty until 1957. From 1957 to 1958, he served as the commander of the Niagara-Buffalo, New York, Nike Defense Site (2nd Artillery Group).

General Underwood was awarded a master of arts degree in journalism in 1960 from the University of Wisconsin after an 18-month course of study followed by assignment to the US Army's Office of the Chief of Information as the assistant chief and was designated deputy chief in 1961. In February 1963, he became the Chief of Information and held that position until 1966 when he departed for the US Army, Europe and the as yet unborn 32d AADCOM.

Assembly expresses appreciation to Colonel Donald E. Nowland for submitting this article. Special thanks to the following for their help in its preparation: Mary French, *Air Defense Artillery*, USAADASCH, Fort Bliss, Texas; HQs, USAREUR Library, Heidelberg, West Germany; *Stars* and *Stripes*, Europe, Darmstadt, West Germany.

President Reagan Names Shephard a White House Fellow

On 8 June 1988 President Reagan announced that John E. Shephard, Jr. had been awarded a White House Fellowship.

Shephard, an Infantry officer and an assistant professor at USMA, was selected as one of 14 1988–89 White House Fellows in recognition of his leadership, professional and intellectual achievements, and dedication to his community. After completing a lengthy application, Shephard went through a series of interviews which narrowed the competition from 800 serious applicants to the 14 who were selected.

Major John E. Shephard, Jr., USMA 1977

As a White House Fellow, Shephard will serve a one-year assignment as a special assistant to the Vice President, to the members of the Cabinet or to the President's principal staff. He will also participate in an education program which will include meetings with government officials, scholars, diplomats, journalists and leaders of business and industry.

Shephard graduated in the top two percent of his class. After attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course, he served with the 31st and 32nd Infantries in South Korea, California and Georgia.

In 1985, Shephard received a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Since graduating from MIT, he has been an instructor and professor of social sciences at West Point.

Shephard is actively involved in his community. He has directed the prestigious Student Conference on United States Affairs, and he participated in the Officer Sponsor Program at West Point. His articles on civil-military relations have appeared in professional journals and on the editorial pages of the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Washington Post*.

The White House Fellowships were first established in 1964 to provide outstanding Americans with firsthand experience in the process of governing the nation and with a sense of personal involvement in the leadership of society.

The President's Commission on White House Fellowships is now accepting applications for the 1989–1990 Fellowships. Any U.S. citizen, with the exception of civilian federal government employees, may apply. Applications are available from the President's Commission on White House Fellowships, 712 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503. The application deadline is 1 December 1988.

West Point to Honor Graduates' Contributions to the Air-Flight Space Frontier

To memorialize the significant and often overlooked role of USMA graduates in conquering the frontier of flight, the Superintendent has approved a three-part recognition project. The first facet of memorialization, the contribution of West Point aviators and developers to military history, will be presented in the West Point Museum. This part of the project will be funded from a gift to West Point by MG George H. Olmsted '22. The other two parts of the project will be funded by a special fund-raising effort by the Association of Graduates. The second aspect of memorialization will recognize the aviation leadership provided by USMA graduates. The auditorium in Mahan Hall will be renovated and named in honor of General H.H. Arnold ('07) and the foyer of the auditorium will recognize the leadership contributions of other USMA graduates. The third facet of memorialization will honor the sacrifices of USMA graduates. In the glade surrounding the Air Cadet Memorial near Michie Stadium, an expanded memorial will provide a dignified and simple tribute to the contribution and sacrifice of those graduates who gave their lives in flight experimentation, training and combat. The first public event for the memorialization project will be the dedication of the General H.H. Arnold Auditorium on 4 November 1988, the eve of the Army-Air Force football game at West Point.

June 1918 Reunion Gift

The Class of June 1918 at its 70th Reunion announced a gift to USMA in the form of checks totaling $2,250 to the West Point Fund. This sum was especially significant because it represented contributions from two of the four surviving members of the class as well as ten widows. The class was represented at the reunion by Colonel Michael C. Grenata, who informed the Academy and the Association of the gift.

Two Members Celebrate 100th Birthdays

LTC Oliver S. McCleary, Class of 1911, and **COL Lathe B. Row**, Class of 1913, celebrated their 100th birthdays during May 1988. Each received a framed color photograph of West Point from the Association of Graduates and letters from the President of the Association and Superintendent, USMA.

Members of the West Point Society of Monterey Peninsula, CA; MG Ernest F. Easterbrook (holding photograph); and COL Mark F. Brennan (on left) visited

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LTC McCleary (sitting) on his birthday, 14 May 1988, to make the presentation.

Members of the West Point Society of Phoenix, AZ; MG Richard M. Wells (holding photograph); and Mr. Bill Lewis (not shown) made the presentation to COL Lathe B. Row (sitting). COL Row's birthday was on 26 May 1988.

Both COL Row and LTC McCleary expressed their deepest appreciation to members of the Long Gray Line for remembering them on this special occasion.

Friends of the Library Announce Research Agenda for 1988–89

During their annual spring meeting, the Friends of the West Point Library presented their preferred research agenda for 1988–89. They noted that since January 1987, the Friends had distributed some $12,000 in Friends Research Awards to individuals who furthered the library's ability to support quality research and publication on subjects of interest to the Academy, the Army, and the scholarly community.

In order to expand this effort, the Council of the Friends selected certain topical areas in which they encourage research, whether by cadets in course requirements, by faculty in their advancement of scholarship, or by members of the West Point community who want to add to the library's expertise in these areas.

Among the research questions currently of interest to the Friends are the following:

—Why was the nation's first military school at West Point also the first engineering school, and why was this linkage sustained?

—Did 19th and early 20th century American Army officers and their families participate in the cultural and social growth of the nation, or did they live in professional isolation?

—What were the patterns of professional development of the highly successful American military leaders of World War II?

—Has the performance of professional Army officers in Vietnam been accurately portrayed by journalistic, literary, and political writers and analysts?

In the meeting, Chairman Roger Nye urged that qualified researchers, who seek modest support for preparing manuscripts for publication by the Friends, should present their proposals in writing to the Friends through Box 87, West Point, NY 10996.

Friends of the West Point Library Establish The Marie Capps Research Fund

On 1 July, the Friends of the West Point Library announced the establishment of the Marie Capps Research Fund in honor of her long service to the USMA Library from 1969 to 1988, and of her service as a member of the Council of the Friends of the Library, from 1982 to 1988.

Marie Capps receives certificate from Superintendent Dave R. Palmer as Jack Capps looks on, 1 July 1988.

In ceremonies at West Point, Chairman Roger H. Nye stated that the purpose of the Marie Capps Fund is to provide to the Special Collections of the Library the source material that will assist scholars in their research and writing in the areas of greatest interest to Mrs. Capps: military maps and fortifications, and the history of West Point, the Hudson Valley, and the United States Army. He noted that action had already been taken to establish membership of the Marie Capps Research Fund in the Fortress Study Group of London, and to make their publications part of the permanent holdings of the USMA Library.

Initial endowment of the Marie Capps Fund was made by Professor George W. Williams of Duke University, a former visiting professor in the Department of English at West Point. He had also asked the Friends of the Library to purchase books for the Library's William Faulkner collection in honor of Brigadier General Jack L. Capps, whose retirement from the Academy faculty was the occasion for these ceremonies. Chairman Nye expressed the Friends' thanks to Professor Williams, and their congratulations to General and Mrs. Capps for their long service to the Academy and the USMA Library.

Association Executive Vice President Position

As announced in the April 1988 issue of ASSEMBLY, the Association's Executive Vice President will retire in the summer of 1990. The Association's Executive Committee is accepting applications from USMA graduates who believe they qualify for the position. Applications must be submitted by 1 November 1988. Anyone who desires complete information should contact Colonel Robert J. Lamb, Executive Vice President, Association of Graduates, West Point, NY 10996, Tel: (914) 938-4600.

AOG Seeks Assistant Fund Raising Director

A vacancy exists on the Association staff for an Assistant Director of Development for Special Giving. The primary responsibility of this position is working with volunteer committee members for the purpose of optimizing major gifts for specific projects and programs which are for the benefit of the Military Academy and or the Association of Graduates. Responsibilities also include fund raising from individuals, corporations and foundations for specific one-time programs or projects for which private funds are required; assisting with the annual fund raising campaign with emphasis on class and societies' giving; and the solicitation of grants for specific purposes. Duties involve the preparation of marketing, cultivation and solicitation plans and their implementation with and without volunteer assistance.

The AOG offers an excellent compensation plan plus the many benefits of being an integral part of the West Point community. Because of the nature of the position, a USMA graduate who has completed a full career in the Army and who graduated from the Academy in the 1956–1968 time period would be highly desirable. The Association expects to fill the position this fall.

Letters of application should be addressed to the President, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, New York 10996, and should include a one-page resume and any specific compensation requirements. Applications

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should be submitted as soon as possible. Additional information regarding the nature of the position and its requirements may be obtained by writing to Colonel Robert A. Strati, USA Retired, Association of Graduates, West Point, New York 10996 or calling 914-446-5773.

Visit of Secretary of National Defense, Philippines

Philippines' Secretary of National Defense, General Fidel V. Ramos '50, took time out to visit West Point on a recent trip to the United States. General Ramos participated in the alumni exercises and later lunched with classmates at the annual meeting of the Association of Graduates in Washington Hall. In the photograph, from left to right, all Class of 1950 are Dave Cameron, Morris Herbert, Eddie Ramos, Nate Gallagher, Bob Luckese, Stan Reinhart, and Joe Buccolo.

Vockel '47 Creates Annuity Trust

It has been over ten years since the AOG began its program of creating charitable trusts for the long-term benefit of West Point. During that period, the AOG has received contracts for 85 irrevocable trusts of various varieties with a total market value of about $3.4 million. The contracts and their benefits to West Point and the donors differ substantially depending on various factors, such as the ages of the life income beneficiaries and type of assets used to fund the trust.

The most recent such gift to West Point was a charitable remainder annuity trust created in May by Mr. Stewart M. Vockel, Jr., Class of 1947. Mr. Vockel was in possession of some highly appreciated stock resulting from a buy out by Witco Corporation of the Waverly Oil Company, which he had served for 22 years as executive vice president. By using 2,700 shares of Witco common stock to fund his annuity trust, he is entitled by law to shelter some $88,000 of capital gains from capital gains tax. At the same time, he could lock in his profit by creating a trust which guarantees Mr. and Mrs. Vockel a lifetime income of 8% of the stock's market value (approximately $92,000) as long as either spouse is alive. Furthermore, the Vockels can claim a deduction of about $27,000 from federal income tax (a one-time benefit) in 1988.

Mr. Vockel became an Air Force fighter pilot after graduation from West Point in 1947. He served in the states and in Germany with various Air Force fighter groups (14th in Bangor, Maine; 78th at Hamilton Field, California; and 86th in Neuiberg, Germany). Then, encountering a problem in a flight physical, he resigned for a job in the oil and gas business.

After the merger with Witco in 1975, Mr. Vockel became a vice president until 1976 and then an independent consultant until 1986. He has been completely retired since 1986.

Bud and Carol Vockel make their home in Pittsburgh and they maintain residence in Delray Beach, Florida. They have five children and twelve grandchildren at last count.

West Point is indeed grateful for their naming the AOG Endowment Fund as the remainderman of their Annuity Trust.

Silver Taps by Cadet William S. Pierce, Class of 1991

Last autumn, the class of 1967 held its alumni reunion here at West Point. The Corps honored them with a small ceremony before the brigade review which takes place every home football Saturday. Charlie, Foxtrot, and India companies from all four regiments marched out in full dress under arms and formed a corridor from MacArthur's statue to Thayer Monument. The alumni marched through and stopped in front of the statue of the Father of the Military Academy.

My company, C-3, was situated at the end nearest Thayer's statue, so when the alumni came to a halt, I got a chance to see them close up. There, not 20 feet from me, were the fabled Old Grads. Time had not been gentle with them. Many had sagging waistlines. Hardship had etched many a face with deep furrows. At least one of them was in a wheelchair.

The ceremony was supposed to be simple, and from the cadet's viewpoint, relatively painless. Present arms once or twice, stand at parade rest for a while, the usual. We all hoped it would go quickly, with a minimum of fuss. The combined church choirs would sing, the oldest living graduate would make an appearance, and then we would be free. And we wouldn't even have to parade.

As I watched the grads glance around, eyeing us as we stood in perfect formation, I began to think of what their graduation had held in store for them. Almost to a man, I had been told, they had seen combat in Vietnam. I thought about how frightening war must have seemed to them, and how terribly, morbidly exciting. I wondered who was not there, who had made, for our country, the ultimate sacrifice.

Just then, the choir began to sing the Alma Mater. I was captured by the words, as I always am. But this time, there was something more. Perhaps thinking of all that these men and their classmates had gone through touched me somehow. I found my eyes misting as I listened to the choir's delicate harmonies joined by the gruff, uncertain voices of the alumni. My chin began to quiver, and I began to worry that someone might notice my display of emotion. At that moment, I saw with wonder that one of the alumni in front of me was crying too. His mouth twitched, and he pressed his lips together. When the choir sang, "And when our work is done,/Our course on earth is run,/ May it be said, 'Well done,' be thou at peace," I could not stop the tears. As the choir launched into "The Corps," I watched the alumni though watery eyes. I saw that tears rolled slowly down many a weathered cheek, and I know that many of them were thinking the same things as I, wondering at the Fate which had put them here this day while others had fallen so far away, so long ago.

But while my mind conjured up visions of battles fought by faceless strangers, to them the faces must have seemed all too vivid, all too well-known. Suddenly, I didn't care who saw me cry. When the Hellcat bugler sounded Silver Taps, I realized why I had come to the Academy, why I must graduate. Those men answered their country's call, the same call that sounds in my ears.

—Courtesy of *The Pointer*, May 1988

Reminder

The 1988 REGISTER OF GRADUATES is presently being prepared for publication and will be distributed in

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Change in 1989 Travel Program

The Association of Graduates has announced a change in the 1989 Travel Program as published in the July ASSEMBLY. The Western Mediterranean Cruise which was scheduled for April 1989 has been replaced by a South American Cruise, Rio de Janeiro to San Juan, with a 26 March departure. The *Crown Odyssey* of Royal Cruise Line is the ship. If you have not received a brochure and desire more information, call (914) 446-5595.

Russia's Imperial Treasures Trip

A group of 70 hearty individuals participated in the AOG sponsored "Russia's Imperial Treasures" trip from 24 June–8 July 1988. A remarkable cross section of the Soviet Union was seen in a short period of time. The trip began in Leningrad, a city with a distinctively European flavor on the Baltic Sea. Leningrad, the city built by Peter the Great, is situated on a series of rivers and canals. It is extremely rich in treasures of the world's great artists. Our next stop was Tbilisi, capital of the Georgian Republic, in the foothills of the Caucasus. Georgia, the land of the centenarians and fine wine, features a strong agricultural economy. A highlight of this stop was the visit to a State Farm and discussions with the workers. The Georgian Museum of Art features a rich collection of paintings by Russian and European artists. A side trip to Stalin's birthplace, Gori, and a visit to the Stalin museum was also included. Erevan, Armenia's ancient capital, a city some 2,750 years old in the shadow of Mt. Ararat of Noah's Ark fame, was the next stop. Its greatest pride is the Matenadaran, a museum preserving priceless treasures and ancient manuscripts dating back to the 5th century. The Russian Riviera and the town of Sochi were next on the agenda. Several days were spent sightseeing and relaxing at the world famous Black Sea resort. While Sochi attracts many foreign visitors, it is also a summer haven for many Russians. A memorable visit to a state operated tea plantation was included. The final stop was Moscow. The included photo shows the group in front

of the Cosmos Hotel, our home for several days. Moscow was as expected—all the hustle and bustle of large cities, lots of traffic and crowded subways. Among the remarkable sights seen were the Kremlin, Red Square, and St. Basil's Cathedral. Congress Hall, in the Kremlin, home to the recently completed XIX Soviet Party Congress meeting, is a splendid facility in which the group attended a cultural performance. Entertainment ranging from an opera performance, to ethnic shows, a circus performance and a variety of eating experiences gave the group further insight about the Soviet Union. All things considered, it was a demanding 14-day trip but the overwhelming consensus was that the trip was both interesting and rewarding.

Army/Navy VIP Weekend, Philadelphia, 2–4 December 1988

Call your friends and begin planning for the fifth annual VIP Weekend for

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people attending the Army/Navy game in Philadelphia. A civic consortium of the Army and Navy alumni clubs and Hospitality Philadelphia Style, Inc. will sponsor the holiday from 2–4 December. Participants will have 3 days/2 nights at the Center City Barclay or Warwick Hotels.

The fun-filled weekend will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday, 2 December with a tour of the magnificent 18th century mansions in Fairmount Park. The houses are meticulously restored, furnished and decorated for Christmas. Following the tour the famed First City Troop has invited the group to their castellated armory for refreshments. The Troop is the oldest continually active military company in the U.S. and has a fascinating collection of military artifacts, uniforms and portraits dating from the Revolution. A gala dinner dance at the Franklin Institute will be jointly sponsored by the alumni associations of both academies.

Festivities on Saturday start with brunches at both the Army Support Center Officers Club and the Navy Base Officers Club. Transportation will be available to the clubs and/or to the game. After the game there are always cocktail parties at the officers clubs. HPS will help visitors select places to dine Saturday night.

Sunday, a famous Philadelphia department store will open early for a private stroll through the magic streets of Dickens' *Christmas Carol*. A champagne brunch and time for shopping top off the weekend.

Applications for this VIP Weekend can be obtained by contacting Army/Navy VIP Weekend, c/o Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, 1346 Chestnut Street, Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19107 or call 215-546-4336 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Amtrak Offers Transportation to Army/Navy Game

Amtrak will once again be operating an all-reserved special train to the Army/Navy Game on 3 December. The train will depart Washington, DC (Union Station) Saturday morning and will make stops en route at New Carrollton, MD; BWI Rail Station, MD; Baltimore, MD; Aberdeen, MD; and Wilmington, DE; arriving in time to see the march-on of the Corps of Cadets.

The train will park next to JFK Stadium, just a short walk to Veteran's Stadium where the game will be played.

Approximately 45 minutes after the game's end, the train will depart for the return trip home. Prices are as follows:

From	*One Way*	*Roundtrip*
Washington	$33.00	$48.00
New Carrollton	33.00	48.00
BWI	31.00	47.00
Baltimore	27.00	40.00
Aberdeen	21.00	32.00
Wilmington	16.00	25.00

Note: Prices are for rail fares only.

Tickets for the train may be purchased at any Amtrak travel agency, SATO, or Amtrak outlet. For further information, please call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL.

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USMA Cemetery Update

The September 1987 issue of *Assembly* contained an article on existing space limitations in the USMA Cemetery. The article mentioned options under consideration by the USMA staff to extend the useful life of the cemetery beyond 1990. One of those steps decided upon is to recoup gravesites reserved for individuals no longer meeting the eligibility criteria or needing the space. This includes considerations such as: elect to be buried elsewhere; loss of dependency status; remarriage of the surviving spouse; no living survivor; and no record of next-of-kin.

The Academy stopped taking reservations in 1975. Reservations made before 1 May 1975 remain in force, subject to the criteria listed above. Anyone who has a question on status should contact Mrs. Grace Foster, Memorial Affairs Office, Area Code 914-938-2504/3211.

Ward '50 Recognized by the Frances Schervier Home and Hospital

Edward Brown, president of the Apple Bank for Savings and dinner chairman for Frances Schervier Home and Hospital's 50th Anniversary Dinner with dinner honoree, Major General William F. Ward, Jr. '50, Chief, US Army Reserve.

News from Societies

(Continued from page 48)

in attendance, none of whom were on active duty. After approving some organizing legislation and deciding what we should call ourselves (West Point Society of Great Britain), we elected 3 officers: Pres—**Mike Cochrane** '79; VP/Treas—**John Fyfe** '60; and Sec—**Peter Spivy** '70. We are looking to expand our membership and welcome inquiries into society activities (Michael F. Cochrane, 4 Litchfield Close, Enstone, Oxon OX7 4LB, United Kingdom).

Our initial purpose is primarily social. We plan to rally support for Army at the BC game in Dublin on 19 Nov and hope to find a lot of grads there with us.

—Mike Cochrane '79

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The West Point Society of Northern California was founded on 22 June 1988. Thus far, 70 grads who live in the central valley area of Northern California have joined the new society. A business meeting elected **George Grayeb** '52 president; **John DePiazza** '78 vice president; **Chuck Gorlinski** '56 secretary; and **"Champ" Edwards** '52 treasurer. Activities for the year have been planned with emphasis on quarterly meetings and organizational activities. The future prospects for this new society are exciting as it will become a focal point for the many graduates and friends of West Point in an area of increasing growth in California.

—George Grayeb '52

LAS VEGAS

The first meeting of the WPSLV was held at the home of **Del & Lucille Barth** '46 on 25 June 1988. Attendees included grads and cadets' parents. The following officers were elected: pres—**Del Barth** '46; VP—**George Morrisey** '50; sec/treas—**Paul Jakus** '56; and PIO—**Barney Wintermute** '69.

The society plans four meetings each year, with two of the meetings coinciding with Founders Day and the Army/Navy football game.

Individuals interested in the society should contact **Paul A. Jakus** '56 P.O. Box 29158, Las Vegas, NV 89126.

—Del Barth '46

OREGON

New officers for the West Point Society of Oregon are as follows: pres—**John M. Lovejoy** '78; VP—**Harry G. Walker** '45; sec—**Terrance J. Connell** '58; treas—**George W. Ruggles** '65; dir—**Robert W. Huffhines, Jr** '65, **O. Baker Steeley** '37, and **John L. Johnsen** '56; past pres/advisor—**George H. Watson** Jan '43.

—George Watson Jan '43

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Report from the Classes

'12

ASSEMBLY has received an interesting report on **Mrs Amy Browne**, widow of **Charles J Browne**, who died in the 1920's. They had 4 children, two boys and two girls. Both sons graduated from WP. Charles Browne '37, was an inf off captured on Bataan, and survived the Death March only to be killed on 9 Jan 45 when the prison ship transferring him to Japan was sunk. His younger brother had been killed but two wks earlier. Barry Browne '38 went into the artillery. He died Christmas Day 1944 at Bastogne of wounds received while cmding the 420 Armored FA Bn.

Her two daughters, Barbara Martindale and Jean Rumsey, live in Dallas, where Mrs Browne moved in 1981. She is now in her 97th yr and remains bright and alert, fully in control of her life and living on her own in an apt in the Tremont. Until a fall this past Mother's Day, she was very mobile but now uses a walker as an aid.

Mrs Browne last visited WP in 1962 for her husband's 50th Class reunion, at which she had a grand time seeing old friends for the first time in yrs. Now she has outlived all her contemporaries—and most of the succeeding generation—which leaves her quite alone. Still, her motto is, "Old age is not for sissies."

Should anyone desire to contact her, her address is Mrs Charles J Browne, 5550 Harvest Hill Rd, Dallas, TX 75230.

'14

Air Force Village II in San Ant celebrated the 97th birthday of BG **Benjamin Grant Weir**, the sole survivor of the Class. The Village considered it most appropriate to honor the occasion with a special party to include not only refreshments but also speeches and a choral group singing BG Weir's favorite kind of music—patriotic. There was a large group, including many members of the Weir family in attendance.

Other Academy graduates, who also live at the Village, were pleased to pose with BG **Weir** for the picture herewith and to help him celebrate. They are (standing) James M Keck Jun '43, Karl N Retzer '42, Stephen O Benner Jan '43, William H Fairbrother '44 and sitting at Weir's left, Waldemar J Thinnes '33.

1914: Weir's birthday celebration

'15

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Jeanne Hooper died on 17 May in a ret home in Philadelphia, PA. Survivors include her son, Robert Hooper Sr, 700 Pine Ridge Rd, Media, PA 19063. **Elizabeth Busby** died recently. Details not now available. The Class extends its sympathy to the families.

Helen Atkins is still in Army Distaff Hall and sent best wishes to '15. **Liesbeth Boots** still lives in Ft Lauderdale, FL. On 6 Jun she wrote a long letter to me. She is doing well. She & **Norman J Boots** attended at least one of '15's reunions at WP. **Eileen Leonard** sent a note to '15 that I will quote, "My best wishes to my dear '15 friends and sincerest thanks to **Det** for keeping all of us in touch. My 4th great-grandchild, Daniel Philip Diekemper, arrived 8 Jul in Yorba Linda, CA. His parents, my granddaughter Eileen Leonard Diekemper & her husband Philip, an engr with CECO, have a 4 yr old daughter, Jackelyn. My son, John W Leonard Jr, visits me on his frequent business flights from ID. My daughter and son-in-law, Eileen & David Foster, come nearly every day. Though not too active, I am quite well. The memorial to the 9th AD, **John's** div in WWII, was dedicated on 25 May at Armor Park, Patton Museum, Ft Knox, KY. My son attended."

Hennie Moale is in a nice small apt in a ret complex in Mt Pleasant, SC where she is well cared for. Her cousin keeps me in touch, as Hennie is having eye and other problems. She eats two meals a day in the main dining room and attends many of the activities for the residents. (Note: Your scribe was appointed from Mt Pleasant in 1910 to WP, which he entered on 14 Jun 11.)

Mary Tate had a cataract op on one eye on 15 Jun. She is doing nicely. She recently had her house painted.

Mary Larkin, her daughter Betty & husband Robert E Rochfort '45, are now in Dublin, Ireland on a long visit to her daughter Virginia McCann and family. Jean & Richard S Morrison '39 are spending the summer on Cape Cod, as usual. They recently drove to Canada, and among other places, greatly enjoyed Quebec, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and parts of ME. Jean is a daughter of our **John S MacTaggart**. They saw the Yearings on Cape Cod, as usual. Mrs Yearing is a daughter of our **Edward E Hyde**.

Mary Welby Cochran continues to fare well at the Shenandoah Valley Healthcare Center in Buena Vista, VA. Her health remains reasonably good and she enjoys visits from family and friends. Her son occasionally takes her on drives along the nearby Blue Ridge Parkway where she admires the natural beauty and the panoramic overlooks with magnificent views of the Shenandoah Valley. Recently she has taken up playing Canfield, a form of solitaire. She has found that playing cards is good therapy for her injured right arm and it helps to pass the time at the nursing home. Her son, John H Cochran, Jr Jun '43 recently sent me a copy of a poem that his father, our **John Henry Cochran**, sent to his wife on their 32nd wedding anniv, 20 Oct 49. A copy now stands on his mother's dresser in her room. Your scribe will send the letter from John Jr of 29 Jul and a copy of the beautiful poem to WP for inclusion with his father's records.

Alice Burton Mason spends most of her time working on 6 volunteer projects. She thanked your scribe for thinking of her. She & **Burton Mason** attended at least one of '15's reunions at WP. **Ida Ryder** wrote that all goes well with her. Her late husband, our **Charles W Ryder**, used to consider their experiences in the Orient among the most

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interesting—sometimes amusing. They were in China in the 30's and in Japan after WWII, his hqs being in the city of Sendai. She gave an amusing acct of an incident in which a Japanese newspaper described it and referred to her husband as "The Solomon of Sendai" in connection with his decision in the case. Please change her zip code to 34292.

Hazel Taylor is any day expecting her 11th great-grandchild. Her daughter Margaret Daugherty has a new grandchild in Winston-Salem, NC and her daughter is a pharmacist. Hazel's grandson Tom Kingman is a neurosurgeon, and his brother, Bill Kingman, is a lawyer, both in San Ant, TX. Another grandson, CPT John T Daugherty (maybe MAJ by now), is probably still on duty in Ger. Another grandson is a dr. Her daughter Martha's husband is Otto Carl Doerflinger, Jr '51.

Change of address: **Mrs Donald Henley (Virginia)**, 608 E 41st St, Austin, TX 78751. (She has returned to her former home.)

Annie Chapin and her entire family sent their best wishes to all of the Class of '15 and their loved ones. Her son wrote that the grandchildren and great-grandchildren visited his mother recently, which brought a big smile to her face. She is still confined to a wheelchair but moves around by herself. She followed the social dir to the exercise room the other day and participated in group calisthenics. She is still able to beat him at gin rummy.

Chester L Johnson '37 recently phoned your scribe. His late wife was Kay Downs, daughter of Downs '14 and granddaughter of Truman O Murphy 1891. Murphy was on the WP team at the first Army-Navy game in 1890. Johnson would like to know how the Navy made its first touchdown *ever* against Army in that game. I don't know. If anyone does know, please contact him or me.

Lucy Fox is well and still in the Convalescent Hosp in Menlo Park, CA. She sent best wishes to '15. Her son is Mr Tom Fox Jr, 2093 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303. **Bess Sherburne** just now is in the infirmary at the Army Distaff Hall, Wash DC. **Det Ellis** has a new great-grandson, Dennis Russell Mulligan, born on 28 Jun. He now has 4 great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters, aged one mo to 15 yrs.

The following is quoted from pg D3 of the *Washington Post* of 26 Jul: "After all the words written about the Vietnam War yrs, it now seems to be the time of what many consider to be the forgotten war—the Korean War. This wk a number of events will take place to commemorate the anniv of the truce that became effective 35 yrs ago tomorrow. Among the special guests here will be ret Gen **James A Van Fleet**, who is one of the two surviving members of the WP Class of '15, which included President **Dwight D Eisenhower** and Gen **Omar N Bradley**. The 96-yr-old soldier comes from a family with an incredible family history. His father William served in the Union Army during the Civil War and, as unbelievable as it seems, his grandfather Yan served in the Revolutionary War. Both fathered children at a late age." (Note: Your scribe is the other surviving member of '15—at 98 1/4. *I* believe Ike Eisenhower had something to do with the signing of that truce.)

'16

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A final "Well Done" to our scribe of many yrs as **Crampton Jones** completed his course on earth on Fri, 5 Aug. Sixteen days before, his bride of 67 1/2 yrs, **Harriot Houze Jones**, passed quietly in her sleep as Crampton held her hand. She had suffered a stroke 4 1/2 yrs ago and could no longer talk. At that time Crampton told his daughter Ann Phillips (wife of Paul W "Joe" '44) that he was ready to go but planned to stay and take care of Harriot. Upon her death (19 Jul) Crampton said, "My mission has been accomplished." On the day of his passing, he awoke early in the morning in a chipper mood, conversed briefly with his nurse before she departed the room for a few minutes. When she returned, Crampton had already joined Harriot. Both are buried in the Natl Cemetery at Ft Bliss. How appropriate that we should have a recent photo of Crampton in the Jul *ASSEMBLY*!

As this note is dispatched to WP, I am in the Mt Vernon Hosp for some plumbing repairs; however, I expect to return to nearby Oak Meadow soon. I still have my home in Alexandria in Monticello Park where my sons and their families stay when they come to visit. In fact, they are coming to see me later today.

Are there any more sports fans out there? We are Redskins rooters here in the DC area. Tomorrow night we'll be glued to the TV watching the pre-season game between our team and the Miami Dolphins.

Please use the address at the top of the column to send me some of your news.

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A letter from our youngest classmate, **Bud Miley**, says that he & **Fenie** are still living in their own home, with lots of their family nearby. (Bud was 90 the day after Christmas last yr.)

Steve & I enjoyed a visit over the 4th of July by son Tom '57 & his wife Marga. They came by air but returned by our old Buick Regal, a gift to their son, Robert, for making all A's in college. I now have a new Buick Skylark which is full of the latest gadgets.

Alice Kramer visited her Navy friend, Kathleen Lynch, in Arlington during July. She saw **Louise Bishop**. Also **Marge Clay** at Vinson Hall.

Norma Axelson has recovered from her recent illness. She still speaks of the happy times at WP during our 70th.

Sylvia Shattuck is still in Walter Reed slowly recovering from a broken hip. **Bee Rundell** had a short vacation at an Oregon beach. She enjoyed devouring Dungen crab. YUM!

Nov '18

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Again it's sad news for all of us. First, **Archie Palmer** had moved from New England to CA to be with his daughter Alice in Kentfield just north of San Fran. He had had a heart attack and wanted to be near his kin. He decided upon having heart surgery to avoid limiting his walking and other activities, so he went to Letterman to have it done. He died on 2 Apr 87 and was interred in the little cemetery at their home in Hancock, NH behind the Revolutionary church with its Paul Revere bell which sounds every hr. This report is delayed due to his daughter's unfamiliarity with Class reporting procedures.

On 15 Jun the author of our Class history, *Sixty Years After*, died at his home in San Diego of a fatal heart attack. **Chuck Gildart** was a professional, a gifted writer and a prodigious worker for the Class. At the time of his death, his daughter Ruth and son-in-law Draper Lewis were living with and caring for him, having moved from their home in New England. The Class placed a beautiful wreath with its "Nov 1918" arm band across its center on his resting place in Riverside Cemetery, March AFB, CA, as tribute to his enormous and successful efforts in our behalf. We all owe him a vote of thanks and will miss him terribly.

More pleasant news follows.

Al Riani has consented to take **Chuck's** place as West Coast VP and reporter, and

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has already made a remarkable contribution. First, a very newsy note from **Murray Carter** who is flouncing about and happy as a clam. She went to China in Aug with son Skip; and basked in the glory of her eldest granddaughter's having grad from UCLA Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude (she now has an elegant job with FDIC). Her grandson, Scott Shannon, got his master's with honors from Syracuse and will teach there next yr.

Al also contributes a letter from **George McReynolds** giving **Bryan Evans** two votes for Class pres, and stating that he & **Lucy** have beds in a nursing facility that does all it can for their comfort and entertainment, but it is one hell of a life. Lucy says, "They've just lived too long." She's just had a physical and doc says she's in fine shape organically—whatever that means. Address at end of notes.

Isobel Lock reports she has been able to take a very short walk along *our* beach with assistance from her daughter Gerry & husband.

Corp Chorpening sends a letter from **Chief Brimmer** (pre 70th) who plans to visit Stattsburg, NY (above Poughkeepsie) to see brother Kenneth—USNA, and sister-in-law before reunion. Getting himself in order for same—pills, spare lens, arm band, clothes and hearing aid, maybe. Hopes his ailments won't keep Corp awake (they plan to live together at the Thayer).

Boyd Fitzpatrick has sold his newspaper and radio stations in Olean, NY and contributed $5000 to the WP Fund to be credited to our Class account. With the same amount contributed by **Hunk Holbrook**, that brings the Class contribution to over $41,000 which we will use for an appropriate exhibit in the new museum. Boyd's letter to **Wanny** expresses his surprise and appreciation at receiving his 90 yr album from the AOG.

Bob Schow reports lack of interest by his constituents in reporting news items to him, and says 3 of minutes of Class meeting of 20 May were returned to him as one deceased, two moved, no forwarding address. **Marie Stevens** back in FL after reunion—thought perhaps she'd stay north with son Fred. Says **Edna Browne** (**Bosco's** widow) moved without reporting new address. Please inform me if you know.

Now to the aftermath of our Class meeting at the Point on 20 May, of which you all should have copies of the minutes. **Wanamaker**, our late pres by resignation, objected strenuously to decisions reached there as illegitimate, being in conflict with the Barnes resolution adopted at our 60th Reunion which gave our pres authority to appoint all offs among other things. That as pres by inheritance, **Corp** had no business chairing a Class meeting to elect a pres (having one already). That Corp, as pres, had authority to appoint a VP and other Class offs as required, and that the action taken to appoint Wanny Pres Emeritus was probably as illegitimate as other actions taken at that meeting. The only way to untangle the mess was for Corp to resign as pres and to hold an election. Corp decided to resign—I have his resignation in Class files—and hold an election by phone which he has done. Result, I have been elected pres, am also secy, VP Regions I and II, treas and scribe. **Bobby Schow** is VP Region III; **Chorpening** VP Region IV; **Riani** VP Region VI. Region V has been absorbed by Region IV.

A nice note from **Lucy Bowman** wants to know who was at the 70th; I'll not put the list in these notes, but only 4 classmates were present. Says she's trying to paint but does not see too well—gets paint on herself and handles of brushes—can she pour used turps down her plumbing system? Crazy weather in Carmel as usual, trying *not* to have a drought.

Ruth Lewis, **Chuck's** daughter, has written me a lovely note thanking the Class for the "utterly beautiful" wreath placed on Chuck's casket and knows we were all thinking of him during the "beautiful services."

Please change your directories: **Mrs John L Binder**, 2614 East Erie Ave, Lorain, OH 44052. **George & Lucy McReynolds**, Room 8, Skilled Nursing Facility, 300 Hot Springs Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93108.

'19

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We are sincerely grateful to Lewis Sorley '56 for the excellent Class of '19 Report in the Jul *ASSEMBLY* which he prepared for his uncle, **Stone Sorley**, during the latter's terminal illness. I hope to do half as well. My appointment as Class scribe was rather hectic for me. **Bunker Bean** called me to ask if I could take over Stone's task as scribe. This was my first news of Stone's passing. To add to the confusion, I was preparing to drive to Washington for the ret ceremonies and related events for my nephew, LTG E R Heiberg III, as Ch of Engrs. He was the last of the 6 **Heiberg** grads on active duty and, incidently the highest ranking. Asking Bean to give me a few days to decide, I went on my trip and phoned **Les Flory** while in the DC area. Following some discussion, I agreed to take the scribe duties on a trial basis for a yr.

With our 70th Reunion coming up next May, we should start planning particularly for billets. The Mil Academy is preparing to welcome the quinquennial reunion classes from '19-'49 for Graduation Wk 89. In accordance with USMA policy priority for use of the Hotel Thayer, the nights of 17, 18, and 19 May will be afforded to the senior reunion classes in the following order: 70th, 65th, 50th, 60th, and 55th. Reservations at the Hotel Thayer should be made as far in advance as possible, but *not later than 1 Jan 89*. The Grad Week Bulletin will be mailed to the members of reunion classes in Mar. It will contain a reservation form for tickets, and this form should be used for ticket requests.

The first report received after I became scribe was from **Fred Marlow** who said he phoned **Bob Hill** in Phoenix, AZ to find, from Bob's wife **Virginia**, that he has had some physical setbacks and was in the VA Hosp, Phoenix. Hope you are out soon, Bob. Fred continues that his wife, **Lynne**, is a world traveler. In the last few yrs she has been to Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Fiji Isls, Nepal and Tibet, and is now expecting to go to Borneo and probably Africa. She could have done almost as well had Fred stayed in the Army. He goes only on those trips that are clean and comfortable. Fred does a little golf when not tied down by some business interests including a suit for 1 billion two-hundred million dollars in a toxic waste case involving property he subdivided many yrs ago. Associated defendants include City of Oxnard, the State of CA, Standard Oil Co and the Security Bank. Good luck, Fred.

Marjorie McLean reports that her hubby, **David**, is still at Veterans Hosp Facility at Bay Pines, FL recovering from a hip fracture and a mild stroke. She hopes to have him home shortly. **Donald Nelson** writes that after his mil retmt in 48 he spent several yrs in Paris and Ethiopia and made enough money there to buy a sheep ranch where he spent 10–12 yrs, the best of his life. He has been re-ret since and has spent about a yr and a half in a Portland, OR hosp because of a severe stroke. Now **Paula**, his wife, is taking very good care of him. **John Hardin**, in his note, reminisced briefly on the crazy things we did as plebes in the corner room of barracks on Sats. Seventy yrs later, though, his & **Bert's** ailments are enough to keep the doctors busy. They enjoy their Eastern Shore, MD home (his birthplace) and the beauty of living on the water's edge.

From **Herb Jones** we hear that the Wash gp is becoming so small that he doubts they will be able to continue their Class luncheons which are held on the first Tue of each mo in the Pershing Room of the Ft McNair OC. There were only 3—**Flory, Hammond** and Jones present in Jul. Advance yrs contribute to inability to get there. Neither Hammond nor **Ovenshine** can drive, and both live some distance away so they are dependent on others to get them there. Hammond came by cab all the way from Silver Spring, MD (cost $20), but he says he just can't stay away. **Kathy Flory** had come with **Les** and joined us for luncheon which turned out to be most delight-

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ful. At the Jun luncheon **Al Wedemeyer** was wearing dark glasses, as he was recovering from a cataract op he had undergone in May. He says the op was a complete success so now he will try to get some new ears.

Les & Kathy Flory are considering a move to the Army Ret Home in 89. Having spent 6 days in Jun in WRAH for a heart problem, Les is now on medication. The cardiologist said that Les had a young body and a very old heart, so he must adjust his way of life. Kathy Flory reports that **Logan Shutt** is now living with one of his daughters in NC but she does not have the address.

From Distaff Hall **Dotty Ferenbaugh** reports no change for the worse among our 8 widows there. **Rhoda Springer** left several days ago (Jul) on a 2-mo sightseeing trip to AK. **Hope Rogers** is improving after her knee op and is planning a trip with her daughter.

Bunker Bean, in a note of 25 Jul, states that his hip replacement has healed fine and he now walks with a cane. But his general condition is not good. He has not been out of his apt in 11 mos; he can't get his shoes on. We hope for your early improvement, Bunker.

The new scribe of '27, Paul Berrigan, sent us some clippings on the death of **Carl Ritchie's** widow, **Charlotte**, on 27 May of a heart attack in her San Fran home. She was 92 years old. I quote some interesting extracts from the obituary appearing in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 28 May. "Mrs Ritchie was married in 1921 and moved continually with her husband during his Army career. The couple lived in HI when Pearl Harbor was attacked and she returned to San Francisco aboard the ocean liner *Lurline*. In her youth she was a top equestrian and polo player, played tennis and golf, and was a skilled bridge player. She is survived by two sons, Haiden and John, and by 7 grandchildren. She is to be buried beside her husband at WP under a tombstone on which she has requested one word, 'Aloha.' "

Raymond C Barlow was reported deceased on 9 Jun by the Post Office Dept. No details were included.

Richard T Rick passed away 12 Jun at the Greenridge Nursing Center, Big Rapids, MI. Reported by his son, Jens Otto Rick, 220 Sanborn, Big Rapids, MI 49307.

Emmett A Niblak died 8 Jul in Highlands, NC. He was interred in the Pedding (his wife's family) Cemetery in Biloxi, MS. Next of kin, Emmett A Niblak Jr '52.

'20

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With great sadness I report that **Joe Harris** and **Millard Pierson** have died. Our deepest sympathy to their loved ones.

Joe Harris died 5 May at Arden Nursing Home, Hamden, CT of heart failure after several yrs of illness. He is buried in Temple Israel Cemetery, Mount Hope, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY beside his wife **Rose** who died in 86. They had no children. This news came from his friend Edward Opack who said, "Joe always spoke of the Army with fond memories." Joe served with distinction in WWII and the Korean War as FO Buffalo, NY 42–45 (CR); FO Ft Dix, NJ 45–46 (CR); and FO 9Cp KW 50–51 (LM).

Millard Pierson died 16 Jul at Brooke AH, TX of pneumonia brought on by heart condition. He was buried in the Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery beside his wife **Phyllis** who died in 81. Millard's distinguished WWII service included: IG Sec Hq HI Dept 42–43 (LM-CM); IG USAF POA 43–45 (BSM-CM); and IG 4 Ar 45–49 (CM). Surviving are son ret LTC USAF William (USNA '48); daughter Dorothy; and 5 grandchildren.

Hasbrouck, Hinds, Holle and **Samouce** were reelected to fill 4 of the 8 vacancies on the Class Governing Comm for the 88–89 term. **Bartlett (LW), Eastman, Haswell, Pitts** and **Trimble** were runners-up.

Lem Lemnitzer was briefly in WRAH in Jul. Hopes soon to resume daily walks. **Charles Holle**, now in a nursing home, hopes to return home soon.

Elton Samouce underwent successful op for cancer in the colon 1 Aug. Hopes to return soon from hosp to nursing care unit in Goodwin House West, the ret home in Falls Church, VA where she & **Duke** moved 13 Jun.

Chet & Inez Hine are both in very poor health. They hope to move soon into the Goodwin House West Care Unit. Chet's recent stroke left him with paralyzed right arm and leg and impaired speech, and Inez is seriously handicapped with arthritis and osteoporosis. This news comes from Chet's daughter Gene & husband Bob Ives '45, who live 3 mi away.

On 16–20 Jun, **Selby Stratton** enjoyed a surprise 80th birthday party and family reunion while visiting daughter Terry Flagg in West Redding, CT. Present were Terry's family, daughter Julie of DC; son Bill and family of Tulsa, OK; and sister Lula and family of Laredo, TX—15 in all. It was a 4-day gala culminating with a delicious dinner, songs and Julie's guitar, dances and acted-out skits by family gps, all recorded on tape for Selby to remember long.

Selby also reported 18 Jul that "**Rosalie Doolittle** tells of a trip to Portland, OR where she visited son George. Celebrated her birthday there and attended the Rose Convention—says the roses there are the loveliest, and the parade equals that of the Pasadena Rose Bowl."

George & Marguerite Rehm, son Tom '52, his wife and daughters enjoyed their usual wk of golf and swimming at Myrtle Beach, SC in Jul.

Eddie & Jo Routheau had their usual summer-long outing with daughter Jody Arnold's family in MI and at favorite haunts in Nova Scotia.

While recuperating from hip replacement **Les Mabus** enjoyed watching on TV the successful campaigning of his nephew and inaugural last Jan as gov of MS. Almost 92 now, Les lives alone, has good help and finds the going not too hard. " . . . Of course I miss **Adelle**, who passed away early in Jan 87, but keep well occupied with keeping up the place and business affairs. . . . "

In Jul, **Kay Burns** had a "marvelous pilgrimage in The Footsteps of Celtic Saints, starting with the Holy Isl of Iona where St Aidan (name of our church) began his ministry, and ending at the Holy Isl of Lindisfarn where he founded a community that influenced all of Britain."

At sprightly 84, **Rosamond Kiefer** is a bridge "shark." At the national (?) several-day duplicate tournament in Hilton Head Isl, SC she and her partner won a 1st on the 1st day, tied for 3rd on 2nd day and 4th on 3rd day, and again a 1st on last day. Then, later, hopping a ride with friends, she went to another wk-long tournament in Fayetteville, NC where her daughter Lillian lives. Together with her she won a 1st and 3rd overall, and a 2nd, 3rd and 4th on separate days. Lillian, wife of ret LTG Tackaberry, has 2 boys, one in Army helicopters in Korea and one in AF at Maxwell AFB, AL. "Maybe their boys will go to WP," she says.

Dick & Nena Singer welcomed their first great-grandson, Barry Candler Moss, born 5 May to granddaughter Sandy Singer Moss.

Here are some notes which came in with the ballots in the yr's annual Class Governing Comm elections—**Mabus**: "Walking without a stick now." **Reuter**: "Thankful for each sunrise I'm privileged to see." (This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.) **Routheau**: "Reasonably well." **Singer**: "**Nena** & I both fine. Went to **Sid Hinds**' party with **Millard Pierson** and the **Johnstons (EC)**. Sid's son '50 and daughter were there. Had great fun." **Langevin**: "Blindness is tough but we're managing." **Kreuter**: "**Pattie** & I are blessed with fine health. Mighty thankful." **Hinds**: "No change on TX front." **Haswell**: "In reasonably good health." **Garvin**: " Warm and breathing. Cataract op 18 May, a first." **Eastman**: "**Helen** & I do our best to match the yrs." **Duffner**: "OK except for my legs." **Blaik**: "In nursing home." **Trimble**: "Spent birthday overseeing pruning of shrubbery and shade trees at slow walk. Dinner at neighbor's but no party—the candles

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cost more than the cake." **Smith (CW)**: "Am pretty well. Drove from FL to usual vacation spot in Fla-Net Park, NJ. Will stay till end Oct."

'21-'22

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It is with deep regret that I report the deaths of **Frank Pirkey, Charlotte Beal**, and **Ora Lee Crandell**. I have no detailed info about Frank's death. He is survived by his son Frederick '55. Frank was living with his son at the time of his death. James McLaughlin, nephew of Charlotte Beal, wrote me that his aunt died in her sleep on 8 Apr. COL Russell D Fagin wrote me that Ora Lee had been in ill health for a number of yrs and finally died at the Army Med Center, San Ant, TX on 15 Mar. On behalf of the Class I extend to the families of Frank, Ora Lee and Charlotte our sincere sympathy.

Bill Lawton and **Mark McClure** attended the '18-'19 Class luncheon last May. They also attended the '20 luncheon at which they were in the majority; there was only one member of the '20's present. Bill suggested that it would be a good idea if they had one luncheon each month that included all 5 classes: '18, '19, '20, '21, and '22. It could increase attendance a lot.

Some yrs ago the Class received several shares of stock of the Bank of Highland Falls. Both **Bill** and **Fritz Lee** were custodians. When Fritz died, Bill had difficulty in becoming the sole custodian. Then the bank merged with Marine Midland Bank and Bill finally, after considerable difficulty, sold the stock. The Class fund will be about $1250.00 richer.

While writing these notes, I called **George Olmsted** on the phone. **Carol** was not at home, but I did talk with George. His voice sounded very good. He has a nurse to take care of him 24 hrs a day. I am sorry I did not get to talk with Carol; however, the housekeeper said that George's condition was about the same.

Virginia Klein spent Jan and Feb with her daughter and her family in Austin, TX, and then in Jun she visited her 3 sisters in Memphis, TN. She was then getting ready to go to her summer home in Hague, NY. As usual, Virginia will attend all the football games at WP this fall.

Milo Cary sent me a news clipping from the *Washington Times* written by George H Olmsted Jr. It was about the NRA. The last paragraph stated, "I would like to see the NRA concentrate more on the responsibility of gun ownership and less on the rights thereof." I agree.

Milo Cary's great-grandson graduated from HS with honors and applied for entrance to WP. Unfortunately, he was not accepted. He decided he wants to be an engr and will enter GA Tech in the fall. Sorry he missed the Academy, but try again next yr.

ADDRESSES

May Belle Strong now resides at 2 Plantation Court, Savannah, GA 31419. Tel: 912-925-0467.

Marcia Greene's new address is Meadow Lakes, Hightstown, NJ 08520.

Elsie Nelson's new zip code is 34233.

The Class rosters I sent last May to **Katherine Dobbs, Katherine Bryan, Lou Dolan**, and **Richard Ransom** were returned. If anyone has any information about them, please write to me.

'23

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Fourteen of us were fortunate to enjoy the memorable events of our 65th Reunion 18–20 May. We registered in at the Thayer Hotel, getting our badges, gray '23 caps and schedules. From arrival till dinner time there was much greeting of classmates, wives and several sons and daughters. In the dining room we gathered at two large tables and several small ones.

Scheduled activities began on the 19th when we were taken by bus to the Supe's historic Quarters 100, built and occupied by COL Thayer in 1820. After visiting that charming residence, we were bused to the dock and boarded the Supe's boat for a ride up the Hudson and picnic lunch aboard. That was an ideal time to visit with one another in the large cabin. Our son Wendell Jr took a lot of close-up shots with my camera during the trip. In the evening, shuttle buses carried the old grads and their parties from the hotel to the cadet mess "Washington Hall" for the festive dinner dance. It had been a cloudy, rainy day but enjoyable nevertheless.

Friday, the 20th was unforgettable. The sun came out for the march of old grads to Thayer Monument and wreath-laying there and the singing of the *Alma Mater* and *The Corps* by the choir. From there we walked over to the bleacher area and lined up next to the Supe and staff, facing Washington Hall for the review of the Corps. That was another emotional event, with the chapel and wooded hills as a backdrop while the bde of cadets marched out of barracks, formed up, performed their ceremony and then passed in review. From there we went to the alumni luncheon and annual meeting of the AOG in Washington Hall. Class gifts were announced and **Ken Sweany** presented our 65th Reunion gift of over $23,000 to the WP Fund, and also reported that 3 deceased classmates had made bequests to WP during past 5 yrs for a total of over $60,000.

That Fri evening we celebrated our Class banquet at the Thayer, with cocktails first, and then with 7 to 9 seated at round tables enjoyed a fine dinner. It was a very sociable event during which we toasted the President, the Corps and the ladies, after **Bill Craigie** gave the invocation. After dinner we had a brief business meeting, our VP Craigie presiding. Treas **Ken**, who took over when **Forstall Adams** moved from DC area to VA Beach, reported on the Class Fund,

1923: '23 Reunion

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1923: McGehees, Pierces and Rosenbergs

well over $3,000, and proposed transferring it to AOG for administration, as other aging classes have done. Everyone present agreed. The scribe, **WGJ**, brought greetings from several widows and **Stodter's** daughter with **John**'s regrets he couldn't make it. He also reported **Wong**'s death in 87 and urged everyone to send news of themselves for use in class notes for the 5 issues of *ASSEMBLY*. VP **Bill** had our aides Findlay and Morrow come forward to receive our thanks for "the wonderful help they have given us all" and a memento "something to remember us by."

Ken then put on a show of slides depicting scenes of WP as it was when we were cadets. These brought out a lot of reminiscences from many. CPT Morrow showed slides of recent additions to Academy buildings. We broke up early, saying our goodbyes, and thanking **Joe** and Ken for their expert planning and arrangements, and our aides for their help. The ladies were happy with the bar pins given them as mementos, a gold saber with '23 coat-of-arms.

1923: Pamplins, Mary Wilder and Evanses

Cancellations reduced our ranks at reunion to **Buckleys, Cavenders, Craigies** and son John '51 & Marilyn, **Jim Evans & Edwina, Guevaras** & daughter Carmen Jr, **Ed Howards** and friend Grace Blake, **Johnson WG** and Wendell Jr, **McGehees, Pamplins, Ray Pierces** and son Richard '56 & Dottie, **Rosenbergs, Sweany** & son Philip, **Joe Smiths, John Whites** and daughter Kathryn Skinner, & **Mrs Frank (Mary) Wilder**. Mary had slipped while boarding bus for dinner dance, but stayed through dinner. Then CPT Morrow took her to the hosp for treatment and stitches. Her daughter came up the next day to take her home to NJ on Sat. Mary reported to **Ken** later that she was OK and stitches out. No other casualties, and everyone arrived home safely. Many have written to me and to **Joe** and Ken how much they enjoyed the 65th and praising the job done by Joe and Ken.

1923: Cavenders, Grace Blake and Howards

Ken followed up on transferring the Class Fund to AOG with a letter to AOG, and received approval indicating the form of the agreement to be signed. When he gets the go-ahead from class offs he will have the agreement formalized.

Lily Noyes wrote of her plan to attend Elderhostel classes a week in Jul at U of AK SE in Juneau, and then be joined by son Eric to also visit Anchorage area. She said that **John** in his last yrs was attempting to raise funds to establish a branch of the U of AK where the U of AK SE is located. "I decided I must visit it." Eric is a cpt, cmdr of tank co, Ft Hood; will train at Ft Lee this fall and be asgnd at Warren, MI afterwards.

Mike Buckley reported on 3-wk auto trip he & **Eleanor** made in Jun from Vienna to Cologne, "in custody of son John, who acted as guide, driver, baggage master, and spiritual adviser." They enjoyed Vienna music, Munich beer, and Moselle wine, and cruises on the Danube and the Rhine. Highlights were attending masses where Vienna Boys Choir sang and others where Benedictine Monks sang. They returned home in time for 62d wedding anniv 1 Jul and to attend wedding of grandson Mike Brown 2 Jul. He added, "We had a great time at the reunion."

Also from CA came a *Sun City News* write-up of Moe Cavender's attending 65th class reunion at WP and summary of his service in WWI and II, his awards and decorations. AOG space restrictions prohibit making even a summary here, but I may try in Dec issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

Forstall Adams wrote **Joe** thanking him for USMA cap and other reunion mementos, saying, "I wear the cap when I scoot through the halls of my nursing home . . . on a walker with wheels on front legs. My ruptured vertebra was patched up nicely with steel spikes. If you can't read this ask a prescription druggist to decipher it." Cheers Fo. We admire your good humor. **Edna Howard** wrote that they arrived home safely (at Tequesta, FL) with Grace Blake's super driving, despite two days of torrential rains after leaving McLean, VA. **Roma Breidster** sent **Ken** a letter thanking him for the Class pin he had sent, adding, "My prayers and greetings to all the remaining Class of '23 for good health and happiness. Sorry I couldn't make the reunion, physically I could not make it."

Dave & Kay Dunne's daughter, Joan Weart, wrote that her parents celebrated their 61st in Mar and then flew to San Antonio "to visit us (COL & Mrs Douglas Weart '49) (and) a great-grandson named David (for my father). David, Carol and Jeff Weart '80 just returned from Ger and are on their way to be stationed at WP." **Jim & Edwina Evans** wrote **Joe** saying, "The 65th was an outstanding success. It took some planning, arranging and execution on the part of you and Ken Sweany and we thank you."

1923: Craigies and Smiths

1923: Chairmen of Reunion—Smith and Sweany

Several classmates in CA reported the sad news that **"Trooper" E Hoffman Price** died 18 Jun in Redwood City and was interred 24 Jun in Skylawn Memorial Park, San Mateo, CA with full mil honors. None of them were notified and only learned of his death when the notice was published in SF paper 10 days later. He kept writing novels up to this yr despite his poor eyesight.

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Ray Pierce reported the marriage of Marjorie **Fitzmaurice**, daughter of our **Jim & Marjorie**, to Charles Bunn '49 during Easter wk. Ray added that **Glenn Palmer** reported he was in good shape for his 91st birthday 11 Jul, and with **Elizabeth** looking forward to visit by son Glenn Jr. **Ray & Mary** had been driven to WP from DC area by son Dick & Dottie, and on return there had a visit with **Lee & Esther Shafer**, and were luncheon guests at Distaff Hall of **Dottie Kehm, Virginia Post** and **Dottie Torrence**. They flew back to CA 2 Jun. Our aide CPT Stephen Morrow & Mrs M were visiting in the Pierce's area and were taken to dinner by Ray & Mary.

Joe & AnnaPerle returned home via Scranton to visit his younger sister, stopping overnight in Hershey to see the magnificent gardens. In early Jun they were going to Atlanta for their granddaughter's graduation, Joe hoping for an afternoon of fly fishing with his 14 yr old grandson. He wrote that **Tred** had phoned him, his voice sounding much stronger and clear.

1923: From AL—Jim Evans and from NY—Jack White

1923: At picnic buffet—Buckleys with Mary Wilder behind

Ken wrote that he and son Phil returned to Towson, MD without incident and sent me a transcript of the recordings Phil had made of the Class banquet and the memorial service. He & **Laura** celebrated their 64th on 3 Jun with a quiet dinner out with daughter Jean Carol. He'd had a phone call from **Kenner & Betty Hertford** thanking them for the reunion mementos sent them, and also from the **Tredennicks**. The Cavenders wrote "the reunion couldn't have been better."

Joe and **Ken** had many thank-you letters to write: to LTG Palmer, the Supe, with praise for our aides, to the aides, and to the Thayer, and to many classmates and widows who couldn't make it to the reunion. They had many time-consuming tasks and did them admirably. We all thank them.

1923: Mary Wilder, Carmen Guevara and Carmen Neuberger

1923: Victoria Craigie, Ruth Johnson and AnnaPerle Smith

From Summerville, SC **George Buell** ex-'23 wrote me that he learned from **Bill Lucas** in Charleston that Bill hadn't reported the death of his wife **Martine** last 23 Feb, and agreed to do it himself. She had suffered a long illness. The children have been to see him; and the youngest, William C Jr '55 & his wife, visited Bill the end of Jun. We all send our sympathy, Bill. The Buells celebrated their 63d on 25 Jun. He will be 88 on 22 Sep; his wife is 84.

Bill Craigie's letter the wk after our reunion praised the fine reunion and **Joe** and **Ken**'s labors. He said the Craigies Sr and Jr had stayed over till Sun and went to a fine service at the chapel, then enjoyed a drive across the river and northward. **Marge Rich** wrote Bill describing the impressive and emotional service for **Clyde**'s funeral, saying it was "a send-off he would have loved."

Ruth & I echo all the praise for the reunion and the co-chairmen. We have attended every '23 reunion beginning with the 25th and including the 42 1/2 and 47 1/2, and rate the 65th at the top. Jun and Jul have been quiet for us, but a grandson from CA will be with us 21–22 Jul, and both our sons and their crews will be coming in Aug, one after the other, to be at the cottage we've rented on Lake Megunticook for two wks. In late Sep we plan on 4 days at our favorite inn in NH.

AOG has asked my assistance in locating **Wade L Kerr, Paul D Michelet, Bernard H Sullivan** and **Morris K Voedisch**. Except for Michelet, they have been "lost" on our Class list for yrs as well as at AOG. New address for Paul Michelet is Liberty House Nursing Home, 94 South Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, tel: 703-433-2791. If any of you files can report anything about any of them, please do. I have replied to AOG on the above address for Michelet.

Space restrictions limit the number of pictures printed, and I regret not everyone is included in snaps taken.

GRIP HANDS WGJ

'24

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Hazel Van Way and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Van Way Craig, both of Distaff Hall, were with a gp of ladies from the Officers Wives Club of the Greater Wash Area which enjoyed a wk on the tour "Paris in the Spring '88." We give you Hazel's report of the trip in her words.

"Our tour leader had organized a wonderful program for us. In addition to the usual wondrous sights: Notre Dame Cathedral, the Louvre, the recently opened Musée d'Orsay, the Palace at Versailles. We were entertained at tea by Madame Anick Forray, wife of the C/S of the French Army. We also had tea at the American Embassy Residence with Mrs Honey Rogers, the charming wife of the present ambassador, who gave us a tour of the beautiful residence. We visited the house of Claude Monet and viewed the famous gardens. One of the highlights was a visit to the quarters of the Garde Republicaine where we saw several of the equestrian teams in performances. We even had a cooking lesson (and tasting!) at "Le Cordon Bleu" cooking school. And what would a visit to Paris be without an evening at the Moulin Rouge. We saw it all!

"At the airport on Sat morning, 30 Apr, we said goodbye to our companions of the wk. They departed for Washington, and Elizabeth and I flew to Madrid to begin an 8-day tour of Spain. After an overnight in Madrid we joined the bus tour. Our first stop was in Toledo with a tour of that fabulous city. The next day we arrived in Granada where we spent a day exploring the Alhambra Palace and Gardens of Generalife. In the evening we saw the Spanish Ballet performance

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of flamenco dancing. Then on south the next day to the Costa del Sol, through Marbella and Malaga, to the Rock of Gibraltar for a view of the Rock itself. Then on to Seville. We toured the city, the Moorish Alcazar and Cathedral. In the evening we saw another performance of flamenco dancing, Seville style. On Fri we went on to Cordoba where we had a tour of the walled city and the beautiful historic Arab Mosque. From there we returned to Madrid and spent two days sightseeing the city. On Tue we were ready to return to Wash on a good Pan Am flight. Altogether, it was a super trip!"

Erminie Reynolds and her grandson Garth Reynolds motored to Bath, ME to attend the annual Maritime Symposium at the Maine Maritime Museum, 6, 7 and 8 May. They enjoyed the interesting lectures and meeting with old friends. On Sat afternoon the museum hosted a publishing reception honoring 4 authors whose works have recently been published. The public was invited to meet the authors and have books autographed. Erminie autographed several copies of *A Singleness of Purpose, The Sholfields and Their Ships*. They spent 4 more days in beautiful ME, then reluctantly returned to home in Arlington.

We have received an announcement of the marriage on 4 Jun of **Genevieve Welsh Bertsch** to **Donald Temple Eller**, Rear Adm, US Navy, Ret, at Charleston, SC. Their summer address will be 77 Tidewaters, Henlopen Acres, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. In winter they will reside at 50 Harbor View Lane, No 33, Belleair Bluffs, FL 34640. Congratulations and best wishes to Jenny are in order.

Ed Hart's daughter, Sally Hart Adams, hosted a birthday party honoring her father's 88th birthday, and also her son Edward's 19th birthday, both on the same day, 17 Jun. The other young man in the photo is young Ed's brother.

1924: Ed Hart's birthday celebration

We regret to announce the following:

Daniel Harrison Hundley passed away at St Louis, MO on 17 May. He had previously undergone open heart surgery and was hospitalized in intensive care. He survived for 3 wks, eventually succumbing from kidney failure.

Geraldine Strohecker passed away in Sep 87. We have no details.

'25

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On 7 Jun **Bill Wood** died at William Hill Health Care Center in Easton, MD. Memorial services were held at Christ Church in Easton on 13 Jun, and later on the same day grave site services were held at Arlington Natl Cemetery where he was buried. Present at the grave site were classmates **Hubert Cole, Dan Dunford** and **Rinaldo Van Brunt** as well as his widow, **Elizabeth,** his son Dr William H Wood, Jr and many friends. In addition to his widow and son, Bill leaves 6 grandchildren.

A belated report has just reached me of the death of **Elinor Pickard Evans**, widow of **Ira K Evans**. She died on 25 Aug 87 in El Paso, TX and was buried at Ft Bliss Natl Cemetery, El Paso, TX. No further details available at this time.

Florence Cleland, widow of **Joe Cleland**, reports that after a two-yr stint of taking care of ill family members she has resumed her travels. As of the date of her letter she was in Russia, which she found very interesting. Her itinerary included Moscow, Leningrad, Tashkent, Samarkand and Bukhara.

Had a couple of letters from **Hoppie Hopkins**. He & **Sophie** had just returned to their home in Rehoboth Beach, DE from FL and found enough chores waiting to keep them busy for awhile. He reports that their oldest daughter, Frances, who lives in MN, had come down to FL while they were there to visit them and enjoy some warm sunshine. She, with the help of her son and daughter-in-law, has made the Hopkinses great-grandparents twice. Their second daughter, Cynthia, has recently moved from Mexico City to Guatemala. Cynthia's daughter Cristine is a sophomore at Pomona Coll. Their youngest daughter, Mary Carol, and her two sons, Joshua (14) and Gabriel (9), spent a wk with **Hoppie & Sophie** at Rehoboth Beach in Jun. He indicates that other classmates and/or widows living in the Delmora Peninsula area include **Carl Meyer, Soap Suttles** and **Mary Lou McManus**.

The recent dues reminder not only brought checks, but also a number of notes. **Pete Liwski** writes, "**Henrietta** & I just got back from . . . Egypt. I had my picture taken astride a camel. Henrietta, while viewing one of the . . . tombs uncovered a clay pot buried in the ground. It was almost intact. She was practicing her experience in archeological digs in VA . . . Henrietta is granted a patent on a microwave stand."

George Peploe writes, "You mentioned the Class of '27's book on the West Point Chapel. I sent for it and it is beautiful. . . . *West Point*, photographed by Bob Korst and sponsored by the West Point Foundation, is also a beautiful rendition of our Alma Mater."

Russ Finn did not include a note with his check but he did include a couple of Swedish stamps. Could it be that he is a hostage of a couple of Norse raiders? **Henry Margeson** also sent a note but not much Class news. However, he is located in Portsmouth, NH.

1925: Pat & Heidi Lynch; Founders Day 1988, Ft Lewis

This is my first report as Class scribe. Through *ASSEMBLY* I would like to keep classmates, families and friends informed about the triumphs, activities and foibles of all classmates. However, since I live in the Northwest corner of the Continental US, and since **Harry Spilinger** is the only classmate within a thousand miles, news is somewhat slow in reaching me. Therefore I hope all classmates, widows and friends will write and give me any info which may be of interest to other classmates and families.

'26

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The bell tolled for **Muffet Johnson** (widow of **AH Johnson**) in Jul after a spirited struggle lasting more than a yr. We are all diminished by her passing. **Jimmy Burwell**'s words on her will stand for all of us: "I was proud to call her my friend for over 60 yrs. She was cheerful, loyal and kind. . . . I cannot think of a complimentary adjective that would not apply to Muffet . . . her spirits undaunted even during a tragedy. When her dr was taking measurements to replace the eye she had lost in an accident, she cautioned the dr not to forget to put a glint in it." As a Class we offer Muffet's survivors our love, condolences and a memorial of the attachment and admiration every contact with her brought. And how fortunate Muffet was (and we also as a Class) to have the gentle, loving care all through her sickness of Catherine Din-

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ger who helped nurse, consoled, housesat, carried the burdens of administration for her ailing friend. Catherine has received the thanks of the Class for her selfless devotion to Muffet.

Rod & Kathy Smith made their annual trip to WP to take in the convocation of awards and the grad ceremony. Their grandson, Rodney H Smith Jr, presented Cadet Steven D Hart '88, winner of the LTC Rodney H Smith Memorial Award to grad cadet w/highest rating in civil engr, a set of bookends replicating a Vauban fortification design. The Red Reeder Award (a pewter tray) to this yr's outstanding baseball player went to Cadet Benjamin E Smith '88, who also won it in 87. Unfortunately, the WP Photo Lab, charged with preserving these events for posterity, muffed it. As for the surrogate Class tree planted between the Supe's quarters and N Brks, Rod & Kay found it thriving, about 25 ft tall and clothed in healthy green leaves. Rod's picture of the grad ceremony included a pungent reproach: " . . . and did it rain! Traffic was completely snarled, scores of cars [en route to Michie Stad, where the ceremony took place, scribe] were turned away . . . by the harried MP's, uniforms and clothing were soaked, many left the place early, and in general, the whole messy business left a bad impression. . . . "

A few minor physical problems which he has now overcome, set back **Spud Murphy** the past 3 mos; but he's up and running with an elegant report. **Jack Black** has had to give up golf owing to knee trouble, otherwise he's in great shape. Meanwhile, he has been carpentering around his house: painting, repairing, new carpets, new furniture, new Jacuzzi, new inside exercise facilities. In early Sep he will attend the reunion of his wartime div, the 5th Inf Div, at CO Springs, CO. Good going Jack, and have a wonderful time there! **Aline Kirchoff** is busy sorting through **Kirk's** files, though settlement of the estate is nearly complete. In Apr she took a trip to Mexico including a 10-day stay at Puerto Vallarta which she enjoyed amply—marvelous climate, comfortable hotel, beautiful beach. Way back when he was stationed at the Presidio, **Brook & Marje Brady** bought their attractive house in Sausalito, and she still occupies this home. The past yr Marje decided to brighten up and refurbish the place by installing a new roof, repainting all around and replacing the front deck. Now the place looks marvelous. Then in spring she took an Elderhostel trip to France, staying a mo near Bordeaux where she lived for a wk with a French family who treated her like one of their own, even allowed her to prepare meals for one day in the American fashion. She was astonished at the price of food on the Continent. Marje closed out her European trip with an auto tour with English friends. **Hal Forde** has moved to 18655 W Bernardo Dr #218, San Diego, CA 92127. His dr has found Hal in good shape, and maybe as a result of that favorable report he is planning on a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

POT POURRI Although she still uses a cane at home, **Anne Van Syckle** continues an active life at Rossmoor in Walnut Creek, CA, where she & **Dave** lived for so many yrs. There she has the help of a young and qualified nurse's aid in coping with the mechanics of life. When Anne remarked that she was serving in the Army before the nurse was born, she asked innocently, "WWI or II?" **Marge Roosma** is spending a mo or so this summer at Rehoboth Beach, DE with a pair of great-grands whose father, John S 3d, is in the AF. Her letter recites a noble list of children and grands; with her sparkling sense of the divine and ridiculous, she adds to this list, "I can't believe I started this avalanche!" Marge plans to see the Reeders in Aug in NY. Her home base in Upper Montclair, NJ gives her a fine opportunity to see son John often in Wash, DC. **Babe de Shazo** continues to improve. She is "able to help my older sister who is 91 and in the 'assisted-living' section of our health care center and needs help with dress, etc." Babe continues to drive her own car. She has had numerous cheering visits from the family so that her letter showed optimism and good spirits. Way to go, Babe. **Red & Virginia Corderman** continue an active life in NJ with 3 children and 15 grands located nearby so that family visits are easy and frequent. These two stalwarts continue golfing during the clement seasons and substitute bowling when the wind howls and the snow flies. However, fewer trips and gadding about (isn't that true of most of us?).

Gratifying news from **Mac & Kay McFarland**, who lost her left leg and part of the knee owing to circulation problems, and has been struggling to cope with the resulting changes in her lifestyle. Mac says that she prepares most of the meals (he does the cooking), does volunteer work for the United Way, and gets around well with the help of a walker, hoping to graduate to a cane soon. In fact, she has shown so much progress that the two went out to dinner recently, the first time since Jan. There, Mac reports, she handled her artificial leg skillfully and gained important confidence. Really fine news, Kay, and a tribute to an unconquerable spirit. Further gratifying news from Mac tells that he & Kay have joined the ranks of the great-grandparents through a son born in Jun to granddaughter Tonia Lloyd of Gig Harbor, WA.

By the time this par appears, **Bill & Rosy Mills** will have seen the Army-UWA football game in Seattle, staying with a granddaughter in that city. Bill sent Mac a clipping announcing the ret of a COL John McFarland & his wife Kay in Dayton, WA. Mac's remark was that the fellow must have had a fine career with a name like that.

George & Peggy Hickman have moved to 700 Markhill Dr, Box 14, Seveirville, TN 37862, near Knoxville, to be close to their oldest daughter whose husband is dean of the UTN Law School—remember George spent his latter service yrs lawyering. They're settled now, though they miss the San Diego ocean breezes and climate.

Vald & Evelyn Heiberg drove to Wash, DC in May to attend the retmt party for their son Elvin R Heiberg III '53 who for the past 4 yrs had been ChE DA. The large, impressive ceremony had a goodly showing of Heibergs: Vald & Evelyn, their two sons (each together with 3 children), 8 grands and one great-grand. Then at the annual convocation of awards at WP their younger son, COL William L Heiberg '61, handed out the Class of '26 Award (a pr of binocs) to Cadet David M Toczek '88, who is the 20th recipient of our Class award which was first given in '69.

Life in her retmt complex is calm and especially pleasant for **Ted Peck**, whose two married children live nearby and see her frequently; in addition she has 4 married grands right in Atlanta so that she's seldom lonesome. But the quiet drift of her life stirred up a bit when she received 4 free tickets to Pres Reagan's $1500-per-plate fund raiser in Atlanta. Ted would have gone, too, if she had had an escort.

From **Hank Ross** a spirited and vivacious letter reminds us that his stroke hit him 4 yrs ago in Africa. He feels most lucky that his speech is coming back, especially in contrast to many neighbors who have brain damage, paralysis, cannot walk and the like from similar strokes. Obviously Hank is most grateful that he is on the mend—and let's not forget that Hank is our last classmate to contribute full-time to the Gross Natl Product. Another item from him: in 77 he donated his real estate in Brewster, NY to a trust which became the Glenda Farrell-Henry Ross Woodland Preserve.

Pres Reagan invited **Red Reeder** to join a gp of 12 at opening ceremonies in Caen, France, celebrating D-Day, etc. " . . . but I had to decline this honor because my amputated leg was irritated." Red still holds in loving memory the Puget Sound area where he claims his wonderful mother hooked him for life on baseball at age 5 by getting him a job as batboy for the Ft Worden team. That place, a former lonesome CAC post, is now a sort of state park; for a small fee you may rent what were once an off's qtrs and enjoy the beauties of Puget Sound, Rainier Range, fishing (some excellent

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areas for salmon nearby) and suchlike amusements.

Except for minor, inconsequential and expected ailments, **Don & Ro Booth** are well and thriving. But Don does have one particular bother. Ever since the days when he was a math P at WP, Don has gardened wherever he has landed, leaving the sign of his occupancy by planting an apple tree in the front yard. But now neighbors to his right, left and rear have dug up and/or disturbed their yards, and the resident pocket gophers have migrated to the relative peace of Don's place. He claims he has tried most everything—poison, water, motor exhaust, etc to disturb the little critters and nothing really works. If anyone out there has an idea or knows of a successful encounter with such vermin, Don would appreciate learning how to cope with the animals.

'27

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Your new scribe had planned to start with nice words about **Jerry Lillard**. My pal **Art Roth** speaks for the Class: "Chubby Roth wishes to express his appreciation of the contribution in time and effort that Jerry Lillard has made over the last 30 yrs. His patience with so many of us non-contributors has been praiseworthy. The Class can not thank him enough." He also wanted you to know that the new scribe has two electronic gadgets—"his computer and a Letterman model pacemaker which seems to be functioning nicely and, as yet, no hearing aid."

After **Jerry**, I wondered what Class member we would like to hear about. My choice was **Trapnell**. So I called him and found that golf is now his hobby. He reported that about 7 am, 4 mornings a wk, he goes out to ANCC looking for a golf partner. Of the Class he sees **Mac Miller, Ralph Zwicker**, and **Jimmy Collins**. He reports that Jimmy is recovering. My big surprise was that his roommate for all 4 yrs was **Art Roth**. Art has been my crew on the *Merry Fey* and, of late, my auto passenger since his eyes failed the driving test.

The first mail reply was from **Mac Miller**, a story of **Jean** & Mac flying to Europe and exploring by boat. The excursion was sponsored by the USAA and had lots of service people aboard. They flew to Istanbul where they boarded a Russian ship and sailed through the Bosporus into the Black Sea to the Danube. There they boarded a 2nd Russian craft, *Volga*, for a 9-day trip to Vienna with stops at Bucharest, Pleven, Belgrade and Budapest. The boat ride was most enjoyable, but the flight home from Vienna was a long and wearying one. They had word about **Dorothea Ostenberg**'s move to live with her daughter at 1209 21st Ave #C101, Rock Island, IL 61201.

George Martin, operating under the double handicap of a new typewriter and a cataract op on his left eye, reports, "The surgery seems to have been a success; however, this Japanese machine requires more practice by me." Now the sad news; **Helen Webb**, widow of **Elmer "Spike" Webb**, died 18 Jul after a protracted illness. George planned to attend the funeral. Spike was my roommate for our last two yrs; George Martin was my roommate part of yearling year.

Our traveling classmate, **Ray Bell**, reports of going with Ret AF CPT Neff, a history buff, on a retracing of the Lewis & Clark Exped route from the MO River to Astoria. Ray was enthused about Glacier Natl Pk.

Bob Aloe from San Ant, where our Class is best represented, gave a complete report. **Al Lepping** lives in Normandy Terrace nursing home where he is bedridden except for a walker with which he can make up to 100 ft. **Mable** lives in their old house and visits him daily. **Mike Williams** is pretty much homebound; **Verna** is not well and he stays home with her. **Milt Towner** is in AF Village. Bob sees him now and then. **Mary Kaylor** and **Terry Meloy** still live in their old homes. He reports Class widows at AF Village: **Betty Lovell, Evelyn Flock**—not too well, **Jean Burgess** with serious eye trouble, and **Ethel Kuter** "still very active and probably your best source of info about the Class."

Parmer Edwards reports that his family is ready to join the Army Residence Community in San Ant. He inspected the place and feels a relationship to Noah. The approach of old age and the need of nursing care influenced his decision. While there he called on the **Leppings** (**Al** was his plebe roommate); Al's frau reported that Al was in a nursing home. He did not try to contact any other classmates or widows as he was pressed for time and would be back to stay shortly.

Chuck Stone reports that he is not leaving Tucson this summer where the weather has met par and 100+. "Things won't be bad if the air cooler holds up. **Martha** & I play lots of contract bridge. She plays with the gals and I with the guys. I walk 5 mornings each wk, a mile in 20 'moments' which I believe helps me stay alive."

Bob Wohlforth, our library buff, comes in with a good plug for "The Friends of the WP Library." He says '27 is second and '44 first in membership. You should join soon because dues are going from $10 to $25. He still commutes to NY twice a wk. "I get almost daily round-robin letters from **Wat Watlington**, intelligent letters from **Chubby Roth**, golf scores from **Trap**, and I miss the phone calls from **Jack Hines**. I still have copies of the *Personal Letter to Classmates* that **Eddie Glavin** and I wrote for the 50th Reunion if anyone wants a copy."

Cy Williams informs from San Ant, TX that severe osteoporosis and fractures of the lumbar spine, detected in Aug 87, have now reduced him to a crawl. Cy asks that we not let it happen to us. If suspicious, get a bone density scan. He enthused over my (S)election letter!

The **Lee R Williamses** report that after 37 yrs they have moved from Encino to 5274 Roxanne Dr, San Jose, CA 95124. **Doris** says her youngest daughter, Aletha, lives a short distance away and her daily calls or visits mean so much. Lee is doing all right but showing his age.

Cal Whittle still lives in SF and his zip code ends in 27! **Merry & Maggie Masters** report: "No news and all is well." Last letter to arrive was a long one from **Betty & Harry Paxson**. He lives in Corrales, 25 mi north of Kirkland AFB. He enclosed a photo of themselves with a mule between.

Gar Davidson received a letter from General Ridgway which reads in part: "I have been through your Class gift of a copy of *The WP Chapel USMA* from cover to cover. Your dedication to the members of the Long Gray Line is the most moving I have ever read about our Military Academy. From felicitous concept to masterly execution through the generosity of one of its members, it will be an enduring memorial to the Class of '27, a treasure to the Corps of the future, and a source of pride to sons of WP through the yrs."

Having roomed with "one of its generous members"—**Tom McManus**—who still says your scribe read *Breezy Stories* while he studied—I would be remiss if I did not tell you how proud I am of his outstanding success in the construction business. The Class should know that Tom has the most beautiful and efficient new off next to the old Benicia Arsenal and in sight of the "Mothball" fleet. When the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) selected Richard Hall, pres of Tom's company, to be AGC pres, it meant that Tom's company was tops in the USA; but when the Confederation of Intl Contractor Assocs, to which the AGC belongs, selected Richard Hall as its pres, it meant that Tom's company is tops in the world.

My sincere thanks goes to all who helped me in preparing the above by sending me the necessary info. Your help will be needed for the next edition. Please, remember I do need all the help you can give me. We also need good photos.

'28

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The letters I have received thanking me for my efforts re our 60th Reunion

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have certainly been good for my morale—particularly when put together with that beautiful plaque that was presented to me at the reunion.

1928: Tom Wells, Jean Barnes and Bill Breckenridge; Founders Day 1988, HI

Skippy Harbold reported that the '28 So TX Gp had one of the best meetings of its history at a luncheon on 28 Apr held in the Skylight Room of the Army Residence of San Ant. Some pictures of that meeting are included herewith. He also reported that the AOG informed him that **Coverdale** had died—no details. I express the most heartfelt sympathies of the Class to his family.

1928: Skippy Harbold, Tater Tate and Ned Sirmyer

1928: Steve Harbold and Jo Warren

Letter from **Ed Reber—Tom Wells, Nancy Green** and the Rebers gathered with **John Morrow** and his sister at John's cabin in Horn Valley, PA on 29 May and a good time was had by all.

My next Class notes are due in by 15 Oct.

'29

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My abject apologies! In the last paragraph of Class notes in Jul *ASSEMBLY* and in personal letters to several WPers I omitted one key phrase, i.e. "—24 sons who are WP graduates." There are many more deceased grads with sons whom I'd like to invite when appropriate, along with their sisters, in preparing obits. In that connection, we should see what '31 is doing as reported in **Kreuger's** notes in the same issue of *ASSEMBLY*.

As hoped for in the last notes, we met Bill Jr '55 & Joan in Seattle for our daylight rail trip through the Canadian Rockies. It was spectacular and very pleasant. We recommend this new daylight tour very highly. Just before we left we had a wonderful surprise—Bill Jr & Joan with Jean & David Riggs '62 arranged a joint 80th birthday and 58th anniv party for us with all our kids, our 3 grandsons and our two great-grandchildren here to help us celebrate.

1929: Gathering for McCulla's 80th birthday

For 3 admiring great-grandfathers, **McCulla, Vittrup**, and Harry Cooper '31.

1929: Bill I, Evan, Bill II and Bill III McCulla

Karl Mathew Anker is the grandson of Don Anker '51 and the son of Charles B Anker '82. Harry & Norma Cooper '31 from El Paso are paternal great-grandparents but didn't get in the picture.

Billy Greear provided some dope with an assist from **Jack Horton** including **Bud Spragues** son's address so I could send

1929: Cooper '31, Karl Anker and Vittrup

him a photo of the plaque. Kurth's a prof at U of TX at Austin.

Hunt Bassett—still enjoying life but not doing much. Recently he & **Anita** went to HI where they had a great time visiting family. **Bill Vestal**—has been in poor health but is improving. **McKenzie**—not very active. **Helen Poinier**—lives in the ARC, enjoys life. **Josie Cuno**—enjoys her grandchildren and visits to Wichita. **Caroline Jark**—enjoys the living in the Army Residential Community.

Mary Lou Hammack—still enjoys life—but doesn't try to make it more complicated (whatever that means). **Betty Harkins**—went on a cruise through the Panama Canal not long ago. Enjoys life at the ARC. **Heiney Zimmerman's** widow **(Marion)**—quite ill. **Red Cooper** & his wife will move into the ARC soon.

Helen Greear—plays a lot of bridge—and took part as a model in a style show recently. Bill plays golf, fishes, and makes furniture (and still does some horse show judging).

Via **Jack Hornor** that **Charley Tench** is phoning these days instead of writing. Also **Jim & Lois Stephenson** joined the San Ant gp 1 Aug and now live at One Towers, Park Lane #1912 (USAA Towers), San Antonio, TX 78209.

The **O'Haras** were in CA in Sep to "house sit" Elizabeth's house while she & Steve toured France and Spain after Steve made his presentation at an intl symposium. **Pat & Betty's** new townhouse in the country club is a dandy.

After a long illness **Fran Costello** died 15 Jun in Columbia, SC and was buried at the Main Post Cemetery at Ft Benning beside **Tony**, their son, and daughter. Surviving daughters Mrs Page Ziegler and Toni Graves, and her sister Mrs Bill Ryan '33, acknowledged our Class memorial to AOG.

Paul Thompson & Josette have returned from a short trip to France. **Tommy DuBose** has recuperated from an emergency appendectomy, but wasn't as successful in trying to locate some very valuable baseball cards he'd collected way back when before he was a plebe, but he did find some other memorabilia.

Have been fortunate in being able to

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read some of **Abe Lincoln's** fine notes about our 30th Reunion. He wrote them while a member of the "Draper Comm" on mil assist progs involving 9 mos of TDY in DC as well as working on the revision of the curriculum at WP.

In the spring issue **Abe** reported that as of 2 Jan 59, **Kai** had replies from 150 classmates with 62 coming and 3/4 of them bringing wives, 33 probables and 55 definite "no's." As noted below, about 60 were there. Some of **Paul Caraway's** comments were incorporated including, "We all now are looking forward to seeing each other again at the next *BIG* one, the 60th." Other extracts—"a picture of the talkative **Swede Svenson** (CG AA-Tank Tr Ctr) and the taciturn **Paul Freeman** (CG Inf Sch) in battle positions" and another of 2 AF 3-stars, **Freddy Smith** and **Bozo McKee**. One of the McKees with **Robeys** and **Keelers** at their retmt party, the 30 yr Class picture; a lot of the Class under the cherry tree in Abe & **Freddie's** back yard and one of Army & Dee Dee with **Don Graul** inspecting Cadet Armstrong, soon to graduate. Further quotes—"our 30 yr Reunion with about 60 classmates plus several ex-classmates, about 47 wives and children is now history. Those present alleged that they had a very fine experience and became rededicated to the values for which WP stands." "We all liked the new museum (Thayer Hall), but many of us missed the junky attic-at-home feeling of the old museum" (we can compare reactions as we visit the newest museum in Olmsted Hall, New South Post). Incidentally, **Paul Thompson** has been instrumental in raising funds for the museum.

"**Bruce Easley**, now dep AG of the Army, has made a roundup of classmates still in service (fall of 59)—36 in the Army and 8 in the AF." Almost 15% on AD 30 yrs after graduation.

My memory used to be pretty good but it has slipped a lot. For a long time I've tried to find out who was responsible for our 30 Yr Book. They were very careful not to mention contributions in the book itself. I judge from **Abe's** Class notes that **Kai Rasmussen** and **Paul Caraway** had a major part in it with a big assist from **Jackie Nichols, John Phillips, George Reilly** and **Ralph Strauss**. Although a member of the comm, **Paul Thompson** declines any credit. My thanks to all who contributed, which certainly included **Jupe Lindsey**.

My efforts to find out the same info about the 10 Yr Book have been ineffective, and I can't locate my copy since we moved to Pinecrest Place. If anyone has a copy I can borrow for a while, I'd appreciate hearing from them.

I just received a brochure from the Thayer with a lot of info on the Hudson Valley tours, the Corps of Cadets, WP monuments, etc such as Battle Monument being designed by Stanford White and the statue on top represents Fame but no mention of Evelyn Nesbitt. My *Plebe Bible* doesn't say either. The next issue will have more info on the 60th Reunion. The Thayer is now accepting reservations and you can specify a river or Thayer Rd outlook and whether you want a queen or double bed or twin beds. The rate is in the vic of $70 per night. You need to guarantee it when you receive a confirmation. Hotel charges will be handled individually as will the tickets you order from AOG for the dinner dance and alumni luncheon.

Fenn Sykes says, re the bus from Wash, "we may be up a tree." Bill Kern '34 thinks their bus may be full and '39 is staying quite a ways from the Point so that's not promising. So we have better numbers to work with, would each of you, on receipt of these notes, please send me a post card indicating: "We___ I___ plan to attend the 60th and want to use a bus from DC area to the Thayer and return." Or "We___ I___ plan to attend the 60th but won't be using the bus." Or "Sorry, we___ I___ can't come."

This is *not* a definite reservation, but supplements the cards many but not all of you returned last yr.

BEAT NAVY!

'30

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There have been many letters this period, in spite of a record heat wave. I sincerely hope this weather is being forgotten by the time you read these notes. It is a real pleasure to hear from y'all.

On 14 Apr **Fritz Uhrhane** wrote from Sierra Vista, AZ with family news. His **Pud** is bothered by allergies, even in AZ. Fritz had two major ops in 87, one being the radical treatment for colitis. Nevertheless, they both carry on. Their favorite grandaughter, Nicole, lives in the same town. She has a high IQ and goes all over the country competing in academic contests. Fritz is also very proud of his brothers and sisters. One sister ret as pres of the OH Dominican Coll; another as head of the Public Health Dept of Duke Univ. Fritz wonders why some classmates have not moved to Sierra Vista—where "the weather is fine."

Paul Ruestow sent us a charming note on 18 Apr from Jacksonville where he & **Clara** are in great shape, as shown in the photo. They read TROA's magazine which advises "stretch often and eat a high fiber diet" for longevity. Thanks for your so very kind words Paul.

On 1 May **Hank Royall** wrote to remind us it was the anniv of the Battle of Manila Bay and Dewey's victory there. He also inclosed a copy of a letter he

1930: Paul & Clara Ruestow

received from Rep G V Montgomery about the flagpole at Topside on Corregidor. You may recall our mentioning this flagpole in previous notes. The letter indicates that "the flagpole, the Pacific War Memorial on Corregidor, the museum, gun emplacements, tunnels, barracks, docks, and other sites could not be entrusted to more caring hands than those of the American Battle Monuments Commission." The Congressman is proud of progress so far, and looks forward to complete restoration. So do we all. Keep checking Hank.

The spring Class luncheon at Ft McNair was well attended and enjoyed by all. I was not able to attend, but **Sid Wooten** was kind enough to write me about it. Those attending were Class Pres **Pete King, Sid, Frank Waldrop, Bill Carter, Alva Fitch, Ster Wright, Herb Mitchell, Don Ferguson, George Duehring, Max Janairo, Adam Koscielniak, Millard Lewis, Fuddy Wing, Andy O'Meara**, and **Ned Moore** who came in a wheelchair assisted by his wife **Vivian** and **Charlotte Brisach**.

The WP Soc of DC held its luncheon the following day. Three classmates attended: **Herb Mitchell, Adam Koscielniak**, and **Sid Wooten**. They sat at Table 2 with '26, '27 and '28 plus LTG Art Trudeau. Sid said we are getting too close to Table 1 !!

Mary & Sid Wooten went to Nantucket in May as they like to do every yr. They stay for the summer or as the natives say "until the deer start coming in to town on the isl," which is usually in Sep.

On 9 May **Bill Whipple** wrote a very nice letter from Princeton. He is still afloat on the water problems of NJ. Recently he was given planning responsibility for both water supply and water quality for the entire state. The latter is a new responsibility for Bill, a challenge he expects will require at least 5 yrs to get properly on track. How's that for confidence in one's future?

Bill added that he & **Alice** had a nice visit to the DC area last yr with good friends **Bill & Sally Carter**. In Apr the Whipples had a delightful visit to Europe including both England and France, where they both have friends.

Freddie Castle, who was awarded the

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Congressional Medal of Honor, has been honored again. His sister, Mrs John Milliken (Winnie) wrote 10 May to say Freddie would be enrolled in the Avn Hall of Fame of NJ at its 15th anniv induction dinner on 17 May. An individual portrait cast in bronze with a plaque describing his accomplishments will be presented at the dinner and later hung in the Hall of Fame Museum in Teterboro Airport. Freddie will be the 72nd inductee. Both sisters, Winnie and Honey Glidden, attended the election ceremony at the Cresskill Country Club. We are most grateful for Winnie's report and regret that such short notice made it impossible for the Class to be represented.

Ted Kimpton wrote a brief note on 12 May to say he is still suffering from what the medics are calling an "agitated depression." He still drives a car, but often takes a taxi to visit his doctor. He had an irregular heartbeat recently but it proved to be very minor. Judging by his handwriting and the composition of his note, Ted is better off than many of us.

Troup Miller died 14 May in Atlanta. Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in that city. Graveside services were held at Arlington two days later with full mil honors. Interment was followed by a very well attended gathering in the social room of the new admin bldg at Arlington.

Troup & Julia have 3 married daughters and 9 grandchildren. One son-in-law is in the svc. Troup's career climaxed with his asgmt as cmdr of the Air Univ in Montgomery. Julia sent in a lovely note of appreciation to the Class in Jun, in which she mentioned how much they regretted not having been able to attend the 50th Reunion. Our hearts go out to Julia. She had a great one.

In late May while in San Ant, I talked to several classmates and their wives who live there. **Ralph Swofford & Marta** are in good spirits and good health. They hope to make the reunion in 90. **Winnie Kilborn** said **Johnny** is having some minor health problems but that they plan to make the BIG ONE in 90. **Loni Brooks** said **Happy** is not in too good health for reasons that had not been diagnosed at that time. Hang in there Happy; we need you. **Ceci & John Hall Stokes** said they too are not too well, but we had a delightful chat. Both of them sounded great to me.

I heard from **Anne Watson** on 28 Jul. Her new address is 2104 Peninsula, the Army Residence Community, 7400 Crestway, San Antonio, TX 78239. Anne wrote that **Al** has been hospitalized since he had a severe stroke a yr and a half ago. That is why they sold their Sea Isl, GA home and moved to San Ant. Their younger son and his family live there, which is a great source of comfort. Also, there is an excellent health care facility there where Al is comfortable and contented. Our best wishes to this splendid couple.

Connie Booth's daughter called on 6 Jun to say her mother suffered a broken femur in the spring and is now on a walker. She needs some physical therapy and has decided on a care facility in Towson, MD where she expected to be for several wks. Her primary regret is that she had to cancel her reservation with the USMA gp which went to Russia this summer. By the time you read this we sincerely hope Connie is back on her feet again.

Tom Mifflin, one of my closest Ft Benning buddies, wrote in on the first day of summer to say CT is H-O-T !! Also, that the grandson of **Turk Nelson** ex-'30 would be entering USMA 29 Jun. Turk's son, COL Landy T Nelson, a Citadel grad '60, is now stationed at Ft Lee. The grandson's name is Landy Thomas E Nelson. We wish him well indeed. Many thanks Tom, and our best to **Mabel**.

Vivian Moore sent in a brief note on 13 Jul at **Ned**'s request to advise that **Shirley & Dave Baker** visited them recently. The Bakers are permanent residents of Naples, FL and came through en route to a family reunion in PA. Both Bakers look great. Ned still uses a wheelchair, but we hope is becoming less dependent on it.

Tom McNiel '45 on 20 Jul sent in an interesting note and a newspaper article about **John Murrell**. It seems that John now needs a hearing aid. However, his wife **Charlene** says, "John has perfect selective hearing." This can be verified with **Herbert** and **Brett**. Be that as it may, John was pictured for the newspaper trying out a new type hearing device. McNiel adds that although John was not a founder of the WP Soc of North TX, he was the original funder. His generosity helped materially to make the gp a success, for which they are all most grateful.

On 22 Jul **John Gutherie** wrote us a very welcome letter from Wayzata, MN and enclosed the same newspaper article about **John Murrell's** hearing aid sent in by Tom McNiel. The Gutheries had a family reunion in Jun to celebrate John's 80th with many children, grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter in attendance. John & **Betty** talked to **Cayce** & **Mollie** on Signal Mt by phone, fortunately at the same time **Dave & Shirley Baker** were visiting there.

On 26 Jul Michael Pauley called to say his father, **John L Pauley Jr**, had died recently in Munich, Ger of natural causes. John & his wife **Nina** have lived there since retmt in 60. Michael has one sister, Ginny Ann; he promised to send me more info about his father without delay, and to pursue the matter of an obituary.

We have called **Sarah Wood** several times lately. Although we missed her, she received our messages and was kind enough to reply by note on 28 Jul. She wrote that she has no one nearby that she had known before so she feels alone. However, she does enjoy bingo and fortunately she is enjoying good health. Her phone is 804-496-1100.

Bill Harris has called from Bethesda a couple of times recently to stay in touch. His mobility is very limited but he did make it to church on 7 Aug. His morale is good and he hopes to continue the modest progress he is now making. We are betting on you Bill; give it your best shot!!

Last night the Redskins played their first exhibition game in sweltering heat and lost 44–31. We hope the Army team gets off to a better start, and BEATS NAVY!!

'31

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Now comes the Fall
When nippy days and nights replace
Old Summer's tedium
Of hot exhausting days.
We seek respite
And climb the allegheny heights
To taste the beauty there
There is to share
The variegated colors stretched
Upon the slopes
Abundantly
Are oriental carpets spread
And yet alive—
As reds and browns and gold
Meld with the greens
In beauty dabs
The chlorophyl
Of Maple, Oak and Birch
All seasonally respond
As Autumn gets her brush and pallet out
And "does" the leaves.

Ozzie Tyler

Thus we emerge from a blistering summer to the season that rejuvenates. By the way, **Ozzie & Allison** attended the wedding of their first granddaughter in Anniston, AL, thus missing our 15 Jul luncheon they hoped earlier to make. Here's Ozzie's toast to the bride and groom, Elizabeth and Eric, at the rehearsal dinner:

"When young attractive adults
Such as these make up their mind
I find
It best to let 'em
Doing what there is to do
To aid and abet 'em.
And seeing them like this tonight, together
Is there any doubt
That this is just what dynasties
Are all about?"

Then on to our area, the **Tylers** came, stopping to visit **Dick & Ruth Lawson** in

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Williamsburg and **PO & Annie Ward** in Charlottesville.

The drought that has pervaded our great grain producing and other states has dried up news I would like to pass on to you. But here is a very bright note to give cheer to us all. The way to longevity is pointed by our honorary classmate **Doc Welch** who, on 2 Aug, reached his 96th yr. **Warren Hoover**, with our hearty approval, dispatched a birthday greeting signed "The Class," to our great friend, adviser, and benefactor.

Clyde McBride's advance planning and perseverance has again won against all odds. For our 60th reunion, he has arranged to reserve all the rooms in Overlook and the two closer stone lodges for Wed, Thur, and Fri nights of the alumni portion of graduation wk in May 91.

Engrs of our time rue the day that, at the behest of Eleanor Roosevelt, the name of our home post was changed from Ft AA Humphreys to Ft Belvoir. Hoping that another old Army name wouldn't suffer a similar fate, I checked the intention of an ambiguous amendment to the 89 Natl Def Auth bill pertaining to Ft De Russy. Congressman Wolf (R VA) responds that the name of the post for this early grad, supe, and founder of the 6 generations (thus far) running through **Imogene Young** and perpetuated forward by **Chet** will not be changed.

1931: Herman and the Spanglers; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss

The Spacecraft Chapter of '31 is snapped on the occasion of its final 87–88 plenary session. As reported earlier, former charter members **Don & Doris Yates** had relocated to the vic of Orlando, **Ad Dishman** had joined the Long Gray Line, and **Don & Alice Webber** remain in Greensboro, NC. **Bill Cassidy** reports the absence of any major problems in his family, and that life moves gently on the Space Coast. They augment such tranquility with a bit of travel to see family and European ports missed before. One of these days Bill will exhaust his list of cathedrals—even before **Helen** runs out of art museums.

Harry & Norma Cooper took an escorted bus tour of England and Scotland last mo. I cannot report on **Dean & Martha Herman's** trip down the Danube and stopover with Dean, Jr '60 & Marguerita near Garrison, since they were still aboard ship at my deadline.

1931: Lashes, Cassidys, Callahans and Sams

Bill & Charlotte Train are among the most active on the '31 roster, demonstrated yr in and yr out, whether on mountains or plain, by skiing or golfing, that is. This generates travel to delightful slopes and courses in interesting places both at destination and en route. While in Tucson in Apr, after talking to **Betty Carraway**, Bill says "she seemed to be quite well."

Status report on recent progress on obituaries on our WWII fallen classmates: **Jim McClellan's** submitted to *ASSEMBLY'S* editor by daughter Nancy. **Max Pahl's** by **Parks Houser** and me submitted. **Jim Blanning's** being written by his widow **Virginia**. With initial lead from **Andy Adams**, I have written **Don Donaldson's** oldest son to effect contact. Don, I have learned, is buried in Topsfield Cemetery, Topsfield, MA. Much interest and help from Ned Moore '30 (Rod's brother), Ken Zitzman ('32 scribe, with Apr 88 *ASSEMBLY* column and generous response to a letter I wrote to **Sam Jones'** widow), Parks Houser (with his extensive research), **Carl Kohls** (who provided the initial lead through **Dean Herman** to me), and Johnny Murrell (who roomed with Sam before Sam came to '31), have resulted finally and quite suddenly in our finding Sam's widow, **Mrs Irene Watson Clark**, who will participate in writing the obituary. So far, I'm unable to get a start on **Cook Marshall**, KIA near Rome on 4 Jun 44, or **Freddy Frederick**, KIA 20 Oct 43 on the Volturno River, Italy. Please, if anyone has the smallest lead to any next of kin or can help in any, let me know.

Over the yrs we have lost track of many of our widows, whether remarried or not. Recent experience in preparing obituaries, such as those discussed above, has disclosed the whereabouts of several or of their progeny. We should expect there will be some more widows in the future. So please, when and if, let us know your address and future changes, and desirably keep up your husband's subscription to *ASSEMBLY*. The Class is interested in maintaining contact with you.

George Dietz, in poor health for some time, died of a heart attack on 28 Jun in Bloomington, IN, less than a mo after he entered a nursing home when **Alberta** passed away on 28 May. He was buried with Alberta in Valhalla Gardens, Bloomington. There apparently being no close relative, I learned these details from George's bank, the executor of his will.

Mea Culpa. The name of the **Davises'** partners in a picture in the last issue of *ASSEMBLY*, well-known to me as well as to all classmates, was inadvertently misrepresented by me. My apologies to **Dick & Pat Harrison**.

Address changes: **Peyton**, 2603 15th Ave, Carmel, CA 93923; **Krueger, W (Benny)**, 3440 S Jefferson St, Falls Church, VA 22041, tel (703) 578-7605; add on p 18, 55th Directory **Jones, Mrs Samuel E (Irene)**, remarried, see Clark; and on p 8, **Clark, Mrs Watson (Irene)** (formerly **Mrs S E Jones**), 2222 Briarwood, San Antonio, TX 78209, tel (512) 822-7291. **Brown, Mrs Robert Q (Tim)**, 95 Glendale, Wilton, CT 06897. (CA Schrader '32 kindly gave me this change in answer to my call for help in the Jul *ASSEMBLY*.)

'32

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WORLD TRAVELERS. When you have correspondents like **Ruth & John McCawley, Joslin Morris, Eddie Farnsworth**, et al, this column practically writes itself. Consider this from Ruth.

1932: John McCawley & Shellback

"Last spring, (we) spent a mo on the *Vistafjord* sailing to Rio and return with various ports of call such as the notorious Devil's Isl, Belem, Recife, etc. One of the highlights was **Ruth's** initiation as a Shellback. She had to kneel before King Neptune, kiss a stinky fish, sip a terrible drink, and then was hosed down ruining her $25 hairdo. Others were not so lucky: they were painted all over, rolled in cooked spaghettis and thrown in the pool. Luckily **John** didn't sign up!"

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Joslin Morris wrote that **Pop & LaTrelle Duncan** (godparents of Jos & **Luke's** son) spent their annual visit at Joslin's home on the beach in North Ocean City, MD. This time they went down "where the action is" on the boardwalk a long way south of Jos's home to see how the other half lives. Look out, Jos, you're only young twice!

1932: Joslin Morris and the Duncans wear shades while visiting the "other end" of the boardwalk

On a visit to San Ant, **Mary Bower** stayed with **Mary Ellis Goodwin** and had Mary Ellis, **Pat** & me, and the Jas D Richardsons '39 at a pleasant lunch at the Ft Sam OC. Mary had met the Richardsons on the AOG trip to Australia last yr. Her next stop was El Paso for a few days with **Carol Power** before taking a Baltic cruise.

At the AF Academy graduation **Mary** ran into **Red Seaward** who was there for his grandson's graduation. They chatted with **Bob Scott** who was on campus selling and autographing his latest book, *The Day I Owned the Sky*. The books sold like hotcakes on a cold day, with eager buyers shaking hands and taking pix of Bob while pressing their $ on him.

It's always pleasant to get together with **Bob Hewitt** when he makes his annual visit to San Ant. We had our usual luncheon at the Xtal Bakery where he brought me up-to-date. Things are going well with him & **Betty**; took a mo's cruise to western Australia, Tasmania, with a couple of days on a flight to Hong Kong and Singapore.

Bob is on the board of the Harry S Truman Library in Independence, MO, and left me a copy of the latest issue of their mag, *WHISTLE STOP*. Winding back through the nostalgia, it showed a 1950 pic of the afterdeck of the presidential yacht en route to Key West. The president and 6 guests were in the background. Harking back in history I identified them by their names as the top members of his exec team. In the foreground was the mil aide to the pres locked in a card game with AF aide **Bob Landry**. Bob was the only one present not wearing a shirt.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE RED WHITE AND BLUE! I was promoted to

1932: Grand Marshal Zitzman with daughter Katie and friends

Grand Marshal of our community's 4th of Jul ceremony for our Peanut Bde (aged 1 to 10 yrs) and I didn't take my duties lightly. See pic with my left hand wrapped after an op (completely recovered now, thanks), my daughter and 2 other residents of the house. I gave an inspiring speech beginning with John Parker's to his Minute Men at Lexington, "Stand your ground, don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war let it begin here." I ended with "I think you're the nicest bunch of kids in the world."

A WHIM OF IRON. I reported previously how I had recommended to USMA that they name the new hockey rink after Sid Telford '34, who had everything in the book on ice and was killed leading his armored bn when the Siegfried Line was cracked in Sep 44. I also wrote a strong letter in support of naming it Tate Rink honoring the Tate brothers, Joe '41 and Honie (Hoe-knee) '42, both of whom were pilots lost on air missions. But I made it crystal clear that Telford was my first choice.

Pat never knew Telford; she didn't meet me until 2 yrs after I graduated, but she knew the Tates well. I was the OC of hockey from 39 to Pearl Harbor, and while I was on the ice helping the coach during practice, she was in the stands watching. I don't think she ever missed a home game. She knew Honie well and we had him and his OAO at our qtrs often. So all the while I was composing my letters to WP she was staring at the back of my head murmuring, "Honie Tate, Honie Tate." Obviously it worked.

THE WASHINGTON WHIRL. The **McCawleys** reported on the annual luncheon with Navy '32, this yr hosted by Navy in grand style at the Annapolis Yacht Club. "Army types in attendance: **Lyons, Woolnoughs, Horners, Hunts, Sinclairs, Gillettes, McCawleys, Joslin Morris, Danny Sundt** and Bill Davidson Jr. Danny Sundt not only ordered a super van to take the gp to Annapolis but ended up driving it. His being the chauffeur somewhat surprised us, but his driving more so, for it was perfect. When we returned to Ft Myer, just like with any satisfied tour gp, his classmates clapped

1932: Jovial Gillettes at the Wash wingding

their appreciation for his excellent driving through rain, sun and barbs. We all agreed we couldn't have been in better hands."

1932: Essie Baer and Eloise Hansen at the wingding

Another excellent report from **Ruth & John McCawley**, mit pix by Ruth, tells about the most recent monthly luncheon at the Ft Myer club in the room named for **Fran Graham's** father, Jakie Devers '09. The luncheons are always well attended and make a good occasion for out of towners, as **Pop & LaTrelle Duncan** did from Atlanta this time, to zero in on when they visit the town.

Pat & I have definite plans with tentative timing (see herein for why it is tentative) to visit Wash again before the end of the yr and shall schedule the date to include the monthly luncheon.

1932: Marjorie & Dan Sinclair

Phone calls from **Frank & Clare Jamison** while they were visiting Clare's sister in her native San Ant confirmed and enlarged on the above.

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Eddie Farnsworth in Hampton, VA is also a top flight correspondent. He included pix of our first cadet days, nostalgic although too hazy for reproduction here, a sincere recommendation from plebe **Johnny Metzler** written in 28, and the recent final remembrance notes for **Charlie Williams** and **Erv Somerville's** widow **Thelma**.

Eddie is still on the bd of govs of the WP soc which he founded in 66, and serves as secy of the Ft Monroe Historical Soc. We had 10–12 classmates on the peninsula in 62 and now Eddie is the only one left.

1932: The D'Orsas and Steve Day '45, left, beat Navy at SW FL WP Soc live action

CHANGE OF ADDRESS. **Winnie Culp** is now at 3939 Erie Ave, T-8, Cincinnati, OH, 45208. Tel (513) 271-9440.

SICK CALL. It takes a lot to make **Charlie D'Orsa** miss a reunion, and I learned how much when he wrote describing the extensive surgery that made him & **Margo** skip our 55th. Given less than 6 mos by the medics before becoming totally paralyzed from the hips down if he didn't have an op to preclude severance of his spinal cord, Charlie said "go." The op was successful, the worst symptoms are gone, and Charlie is well on the way back.

Lois Powers phoned to say that **Bill** had had a mild stroke and had been in the hosp 10 days but couldn't stand the nursing home so he came home for his follow-up care. Everything is going OK with them.

FINAL FAREWELLS. I had a long phone con with **Jack Price's** daughter, Mrs M L (Jan) Knox in Arlington, TX. Jack had been living in Sarasota, FL until he developed cancer last Feb at which time he moved to AF Village II in San Ant. He spent his last 3 wks at nearby Wilford Hall hosp. Jack was a big guy. I was behind him in the line at the cadet store when we were drawing our plebe skins at the beginning of Beast Barracks. Asked for his collar size, 18 yr old Jack said "20." He was big in the line of the Army football team that played both ways in those days and was the team cpt our last yr.

In WWII **Jack** cmded a bomber gp in the Mediterranean for 2 yrs (DFC-2AM) and later was CO of the 8th Ftr Wg in the Korean War for which he was presented a DSM and the Navy CR. In 67 he was given a cruel belt when his only son died in an AF tng mission accident.

Jack has been cremated and his ashes spread to the winds. Our sympathy goes to Jan Knox, Jack's only remaining child. She is going to write his memorial article for *ASSEMBLY* with which I shall help. Send her or me anything you think will add to it.

1932: Mary Coutts with great-granddaughter and friend

IRON MEN IN WOODEN SHIPS; VELVET GALS WITH IRON HIPS. When the medicos told us **Pat** needed a new hip I said my requirements were very simple. I just want her to have the best possible treatment in the world. "That's a very reasonable statement," they said and that's the way it turned out. The op went smoothly, and in her own inimitable way she found that her body would still be acceptable for medical research when she eventually dies.

In the early yrs of our marriage, I was jolted when **Pat** told me that she was going to will her body to science. Her deceased father had been an MD and like all doctors had needed cadavers in his tng. And when she went to Grand Central Art Sch in NYC she often referred to the human skeleton in the classroom because it helped them to understand the basic structure of the body so that they could better portray the external form. The girls were great kidders and called him Billy Bones. But they had to have him to reach their goal, and Billy was long beyond caring.

After thinking it over I realized that when my **Pat**'s quick smile is gone forever and the sparkle is no longer in her eyes, there will be nothing for me any more. But it was equally obvious that she could still do a lot of good for a lot of people. I then signed up to donate my own body and have renewed it recently. Whenever each of us dies (sometime after we see you at our 70th Reunion at USMA in 2002) our bodies will do some good in the donation of organs and/or medical education, then be cremated and sent to WP for final interment.

All I want on my little gravestone is, "He did the best he could with what he had."

'33

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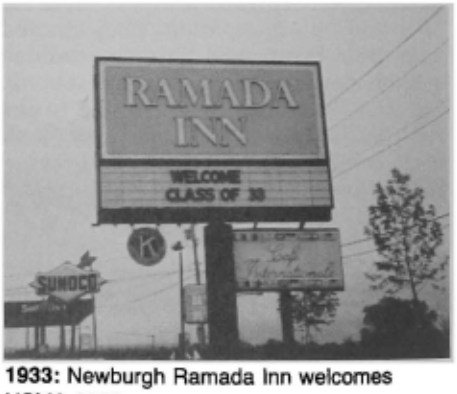
CLASS LUNCHEONS in San Ant. The NCO Mess at Ft Sam Houston being no longer available, these monthly luncheons will be held for a few mos at the SA Country Club (on Tues instead of Mon); later they'll probably be at the USAA Towers). [*Note*: Scribe is glad to publish news of '33 gps other than DC—please let us hear from you!] ELDERHOSTEL is of such general interest as to warrant mention here. This non-profit enterprise is described as "an educational program for older adults who want to continue to expand their horizons and to develop new interests and enthusiasms. . . . Participants enjoy inexpensive, short-term academic programs at educational institutions around the world. . . . " Last yr some 30,000 Americans took part in over 900 programs—in 5 continents and most of the 50 states. The Elderhostel catalog is available in all public libraries and branches. Look it up—it just might be your cup of tea.

CORRECTION to CLASS ROSTER (mailed Sep) adds names of 27 '33-ers who already have pages in Memory Book at USMA Library.



1933: Newburgh Ramada Inn welcomes USMA 1933

WIND-UP, the 55th. We have notes of appreciation from widow Norma Axelson Jun '18 and from NJ (Buck) Wiley, Jr '28 for help extended by '33-ers in sharing our chartered bus, DC-to-WP.

Also, we neglected to report a spirited *Song to the Class of '33*, composed and sung by **Mac & Dodie McClelland's** daughter Toby & husband John H Tate '64, to the tune of *MacNamara's Band*. Portions:

Oh, they marched the Plain so
straight and tall,
In kaydet black and gray,
The ladies thought them heavenly,
the Class of '33.
Then they served their country

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through the years,
In the air, on land and sea,
And fought their wars so gallantly,
the Class of '33.
Now we see them here still strong
and proud,
The West Point men we love,
And we raise our glasses gratefully,
To the Class of Thirty-three!

At the Fri review for the grads, when the sun shone brightly, the Supe said to **Abe Lincoln**, "The Class of '38 claims credit for this weather." Abe's rejoinder, "We have here a LTG (**Senter**) who was weather off for the entire Pacific. Ask 'em if they can top that!"

With sadness, we report the loss of **Pete Carroll's** widow, **Ruth**, who died of cancer 10 Aug at the General Hosp in Buffalo, NY. She will be buried with Pete in Arlington Natl Cemetery. She is survived by their 3 sons, Paul, Bob and David; by her sister, Doris Weaver; and 4 grandchildren. Memorial donations are requested to the American Cancer Soc. To the family the Class extends its deep sympathy and the hope that you will stay in touch.

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In Jun *The Arlington Journal* sported a great piece, "A Fierce Old Eagle Keeps on Soaring," by columnist Lou Cook, who just happens to be **Lyle Bernard's** daughter. Not surprisingly, the Eagle is Lyle; the column was her Father's Day present to him. Beautifully done, it both eulogizes him and pulls his leg as only a daughter can do. . . . Kudos to both parties!

"**Christine** & I spent a wk," sez **Ed Bodeau**, "visiting my son and daughter in CA. While there I called **Bob Leslie** in Carmel. Bob invited us to dinner, and when we sat down, lo and behold other classmates joined us—the **Senters** and **Van Ways**—a delightful mini-reunion!"

Barbara Scoville Brown explains why she & Dale missed the 55th: "We celebrated our 15th anniv by going round trip on the Air France Concorde to see the French Open Tennis Championships. Superb." We missed ya, Barbara & Dale. Don't play hooky from the 60th!

Ruth Carroll's obituary pays tribute to her many civic activities: " . . . a piano teacher for many yrs, a former pres of the Arlington Piano Class Teachers Assoc; a member of the bd of deacons, the Sunday school staff, and the choir at Trinity Presbyterian Church; a volunteer driver for the Cancer Soc and for Meals on Wheels; a former pres of the Ft Myer OWC." Testimony to a full and generous life!

In midsummer the **Carvers** went to Rome, GA, for a reunion with the Cave Springs HS football team, which he quarterbacked in 25.

"22 Feb—14 Apr we sailed aboard a Norwegian freighter *Salvador* from Houston to Tampico, San Juan, Santos, Buenos Aires and return," writes **Chet Dahlen**, "A comfortable but weight-gaining cruise with all that smorgasbord. . . . Then 24 Jun—8 Jul we took the AOG 'Russia's Imperial Treasures' tour—a fantastic opportunity to see the accumulated wealth of the Russian czars and nobility. Considering the privation and suffering of the people, their revolution is understandable. . . .

1933: Chet & Tommy Dahlen at Peter & Paul Fortress, Leningrad

"**Marian Cyr**, operated on in May for a spinal condition, is having problems. Lower vertebrae were frozen with insertion of a steel plate; now she's fighting infection. Prognosis: excellent, but recovery slow.

"Tell **Gabe Disosway** to move over for **Bob Blanchard**, who also shot 3 strokes better than his age. Shows what a pacemaker can do."

1933: Camp Darby Honor Guard, Memorial Day

An interesting letter from **George Van Way** tells how, learning that the WWII vets of the 10th Mtn Div were returning to Italy for a reunion, he arranged for friends in the div to place flowers at or near the spot where **Bill Darby** was killed. George learned that there is no memorial to Darby at that spot; however, there is a plaque at nearby Camp Darby which gives info about him. "I saw Bill D by chance in Cannes when he was en route from the US to join the 10th Mtn Div as asst div cmdr," writes George. "We had lunch together, and the next day he flew on to Italy and his fate."

Gray Essman writes from Sault Ste Marie, "where **Dot** & I have been spending the summer in an apt on the campus of Lake Superior State U built from scratch on the site of old Ft Brady. . . where **Bob Rayburn** and I were posted as shavetails in 33, and where I met and married Dot; he was an usher at our wedding. . . . Ft Brady has been under 4 flags: Chippewa (Algonquin Nation), French, British, and was a US Army post from 1824 to 1951. . . . The univ has a very diversified curriculum, incl a new MBA intl program. Two of their profs, two Canadian profs and I are meeting to discuss the injection of an intl aspect into the MBA program. . . . Excuse writing; my eyes are not too good." Thanks, Gray.

Following the 55th our doughty Class secy, **Steve Fuqua**, came to WRAMC for a knee replacement. Surgery went well, but with some discomfort to the patient, who nevertheless managed to join the rest of us for our Jul luncheon.

1933: '33's comely golfers, l-to-r Polly Hurlbut, Helen Ely, Janie P, (seated) Betty Walters, Marge Ryan

For his 80th birthday, **Ned & Gladys Gee's** children put on an especially memorable party at the ANCC, managing even a cooling break in the weather. Gladys has been somewhat under the weather (pununintended), but at last report is doing better.

"**Pat** & I want all our classmates to know that it was great to be with you even for one evening at the reunion," writes **Rita Guiney**. "We're grateful also for the assistance given us by the Class aides, MAJ Luk & CPT Tanner." [Ed: In his talk at the dinner **Abe** paid tribute to Pat & Rita for the many ways in which they have helped the Class over the yrs.]

Two notes of appreciation from the **Hartels**. "The 'Thinking of You' message moved **Dottie** tremendously," said **Fritz**. "She's always felt very strongly about our Class—she knows every classmate by name and nickname through her work on our 20-Year Book. After 9 wks of bed confinement, she's finally able to get back into the pool. She sits up in her wheelchair about 2 hrs/day. Our goal is to be able to get her into and out of the car again!"

Harry King, now back in ME, was recently honored by the DAR with a certificate of appreciation for exemplary courage and devotion. "But," sez Harry, "They haven't yet invited me to join!"

While at the 55th, **Dodie & Mac Mc-**

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Clelland received word of the birth of their first great-grandchild, Albert Kirk McClelland, Jr.

From **Dick Montgomery's** friend Helen Holt comes word that the WP Museum has accepted Dick's collection of antique arms produced by the US Historical Soc—exact replicas of famous pieces. '33 should be well represented in that museum before we're through!

On Sun 26 Jun **Sam & Kim Otto** became the delighted victims of a surprise 50th anniv party given for them at their beautiful new home in Heritage Harbor, South Haven (outskirts of Annapolis), by their children. Surprise was achieved by asking the invited guests (about 100) to bring their own food ready to barbecue, and by inducing the principals to take a nap on their return from church.

Thanks to **Gray Essman's** sharing, we have an end-Jun letter from **Bob Rayburn**: ". . . back in Ireland. I've made this my home and I am content to be here. . . . After the reunion I returned with Class members in the bus to Wash, stayed a few days with the Gillettes in Potomac, then with Harry Ellis in Dallas, with my sister & husband in Albuquerque, and with (son) Bob in Denver. . . . Now I'm 'back in the saddle' again, but with only two horses. As you know, the US dollar has really plunged. . . . "

"In Apr," reports **Roy Reynolds**, "I went to Ft Benning and presented to the Inf Museum there a window pane containing the insignia of the Philippine Div, to be installed with other panes bearing the insignia of other US divs. At our 55th Reunion I presented to the Regtl Rm at WP a plaque of the insignia of the 57th Inf Regt (Philippine Scouts). (The Regtl Rm was established by the Class of '37 and is located in Washington Hall.) In Aug I'm going to Buena Park, CA, for a Philippine Scout reunion. . . . I really enjoyed our 55th!"

Wishing to honor both his natural father (killed in WWII) and his stepfather, **Sib Sibley's** stepson has established a scholarship fund at NYMA, to assist boys and girls from broken families. Contributions may be sent to the Scholarship Chairman, NY Military Academy, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY 12520.

1933: Power of positive thinking: Sparrow at eastern shore

Special Resolution
for
Lieutenant General Lawrence J. Lincoln, U.S. Army, Ret.
President-for-Life U.S.M.A. Class of 1933

Be it Resolved that the members of the United States Military Academy Class of 1933, at their Fifty-Fifth Reunion at West Point, May 1988:

In recognition, high praise and deep appreciation of his selfless devotion, untiring interest and support of his Classmates and their families during his tours as President from 1972, and as Class President-for-Life from our 40th Reunion in 1973 onward do attest:

General Lincoln's dynamic and imaginative leadership has nowhere been more evident than in the many innovative undertakings, including the restoration of Sheridan Monorial, the gift to the Military Academy of the 1933 Clock and Sundial projects, and the compilation of our Fifty Year Book, Golden Anniversary.
The stela (inscription) at the clock site reads as follows:
"FROM ITS TIME AND PLACE IN THE LONG GRAY LINE THE CLASS OF 1933 DEDICATES THIS TIME AND THIS PLACE TO THE UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS"
These words are his, as is the Prologue to our Fifty Year Book – each a testimonial to 1933's indebtedness to our Alma Mater.

In all of his responsibilities, in all our Class activities including the difficult and necessary task of raising and expending large sums of money, he has scrupulously kept the Class informed and has maintained a close relationship with the authorities at West Point.

Finally, this outstanding President has worked constantly and with great compassion, reaching out in other less visible ways to maintain a special quality of our Class – caring for one another, especially those who have suffered deprivation and hardship.

FOR THE CLASS OF 1933:

Stephen O Fuqua, Jr.
Brigadier General, US Army, Ret
Class Secretary

1933: A damn good man! Testimonial to Lincoln, 1988

Having successfully negotiated an Elderhostel Program on Cape Cod, the **Sparrows** will try their wings on another—this time with a wk each in Wales, at the Univ of Durham (England), and in Scotland at the Univ of Aberdeen, and at Newbattle Abbey Coll (near Edinburgh). 'Tell you all about it in our next!

Evelyn Starbird suffered a fall at home and spent a couple of wks at WRAMC. She is now at her daughter's and doing well. We wish you a good and full recovery, Ev.

"This trip, including the barge cruise through Belgium and Holland, just about topped all of our tours to Europe in the past few yrs," report **Bob & Margaret Thompson** of their Scantravel Intl tour, 17 May—14 Jun. The trip included stays in Lisbon, Obidos, and Bruges, then a full wk on the barge ("capacity 16, but only 8 passengers on our barge," says Bob).

1933: Three good men and true: Kaesser and White support Hurlbut

Soapy Watters experienced a rough time in Jun-Jul, hospitalized first at WRAMC, then at Holy Name Hosp, Teaneck, NJ. As of this writing (12 Aug) he's improving and is back in his DC apt. We're all pulling for you, Soap!

A note from **Reggie Weber** says how much they enjoyed the 55th and reports, "I'm seeing the doctor soon about the cataract implant and hope *that* will be the last visit for some time."

CLASS MATTERS

Special Resolution for ***Lincoln.*** At the DC '33 Luncheon 27 Jul an artist's rendering of the SPECIAL RESOLUTION which had been presented to **Abe** in draft form at our 55th Reunion was displayed and read for the benefit of those classmates who missed the 55th. **Fuqua** made arrangements for the artist's rendering; **Carver** will have it framed.

Next Deadline for '33 Notes: 5 Oct, please!

'34

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More books have been written about WP than about any other American college campus. Of a dozen titles that I have bought (as many as 7 copies of a single title) only 8 remain on my USMA shelf. The rest have been given and/or loaned to classmates, to cadets and others interested in our Alma Mater. The USMA library reports over 50 titles on subjects of special interest and more than 40 biographies of WPers. To obtain a copy of this bibliography drop a line to the library. The Class of '40 is sponsoring the author and publication of a survey history of WP.

Dale Smith has just published, according to Book World, "a delightfully read-

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able and contemporarily relevant commentary" of the Academy and cadet life. Based on Dale's plebe letters home and his family letters to him, his book is classified as "the best distillate of life at USMA and the special alchemy that makes a WP education unique." No one else has written "as succinctly, unprententiously or engagingly as has DO in this discerning memoir." Get a copy like I did and read its recall of events dear to our hearts. **Dale**'s father's sonnets and his reverence for WP are worth 10 times the price of the book, whose title comes from one of his inspiring letters to Dale.

Let **Jeannie & Bob Finkenaur** relate Dale's visit to WP "to introduce his *Cradle of Valor* as it went on sale at the Thayer Hall book store. **Dave (ED) Davis** and we went with Dale to lunch at Hotel Thayer and then to the book store. His principal duty has become autographing his book. Dave and I bought copies and I've been digging in it with relish. All of us, by name, are part of the show to some degree. Dale has done a great job. I'm enjoying immensely reviewing our cadet experience and that includes all of us." All of us who attended classes with Dale should feel flattered by the quality of his eloquence.

Dave (ED) Davis takes us to grad '88. "I watched a grad wk parade, aghast at white caps, sport shirts w/cross belts and gray trou on the only sunny afternoon during grad wk. Then to Grant Hall visitors center to meet Warren Everett '35 to represent '34 in jointly presenting a silver tray to a grandson of both classes—Douglas McKee '88 grandson of our **Dick McKee** and of Everett. Grad Day exercises were fireproofed by a steady rainfall. Dale Smith's *Cradle of Valor* is well worth reading, and very readable. **Elma** & I attended Founders Day banquet at WP and again I was Oldest Grad present, although Pinky Webster came to represent '33 as the senior class. An unexpected pleasure after the banquet was meeting the Clark Lynn III's '75, who will be leaving S&F USMA this summer. **Bob & Jeannie** and Elma & I are on the reunion comm. If you folks will tell us what you want for 89 and the 55th, we'll strain mightily to try to get it for you."

Paul Turner, a regular contributor to this column, writes on a lithograph of **Mabel**'s and his handsome home, and includes his usual invite to classmates. So let's visit the Turners as soon as they return from annual FL vacation. "Granddaughter Amy is not doing well and we may lose her. Bone marrow problem has reappeared, but no transplant is indicated at present. Classmates have been kind to call and send notes. **Bill** (aka **Bentley**) **& Anne Kern** made their second visit with us this spring [ed. which speaks well for Turner hospitality.] I don't think I have ever been happier to see anybody. We were greatly entertained one evening as Bill told us of his war experiences. He is a grand storyteller and a great soldier. I look forward to the 55th in 89, planning to drive to DC and take the bus to WP. Hope it all works out." Ed, **Paul Hanley**'s crew, the DC team and the San Antone Class offs are staging the greatest!

The following news from **Dale & Madelyn Huber** in CA to "**Kenneth Alonzo Cunin**" who bucked it to you and me. "We were babysitting our 23 mo old granddaughter when **Jack White**'s letter arrived and she promptly destroyed same beyond recognition. **Axle & Dottie Waugh** dropped by from Phoenix on way to Hong Kong. We had a pleasant mini reunion for several hrs before they had to leave for San Fran departure. Incidentally, Axle & Dottie both remarked about the real Mini Reunion in SA. They were much impressed, and I understand you had a lot to do with it. **John & Mary Lawlor** came to our domain to check out their youngest daughter 'Gus' who lives in Manhattan Beach, about 30 min up the coast from us. Last yr we had them for dinner on St Patrick's Day, so John *sprang* for this dinner at Terminal Isl Navy Base—only 17 min from us. Prior thereto, we took in the races at Santa Anita—we both won enough to pay our expenses, valet parking, club house, lunch & drinks. Lawlor said he was going out to the Palm Springs area, stay at the guest lodge at March AFB, Riverside and look up **Red Higgins** who lives in Indian Wells, a stone's throw from March." Dale adds to all classmates: "If you are ever out this way give us a ring. We have two spare bedrooms. The last daughter moved out Oct 87 after 31 yrs, 7 mos, 5 days living at the parental roost! **Stilson Smith** was the oldest grad at the Orange CO WP Soc Founders Day dinner at Costa Mesa and gave an excellent *short* speech. For the 24th consecutive yr since 65, Stilson and I met for lunch in Huntington Beach, 8 Apr! Old Soldiers never die they just keep reunion dates."

A HS classmate of scribe, a La Jolla neighbor of **Montie (Chief) & Mary Canterbury** reports Mary is active in support of their symphony. I do not believe he subscribes to *ASSEMBLY*, so send him your copy or column.

An infrequent request comes from the AOG for current address of a "lost" classmate whose last address is given as a duty station. Please check your USMA Directory bio and keep your presence known by your correct mailing address. One recent request helped get **Dan Still** retd and living in KS!

Along comes a missile of import from **Ken Cunin**. By the way, Ken goes with the cutest "**Jane**" (see earlier columns and pix) in SA. Both having lost two spouses, "are doing it one day at a time and are in no hurry to swing at that 3rd strike." Ken likes his "digs at the Army Residence Community and Jane doesn't wish to break up her lovely home in the Northwood section." Ken, as hon Class secy and historian, will soon send a memo to each of the 121 of us still living. He suggests we each send a self prepared obit and an 8x10 glossy photo to AOG. He says most of the bios in the 50th Year Book "would make, with a little doctoring, fine obits." If you have not prepared an obit or made arrangements for someone to do one, now is the time to take positive action one way or the other before you "fade away."

The following letter gave me reason to thumb through The Geneological Succession of the *Register of Graduates*, which is published only in 10th yrs, the last being 80. James Edward Walsh '59 wrote to scribe: "Enclosed please find copies of my mother's, **Lucille E. Walsh**, obituary from the DC and Hagerstown papers. She was the widow of **James E. "Turkey" Walsh** Class of '34, who died while on active duty in Dec 60. She was buried beside my father at WP. . . . She had recently moved from Army Distaff Hall to Williamsport, MD."

The dead, on returning to WP, like new cadets on first reaching the Plain, "hear no voice, they see no portentous figure, but there is communicated in some way, through some medium, the presence of invisible authority, cold, inexorable and relentless." Morris Schaff 1862, served as pres AOG after he wrote those words in *The Spirit of Old West Point*, 1907. The same sensation returns to each of us each time we return to Alma Mater, but Schaff little thought his sentence would acquire theological meaning. His book depicts the horror of the Civil War after the dilemma of the war's heroes having to decide as cadets whether to serve on the Union or Confederate side. The narrative is scholarly and lives up to its title.

Jim Walsh Jr sent me more, later, about the family, "I plan to ret here in Hagerstown to teach at college level and plan on writing. I never knew my dad's nickname was 'Turkey' until my graduation from WP in 59. **Gar Davidson** was the Supe then and apparently had coached the football team when you were cadets. When we were going thru the receiving line at the Supe's reception, GEN Davidson, looked down the line, saw my dad and hollered, 'Turkey Walsh—How are you doing?' I never did know how that nickname was developed, but for some reason I think it had something to do with football and the type stance my dad assumed. Mom's death was not unexpected. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in Mar 87."

Pete & Evelyn Ward this past summer had son Nat from CA and daughter Chartley from Alexandria for visit. Ev's party at James River Country Club for ladies only, included **Muff Blair** and

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Helen (Routh) Bentley. Pete also enclosed a review of **Dale's** *Cradle of Valor*, which praised Dale's narrative but erred like others in the reviewer's attempt to relate our cadet life and curriculum to today's. **Ward's** travelogue: "Evelyn and I spent 4 days at the annual Crab Festival on Ocracoke and NC Outer Banks. Picturesque and historic. Got a big box of steamed crabs to peck on all afternoon. Later on we took one-day boat cruise up the Rappahannock River from Tappahannock. Fantastic! Stopped at Leedstown, VA where "The Leedstown Resolves" of 1758 were signed protesting the Stamp Act, a Bill of Rights yrs before the Constitution! Had dinner and visited a winery there. We have spent some time at Graves Mt Lodge in the Blue Ridge to view the greenery on high and woods & woods & woods. It was cool and quiet, a change from the busy blustery heat around the cities. I try to see **Dave Routh** at least once a mo. He gets no better and very rarely leaves the building or moves without his wheelchair. Sad! **Rouths'** daughters Caroline and Kim spent Mother's Day wkend with **Helen** and visited **David** each day." (Ed to nurse reading *ASSEMBLY* to COL Routh, please help recall this bright period. Classmates should drop a line to Dave c/o Helen or to his convalescent center.)

1934: Moon & Nancy Northam and Anne & Bill Kern at Bermuda anniv

Nancy & Moon Northam update, "Our 3 daughters sent us to Bermuda on the occasion of our 50th; **Anne & Bill Kern** in port with 3 grandchildren helped us celebrate. Returning we were welcomed at Portland airport by daughters Barbara Matteo & husband and Sally. Tell classmates the summer welcome mat is out at Small Pt, ME 04567, phone (207) 389-2130." **Beatrice & Horace Sanders** say, "The **Lynns** are the only other '34ers here in Lawton and we see them altogether too seldom. The **McKinneys** have a place on Lake Humphreys, on the outskirts of Marlowe, about 30 mi east. All 6 of us are in pretty good shape, considering all the sheets we have pulled off the calendar. None of us has anything dire lurking in the offing—I hope. Presently, it is kinda doubtful that

1934: Horace & Beatrice Sanders with Marion & Clark (Snuffy) Lynn; Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

we can make the 55th but we're gonna try!"

Francie & Johnny Stevens' DC scoops: "**Crissy (Bill Bunker's** widow), after caring for her parents, this spring married **COL Ted Bullock**, SC. She was Crystle Carr at Bragg our 1st Class trip. Much happiness to deserving newlyweds. **Arno Luehman** had laser treatments at Bethesda for bladder problem. His voice good and strong as we lunched with **Connie** and him. **Bert Spivy** is nursing his **Frannie** through lung problems." Travel tales: "**Hope & Bob Corrigan** back from Russia. **Faith & Hal Edson's** daughter Sue was summer visitor. **Stevens** to Clifton Forge in Blue Ridge to daughter Leah & husband JR Kean, descendant of Pres Jefferson. Returned home to entertain great-grandson JD Sozio on his 2nd birthday." Johnny, submitting with **Helene Barton** her **Paul's** obit (coming Dec 89), calls attention to Apr *ASSEMBLY* obit and Jul heroic article on **Russ Volckmann**, *He Remained*, also, by Stevens. **Helen Volckmann's** letter thanking Johnny, included, "It's too bad to learn about classmates and wives through 'The Last Roll Call,' but it is inspiring to know that we had such outstanding leaders, and to know many more will come from WP in the future." Present at the DC summer luncheon at ANCC: **Faith & Hal Edson, Anne & Bill Kern, Hope & Gene Corrigan, Crissy (Bunker) & Ted Bullock, Helene Barton, Ginger & Burt Bruce, Loretta Lewis, Beth Lyon, Francie & John Stevens**. Excused absences: **PS Browns, Patti Crystal, Sis Macdonnell, Luehmans, Chestons** and **Richardsons**.

Gail Walsh Taylor, just recovering from a thyroid op, & "**Trooper" Walsh** send thanks of the family to our Class for flowers and messages received at their mother's, **Louise Walsh's** funeral. "Trooper and Ann with their two children have moved into new home in Arlington. It is beautiful and not unlike mom & dad's. (Gail's son Jeff has just left for Morocco with the Peace Corps.) Daddy had told Jeff yrs ago, *whatever* he did, 'Serve,' and Jeff didn't forget—but I wish Morocco was closer in some ways."

Just as this edition goes to press, we regrettably announce the death of **Craig Smyser** in mid-Jun and of his beloved **Georgiana (Gan) Smyser** less than 6 wks later, in Dallas. Craig, active as an engr-ing consultant and in racquet sports to the end, died of Lou Gehrig disease. Gan was stricken with cancer. Memorials may be sent to the Friends of the Dallas Public Library. Condolences have been sent to the two daughters, one of whom is ranked nationally in squash and tennis, and to the son, a corporate lawyer.

Henry Agnew (Dutch, Hank) Sebastion died of lung cancer in Aug. **Dudley Wilmeth** represented the Class at the funeral in Waco. The Class sent flowers and condolences to **Sally** and family. When we, too, make that reunion in the sky, Dutch can resume telling us about his family, quarter horses, and the war in the Pacific.

1934: Polly Elliott at Cloudcroft picnic

1934: Northams costume for their Fiftieth

Paul Hanley sends this update on the plans for our 55th reunion. Replies have been received from a majority of classmates, and 115 persons are planning to be there. The AOG assures us that we can have at least 45 rooms at the Thayer. We received a lot of helpful suggestions. We have 25 stating preference for a bus from DC to WP and return, and yesterday, **Bill Kern** agreed to arrange details. Now your comm will draft a program and prepare a bulletin to give more details; we hope some who have not replied, or who were doubtful, will decide to join us. We appreciate especially the decision of 6 Class widows to be there. Contacts with AOG should be made through **Ellis "Dave" Davis** or me. Info

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about reservations at the Thayer will come with the bulletin. Thanks to all who sent helpful suggestions.

Letters from classmates bring happy memories of cadet life better'n anything 'cept a personal visit. Scribe is responsible to repeat mail without transliteration or twaddle. Sometimes we consolidate and retrieve words or meanings for clarification. Your letters make this column. Please send facts, fun and fotos. No money.

'35

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On 18 Jun, 43 of us gathered at **Extons'** for a picnic. The weather was perfect and the food delicious. Present were **Rumseys, Rogerses, Wheelers, Taylors, Andersons, Fiores, Schlansers, Dicks, Fickels, Martins, Symroskis, Peekes, Wiechmanns, Murdochs, Robbinses, Chapmans, Keatings, Waterman, Simpson** and his daughter Peggy Barnum, **Edna Hill, Kay St John, Isabel Bidgood** and **Phyllis Glass**.

1935: Rosalie Rogers and Dicks

1935: Edna Hill and Dottie Wheeler

Pat (Mrs WC) Freudenthal has a new address—Rte 1, Box 8, Elkwood, VA 22718, (703) 825-9116. **Fred Hall's** new street address is 350 Crossings Blvd, #107; city, zip and phone—no change. For **Ed Ferris** the zip is 78217, and **Mel Coburn** is at 14 Audubon Pl. **Frank Murdoch's** address should include Anchorage, Rte 1.

Carmon Rogers has 18 50th reunion caps available at a reduced price. He also has a few copies of the Feb 88 Class directory.

1935: Rumseys and Fickel

1935: Robbins, Symroski and Jill Schlanser

George Eckhardt reports that he & **Meg** took a local cruise, but it did not compare with the mini on the *Delta Queen*. **Ferrises** were able recently to make up for missing the mini, but they rode the *Mississippi Queen*.

1935: George & Meg Eckhardt

LTC Bill **Haines** '67 & his wife Linda presented **Ralph & Sally** with granddaughter Lindsey Danielle. Bill is stationed in San Ant with the Joint Electronics Warfare Center.

Susan Cherry's son-in-law, Casey Vincent Jr (father '36), is a recent Austin Seminary grad as a deacon. He will be appointed an Episcopal minister within the next yr.

At an impromtu ceremony in Grant Hall on 24 May, **Everett** and **Wiechmann** each presented an engraved commemorative plate to his graduating grandson (McKee and Brennan). **Joe** also gave his grandson the gold bars he had worn and which had been given to him in '35 by Roberts, TA '20.

Three more Founders Day reports have been received—**Rynearsons** in Phoenix; **Alfrey** and **McDonalds** in El Paso; and **Symroskis** at Ft Monroe.

1935: "Rooney" & Betty Rynearson; Founders Day 1988, Phoenix

1935: Alfrey and McDonalds; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss

1935: Chuck & Ann Symroski; Founders Day 1988, Ft Monroe

Bernie Waterman is home and recovering after surgery at Walter Reed in Jul for removal of his gall bladder. In late Jul **Dottie Wheeler** was in WR to have the aortic valve replaced. She will have a long period of recuperation.

As a reminder that our 55th is not too far off, **Bud Schlanser** reports that he has 43 couples and 5 singles in the "will attend" column. Check the centerfold in the Feb 88 Class directory, and add your name to those on the list for '90.

With regret we report the following and extend our sympathy to the family of our classmate. **Glenn Cole** died in Charlotte, NC on 24 May, and was buried in the Natl Cemetery in Beaufort, SC on 27 May.

Ed note: **Edwin H (Moon) Ferris** will

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assume the responsibilities of Class scribe beginning with the December 88 *ASSEMBLY*. His address is 8715 Starcrest Drive, #44, San Antonio, TX 78217. The *ASSEMBLY* staff would like to thank COL Robbins for his diligent efforts throughout his tenure as scribe.

'36

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The Jul *ASSEMBLY* had a very unique column; everyone we've asked said it was great! There's one comment we hoped someone would make—but they haven't (yet). What we've been listening for is, "Hey, why don't you take a break and let **Sally** write 'em all?"

You ought to be receiving your mini-reunion info for 89 sometime after you read this column. To give you a preview of what **Bill Hay** has in store for us, here's what he writes, "The mini will be at Ft Huachuca ('a place of thunder'), AZ beginning Thur 27 Apr with breakfast on post, and ending with b-fast at the Sun Canyon Inn, Sat 29 Apr. We're all Army, and this old frontier post is loaded with nostalgia, museums, and sights. There is ample golf and tennis; good eating places—including officers club. Hotel rooms run a modest $45 per nite. There'll be a special parade in honor of the Class of '36 on 28 Apr. Our Class is still strong—about 168 grads, 48 widows, and 16 ex-grads/widows—from AK, HI to ME. Hope you'll be there, but remember it's you 'guys and gals,' not the 'places' that really make a reunion. More details soon!"

Accurately timed—for this point of your notes—the phone call from **Ken Dawalt** provided the following: "After 13 yrs of the loyal-ist of service, **Bob Safford** has retired as DC secy and newcomer **Larry Laurion** has accepted the responsibility of 'mothering' the Wash gp. One of his first duties/pleasures will be the upcoming annual reunion to be sponsored by **Betty & Dave Chaffin**."

Dottie Barlow has written **Red Holton** and "yours truly" on several occasions. She'd be delighted to have Class contacts from any who are in the Raleigh area. **Dave Brown** appears to be an enthusiast for the Huachuca affair. He lives nearby and is assisting **Hay** in putting our reunion together. Perhaps before another year goes by we'll be able to spell H-u-a-c-h-u-c-a and get to see Dave again after almost 50 yrs! In mid-Jun **Mildred & Chick Childs** visited **Bill Kimball** at Fitzsimmons hosp in Denver. The Childses have an apt with a beautiful view of the Rockies. They're in Littleton to be near their 3 daughters and families. The Childses honored the **Gages** with a visit in May. They were going to OH and MI and then on a Scandinavian cruise in summer. Son Jack Hall is in residence at WRAMC. **Bub Clark** has been in touch several times. He was the only classmate who attended **Bill Kimball's** burial service in Denver. He says he keeps in touch with others in his area, i.e. **Drake, Heintges, Monteiths,** and **Normans**. He has heard—but not seen—that **Romlein** is in town. **Ted Clifton** writes that after 15 yrs on the AOG Trustee Bd at WP, he will become "emeritus" this summer. Congratulations for representing so well the Academy and your classmates.

Bill Hay wrote that **Ruth & Gene Patterson** are in Tucson, but physically in poor health. Correspondence from this desk to them has not been answered, however. **Helen Hess** writes that she's still savoring the miracle (of a yr ago?) which has given her relief from her terribly painful arthritis. However, she says Al will undergo kneecap surgery soon on both joints. **Elsie & Steve Holderness** moved to a ret home and claimed it was the toughest labor they ever had—despite an assist from their two sons. They're still on Hilton Head Isl, SC 29928, but address is 300 Wood Haven Dr, Apt 4304. New phone 803-785-5899. The **Holtons** came to Atlanta from Callaway Gardens—where they were "cooling off" for a few days. Polly went to eye dr for checkup.

The **Hosmers** were in DC and had dinner with their handsome and high-ranking son, Brad (first graduate of USAFA). **Larry Laurion** was with them. **Eleanor Jones** sent some pics of their 50th wedding anniv where she cut the cake with her father's sword and drank her son's wine.

1936: Fun at the 50th—Jones' anniv

After a 3-yr courageous fight with cancer, dear **Bill Kimball** was reassigned from Earth to Heaven on 28 Jun. When the Corps marched in *column of fours*, Bill and your scribe were the LAST men—truly the very bottom—of the Long Gray Line! **Frankie** sent her appreciation to the Class for their concern for Bill and for the '36 floral gift. **Larry Laurion** has "moved in" to 2807 Arlington Dr #203, Alexandria, VA 22305; ph 703-765-7924. He sold his KS house rapidly and then stayed with his son awhile in DC. He says he's fine—and he must be in order to rise at 6 am and walk 3 mi—and we know that "walk" to him, means "run" to us!

Early Aug the **Gages** flew west visiting relatives. A very pleasant dinner and b-fast was spent with **Chappelears**. They are in favor of the Huachuca mini. Spoke by phone with **Pat Simpson**. It seems she's "covered up" with grandchildren. Up in Carmel area we visited with **Jean & Ace**, the **Fergussons**, and **Jane & Wayne Dellinger**. The **Millers** are still enjoying the prettiest house in the Class (editor's prejudice), and **Charlotte** F looked and seemed quite well after her earlier (this yr) surgery, and Jane & Wayne seem very happy in their new (for her) home with gorgeous ocean view. Spoke by phone with **Sandy McCorkle**. He is in fine shape and so is **Audrey**. **Helen Lind** sounded well and was reported to be active as a docent (guide) at Point Lobos, "the Crown Jewell of CA Parks" which is at least 60 million years old and has been location for at least 30 major movies over past 50 yrs. In San Fran, **Tom & Jean Hayes** looked extremely well and in excellent form. Page 54 of Jul *ASSEMBLY* had announcement that the heroic and only son of Tom & Jean will have the East Gym named in his honor. We are proud! From the **McElhenys**: they went to France in May. They told that **Dave Hiester** was inducted into Ordnance Hall of Fame. **Hiesters** were tripping from Oslo to Russia. **Monteith**, we heard, was not informed concerning our Mar cruise. We find that's the fault of your scribe, probably because the address list showed him in apt "508"—wrong! It should have been "708." Sorry! **Jean & T-Willie Morris** came through Atlanta on way back from a two-mo trip visiting son in Ger. **Helen & Joe Nazzaro** wrote they'd had a great trip on Alaskan inland waterway. In Anchorage they saw **Myrle & Nick Necrason**. He looked fine after multi bypass surgery.

Astronomer and Rhodes Scholar Bruce **Partridge** (47) received another coveted award—the 1988 Guggenheim Fellowship. This is to add to several other laurels he's earned. "Nice going," **Tuck & Bob**! **Bill Sibert** was in DC in Jun attending marriage of a granddaughter. He visited with Class gp while in the Capitol. Had long conversation (phone) with **Vera & Oren Swain**. He's still at work every day. Says he has slow growing cancer, but it does not affect his brokerage biz. Vera is "hobbling," but still competes in painting. They want to sell their house and will move to DC in Jul 89. **Missie & John Torrey** have completed a 6,000 mi trip to Canada and East Coast.

This is an awfully long column when you'll have 5 this yr.

PS—For your interest, a few days less

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than 101 yrs before we shall meet at Fort Huachuca (Apr 89), CPT Lawton of B Trp, 4th Cav rode out to round up the famous Geronimo. B Trp is still there to parade for us! Please refer to Aug *National Geographic*—p 200."

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Many of our gp have been in the news lately and you have been very good in passing items to me. I appreciate your thinking of me in this connection. **Dick Fellows** sent me an *LA Times* clipping covering the formal induction into the Natl Football Hall of Fame of **Monk Meyer** on 8 Dec 87. " . . . the foundation's highest honor, the Gold Medal Award, went to Gen Charles (Monk) Meyer, Army's triple threat back of the mid-30's, who served in 3 wars and received two Purple Hearts."

Lorrie Spaulding sent me a copy of *Sunday Mag, San Ant Express-News*, 15 May which featured an interview with San Ant's Man in Space. "COL John **Blaha** prepares to pilot a shuttle mission. . . . He is San Ant's first shuttle pilot and will pilot America's 3rd post-Challenger, manned space flight." **Dick Fellows** also sent some info on this taken from the *LA Times* to the effect that the launch is scheduled for 19 Jan and that its primary mission is to deploy a 3rd tracking and data relay satellite. So keep a sharp lookout for this momentous event. It will be John's first space flight since his selection to the program in 80. He graduated from the AF Academy in 65. His older brother Bill is a Marine, younger brother Robert is a meteorologist with NWS in San Ant, and sister Barbara is married in the AF. **Elmer** would be proud of his offspring, as is **Frances**. Dick also mentioned that the **Fellows** and **Horrigans** attended the American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor Conv in Louisville 4/29–5/4. **Johnny & Molly Johnson** were there and "Johnny gave an outstanding presentation in behalf of the Cabanatuan Memorial Fund to the Board of the ADBC. Only a quarter of a million more dollars and the Battle Monuments Comm takes over the memorial."

Mellie Clark sent me a clipping showing and describing the presentation of the prestigious "Spirit Award" by KMOL-TV to **Lorrie Spaulding** in recognition of her service to the San Ant community. For the past 24 yrs she has worked with the special ed program of St David's Church to educate and help handicapped teenagers and adults.

In Apr 87, Finn placed **Tom Truxtun's** name in nomination for the future naming of a cadet playing field. Tom was cpt of the lax team, first team center on All America teams in 35, 36 and 37, and is one of 8 players enshrined in the Natl Lax Hall of Fame. His promising mil career unfortunately was cut short by a sniper on Luzon. Finn recently received a letter from **Day Surles** informing that the new lax facility at WP will be named for Tom at its dedication next spring at one of the games to be announced. This is welcome news to all of us and especially to **Wilhoyt** who was the team mgr. As a footnote, USNA's loss when Tom bilged out his second yr was our gain. He was an outstanding cadet and very popular with all of us.

Bud Underwood's memory has been honored again. The modern complex housing the 2nd Bn (Patriot), 43rd AD Arty at Hanau, Ger has been named the "George V Underwood Barracks." Bud was the first AD off to achieve 4-star rank, among his many other achievements. See Bulletin Board, this issue, for more. In discussing this with **Hiestand** she passed on other info which you may find useful. Ft Worden, WA is now a state park and is beautifully maintained (*An Officer and a Gentleman* was filmed there). She and daughter Katie and family recently rented one of the qtrs and spent a delightful and nostalgic vacation there.

Tense Seedlock came across an item in *Washingtonian Mag* (Sep 87) which she sent me. The article displayed **Dorothy Preston's** "Wandjini Kaluru at Mamdai," one of the oil paintings in her exhibit "Dreamtime: Australia" at the Franz Bader Gallery in Wash. They were inspired by her trip to Australia and NZ last yr and her research of the cave paintings of the aborigines.

Before leaving for their annual summer retreat in the ME "Bush" country, **Scott Hall** noted that he finally found **Jack Lynch** with **Trina Aldrich's** help. Contacted at PO Box 426, Laurel, FL 34272, Jack asked for a 50-Yr Book and to be placed on our list. Jack's second is **Janine**, having parted amicably with Jean some yrs ago.

Early in May the **Wilhoyts** visited their daughter Lucinda and family at Ft Gordon to which they were recently transferred. Her mate, MAJ Jim Spinelli, is now a dr after having been in Armor after USMA and then transferring to the Engrs who sponsored his med education. He also managed to provide **Dolly & Wil** with 4 grandkids.

At the May luncheon attended by 16, **Hank Byroade** and his obituary comm discussed the letter which you now have. The good results so far were reported to me by **Fred Diercks**, the comm secy. "Thirty replies were received from classmates and widows with 27 commitments to write obituaries and two additional already completed. A and B Co's were the most responsive with 5 obituary commitments each, but all companies are represented by at least one. In addition, 3 co obituary coordinators volunteered: **Luke Hoska** for B Co; **Randy Hines** for K Co; and **Stu O'Malley** for L Co. Twenty-two living roommates have been identified, of whom 7 volunteered to do obituaries. The comm asks those who have not replied to please do so (ASAP)." If this project snowballs as it should, the 70-plus overdue obituaries will be completed quickly.

Giles & Claudine Evans attended the grad of grandson Mike Tetu '88, whom many of you met at our 50th (Dec 87 *ASSEMBLY*, p 80). Giles has been one of my steady correspondents and I was saddened to hear from **Bob Palmer** that he had a triple bypass 21 Jun. On 27 Jul Giles wrote and filled me in on the details. His late bout with the cardiology surgical profession was successful. After passing all tests on a physical with flying colors, something was spotted on the treadmill test. Hereditary factors indicated catherization which showed blockages. With Claudine's close supervision and help, he is well on the way to recovery and they plan to join us in SF. Back to Bob Palmer; they still plan to move to the Fairfax next yr. Bear Lake and Central FL are no longer the quiet countryside they found in 68. Even the fishing isn't good anymore.

11–18 Jun the **Fraziers** and **McDowells** joined the **Ohmans** and the **Cheals** in their condos in Cancun for a Mexican holiday, and raised their glasses in a toast to the Class on our 51st.

1937: Pat Frazier, Eleanor Ohman, Rae McDowell and Edna Cheal in Cancun

Another exciting luncheon at Ft McNair on 17 Jun with 15 attending. **Bud Hines**, who was in town for the mo, joined us. **Finn Unger** reported on their 2-wk holiday in London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Belfast. The mention of Belfast rang **Kelley Lemmon's** bell, and he told us what a delightful place it was during their staging there prior to Normandy. Several yrs ago when he was in Dublin watching the St Patrick's Day parade, he observed that most of the participants were from the US, with the biggest contingent being the Boston FD. This prompted Bud Hines to inquire if any of us would join him in Dublin for

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1937: Frazier, McDowell, Cheal and Ohman in Cancun

the Army-Boston game next fall. **Bob Seedlock** announced that they were temporarily residing in Wainwright Hall, Ft Myer while their apt is being restored following a fire which started while they were out for lunch. Bud Hines then gave a brief discourse on his experiences at Ft Myer as a brand new 2LT. He was asgnd to the horse arty and was stable off under COL Wainwright. Later he was placed under COL George Patton with mandatory extracurricular activities of polo, horse shows and chasing foxes (4 legged) in the Potomac, MD countryside. (Patton's portrait still adorns the main room of the Potomac Hunt Club.) **Wilhoyt** reported on their trip to Leningrad and Moscow with a delightful stop in Helsinki. While Glasnost was evident, their young lady guide disclaimed all knowledge of the German youth landing in Red Square. Liberal amounts of champagne helped them cope with the food. From the two cities they took day and overnight excursions into the environs. **Bob Gildart** gave an acct of their trip to WP and Poughkeepsie in late May. He conferred with the authorities at WP on future Class gifts to WP, and stopped by the Holiday Inn, Peekskill to nail down reservations there for our 55th. The mgr promised a repeat performance of the very successful 45th. In Poughkeepsie they attended the HS grad of their grandson who has already been accepted at Rensselaer, and visited with daughter Nancy and family. Finn announced that **Bill Lewis** volunteered to honcho the 89 Mini at either Tides Inn or Williamsburg (to be determined shortly). **Luis Mercado** is in frequent contact with **Rene Lopez-Duprey** re their 50th in San Juan, to which all who have indicated an interest have been invited.

Jim Duncan was unable to attend because of a recurrence of his long-standing problem. He had to have a carcinoma removed from his neck and is presently undergoing radiation therapy at Bethesda Naval Hosp.

Delk Oden missed the luncheon because of a previous engagement with **Peggy** at Tides Inn for the celebration of their 50th.

At the luncheon I was shown a clipping from the *Sentinel, Brevard and State News*, showing Engr **Bruce Holloway** enveloped in a cloud of steam, driving a miniature engine pulling a trainload of Orlando's Bonneville Elementary Sch kids on a joy ride at Possum Flats in Seminole County, FL.

Lee Martin arrived at the luncheon under his own power after 6 wks in the hosp to clear up an infection in one of his bionic knees. He later reported to me that his WP roommate, **Pete Kreiser**, had a stroke 1 Jul and was in the VA Hosp in Miami. Pete is now at home and has made an excellent recovery with slight impairments which are expected to improve with time and therapy.

Before **Bud Hines** returned home he organized a romantic dinner party at the ANCC with dancing on the rooftop under the stars.

Pop Metz called 5 Jul from Charleston where they were having dinner with **Randy & Marge Hines**. They were on their way to Canada. Several wks later **Kelley Lemmon** was telling me about their trip to Canada. They had just gotten settled in the bowels of the ferry to Nova Scotia and went topside to enjoy the view when a familiar voice boomed out from the other side "Kelley Lemmon." Pop & **Anne** were on their way to visit her relatives and then back to ME for her HS reunion. The Lemmons continued to Quebec for a visit and golf with their Canadian friends whom we met at one of the co-ed luncheons.

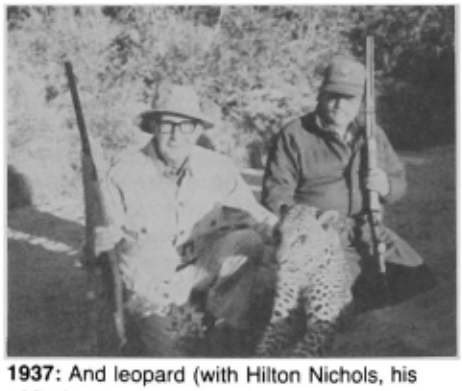
Swede Ohman called 10 Jul to give me the sad news of **Chuck Harrison's** death that morning. Later, **Lois** filled me in on the details. After a bypass op 5 yrs ago, Chuck developed problems including hepatitis. He entered the hosp 3 wks before his death. A bright spot was their 50th on 25 Jun which he attended on a pass from the hosp. The celebration was at their church and Chuck enjoyed himself immensely. He passed away quietly in the hosp with Lois by his side. Lois plans to be in ME 24 Sep-8 Oct where she will scatter his ashes on the sea off their favorite pt where they enjoyed so many hrs together. She will be at her son's wedding in Germantown, MD 15 Oct. Lois is **Dottie Graham's** sister. Incidentally, I learned from Swede that the Grahams are on an extended tour in their RV.

We had a large turnout for the Jul lunch—19. The regulars were joined by **Jo Mitchell** and **Bill Cain**. **Lee Martin** called afterwards to tell me that he intended to come but slept right through it. **Fred Diercks** proudly showed us pictures of his safari. He spent 3 wks in Jun in Zimbabwe's Zambegi Valley on his 3rd African hunting safari. He bagged a lion, lioness, leopard, Cape buffalo, and a Chobe bushbuck. It was his first encounter with the big cats and buffalo. All the trophies should make the Rowland

1937: At age 75, Diercks finally gets his lion

1937: And Cape buffalo

Ward Record Book. Fred reports the days were very hot but dry; the evenings and nights quite cold, it being Zimbabwean "winter."



1937: And leopard (with Hilton Nichols, his white hunter guide)

Visitors to Wash are reminded that our luncheons are at the Ft McNair OC every 3rd Fri, and that they are co-ed in Apr and Oct. Call **Maliszewski** for reservations. Special arrangements have to be made to accommodate the large co-ed ones far in advance, but if you are here with spouse on a regular one, please bring her. She'll have a ball.

John Frazier talked to the **Chases** in Honolulu recently. They celebrated their 50th on 9 Aug. **Anne's** sister, **Lorrie Spaulding**, is there with them along with her two sons and two grandkids who are doing a package tour of HI. Bill's sidekick, **Ken Wade**, had written me in Apr about his impending trip to Spain and Portugal with friend Norma. He was looking forward to visiting the area of his escapades as an internee during WWII

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after his P-38 ran out of gas. I expect a full report for my next effort.

The **Fraziers** did the MS River bit on the big new *Mississippi Queen* in Jul. They sailed down the MS from St Louis to Cairo, then the OH River to Paducah and on to the TN River to Chattanooga. They had an opportunity to visit Shiloh Battlefield and Cemetery. The tour was a gift from son Doug who bid on them at an auction benefiting his son's sch. John also heard from **Mary Edwards** that she broke her ankle and will be in a cast for several mos. She doesn't expect to be able to come to the reunion, we're sorry to hear.

Jim Cosgrove sent his new address: 3105 McHenry Dr, San Ant, TX 78239. They have emigrated back to the US and opted for a cottage at the Army Residence Community because they felt like coming down to earth again after their perch atop their Maroochydore high-rise in Aus—a change from their gypsy lifestyle. They still feel great and plan to be the oldest living residents but are in no hurry to get there. **Sally Brown** moved to 3604 N 27th St, McAllen, TX 78501.

By the time you read this, Golden Gate in 88 will be a pleasant memory.

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During our 50th Reunion everyone knew that our Class pres, **Dick Stilwell**, was deeply concerned about the illness of his son, Bill. **Alice** remained at Bill's bedside during the 50th, but insisted that Dick should be at WP with us. On 30 May Bill died of heart failure. Following funeral services at WP, Alice & Dick expressed their profound gratitude to the Class of '38 for floral arrangements, for contributions to Amer Heart Assoc, and "for the way the Class closed ranks and extended moral support to us in these hours of need." They have our deepest sympathy in mourning for Bill's passing.

Dave Byars underwent surgery 14 May due to ruptured aorta, canceling plans to be at our 50th. On 5 Jul he died after 2 more surgeries w/negative prognosis and almost continuous coma. He is survived by his widow **Shirley**, son David '67, daughter Anne, and 4 grandchildren. From **Bob Kasper**, "Dave was interred at Lakeview Cemetery, Seattle, in a private service, and on 19 Jul a memorial service was held at Ft Lewis Chapel, filled with many friends Dave had made in his retmt yrs by his many volunteer efforts—mil and civ. A moving eulogy was given by BG Vasco Fenilli '43." We join his family and other friends in mourning his death.

Some random notes about our 50th—Numerous letters, telecons and verbal comments by attendees express pleasure and appreciation of lasting memories. 17 May **Muriel Amick** entertained those arriving before the 50th w/informal cocktail party at her lovely home in Cornwall. Thanks to **April Adams** and helpers for beautiful and artistic table decorations for dinner dance. **Kent Schmidt** astounded us by putting on his cadet FD coat there. Incredible! **Stilwell** expressed regrets of Class of '38 about death of **Bob York** and illnesses canceling attendance by **Byars, Marianne Glace, Harrington, Harvey, Singer, Sussmann, Swenson** (& spouses) plus others physically unable to attend. **Ches Chesarek** was in good voice at Old Chapel and barbecue in leading us in song. **Mary Jacunski** has 2 granddaughters USAFA grads, now flying jets. **Dallas Haynes** was in wheelchair, and **Frank Norris** was trussed in a leg brace during 50th. **Cozy Pitchford** does needlepoint, and **Roz** does cross stitching. **Tony Chanco** is still active in construction in Philippines and travels there frequently; he made awards to USMA cadets from Philippines for PI Govt at USMA awards review.

1938: Davis, Van Sickles, Zoller; 50th Reunion, Hotel Thayer

1938: Wansboros, Becks, Artmans; standing Brennans, Workses—dinner

Following our 50th reunion, 50th wedding annivs are memorable occasions. At their retmt home, w/family and other residents attending, **Hal & Nancy Moorman's** celebration was "conceived and managed by our 3 children." Four of 5 grandchildren were there. **Al & Claribel Burke** celebrated their 50th w/son Dick and daughter Carol, other family and friends, and w/**Junie & Shirley Lotz**.

1938: V Tilson, Coiras, Brownings, M Amick; standing Tilson, Stilwell, Sweeney—dinner

1938: P Kuhn, Sightses, Conner, Smith, Jaynes, P Conner—Hotel Thayer lobby

1938: B Elmore, Jannarone, B Bixby, A Jannarone, Elmore, Chesarek—cocktail party

1938: Chanco and Stilwell meet with Gen Ramos, PI Sec of Def, 50th Reunion

Don & Madge Williams were married 15 Jun 38 w/K Co ushers w/sabers. They enjoyed a big anniv dinner in San Diego w/their son, other family and friends. During Aug they took a cruise to AK. Let us know of other 50th wedding annivs!

23 Jun Ft McNair luncheon was en-

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1938: Wallace, Browning, and Langford; relaxing at barbecue

1938: McHaneys and Chancos at cocktail party; 50th Reunion, Hotel Thayer

1938: Kasper, Brown, A Kasper and Deans; conversing at barbecue

1938: Lipscomb greets Supe at Alumni Review—Dupuy, Chavasse, Henderson, Izenour and Howell

1938: J Learman, J Sights, V Tilson, P Sights, Mearns, Tilson, A Adams and P Kuhn

1938: Don & Madge Williams; 50th wedding anniv, 15 Jun 88, San Diego

1938: Bayers, E Coira, Barnards at barbecue

joyed by 33 attendees. **Stilwell** reported his contacts w/AOG and USMA following our 50th. **Alice** returned 22 Jun from pilgrimage to Madjugorje, Yugoslavia. **Lotz** stated that he has copy of AVIT tape and tape given to him by parents of Samuel V Swindell '88 who sent their friends, **Jim & Jinny Isbell**, this record of the 50th since they were unable to attend. **Nick Chavasse** briefed us on his proposal to restore Benny Haven's Tavern, distributing a historical poopsheet. A new wrinkle was that we have an "archeological dig" at the suspected tavern site. The **Millers** witnessed the change of cmd ceremony at Ft Bragg recently when Frank Jr relinquished his cmd there. **Ed Lahti**, WWII cmdr of 511 PIR, attended 11th Annual AB Awards 28–30 Apr in Atlanta. Some travel plans—**Mrazeks** to Portland and Vancouver visiting granddaughter and Jim Jr; **Damons** to VT visiting family during foliage turning; **Rosalie Folda Valentine** and **Isabel Bonnett** w/friends to New England and Maritime provinces during Sep.

New addresses: **Craig**—28333 Valley Blvd, Apt 1024, Sun City, CA 92381; **Feffer**—4313 Roland Park Dr, Baltimore, MD 21210; **Sussmann**—4300 North Charles St, Apt 33, Baltimore, MD 21218.

8 Jun **Gene Kelsey** hosted cocktail party at ANCC for local friends, including **Beverleys, Lotzes, Lewises, Mrazeks, Browns** and **Damon** celebrating marriage of his daughter Anne to MAJ George Topic at Williamsburg Inn on 10 Jun. The groom is recent CGSC grad now en route to asgmt in Korea. Anne hopes to join him there soon. During Jun Gene Kelsey married **Kay Andrews** and they departed on a tour of Russia. Our congratulations and best wishes to both couples!

30 Jul from **Hugh Wallace**, "**Jeff Irvin** is still enjoying his law practice w/no thoughts of ret. He reports that his sons, Classes of '58 and '72, are now in civil life. **Bill Kieffer** is looking forward to golf after a few wks layoff after the 50th. **Mona Preuss** enjoyed a visit w/son Mark and family in Seattle; then a Preuss family reunion in Indiana w/more than 70 participants.

"The **Polhamuses** visited their son and family going to and from our 50th, then had a family reunion in Shenandoah Valley w/Doug's brothers. By some quirk Doug returned from the 50th w/ Jeff Irvin's luggage—fortunately Jeff lived in SA only a few blocks from Doug. **Elizabeth Sawyer** has just returned home after 5 wks taken to insure proper arrival of a new grandson. **Omar Knox** is moving slowly in recuperating from a long illness. **Jo Ryan** went to CA to be w/ her daughter and has happy news about the daughter's forthcoming marriage; then to Wash DC where she had the pleasure of helping to pin on the first star for son Michael, now transferred to Langley AFB.

"In Jun **Jan** & I spent a very enjoyable wk in Cancun. We were there with the Ray Cheals and Swede Ohmans, both '37 and fellow B Co. Both have time share villas there and Jan liked the setup so well she signed us up for a 2-wk annual visit." From **Bill Strand**, 31 Jul, "The **Battersons'** daughter, Kerelle Whitman, is taking an art course at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Her daughter, Chandra Holmes, is taking a law course at Queen's College, Oxford Univ. Batt says he is 'still making sawdust.' **Evelyn Hartman's** son, Don Edward, is staying w/her to help her cope w/her vision problems. We had a nice visit about **Frank's** career, and Evelyn is preparing a write-up about Frank for *ASSEMBLY*. The **Singers** have been on a fabulous cruise on the *Royal Viking Sea*. They flew to Stockholm and then cruised for 13 days to the Scandinavian countries and Leningrad. **Fred Wright** is active w/ swimming, taking a course to qualify as a Red Cross life saving instructor. **Howard Kenzie** had quadruple bypass surgery at Wilfred Hall Hosp. **Noli** says

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there were some complications and he is making a slow recovery."

From **Dick Stilwell**, 3 Aug, a brief summary of his recent activities, "Two memorable wks in China as guest of quasi-governmental org. Second American to lecture at prestigious Acad of Mil Science in Beijing. Interesting sessions w/vets of 'Long March'—vice pres of China and dep dir, Gen Pol Dept, respectively. With a guide and interpreter, traveled to Manchuria and south to Sichuan. Returned home in time to give MAJ Dian's hand in marriage to COL Joe Shackelford, USAF, on 30 Jul. **Alice** & I will celebrate our 50th wedding anniv aboard *QEII* en route NYC from South Hampton. Shortly thereafter I'll be attending Olympics as guest of pres of Korea. Am in correspondence w/Supe, AF Academy on a mini reunion during 89 at that locale." Is our Class pres truly ret?

Space for each *ASSEMBLY* col is limited, so some items may be delayed to future Class notes, or omitted. Many thanks to our contributors, particularly about classmates or family infrequently mentioned in Class notes and about newsworthy special events.

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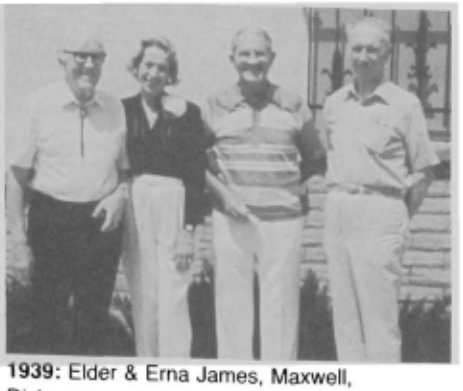
Returned in Jun from Eastern Europe to learn that **John Dickerson** had been roaming around our neighborhood while we were just a few hrs down the Danube from his. John had been ill in Vienna during last winter, first in a hosp then a convalescent home. In Mar his son arrived to accompany him to his home in Rye, NY. After a stay there, John was off to Ontario, CA where his brother Sam now lives. He made a side trip to Green Valley to look it over "as a possible relocation site," I was told. While here John had lunch at the GV Country Club with **Erna & Elder James**, all guests of **John & Nancy Maxwell**. They had a delightful mini-reunion, which we were so sorry to have missed. Nancy followed the scribe's adage: "When two or more classmates are gathered together, take a picture." John returned to Austria; **Nina** & I to GV after our 23-day tour of Prague, Warsaw, Bucharest, Budapest, Moscow and Leningrad.

At about the same time, **Jimmy & Yolande Collins** were making a grand tour in Europe. Best to let him describe it: "For the last half of May, Yolande & I were cruising on the good ship *Pacific Princess* in the Adriatic and Mediterranean. The Class was well represented as **Bob Haffa & Louise** were also aboard. The cruise started at Venice and wound up in Barcelona touching at such out of the way places as Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia



1939: Elder & Erna James, Maxwell, Dickerson

and the Isle of Elba, as well as such well-known watering holes as Naples and Cannes. Weather was perfect and many congenial passengers. The Haffas were in fine fettle, enjoying life in Homestead, FL and in their hideaway on the Keys.

"After the cruise **Yolande** & I went for a wk to Helsinki where we attended a symposium sponsored by the Intl Commission of Mil Historians. Enjoyed the visit but, with current rate on the dollar, everywhere in Europe is expensive and Helsinki seemed especially so. Then back to Paris where I joined a presidential delegation to represent the US at the opening of the 'Battle of Normandy Museum.' On 6 Jun we were in Caen to help President Mitterand do the honors and we cheered him on. It is an outstanding museum and if any of our Class travels anywhere near Normandy they should go visit it. Conveniently located, about halfway between Omaha and Utah beaches, it is accessible by train from Paris and by car along excellent autoroutes. I was lucky enough to get a free ride home on one of the presidential planes." Jim said he was now busy tending his vineyard and hoping to see many of the Wash area classmates at the annual Class dinner hosted by the Dominion Winery in Culpeper, VA.

Jim Knapp addressed the Founders Day dinner at the WP Soc of Omaha as the oldest grad present, a role he is reported to not particularly relish, but my correspondent said he was very entertaining. We also have a picture of **Bud & Georgia Lasche** and **Bill Henry**, Founders Day, Ft Rucker.

Bill Martin wrote from Aspen, CO, "Although summer is our loveliest season, everybody is off doing their thing." So, the picture he sent is of '39ers of 88 on the ski slope. **Bud Stocking** was the only one under 70 so he had to pay for the lift tickets. **Rocky Crawford** and LTG Bob Ruegg, USAF (ret) completed the foursome. **Mary** was out of town so they had their problems in the culinary area, but otherwise it was a great wk. Bill said, "During the past 6 mos **Sal Manzo**, who lives in Houston, came by to see Mary & me. Sal was with his wife **Flourney**, and

1939: Jim & Mary Emma Knapp; Founders Day 1988, Omaha

1939: Bud & Georgia Lasche with Bill Henry

we had a nice visit over dinner. **Ben Glawe** & wife **Lillian** also visited. They fell in love with Aspen and promise to return this summer. Ben is an avid fisherman so we hope to see more of them."

1939: Stocking, Martin, Crawford and companion Bob Ruegg

A letter from **George Winton**, Columbia, SC, "**Nina & Bill Smith** came through here unexpectedly last mo (May). Nina wanted to see one of her nieces who goes to a local college. We were able to round up **Howard St Clair** and held a K Co mini-reunion. A good time was had by all."

Harriet Royce wrote also in Jun, "**Phil** is at Letterman recovering from prostate surgery this morn (2 Jun). Seems to be okay tonite. Hopes to come home Mon or Tues." It's been a difficult spring for Phil & Harriet. Last report he was recovering from gall bladder problem.

Today is Independence Day and we are expecting a visit from the **Maxwells**

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1939: Lucille Winton, Bill Smith, St Clair, Nina Smith, Winton

momentarily. They'll be here in their bicycling clothes as they are faithful riders. The Maxwells have come and gone. Nancy and John visited **Gerry Reeves** in Tucson yesterday. **Dick** passed away in Feb (see Jul notes). Gerry is doing very well.

In a few days **Nina** & I will leave for the natl parks of the NW through UT, parts of WY, ID and WA. In Spokane, at Nina's son Jimmy's house, to where my mail is being forwarded, I'll finish this report. Hope I have more news for you then.

It's Aug and here I am in Spokane. Two letters were awaiting my arrival. **Bob & Louise Haffa** added to the info given above by Jim Collins on their summer cruise, "Last mo we flew to Venice for a Mediterranean cruise of the *Pacific Princess 'Love Boat.'* We had two wks of great weather, food, entertainment and shore trips to Dubrovnik, Corfu, Athens, Pompeii, Florence, Cannes, Monte Carlo and Barcelona. Our dinner table was with 'Jimmie' Collins & his lovely wife Yolande." Bob

1939: Bob Haffa & Louise with Lawton Collins & Yolande

referred to Jim's work on the commission of intl historians who investigated Kurt Waldheim. Said he & Louise got the inside story. Bob then adds, "We live 20 mi south of Miami, 6 mi from the Homestead AF Base and would love to have classmates visit us." When he moved there 10 yrs ago, **Hall Cain** and **Bernie Teeters** were close neighbors, but they have both passed away.

Sadly, I report that **Tommy & Nernie Thomason's** son, Joel Jr (Joe to his friends), was killed in an automobile accident in noon-time traffic in Hampton, VA Sun, 10 Jul. He was 47 yrs old. "Joe was buried in Arlington Cemetery on 14 Jul following a beautiful service in the Old Chapel at Ft Myer. Nernie & I, our daughter Cathy, and Joe's 3 children are deeply grateful for the expressions of sympathy and the strong support of my classmates and their wives. They were wonderful." Tommy asked to use this column to inform the many classmates and wives not living in the VA area who knew Joe in yrs past.

'40

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Now, let's consider the magnificent end-Sep mini at Carmel. The entrepreneurs—**Sam & Kim Webster, Ed & Sarah Hoover, Lee & Jacky Cagwin, Dalt & Helen Green, Peppy Millican, Tom & Mary Muller, Obie & Fran O'Brien, John & Elaine Pidgeon, Bill Porte, Eben Swift** and daughter Diane—may have been in CA too long; they speak and act only in superlatives. The Carmel affair exceeded their initial plans; by mid-Aug, 200 classmates and wives and 10 widows had confirmed, with reservations still coming in. And the tours and activities were enormously popular; everyone wanted to do everything.

At the hospitality suite in the Carmel Mission Inn, the VCR played continuously a 90 min videotape made up of **Bob Raleigh's** 8mm movies of our cadet life. The quality of the tape, with background music dubbed in, was remarkably good, considering that the original film was shot 51 yrs ago. This was out-and-out nostalgia, starting with we new yearlings toting uniforms on broomsticks to Clinton and going through a full range of cadet athletics and activities up to loading our cars in the area before graduation. If another opportunity arises, as at Carmel, don't miss seeing it.

Rollie & Helen Hamelin wrote from Honolulu that they were planning on Carmel, assuming that, before then, Rollie could reassemble their house on Koko Head. Seems their cat pulled the old trick of getting caught within the wall framing; and Rollie pulled the equally old trick of trying to cut holes in the walls faster than the cat could move. The cat won every time.

Ray & Jeanne Clock wrote from Ocala, FL that they were having to pass up the Carmel mini to apply "all our efforts and cash flow toward an alternate summer address in Brevard, NC." You may recall this is the same mountainous area just so of Asheville in which **Phil & Chic Elliott** also found a summer home to escape the warmer FL season.

Skip & Mary Lou Fowler wrote that in late Jul, **Bob & Doris Raleigh** arranged a dinner at the Peterson AFB Club to help **Wendell & Benny Lee Coats** celebrate Wendell's birthday. Others there were **Red & Dony Gideon, Page & Helen Smith**, and **Len & Doris Orman** (up from Pueblo). The Fowlers explained that they can't make the Carmel trip, since they're then due in England to visit daughter Marcia in S Devon. Marcia lives in a house, built as a mill in the time of Elizabeth I, close to Slapton Sands, where this yr they celebrate the 400th anniv of Drake's sailing from there to meet the Spanish Armada.

I mailed copies of the 1 Jul 88 Class roster to the summer address for everyone on the list; if you didn't get yours, please drop me a line. Why do some roster entries show many roommates and others only one? In early drafts, I tried to list your roommate for the last half of our 1st class yr. However, many gave me 4 yrs of roommates and some didn't say which was when. For these, I listed all and, if I could figure it out, showed the 1st class roommate ahead of the others.

Bryce & Sherry Denno wrote, reminding me that Bryce is writing an article for **Harry Miley's** 50 Yr Book and needs a particular '40 illustration. What Bryce wants is a photo—suitable for reproduction—of our graduation, with the class displaying its enthusiasm in traditional fashion by throwing caps in the air. Bryce says that USMA has a shot of us "sitting primly before the podium listening to Gen Drum's graduation address," but has no photo with the feeling of class participation that he wants. Will anyone with a glossy photo of the caps sailing aloft please let Bryce or me know?

Paul Cullen wrote from Ft Sill, "**Joe Couch** was here in Jun for the reactivation of the 17th FA Regt, during which he was appointed a Distinguished Member of the Regt and I the Honorary Col."

1940: Cullen and Couch at Ft Sill, Jun 88

Some of us have a chance to participate indirectly in the Olympics in Korea this fall. A letter from **Ray Sleeper** to a number of classmates in the area told of his daughter Jane being selected for the US Equestrian 3-Day Event Team. He enclosed an impressive brochure telling

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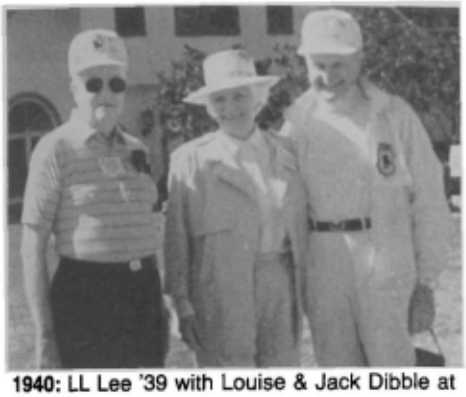
of her riding background and how we might support Jane and the eventing team by sending tax-deductible contributions to Amer Horse Trials Fndn, PO Box 89, Annapolis, MD 21404, even after the team gets back from Seoul.

Jack & Louise Dibble did lots of travels and conventions, starting last spring with the Army Avn Assoc at St Louis, where they visited with **Bob & Jean Williams, Jack & Helene Wright, Frank & Helen Watrous,** and **Art & Dolly McCartan.** The Dibbles, impressed by an earlier visit to a Horse Cav Assoc convention in Ocala, FL, progressed from St Louis to the Cav museum at Riley.



1940: LL Lee '39 with Louise & Jack Dibble at Ocala, FL

Nostalgia then led them through Sill, the TX oil fields and Camp Shelby, areas where Jack had spent most of his pre-WW II career. In mid-Jul, they reached Denver for a 705 TD Bn reunion and visited with niece Polly Corbly Bartlett (**Jack & Mary Corbly's** daughter). Polly showed the Dibbles around town, including the Mile High dog track, where Jack won the quinella in the 5th and then lost the whole wad on the last race superfecta.

By the time you read this, you should already have received **Woodie Vaughan's** letter giving a special status report on our 50th reunion gift of an illustrated history of WP. In summary, after some differences and disagreements with the original author on scope and content, we have replaced him with Dr Theodore J Crackel of Carlisle, PA. Crackel, a good writer, is a mil historian with 2 tours at WP with the Dept/Hist. He thoroughly understands and agrees with what we and the publisher hope to accomplish with this project. Some additional costs have been incurred by the author replacement, but they are within our original contingency estimate. Meanwhile, Crackel has moved out quickly and we still have high hopes (though not a guarantee) of publication in the fall of 90.

In late Jul, **Thad & Jean Nosek** returned from a 3 wk visit to Poland. They go there now and again to visit contemporary generations of his family, to see the sights, and to polish his Polish. On this latest foray, Thad was kept busy: he visited with Cardinal Glemp, the Polish primate; met for an hr's talk with Lech Walensa; and attended the ceremonies in the Warsaw marketplace when Gorbachev came to town.

For classmates who couldn't escape the DC area during the Aug dog days, **Kermit Dyke** and **John Burfening** arranged a luncheon at McNair just before I sent these notes to WP. There were 20 of us there. The size of the gp shows how hard it is to get out of town when it's hot; it also shows how easy it is to assemble a gp to talk about the Class.

Thad Nosek told the gp of his reunion comm's current planning for the 50th. After watching other class reunions and spending much time on the road, they looked at the available housing alternatives and settled on the Holidome. This is the Holiday Inn in Suffern, about 35 mins from the Plain by bus. We now have a block of 200 rooms there for our 50th, enough to house all returnees together in a facility fairly close to WP. Now the comm is branching out to plan other aspects of the reunion—program, meals, souvenirs, and entertainment—and the less glamorous logistic matters like transportation and financing. And **John Burfening,** we note, has been volunteered as reunion treas. In short, they're well on the way in planning for the reunion.

John McLean also talked with the McNair lunch gp about how to make contributions in support of the Class 50th Reunion gift, since confusion has arisen in a few cases in the past. If you wish to support the Class gift, make your check to "West Point Fund" and *also* mark your check: "Class of '40 Gift." If you *don't* include this reference to the Class, your gift will go into the general, unrestricted part of the fund and will *not* help the Class. Mail your check to Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996-1780.

I'm sorry to report several items of bad news. First, I had a phone call from **Syd Fisher** reporting that **Harry Bunze** died 10 May at Redlands, CA after a heart attack. You may have heard that **Kay Bunze** had died earlier on 22 Feb 87. The Class offers its sympathy to their son, Victor F. '63, who can be reached at his home at 88 Armand Rd, Richfield, CT 06877.

Next, the AOG passed word that **HT Simpson** had died 8 Jul at Hampton, VA. Harry had been living in Portsmouth, VA as a widower for some yrs. We offer our condolences to his daughter, Mrs Mildred S Anders, who can be reached at 1340 Ruddy Oak Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23456.

Then, we were greatly saddened to hear that **Paul Deems** had died in L.A. on 31 Jul after several mos of increasing illness. Paul's truly marvelous sense of humor was reflected in his letters and drawings right up to the end. We'll miss him and we send our deep sympathy to **Alice,** who is at their home at 1934 N Serrano Ave, L.A., CA 90027.

Our thanks again to **Sam & Kim Webster** for organizing and carrying out the Carmel mini. Now to get ready for the 50th!

'41

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The season for '41 headlines is still with us! And the fabulous news is that the new field house at WP will be named in honor of **Bill Gillis,** and the hockey rink will be named in honor of **Joe** and Honie **Tate**! Dedications are scheduled for this winter at an appropriate athletic event in each venue. As you know, Bill Gillis was KIA while leading his inf bn across France. Joe and Honie were both in the Air Corps—Joe in bombers and Honie in fighters. Joe, a sqdn CO, was KIA on a bombing mission, and Honie, flying P-47's, was KIA 10 mos later.

Mike Greene also asked me to report that work will begin soon on the refurbishment of the **Kelleher-Jobes** Memorial Arch—see the artist's sketch herein.

1941: A soon-to-be new look. The Kelleher-Jobes Memorial

And Mike sent along a very poignant letter from MAJ Stone, the outgoing "Special Asst to the Com for Honor Matters." MAJ Stone added, "You are a dedicated, devoted gp who have, acting for your class, continued to maintain and improve a lasting tribute to a fine classmate and hero, a tribute that means so much to the Cadet Honor Comm and the Corps. **Nininger** Hall is a special place, one that evokes a very solemn yet prideful air, one that only a graduate or member of the Corps can fully understand. Your class understood the significance of the Code and System to this institution; many, many classes will reap the benefits of your knowledge."

The Atlanta maxi was a cold 3.0 in every respect! We even had perfect weather. The comm could not have done a better job, and pity the next mini organizers who will try to live up to this one.

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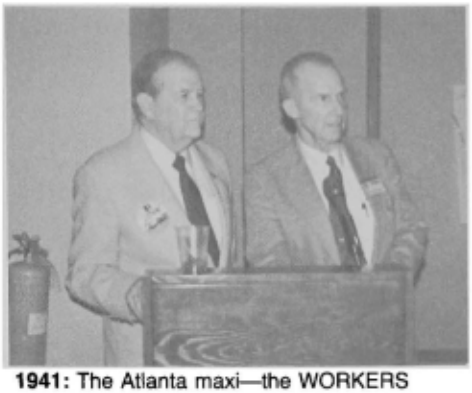


1941: The Atlanta maxi—the WORKERS

1941: The Atlanta maxi—the Bakers and Mike Greene

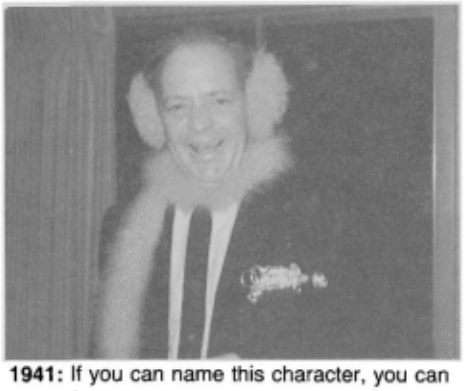
Those present—in inverse alphabetical order for a change were **Woolwines, Woodruffs, Vaughans, Van Hoys, Uptons, Troups, Trimbles, Towers, Tidmarshs, Thomas ARs, Tanouses, Ann Marie Sherwood, Terry Strain, Sterns, Sniders, Scotts, Smiths BJ, Betty Waitt Shearer, Schillings, Rotons, Rhynards, Reeds, Rameys, Ramees, Powells, Plumes, Neumeisters, McCools, Myerses, Jack Murray, Mouchas, Jean Moody, Bucky Miller, McKees, McIntyres JC, George McIntyre, Maynards, Maxwells, Mathers, Mateers, Moose Male, Magruders, Lileses, Lees LC, Lawsons RL, Kramers, Knowltons, Knowleses, Keagys, Kelleys,**

1941: The Atlanta maxi—the DRONES

Joneses MM, Humbers, Huffmans, Hickses, Hendricksons, Greenes MJL, Greenes LV, Greens, Graces, Fosters, Fletcher, Hilda Fitzpatrick, Ellis HV, Elsberrys, Edgers, Dixons, Diltses, Desserts, Deanes, Lucy Cooper, Corbins, Cochrans HW, Clearys, Christensens, Chapmans, Canellas, Campbells, Marion Camp, Callaways, Browns TJ, Browns HM, Brookses, Brinsons, Briers, Bakers, Averys, Burt Andrus, and **Ruth Adams**. We had some who were attending their first reunion. We had many widows who know they will always be part of our special gang. The golf, the tours, even the logistics were '41 outstanding! How sweet it was!

The last issue of *ASSEMBLY* had a pix taken during our Beast Barracks. A letter just arrived from Columbia, SC saying, "**Guy Goddard** and I (**Buster Boatwright**) would like to place our entry into the contest: 'who can name the most classmates in the picture at the top-left corner of pg 88, Jul 88 *ASSEMBLY*?' Our entry from L to R: **Mullins, Collins LP, Bizz Moore, Goddard, Fowler, Boatwright, Bobby Froeber, Hal Tidmarsh, Morton, Frawley, Moose Male, Paul Duke** (?), **Elkin Franklin, Charlie Fletcher, Cole, CC** (?), **Thigpen**, and possibly **Hume Peabody**. Send the prize to Goddard-Boatwright, % American Express, 7249 Stonehaven Dr, Columbia, SC 29209."

The local **Dave Gauvreau** Memorial Golf Tournament was bigger and better this yr, thanks to the hard work of our comm led by **Jim Carroll**. **Bob & Jo**



1941: If you can name this character, you can have him

Kramer were here from Atlanta just before heading to Jolly Old England to visit daughter Karolyn who graduated with an MD and is beginning a yr's fellowship in anesthesiology. **George & Betty McIntyre** are here "babysitting" a friend's home and enjoying high altitude golf, and **Jack Christensen** hopped over from CA to capture the trophy. **Muriel** had to stay and entertain son Jack, who was on his annual break from the rigors of life in DC.

Probably the nicest part of the long and wonderful wkend was the opportunity to greet two new brides who have joined our ranks—**Louise Hayduk** and **Brenda Lauterbach**. It was a first time for these lovely ladies to be with such a bunch of characters, and they handled it very well. **Bill** (who grabbed one of the trophies) and **Jerry Brier** were down from cowboy country. The **Henschkes** gave a lovely party in honor of Louise & **Al Hayduk**; the **Corbins** had an outstanding picnic on Wed; and the big game was scheduled for Thur with the awards banquet to follow that evening. The only problem was that the game should have been water polo. They got drenched and were only able to finish the first 9. Undaunted, the survivors—**Jim & Lou Carroll, Ben & Harrie Spiller, Mary Gauvreau, Mal & Alma Troup, Kay & I**—rallied at the banquet and a great time was enjoyed savoring the special '41 ambiance.

The book continues to make progress, but I am beginning to worry about the input of pictures. Please get a family pix in the mail, and if you can't find your "zenith" pix let me know if you want the publisher to lift out the one in your soldier suit that appeared in the 25th book. Thankfully **Ben Spiller** and **John Callaway** have given some much needed and appreciated support. John has committed two word processor capabilities in the off of his sons who are building shopping malls. We plan to have the bio section finished by this time next yr so the deadline is looming. And Ben has completed 8, repeat 8, "K" Co's: **Seneff, Samz, Meyer, Grygiel, Gribble, Sykes, Salinas** and **Tindall**! He urged me to enlist more "finger power"—editing and word processing does take time! And we are trying to hold down phone call and postage expenses.

By now you will have had an opportunity to read the outstanding job that **Jack Murray** did on **Jim Fowler's** obit. I phoned him to say how many favorable comments had emerged at our mini. He & **Roz** have moved into a new ret cottage in Chambrel. Address: 402 Greening Way, Roswell, GA 30076. Ph: 404-594-3167. "This is a new natl ret franchise—you rent and do not have to put up a fabulous advance payment. We'll still be traveling with the same '41 gang so there will be little change in lifestyle." He also reported that he is working again—special asst atty gen. His boss, the atty gen of GA, is Mike Bowers '63, one of his former students!

Vic Campana wrote a special note calling attention to the problem at the Cadet Catholic Chapel at WP. He quoted from Monsignor Cunniffe's recent report. "Unlike the other chapels at WP, and unlike those on other mil installations, Holy Trinity Chapel does not receive govt support for renovation or beautification. Holy Trinity depends for its existence on the generosity of all who worship here or have worshipped here in the past." Vic said they are facing a repair bill for the bell tower quoted at $122,000. Contributions will be welcomed by Rev Msgr John J Cunniffe, Most Holy Trinity Parish, USMA, West Point, NY 10996-1699.

After the AT maxi, **Hugh & Mary Jane Foster** drove to FL and stopped to see the "War Memorial Park" at Ft Lauder-

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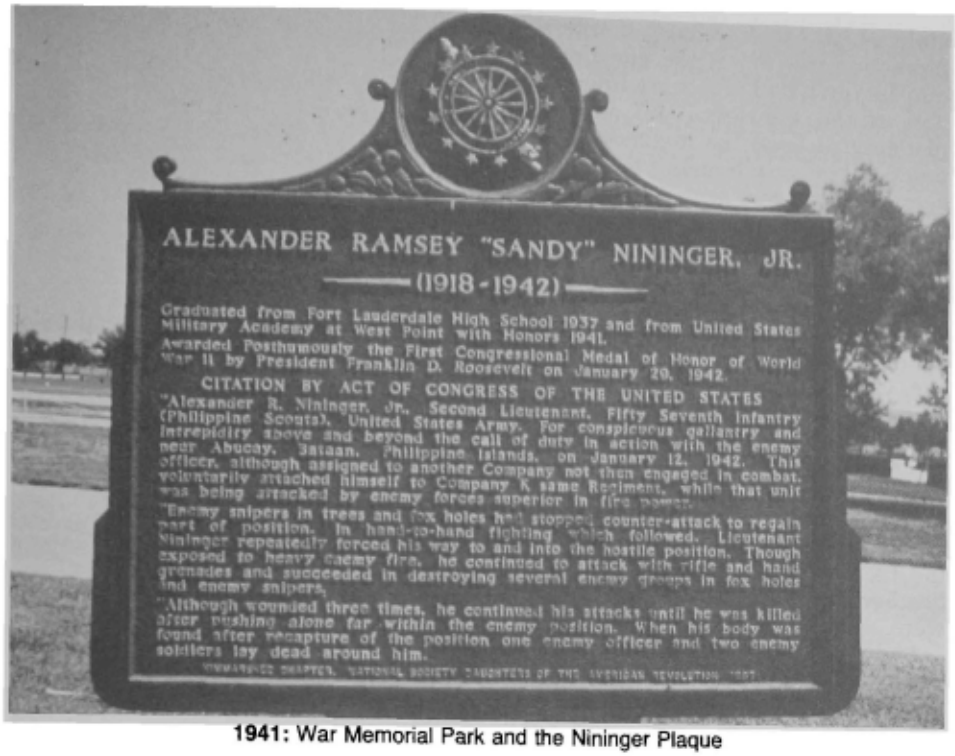

1941: War Memorial Park and the Nininger Plaque

dale and collected quite a bit of documentary info about **Sandy** from the Historical Assoc. There is a large plaque (see pix), plus the main road is named "**Nininger** Drive," and they are soon to add a plaque about Sandy to a "Walk of Honor."

Sadly, I must report that **Jean Buchanan** and **Judy McMillan** have each passed away. Judy died at her home on 13 Jul, and as you know, **Delly** is in a home with incapacitating Alzheimer's. No details on Jean except that she was buried at WP.

POTPOURRI: **Pooge Curtis** is home after a horrendous procedure plus heavy radiation, but the gutsy old fighter sounded great over the phone when called by **Wally, Jack**, and me during the mini. Interestingly, his surgeon was Dr Robin Cooper, (son of our **Bob Cooper**), LTC USAF, Class of '77 USAFA, who is ch of microsurgery at Wilford Hall (the AF equivalent of WRAMC). COL Walter Mather Jr, a USMA grad, has recently reported to Ft Stewart to take cmd of a bde of the 24th Inf Div. Phoned **Jane Poor (Kromer)** to learn that her second husband, Dan, died a yr ago but that her youngest son, Daniel Jr, had just finished his PhD at Tufts, and that the girls, Pamela and Marcie, with 4 children each were well and keeping in touch. Her address is 76 Augusta Natl Dr, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675. **Joe Reed** continues to lead in the bio/obit league—he has all but 5 "B" Co's over the first draft hurdle. **Spec Powell** has finished the book input for **Graham Waitt**, is working on **Chuck Schilling's** and plans to do **Howdy Clark** next. **Hank Bodson** claims a first—bio in at 500 words, official pix and family pix submitted and ready. Rosa Lee (**Unger**) **Richards** sent in the book bio on her dad, **Jess Unger**, plus the family input on husband Jack Richards, who said he had nudged his dad, John, to get on with a bio, and that he & Rosa Lee were moving to northern VA.

We have a lot to pop our chests up about these days despite frailties and departing loved ones. With **Nininger** Hall, **Gillis** Field House, and the **Tate** Rink added to our special memorial at the entrance to Flirtation Walk, the presence of the Class of '41 will be ever appropriately seen and felt at our Alma Mater.

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The brevity of this effort should give you some idea of the brief interlude between issues of *ASSEMBLY*, now that it's being published 5 times a yr. And the powers that be are talking 6 issues! Scribes of the world unite!!

A welcome note from **Ike Eisenschmidt** reporting that he was well on the mend from major arterial reclamation surgery. **Elizabeth's** son had been in a near-fatal auto accident but made a remarkable recovery to graduate with his HS class. As an RN, Elizabeth is now qualified to be a family practitioner! In the midst of all the trauma, Ike earned his IRS enrolled agent card. Whether that entitles him to professional courtesy from the IRS, or guarantees an audit of all returns he signs, remains to be seen!

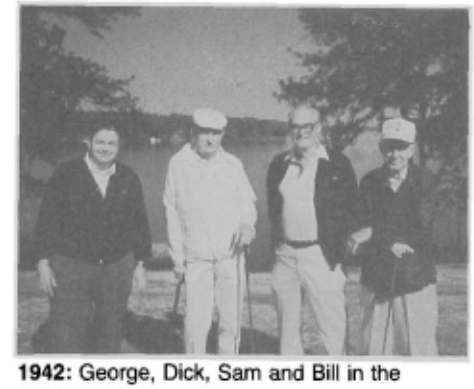
Floyd Robinson wrote to advise that on 24 May he became the reigning chm of the Class Exec Council. **Ed Farrington** is the vice, while **George Allin, John Sheffey** and **Jeff Davis** continue as secy, treas and historian. The latter 3 deserve special thanks for their labors, however much you may question their judgment! To remind you, the 50th Class Gift is in the able hands of **Allin, Mizell** and **Ulsaker**, the Gift Fund in the avaricious hands of **J Reid**, to whom you've no doubt already sent your check(s), the book in the proven hands of **Horridge** and **Watson**, and the reunion arrangements in the well-worn hands of **Cutler** and his welcome co-pilot **Yates Hill**.

In tidying up the affairs of his most effective administration, **Al Hunter** was thoughtful enough to send a note of thanks to your scribe for his persistence if not his prose!

A note from **Claire Horridge** commiserating with us over our adversities and advising that she'd been feeling puny. Tests at the USMA hosp had yet to pinpoint the problem. So far, no serious offers on their property. They've looked over the Carlisle, PA area, but still aren't sure where they'd like to move when the great day arrives. They were to have a family fest at Nags Head in Jul.

Bette Lou Plott relayed some snaps from **Helene Rehkopf**, taken when some of the golf gp descended on Columbus.

1942: Able seamen Dan & Bobbie Raymond aboard their party boat



1942: George, Dick, Sam and Bill in the Rehkopfs' backyard

Ec Cutler took time to send me a listing of the recently named athletic facilities at Usmay. Our efforts did bear fruit, and the hockey rink was named for **Honi Tate** and his brother Joe. How great to have such a fine friend and

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1942: Bette Lou, Cherie and Claire enjoying Columbus cuisine

classmate memorialized in such a way. Again, heartfelt thanks to Randy Hines for alerting us so we could get into the act.

Helen Kraft proved that she & **Bill** still read the paper with no comics by sending a clipping from the humorless journal about McDonald's problems with their Paris op. Thomas Allin, the head of dev for McDonald's Europe, was prominently mentioned and quoted in the article. Yep, that's **George & Mary Allin**'s son, who started out yrs ago as a lowly plebe in the co.

Phil Wyman had 21 heroes participate in the 6th DC area golf tourney. None can now play in the US Amateur as all were awarded cash prizes. Pity! The weak rose up and there were new winners in all flights—**Johnny Reid** psyched out **Marsh Waller** in the Black Flight; **Howie Slaton** out-putted **John Sheffey** in the Gold; and **Bill Ford** out-bogeyed **Larry Vogel** in the Gray! **Floyd Robinson, Ed Farrington** and **Carl Ulsaker** won the respective consolations. Best

1942: Golf winners congratulate each other at the Jun luncheon

comment by a hacker, "I'm hitting the woods just great, but having a terrible time getting back to the fairway!" Encouraging to note that the guy in charge of the money for our 50th gift made out like a bandit, with a handsome check for winning his flight and a not-too-shabby one for having low net in the 1st round!

And on the subject of **J Reid**, I offered to be his FL rep for fund-raising if he'd find a new scribe. His response mentioned something about the Peter Principle which I took to mean that further promotion was out of the question! By mid-Jul, he'd had responses from about 25% of the stalwarts, with almost all pledging at least the suggested minimum. If you aren't among the 25%, do keep in mind that your tax-deductible contribution is needed to prove that, as Papa Vauthier used to say, " '42 is zee bess class zat have evair graduate from West Point!"

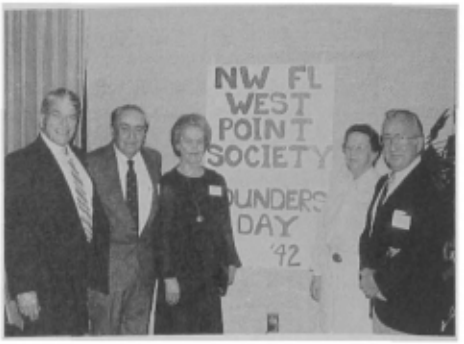
Peggy Fergusson sent a clipping advising that **Dopey & Jackie Stephens'** son Christopher, SMU grad and programmer/analyst at Electrospace Systems, was to wed a Houston girl on 16 Jul. Also enclosed was a Nashville newspaper account of Jackie's 1st place finish in the Triscuit recipe contest and another regarding Dopey's 2nd place finish in the TN Beef Cook-Off for his Tournedos Scarborough Fair! The pictures of both were as super as their recipes!

And speaking of **Peggy**, in early Jun we went to dinner at our favorite area restaurant with friends. As I headed to the "facility" late in the evening, a tall distinguished-looking gentleman paused to hold the door open. As we struck up a conversation, somehow he mentioned a brother who'd gone to WP. I asked, "Larry?" and sure enough it was **TT Galloway**'s brother! Sadly, he was there with his brother Joe, and his 7 children with respective spouses who had gathered for the funeral of his wife and their mother Jacqueline. There were many tears and as much hugging as can be imagined.

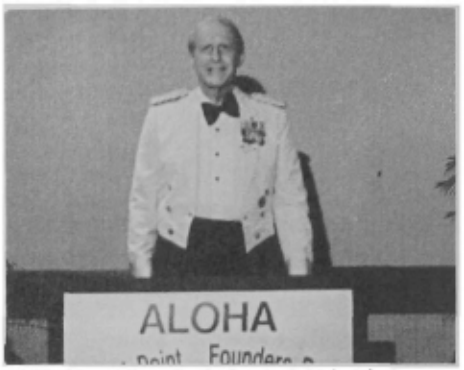
A report from **Bob & Marcie Bringham** on the Castine Clambake. Despite having fallen and broken her leg, **Jean Baker** abetted **John** in sponsoring a very enjoyable affair. Enjoying, in addition to the above, were **Andy & Lib Anderson, Larry & May Caruthers, Bob & Hancel Evans, Pappy & Julie Garvin, Lee Hamerly, Tom & Elma Hanley, Doc & Enid Hyde, Hank & Pat Harmeling, Jean Hughes, Jim & Pat McAdam, Hal & Alice Rice, Pete & Nancy Russell, Carl & Pat Ulsaker** and **Bill Zimmerman**. Lucky they had a real judge on hand to keep that gang out of the calaboose! Bob said that they'd thought of coming to FL but were afraid it would be too hot! And we were watching the temperatures in the rest of the country and being grateful to be where we were!

The RI area grads had **Andy Low** as guest speaker for their Founders Day dinner. His talk on his POW days and subsequent AF career was characterized as "interesting, meaningful and professional." And others who celebrated that day are pictured herewith, the photos being late because of going first to the AOG.

Though her uncle may not be much of an athlete, my niece Kathy Wagner won the natl championship in her class in tae



1942: Bob Spilman, the Halpins and the Roses provide a touch of class at Eglin AFB



1942: Tom Rienzi's tie is straight but he's listing to starboard

kwon do in Apr. She placed 2nd in the Olympic tryouts so might still show up in Seoul in Sep.

This effort is being penned in Kitty Hawk, where we've been joined by Sue and family for a a wk of sun and sand. Many fond memories of time here with the **Baxters, Plotts** and **Bob Shorts**. But—I suspect that it'll be our last view of Wilbur and Orville's stomping grounds. Snow birds in Naples at the height of the season are a pale imitation of the crowd here in Aug. Would you believe having to shop at the best food store before 9:00am or after 9:00pm?!?!

In a moment of weakness, **Bob & Hancel Evans** invited us to Montgomery and Lake Martin. On the way we slipped in to Ft Rucker to visit the Army Avn Museum and found it quite interesting. With the Evans' spread at the lake, we each had a cabin to unlax in. A beautiful setting. Like plutocrats, we went to two different restaurants via their party boat, and Bob proved as good a navigator in the pitch black as in daylight. Back to Montgomery to the impressive theater complex built by Red Blount where we saw an excellent production of "A Streetcar Named Desire." Thence to spend the night in their most attractive home where we found Dee Dee and son ready to accompany them back to the lake the next day. Such a treat to see the grown-up lady. A fun visit; well worth the long haul.

A phone call to the **Offleys** to check on Bobbie's arm problem, which continues but she hopes is on the mend. Butch's

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tennis team had won the local tournament and was on its way to bigger things. Their English friends, the Spriggs, who were on the cruise with us, were there resting up from an arduous schedule of touristing.

In concluding, we've now reached DC to see the kids and as many of the natives as can be squeezed into a brief stay. On the way, we "did" Busch Gardens with a 7-yr old grandson. It's now "Busched" Gardens as far as this grandparent is concerned!

Hope the long, hot summer hasn't dried up your good intentions, and that you'll keep me posted on your doings.

Jan '43

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According to Paul Child (editor of the *ASSEMBLY*), it became necessary to reduce the volume of class notes in the Jul issue of the *ASSEMBLY* from 119 pgs to 108 pgs just prior to publication. As a result, we lost a few lines and a snapshot, which make a good beginning for these notes. So here we go:

• **Bill & Dorothy DeGruchy** and **Fred & Helen King** enjoyed a Caribbean cruise on the *Regent Star* in Feb when the weather in the DC area was a bit like the "gloom period" when we were at USMA. The highlight of their trip was a partial transit of the Panama Canal during which Bill spotted a number of places that were familiar to him from the yrs when he was growing up in the Zone as an "Army brat."

Jan '43: Fred & Helen King and Dorothy & Bill DeGruchy enjoying a Caribbean cruise

• **Bill & Doris Pitts** are enjoying their new residence overlooking the city of Riverside, CA some 500 ft below with snowcapped mtns just beyond. According to Bill, he is "staying mighty busy serving as chm of the bd of trustees of the AF Village-West (a retmt community for offs of all services) and on the bd of trustees of the March AFB Museum."

• **Frank Camm** (pres of the ARRF-Potomac) announced that procedures have been formulated for members of other services to become residents of the ARRF-P's Fairfax (on the south bank of the Potomac) on a space-A basis. Meanwhile, the Marriott Corp (which is also building the Fairfax) is hoping "to build Falcon's Landing, a residential community for 400 retd AF offs on an 88-acre parcel of land near old Ft Washington on the north (MD) side of the Potomac; but the local Tantallon residents are opposing the dev because it will obscure their view of the Potomac."

• **Don & Louise Wilbourn's** grandson, Doug Crissman ('88 and our second "Class grandson") chose not the Arty (like his grandfather) nor Engrs (like his father), but Inf.

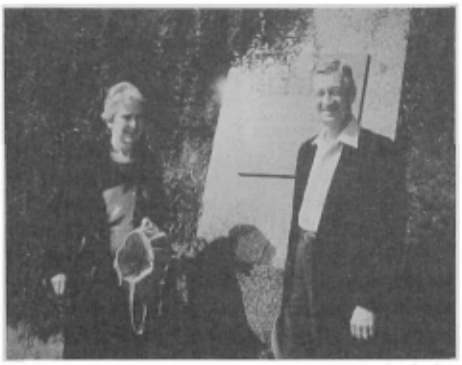
And, now to continue with more news from here and there:

• The 7/25/88 issue of the *Forbes* magazine contained an excellent article ("They Have Faith in Us") on **Bob McDermott** and the growth of the USAA under his mgmt since 68. According to the article, Bob was "irked by an Ernst & Whinney survey of 154 insurance chief execs in which they ranked customer service 11th out of 15 priorities. At USAA, said Bob, it's number one. And if you put service number one, everything else will follow." The article also featured an eye-catching photo of Bob playing his trombone.

• In his 5th "Before the Battle" article in the Aug issue of the *Army* magazine, **Fly Flanagan** discusses the modus operandi of various cmdrs (e.g., Arthur S Collins and Michael S Davison) in visiting their troops and, in the case of Paul L Freeman (as V Corps cmdr), being visited by Pres Kennedy. If the comments in the *Army's* letters-to-the-editors to date are valid indicators, then Fly's monthly columns are off to a "flying" start!

• **Pappy & Jane Doyle** drove into town (DC) at the beginning of Aug for meetings and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Assoc of Former Off of Special Investigations (USAF) Special Agents. Pappy essentially "ran the convention" and will actually become pres of the assoc for 2 yrs in Jul 89.

• **Jim & Alice Frankosky** accompanied the NYC-based bd of trustees of the Kosciusko Foundation on a very enjoyable 2-wk tour of Poland during Jul. As I recall, the last classmate to visit Poland was **Frank Kajencki**, who visited his cousins in Gdansk in the spring of 81 when the Solidarity Union was having problems with the Polish govt. In any event, the Frankoskys visited Warsaw and 5 other cities, including Cracow and Gdansk in a comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes bus. Throughout their tour, they were most impressed with the indomitable spirit and pride of the Polish people, their meticulous restoration of the ancient cathedrals, castles and city centers, and their pro-Western orientation. Unfortunatley, Jim didn't pick up any new Polish jokes, so he'll continue to amuse us with his current repertoire.



Jan '43: Alice & Jim Frankosky at Kosciusko's monument in Cracow, Poland

Here in the Wash DC arena, some 38 classmates and their wives got together at the ANCC for our annual summer business luncheon and were delighted to welcome out-of-towners **Steve & "Sam" Benner** from San Ant and **Adrian St John** from Vienna, Austria—where he continues to serve as our sr mil advisor at the MBFR and emerging CST negotiations.

Jan '43: Steve & "Sam" Benner (left) from San Ant with John Norris at our ANCC Class luncheon

Jan '43: Adrian St John, our sr mil adv at the MBFR and CST neogotiations in Vienna, Austria, visits with Alice Frankosky

This will be "the Saint's" 6th yr in the MBFR post. The Benners were en route to Nova Scotia for another cycling venture, but arranged their itinerary to include our Class luncheon and our 50-yr reunion at Edgewood Arsenal, MD arranged by none other than Adrian. Incidentally, **Bob Fiss** recently attended the 50-yr reunion of his HS class in Fairfax, MN, and **Barbara Fiss** was nominated to be secy of the American Compensation

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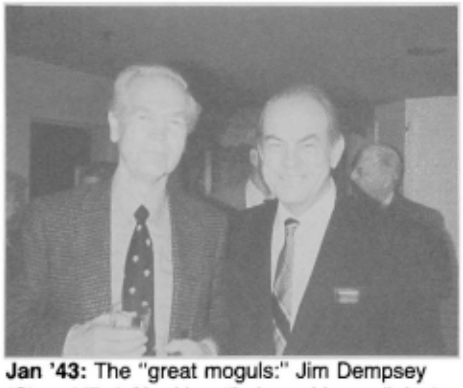
Jan '43: Jack Armstrong (left) enjoys one of Jim Frankosky's "Polish jokes" at the ANCC

Jan '43: Alice & John Ross (seated) with Rose Marie Pietsch at our summer luncheon

Assoc, which is a likely step on the ladder to becoming pres.



Jan '43: The "great moguls:" Jim Dempsey (Class VP, left) with a "hale and hearty" Jack Shaffer at the ANCC

Jan '43: Bill & Rose Marie Pietsch (seated) with Ed Doran at our ANCC luncheon in VA

No sooner had **John Norris** (Class secy) sent out the latest 6/1/88 edition of our Roster of Classmates and Their Wives to all classmates, widows, Class associates and the AOG, than he began to receive changes. So, for the purpose of keeping your rosters current until John publishes a replacement some time in 89, here are the major changes:

- **Julie Burr** (**Charlie's** widow), 829 Senate St, #9C, Columbia, SC 29201.
- **Bill & Jean Cucolo**, 2522 Palm Dr, LCC, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.
- **Mara Donaldson** (**TQ's** widow), Box 507, Rte 2, Shippensburg, PA 17257.
- **Ed & Joyce Hardebeck**, 205 Triunfo Canyon Rd, Westlake Village, CA 91361-7133.
- **Wanda Lewis** (**Bill's** widow), Rancho Las Palmas Country Club, 47 Cueta Dr, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270.
- **Mike & Phyllis Robinson**, 784 Brooks Drive, Eugene, OR 97405.
- **Jeb & Marge Stuart**, 2066 Elkins Place, Arcadia, CA 91006.

In a letter to **Frank Camm, Jeb Stuart** reported that he "started a 2nd career as an air pollution control dir for Riverside County (CA) after he ret from the USAF in 72. Subsequently, I became exec off of the So Coast Air Quality Mgmt Dist (So CA). Trying to clean up L.A. smog was a challenging experience. Now I'm into a 3d career as a part-time environmental consultant which, with several rounds of golf a wk, keeps me fairly well occupied. We plan to move to north San Diego County in a yr or so to get out of the growing urban blight of the L.A. area."

- **Jack Armstrong** (the "All-American Boy") joined the ranks of our heart bypass classmates when he had a quintriple heart bypass on 7/11/88. Fortunately, he was under observation at the Fairfax Hosp here in VA when the attack occurred, but unfortunately, he's still in the hosp due to some complications which we trust will soon be overcome. Meanwhile, Jack wishes to thank all of you, including **Bob McDermott** (another quintriple bypass veteran), for your calls and letters of encouragement.

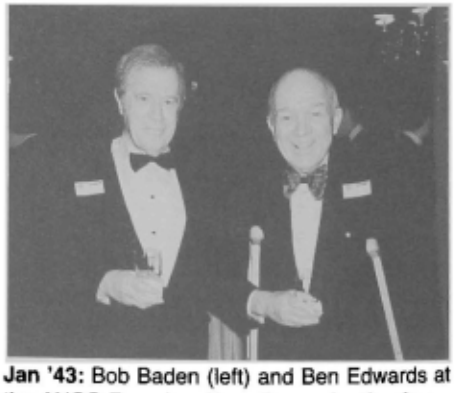
We are saddened to learn of the deaths of

- **Jack Dulaney** on 5/12/88 in Atlanta, GA. He had suffered from the long-term effects of osteomyelitis (a bone marrow infection) which was the result of grievous leg wounds during the Normandy invasion of 44. **Jake Shultz** and I visited him in a Memphis, TN hosp while he was still being rehabilitated in 46. Jack was retd the following yr for physical disability and subsequently joined the Allied Chemical Corp, for which he worked some 22 yrs. A graveside service was conducted for Jack in Arlington Natl Cemetery on 5/16/88 with his wife (**Jerry**), children (Tom, Jack Jr, and Sue) and 23 classmates in attendance. During the service, **Jack Wheeler** delivered a poignant testimonial.
- **Sue Lewis** (**Herb's** wife) on 4/30/88 in Denton, TX. Sue enjoyed Army life with Herb and was involved in many activities, including volunteer work with the Red Cross and post libraries. In Denton she was active in the Art Guild, the Denton County Museum and in bridge clubs. She died suddenly of a heart attack and was interred at the Arlington Natl Cemetery on 5/4/88 with Herb and their 4 children, his brother (Jim '38 and Class scribe), family, and a gp of classmates in attendance.

Our congratulations to

- **Charles & Margaret Heltzel** on the arrival of their 1st grandson (Christopher Charles Cornwell) via their daughter (Leslie) in Manassas, VA on 7/19/88. Margaret promptly moved to Manassas to help Leslie with their new grandson and 3 yr old granddaughter.
- **Ace & Lorrie Elliott** on the marriage of their younger son (John) to Maria Castells in the St Phillip Church in Falls Church, VA on 7/9/88.

According to **Bill Knowlton** (chm of our 50th Anniv Gift Comm), the list of $500-or-more contributors now includes **Jim Aleveras, Joe Hamilton, Harry Pritchett, Milt Stevens** and **Whizzer White**. While lecturing recently at Ft Knox, Bill was decorated as a Distinguished Knight in the Order of St George "for long and distinguished service to Armor and Cav." The decoration includes "a gold medal around the neck on a red-and-white ribbon." Bill also reported that the latest issue of the new magazine *Vietnam* features an article on **Tim Brown's** brigade of the 1st Cav Div.



Jan '43: Bob Baden (left) and Ben Edwards at the ANCC Founders Day dinner shortly after Ben's first hip replacement

Jan '43: George & Edna Maertens (left) and Betty & Tom Griess celebrate Founders Day in Phoenix, AZ

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The Founders Day snapshots in this column were provided by **Arch Hamblen** (our "June '43 classmate") who attended the ANCC "formation" with former "B Co files" **Bob Baden** and **Ben Edwards**, and by the AOG.

Jan '43: Marie Muldrow (left) and Dot & Cliff Butler at the Founders Day get-together in Salt Lake City

We trust that you've survived this long, hot summer and that we'll be seeing you at USMA on 9/28/88 to celebrate a fall version of the 45th anniv of our Jun-in-Jan grad.

Jun '43

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This column is odd. (What else is new?) What I mean is that I am writing 5 wks in advance of our 45th Reunion, but when you receive this issue, the reunion will be about 5 wks past! So, I can't give you reunion info or become ecstatic about our Great Gate project; for by the time you receive this, you will know as much about it as I do. Suffice to say that at this time the tower is complete, the scaffolding is down, and our beautiful edifice is the talk of the post. My report of the reunion will appear in the Dec issue. This time I will try to catch up on other news that didn't make the last issue, or has come in since then.

As reported last time, **Georgene Hagen** (widow of **Dale**) and **"KP" Kilpatrick** were married in San Ant on 30 Apr and now we have a picture. Our best wishes to them for many long and happy yrs.

From Scottsdale, AZ the old prospector **Les Hardy** tells me that "While the **Coffmans** and **Shorts** were having a short smile in our living room, I received a call from **Bruce Koch**, whom I had not heard from since graduation. We plan to get together soon." Meanwhile, at El Rancho Hardy here are (L to R) **Harvey & Skippy** Short, **Howard & Carolyn** Coffman, and **Betty** & Les Hardy.

Here's a good Founders Day photo that didn't make it last time. Let's try again. Shown at Ft Bliss are (L to R) **George Alexander, Ed & Sylvia Walsh, Don & Ruth Mehrtens,** and **Charlie Abel**.

Jun '43: Newlyweds Georgene & KP Kilpatrick

Jun '43: Quint & Liz Atkinson, Epsie & Ed Suatengco

Jun '43: Out in AZ

Jun '43: Chez Sonstelie—CO Springs

Jun '43: Jun '43 at Ft Bliss

Quintus Atkinson, by one of those coincidental connections that make life interesting, brings news of a classmate long unheard from. All of us, I'm sure, have noted **Rocky Ileto's** career as a sr gen, ambassador, and more recently, a minister of def in the Philippines. But what of his compatriot—**Ed Suatengco**? Well, it seems that Quint's brother-in-law, Bill Stone '46 met Ed & his wife through **Harvey Short** during service in Manila some yrs ago and became friends. So while the Suatengcos were in this country visiting their children last summer, the Atkinsons met with them for lunch at the home of Quint's sister in Bel Air, MD.

Between ski runs at CO Springs last spring the **Blanks** took refuge at the **Sonstelies'** new home and were joined there by the **Becketts**, who are long-time mountain folks. Here they are (L to R): **Lemon & Kathy** Blank, **Bob & Val** Sonstelie, and **Marve & Tom** Beckett.

From **Bob Dwan** I have learned that **Jane Love** (widow of our classmate **Tom Love**) died of cancer after a long illness on 31 May at Centreville, MD. Jane had contributed to our Gate project in memory of Tom, and was pleased that the *Dossier* magazine cover picture of their daughter Sally was reproduced in the column in the Feb 88 issue. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sally and the family.

Jack McGregor advises that Vol III of *The Global Twentieth*, a collection of accounts compiled by Chester Marshall and **Sy Silvester** about WWII air ops in the Pacific, is now available from Chester Marshall, 2990 Watson Rd, Memphis, TN 38118. Speaking of the McGregor, his family clan presented him with a surprise birthday party at Andrews AFB, complete with a bagpiper, a roast toast, and great general glee. (Jack never worries about "the notch"—it's after his time.) At this party, statistician **Bill Roos** was scheduled to speak, and so he did—in spite of being on crutches. That very morning he had sustained a double fracture of his right foot in a freak fall while doing yardwork, but he turned out for Jack in spite of same. Stout fella! (Better stick to the computer, Bill. It might blow your mind but it won't break your leg.)

Bud O'Connor has shared with me a letter from **Warren Rogers**, who wrote, "I had a total hip replacement on 3 Mar at the Las Cruces Memorial Gen Hosp. Dr **George Alexander** was the anesthesiologist. The op was successful and I am getting about with a walker until my bone cells grow into the porous metal

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implants." Hence, he did not expect to make the 45th, but we hope his recovery continues with best success. . . . Another note from and for San Ant: **Jug Young** is back at home after serious treatment at Brook AMC, and I'm sure those of you in that area will keep us posted on his condition. . . . Locally (to me) **Mary Davenport** and **Gary Black** both underwent serious ops at Fairfax Hosp on 6 Jun and are now at home in the recuperation phase. Davenports hope to make the 45th, but Gary will not. However, in a phonecon with him early in Aug he told me that after some post operative complications, he is now doing well. He was quite "upbeat" and we'll trust his status so continues.

From the *Washington Post* for 30 Jun I note that the Preservation Soc of Loudoun County, at its awards presentation ceremony, gave first prize for "Preservation Through Restoration" to the "**Cocroft** Stone Cottage, Leesburg." Congratulations, **Nancy**! **Rex** would have been proud. . . . And from the same paper for 11 Aug we learn that **Connie McAdam**, whose public service accomplishments in Arlington County were reported last time in this column, has been selected as a member of the American Natl Red Cross Comm on Convention Org. Connie is now serving her second term as pres of the Arlington County Red Cross Chapter.

In Jun, **Harvey Short** (possibly in preparation for the 45th) organized a mini-reunion of himself, **Dick Orphan** and visitor **Howard Coffman**, featuring a tour of vineyards in Yountville, CA and climaxing with an elaborate wine tasting ceremony at the Beringer Vineyard in St Helena, CA. Joviality reigned, but I have to assume they left some stock with the owners. . . . On 23 Jul at St Leo's Church in Fairfax, VA **Bill & Marie Calnan** married off the last of their offspring when daughter Diane wed Mr John R Walaszczyk. Bill performed his fatherly role garbed in beribboned Blues, into which he fitted very well indeed. (This off recommends that all male recipients of this advisory try on their Blues to see if the buttons will button. If not, appropriate action should be initiated with the least practicable delay.) . . . From Williamsburg, VA **Bud** ("the Fox") **Fredericks** reports proudly on eldest son Scott's recent honors. Scott, a GS-14 with the US Environmental Protection Agency, was awarded on 25 May that agency's bronze medal for "outstanding mgt of the Field Investigation Teams (FIT) for 7 yrs." Congratulations, Scott. Good to see the kids getting the medals now—and not us!

The major Class event of the summer in the Wash metro area is always the picnic/splash party hosted by **Art & Barbara Surkamp** at their beautiful country home and estate near Middleburg, VA. This yr was no exception, and again we enjoyed a convivial gathering provided by the Surkamps' hospitality. The extreme and unusual local heat, plus conflicts with family reunions, etc may have diminished attendance; but during the event, a thunderstorm with rain kept us under Surkamps' porches much of the time and cooled the scene to comfort.

Jun '43: Arch & Diana Hamblen, Art & Barbara Surkamp

My best thanks to **Arch Hamblen** for providing these pictures in record time.

Jun '43: Betsy & Hank Romanek

The word has spread rapidly that our Gate had been successfully and splendidly built and that all work contracted for was rapidly nearing completion. The mood was one of satisfaction at this Class accomplishment, and anticipation of the 45th Reunion. **Bill Malone** made several administrative announcements, but no exhortatory speeches were made (or needed). Attendees included the **Dick Snyders**, not seen for too long previously, and I'm happy to present them, with friend, below.

Those on hand at **Surkamps** included (with apologies for inadvertent errors, if any) **Marianne Aaron, Billie & George Cantlay, Betty Anne & Deke Childs, Bill Cover, Arch & Diana Hamblen, Dick & Winnie Hemsley, Jack & Lois McGregor, Bill & Nancy Malone, Hank & Evelyn Morgan, Vivian & Jack the Duke of Novak,** and **Bud O'Connor**.

And the list goes on: **Joe O'Hare, Roger & Dorothy Ray, Hank & Betsy Romanek, Bud & Nancy Rundell, Annabelle Silvester, Dick & Mary Snyder, Frank & Bea Wood,** and **Dutch & Ginny Umlauf.**

Jun '43: Annabelle Silvester, Dick & Mary Snyder

Jun '43: Bud & Nancy Rundell, Bud O'Connor

Jun '43: George & Billie Cantlay

That's it for now. My next deadline will be 15 Oct, so please send me your good pictures and choice stories from the 45th well before that date if you can. By then I will have seen and celebrated with many of you. And for those who did not make the reunion, be assured that you were missed.

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Not particularly happy to divide a yr's fixed amount of Class news into 5 buckets (vice 4), I had planned to skip this Aug issue of *ASSEMBLY*. But you blindsided me; I have a basketful of cards and letters; some won't keep. So, here goes!

The news of the yr, in my book, is the *fourth* Encore '44. I have had time only to glance at its concept, scope and style. Even so, I take the liberty on behalf of us consumers to congratulate **Patton**, the

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producer. **Ollie**, while writing on 3 books for publication, somehow found time and patience to head up the band of worthies who put the book together: **Connell, Ginsburgh, Ott, Sullivan, Hayman, Farris, Bob Samuel, Cutrona, Gruenther, Parson, Willy Burr** and **Fred Porter**. Their work wound up on **Don Carter's** desk at his Eagle Graphics, among whose greatest assets are **Eleanor** and daughter Meg. There, all was turned into this fine book, a treasure for each and all of us. I look forward to many evenings catching up on guys who were once great fighters, then lovers and now just tellers of tall tales. Our thanks to Patton and Company!

We were saddened at the death of **Annette Callahan**, who succumbed to cancer on 11 Jun at home in Atlanta, where memorial services were held on 14 Jun. Funeral services at Old Post Chapel, Ft Myer, VA and interment at Arlington Cemetery on 15 Jun were attended by **Alex Maish, Tom & Maroi McGuire, Dave Ott, Nels & Donna Parson, Ollie Patton, Jack Peterson, Bob Samuel, Doc & Pat Schardt**. We extend the sincere sympathy of all to **Griff** and the family on their loss. Memorial contributions may be made to the Annette Callahan Fund, Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, 805 Mt Vernon Hwy, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327.

We learned lately and with much regret of the sudden death of **Frank Walton** in Houston, TX on 25 Apr. Frank, owner of a trailer park, following up on the rejection of a legal eviction notice to a tenant, was shot and killed by a woman and her 16-yr old son who managed to shoot to death the woman's common-law husband, the other principal disputant, as well. Helga, Frank's former wife, has remarried. Frank's survivor, along with a younger son and daughter of the marriage, is David Wayne Walton, 13008 Aquaduct, Houston, TX 77044, Ph (713) 456-0274. Frank is buried at Rosewood Cemetery in Humble, TX. We extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of a fine classmate and a worthy son of TX.

Harry Rogers writes that son Jeff '68, is finishing NWC and is about to pin on his eagles. Son John teaches intl law in Beijing on a Fulbright Grant until moving this autumn to U KY as a law prof. Daughter Wendy (pilot and MAJ, USAF) moves from her job as a Tac at the AF Academy, with her AF MAJ husband and child, to fly executive jets around Europe, in some right messy weather, I should add (after flying in it for 10 yrs myself). On top of that, the Rogers' grandson, Carter, is a new BJ yearling in the USCC, sez Gramps. (What did you feed those kids?) Harry is on volunteer bds and is a certified IRS tax asst for sr citizens. He & **Ginny** play tennis and swim.

Minton Francis presented the Henry O Flipper award to Cadet Jose Iberra on 24 May during grad wk activities at USMA. This award, in the name of the first black grad of the Academy, Class of 1877, is presented to the cadet demonstrating the highest qualities of leadership, self-discipline and perseverance in the face of unusual difficulties while a cadet.

Chuck Czapar got together with the wandering **Nick Fuller**, away from Antigua for 6 wks already, who was visiting **Jerry Hall** in DC en route to a wk in OK City with **Carl Anderson**. The 3 dined at Old Europe where Jerry, lifelong DC resident, had never been. For his oversight and lack of ambition, he was stuck with the check. Jerry's health is improving, we're glad to hear. Chuck sent along a couple of articles by **George Tuttle**, columnist in the Sun City, FL paper evaluating personal computers, VCR's and promoting "over-the-hill" games for the >50 crowd. Bien joue, George!

Speaking of games, **Hi Ely** announces that the 5th Annual '44 Ski Carnival will be held at Waterville Valley, NH the wk of 26 Feb-4 Mar 89. Any and all who have not joined that fun wk in the past are invited. Sign up with Hi Ely, PO Box 366, Flemington, NJ 08822. "Best snow conditions in the East and a new quad chair."

FOR REFERENCE, as to the availability of miniatures and Class rings for the Class of '44, the Balfour Co has complete dies for the '44 miniature; however Class rings may be struck only with the Academy crest on both sides, with the date on the base changed by hand engraving to read 1944. Address—LG Balfour Co, PO Box 270, 55 Northern Blvd, Greenvale, Long Island, NY 11548 (516) 484-2424. Keep this; letter to circular file.

Bud Partridge asks that we correct a glitch which appears in the new Encore '44: Former wife Sarah does *not* live in a "mobile home;" rather, "Sarah has a home in *Mobile*, AL near Carol."

Doug Kinnard writes that he & **Wade** are now settled in Tulsa and enjoying it. Doug will be visiting prof of poli sci at OK U for 88–89. **Barbara Brown** visited them in May during her Tulsa High class reunion.

Jackie & John Carlson, Don & Eleanor Carter joined a 14-day AOG-sponsored trip to see Russia's Imperial Treasures. Itinerary included Leningrad, Tbilisi (Georgia) and Yerevan (Armenia) where they arrived behind one set of demonstrations and left before the airport was closed in early Jul. Then on to Sochi on the Black Sea and Moscow.

If anyone present didn't have a great time at the **Whites'** Whitcairn Farm in (and ON) VA's Blue Ridge, mercy on 'em! It was a halcyon day on 4 Jun; sunshine, bright clouds, full-leafed trees, green grass. The ridges were

1944: Carlsons and Carters in Red Square, Moscow

green, blue, gray and smokey in the distance; the back lawn sported a striped tent and lotsa colorful shirts and dresses. A few tried their rusty hands and dimming eyes at skeet; I saw no pistoleros at practice. The board groaned with the variety of food brought by the revelers and the wine jugs marched forward in quick step to their destiny longside a foaming beer barrel. Too bad, but I had to leave (for a wedding) after a quick lunch and didn't get to visit much. The roster of 68 included out-of-towners **Al & Margaret Bethel** from Pinehurst, NC, **Kern & Jinks Pitts** from NC's Outer Banks, **Chuck & Ann Sampson** from Bluefield, WV, **Charlie & Jan Steel** from Little Rock, **Dave & Mady Zillmer** from Cherry Hill, NJ. We owe a debt of thanks to **Jim & Marian** for the significant work invested in their hospitality and for sharing their gorgeous home and view with us.

Well, I missed the Annual Class of '44 Class Meeting on 23 Jun, as I was en route Berlin as guest of the Berlin Senate for the 40th anniv observance of the Berlin Airlift. Although I flew C-47's into Templehof over 60 times that summer in 48, and had two more tours in Ger, was never able to go into Berlin, for puny official reasons. Anyhow, I got to see the town, both sides of the Wall. Then **Audrey** & I spent some days in Nurnberg, Vienna and Upper Yugoslavia. Back to the Annual Class Meeting—43 attended including out-of-towners **Almquist, Altier, Griff Callahan, Cushman, Eisenhower, Jackson, Norton**, and **George Wear**. (a) Motion was adopted to transfer $4400 from Gift Account in the WP Fund to unrestricted use by AOG and Supe in observance of our 45th Reunion in Sep 89. The account balance is $21,383.52. (b) **Morrison**, 45th Reunion chm, announced that the reunion CP and principal activities would be at the Holidome in Suffern, NY, not at the Thayer Hotel. (See mailing). (c) **Ken Cooper**, 50th Reunion gift chm, received 176 replies to his survey; 72% favored some sort of gift for the 50th Reunion. Ken will develop a specific proposal for consideration at the 45th Reunion bus meeting. Some interest was evinced in supporting

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the dev of a new hotel. More later from Cooper. **Steger** and **Mahoney** missed the meeting, too; sailing in the Med!

Phil McAuliffe wrote that **Jack Cushman** blew into Panama on a whirlwind visit to Southern Cmd Hq. Phil gave him lunch at home, being too short of time for the Canal tour with box lunch. Phil is surprised to find himself in Panama 9 yrs after retmt, with only one more yr as admin of the Panama Canal Comm before turning over to a foreign natl (a first) the op of a US Govt agency and the Canal. Phil is prepared to stay on to support a smooth transition. The Canal operates smoothly and safely in spite of the continuing crisis; through-put is up. However, Panama is no longer the enjoyable place it once was; it's an economic and political wasteland. Canal aside, everything else is in bankruptcy or hanging by threads. The very picture of health and youth, the McAuliffes, methinks, have found "THE Fountain" down there!!

1944: McAuliffes—the oldest grad in Panama, with bride—Founders Day 1988

Recently **Bill Humma** ret from his job with the govt of DeKalb Co, GA, had **Griff Callahan** and **Boning** as guests, and spent a little time in Piedmont Hosp in Atlanta. We trust these are all independent events and that Bill is well. In Jul, Griff was on the coast and visited with the **Roddens** and **Mitchells**.

Although it's a little late, I am happy to brighten the page with **Jean Tanner**, escorted by her first class fighter pilot in AF mess dress, protecting Ft Irwin and environs on Founders Day.

As any flanker knows, runts are a source of excess ambition, energy, disruption, noise, and hell-raising in overdrive; periodic outbreaks are to be expected but unpredictable. So I was taken aback at an invitation to come to a "happening" at Ft Walton Beach, FL organized by self-styled "Fishhead Runts" of G-1 Co—**Bob Armstrong** and **Curly Walters**. Although I was fully aware that some skullduggery was afoot, I was sorely tempted to go, somewhat lulled by the fact that both were AF colleagues of high repute. Unfortunately, fate intervened and the decision was ripped untimely from my calendar; so I have had to await the score card to see why any of the

1944: Howie & Jean Tanner; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

"Others" (non-runts and flankers) were asked except to be pigeons, marks and victimized. The mastermind turned out to be **Rojo Aldrich**, who floated the idea and then broke into hosp. (He has the makings of a planner—before it gets to be work, turn it over to ops!) Everybody agreed we were well-fed, flankers, too. These happened to show up: **Carl Anderson, Dave & Betsy Blake, Harry & Cathy Buzzett, John & Jane Calhoun** with daughter Ann, **Bill & Jean Charlson, Bruce & Fran Deakin**, the ubiquitous **Nick Fuller, Joe & Mary Alice Hale, Les & Martha Hendrickson, Everett & June McCoy, Chuck Mullin** (where you been, guy?), **Joe & Anne Phillips, Jack & Jennie Pollin, Dusty Rivers, Jim Scoggin, the Consigliari & Louise Vitullo, Bob & Jerry Wessels**; all joining hosts **Bob & Sally Armstrong, Curly & Carolyn Walters**. The Armstrongs' son Alan was dragooned as bartender and factotum.

1944: Anne Phillips, Jinnie Pollin and Louise Vitullo in bad company!

The invitation promised deep-sea fishing in the Gulf, but from reports and snapshots, the most I could see were a few deep-dish martinis all fished out for olives. Natch, there were games twixt runts and "others." Keen eyesight, low centers of gravity and coin-tossing dexterity insured that the runt team walked away with the loving cups. John Shortall Jan '43, mayor of the town, and lady were honored guests (and kept the local cops away, I suppose). Rojo was elected "King of the Runts," in absentia; served him right! Those present appreciated Connell's communique.

1944: Wessels with admirers and chaperone, Ft Walton Beach

I guess I was just being set up to swallow a press handout, but one "other" reported: in the fun and games, the "others" (**Anderson, Calhoun, Hendrickson,** and **McCoy**) claim to have outdone the runts on all counts until they were informed by the organizers that "low score wins." The runts ran around giving each other "low fives."

Some may recall my vow, on taking on this task, never to *ask* you to write; I affirm it. Notwithstanding, our Class pres and others have asked me to express *their* concern that the scope of this column needs broadening. Simply put, their view (which I share) is that we're writing here about too few classmates! The aim of the Class offs is to cover such of the activities of *all* of you as you care to share with us, insofar as space and editorial guidelines permit. We sincerely would like to see every name in '44 in this space every yr associated with some happy and prosperous activity. The bottom line is that I'll continue to be happy to work with what is received, first or secondhand; but if it concerns you and the sender didn't get it straight, mild regrets!

So be happy that there are not too many more dog days in Aug; soon the cool breezes of fall will dry the glow on our brows. GSOYP, A!

'45

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Jake Gatlin and **Loch Lochry** have been awarded the new academic rank of Prof Emeritus at the USAFA. This well deserved recognition was made on 3 May. Congratulations to them both.

Our DC-area classmates have been busy with Class activities. On 21 Feb the annual Washington's Birthday brunch was held at the Ramada Seminary Rd Plaza. Men's monthly luncheons continue to be held in SecArmy's dining room, Rm 3C664, Pentagon, at noon. Call **Hap Argo** (H: 780-5895, O: 823-8420) for reservations NLT 0900 day of luncheon—12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec. A spring party was held on 21 May at the **Fitzpatricks'** home

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1945: Jesse Gatlin and Robert Lochry at their award of prof-emeritus, USAFA

in McLean. This also included a brief annual Class meeting to elect new offs and members of the Bd of Govs. Graves of deceased classmates buried at Arlington were decorated at 0900 on 29 May.

A reminder. Class mini-reunion has been scheduled for 25–28 Apr 89 at Orlando, FL Sheraton World Resort. In addition, **Jim Holcomb** and **Larry Jones** are again organizing a micro-reunion on A-N wkend, 2–3 Dec. This is again to be held at the Phila Airport Marriott. Flyers on both these events were part of the Aug Class mailing. If you need more info, contact Class at PO Box 1145, Ft Myer, VA 22211.

1945: Litzi & Yale Trustin (on right) with '46ers; Founders Day 1988, Omaha

1945: Founders Day 1988, Phoenix

Les & Audrey Ayers were back in Guatemala for the first wk in May after a visit to the US for 6 wks. They visited **Jim & Betty Root** in Carmel, and attended Founders Day at the Presidio of San Fran where they chatted with **McGoverns, Everett Loves, George Wyatt, Phil Dolan, Picketts** and **Rasmussens**. They spent the night with Martha & Jim who were just back from a visit to Guatemala City. They missed **Bud Rinearson** but had a nice visit with **Joan** in Los Gatos. In AZ they had a nice visit with the **Fyes**. In San Ant they saw the **Rochforts, Rattans** and **Walt Root**. (**Dot** was in BigD for the wkend.)

1945: Pat & Fred Robinson

When they got back to Guatemala City they found 3 dental chairs, an x-ray unit and the compressed air drill-water-air unit needed for their dental clinic project. This equipment arrived as a result of **Toby Gandy** and other Rotarians gathering it in Boise, ID and shipping it via USAF under the Denton amendment. The system works as follows: service clubs (particularly Rotary) have plans to receive donated med equipment from local hosps, clinics or retiring professional people. The donor usually gets a fair-market value tax deduction. Club plans shipment to a needy place after repairing items to first class shape. Older equipment usually meets the needs of rural areas better. When available, Space-A air on USAF acft is authorized by Denton amendment. Final distribution is made by a local Rotary Club or other org such as Peace Corps, AID or CARE. If any of you know of available med equipment, contact Les to see if there is a need, and then contact local Rotary to see if they will be the sender.

1945: Keifers and James Morrises; Founders Day 1988, Ft Benning

Congratulations to **Ted Halligan**! Ted was elected to the USO Bd of Governors on 7 Jun as one of 16 nominees elected to the 85-member bd. Ted is managing dir of Piper, Jaffray, & Hopwood in NYC. He also serves as governor of WP Soc of NY, and of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Club.

1945: Del Fowler pins rosette of SAR membership on son John

I was in San Ant 6–9 Jul for the annual convention of barbershop singers. It was my first visit to that wonderful city. While I was there I called area classmates. **Dottie & Bernie Wichlep** attended one of the convention show performances, and I chatted with them for a while before the show. They both looked great and Bernie said he's teaching at U of TX at San Ant. **Walt Root** told me on the phone that he's writing a textbook jointly with Jim McKinley ('41 and one of our Tacs). Their subject is the Uniform Bldg Code. Walt had a construction bus but had to give it up when the TX slowdown came about a few yrs ago. **Dot** & he stay busy. All of their girls are in either Dallas or Houston. The **Prestons** have moved into the Army Retmt Residence in San Ant and have high praise for it. I had breakfast with **Snapper Rattan** along with **Rocky Rochfort**. We laughed that among the 3 of us were 5 hip replacements and one knee job. Snapper says daughter Jean is in Rocky Mtn, NC and one of the 3 grandkids is in coll! Nancy is in San Ant and is a patient rep at Brooke AMC. Son Mac is in the fast food bus but has plans to go back to coll. Son John is living at home and is doing OK. Rocky said that he & **Betty** have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Mary Irwin and 3 grandchildren live in Wake Forest, NC. Bob had 10 yrs in the Navy and now works in San Diego area for a Navy supplier. Bill and his 2 kids live in Atlanta, GA area. Betty's mother, who is 95, lives with them but travels a lot. She is General Larkin's '15 widow. Betty is **Harry Larkin's** sister. **George Adkisson** teaches at San Ant College and said on the phone he's doing fine. Rocky wrote me the end of Jul and said that '45 air cadets are gathering in CO Springs in Sep. **Rock Brett, Slade Nash**, and **Bob Hegenberger** have been doing the organizing. As of Jul about 60 classmates have said they would make the gathering which in-

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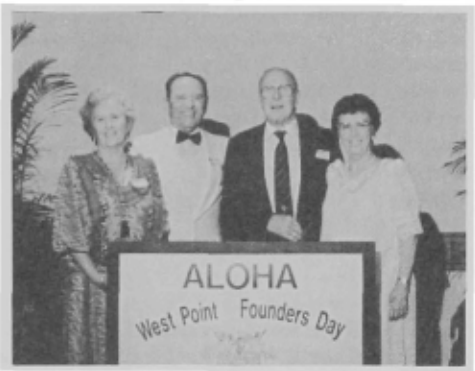
1945: Kane, Tierno, Smith, Wagonhurst; Founders Day 1988, Carlisle Barracks

cludes the AF-WY football game and other social activities.

Jim Elkey wrote me that he & **Lillian** were off to AK on a cruise-tour during the early part of Aug. **Jim Holcomb** called me to pass along 2 news items: **Dink & Valerie Nelson** have a new daughter, Brittany, who was born on 9 Aug. **Jean Bennett** has sold her Anchorage, AK home and is moving to Oceanside, CA.



1945: McMurdos and Stableys; Founders Day 1988, HI

Our youngest son, Jeff, & his wife and their 3 children (oldest one 5) and their 2 huge dogs stayed with us for a wk en route from Ft Lewis to Bethesda, MD. He's been an active duty Army veterinarian for 6 yrs, but was offered (at the age of 30) an opportunity to go to Uniformed Services Med Sch, and is doing it. He gets busted from CPT to 2LT and after graduation serves the Army forever. Jeff jokes that he'll be able to offer one-stop service—kids to the left, dogs to the right!

Beat Navy!

'46

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(168)It is the heart of Jul-Aug as I write these notes and we in the East, as those in the Midwest, have had it hot and dry. But, we have seen rain again. By the time you read these words the football season will be underway so—GO ARMY!

The efforts of **Jack McWhorter** to prepare obituaries are well under way. (See Feb 88 *ASSEMBLY*). He has acquired very attractive envelopes and letterhead. The Class crest is on the envelope with Jack's return address, and the Academy and Class crest on the paper with the title "USMA Class of '46 Memorial Project." The paper is gray. In a Jun letter Jack said that **Frank Schoen** called from El Paso to volunteer to write the article for **Dave Spellman**. Frank located Dave's brother, a former governor of WA. **Kyle Bowie** presented Jack some leads and **Bryce Poe** is working through the AF historian on some of the early AF deaths. **Ben Bellis** also presented some leads for Jack to follow, as did **Bert Stringer**. Others that have aided Jack are **Ransom McBride, Malcolm MacWilliams, Charles Simmons, Pete Grosz, Ralph Meola, Vince Gannon,** and **Steve Elmer**. An obit on **Will Gassett** written by **George MacDonald** in 47, but never published, has been located. Also, Poe had written an obit for **Rojo (MM) Williams** which was published. Jack has located brothers of **Al Woods** and **George Hirsch** who will help on their obits.

Jack has written recent widows to offer assistance and, as of now, is helping **Dolly Putzer, Shirley Felices** and **Elizabeth Marberger**. He and **Bill Bamber**, who is assisting Jack, feel we should list 3 names in each column to see if someone can help on obits for **Les Conger, Tom Gatch,** and **Steve Pagano**.

I was able to help Jack with the C-2 roommates of **Buzhardt, Convey, Dickson, Egan, Matejoy, Pitts, Sinclair, Vester** and **Wesolowski**. Buz and Wes were my "wives" and Dickson, Sinclair and Pitts roomed together. Hopefully we can locate some family members. We do know the whereabouts of Kit Sinclair's widow **Gina**, now Mrs Crane. My last contact with **Kay** Dickson was in 72. I knew all the C-2 roommate combinations thanks to **Wade Kingsbury** who had taken photos of each room during first class yr and I still have them. If anyone in another cadet co can help Jack with roommate combos, let him know; any little piece of data helps.

Charley Daniel has already written to **Jack** with some info on **Tom Gatch**, but if anyone knows a relative, let Jack know. **Max Feibelman** wrote with some data on **Felices** which might help as Jack works with **Shirley**. Jack will mail a form to anyone who knew something about a classmate during our days as cadets. He feels that will add something to the obit. In Jack's closing remarks he mentioned his wife **Millie** had to undergo a knee op for a joint problem in late May and was to be in a wheelchair for 6 weeks.

We still have some 88 Founders Day photos to publish. I might comment on one in the Jul issue which did not go through me and shows **Boyds, Bresnahans** and **Hoeys**, but indicated the left to right couples in reverse, assuming we always read from left to right. I now have a photo mailed direct to AOG but returned to me for identification. I'd like to think I know what you all look like, but you know better. I have been able to find some of you in our yr books and even our *Howitzer*, but as to the couple on the right, I'm stuck this time. Anyway, here's **Anne & Harley Venters, Jayne & Guy Rogers** along with you know who you are at Ft Sill.

1946: Venters, Rogerses and ?; Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

Phil & Betty Fryberger (on the right) mailed a photo of themselves with **Earl & Jean Van Sickle** taken on 19 Mar, Wyndham Hotel, San Ant for So TX Founders Day dinner. Also at the dinner were **Clair Book, Guy Troy** and **Gene Sprague**. Guy was in the area to discuss pentathlon matters, and Gene led those assembled in a stirring rendition of *The Corps*.

1946: Van Sickles and Frybergers; Founders Day 1988, San Ant

The last Founders Day photo is of a gp in Omaha when, on 25 Mar, that WP soc met for dinner. In the photo are **Florence & Ferd Anderson, Norma & Elisha Fuller, Barbara & Bill Kaliff** along with Litzi & Yale Trustin '45. Gordon Pahre '52 mailed the photo and stated he tried to get '45 to split from '46 but they didn't wish to.

On 21 May **Helen Chatfield** (**Jim's** widow) married R Adm Charles S Weeks, USN Ret at the Ault Field Chapel, Whidbey Isl NAS, Oak Harbor, WA. As Helen said in her letter, I will put Army and AF in past memories and will begin life with a Navy man and Annap-

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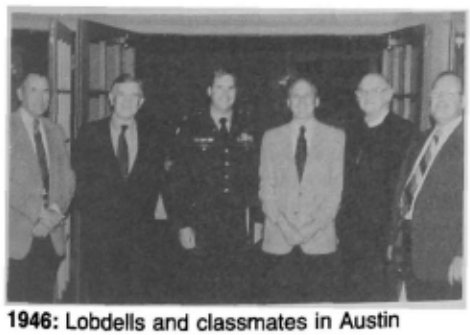
1946: Andersons, Fullers, Kaliffs and Trustins '45; Founders Day 1988, Omaha

olis grad! She had waited 19 yrs for the right man to come along and for the 6 children to find their way in the world. She wonders how she'll manage during the A-N game, and she also stated she knows everyone would wish them the best, and we certainly do just that. Helen's address—764 W Mt Baker Blvd, Oak Harbor 98277.

Will & Beebe Joffrion, along with **Andy & Jewell LaMar** were present when **Steve & Barbara Henry** were given a surprise 40th wedding anniv party by their children Susan and Steve and his mother. The party on 9 Jun was held at the Ascot Club in Baton Rouge, LA. The LaMars were surprise guests and Andy, who gave a toast this time, had also given the toast 40 yrs ago since he was Steve's best man.

H Lobdell mailed a photo taken at a luncheon of WP Soc of Central TX, Austin, showing 5 classmates: **Dick Fuller, Pat Pendergrass,** Lobdell, **Ray Whitfield,** and **Tom Agnor** along with LTC H Lobdell III '69. Young H, at the time, was cmdr of the 1st Bn, 5th Regt, 1st Cav Div, Ft Hood. He was there to describe his experience with a new org, a combined arms maneuver bn consisting of a mech inf bn and armor task force, which his bn was testing. H Sr, ex-AF, was able to avoid the argument among those who insisted an Inf off could not cmd Ar and vice versa.



1946: Lobdells and classmates in Austin

COL (Ret) Bob Dwan Jun '43 was kind enough to mail the obit notice for **Lynn Hoskins** who died 21 Jul in Tucson. He is survived by his wife **Beverly**, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and 3 grandchildren. Lynn's interment was at Highland Memorial Cemetery, Knoxville, TN, the city of his birth. He was a BG (Ret). Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Beverly and other family members.

COL Charles Sollohub '61 and dir of the Army Space Program Off (ASPO) in Fairfax, VA mailed some data about **Ed Houseworth**. On 29 Apr Ed ret a second time from govt service, now with over 38 yrs behind him. He arrived at ASPO in Jan 82 to contribute his technical expertise and foresight to their mission as the Army's program mgr for TENCAP (Tactical Exploitation of Natl Capabilities). Sollohub states that Ed made an invaluable and long lasting contribution to the program as well as passing along his skills to the young project offs at ASPO. He also wants to pass along his thanks for the privilege of serving with Houseworth. We also understand that Ed & **Miriam** went to Heidelberg this summer to visit with son Steve '74, now an Army dr.

The DC gp enjoyed their spring dinner at Ft McNair on 28 May. Acting as hosts were **George Webb** and **Mint Wilson**. The gp also enjoyed their annual picnic at Lake of the Woods on 25 Jun. Hosts were **Rex & Connie Beasley, Jim & Edith Inskeep, Bob & Betty Malley** and **Gran Rouillard** with hq at Beasleys. Since this has become an annual affair along about late Jun, you might plan to be in the area next yr and join in the fun.

'47

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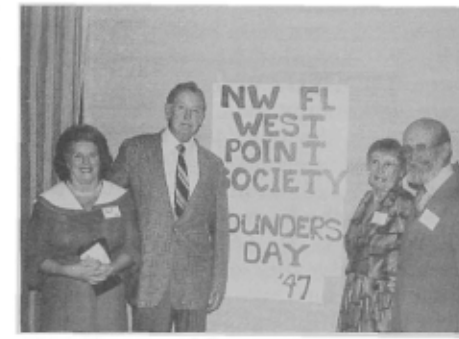
9/12

It's 4th of Jul; very humid but still dry. We're celebrating this super hot West TX day w/o fireworks. **Bobbi** & I drove to the Dallas area last wkend to attend the magnificent wedding of **Madeline Lemon Kunkel** (she came from Lubbock) to **Roger Redmond Bate** on Sun, 26 Jun at 5 pm, Messiah Lutheran Church, in Richardson. Many friends, working associates from TX Instruments, and family were in attendance. We were pleased to see Roger's twin brothers, Bob and Dick, again and many others last seen at PJ's wedding to son Donald in Friona about 7 yrs ago. Madeline & Roger wrote their own wedding ceremony; Madeline was escorted down the aisle by her brothers, Ronald and Robert Lemon. The wedding party employed practically all of the rest of both families to perform the necessary ceremonial functions; ie, ringbearer—Michael Kunkel (son); flower girl—Emily Bate (granddaughter). And so, as admirably expressed at the rehearsal dinner Sat night at the Oak Ridge CC in Garland by all family members, the 5 Bate and the 3 Kunkel children form one wonderful family now. Linda (daughter of **Jean & John Mastin**), who lives and works for a coffee concern in Dallas, took care of us. We drank plenty of decaf Columbian coffee while in Dallas. She had spent the previous wk in HI on a business trip. She contacted the **Edingtons** who stated that they were planning an extended trip to the Mainland in Oct.

1947: Linda Mastin, Bobbi Geraci, Bates and Geraci



1947: Youngs and Stewarts

The Wash DC contingent continues to have active, generally quarterly, get-togethers. Spring, many congregated at the **Johnsons'** in Fairfax Station, VA for a casual cookout. Summer, as reported by **George Harrington**, I was amazed that approx 48 attended the luncheon cruise on the *Dandy* (compliments of Al Futrell '46). **Barbara & Tom Flattery** came down from CT; **Mockie & Mike Maloney**, from West Chester, PA. Pomeroys, Hoffmans, and Brills, from '48, joined in. Fall, **Dick Rantz** says that plans are for a dinner theater event at West End Dinner Theater in Alexandria.

The **Tullys** don't retire; they just push ahead and get another promotion. **Jack** is now sr VP of Power Systems Sales, Combustion Engring in CT. Oldest son John was recently named VP of Parker Advertising in Dayton. Youngest son Jim grad in May from Xavier U with an MA in BA/Marketing. Daughter Meg & husband Joe Scholl, VP Shawmut Bank, have 2 children and live in Medway, MA. **Pat** & Jack will have 6 grandchildren soon. John & Debbie have a boy and a girl. Son Jay & Debbie have a boy.

The Class congratulates Kathy Haskin

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Erickson upon her graduation, after 19 1/2 yrs, from CA St in Sacramento with a BS in MIS (Mgmt Info Sys). Graduation

1947: Graduation Day for Kathy Haskin

day in May was very, very hot but still satisfying to Kathy and **Pat & Doc**. What a nice accomplishment! After persevering all those yrs, Kathy, you earned, and they should have awarded you, an MS! . . . I am sorry to report that Doc's mother died in Mar in Tucson after a short stay in the hosp with gall bladder problems. She was a grand lady. Those of us who knew Doc's mother, know where and why Doc acquired his wonderful personality and great attributes. She lived a long and happy life. . . . Pat & Doc continue to stay physically active in golf and tennis and plan an around-the-world trip in the fall. Around early Jun they heard from the **Rogers**. Apparently **Posy & Tom** were in Greece visiting the Acropolis, etc while on their annual basketball trip for Duke U.

Gerry & Bill Coghill reported in from their salmon fishing hole in AK (end of Jun). Earlier, when they were warming up in Scottsdale in Feb, the **Steinborns** visited them in their condo. And the **Currys** dropped in later there. But when

1947: Steinborns with Coghill in Scottsdale condo

the night disappears in AK, Gerry & Bill travel throughout AK camping in Denali Natl Park, at Gakona Lodge in W, Central Interior AK, and in the community of Hope (celebrating its 100th birthday). For Founders Day, Bill had to give his 5th "old grad" speech. This time he spiced it up with a 20 min flag ceremony tracing the history of our country through its flags. Has anyone else been the "oldest grad" yet, no less 5 times!? We know about **Bob Rosen**. How about you others writing in? The *Anchorage Times*, 4 Jun, displayed a beautiful front page pic of Bill and others in colonial garb, Revolutionary War uniforms, saluting the flag. The big salmon are still running in AK. Daughter-in-law Deb and Bill caught, as you can see, man-size twins on 17 Jun.

1947: Bill Coghill; Founders Day 1988, Ft Richardson, AK

1947: Kenai River twins

Two faithful standbys, **June Burner** and **Lee Lynn**, sent in very newsy letters. **Barb & Frank Boerger** visited the Burners as promised and then spent some comfortable vacationing time at the Grand Hotel in Mackinac Is. June &

1947: Jean Burner with Boergers in Okemos, MI

Jean Burner go up there for a last state conference in Aug. However, in early Jun the Burners made a quick trip to Boston to celebrate June's mother's 89th birthday. Unfortunately, on the day of arrival in Boston, mom broke into the hosp. We trust all is well now. After the Mackinac business trip, Burners are planning to leave on a 6-wk European trip to Sweden, Finland, France and Switzerland where they hope to meet distant family. But the main object of the trip, I believe, is to hug the grandchildren in Luxembourg. The following paragraph is a good example of an update to the 40th YB. "Jean Burner will leave PACC/PAAM service on 30 Sep. Jean joined the staff in early 75 after closing out a distinguished career in the US Army serving at home and abroad, attaining the rank of COL. He studied at the U of Madrid, U of Paris, and holds an advanced diploma from Middlebury College in VT. Jean's last mil asgmt was as prof and chm of the Dept of Mil Sci, MI State Univ. Over the past 13 yrs he has become a familiar face and a personal resource to prosecutors as a result of his role in PACC seminars and his travels about the state with our video tng road shows."

The Class garter was worn again, by lovely Eileen Edwards, daughter of LTC Eugene & Jean Edwards, on 2 Jul, at U of SC Chapel in Columbia, SC when she was married to our Tuck, son of **Lee & George Lynn**. George was busy flying family to and from Columbia. Despite a troubling back, George won a 2d place in a big (660 entrants) Eastern Sr golf tourney recently. He almost won as much loot as Arnold Palmer in his heyday. Great playing, George! Meanwhile, Lee continues to play good tennis with her young ladies. Daughter MaryLee & husband Jim Nugent are hoping to build their dream house on the Eastern shores. Daughter Kathy, asst supervisor of nursing at Fallstn Hosp, stays very busy. Maybe some of you have seen her lately, for she posed for a huge billboard advertising pic for the hosp. Very lovely but very big as Lee says. . . . **Duke Duquemin** is waiting a yr to join me in the 65 age bracket for Natl Tennis Clay Court Championship play in TN. TROA Bd of Dir bus and other bus in Orlando, HI and Argentina is taking precedence.

George Harrington sent me an article re **Ron Heiser** from 15 Jun *Washington Post*: "General Takes Cmd of Ailing College—Strolling on the beach is what **LTG Rolland Heiser** & his wife **Gwen** had in mind when he retd as C/S of the USAREUR in 1978. Heading to Sarasota, FL, he decided that the toughest decisions he wanted to make were whether to tee off late or fish the ebb tide. . . . The last thing he expected to do was to nurse back to health an unorthodox little college on the gulf coast that was going belly up from insufficient funds. . . . He liked that New College was founded in Sarasota as a private institution in the early 60's to provide a stimulating academic environment. . . . In the 9 yrs un-

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der Heiser, the foundation's assets have jumped from $1.9 million to more than $16 million. Heiser has raised $25 million, built an $800,000 conference ctr and found another $2 million for land expansion. Last wk, he won another legislative battle when the state appropriated the $1.5 million he requested to acquire a hotel near the campus as an additional dormitory and office space." You need to read the whole article to appreciate fully what a great job Ron is doing in Sarasota.

Bill Nairn reports that Nairns and **Congers** enjoyed a fabulous trip to China and Japan in Jun where they mounted or surmounted or just plain walked the Great Wall, revisited Bunny's living qtrs in 48 in Kobe, and viewed many other famous sights. As proof, see the infamous "Gang of Four" cruising on the Li River in China.

1947: Congers, Nairns on Li River cruise

I know we have just a few farmers in the Class. Hearing no screams of help, we trust they are surviving the drought of 88! Take care. Stay healthy.

As I was going to press, Linda Mastin checked in with us again to report that she did obtain a new promotion and job, being posted to Providence, RI; **Barb Boerger** said that they had the **Schuders** visit via Seattle for a few days in Jul. **Delistratys** joined in one day for a delightful mini in Bay area.

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Hello again to everyone—this is the last column before our 40th reunion so I'll try to wrap up all the news on hand so you can come primed to talk to your classmates. **Les Carter** reports from down FL way that he and **Hayden Bayer** took an 8-day sailing trip down the west coast of FL in Les' boat. Where do you two poor boys from TN and ME learn how to sail without sinking yourselves? Once again one of our seldom heard from classmates has reported in—**Doug & Ingrid Huie** are living in Daytona Beach, FL where Doug practices law and does a lot of public defender work. Doug, you didn't say anything about coming to the reunion; hope to see you there. **Donn & Letty Starry** joined **Jack & Marie Capps** at Founders Day at WP where Donn was the invited speaker. His remarks pre-

1948: Starrys and Cappses

sented a fine challenge to all present to improve WP and its graduates—I recommend you ask for a copy of his presentation when you see him at the reunion. **Arnold & Ione Braswell** visited **John & Connie McEnery** in Monterey, CA. Arnold reports John is the best conditioned guy left in the Class—one day he ran the Big Sur Marathon in 4 hrs and 25 mins, and the next day he's on the tennis court cleaning up all the competition. I don't know who's in the best condition but the picture below shows two couples who look great to these old eyes!

1948: John & Connie McEnery with Ione & Arnold Braswell

Founders Day in the NE US brought together the **Sheffields, Harry Buckleys,** and **Walks.** Organized by Bill Luebbert '49 and Jim Walk, the program featured no guest speakers, no speeches by the oldest and youngest grads, but just a toast to WP, the Corps, friends and classmates. Sounds like a great evening to me—why don't some others adopt that approach; it might bring out a few more of the faithful. **Chris & Jim McCray** wrote from Tucson that they and the family spent Memorial Day at Telluride, CO and it *snowed* all day. The McCrays say that the Tucson community will expand by yet one more '48 family when the **Norm Robinsons** settle there in a yr or two. Then just before press time, a card comes from the McCrays in Austra-

1948: Sheffields, Harry Buckleys and the Walks

lia where they have been enjoying snorkling on the Great Barrier Reef, the Expo-War Museum in Canberra and the wine country at Adelaide. They will spend about 3 wks there. **Merce Hughes** just got back from Europe, but is recovering from one of those strange "bugs" caught over there.

Uncle Sam sent **Jim & Sally Macklin** on a trip to Houston and San Diego where Jim passed on the latest news from classmates he contacted in the area. In Houston **John Edwards** reports that he remarried on 28 Jan—the bride's name is **Eunice**—we look forward to making her acquaintance at the reunion. John left USAA over a yr ago and formed "Car Engrg Inc," a firm whose specialty is providing expert witnesses for product litigation in the courts. John, **Harry Bettis, Ken Ruddy** and **Tom Phillips** got together in Houston for the most recent Founders Day.

In the San Diego area, the **Macklins** contacted **Bill Byers**; Bill is ch engr for a real estate dev firm called "Home Capitol," and reports that he's planning to ret on 30 Jun. Bill said he, **Willie Cook** and **Charlie French** are going to meet at the "Treetops" (whatever and wherever that is) and then go on to the reunion. **Mike Tashjian** said he was coming to the reunion—Mike is a partner with Coopers and Lybrand and says he's working too hard. Mike, when you get to the reunion, I want to talk to you about taking a little time off to "smell the roses"—it's great. In La Jolla, Jim talked to **Buck Borg** who is still teaching intl relations at San Diego State U; **Frank ("Lem") Robinson** said he ret from Gen Dynamics in Feb and is now a volunteer for the United Way in the Sr Victims Assistance Prog. Frank says it's doubtful the Robinsons will be able to make the reunion. **George LaPointe** is also in San Diego and fully ret now. Finally, Jim called **Joe Meyer**, who wasn't home in Escondido, but **Ginnie Meyer** gave all the news including the fact that Joe is a systems analyst and programmer for the San Diego Public Schools, is working too hard and should ret. The Meyers had just returned from Ginnie's 40th reunion at Stanford, and are looking forward to

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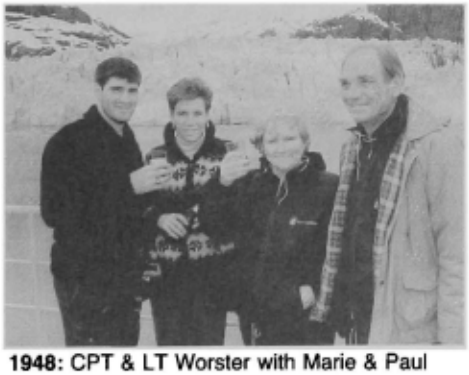
Joe's (and our) 40th with a stop along the way to see their grad student son at Penn State U. That's a good newsy report, Jim—now if there is anyone else planning trips anywhere in the US (HI and St Croix too) who wants to look up classmates in the area, give me a call before you leave. It only takes a second to boot up the computer and give you phone numbers and addresses. All that is expected is a news report when you return.

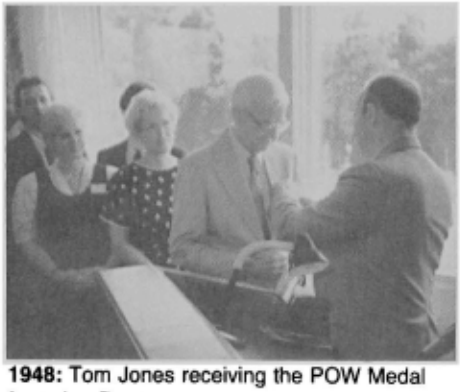
I can't believe it—"**Bear**" **Brennan** checked in with a postcard from Ger where he's visiting his son Michael '83, a CPT with the 3 AD. Ever silent as he always was, the Bear says Ger is just as beautiful as when he was there 28 yrs ago, but gives us no further news. **John & Anne Bellinger** are just back from a delightful trip to the Sierra Madre mtns in CA. San Fran was right on the way so they stopped to see **Phil Day**, who is enjoying his second and final retmt, but missed the traveling **Witherses** who were in the Mediterranean on a trip of their own. Speaking of Phil Day, he alertly noticed a picture of **Nelson (Charlie) French** in *Rotary's* magazine and sent it along; however, it is unreproducible here. **Paul Weaver** came alive after he saw his name in the last issue and came in with a nice letter on his & **Marie's** travels to AK. The Weavers' daughter, 1LT Anne Worster (USAF) & her husband CPT Ward Worster (USAFA '84) accompanied Paul & Marie on some glacier viewing and sent along the picture to prove it. The **Pomeroys**



1948: CPT & LT Worster with Marie & Paul Weaver in Glacier Bay, AK

and **Macklins** took a "cruise" up the inland waterway in Baltimore on the Pomeroys' boat over the 4th Jul wkend. In Baltimore they called local residents **Randy & Priscilla Beirne** and **Carl & Ginnie Schmidt** to join them on a pleasure tour of the Baltimore inner harbor. Carl is still running a local insurance agency; his successes have enabled him to reduce his work schedule to several days in the off each wk. Then the revelers returned to Beirnes' for sustenance. Randy teaches at U of Baltimore and is a Baltimore City history buff and part-time writer for the *Baltimore Sun* paper while writing a book on the area. The next day **Dick Stein** came on board bearing a *most* unusual reminder of Jim Macklin's past—*his white cap thrown in the air at grad*. Now what are the odds of a classmate keeping your dirty dress cap for 40 yrs and then returning it to you? Jim said his hat was "cruddy and dirty" but still wearable (sounds perfectly preserved Jim, just like when you threw it into the air).

Jim Barnett came across an article in a Presbyterian church publication which he passed on to me—Steve Richardson, the son of **Tammy & Judge Jim Richardson**, won the golden statuette award from the Motion Picture Sound Editors for the best feature film sound editing of the 20th Century Fox movie *Predator*. Congratulations Tammy, we're looking forward to seeing you at the reunion. Classmates in the DC area were pleased and happy to gather at the ANCC for the award of the recently authorized Prisoner of War Medal to **Tom Jones**—a well deserved recognition for a great guy. Tom was with D Co, 8th Engrs of the 1st Cav Div in 50 in Korea when he was captured, but successfully evaded to safety after several agonizing wks of marches and deprivation. **Sid Berry** reviewed the events leading up to and following Tom's capture, and **Joe Bratton** conducted the actual presentation ceremony. Tom & **Jerry** Jones' children,



1948: Tom Jones receiving the POW Medal from Joe Bratton

Tom Jr, Andy, Chris, and Cam, each gave their individual remembrances and tributes to their dad. The children of **Mary Ella & Jack Waggener** threw them a humdinger of a surprise 40th wedding anniv party organized by daughter Mary at the Lake of the Ozarks resort. It was really a surprise! '48 was represented by **John & Sandy Egbert**, and **Chloe & Imogene Swearengen**. The original wedding party reassembled 40 yrs later led by our own Chloe. As we get ready for '48's big reunion, we send our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all others who are celebrating their 40th wedding annivs in 88 (only for all dates after 8 Jun of course). **Woe Enderle** checked in with a long newsy letter telling of his & **Marge's** visit with the **Cushings** on St Croix a few mos back.

1948: The Waggeners celebrating 40 yrs of marriage

Between treasure hunting expeditions in CA, AZ, and VA, he is renovating the runway near his home to make it suitable for ultralight flight again (is that the same as flying in a glider?)—didn't know you were into that. Woe is interested in getting in contact with any classmate who is in the Gray Eagle program noted on pg 28 of the Jul 88 *ASSEMBLY*. **Irv Schoenberg** reported two classmates visited him in Atlanta recently—the first was the Class's real estate entrepreneur, **Ken Barber**, who is promoting a new area called River's Divide. It looked so good Sonny said he bought into it. (There's an old saying, Irv attributed to Sun Tzsu in 1948—beware of classmates selling anything!) The second visitor was **Hank Stelling**—Irv says we all have to ask Hank about his "Hip ID," an explanantion for airport security pers that the buzzer going off when Hank goes through is not his money but his metal hip replacement. We'll be looking forward to seeing all these wonderful people at the reunion.

One final word—when you come to the reunion, take a moment to thank all your classmates and their wives on the reunion comm who worked so hard to make our 40th a success. A lot of work over almost two yrs went into the preparation, and I'm sure they would appreciate your recognition.

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Charlie Smith has sent his "first ever" report for the Class notes. He is in Rio de Janeiro and has an apt near the Copacabana Beach. He's teaching English in a private school and tutoring English and math. Charlie writes, "I invite all down to see me and bask on the beach." For those who would like to make plans for Rio this winter, Charlie's address in Box 19, Mil Lia O, Am Consulate Gen, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, APO Miami, FL 34030. **Frank Hinchion** sent a clipping concerning Mary Griffith, daughter of **Harry & Ann Griffith**. Mary received a distinguished alumna award from her HS for

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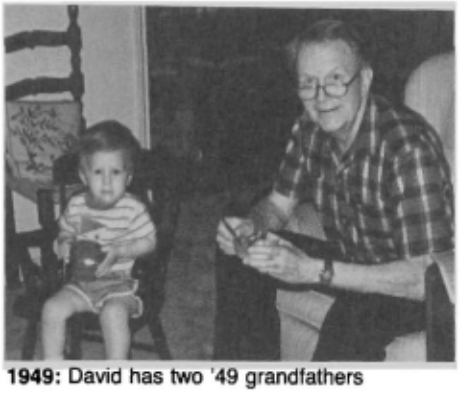
her work with Mother Teresa's Missionary Sisters of Charity. Mary has worked with the poor in Haiti and India and in a soup kitchen in the So Bronx. She is currently studying at Catholic Univ and assisting in caring for people dying of AIDS. Frank also reports that **Larry & Sue Ogden** visited **Bert & Vonnie Turner** in HI.

Bill Hoffmann sent a clipping from *Saber*, the newspaper of the 1st Cav Div Assoc, which he says "brought a lump to my throat." It reads: "Wanted: information about the death of 2LT **Cecil E Newman, Jr**, G or F Co, 5th Cav, KIA 15 Aug 1950 on Hill 303 near Taegu. Contact his daughter, Mrs Catherine Newman Brown, 211 W Main St, Moncks Corner, SC 29461." —Anyone able to help? **Bob Ennis** received a post card from **John Andrus** showing *Commander*, a double-decker tourist boat from Highland Falls, passing WP. John says it might be submitted to **Phil Feir** as Plan B for the reunion.

Bob Ennis is also responsible for submitting a clipping from the *Air Force Times* which reports that, at least for the '59 to '61 classes, USMA grads earn more money after they leave the service than do USNA or USAFA grads. This disparity is attributed to the more generalized education received at the USMA, which is more applicable to civ pursuits. What are the numbers? Including ret pay, the median post-service income is almost $80,000/yr. That's 6% higher than for AF types and 27% more than for Navy retirees. —OK, guys, you can afford the reunion cruise.

The DC bunch met for lunch at the Pentagon on 18 May. Present were **Bob Black, Ted Boland, Al English, Bob Ennis, Al Fagg, Dick Gillespie, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Art Kingdom, Wes Knapp, Bill Lake, Kirby Lamar, Charlie Lehner, Malcolm Lewis, Gene Marder, John Maurer, Clay Moran, Wayne Norby, Bill Nordin, Bob Nulsen, Larry Ogden, Chuck Olentine, Bob Pfeiffer, George Pollin, Lee Surut, Ed Townsley, John VanderVoort**, and your scribe. Malcolm Lewis, from West Palm Beach, was in DC on business and visiting with Clay Moran. Dick Gillespie, along with **Pat Patterson**, attended the recent wedding of **Mo Mathew's** son, Mark, in Potomac, MD. Gillespie's daughter, a student in Beijing, survived a "body avalanche" during a night climb with thousands of Chinese students. She was buried for half an hour and attributes escape to luck and her backpack. Wayne Norby had a call from **John Costa** saying that **Courtenay Davis**, KIA 1950, will be nominated to have the new USMA hockey rink named in his honor. (Court was not selected, but we can be glad he was remembered and considered.)

Bill Lake reports wife **Jean** went to CA for the birth of a grandchild. They now have 7. Bill & Jean recently took a boating vacation in which they were part of the working crew. **George Pollin**, prog mgr for ORI/Calculon, recently moved his off to Dumfries, VA to be close to his USMC customer. He boasts that his building has the only elevator in town. **Rigor Morton** spoke with eloquence about the routine larceny on the docks around NYC. He strongly advises not leaving any nice car parked there. —Been ripped off, Rigor? **Bob Pfeiffer**, our travel expert, explained the "law of cabotage" which prevents foreign-owned aircraft and ships from carrying passengers between two points within the US. This is why our cruise ship cannot carry passengers from NYC to WP, and vice versa, except as part of a foreign tour.



1949: David has two '49 grandfathers

Here's the quiz for this issue: How many other children are there with two USMA '49ers for grandfathers? The first photo shows David George Weart, sitting in a minature WP chair, sharing ice cream with grandfather **George Stukhart**. David George's other grandfather is **Doug Weart**. —Are there any other '98ers (that's a double '49) out there? **Joan Weart** writes that son, Jeff '80, David George's father, is at USMA studying with the Dept of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership and will eventually be a Tac. She adds that they recently have had dinner with the **Sylvesters** (passing through) and the **Cheevers** and **Spillers** from San Ant.

1949: Chet & Barbara Gilbert; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

The second photo arrived via the AOG, showing **Chet & Barbara Gilbert** celebrating 88 Founders Day at Ft Irwin, CA. In response to my prodding, Chet provided some bio info. After ret from the AF in 69, he became a banker and worked his way to pres before ret again in 85. He now owns a blueprint co in Moreno Valley, CA, which gives him more time for his large family plus community and church affairs. He has an impressive list of accomplishments. Another item passed on by the AOG is a news release from Endispute Inc, Chicago, stating that IL Circuit Judge Jacques F Heilingoetter, ex '49, will join them to help launch their health-care-disputes div. **George Sylvester** has written to the AOG to initiate a dialogue on long-range plans for the '49er Lodge. George wrote: The Class regards the Lodge as "our permanent legacy to the Corps . . . " and raises several pertinent issues regarding its care and preservation.—You'll hear more on this subject.

1949: Jean Eaton attends son's wedding

The 3rd photo shows **Jean Eaton** with #2 son Dwight and his future wife Samira admiring her engagement ring and the 3 traditional gold dowry bracelets. The couple was married in May in Morocco and celebrated the event with parties in Jul. Jean and #3 son Frank attended the latter. Duty kept #1 son Paul '72 away from the festivities. Dwight & Samira live in Marrakech, Morocco where he is studying Arabic. And FYI: the "extra" photos in the Class notes, eg, Founders Day ones in the Jul issue, which have no accompanying text, are those that are sent directly to the AOG. The *ASSEMBLY* staff can put in only the info they are furnished. Try to check what is submitted if you can. In the Phoenix photo that's **Bob & Rae MaKinney** on the left and **Norm & Barbara Katz** on the right. In the MI photo, L to R are: **Joe & Betty Yates, Carver & Nancy Wood** and **Ogden & Jeanie Jones**.

Bob Braun called from CA to see if there would be any Class function in early Jun when he would be in DC. No luck. —But keep trying Bob. The DC lunch meetings at the Pentagon are normally scheduled in Sep, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May. Out-of-towners should call luncheon host **Art Kingdom** (703-569-9360) for reservations.

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Pete Palmer writes from Spartanburg, SC, about a forthcoming book-of-the-month selection, *Annals of War*, by Neil Sheehan. The book, and excerpts in the Jun and Jul *New Yorker*, feature **Ralph Puckett** during his cmd of the 8th Ranger Co in Korea. Pete adds that Ralph is "nearly retired-retired."

Phil Feir reports all goes well with the reunion. We have a ship and exciting plans for the cruise are developing at full speed. Your comm is convinced that our cruise, followed by two days at anchor off WP, will make for a super reunion. Space is still available and guests are welcome.

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As you might expect, correspondence was down during the summer. But the variety of activities and demonstrations of Class energy bear repeating. We are rich in photographs. If they do not get in this column, they probably will in the Dec one.

In Wash on 17 May, the Class was treated to an unique event. The 3 service C/Ss of the Class attended a Class luncheon. When **Eddie Ramos**, Republic of the Philippines Armed Forces C/S visited Wash DC on an official visit, **John Wickham** and **Charlie Gabriel** were among 47 classmates who met in his honor on 17 May at the Pentagon. Eddie, who was in Wash to reinforce ties between the US and Philippines, spoke simply but eloquently about the influence of WP and the Class in his life and the importance to both of our countries of continued close relations. We all were moved by his example as much as his words.

1950: Class Chiefs of Staff—Gabriel, Ramos and Wickham

In the Allegheny Mtns near Pittsburgh on 29–31 Jul, 36 classmates and wives and widows enjoyed a delightful mini-reunion at the Bedford Springs Hotel sponsored by **Eloise & Jake Allen. John Ufner** walked away with the "Reunion 88 Champion" golf trophy. Besides talk (of which there was plenty) the gp danced to a Big Band, attended the summer Bedford Springs Music Festival, toured Eloise's Roaring Spring Blank Book Co, and played other sports—tennis, hiking and drinking. The

1950: Allens receive plaque in thanks for the mini-reunion

gp gave Eloise & Jake a plaque in appreciation of a great idea and a memorable event. In the photo herein are the following: standing, top—**Al Paulger, Ed Freedman, Wendy Phillips, Chuck Hayward, Ray Singer, Spike Wood, Tyler Goodman, Phil & Pam Samsey, Bill & Lois Slavins, Sam & Tillie Smithers.** Standing, second row—**Paul Ache, Kathy O'Brien, Lin & Mae Mather, Marj Hammond, Bob & Peggy Wilson, Barbara Paulger, Chuck Hammond.** Seated—**Peggy Singer, Vera Freedman, Helen Wood, Eloise & Jake Allen, Ken Moll, Shirley & Lou Prentis.** Bottom row—**Betsy Ache, Penny Phillips, Lois Steffensen, Marilyn Moll.**

Dick Leavitt, Drew Rutherford and **Joe Shankle** have developed plans for a mini-reunion as a fitting follow-on to the Bedford Springs outing. The Grand Plan is a 3-day cruise from L.A., 7:45 pm 17 Mar to morning of 20 Mar 89. The fares, depending on the cabin selected, range from $364 to $644. Naturally, the costs include all shipboard activities. More details will appear in future columns and letters. If you have questions now, write Dick—6525 Sandy Point Court, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274.

Dave Carlisle has won some success in his campaign to gain revision of the accts of the 24th Inf Regt in the Korean War. On 2 Aug, *Washington Post* reported that the Army had ordered a review of accts of a black regt (the 24th) that could lead to a change in the official history. Dave's role in this dev was featured in the article.

As another newsworthy item, we read in the *Washington Post* Business Section that **Frank Borman** was named chm and ch exec off of Patlex Corp, a high-tech manufacturer and laser co.

Gladys & Ray Maladowitz celebrated the wedding of son Mark & Leslie Jane Sims on 18 Jun at Kingwood, WV. **Tillie & Sam Smithers** and **Bev & Jack Mackmull** were present to make sure that Ray made the right moves as Mark's best man. They succeeded, judging from the picture: first row—Ray & Gladys, Mark & Leslie; second row—Tillie & Sam, Bev & Jack; 3rd row—the Snyders '51 and the Feirs '49.

Certainly grandchildren continue to provide excuses for travel, shopping, and all sorts of unseemly behavior. **Tillie & Sam Smithers** prove that the second grandchild is much easier than the first. Son Jim & Gina introduced Joshua James in Apr. **Malvene & Ben Lewis** have joined the grandchild sweepstakes. Son Allen & Cheryll presented them Robert Benn Lewis recently. **Mary &**

1950: Mini-reunion at Bedford Springs

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1950: Maladowitz newlyweds and friends

Blair Ross doubled their inventory of grandchildren in Jun when son Blair & Linda introduced Blair IV to the world. Grandchildren joined classmates and other family in the celebration **Muriel & Hank Strickland** threw on Hank's 60th birthday. Shown here are 4 engrs, two economists, and two financial advisors with two PhDs, 7 master's, 2 MBA's, but only two mothers and only two grandchildren—so far. **Betty Lou & Tom Austen** demonstrate where this competition can lead. After welcoming the arrival of David Jonathan Horn, son of daughter Nell & Carl '76 on 4 Jun, the Austens entertained 6–10 grandchildren every day for the mos of Jun and Jul.

Grayson Tate called while he was in Wash for a conference. All is well in Huntsville. **Ann & Chuck Means, Eileen & John Jones** and **Donna & Gus Hergert** make up the contingent there. Grayson continues to enjoy his work with CAS, which has trebled in size since he joined them.

Just when we thought we had them cornered in a bayou, **Ruth & Sam Stapleton** have slipped out of the country. They now reside in Hamburg, Ger, working on a NATO project designing a warship. Sam said an artyman can do anything. Their 3 children and 6 grandchildren are spaced around the world. Son George & Hilde with their two daughters are still on Batam Isl off Singapore where George runs a McDermott fabrication yard making offshore drilling platforms for the oil industry. Daughter Melissa & Mark Breaux and their two sons are in Seaside, FL where Mark builds custom homes. Daughter Stayce & Bill Ford are in Baton Rouge with the youngest grandson.

Loris & Ken Ebner proudly witnessed the commissioning of son Ken Jr. Ken Jr received his RA commission in the Corps of Engrs as an honor ROTC grad from Monmouth Coll, NJ. An honors grad in economics, he reported to the OBC course at Ft Belvoir. The photo herein shows 3 Class families at their usual table at the Hotel Pribaltiyskaya in Leningrad, USSR: **Bettie & Bill Curry, Marie & Dick Drury,** and **Eleanor & DB King**. Dick said that Russia was a great place to visit but they wouldn't want to eat there again.

1950: The Ebners commission a new engr

1950: Currys, Drurys and Kings in Leningrad

Many of the photographs taken at Founders Day were omitted in Jul for want of space. FL is represented by **Shirley & GG Thomas, Ding & Jeanne Price** and **Emmett & Rowland Lee**. At the Southwest Founders Day **Ruth Wicks, Bob Henry, Jan & Ev True,** and **Bettie & Al Crawford** attended the celebration at Albuquerque. From the MI Founders Day we have a picture of **Betty & Briggs Jones** and **Pam & Phil Samsey**.

1950: Thomases, Prices and Lees; Founders Day 1988, FL West Coast

1950: Founders Day 1988, Phoenix

Finally, here is a picture of **Renee Wolfe** taken at this yr's Founders Day celebration of the WP Soc of the Midsouth. Renee is currently a prof of mech engring at Memphis State U.

During the summer the Class lost 2 esteemed members. We are poorer by the death of **Jim Fette**, 11 Jun, in Columbia, MD, and by the death of **George**

1950: Stricklands on Hank's 60th

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1950: Joneses and Samseys; Founders Day 1988, MI

1950: Wolf at Mid-south Founders Day

Klie on 25 Jul at Salisbury, MD. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. Also, we were saddened by the death of **Polly Todsen, Pete**'s wife. She was interred at Arlington Natl Cemetery. We extend the sympathy of the Class to Pete and her family.

Because I was waiting for the price of stamps to go down, I have a number of photos that have appeared in past columns which I intend to return to the owners—someday. Be patient—or impatient; I never throw away nothing. In the same vein, keep the mail coming. The next deadline is 12 Oct.

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REGIONAL SPOTLITE—MIDWEST: (**Dave Bills**—IN, KY, OH, WV; **Chuck Wallens**—IL, MI, IA, MN, WI; **Guy Jester**—KS, MO, NE, ND, SD). In his request for regional inputs, Dave Bills includes a sports quiz. The prize is two tickets to any Purdue home game in 88 (except the IU game). 87 winner, **John Cousins** from Dublin, OH naturally took tickets for OH St-Purdue game; 88's **Mel Snyder** hasn't selected a game yet since he's trying to add the A/N game to his schedule at this time. Mel is '51's sole WV rep. He & wife **Ann** are located in Kingwood where Mel has been prosecuting atty for Preston County for 8 yrs. He plans to ret in 92. Oldest son is in TX, a second in Preston County, and two stepchildren in coll—son a frosh and

1951: Founders Day awakens memories: '51 offspring Rob Hyatt and Edith Evans, Meyer, Delores Bohen

daughter a jr. Mel is very happy and content with life. John Cousins continues to work for OH Dept of Nat Resources. With their children married and doing well, they are able to make plans and enjoy life. Two of our favorite horse lovers, **Del & Jean Ring**, at Foxvale Farm in Waynesville, OH, have horses finishing ahead of natl competition at just below Olympic and Pan AM levels. With 4 sons, 4 grandsons, and 4 granddaughters, they travel often to Houston, CO, and Cincinnati. Spent Christmas in

1951: Saul always was a party man! Jacobs & wife Arlene, Carol Reeve

TX with two sons; in Mar had a ski jaunt in CO with "**T**" **Nance, Saul Jacobs,** and a 3d son; in Jun a visit to MN for a reunion with his 91 yr old mother, 5 brothers and two sisters. Del & Jean look forward to their horses competing in the Wash Intl Horse Show in fall 88.

Other Ohioans proclaiming good health are **Frank Wilson** and **Barney Landry**. While Frank works part-time to stay occupied in Ashland, Barney works with GE in the manufacture of gas turbines for the Navy and also is nearing retmt. Barney & **Muriel** travel frequently—last spring to Boston with daughter Donna (prof, Eng lit, USC); saw the **Rings** while attending Olympic horse trials in Lexington, KY and also visited with **Howard & Martha Nel Wiles** in Georgetown, KY. In Crawfordsville, IN the **Bob Snyders** are supposed to be retd; also his arthritis or its medication does not impede their travel: to FL 4 wks in Feb, CA in May-Jun, and is now planning other trips this yr and next. In Indianapolis, **Dave Bills** is dir, tech services and research, IN Dept of Fire and Bldg Svc (dev and admin of bldg and fire codes). Depending on who is IN's governor next Jan, he plans to continue for 4 more yrs. Dave & **Danielle** managed to visit **John & Mary Cousins** in Columbus, OH in Jun while attending a convention, and recently their son in LA. Daughter Christine, a nurse, works in an Indianapolis hosp. While the Bills enjoy Founders Day dinners each yr, and all Indianapolis Colts home games, they have found no pleasure at all in the impact of the drought on their corn and soybean farm. Dave says please send water.

1951: Founders Day at Tampa Bay—Watsey & Marilyn, Connolly

Chuck Wallens reports from Milwaukee that **Jim Guyer** has retd from Miller Breweries—Jim can give his full attention to sailing, marathons, racing, triathlons, etc. In Jun he qualified for the Natl Sr (60–65) Triathlon at Hilton Head, SC in Nov by his finish in New England's regional. Not to be outdone by Jim, wife **Judy**, while retaining her community interests, is scheduled to start law sch at Marquette in Sep. Guyer and Wallens have a keen interest in the Experimental Air Assoc show in Oshkosh 29 Jul to 8 Aug; rumors abounded that **Joe & Cecil Clemons** were to pass through en route to GA. In Schaumburg, IL **John & Elsie Haumersen** fully enjoy their condo which overlooks a vast farm. A very peaceful life with their children all on their own. John is a proj mgr with Applied Composites, a plastics molding co. The Haumersens intend to live to 120—their health is fine and they intend to keep it that way by playing a lot of golf, enjoying their leisure, and continuing to go to the theater and opera in Chicago at least once a mo. **Herman & Alice Vetort** and **Don & Bobbi Anker** represented '51 at Detroit Founders Day along with Bobbi's parents (Cooper '31) and their son Dean '79. Of the other Anker children, daughter is in Houston; Charles in El Paso; and son George is completing coll. (He remains free of cancer 2 1/2 yrs after surgery.) In May while celebrating the birth of their grandson, Don saw **Gus**

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1951: Vetorts—Founders Day in Detroit

Villeret, Russ Johnson, and **Moon Mullens**—all looked great! Incidentally, anyone passing near or through MI, call Don—517-892-2602. **Paul Niedringhaus** thoroughly enjoys tennis and the prospects of no more tuition checks. Not too fast Paul; remember, grad sch is always a possibility!! During a recent hot spell Paul dug out a light weight shirt from Benning that he had bought in the summer of 51—a little frayed but useful. **Chuck Wallens** wonders if he has any First Class tee shirts in the same footlocker. **John Osbourne** enjoys his change from the Midwest to being near mil people and facilities in San Ant. After seeing **Tom Hastings** briefly, he played golf with **Ed Markham** who was visiting San Ant. **Dave Huff** sent a pix of himself and his son (Josh, born 8/8/84); also states no changes or excitement. As father of 6 (youngest is 26) and the grandfather of 10, to me Dave's concise comment contains all the elements of a major understatement. But he'll stay young with the exercise and other wonderful activities!! Dave wonders if he has the youngest son in the Class. Any challengers out there? During Jan, Chuck & **Betty** Wallens visited with **Charley & Ruth Knapp** in Pensacola, FL. The Wallenses were attending a midwinter Natl Sojourners mtg. Incidentally, Chuck, as pres of their Convention Corp, plans all Jun and midwinter mtgs. He also remains active in Academy recruiting as a member of Senator Kasten's Academy Selection Comm. With their grandchildren in the DC area, the Wallenses intend to attend some functions here in the future. Almost residents of WI, **Bill & Lil Edler** are now residents of FL. It seems that Bill, while laying on his back in the hosp at Bethesda dreaming of winters in WI, learned the home they had bought failed the "ol' septic tank test." After a dr's assurance that his abdominal aneurism required no immediate surgery, the Edlers drove to FL, purchased a new home with a pool and other desired conveniences in Coral Gables. Bill was then scheduled for elective surgery to take care of the aneurism.

1951: And Dave says, "no excitement!"

Guy Jester reports seeing **Walt Johnson** and family frequently, to include golf and family outings; they also provide Guy much help in reg rep coordination and support. Walt is working his way into a 3rd career as a consulting engr while trying to find time to improve his golf after his second hip replacement op. Guy says Walt still wins regularly, hip or no hip. All Johnson kids and wives are doing fine; **Judy** thoroughly enjoys their first grandchild (Rachel). But she is still fully committed to her work with retarded children and assisting in St Anthony's Hosp recovery room. All is well with **George & Bess Psihas**, although is it rumored that they lost the 5 Jul Golf Scramble to the Johnsons. George (very proud to have a nephew with the Class of '92) visted in PA with **Roscoe Robinson, Ron Roberge** and **Pat Lynch** at a symposium at the AWC. George says daughters Pam and Xenia launched a high fashion line on women's clothes in NY last yr—says he can arrange a special discount for '51 ladies!! **Fran Craig** now settled comfortably into teaching at St Louis Visual and Performing Arts HS—a school with an outstanding reputation. With the 3 older Craig boys home for summer vacations and a daughter in HS, Fran & **Bambi** deserve the summer's vacation back East. **Willie & Daphne Winter** remain located in Scottsville, NE where he continues to practice law, mostly insurance defense. Their children enjoy a variety of careers: two in law, two in banking, one a barkeep, and two perennial students—Guy says the breakdown makes perfect sense when you think of Willie—but maybe we could add a gambler!! Willie was inducted into the American Coll of Trial Lawyers in 80 with **Jim Cox** who practices law in Memphis. Willie and **Bob Isaac**, mayor of CO Springs, still get together regularly, to include the biennial Army/AF game in CO. **Guerdon & Dottie Sines**, who decided to ret to St Simons Isl recently, had dinner and cocktails with **Pete & Pat Clay**, long-time St Simon residents. While they will keep Omaha as their base of ops, the Sines will be spending wkends, holidays, and extended vacations at St Simons. Guerdon, who has been deeply involved in railway automation and advanced systems since his NYC days, is pleased with the exciting pace of computer systems and communications technologies at Union Pacific. The Sines have two daughters, two sons, and 5 grandchildren spread from PA to CA; the younger son, CPT USA, is presently with Sp Forces, Ft Bragg. **Al Purcell**, ex-'51, after ret from the Army in 75, instructed in HS, St Mary's, and KS City community colls, and is now a manufacturing plant supervisor in Leavenworth, KS. Al & **Betsey** have 4 children—all coll grads and on their own. **Jim McDonald**, at Independence, reports he & **Gerrie** are thoroughly enjoying retmt despite the hot, dry weather. Jim's golf and Gerrie's club memberships and gardening keep both busy, involved, and in good health. **Frank Sisson** has launched his own co in Wichita to provide marketing services to the aerospace and industrial market in KS and surrounding states. Frank will assist anyone needing a responsive manufacturer's rep. He & **Ann** enjoy Wichita despite the fact that all their children and relatives are still on the East Coast. The **Jester** family is mobile and healthy: two sons, two daughters, and two grandchildren. They recently descended on Montgomery, AL for son Guy's wedding. Family locations vary from NC to KS. Youngest, a teacher, lives at home with Guy. He is still very busy with the construction bus and many community orgs with which he is involved. Guy does intend to travel more in the future, spending more time in recreational sports.

1951: To them everyday is Founders Day—Psihas, Pendleton

VERY SAD NEWS: While each yr the deaths of individuals within '51 have been keenly felt, it seems that in 88, for the first time, the Class is losing numbers of people with whom we have had very close personal and familial relationships. It also seems that these losses have caused individuals to draw closer and reach out to each other in a more meaningful manner. Loss of the following have further contributed to this feeling: **Stan Scott** died of cancer—10 Jun, buried Anderson, SC; **Don Zurawski** died of cancer—16 Jun, buried Arlington, VA; **Bob Hechinger** died 29 Jun, buried Grove City, OH; **Charlie McIntosh** died of heart complications—8 Jul, buried Emmart, WV.

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1951: We all lost a true friend!! Remsen and Bobinski with Don Zurawski

1951: The day came just as ordered! The Rogerses and Peixottos

1951: They really planned grand strategy—the Abshires and Robinsons

CLASS ACTIVITIES. On 6 Jun **Arlie & Paula Sherman** invited all '51ers in CA to a party at their home in Corona Del Mar, CA. **Stan Sheridan** reports that cocktails and dinner were served while watching the sun set over the Pacific. It was a super evening and only the first time many had met since graduation. Attending were **Mert & Elfie Bangerter, Bill & Betty Depew, Gerry & Francis Dingman, Al & Jean Esser, John Glossbrenner, Sully & Jamie Johnson, Don & Sarha Leehey, Dave & Pattee Schlatter, Stan & Ruth Sheridan,** Arlie & Paula and eldest son Peter. **Roscoe & Millie Robinson** had been with many of the gp at an AUSA dinner earlier in the wk but unfortunately could not remain for the Sherman party. Parties in the Wash DC area were hosted by **Joe & Jean Rogers** on 11 Jun and **Godfrey & Pat Crowe** on 4 Jul. Over 50 '51ers and wives attended the Rogers BBQ at home in the rustic Woodstock area—the weather, hosts, and environment left nothing to be desired. On 4 Jul, once again over 80 classmates and wives took advantage of the Crowe hospitality, fare, and Wash area fireworks displays at their lovely, expansive home in No Arlington. To say the least, it was another notable 4 Jul celebration and a great family affair. On 15 Oct **John & Peg Byers** will again host a fall party in their Prince Royal Gallery in Old Town Alexandria. While John & Peg volunteered, a number of recent requests indicate the repeat performance reflected popular demand.

DC Area luncheons: 11:30 am each 3rd Thur of the mo at ANCC, Arlington, VA: 20 Oct, 17 Nov, 15 Dec. Questions/info—call **Bob** or **Tinky Hyatt**: 703-425-4839. ARMY-NAVY GAME. Party hosted by **Ab Webber** at the Airport Hilton Hotel—two blocks from Vets Stadium. Ab extends invitations to '51 for continental breakfast before the game and victory party after. For A/N Airport Hilton reservations contact Sales Mgr, Phila Airport Hilton Inn, 10th and Packer Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19148, Tel: 215-755-9500.

REGIONAL SPOTLITE for next *ASSEMBLY*: SOUTHWEST: **Sel Graham** and **Ken Herring** (TX and OK).

1951: The Shermans throw great parties!

PUBLICATIONS BY CLASSMATES: *Realism and Hope in a Nuclear Age* by **Kermit D Johnson**, published by John Knox Press, Atlanta, May 88. *Preventing World War III: A Realistic Grand Strategy* by **David M Abshire**, to be published by Harper and Rowe on 1 Jan 89.

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"The time has come, the wise man said, to talk of many things. . . . " Among those things is a decision I've been making for a number of mos. I've finally decided that the wise thing for me to do is to pass the writing of this regular column to a new Class scribe. Lately, it has been harder and harder to keep my head above water. Consequently, this will be the last column you'll see written by yours truly. **John Kenney** has formed a search comm to select a replacement located somewhere in the DC area. By the time you read this, we may already have a new scribe. In the interim, John intends to shoulder the task himself. The address you see above is the one which the new scribe will use, at least for a while, so send any info you may have to that address. The deadline for the Dec column will have already passed when this issue is released. John or the permanent new scribe will probably be writing the Feb column so as to mail it on about 10 Dec. Any material I receive will be forwarded to John for use in the column.

I'm glad the exec comm decided for the scribe to be in the DC area. It has been more and more evident to me that the Class scribe would be much more effective if located near the hub of Class activity so as to be able to observe some of it. I believe that hub is probably in the DC area. In my own case, I seem to have drifted farther and farther from any meaningful understanding of what is happening there. I only know what people write to me since I see very few classmates anymore.

Some of you may question whether it

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is proper to report so much about Class activity around DC and so little about activity elsewhere. Let me assure you that whether the scribe be me, John, or anyone else, he can only write about what he sees, hears, or otherwise finds out about. The reason you have seen so many repeat names from the DC area in the past is that those are the names that have been sent to the scribe. If your scribe didn't write about those names, we wouldn't have a Class column. If anyone has a good technique for finding out about other classmates, please feel free to suggest same to the new scribe. I know for a fact that most classmates would like to hear a little bit of something about almost all classmates and families every now and then. But most people don't seem to want to write about themselves to the scribe. In fact, some classmates who did write have told me not to use their info in the column. Awhile back, I did some statistical analysis of the names in the column. And I wrote to a few of those least heard from and about. But it didn't bring any response from those classmates. So, if DC is the area from which the most is available to be heard about classmates, it follows that it makes the best sense for the scribe to be located where he will be a part of the activity in which those classmates participate.

Did you know that we had a Class column in every issue since grad except one (the issue between fall 63 and spring 64). At least, when I tried to find copies of all our Class columns, that's the only one I couldn't find. Class scribes have been: 52–55, 3 yrs, **Willy Ross**; 55–59, 4 1/4 yrs, **Dave Lyon**; 59–61, two yrs, **Jay Luther**; 61–64, 2 3/4 yrs, **Pinto Holt**; 64–65, one yr, **John Bart**; 65–68, 3 1/4 yrs, **Dave Ahearn**; 68–70, 3 yrs, **Tom Collier**; 70–71, one yr, **Paul Child**; 71–73, 1 1/2 yrs, **John Garver**; 73–88, 15 1/2 yrs, **Ralph Garver**.

In any event, the news currently available to report includes a short note and photo from **Dick Wiles** as follows: "While on our annual trip to FL last Mar, **Ginny** & I stopped at the Keys to have a very pleasant visit with **Jan & Mike Duerr**. Ginny recorded the event. The palm tree is Mike's. I am still exec dir of the Mil Ops Research Soc. At least 3 classmates are active in MORS affairs: **Art Deverill, Tom Dowler** and **Gray Parks**. When I took the position almost 4 yrs ago, **Rey Thomas** was on our bd of dir."

In late May I received a letter from Panama City, FL from **Mary Frances Moore** who writes, "It is with regrets that I need to tell you my husband, a '52 WP grad, died 25 Nov 87—**Thomas Willard Moore Jr**, ret AF LTC. Tom had been with Hughes Aircraft for 10 yrs in their 'Space and Comm' Los Angeles. We buried Tom in Roswell, NM, my hometown. Since we never visited WP, I

1952: Mike Duerr and Dick Wiles

plan to go there in the future. At this time I am visiting with my sister and her family here in FL. I'm not sure where I need to live; so, one day at a time. This has been a very devastating experience. Do you have an address for **Pat White**, wife of **Ed White**? We were friends at U of MI and Wright-Patterson. I would like to keep in touch with whatever info WP thinks I need to know. Perhaps someday maybe our grandson will be interested. I wanted to order one of the books being published, but I doubt if I have the literature/address. My mailing address will be c/o Tami Harmon, 1218 North Island, Wilmington, CA 90744. If there is anything I need to know, please let me know." I didn't have any of the requested info so I sent the letter on to the exec comm in DC, and I hope the questions have now been answered.

Mike Juvenal reports " . . . We both were very pleased with our 35th. The comm needs another pat on the back for a job well done. The accommodations were especially good, even though it was quite a ways from 'the Plain.' The rooms, meals, parties and all were excellent. Seeing classmates and old friends is always a great way to spend a few days. Some we see every 5 yrs at the reunion; others we hadn't seen since grad. Hopefully on our 40th and 50th we will get a greater percentage of turnout. We are looking forward to 92. One of my purposes in writing at this time is to relate a wonderful event that we were privileged to attend in honor of our classmate **Robert L Morgan**. Bob ret from govt service after 40 yrs (48–88) [reported last issue]. . . . I can tell you about his outstanding retmt party and ceremony at the fairgrounds in Aiken, SC in Mar of this yr. It was given in his honor and it was something special. **Jacque** & I were on our way up to Fayetteville to see our 2 1/2 yr old grandson and parents (in that order, I might add). We always stay the first night with **Joan & Mike Boos** in Augusta. They are a magnificent hostess and host and we always manage to "have a few " while we recount the many good times we have had together through the yrs. This visit, they had called prior to our departure and told us about the party in honor of **Arden** & Bob. We rearranged our schedule while they got the additional tickets, hoping that we could surprise them by showing up unexpectedly. Needless to say, the party was fabulous and we were happy to be included. It was a country and western affair with plenty of 'clean' bales of hay, good food, excellent music, and enough 'sarsaparilla' to keep the evening mellow. In between eating, drinking and dancing they presented Bob with countless plaques, certificates, mementos—even a letter of appreciation from the Pres. We had a great time and we did surprise them both.

1952: Morgans, Booses and Juvenals

"A little news about **Jacque** & me. We moved down here to Magnolia Springs, AL (half way between Mobile and Pensacola) in Jul 80 after we ret. We live on a river where the mail comes by boat. Seems strange to have your mailbox on the wharf but that's where it is. Both Jacque & I are into crafts in a big way. She's a hooker (tapestry rugs, that is) and I've been doing stained glass for 11 yrs. We both teach our handiwork for local colls and enjoy the diversion very much. When not doing that, we are working on the plantation. We have about 2 acres of beautiful flora and fauna with a lovely house to match. It sure keeps us busy trying to stay ahead of Mother Nature. We have plenty of room here so all classmates are more than welcome. Since moving here we have been visited by **Jane & Keith Comstock, Rose & Larry Mickel, Joannie & Bud Lamb**, and **Joan & Mike Boos**. Bud came during Mardi Gras a yr ago and we had great fun chasing after moonpies, beads, and trinkets thrown from the floats in Mobile. As you may know, Mardi Gras in this country was originated in Mobile. The 'other' city has made it famous. Twice since retiring I have had the urge to work, so I have returned to the Baltimore area and have worked for Westinghouse for about 7 mos at a time. I worked for Larry Mickel the first time in 82–83; then in Huntvalley in 84–85. I like to keep my feeble mind active so I hire myself out for a while. It's fun, a challenge, and it keeps me active. Hopefully, this yr I will be able to return to the Baltimore area and do the same type work."

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1952: McDonnells and Pahres

Gordon Pahre, secy of the WP Soc of Omaha, sent me a picture from their 25 Mar Founders Day dinner of **Wanda & Jim McDonnell** and **Leslie** & himself. He reports that "Jim and I are the only '52 members living in the Omaha area and we see each other about once a yr."

I also received a photo of **Liz & John Tipton** at the Founders Day celebration of the WP Soc of the Mid-South. Liz & John still reside on Centennial Isl, the only part of TN that is on the western side of the MS.

1952: Liz & John Tipton

Herb Schandler wrote a short note in Jul, as follows: "I enjoy . . . the news of our empty-nesters and all their busy activities. As you know, I grew up slower than most and didn't get started until much later. My little girls are now 10 and 7 and I enjoy them very much. But my nest won't be empty for a while. I am writing, however, to call your attention to the article on *The Gray Eagles* which I had in the Jul issue of *ASSEMBLY*. The article details our purposes and objectives. We have recruited over 1300 volunteers to date and hope to send out our first missions in the near future. Anyone interested in helping in any way should contact me. We need volunteers particularly to help in the Wash off."

Harry Van Trees noted my recent plea for Class info and was prompted to " . . . bring you up-to-date on the Van Trees family. I've enclosed a picture of **Diane** & me at a recent AFCEA awards dinner. AFCEA was kind enough to present me their Gold Medal for Engring. All of the family are doing well. The oldest 6 children are married to superb spouses and are busy establishing careers and families. We have 7 healthy grandchildren and are expecting two more shortly. Our youngest daughter, Julia, graduated from the U of VA in 87 with a degree in economics, and is currently in a mgmt tng program with the Bank of Boston. I am joining George Mason U this fall as a Distinguished Prof of Electrical and Systems Engring. The adjective 'Distinguished' is probably in deference to my white beard. The position is an endowed chair in the two depts in the Elec Engring Dept. I'll be teaching courses in communications theory and finishing a book on array processing that I started at MIT some time ago. In the Systems Engring Dept, I'll be developing a curriculum on cmd and control theory and starting a text in that area. George Mason is an up and coming univ with an aggressive pres and dean who are determined to make it into a first class sch. The next several yrs should be very exciting.

1952: Harry & Diane Van Trees

"Two yrs ago, **Diane** & I bought a 54 acre farm near Charlottesville. It is on the western slope of a small mtn and has a spectacular view of the Blue Ridge Mtns. We built a small chapel and Diane has hosted several retreats. We've also started a small vineyard in a move toward self-sufficiency. We have a separate guest house and would welcome any classmates who would like to spend a tranquil wkend. Diane is still active in the church and is currently on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, Yugoslavia."

Charlie Watkins sent me a clipping from the 3 Jun *Pointer View* about research conducted by a ret history teacher, Marshall Jacobs. Jacobs has been digging into the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Cadet **Richard C Cox** in Jan 50. I was aware of some of Jacobs' research because he has called me at home several times in the past few yrs. It is Jacobs' conclusion that Cox obtained false ID papers and voluntarily vanished from sight. Cox was seen and engaged in conversation in Mar 52 by a former Stewart Field classmate who had not gone on to WP and did not know Cox was no longer a cadet. In addition, Charlie reported that, "**Connie** & I are still enjoying the ret life here in the mtns of NC. There is plenty to keep us busy around the house, and Connie is a big gardener so that keeps her out of trouble. Gayle & her husband (Andy Chmar '77) completed a 3-yr tour teaching mgmt and leadership at WP in Jun and are now in Ger. Andy was promoted in the spring and Gayle is on a very long and slow majors' list. Last wk Connie & I visited Ft Rucker where we attended our youngest son Steve's grad from rotary wing flight sch. They make quite a big deal out of it and put on a nice ceremony and couple of days activities. At the end of Aug Steve will attend a 6-wk transition course at Rucker in the Cobra, and then return to WI where he is a member of the Natl Guard.

"I had the privilege of spending about 10 days at WP in Feb to serve on a Blue Ribbon panel appointed by the Supe to do a complete overview of the Admissions program. This is in line with his review of all aspects of the Academy as it prepares for the next century. I served with about 12 other individuals from various educational fields and the Army. The gp was chaired by Fred Hargedon, then VP of the college bd and now dean of Admissions of Princeton. It was a most interesting and challenging asgmt, and hopefully we made a small contribution to USMA. Not too much more news from this part of the country. We do hear frequently from **Jan & Dave Bethea**. They have completed about 15 mos of their Peace Corps tour in Botswana. They should return next Jun and I know they are looking forward to that time. They have done some traveling around Africa and particularly seem to enjoy So Africa; the country and the people, that is (putting their politics aside). I'm sure they'll have some great stories when they return. Dave is a dept head in a vocational sch and Jan works for the Red Cross."

1952: The Hulleys; Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

Well, this completes my last turn at bat! Let's all give a friendly assist to **John Kenney** and/or whomever he finds to be Class scribe by putting him on our Christmas card list, including newsy info about ourselves, families, and any classmate we've seen or heard about. I'm sure the Class will be eternally grateful.

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In the meantime, please keep those cards and letters coming (to the Class)!

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It is reunion time and the stampede is on. Classmates are writing or calling about the reunion like we were having a contest or something. Even a letter from the Philippines, but more about that later. First a few words from our leaders:

John Haskell reported on the Class Gift meeting at WP in May. The comm concluded that (1) the monthly book rental plan should be increased from 20 to 30 books (annual cost of $4,261.68) and (2) an annual fund of $600 should be established to purchase particularly popular books for the permanent collection. A 75% discount is available. The comm agreed to try subscriptions to magazines that cadets will enjoy, allocating $250/yr. With regard to the room furnishings, John will consult a professional decorator and plans to have some ideas by reunion time. The size of the fund, its investment, and the continuing need for our contributions will be discussed at the reunion. We owe a great deal to John for his outstanding and selfless contributions to this cause and to the comm for their participation.

1953: Founders Day 1988, NW FL

1953: The Jerry Colonnas

Bill Harris asks that he be notified of any Class son or daughter who graduated from *any* service academy and who did not receive a plaque from USMA '53. Call (703) 841-8829.

Bob Breckenridge has mailed what looks like the real serious "let's get organized" letter about reunion meals and other costs. If you didn't receive one call (703) 273-7229 or (703) 273-1925.

1953: Jim Sibley and family

1953: Sue & Al Merritt with Mike Kallman

Pictures continue to pour in from Founders Day celebrations. Scattered throughout this issue are pictures from Omaha, Ft Sill, Ft Leavenworth, Eglin AFB, and Ft Lewis. **Al & Pam Lindholm** hosted a Class picnic at their farm in Nokesville in Jun, and the pictures remind me that we really did have sweater weather in early Jun. About that time the Class retirements contd, with **Glenn Otis** and **Chuck Fiala** leaving Europe, and **Max Noah** leaving the Pentagon. **Vald Heiberg** has joined the ranks of the gainfully employed as pres and CEO of a firm in Wilmington, DE. We will miss **Kitty** & Vald in DC.

1953: Neilson, Goetzes, Delbridges and Brains

Those of us in the Wash area were shocked to see **Mike Cousland's** obituary in the paper in Jun. Mike succumbed to cancer on 2 Jun after a shockingly brief illness. Our sympathies are extended to **Carole** and the family.

1953: Betsy Roderick, Judy Benz and Pauli Smith

1953: Lindholm picnic

Si Nerone sent his holiday greetings in Jul as he, **Anne** and daughter Charmaine prepared to leave Manila for Rome. Don't be surprised if you see him because his route is very long, and he has a budding movie career underway. The itinerary may include Wash about the time this is published, and a very slim possibility of a brief visit to reunion. Si also asked if any other classmates had a younger son or daughter (Charmaine will be 4 in Jan). And now for the really BIG news: keep an eye out at your local cinema for *Indio* in which Si plays (I swear) an Anglican priest and was a tech advisor teaching Marvelous Marvin Hagler how to salute and march. More recently Si played number one villian Adm CH Smith, the pres's corrupt NSC advisor in an epic titled *Death Bond*. Justice triumphs in the end when Si's character stops a 357 magnum slug. Both films are fall releases.

Rolfe Arnhym chimed in from his new address in Palm Springs, CA where he heads the Chamber of Commerce. He guarantees a place in the sun for USMA '53. Rolfe was recently appointed to a CA/NV commission by the governor, and hopes to travel enough to discover some lost classmates. **Spike Holman** sent a K-1 newsletter crammed with news and a picture of Spike and **Tom McKenna** taken at Tom's home in Ft Collins, CO. The newsletter cites **Joan & Bob Beveridge** in Okinawa; **Charley Butler** getting his

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1953: Nordgrens and Scofield

1953: Tom McKenna and Spike Holman at Tom's home in Ft Collins, CO

PhD in math at U of AL, now teaching at MS State; **Ruth & Frank Doyle** in CA near **Nicki & Stan Sovern; Trixie & Keith Kahl** in the Oak Ridge-Knoxville area with daughter Mary Evelyn, daughter Kathy (with TVA) and husband, and son Keith (MS in mech engr at ORNL); **Amy & Lee Liveoak** planning on the reunion; **Dale & Bev Peloquin** report daughter Kerry & husband in Denver, son Scott grad from U C Irvine, and Dana at UCSD in biomed engring. The letter says **Jim Pfautz** is "dir of Central Intelligence," but I think he uses the alias William Webster. **Alice & Dave Rice** report their son David Jr is an engr for Northern Telephone. Their other son, Kirk, formerly Arty, contracted diabetes (with a 40% disability) and has been grinding out a degree at NC State. They have a married daughter Peggy and Louise (16) in HS. Alice & Dave plan on making the reunion. **Margo & Herb Schaeffer** passed up the 30th in favor of their oldest son's grad from USAFA and subsequent marriage. They hope to make the 35th. **Carolyn Van Deusen** Bushnell has had more than her share of bad times. Her son Frederick III has had a malignant brain tumor removed and has been living on borrowed time for 6 yrs. Carolyn is also struggling against cancer and would enjoy hearing from her friends by mail to: PO Box 112, Wildwood, GA 30757.

Lois & Ken Heitzke have made a number of football games from their home in CT. **Mary & Clark Smith**, also in CT, try to make one home game a yr. Hopefully, it will be USAFA this yr. **Nicki & Stan Sovern** haven't made a reunion yet, but hope to break the trend this yr.

K-1 is trying to find **Doris Wheeler's** address. **Martha & Spike Holman's** son Rick is marketing for Triad (Computer) Systems in Livermore, CA; daughter Betsy has the leading female role in the *Smokey Mtn Passion Play* in Townsend, TN this summer. Son Ted was soccer cpt and MVP at Kutztown Univ and was scheduled to be commissioned in the Inf this summer. Spike still wears the Army green as pres of Carson Long Mil Inst.

At press time (I missed another deadline) **Bob Breckenridge** encourages anyone who is having a delayed reaction about reunion to contact him ASAP at (703) 273-7229 (home) or (703) 273-1925 (work). The comm will try to squeeze you in and AAA will keep some seats open in the Class section at Michie Stadium until game time.

Take some BLACK & WHITE pictures at Reunion! They print better than color.

GO ARMY, BEAT AIR FORCE.

'54

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Skip & Susie Forman arranged a Class dinner on 10 Jun at the ANCC in Arlington, VA. These and spouses attended: **Aguilar, Allan, Barnes, Barrand, Bidwell, Cory, Leif Erickson, Evans, Forman, Ganahl, Gaston, Gheen, Healy, Henry, Hudachek, Keiser, Lasher, Jack Miller, Obendorfer, Olmstead, Parshall, Piolunek, Sipes, Skibbie, Sugg, Vesser,** and **Williams**. Pres Jack Miller informed us that the Class gift reviewing stand was located in accordance with the modified Plain plan. Jack has huddled with AOG reps ref a 35th Reunion gift. Nothing firm yet, so let your ideas be known before the champagne spoils.

Dinner gossip: MG **Tom & Gloria Healy** ret to Fredericksburg, VA. **Ron & Nancy Lee** were celebrating the arrival of their first child. Ron is a mgt consultant and lecturer in Potomac, MD. Also enjoying recent fatherhood is **Jay Fredman**, who is an atty in Bethesda, MD.

Somehow, a discussion of age took place in a gp that was helping close the bar. Extensive staff research of the *Register* birth dates reveals that (ready?) dozens in our Class were born in 29 and 28; only about 4 were born in 27, all presumably prior service people to qualify them to enter USMA after their 22nd birthday. One classmate was born in 26—**Bernie Serrano** from Venezuela, who died in 1960. Next time we'll have something about the younger members. We resist such statistics on spouses.

Chatting with **Jim & Mary Lou Henry**, we learned that Mary Alice Henry and Carol Jeanne Piolunek were born 11 days apart at the WP Hosp in 62, both delivered by Dr CPT **Lew Mologne**. Mary Alice grad from VPI in education, married Jeff Shifflette, and teaches at Keene Mill Sch in Springfield, VA, which she attended as a youngster. Their son James was delivered at Fairfax Hosp by Dr Kurt Rhymers '66 and to whom Jim taught cadet Spanish when Mary Alice was born. Carol grad from UVA and is with MCI in Arlington. She hasn't married because her father needs the money.

The previous column included several photos of Founders Day attendees with no or incorrect identification of the subjects. These photos are taken by the gp hosting the event and mailed directly to *ASSEMBLY*. We've been informed that some were not printed for lack of data. So if you are in a situation and have your smiling face photoed for posterity, please give the cameraperson complete identity of those exposed, from left to right and by row, to accompany the photo. The same applies to the photos you send me. Also, we mail in newspaper photos, but *ASSEMBLY* cannot legibly produce them.

1954: Bob & Helen Chapman and Brandt Grubbs arm wrestling at Eglin AFB Founders Day 1988

Others met or heard from this period are **Roy Muth** in Fairfax, VA, **Don Old** from San Ant, and **John Bard** in DC.

The paucity of data from the field is obvious. Everyone must have enjoyed the summer, which is welcome news. But the AOG/*ASSEMBLY* is thinking of publishing 6 times a yr, and without your support, there is not enough info for a column every two mos. My personal parameter for a decent column is the number of classmates it mentions, 40–50 is good, with new names each issue. Send a note with your address and status and we'll tell the rest of the Class. Or send a note saying you don't want your name used and we'll print that. Till then, as the farmer said.

The Class has learned that **Lew Mologne** died on 22 Aug at WRAMC where he had ret as CG on 1 Aug. The Class extends its deepest sympathy to **Rose** and their family.

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Sadly, I must once again report to you the death of a member of our Class. **Francis M Greene**, whom we all knew and lovingly remember as **Jerry**, was the victim of an auto accident on 12 Jun in upstate NY while on a vacation trip. Jerry was alone in his car when the accident occurred. He is survived by his wife **Fayal** and 3 children—a son and two daughters. He left the AF in 59 and, following his studies for the MBA at Harvard, entered business with Brown Bros, Harriman, NY. He & Fayal served two asgmts with the firm in London where several classmates had the pleasure of visiting them. Jerry moved to Estabrook Capital Mgt, Inc just before our 30th Reunion in 85. How saddened we are with the loss of this great friend who succeeded so significantly in the business world. Our sincere sympathies go to Fayal and the children; we share your grief at the loss of our friend and comrade. Be thou at peace, Jerry; well done.

1955: Joe Dado receives awards in Mindanao ceremony

I recently received a nice note and the snap herein from **Joe & Puring Dado** who, since Joe's retmt in 64, have made their home in Mindanao in Joe's home, the Philippine Isls. Joe is the mgr for pers and labor rel with Dole PI, Inc. He is also active in the Philippine Res in which he serves as CO of the territorial bde. Joe has recently guided his area reservists through mobilization and field tng with significant honors. He is proud to affirm that our Class makes a strong and positive contribution to anti-Communist insurgency in his part of the world. It was a pleasure to hear from Joe after all these yrs.

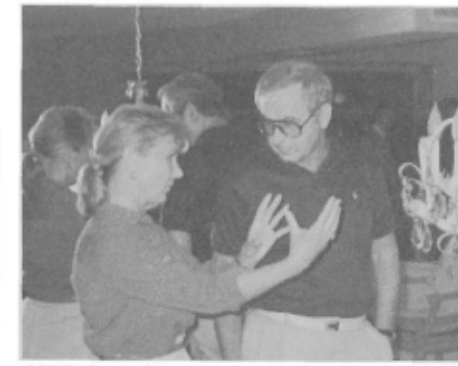
Also in the post was a welcome update from **Bob & Anne Nourse**, who now live in Easton, PA. Bob is the dir of dev at Lafayette Coll and also teaches courses on Vietnam and the war there in the history curriculum. (Hard to believe we're now teaching our own lives as history!) Bob has a book on Vietnam near completion, has a publisher, and we should see that issue later this yr. Anne works with learning disabled children in NJ, and the Nourses have their hands filled with 4 of their youngsters and 6 grandchildren. Bob says he & Anne have mixed emotions while watching Army-Lafayette games. He also included a copy of May 88 *Army* magazine, in which his article on his advisor role in Quang Tin Prov appeared; an exciting and interesting reflection.

1955: Ute & Ski Ordway

Ski & Ute Ordway's recent visit to town provided the chance for a few '55ers to greet this CO couple back to sweltering DC. **Bill Roth** and his lovely daughter Elizabeth (see the snap) and our old friend J J McGinn '56 were among a much larger gp of DC luminaries hosted by Ski's brother, Butch & his wife Nancy, at a welcome gathering. Ski reports that in spite of a somewhat receding def support environment in CO, he & Ute are determined to stay there, so he has started a small headware business in addition to his work with CSC. At any rate, they both look great, as the photo attests.

1955: Bill Roth and daughter

On the 4th of Jul **Dick & Greta Masson** hosted a large gathering in their newly decorated condo overlooking the DC Mall. Viewing the fireworks that were part of the natl celebration from there was the high spot of an evening that brought together **Carl & Marcia Cathey, Bud & Dottie Goldstein, Joan O'Brien, Hugh & Ann Quinn, Al Bundren,** and **Vicki** and your scribe. From the 9th fl viewing point, looking past the Iwo Jima and Lincoln Memorials onto the nearly one hr magnificent display of fireworks was a super way to celebrate the 4th. Dick & Greta are thoroughly enjoying their condo, which Greta completely designed and for which their son Rick designed and constructed most of the very elegant built-in cabinets.



1955: Greta Masson and Bud Goldstein

On the day prior to the **Massons'** party, we had the great good fortune to spend a few hrs over Sun brunch at Bolling AFB with **Ed & Nancy Rumsey**, who were in town for a short vacation from their home in Seneca, SC. Ed is very much involved in the mgt of the sports and racquet club in which he is a partner. Keeping the waistlines and health status of western SC in trim is a business Ed takes seriously, and he is a walking example of the effect he seeks to achieve. Both Ed & Nanc look great and all those yrs they spent laboring in Saudi Arabia seem to have made them truly appreciate the joy of settling in back home.

Mike & Betty Stevenson were in the area recently, and the visit sparked a small welcoming gathering in their honor by Betty's sister & her husband. I had the chance to visit with **Dick & Sandy Wargowsky**, who had some delightful tales about their recent extended trip to China and the glories of tourist accommodations in the PRC. Brought back memories of the Soviet Union. All in all, an impressive, if somewhat awesome trip. Also greeting Mike & Betty were **Tom & Elaine West** and **Ted & Nancy Bishop**. Mike & Betty make their home in Gahanna, OH.

I had a brief, but welcome phone chat with **Dave Burroughs**, my old roommate who now lives in Mesa, AZ, in the Phoenix area. Dave is acctg and fin off for a non-profit firm that deals with aging and support to the aged. Several of Dave's children are settled in the area, which gives him the opportunity to see them and his grandchildren frequently. Dave had recently flown to Ft Collins, CO where he had a brief reunion with some mutual teaching mates from USAFA days. It was great to chat briefly with Dave and to learn he travels from time to time into the DC area. Look forward to seeing you again.

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1955: Tom West and Mike Stevenson

1955: Clancy & Patsy Delong; Founders Day 1988, Phoenix

1955: Vineys, Davises and Stratis at the Hermitage in Leningrad

1955: Bob & Lynn Strickland

Jack & Marlowe Viney staged a little mini-Class reunion on 5 Aug at their Huntington Beach, CA home, and in a short phone report from both Jack and **Bill McWilliams**, I learned that those attending were **Ray & Celia Dax, John & Jerra Hotchkiss,** who are recent arrivals in the area, **Del & Shirley Jacobs, Dave & Toni Maurer,** Bill **& Ronnie McWilliams, Jim & Nancy Miller, Bob Soper,** also relatively newly arrived in the area, and **Al & Dot Spaulding**. The invites were out to a much wider net of L.A. Basin classmates, but this was a great gathering on which Jack and Bill will give me a full report for the next issue, as well as a raft of photos.

1955: Ed & Pam Trobaugh, Helen & Howie Stone; Founders Day 1988, Ft Lewis

1955: Wargowsky, Ted & Nancy Bishop

Below are some snaps of classmates and ladies at various Founders Day functions around the country; everyone looks hale and hearty. My next deadline for this column is 15 Oct for a Dec issue—sure would like to hear from someone! Take care.

'56

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By the time you read this, the new USMA sports complex near Michie Stadium, which houses the basketball and hockey arenas, will have been dedicated to and named in honor of our own **Don Holleder**. **Dave Palmer, Mike Conrad** and **Perry Smith** were scheduled to speak at the 10/1/88 dedication ceremony, and I'm certain they found the right words to express our collective feelings about this great athlete, soldier, citizen, and beloved classmate. **Caroline** and Ernie and the 4 Holleder daughters were present with other family members. We owe a special thanks to Mike Conrad and **Farrell Patrick** for organizing a complete 3-day wkend of memorial events for this occasion and for assuring it received the publicity it deserved. The activities, in addition to the dedication ceremony, included dinner parties, evening entertainment provided by the Pearl River Hilton Hotel, a cadet parade, a lunch for family, classmates and special guests with Dave & **Lu** Palmer, the Army-Bucknell football game, as well as a special Sun brunch at the hotel. I also want to personally thank those of you who took the time to write and call me about this very special event.

It is my sad duty to report that **Gary Hall** passed away 6/19/88. He died of cancer of the lungs. The service was at Edwards AFB. He & his wife **Carole** have 3 daughters, Jody, Johnna, and Mary. Gary was a major force and contributor to the advancement of aerospace science as a test pilot, a mgr of a flight test facility, a sr flight test engr, and leader in the dev of aircraft instrumentation. He was a fellow of the Soc of Experimental Test Pilots and a member of the bd of dirs for the Soc of Flight Test Engrs as well as the Flight Test Historical Foundation. Gary also served as pres of the Rosamond Chamber of Commerce from 75–82. I believe **Art Evans** and several other classmates from the L.A. area were able to attend his memorial services. Many of us remember Gary as a boxer during our cadet days, and I'm certain he remained a fighter in the best tradition of WP until the very end.

Charlie desIslets called to tell me the drs discovered 6/1/88 he has a malignant brain tumor. It paralyzed his left side and he presently relies on a wheelchair to get around; however, the condition seems to be responding very well to therapy. He has a very positive attitude and plans to join us at the next Class reunion at WP. He & wife **Anne** are residing at 1422 Wilderness St, Delafield, WI. They invite all who are in the area to stop in for a visit. I am also indebted to Charles' sister, Dee Stringer, for her info on her brother's condition and recovery situation. I am certain all of you join me in wishing Charlie our very best wishes for a speedy recovery so he can join us again at our next and many subsequent reunions.

I hear that **Bob Hammond** has been nominated for promotion to LTG and, even though this nomination may not as yet have been confirmed, it is expected to be a formality. It is also rumored that Bob will replace **John Wall** as CG of the Army Strategic Def Cmd. Bob presently is dir, Space and Special Weapons Directorate, Army Nuclear and Chem Agency. A 6/6/88 issue of the *Army Times* reports the Army staff has approved a proposal to make the 1st Special Ops Cmd at Ft Bragg a separate cmd run by a 3 or 4 star gen. The cmd is now subordinate to Forces Cmd and is headed by **Leroy Suddath**. Its status would be upgraded under the Army staff recom-

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1956: '56 gathering at Ft McNair—Knobby Glock and Doziers

1956: '56 gathering at Ft McNair—Tindall, Quakenbush (behind), Jezoir and Hull

mendation, which may be approved late this yr according to the *Times*. Let's hope that I have good news to report about this encouraging dev by the end of this yr or early next.

1956: '56 gathering at Ft McNair—Ted Jasper and Jim Bauchspies

Maury Cralle provided several good photos of a '56 luncheon at Ft McNair that had **Jim Dozier** as guest speaker. As previously reported, Jim is a candidate for Congress (House) from FL. There was an excellent turnout of some 32 classmates to hear Jim and encourage him. The FL delegation hosted a DC cocktail reception 7/12/88 for Jim. **Jack Sharkey, Ken Withers, Ben Tindall, Bob Sorley, Frank Holmes,** and **Bill Cody** were able to attend that event. Maury has also seen **Arv & Barbara West** when they were in the DC area for Arv to receive the "Outstanding Installation Award" from the C/S, Army. Arv loves his asgmt as BG, dep installation cmdr at

1956: '56 gathering at Ft McNair—McNulty, Flory and Hammond

Ft Leonard Wood. Maury also saw **Chantal Fox** recently. She said **Gene** is a full-time student at George Mason U in Fairfax, VA. He is getting a degree in math. After that, he plans to teach. Later,

1956: Atlanta party honoring Max Cleland, with Moose Yon and Maury Cralle

Maury ran into **"Moose" Yon** at a party in Atlanta, GA honoring Max Cleland, Secy of State for GA and Maury's former boss at the VA. Moose is taking life easy and enjoying this from his farm near Dahlonega, GA. The '56 luncheon at Ft McNair on 7/20/88 saw 28 faithful in attendance. At that time **Mike Conrad** discussed the upcoming **Holleder** dedication wkend and **Bill Schrage** outlined plans for another '56 ceremony on 11/11/88 at the Vietnam Memorial in DC. They also toasted our newest Class godson, Gus Maury Cralle, born 7/18/88. Looks like we'll all have to hang in there for a long spell to see Gus grad with the Class of 2010. Our congratulations to both Maury & **Christine**. Our final social/family item to report from the DC scene is the marriage of **Bill & Jan Baxter's** daughter Anne Meredith to Andrew Ogren, 7/23/88. They were married in Burke, VA and the reception was at the Ft Belvoir OC. Classmates attending were **Maury Cralle, Mike & Jane Lion, Pat & Ginger Haley, Frank & Bonnie Matthews, John & Flo Keutmann,** and **Paul Winkel** and his friend Eileen.

Just returned from our annual picnic and beach party hosted by **Art & Alicia Evans** for classmates and their families in the CA area and nearby environs. As usual, the weather was perfect, the volleyball game was, shall we say, interesting, the swimming was invigorating, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Those in attendance were **Darrell Anderson, Bob Barrett, Jack & Lee Evans, Renny Hart, Lisle & Ann Kendall** and son Scott, **Walt & Elaine Sager, Joe & Linda Sanders, Gary & Barbara Sidler** and their daughter Mindy, **Jerry & Sammy Kay Skatvold, Bob & Joan Stein, Bruce & Sharon Wallace,** and **Betty** & I. The Sagers are living in Glendale, AZ where Walt has ret from his former real estate bus and Elaine is quite active as a painter of southwestern landscapes. The Sagers have been visited by **Bill & Doris Westcott**. They have an antique jewelry bus in Clearwater, FL. Gary Sidler ret from the service in 81 and is a sr mgr—govt contracts admin with Fluor Corp in Orange County, CA. He & Barbara and two of their 3 children live in Mission Viejo, CA. Their oldest son, Scott, is in computer sales. Second son, Barry, is a sr at U of CA at Santa Barbara. Their daughter, Mindy, is entering HS. Barbara is currently in real estate (associate broker). Gary has been active in Scouting, Rotary, Toastmasters, SAME, and the Natl Contract Mgt Assoc as well as soccer where he has both coached and refereed. All family members except Barbara play soccer. Mindy's team was CA State and Western Regl Champions at under 12 (86) and under 14 (88). The Kendalls had just returned from a Club Med vacation at Sonora Bay. Lyle is still with Hughes Acft, Ann is still running her own secretarial services co, and Scott (15) is a soph in HS and wrestles at 165 lbs. Bob & Joan Stein are very proud of their son Robert III who was one of the artists honored by the AF by having two of his works recently added to the AF Art Collection. The entire family traveled to Bolling AFB for a black tie presentation ceremony held on 6/24/88. Bob recently came across **Dick Hansen** (last name used to be Head) at a NSIA golf tournament. Dick is a Peacekeeper Program mgr with Westinghouse Elec, and his off is in Sunnyvale, CA.

1956: Ft McNair—Crites, Dozier and Schwarzkopf

As for the **Wilkers**, our daughter Carolynn married Andrew Petru on 7/9/88.

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Andy is with General Telephone, and Carolynn is an associate planner with the city of Rancho Palos Verdes. They honeymooned in the San Fran Bay area and have purchased a beautiful condominium in L.A. I recently experienced a retina tear in my left eye; however, my eye dr performed laser surgery and my recovery has been rapid. **Walt Sager** and I will return to our 40th HS class reunion (Tamalpais HS, Class of '48) this coming Oct. At that time we also hope to spend a day with **Renny Hart** and some of our other classmates who have settled near San Fran.

Hope this message finds all of you well and happy and looking forward to all the best that life can offer.

'57

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Here I am again, late as usual, but trying to catch up. Writing the column every 2-3 mos is getting a little difficult, and now there's a possibility that it will be every 2 mos. If that happens, I think I'll have to skip a couple of editions each yr. If you have any preference as to when you most want to see the news, please send me a note.

Congratulations are in order for at least 3 classmates, and I was very pleased to deliver congrats to one in person. **Hank Hatch** was selected to be the 47th Ch of Engrs and promoted to LTG on 17 Jun. **Carl Vuono** did the honors at a Pentagon ceremony. Hank had an assumption of cmd ceremony on 5 Jul, complete with gala reception hosted by Hank & **Sherry**, which was attended by his mother, his son, and about 200 assorted others, to include **Bernice** & me. It was a very impressive event. In the same time frame, although I don't know the exact dates, **Ed Soyster** was promoted to LTG and asgnd as the dir of DIA (per the *Army Times*), and **Len Wishart** was promoted to LTG and asgnd to cmd Ft Leavenworth and the Army CDC (per Hank Hatch). I'm not sure of the other orgs that Len will cmd out there, but I hope to hear from him soon and I'll pass it along. Once again, congrats to all 3 of you and I wish you very fulfilling tours. Carl is certainly getting a great supporting cast for the Army.

It is my sad duty to report the death of **Leigh Ogden**'s wife **Carolyn**. She died suddenly on 12 Jul in Suburban Hosp in Wheaton, MD and was buried at Arlington on 15 Jul. Carolyn had suffered a catastrophic illness in Jan 87 due to the occlusion of the superior mesentery artery, and had received her nourishment via an IV since that time. Fortunately, she did have the pleasure of witnessing the marriage of their daughter Virginia to James Scheltema on 28 May. Leigh described the wedding as "the most beautiful wedding possible. Carolyn looked great and had the time of her life at the wedding." The reception was held in a magnificent mansion called Strathmore Hall in Montgomery County. I know the Class joins me in offering our sincere condolences to Leigh and Virginia, and in hoping that the memories from the wedding will help to somehow ease the pain.

Darrold Erickson and **Don Press** both called to say they fit the requirements described by **Bill Golden** for getting some back pay from the Army because of previous Naval Res duty. I sent them a copy of what Bill sent me, and they have since received even more material from Bill. Hopefully, they will both benefit, and so will the Class fund. If any of you know some USNA grads from those yr gps (it's OK to admit it) you might want to pass along the info to them. If you don't know what I'm talking about, see the last column. If you've thrown it away—shame on you. Don sent me a note to say he's already started the process and will pursue it vigorously. Along with the additional info Bill sent me, he included letters from several classmates who were in the Marine Corps Res (**John Bloomfield** said he knows 5), the Army Natl Guard (**Jack Meehan**) and the Army Res (**Tom Gruhn**). In particular, John mentioned that **Chuck Radler**, who died at WP, was also in the Marine Corps Res and that he would try to file the papers for Chuck's estate if someone would give him **Laurie Radler's** address. John's number is (201) 538-9632.

Priscilla Quinn sent me an article from the "Lifestyle" section of the *Gannett Westchester* newspaper/Sun, 24 Jul. The full page feature story, titled "WEST POINT: It runs in the family" was all about the Raymond family, and had a picture of **Chuck Raymond** and his son Craig, who graduated in the Class of '88. Craig is the 22nd member of the family to grad from WP, and the 16th Raymond. I believe he is the 4th of Chuck's sons to grad, at least that's what I believe the article said. Craig was a lineman on the football team and was married 3 days after graduation. Care to comment, Chuck? Thanks for the article, Priscilla. Got a nice long letter from **Russ Ramsey**, and I could probably fill at least 3 more pp with details of all the things that he & **Roberta** have done in just the last yr, but in the interest of space and time (which I am about to run out of) I'll just cover the highlights of the highlights. In Jun 87 Russ became prof of Natl Security Affairs at the Air CSC at Maxwell. However, one wk before that Roberta received tenure and dept head status (spec ed) plus the title "Asst to the VP." Consequently, Russ drives from Albany, GA to Montgomery, AL at 0430 each Mon, resides for the wk in a rented trailer near the front gate of Maxwell, and drives back to Albany on Fri nite. That does not sound like a fun way to live, but Russ explains that's how two coll professors sometimes have to live and work in order to pay other coll profs to educate their children. Russ' description was a little more colorful, but the irony of the situation is obvious. I'll bet, though, that they're both enjoying their respective jobs. Roberta has just published a 500 p textbook titled *Preparatory Manual for Teacher Competency Test in Special Education* and was the speaker on that topic at the Natl Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention in Wash DC in Mar. Russ reached compulsory retmt age for the Res, and has now joined the rest of us in that category. He compensated for it by publishing his 3rd novel in the *Lady* trilogy and is now getting two articles a mo in natl magazines, plus book reviews. As he says, he's trying to get some reasoned pro-def ideas in print, especially with respect to Latin America. I wonder if he dictates all of his material to a tape recorder as he travels back and forth to Albany, or he does it to lift his spirits and retain his sanity during the wk while he's living in his trailer. Thanks for the letter, Russ.

Got a letter from **Don Tribe** just before I started this, but I'm going to save it for next time just in case no one writes. I'll also give you an update on the **Kovel** clan at that time. When you read this, write—especially if you want to express a preference for the number of columns you would like each yr and the time frames.

'58

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49th Column. Today is 14 Aug. The column is due tomorrow. Talk about anti-climatic, this is it. **George Lawton** (G2) and I delivered the Reunion Book to the printer on 9 Aug and spent more time there on 12 Aug before the normal second Fri Class luncheon. And now the scribe must do a column which will be read in Oct, *after* the 30th Reunion. Call this column OBE: overtaken by events.

Class luncheon. A well-attended affair with great interest in hearing reunion details from **Garry Roosma** (H2), our chm. No point in mentioning them here, OBE. **George Robertson** (H1) arranged a bus from DC to the Westchester Marriott and return with local excursions to WP and vic. Space for 44 and he got about 30 at lunch. Again, details are OBE. **Mark Sigurski** (C1) explained a little higher math to the gp: the luncheons cost $10 (as they have for a few yrs). At the Jul luncheon he collected $176 (either a $6 tip for his efforts in arranging the luncheons for the past 5 plus yrs, or a $4 stiff

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job). The good news is that the total in the offering basket was $320 this time, divisible by ten, not bad for WP grads.

Reunion Book. Some info that is not OBE. The price break at the printer was such that I ordered 500 copies, a couple hundred more than paid for so far. The message is that there will be copies for sale at reunion (OBE) and there should be copies left over when you read this in case you want to order your first copy or might even want to order a second copy. Send me $45 and your current address and you will get one via the US Postal Service. This offer is good as long as supplies last.

A bit of advertising: the book has 396 bio inputs from classmates, ex-classmates, and families of deceased classmates and/or obituaries for 28 of our 45 members of the ghostly assemblage. Twelve of the obituaries are reprinted from prior issues of *ASSEMBLY*, two are advanced copies of obits scheduled for future issues (**Adam Benjamin**'s C2 will be in Feb 89 and **Bob Giuliano**'s B2 will be in Jul 89). The other 14 in the book were submitted in response to the Reunion Book appeal for info. The bad news here is that 17 have neither an obituary nor a current update from next-of-kin. We should have done better by them. CCQs will continue to work on getting obituaries submitted to *ASSEMBLY* for those not yet published nor submitted.

More advertising for the book. The reunion org is featured, and let me say here we all owe thanks to Chm Roosma and the Cadet Charge of Quarters and Runners for their efforts. Both the 30th Reunion and the Reunion Book have benefited from the CCQs contacting all locatable classmates and next-of-kin. Back to book features. A virtually complete listing of classmates and ex-classmates with their cadet cos is provided to make looking for bio a bit easier. The bios/obits are alphabetical by cadet co, A1-M2.

There are pages listing our deceased classmates (with obituary info and reflecting those interred at WP), general offs (number of stars and service), and sons and daughters who are USMA grads or are serving/have served as cadets (in both cases risking the sin of omission). After the co sections is an address list from the computer of **John Nun** (A2) based on the best info available to him from the AOG, the CCQs, etc. And, last but not least is a Late Rank with a number of bios which arrived after the co sections were put together and numbered. With some 512 total pp, we couldn't put the late ones in their proper cos (would have necessitated renumbering the whole thing, a task neither **Lawton** nor I could face).

And, wherever there was blank space we included some stray pictures from 5th, 20th and 25th Reunions plus Founders Days, class parties, and memorabilia from June Wk '58. Hope you like it. Hope the extras will sell.

Not contained in the book, so I'll mention it here, are the contributors to the *'58 Class Memorial Fund*, which represents donations to the WP Fund and designated for our Class fund. The following data reflect those on record with the AOG (through 9 Aug) plus two checks I received at the 12 Aug luncheon. If your name does not appear here and you think it should, please contact COL Tom Russell '59. Tom is the AOG person who handles Special Giving. You can call him at 1–800–232-GRAD. Omissions may be the result of your having sent a check to AOG but not indicating it was designated for the '58 Class Memorial Fund. Omissions may be the result of scribe's typing from Tom's computer printout, but here goes, by cadet cos:

A1: **DeJardin, George, Lee Miller, Puscheck, Sigler, Stone, Waddell.** B1: **Beyea, Carlson, Clewell, John Cook, Griffin, Katz, Kirk, Lewis, Oberg, Price, Sampson, Thompson.** C1: **Collins, Sandy Evans, Gary Graves, Kernan, Looney, Merrill, Bob Moore, Jim Peck, John Schaffer, Sigurski, John Tierney, Votruba.** D1: **Bunker, Ted Burke, Crowley, Galen, Hasselbrink, OK Hill, Jenison, Herb Johnson, John Schaefer, Weckel, Wentworth.**

E1: **Bullis, Cabell, John Evans, Hutson, Levasseur, Lonero, Myers, Profilet, Seltzer, Tomlinson.** F1: **Bauchspies, Charlton, Connell, Frick, Gall, Hamilton, Harry, Jahn, Jasaitis, Kubiak, McLean, Nadal, Rhodes, Shepard, Stambaugh.** G1: **Brockwell, Cibosky, Corcoran, Chuck Davis, Garlick, Gaughan, Kelley, Charlie Miller, Ordway, Pedersen, Reilly, Sedgwick, Leo Smith, Trainor.** H1: **Carter, Devens, Ganey, Glenn Hall, Kulick, Loffert, George Robertson, Rupprecht, Worsham.**

I1: **Tony Bauer, Brunner, John Hill, Linc Jones, Reynard, Saint, Tony Smith.** K1: **Barker, Drisko, Groves, Gustitis, Mirasol, Sands, Serchak, Trumbull, Ron Turner.** L1: **Conti, Hankee, Herberger, Hirata, Lindquist, Mahler, Matsumoto, Bob Miller, Peters, Salisbury, Teeter, Tirre, Zwick.** M1: **Clary, Dick Graves, Halsey, Lager, Patterson, Thamasett, Ward.**

A2: **Bradley, Buckalew, Densford, Edwards, Hansult, Kosmider, Nun, Ken Phillips, Roberts, Toney.** B2: **Ackerman, Buchly, Claflin, Kullavanijaya, Dick Schonberger.** C2: **Ciasullo, Gongola, Harlem, Bill Harrison** (ex-cadet), **McCormack, Penczer, Pensiero.**

D2: **Bailey, Gillette, Ray Miller, Tilley.**

E2: **Gietzen, Henninger, Isaacson, Kusek, Ed Matthews, Pearsall, Thomas, Toftoy, Tuttle, Wafer, Jim Weis.** F2: **Glenn Brown, Castle, Coffey, Krankel, Palladino, Pruntisch, Sewall, Sheehan.** G2: **Bujalski, Pat Donovan, Easley, Brad Eliot, Herren, Huff, Lawton, Pointer, Waller, Wayne Weiss, Wright.** H2: **Clyde Brown, DeChant, Downing, Jim Hall, Madigan, McElroy, Parks, Pryor, Riordan, Garry Roosma, Sharon, Sibert, Soper.**

I2: **Abernathy, Bacon, Card, Cockle, Daley, Dugan, Groh, Mike Jones, McGrew, Millspaugh, Jim Morgan, Oxrieder, Ramsden, Schwar, TK Smith, Webb.** K2: **Claffey, Craddock, Davall, Guenther, Dan Johnson, Lohr, Rossetto.** L2: **Chapman, Higgins, Hudson, Paul Johnson, Mellin, Rollie Peck** (ex-cadet), **Reynolds, Shellenberger, Stanton.** M2: **Bradshaw, Brintnall, Carpenter, Helen Clark, Hayden, Hruby, McCaffrey, Packard, Schroeder, Tallgren, Tredway, Williamson.**

Others: George Bean, our chaplain for all 4 yrs; GJ Hallenbeck '61 (given for his squad leader, **Jerry Capelle** K1); and CPT Pete Theodorelos. A number of classmates have made donations in the name of deceased classmates—there is a book of remembrances which reflects the name of the person honored or so remembered; however, the donations are recorded in the name of the actual donor for fiscal accountability. Confused? Call Tom Russell at AOG.

Given the fact that your scribe is jaded on the Reunion Book and the fact that most news will be OBE by the time you read this, I am going to climb my soapbox and make a few comments on our fund raising efforts. First, the actual donors number something on the order of 245 (approximately 44% participation rather than the 70% reported in the Memorial Fund Comm letter—I gave them the other estimate which included all '58 donors to WP Fund). Actually donated through 12 Aug was $37,025. Our total of $55K plus includes $18K or so made on the money donated, much of it before the 25th Reunion. This past yr, 1 Apr 87—31 Mar 88 was the first yr in 5 that we donated more than we made on investments.

Technically, we have made our goal of $50,000. Keep in mind that we set that goal at the 20th Reunion, to have been raised by the 25th, but extended it to the 30th because we were a bit short in 83.

We could compare our performance with that of '59. One yr short of their 30th how are they doing? They too set their goal at their 20th; however, they screwed up and pledged $200 per man per yr for 10 years—which totaled a cool million. They have raised only $300,000, woefully short of their goal. The moral of this story is to set low, achievable goals rather than really stretch and come up short—we all know from mil service that percentages mean more than totals. Now to remove my tongue from my cheek and finish this column, continuing at this

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point with appropriate congratulations to '59.

Best part of Reunion Book project has been hearing from so many (at the moment the best part is having given it to the printer). Some miscellaneous poop which may not surface in the book or at the 30th. **Jack May** B2 has been elected to membership in the Explorers Club. Enclosed is a picture of **Jim Wildey** L2 with 6 grandchildren with a 7th born in Feb. It came via a *first letter* which was

1958: Wildey and grandchildren

inspired by my inadequate listing of Poop Schoolers. The Reunion Book will expose all the USMAPS types in our class. Another grandchild to report: **Bill & Mary Jane Parks** H2 welcomed Kelly Parks Hower on 5 Feb.

A Classmate's Marriage. **Alice Jokela Wakefield** and **Tom Forman** G2 announced their marriage 15 Jun. Welcome to '58, Alice and congratulations to Tom! More good news: **Ray Riggan** B2

1958: Forman and Alice Wakefield *before* the wedding

was released from the surgical intensive care unit and then was released from the hosp on 6 Jul (exactly 30 yrs after entering Beast Barracks in 54). He had to remain near the VA Hosp in Richmond, but is now doing well enough with his new heart that he's returned to FL. Great news, Ray! **Jerry Lewis** B1 wrote asking, "Anybody want a Tecumseh Arrow? I have one in my garage, but not enough Navy grads to show it off to. I may be East in the fall, or can send it." Hope he brings it to reunion.

The Lafayette Six (an anonymous gp that went to the game at WP last fall).

1958: Lewis seems to be physically fit for reunion

Seems on the return trip to DC our 6 heroes ran out of Bloody Mary mix. Pulled into a shopping center and **Butch Ordway** G1 went into a store to buy some. He emerged about 15 min later empty handed—seems the hardware store didn't carry the mix. Do wonders never cease?

Dave Swanson C2 wrote that he's in an MBA program, "rediscovering some of the reasons (he) was a goat at WooPoo." He can testify to some of the problems of aging having had two knee ops in 87 with another due in May 89; in his words he's, "Putting off as long as possible the replacement of both knee joints." **John McKillop** B1 called from Monument, CO where he's been active with the WP Soc of Denver. One project the soc sponsored was a concert in Denver with the 3 Academy Glee Clubs, their first "3-way" concert. John is involved with both his former '57 classmates and our '58 types in Denver. Just think, he could double his pleasure and attend reunions for *both* classes. And **Bud Davenport** E2 could go to three. Bud's our 6-yr man who had two plebe yrs with '56 and '57 and then had two cow yrs with '57 and '58. After that he deserves 3 sets of reunions!

From *Aerospace Daily* of 11 Feb we learned that **Alan Chase** C1 was appointed VP Govt Requirements-Lockheed Missiles and Space Systems Gp. Also in the print media was the *Time* magazine report on **Bob Grete** M2. His sch, the nondenominational Rocky Bayou Christian Sch, refuses to pay Social Security taxes for its employees on religious grounds. The delinquent $90,599.64 has been put in a bank account that the IRS will seize. Or as Bob was quoted, "Since we are not going to write a check for that amount, they're going to steal it." The article continued, "The IRS is not commenting."

Another item in print, not exactly media: **Mike Daley** I2 sent a portion of the Contel Annual Report, a bit of which is quoted: "Dr **Alan Salisbury**, ret US Army MG and former cmdr of the US Army Info Systems Engring Cmd, has been named dir of the Center (Contel Tech Center)." Fund raising letter across my desk recently reflected that **Denny Sharon** H2 is the pres of the Nation's Capital Chapter of the AF Assoc.

Another ret: **Larry Bullis** E1 ret from the USAR as COL on 15 Jul. *AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO STAYED ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR 30 AND RETIRED ON 1 JUL!*

Another *first call*, this one from **Corky Henninger** E2 who is a pers type with Wang in Boston area. Corky reports that **Paul Ciasullo** C2 is "the premier labor guy in New England." **Chuck Toftoy** also E2 is the VP Programs for the Planning Forum. Featured on their programs this yr have been **John Sewall** F2 who spoke in Feb on "US Strategy-Issues for the Future," and **Herb Puscheck** A1 who was the keynote speaker at the annual mtg on 8 Jun, attended by a few other classmates.

And my last item. We have at least one classmate on *Easy Street*. Yep, **Ray Miller** D2 lives at 4096 Easy St, Greenwood, IN 46142. Hope to see many of you at the Reunion (OBE by the time you read this in Oct) and want to thank Garry and the CCQs/Runners again for their efforts on our behalf. Next deadline is 15 Oct for Dec *ASSEMBLY* and then 15 Dec for Feb 89 issue (be sure to read **Adam Benjamin's** obituary in Feb). Cheers (my new British expression—at Rolls-Royce your scribe is learning English as a second language).

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Our 30th Reunion will be held at WP next 21–24 Sep, one day longer than usual to give everyone a chance to see a bit more of the place on his own this time. The Sat game will be with Wake Forest. Watch your mailbox for details.

Our new program comm chm, **Ed Robinson**, reports that the $1500 Class scholarship this yr went to Cynthia Jean **Rothblum**, **Dick's** daughter, who will graduate next yr from Washington and Jefferson Coll in PA. She majors in biology and is intent on proceeding to med sch. **Powell Hutton** chaired the selection comm, and members included **Tom Boyle, Lou Beard, Frank Besson,** and **Bob Weekly**. Thanks of the Class go to the comm, and our congratulations and very best wishes go to Ms Rothblum.

Ed also reports that our annual contribution of $500 to Op Crossroads Africa was made and acknowledged, and that **Peter Stromberg** presented Class mugs to our graduating children, all sons this yr, who were Willard **Burleson**, Tim **Isacco**, Matthew **Moellering**, and Donny **Tillar**. Congratulations and Godspeed to them.

The great thanks of the Class are extended to **Mart Lidy**, our reting program

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1959: Moellering contemplates a class mug with his son and CDT Tillar

comm chm, who has served conscientiously and to great effect in the 8 yrs or so since the comm's charter at our 20th Reunion. Well done, Mart.

Still more good news from the promotion lists. **Ed Burba** has his 3rd star and was scheduled to take cmd of the Combined Field Army in Korea this fall. **John Grinalds**, our Marine, has his second star and is still with the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. We're very proud.

Jack & Nancy Neal are enjoying life in Tampa where Nancy is being leisurely and Jack toils away at GTE Data Services. Both of their sons are newlyweds living in Dallas, and Nancy was planning to spend a couple of wks with them this summer. Jack enclosed a notice from the GTE internal electronic mail system that listed **Pete Dawkins** as one of 6 top student-athletes inducted into the GTE Academic All-America Hall of Fame on 10 May. The others were Donn Moomaw, Sen Bill Bradley, Merlin Olsen, Rep Tom McMillen, and Pat Haden.

Chip Haight is dir, estate planning, for The Citadel Dev Foundation in Charleston, and he takes pleasure in working on behalf of a college and student body that are very much like our own. The focus there, he says, is upon tng citizen-soldiers, but all 2000 cadets take ROTC and about half apply for AD commissions. And the weather and beach down there are great, too.

Chip's wife **Barbara** earned her Dr. P.H. while mothering their brood of 5, and she now specializes in gerontology as an assoc prof at the College of Nursing, Medical U of SC. The Haight children are forming their own Army: 4 are commissioned on AD, and one is a plebe in the Class of '92. Heidi graduated from William & Mary in '83, is now a CPT, QM at Ft Hood, and is married to Andy Seward who is a CPT, SC. Timothy '84, is a CPT, SC at Ft Bragg. Daniel, Clemson '85, is a 1LT, Inf at Ft Stewart. Kelly, Georgetown '87, is a 2LT, ANC at WRAMC. And Michael, the youngest, is '92.

Bob & Julie DeMont had a busy Jun. While Julie was preparing the household for the move from Springfield, VA to Detroit to join Bob at his new job with General Dynamics, Lynn, their youngest, was grad from Springfield HS, the event for which the household had remained behind. In the midst of this, Pam, the middle child, was married to Andy Myers on 11 Jun at the Westwood Baptist Church in Springfield with a beautiful reception following at a local hotel. **Polly & I** decided that Julie was a miracle worker. Bob commuted from Detroit for the various events. Son Bobby missed the family fun because he was busy in Fulda taking cmd of A Trp, 11th ACR. The DeMonts' new address is 545 Sunlight Dr, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

1959: Isacco exchanges grins with his son and CDT Burleson

1959: Stadlers and Taylors; Founders Day 1988, Korea

Mike Gillette is now dir, Sahelian Dept, at the World Bank, where he concerns himself with some of the most deprived countries on earth; those located in the climatic zone called the Sahel, immediately south of the Sahara desert. He has a staff of about 130, mostly professionals, and they spend a lot of time in the field with clients and with various European agencies supporting development activities in Africa. World Bank loan commitments in the Sahel amount to about $375 million this yr.

Mike & Felicity's daughter Laura, 23, grad from CO Coll in CO Sprgs last spring. She was a drama major and planned to spend her summer with a theater gp in Aspen. After that it was either grad sch or the job market, a choice that hadn't yet been made in early summer. Mike was spending his summer sailing, gardening, and playing tennis. He says he's kicked the smoking habit and will have lost the extra lbs he's gained by the time we see him at the 30th next yr.

1959: Luedtkes, Salter and Gabel

John & Kathy Harkins are in Harrisburg, PA, where John does engring design and analysis in the telecommunications off of the Commonwealth of PA. In his spare time he is tng evaluation off in the PA NG hq, and he believes that his promotion date to O-6, which was 3 Mar 87, may be the latest for the Class. We don't give a mug for that, do we? John is proud of his 3 children: Virginia, who is the mother of grandsons Jared and Robert; Steve, a U of IL grad who is in Albany with a computer co; and Mark, who is a frosh at Penn State.

1959: Rushton, Bob & Katherine Crawford; Founders Day 1988, NW FL

Crawfish enchiladas, really tasty according to the cook, were served up to **Dave & Lois Gray** by **John & Marti Harrell** when the Grays stopped by Baton Rouge on their way to San Ant in Jun. The two old roommates stayed up half the night reliving Ranger Sch, burping crawdads, and other good ol' boy stuff like that.

The **Harrells'** daughter Debbi, 28, grad from med sch in May, and is now at Baylor Hosp in Dallas for a yr's residency. Son Mark, 27, is a computer programer in New Orleans and is married to a chem engr who works for Tenneco. Son Matt, 20, is a waiter at Kacoo's Seafood Restaurant in Baton Rouge, and attends LSU on the side. Our **John** himself is with a firm called IRD Mechanalysis and, to judge by the photo, it agrees with him.

Don & Jennie Gruschow are in Marietta, GA where Don is SE regional mgr

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1959: The Harrells at daughter Debbi's graduation from med sch

in the telecommunications div of Raychem Corp. They love living in the Atlanta area and hope to remain there for a very long time. They met back in 69 when Don was flying for Pan Am and Jennie was a stewardess, and they married the next yr. Since then, there have been two healthy kids—Glenn, now almost 16 and willing to take any job that will help pay for the car he's after; and Wendy, almost 15 and getting prettier everyday, according to her dad. The Gruschows like golf and take their vacations in FL whenever they can.

We were saddened to learn that **Mary Anderson's** youngest son, Peter, died in a car crash near his home in Franklin, TN on 14 Jul. The sincere sympathy of the Class is extended to family and friends. Mary's address in Franklin is 124 Poteat Place (37064).

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It has been a good mo for your scribe; read, that a good deal of info voluntarily submitted thus briefly postponing the duty roster for Co Reps. Briefly.

While visiting my mother-in-law in Hertfordshire's countryside in England, who should call but **Mark Lowery** who lives only 45 min away. I accepted his invitation, traveled by to see him, killed a bottle of champagne, and wished **Sally** well as she had just that day returned from the hosp for surgery. She was feeling much better and anticipated making a rapid full recovery. They live in a storybook English village (Sharnbrook Beds) in a manner befitting a duke, well at least a baronet. They have a lovely home with stable, paddock, swimming pool, sauna, apt above the garage and all encompassed by a magnificent garden tended by a very caring British pensioner. Mark related that **Charlie Otstott** took over cmd of the 25th Inf Div in HI in Jun. Mark indicated that he was invited but was unable to make the distance. Congratulations to Charlie!

Stopped in Mons, Belgium en route to a bus mtg in Geneva and spent a pleasant day and a half with **Paul & Pat Cerjan**. Paul had shortly before been selected promotable to O-8. His mil life continues to be hectic with implementation of various NATO changes and with manpower changes (new political head of NATO). **Pat**, as always, handles things well and graciously and keeps Tim, their youngest son, fully occupied. Son Rob and David are also stationed in Europe as 1LTs.

Russ Baldwin extended an invitation to his change of cmd ceremony, but unfortunately I was unable to make it due to prior commitments. **Bev** & Russ will depart Ft Monmouth, after an unusually long tour there, for Ft Ritchie, MD. Russ assumed cmd of the 7th Signal Cmd on 4 Aug. The Baldwins have two teenage children; Mike (16) is spending his summer as a drummer on a Nickelodeon Channel's program *Don't Just Sit There*. Good advice. Anyway, he is growing fast and learning "all about NYC." Their daughter Jennifer (18) starts coll at Furman U (Greenville, SC) in early Sep. Russ plans to drop in on his "old roommate" **Jim Tichenor**. The Tichenors run a bed and breakfast just off I-81 in Lexington, VA.

Switching chronologies, in the middle of May **Hawk Hastings** stopped by and passed on the info that **Tyler Wilson** is now living in Haynes City, FL on the golf course; and that **Mick McManus** is working for Hess Oil.

Dick Carter '73 (pres of the WP Soc of the Mid-South) sent along a photo of **Denny & Ann Dice** at a recent Founders Day celebration. The Dices are currently living in Memphis where Denny is in charge of ops for the Hunter Fan Co. Denny, as always, appears to have it all together given the current nationwide need for fans. As you will see from the photo, they both do not seem to have changed a bit, well Ann only seems to get prettier but Denny might need a wk to make wt for 150 lb football.

1960: Denis & Ann Dice

The TX classmates sent along the rundown below of their recent Lone Star reunion with a note that they have decided to try to put together a long wkend once each yr in TX—primarily for the TX contingent, but they would welcome any classmates who would like to attend. They are planning next yr to hold it in either Austin or Dallas. The Texans and one Lone LA classmate gathered in San Ant 22–24 Apr to celebrate San Ant's Fiesta 88. This second gathering of the TX clan brought 15 classmates and their wives together. The very good photo they sent shows which classmates attended. **Jack & Joyce Alban** came in from Dallas where Jack owns and operates a commodity futures co. **Mert & Betty Darling** ambled in from Austin where Mert is a CPA. Fortunately, he was able to stack his golf clubs for the wkend.

1960: At the Vietnam Memorial in San Antonio

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Dyke & Jill Miller were also in from Austin. Dyke continues to work for IBM but he was muttering something about getting old. It came out that he lost a whole minute in the last 10K race he was in. **Keith Garner** arrived from Abilene and left all that great fishing behind for now. **Tom & Jeri Noel** made a wk out of going from Houston to Austin (business) and then to San Ant (for pleasure). **George & Beth Wrockloff** surfaced for the first time in 4 yrs. It was good to see them back in San Ant. George still works for Lockheed Corp, which confirms that there is a heaven for ret tankers. **Steve Scott** is working in Denton, TX with FEMA. He has assured all of us that there is an emergency ops center for each of us in TX. **Rufus Overlander** is at Seabrook, TX where he is an engr with the Space Shuttle prog. Rufus continues to travel quite a bit and was leaving for L.A. **Ken & Kay King** came down from Rockwell, TX where Ken is a lawyer; Kay a psychologist. With Ken's impressive beard he is constantly mistaken for Kenny Rogers. **Kim & Ursula Mercado** came in from Boerne, TX. Kim is working for Humana Health Care, and Ursula is flying all over So TX as a visiting nurse. So, you might say the Class now has a flying nurse to keep us in shape. **Jack & Marg Yeagley** are stationed with the Health Service Cmd at Ft Sam Houston. The Texans believe this asgmt will convince them of the beauty and charm of So TX, but they had not yet seen Aug and Sep. **"T" & Diane Eubanks** drove in from Keithville, LA where they own and operate an acctg firm which keeps them busy. The San Ant gp acting as hosts, consisted of **Jim & Kay Pearl, John & Pat Gibbs,** and **Bill Meder**. Jim continues to be a sought-after trial lawyer in San Ant while Kay monitors the Army from her position at Ft Sam Houston. John & Pat continue to enjoy life in San Ant where John is an independent insurance agent, and Pat sells real estate for the Guy Chipman Co, a co owned by the son of the oldest living grad, Guy Chipman '10. Bill Meder is enjoying a leisurely retmt and is our local Class runner in both 10K runs and pursuing the ladies.

On Fri evening **Pat & John Gibbs** hosted a buffet at their home. It was a pleasant evening under the TX stars where everyone had a chance to renew old acquaintances. On Sat, the gp took a tour of San Ant to include the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Mission San Jose, the Lone Star Brewery, and Hall of Horns. (There was a time when '60 *was* the Hall of Horns.) With that completed, lunch was served on the San Ant River Walk at an excellent Mexican restaurant. It was hard to believe but **George Wrockloff** sent back for a hotter salsa than that served. The afternoon was open allowing out-of-towners to visit and leave some of their money at the newer attractions in the center of town. That evening they attended the Fiesta Flambeau Parade. Sun morning was for goodbyes at a Mexican buffet complete with mariachis. As many TX classmates as possible are planning to go to the U of TX/Baylor game at Waco in Nov. Dyke Miller will have info on that later.

If anyone is interested in joining them for the next wkend mini-reunion in TX they should get word to **Jim Pearl, John Gibbs** or **Bill Meder** so that they can put you on the mailing list. Pearl's off, 127 E Travis St, San Antonio, TX 78205 is their communications center. They hope to include as many classmates as possible in future plans.

We apparently submitted too many pictures for the Jul issue and you thus should find a compliment Founders Day pix from both HI and Atlanta.

1960: Belands, Gaglianos and Plummer; Founders Day 1988, Ft Benning

1960: Hagans and Barrells; Founders Day 1988, HI

All for now folks!

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Congratulations **Joe Stringham** for selection to BG!

The past few mos here in NYC have been very interesting . . . remember when being "in the city" seemed to be the dream for many of us? Well, many of us are now here, to include **Chuck Windsor** who resigned plebe yr following his father's death. The intervening yrs have been exciting for Chuck: being a Marine, in the publishing field, and now reconnected with greensuiters as dir of Promotion of the Young and Rubicam Army Gp—it is handling advertising for USA-REC. Out on Long Isl **Marsh Harrington** continues to be busy getting the WP Soc of Long Isl onto high ground. (Given the water debris problems of this past summer, that is a super move.) (Though not in his AO, **Marty Walsh**, down in MD as secy of the Environment, has been facing water waste problems as well, according to a 5 Aug *Washington Post* article.) **Jim & Anne Tedrick** are still going to IN, but the mo(o)ve to the dairy industry will be on hold for awhile. (Matters are still churning.)

Dale & Eloise Shipley are at 574 Hackberry Dr, Westerville, OH. After ret in Aug 84, he became the dep dir, OH Emergency Mgt Agency. At about the same time, Dale & Eloise visited the **Sawtelles** in Columbus, GA. At that time, Don was house cleaning and proclaimed discovery of **Gary Hyde's** FD coat. The

1961: Sawtelle: " . . . it really does belong to Gary"

coat must have been Gary's because it sure did not fit Don!! A few mos later the Shipleys celebrated their 27th wedding anniv. Joining them were **Jim & Kelly Scott** and **Bob & Suzie Steege**. The Scotts

1961: Kelly Scott, Suzie Steege, Dale & Eloise, Jim Scott and Bob Steege

were in from Denver to register daughter Lacy at Purdue U. The Steeges are in IN where Bob is brokering with Dean-Witter.

From sunny San Jose, CA **Jim & Kim Strachan** describe a "whirlwind 9,875 mi tour via a 79 Mercedes diesel." Chicago,

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USMA (to see son Jim take his oath with '92), then on to Key West, Houston, El Paso . . . in 30 days!

During this grand tour they were guests of the **Vanderbushes** at USMA and got to see the **Hoys**, the **Oaks**, the **Tiltons** (whose daughter is also '92), **Heimdahl**, **Rennagel** and **Taylor**. In Houston they saw **Tom & Cheryl Mercer**, in El Paso—**Bob & Lorie Kewley**. Jim is pres of the WP Soc of the Silicon Valley which includes **Bruce Heron** and **Mike Younkin**. He really keeps busy with a limited partnership in a soon to be released film *The Vineyard*. We'll look forward to that one! From the Far East and other exotic locales comes a message in a bottle: **Paul & Muffin Vallely** traveled to Tonga, Bangkok, and finally beached on the shores of Ft Shafter. Now MG, Paul is dep cmdr for MOB and RC Affairs, HQ WESTCOM. He & Muffin

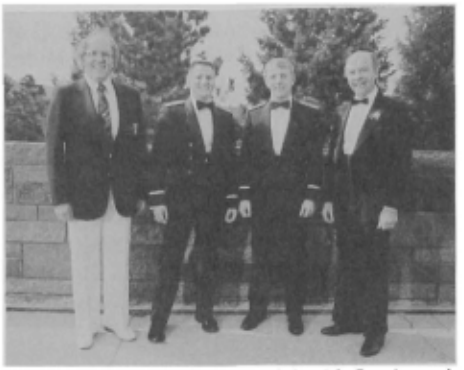
1961: Bagnal '56, Vallely and Muffin in HI

were US reps to the King of Tonga's birthday over the 4th of Jul. Later in Bangkok, **Mike & Chan Eiland** (Mike's at the US Embassy) hosted dinner for them and 3 Thai grads: Pete Kullavanijaya '58, Sammy Sookmak '58, and Niumpradet '71. Chan's warmth and hospitality really made the gathering extra memorable.

Another memorable event has been the wedding of **Andy & Betsy McCurdy's** son John to Georgia Runkle. Both are USAFA '88 and are at Williams

1961: Georgia & John McCurdy, USAFA '88

AFB. While at USAFA, Georgia was spring '88 wing cmdr (and featured in a *USA Today* article) and John was honored for his loyal work as the dep cmdr for Honor. As Andy writes, they have "done us proud." **Fred Pryor** joined the happy festivities as did USAFA Supe Charles Hamm '56.



1961: Pryor, Ed McKenzie, John McCurdy and proud poppa Andy

Back again on the East Coast, "Pentagram" headlines introduced **Bob Hardiman's** discussion of plans for making some major changes at Ft Belvoir; Bob also overwatched the change of engr sch cmd from **Bill Reno** to Dan Schroder USNA '61.

A few more retmts: **Tom Stone, Ed Bruner**—Well Done! and best wishes.

The Jul *ASSEMBLY* noted the passing on 17 Apr of **Frank Gillespie**. Frank & **Pat** had ret at Ft Sam Houston in 84; he was teaching at the U of TX. Barely 4 yrs later Frank was fighting a spirited battle with cancer. Frank leaves us all a lot of fond memories. Their son, Frank III, is at USMA Prep, and Pat is a civ head nurse at Brooke AMC (she was an Army nurse when they married) and resides at 2003 Pine Tree Ln, San Antonio, TX 78232. We extend our sympathies to them and to **Paul & Mollie Palmer** whose son Brian, brother of Paul III and John, passed away 5 Jun; Brian was 19.

'62

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HELLO '62!

Mailing this 8/8/88 to give you an idea of lead times. Spoke with **Ted Stroup** this am. He recently returned from visits in China and Korea where he saw **Bob Ord** who has another yr to go. Bob . . . please report in. We have lots of orders for eelskin. Allaying concerns in the last issue, Ted says he has lost 20 lbs . . . he's back into long dist swimming.

Wayne Downing writes that he jumped at Bragg with **Lee Pardi** who is cmdr of Womack Army Hosp, Ft Bragg. Wayne, 2 star prom, reported in as DCS/Tng at TRADOC on 15 Aug. Wayne was also seen in Apr in UT with H-2 roommates **Don Kauer** and **Jim Heldman**, a reported repeat of an outing they had a few yrs ago at Lake Tahoe. The agile trio did the scene at Alta, Snowbird, and

1962: Pardi and Downing at Bragg jump, Apr. Why are we still doing these things?

Brighton. Kauer flies 737's for United and serves as sq cmdr in the PA Air Guard. Heldman is with a small hi-tech startup in San Fran. Wonder where Wayne's wife thought he was during Apr? Heldman wrote from 260 Stonewall Rd, Berkeley, CA 94705.

1962: Heldman, Kauer and Downing before the slopes

Steve Holderness writes from 61 Green Vale Rd, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 that he has started his own consulting firm, SWH Con Serv. He can gain market share for smart firms. **Matt Kambrod's** daughter Holly became engaged to Edward Desmaris Jr. The items appeared in the 8 Jun *Wash Post*. Both are 3rd yr law students at Georgetown.

From America's furnace **Gus Zenker** writes from 40 Burgundy Dr, St Louis, MO 63367, that he has had two weddings this yr: Ernie Jr to Susan Bartky in San Dimas, CA and daughter Natale to LT Bob Farrell (parents Frank & Jean Farrell '60). According to Ernie, the extra cash he's saving not having 3 in coll at the same time means he can spend lots on visiting firemen, and invites all passing through St Louis to sample Darlene's cooking. (He pays her well.) E-2 files get special treatment. They live on a lake shared by **Merle Williams**. I was surprised Gus would write me here . . . lots of folks in St Louis still mad we got the fabulous football Cardinals out to Phoenix.

WP Soc of Omaha writes that **Steve West**, dist engr in Omaha, has stood down as pres of their org. From the picture he may be losing some of his well known hair.

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1962: Steve West is losing some of his curly locks

Marv Norwood's better half **Ann** wrote from 1300 Bristol, Bryan, TX 77802 that she is hustling real estate while he is city mgr in the lost mecca of Woodway, TX some 100 mi away. The kids have cleaned up in the education area with their 4 eldest picking up 6 degrees in the last two yrs, 3 of which were summa cum laude and one magna. Quite a feat in these days of TV cable. Located near SW Waco (oh . . . now I got it) Norwoods offer fajitas and room and board, limited to 3 wks stay.

Having had a number of inquiries on the whereabouts of the $25 reunion book (I don't recall if I ordered one), I called several folks at the Point to get the facts . . . to quell the growing feelings. The first two calls yielded scattered stories about **Dave Phillips** moving to Palm Springs on the revenues. Further inquiry from the often reliable **Gus Fishburne** indicated all was well. Dave is drawing 9% on the money in CD's until he finally takes delivery sometime this fall. Actually folks, getting one of these books done and published is a bunch of work. He's cookin! You might have noticed in the Point Founders Day dinner picture published in the last issue Dave's shoes were white . . . he just ran over from working on the book for the picture formation!

I'll be in UK for Farnborough Air Show with a crew including **Tom Simcox** who returned to the Talley Def Sys fold this summer. Be well. Since this is probably it until well into football season, go Cardinals, beat the Redskins. . . .

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I am sorry to report that **Bob Zelley** passed away on 28 Mar in Marietta, GA. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife **Sandy** and their children.

Enclosed are some pictures in which cadets Bill **Boice** Jr, Cadet Jim **Sorensen**, and Cadet Aaron **Kuzemka** were presented Class gifts by **Gordon Arbogast** at WP. Recently had 3 classmates pass through Ft McNair taking the Capstone course

1963: Thompson, Tezak, Cadet Bill Boice, Jr, Arbogast, Bill Boice, Sr

(**Gary Sausser, Frank Cardile** and **Denny Leach**.) Frank's new asgmt is dep cmdr for Tac Sys, JTIDS & AWACS, HQ ESD, AFSC, Hanscom AFB MA 01731-5000. **Mitch Mitchell** has moved from the AWC to the NWC at Ft McNair. He & **Virginia**

1963: Sam, Ed, Bill, Cadet Jim Sorensen, Arbogast and Bill Boice Sr

1963: Arbogast and Cadet Aaron Kuzemka

are now living in Fairfax Station, VA. **Ed Lee** was supposed to join me on the faculty at ICAF, but at the last min was diverted to be the XO for the Undersecy of the Army. **Clark Ballard** now cmds the MEDDAC hosp at Ft Huachuca, AZ 85613. Oldest daughter Nona graduated from Oral Roberts U in May; #2 daughter Bethany entered USMA with the class of '92 in Jun; #3 daughter Aryer (15) will be going to Brussels to attend the international sch of Brussels to study and swim competitively; and #4 daughter Samara (11) will join **Nona** & Clark at Ft Huachuca. In Jun **Kent Wall**, VP of sales and mktg for the Johnston & Murphy Shoe Co, was recognized as one of Genesco Inc's outstanding mgrs. He received Genesco's Superior Achievement Recognition Award (SARA) from the chm of Genesco. **Bill Baucum** recently attended a Res component course here at Ft McNair. He is an engr working for AAFES in Dallas. His boss is **Mike Jenks**.

1963: Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

1963: Woods; Founders Day 1988, HI

I have been honored to be your Class scribe since Mar 82. **Dewey LaFond** has volunteered to rebecome the scribe effective with our 25th Reunion which will occur after I write this column, but before you receive this copy of *ASSEMBLY*. Please write or call Dewey at COL Dewey LaFond, 7202 Dogue Forest Ct, Alexandria, VA 22310. H: (703) 922-4226 and W: (202) 694-4360.

'64

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Appreciate all your efforts, the news seems to be coming in at a steady pace. **Chris Shore** finally caught up on his writing responsibilities and announced his marriage (21 Nov to **Ann**), his retmt (30 Nov), and movement to L.A. where he began employment as a regional dir, intl, with Hughes Aircraft (4 Jan). Chris' aspirations for the future are to end up as the off mgr in Bonn. Chris & Ann, not surprisingly, are enjoying life in Marina del Ray and seem to have settled easily into the CA lifestyle (213-306-2713).

Jed Brown, Mike Amrine, and **Gene Sullivan** represented the Class at the recent promotion of **Jim Harding**. That's Vickie and LTG Kicklighter doing the

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1964: Ann & Chris Shore

honors. Jim departed almost immediately after the ceremony to assume duties as the ADC of the 3d Armd Div, Hanau, FRG. Jed, who provided the info on the promo, passed on the family news that daughter Debbie recently grad from Cornell and was commissioned a 2LT in the Chem Corps, and that Jed will be departing the Pentagon for Harvard and a yr with the Center for Intl Affairs. Still trying to give that boy an education. . . .

1964: BG Harding

In a follow-on note, Jed provided a photo of the '64 assemblage of a 22 May Engr dinner at Ft Belvoir. He even provided the names of those present, which is a change of pace for such photos l to r: **Hugh Boyd, Leon Yortee, Dwayne Lee, Ray Knell, Cris Crissman, Howie Boone, Jed Brown, Don Renfro, Roger Baldwin**, and **Mike Amrine**.

1964: Belvoir boys

Jeff Kleb, not one to let an issue pass without corresponding, forwarded a copy of the AFCIA annual report which includes a photo of **Brink Miller** in his capacity as a mbr of the bd of dirs. Jeff is en route to Carlisle so his report this time was not of his usual quality. I am sure we will hear more from him when he gets settled!

Since last we visited, I have received letters from both **Doug Bennett** and **Bill Murdy**, principally about Class gift matters. Both have been very busy in their professional lives, but I can assure you that Class gift business has not been shortchanged. My gift selection comm is about to hit you with phase 2 of our op which is to solicit specific gift suggestions. Get those fertile minds in gear and keep your eye on the mailbox this fall.

Life in HI continues to be diverting. My travels have been limited to Atlanta, Guam, and Saipan. In Atlanta I was royally entertained by **Jim & Carolyn Stapleton**. Jimmy promised that he would immediately write the scribe to make up for past irresponsibility. To date, not surprisingly, I have heard nothing. Jim is the asst DCSOPS at FORCECOM, which is located at Ft McPherson, the place of his birth; a real life example of what goes around comes around. In Guam and Saipan I saw not a single classmate!

I did play golf the other day with **Marty Michlick**, who was in town for a wk on his way from Korea to either Monmouth or Belvoir. His HHG are heading for VA; the word he received en route indicates his program mgr job will now be in NJ. The good ole Army never changes. . . . Marty, it seems, developed into quite a golfer while in Korea (some things do change!) and had me on the ropes, for a while, with his alleged 25 handicap.

Steve Perryman called to share some of his ideas for the Class gift and related that **Jack Price**, who runs a jewelry store in CA, was robbed by some pros recently. Jack, remembering his days on the range at Buckner, gave pursuit with a 12 gauge and, although the perps successfully fled, managed to shoot out the rear window of their auto. The pursuit ended when Jack encountered a Brinks truck en route and decided not to give the guards the wrong impression.

Seth Hudgins did the honors on the Class gift presentation to 5 Class sons and a Class daughter, recent grads of the Class of '88. **Earl Kelton's** words at a similar ceremony a yr ago, were dusted off and stood the test of time. Maybe another tradition has begun. A photo of proud grads and proud fathers captured the moment. Seth, by the way, is still holding down the fort as C/S, USCC.

Two local news tidbits before I close. **Bill Reynolds** and family arrived on the scene from WP to begin his one-yr "hardship" tour with Pacific Ocean Div of the CE. **Ed Brinkman** is ret and moving to Columbus, GA. I just added another of the world's exotic places to my

1964: Class Gift presentation

list of TDY venues. Johnston Atol, slightly larger than an aircraft carrier, is an ok place to visit, but don't consider it as retmt option.

'65

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Greetings once again from Chicago. We hope your summer went well and that you are now in the swing of things this football season. As the accompanying picture clearly shows, '65 is well represented in '92. Joining **Judy** & me in front of Patton's monument are (L-R) Brian Coll, Chip O'Donnell, Jennifer Osgood, Kristin Howell, **Julie & Jim McEliece**. In the back row next to us are Pat Howell, Harold Jenkins, Jr and **John Howell**. Missing from the picture were

1965: Class offspring in the Class of '92

Ballard Barker, Jr, Debbie Vann and Dan Wattendorf. The 7 young adults reported some 9,860 days after their fathers and oh! what a difference. First of all, the crowd of parents numbered in excess of 5,000. The in-briefing for the parents consisted of about two hrs of psychological "transition tng" by Will Wilson '63. But the haircuts were the same, the nervousness was the same, and the swearing-in ceremony was the same, although it was held on the Plain, since they were 1,330 strong. Some things change, but fortunately, not our Alma Mater! Visiting WP for R Day were **Skip & Marilyn O'Donnell** who came in from ID Falls. Initial G-2 reports indicate that Chip is indeed a chip off the old

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1965: Skip, Chip and Marilyn O'Donnell

(Skip's) block. As we all vividly remember, Skip was one of the most memorable plebes ever to don cadet gray. **Alice**

1965: Rick Osgood, daughter Jennifer and Alice Osgood

Osgood forwarded the picture of Rick and daughter Jenny on their first wkend of freedom. When the new cadets came scurrying out of the old Central Area, "like so many rats fleeing a trap," Alice, like the rest of us, had difficulty picking out her daughter. But as we all found out when they made it to "freedom," they're all doing well, and Jennifer, in particular, is one very fine young lady. **John Wattendorf** wrote from WP that Danny was unable to make our picture-taking ceremony because of some missed instructions. Danny reported that a new cadet heard the announcement for area formation, and he wanted to attend optional supper that evening and thought the announcement pertained to the uniforms for supper, so he asked the sqd ldr if he could come to supper formation, with crossed belts under arms! As John says, "Nothing changes much. . . . "

O'Donnell reports that they saw **Larry Isakson** & wife **Becky** when they were out in Salt Lake City. Larry is a general practitioner in UT (just no of Salt Lake City). **Preston Motes** & fiancee **Sandy** were married in Jun. Although Debbie Vann was unable to attend the picture-taking, she's in good co at WP. Older sister Sandy is a firstie and in charge of the cadet counseling program. She also briefed the parents during R-Day. In addition to that, Sandy is the CPT of the Rabble Rousers and will be going to natl cheerleading camp this yr. Debbie comes out of the Prep Sch where she was on the Dean's list and played field hockey and basketball. Dave reports that brother John is still at the Pentagon where he is dealing with DCSLOG's budget. John has 3 children, two of whom are grown, and daughter Elizabeth still at home. I was unable to make contact with Ballard Barker, Jr or his father who was last at Hunter Airfield. Ballard, if you're out there, drop me a line.

I'm still trying to track down **Zaleski, Pete Linn, Russ Dornier, Mike Hudson, Dick Wirth** and **Doug Sikorski**. Guys, I have some pictures for you and if you'll drop me a line, I'd be happy to forward them on to you.

Joe Barkley wrote from NY reporting that he joined **Frank Koleszar** & wife at Founders Day in Phila. Frank is PMS at Widner and is looking forward to winding things down a bit. He has **Freddy Smith's** daughters in one of his cross enrollment programs at Villanova. Joe had lunch with **Russ Campbell** and **Rick Kuzman.** Rick is with Equitable and lives in Somerset, NJ and, according to Joe, looks the same as when he graduated. **Ray Paske** is also in the World Trade Center with Dunn & Bradstreet where he runs their intl ops. Also at Founders Day were **Carl Letterie & Angie**. Barkley is trying to put together a possible '65 reception after the Army-Navy game. If anybody is interested, give Joe a call at 212-676-2371. Joe, we'd be interested and would have about 6 guests. Kuzman has accepted an offer to join Chase Manhattan's telecommunications div.

Received a great letter and picture from Freddy Smith of a party that **Jim & Kristin Scheiner** had in Harrisburg, PA in Jun. Shown in the picture are **Mike**

1965: Abbott, McCloskey, Smith, Locurcio, Bell and Scheiner

Abbott, Chuck McCloskey, Freddy, **Ralph Locurcio, George Bell** and Jim. Also attending the party were Dr **Bill Byrne**, who's an ob/gyn in the area, **Carol & George Bell**, who is a local atty, as well as **Fred & Mary Ellen Smith**. The Scheiners live in a great old townhouse on the flood plain of the muddy Susquehanna River. Great times were had by all. Sounds like Jim didn't fair too badly in the PA lottery. Freddy, thanks for the picture—guys, I need pictures, pictures, pictures!

1965: Elaine & Charles Nichols

I also received a nice picture of **Chuck** and (a blinking) **Elaine Nichols** from the Founders Day in NH & VT.

1965: C. Roland Stichweh

I finally received a picture of **Rollie Stichweh** to go along with the business update in the last article.

I received a great 5-p letter from **Peter Lounsbury** who's up in Pittsford, NY. **Jim & Carol Tomaswick** visited last wkend on their way to the Pittsburgh area to see Swick's parents. They visited with them on a number of occasions since they were stationed at Ft Devens. Their son Jamie will be married in Aug 89. Pete had a tough time calling a man who is 6'7" and wears size 16EEE shoes, Jamie. It was an interesting get-together since one works for Kodak and the other for Polaroid, two giants tied up in litigation now. Peter & **Heidi** will be going with the family out to visit the Kuhns in San Diego. Guys, if you take any pictures, please send them along. Their oldest boy Todd is 21 and in Japan serving on a chuch mission. He is on leave from the AF Academy to do this. He should be back in CO Springs next May to start his second class yr. Craig, their second child, is 15 going on 19. He hits the big 16 in Dec and can hardly wait to drive. Derek, 13, is into a lot of sports. Heather is 8 and tries to keep up with her older brothers. She's involved in ballet and gymnastics. Heidi sells real estate and is also involved in a clothing boutique. The Lounsburys sat next to ODIA

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Carl Ullrich at Founders Day and had a good time with him. Pete has some obvious problems during the Army-AF game but manages to hang in there and root for the right team. Pete, a great letter and my best to all of you.

Once again, I'm sure you're all aware that the old gym has been named after **Bobby Arvin**. Our hat is off to **Dave Kuhn** and everybody else who worked on this project. Speaking of WP, here's a quick update. A ldrshp comm has been formed by the AOG to study WP's role in educating (at a graduate level) future leaders of our country. Placed on this select comm were **Buddy Bucha, Joe Anderson** and **Rollie Stichweh**. Good luck to all of you. Speaking of that, the first step in ldrshp is to train 4 new Tacs this yr so that they will come out with a master's in ldr dev. One of the teachers will be our own **Wattendorf**. If you haven't visited the **McEliece** home on Professor's Row, they have the best view of the Hudson of anyone there. **Julie** has done a super job of decorating, both inside and the landscaping outside—at no cost to Uncle Sam, I might add. At the meeting of all the soc pres at WP in Apr, we were well represented by **Tom Barron** (NY), **Tom Bumpass** (Cleveland), **Larry Green** (Central FL) and Dave Kuhn (Orange County). At the Apr trustee meeting, Joe Anderson became our first Trustee Emeritus and was highly complimented by GEN Davison. A commendation by the AOG was also forthcoming. They also mentioned that overall fund raising is down and that the average gift is now $200; 24% of the alums give and their goal is 30%. So, if you haven't sent in your $65 or more, please do so. The Class gift memorials are now being taken out of the Class's hand and will come from a wish list the Supe and his staff will provide each class. This seems to be a more sensible way of doing it.

And finally, an update from **Dave Kuhn**. He is shown in the attached picture with the widow of Dick Scobee (cmdr of the ill-fated Challenger Mission) and Hoot Gibson (astronaut and NASA classmate of Scobee). The Kuhns and the Scobees were neighbors earlier in their AF careers and the Kuhns decided it was fitting to dedicate a park and have the ceremony to celebrate Dick's life. The park, a 10-acre complex, is part of Dave's real estate dev. Also in attendance were **John Seymour**, who came along with **Denny Lewis** and **Don Parcells** who formed a partnership and are presently building a 33,000 sq ft industrial, multi-tenant building in the same area.

1965: "Hoot" Gibson, Mrs Scobee and Dave Kuhn

Dave reports that his son David is a frosh at USC in their cinema & television sch, and plans to make a career directing and producing films. Daughter Rose is now in the 5th grade. Dave & wife **Rose** enjoy playing tennis and savoring Army's last two victories over Navy. Dave's also looking for additional info that anyone might have on Scott **Menninger**, **Ed**'s son. According to **John Swensson**, Ed's wife died before Ed was killed in Vietnam. Their boy Scott was adopted by Ed's sister, Janie Mallon. No one seems to know their whereabouts. If anybody has any info on that, please pass it along to me or Dave.

As I'm sure everybody is aware in the letter that Dave sent out, he reports that our Class Fund has slightly over $27,500. We also have approximately the same amount in two separate funds currently kept with the AOG. He's investigating the possibility of combining all the funds. In this past yr, we had no expenditures and received 144 contributions totalling $8,825. We also received pledges from 150 individuals to contribute annually. We're all shooting for 100% participation so, if you haven't contributed or pledged, please do so now.

I had a great lunch recently with **Steve Ellenbogen** here in Chicago. Steve is the pres of CMD, a large, old line, Chicago real estate op that's involved in a lot of industrial dev across the US. Steve looked good.

Well folks, there's not much more from this end. We will continue to track our 7 offspring in the Class of '92 as the yrs go along. Keep those cards and letters coming.

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As a first column, this one will be "slim pickens," as I haven't received too much in the way of news. Oh for a "thin gruel" column the size of **Rance Farrell**'s, a few issues back! Please call or send letters, enclose pictures if you've got 'em. (Print names on the back.)

Rance writes from Fineview, NY: "I've got some time (to write) because I'm in the hosp to have some arthroscopy done on my knee. No big thing. . . . I saw **John Rantala** recently when he was at Ft Bragg doing an AD tour (he's now in the Res). In his real life he's a marine surveyor in MN. He loves that work and also owns 14 yachts of his own—a mix of love and speculation." Thanks, Rance. And where is Fineview, NY, anyway?

1966: Medlock, Farrell and Hartline; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bragg

1966: Swains; Founders Day 1988, HI

Bill Bergman writes from Paris that he's out and working in Paris while commuting weekly from Brussels. Long term, he plans to return to the US, but it's Brussels for now. Also, received a news clipping dated 19 Jun regarding **George Utter**, who graduated from the NavWC in Newport. George is a Spanish linguist, and has had tours in Panama and "South America," and has been assigned to the IG's dept at the Pentagon. He & his wife **Judy** and their two sons are living in Arlington, VA.

1966: Ed Kane & ?; Founders Day 1988, Korea

Dan James called from MI to say hello. He keeps in touch with **Jim Suhay** through tennis and also has seen **Mike Wynne** and **Jim Ophus** recently. Dan

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attended the Second Annual Pres's Conference at WP last April, which was written up in the Jul issue. For those of you who didn't notice it, the East Gym is being renamed "Hayes Gym" in honor of **Thomas J Hayes, IV**, who was killed in Vietnam in Apr 68. On 25 Feb 89 the East Gym will be dedicated to Tom. Make plans now to attend the dedication ceremony and other events of the wkend (wrestling vs Navy, the Bde Open Boxing Championships, and the 100th Night Show). For more info or assistance with reservations, call **Morgan Roseborough** at 914-938-3301. The Jul *ASSEMBLY* published an article about the renaming of sport facilities at WP, explaining how Tom's name was selected along with 8 others, from hundreds of names submitted. A future issue will have an article on Tom's life.

1966: Eichenbergers and Berrys; Founders Day 1988, FL West Coast

Bill Wight of Toledo, WA is running for Congress in the 3rd Congressional Dist on the Republican ticket. Bill left the service in 87 to join VA Senator John Warner's staff in Wash DC. Prior to that, he worked for several yrs as a mil ln with Congress on the SDI. In his letter, he states that when he wins, he'll be the only USMA grad in Congress. Good luck, Bill!

From the info sent by AOG, I've pieced together the following statistics, for those who like statistics: of the 579 graduates in our Class, 538 are living and 41 have died. Of those 41, 29 died in Vietnam, 1 in Cambodia, 2 in Korea, 1 in Candada, and 8 in the US. Of the 538 living, 59 are listed as ret, and 202 as still on AD. Of those on AD, there are 45 COL's and 1 BG.

That's it for stat's. Please send letters or call with news—it'll help for next time!

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18 May: It is ironic that the first entry for this mo's column is utterly trivial. I am referring of course to our regular High Roller Roll Call feature, wherein we pay tribute to those worthy souls whom the Army, in its infinite wisdom, has seen fit to provide a new and challenging career opportunity as reward for a job well done. This time our trivial pursuit is devoted to the 88 0–6 list, released today. These fortunate souls, having been closely scrutinized and carefully screened by a panel of Great and Near Great Mil Ldrs, have been deemed fit to wear the mantle of probity reserved for FULL Cols: **Paul Bigelman, Bart Bohn, Doug Brown, Ed Bryla, John Caldwell, Ed Dewey, Gary Downs, Bill Ervin, Rich Grube, Terry Hand, Ken Harris, Tom Jacobus, John James, Al Jansen, Mike Kush, John Kuspa, Jeff Mills, Mike Neuman, George Newman, PJ Penny, Chuck Rankin, Harry Rothman, Jim Siket, John Stewart, Bill Stone, Jim Tankovich, Dave Tye, Earl Walker,** and **Emett White**. These people may all pop up their collective chests, which are probably weighted down with row upon row of colorful "I love you" badges. One obvious feature of this list is the absence of my name therefrom. Maybe that comment on my last OER that mentioned something about "has difficulty maintaining his own flaccid standards" was not viewed in the proper context. Surely anyone who knows me realizes that this canard could only have been written in jest. At any rate, congratulations to all who made the list, and if anyone has a good recipe for Welsh Rarebit, please send it to **Suzi**.

28 May: Nice note from **Joe Terry**, announcing he will give up cmd of his inf bn at Ft Riley and head off to the AWC in Jun. His big news was about their son Joe III, who has just completed his yearling yr at USAFA. Young Joe has done well, having been on the Supe's list every semester. This fall he will be one of 6 Zoom U cows who will do a semester exchange at Woo Poo. This will, of course, give him an opportunity to see the error of his ways in selecting the AF trade sch, and may convince him to seek an Army commission upon grad.

14 Jun: This morning I received a phone call from **John Hart** at WP with the terrible news that **Ace & Margie Clark's** older son Matt was killed in a construction accident on 9 Jun. Matt, who had just finished his frosh yr at the U of NH, was doing summer construction work in Portsmouth, NH, and was killed in a fall from a hangar roof. He was buried at WP on 15 Jun. **Earl Walker**, in the Soc Sci Dept, is heading up a Matthew Clark Memorial Fund at WP, with the aim of providing some form of lasting tribute to Matt that will benefit the WP community. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Earl. I'm sure I speak for the whole Class in expressing our deepest sorrow to Ace & Margie for their tragic loss, and pray that the healing process of time will quickly temper their grief.

20 June: Just received a copy of a news item in the *Space News Roundup* from the Johnson Space Center in Houston that reports **Woody Spring** will be leaving the NASA Astronaut program in Aug to become the dir of the Army Space Program Off in Fairfax, VA (Woody is still an Army 0–6). Prior to assuming his duties in Jun 89, he'll undergo 9 mos of tng of some sort or other. Woody was selected as an astronaut in May of 80 and spent 165 hrs in space during one of the flights of the space shuttle *Discovery*. On that flight he helped deploy 3 communications satellites and electrified us all with 2 space walks totaling some 12 hrs. My kids all have pictures on their walls of Woody floating around in space playing with his giant tinker toy set.

24 Jun: Reported to my new job today. For the record, I am now an instructor at the AFSC in Norfolk, VA. In this capacity I get to teach the best and the brightest MAJs and Lt Cdrs of all the services how to live and play happily together. Should be interesting. As this sch is administered by the Navy, it did not take me long to run afoul of the powers that be. It seems that Naval offs were unaccustomed to people who sandbag their desk, and have ordered me to remove the 50 sandbags now protecting my desk with all due haste. I do not intend to lose this fight. I'll keep you posted.

23 Jul: Today's mail brought a note from **John James**, who is departing WP this fall (Oct) and will be heading down to this neck of the woods for an asgmt at TRADOC Hqs at Ft Monroe. Were it not for the fact that he is on the latest 0–6 list, I would take that as an indication that he had a bad case of herpes of the career. Anyway, he & **Gael** have already come down and bought a house in VA Beach, so the kids can get started in school on time. Speaking of the kids, John also enclosed the photo of Gale & him with their daughter Fiona, showing some of her recent awards for Highland Dancing. Fiona was 1st runner-up in the 15

1967: Gael, Fiona and John James, Jun 88

and under category at the Eastern Regl Highland Dancing Championship at Devan, PA on 18 Jun. She will represent the Eastern Region at the US Highland Dancing Championship in Alexandria, VA on 24 Jul. John reports that **Rick**

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Housman is also leaving WP this summer en route to a PMST job in Fresno, CA. **Mike Norton** is ret this summer and will be doing his anesthesiology stuff in Columbia, SC. **Mike & Anita Cox** are also scheduled to move from WP to Ft Monroe in Jan 89. That leaves a pretty small gp at WP to start getting things ready for the next reunion.

28 Jul: Very nice letter today from **Pam Dials**, accompanied by the photo of Pam & **George's** daughter Heather with her steady beau John **Garay** (the younger).

1967: Heather Dials and John Garay

Heather is 17 and will be a HS sr this yr. She continues to accomplish great things musically and is actively pursuing her dream of becoming an opera star. Again this summer she attended the Natl Music Camp, where she has sung the lead in the operetta for the past 4 summers. This yr she has the role of Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*. The Dials' son Bill (20) will be starting his jr yr at Penn U this fall, where he will be joined by young John Garay as a frosh. Pam & George also keep busy: George is always looking for trout to catch, but to the very best of my knowledge has never yet succeeded in that endeavor. Perhaps someday someone will send me a picture of George with some real fish. He and **Dave Hale** should get together and tutor one another. That would ensure the survival of most trout in this hemisphere well into the next century. Pam, on the other hand, has just recently completed a very successful tour with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra to Ger and Austria.

3 Aug: Phone call this morning from **Ed Dewey**, who wanted to let us all know that he has started his new job on the Army Staff in the Pentagon. This makes Ed feel terribly important. I didn't have the heart to burst his bubble; he will learn the truth soon enough. The fact that Ed is an alumnus of the college where I now teach does not give me a warm, fuzzy feeling.

4 Aug: **Ray Heath** dropped a line to report that all is well in Albany, GA, especially for their kids Kenny and Kelly. Kenny will be off to the U of VA this fall. It was a tough choice for him as he had also been offered an appt to USMA as well as scholarships to Princeton and Notre Dame. He was named a Jefferson Scholar at UVA, as well as being Natl Merit Scholar and a Presidential Scholar from the state of GA. This last honor earned him a trip to DC where he met the Pres, VP, ate breakfast on Capitol Hill with senators, met an astronaut and visited the State Dept Diplomatic Reception Room where only cabinet level are permitted. Not bad. Kelly has also been busy. She is a rising HS soph, and is a star athlete in softball and basketball. Ray sent along the picture of **Craig Butler**, who is the Heaths' family dr in Albany; **Tom Dyer**; Kenny and Ray Heath on the occasion of Kenny's HS grad. As Ray put it, the combined IQs of

1967: Butler, Dyer, Kenny and Ray Heath

Tom, Craig and him might just add up to Kenny's.

9 Aug: Damn! Just when I thought I was going to be able to put this stupid thing in the mail today and actually make my deadline, I get a letter from **Randy Pais**. You simply can't imagine how much trouble this causes me, especially when I am in a hurry. Page after page of early sanscrit and ancient runes. I have never gotten a letter from Randy that required less than half a liter of Ireland's very finest whiskey to get through. After 6 hrs of effort, here's what I have been able to make out: jdhtqiujzbndhhfikfqjqhjsl kkfhhrufkk djjhfqwolqw: xdmduj kfhdfrujdsmmjdfhjr kfhfherieikfjncn dkm etc,etc.etc. . . . He did send along a couple of photos, however—the first one shows Randy, with his wife **Jackie** looking on, being promoted to 0–6 in the Army Res last summer. This intrigues me. People who get out of the full-time Army seem to have no trouble getting promoted to COL. There is obviously a lesson there that I should have picked up on a long time ago. Randy does stay very active in his Res job, logging over 100 AD days with the 75th MAC this past yr. The 2d picture shows Randy along with **Terry Heglin, Tony Toneatto, Paul Bigelman, Hobie Pillsbury, Ken Strong, Bob McEldowney, Walt Mather**, and **Joe Terry** at the AWC this summer. Terry is the comptroller at Carlisle Bks; Randy, Tony, Paul, Hobie, Ken and Bob had just grad from the course; Walt had just finished a one-yr

1967: Randy Pais, with Jackie looking on, being promoted to COL

fellowship and is en route to Ft Stewart to cmd a bde, and Joe had just arrived for this yr's course. In real life, Randy con-

1967: Heglin, Toneatto, Pais, Bigelman, Pillsbury, McEldowney, Terry, Mather and Strong, AWC 88

tinues in his exploits as an atty for Exxon in Houston. He was recently transferred to their chemicals div, which could have dire implications for all of us. Jackie stays busy as an RN and a mom for 2 very active kids. They see the Houston crowd a lot: the **Walkers, LaRaias, Adkins, Gonsers, Springs, Mullanes, Mike Hood, Ben Rodriguez, Murrells** and **Parrs**. Also, **Bob Murrill** is in Dallas. He and Randy have been very active in a campaign to raise money for a VN vets memorial in TX. Anyone wanting to help out, contact Randy or Bob.

12 Aug: The end is near! The 88 BG list just got released, and **Ed Dewey** rushed to his phone to tell me that I am not on it. The good news, though, is that he's not on it either. The great news is that **Tom A-Man White** IS on it. How many of you, 23 or 24 yrs ago would have bet a paycheck that the dashing dude in black mask and leotards would be the first gen off in our Class, a mere 21 and a butt yrs after grad? You done good, Tommy. You may take big bites. Tom gave up cmd of the 11th ACR sometime this summer and is now working on some special anti-armor project in the Pentagram. Of course, we mustn't forget that **Ty McCoy** is still the asst secy of the AF, at least until the end of the current admin, at which time he may become a mere mortal again.

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OK, sports fans, it's deadline time again, so this is all the trash you get this mo. By the time you read this it will be football season again, and I will be back on megadoses of Valium, or, as I call it, vitamin V10. Actually, **Suzi** makes me take it. She says it's the only way she can tolerate me, especially if Army loses. However, considering my new working relationship with the Navy and AF, I refuse to be sedated during those wks. I intend to be at my very, very best. I had a dream the other day; actually, it was more of a vision from on high. God was showing me how the Army-Navy game is really meant to be. With 30 seconds remaining in the game, Army is ahead 100 to 0, and scores again. We go for the 2 pt conversion and make it. On the last play of the game, Army executes an on-side kick . . . you've got to BELIEVE! By the way—the sandbags are still in place. Take care you guys and gals, and God bless one and all. BEAT NAVY

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By the time you read this, you'll be nestled in wherever and whatever you're calling home at the time, playing Beatles, Stones, Simon and Garfunkel, and *The Big Chill* soundtrack albums/tapes/CD's and being thankful that you had the opportunity to return to a place that held 4 yrs of memories and a lifetime of friends. You have really done yourselves proud this yr, Rabble. Therefore, this will be an article of thank you's.

1968: Chuck & Gayle Jones; Founders Day 1988, Omaha

As Jack Daniels and I scrawl these notes, it's 2 mos prior to the reunion, the temp is in the high 90s, the humidity is about the same, and I know that in Oct you want to read about the Class being together again. It would be hard to reflect on a Class gathering if it weren't for the efforts of **Dave Ohle**, who produced a meaningful and soul-cleansing memorial service at the Vietnam Memorial back in Jun. Dave was flanked and aided by **Marv Wooten**, who delivered a touching invocation and led us at The Wall in reciting the Cadet Prayer; **Dutch Hostler**, who put his, and a lot of our, feelings into words; **Dick Steiner**, who found just the right words to introduce our 21 classmates who once answered so dutifully that they can never answer again; and **John Throckmorton**, who has a son entering WP with the class of '92, and who helped to represent us by helping Dave carry and present a wreath at The Wall. **Bill Mulvey** took up the PR duties by obtaining a good photographer and ensuring that our Class gathering remained a "family affair" and not a media event. **Dave Ohle's** reward for this and other herculean tasks was early promotion to COL (he'll start drawing the pay in about 2 yrs) and transfer from being an NWC instructor to being the chief of exec services for the Dir of the Army Staff, and working all wk a little bit more than half a (24 hr) day. **Susan** also took him away for two wks to Spain where Dave had the opportunity to relearn the names of his children. Next yr we can all go visit Dave & Susan in HI where Dave is slated to be a bde cmdr with the 25th ID. Anyway, the ceremony reinforced the fact that we'll never forget the friendship of our fallen classmates, and their honored place in the Long Gray Line.

1968: Lynch, Diane Phillips and the Cravens; Founders Day 1988, HI

Over 200 classmates, family members, and guests attended the memorial gathering at the Vietnam Memorial and brunch held subsequently at the Ft Myer OC. This gathering gave us a hint that our reunion would be nothing short of poignantly spectacular. **Bob Alexander** took a break from interviewing for the beginning of his new career to be with us. He is now with **Howie Harper** at Electronic Warfare Associates trying to help the DoD make heads or tails out of SINGARS & Sigma Star. If you're looking for classmates in the Ft Monroe area, stop in at the gift shop in the Chamberlain Hotel where Howie Harper's wife is the store mgr and can bring you up to speed. At last report, **Jack Munson** was handling his transition right by still doing practice interviews and not rushing into anything. Another ex-DARPAite, **Sam Wyman**, is with a hardware firm but keeping quiet about it.

Charlie Adkins is the VP of an engring consulting firm and was here during the memorial to sell his home in the Annapolis area and buy one in No VA in preparation for a transfer up here from Richmond (it sounded logical after a half hr phone conversation with his wife just prior to 5 Jun).

Speaking of moving, **Monte Anderson** took some time from packing to be with us and attend the brunch with **Stott & Bobbie Carleton** and **Henry & Karen Riser**. Monte gave up the fun of keeping the NCC communicating and is now the ch of the Dept of Mil Sci at Hofstra U. Stott is now in pvt practice in Annapolis and is discovering the new stresses of the civ way of doing things, along with the rewards that those stresses bring. Now that Henry & Karen have one son away at school and another about to go in the next yr, they've moved into a beautiful big new home that needs to be kept constantly full. Call them when you're in the area—they'd love to have you over.

Woody Colby has also transitioned into pvt practice with **Charlie Hill**, and swears to **Sherry Woessner** that he's changed from the days he wore #69; however, after a brief conversation with him in the brunch line, at least he remembers what he used to be like—and is proud of it.

Sandy Cohen is maintaining his love of the written word and history as the pres of a publishing cartel, and brought some perspective to our gathering by reminding us of what a critical year '68 was and noting that 65% of our Class who went to SEA as LTs returned as casualties with visual wounds.

Skip Greeby took some time off from industrial and shopping center real estate wheeling and dealing to be with us and offer some motivational words to classmates in career transition. The bottom line seemed to be that someone who leaves mil svc after 20 yrs carries more baggage than someone who left after 5 or 10—and consequently has different tactical and strategic goals. Another real estate developer to attend was **Terry Wildrick**, who is controlling Central NC.

John Hedley attended while between interviews with firms that can use his experience in the Far East and skills that the Army has acknowledged by selecting him to be an IG. As far as I can tell, **Frank Cooch** is the first classmate in the legal trade to ret and move on—he's now with Johns Hopkins Research. **Chuck Steele** has new priorities and is staying in the DC area after he leaves the Army in Sep.

We got to visit with **Bo Horn** during an earlier Class luncheon and at the memorial gathering and learned that he's hung up his Army PM hat to move into the civ world. However, it's good to know that there are pros like **Bill Merriott** remaining in the green ranks to carry on. Bill now has Bo's PM job.

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1968: 1st Regt reunion at Dulles Marriott

Jay & Pat Johnson were so taken with our gathering that they volunteered to host the next DC-area Class party. Ensure that next yr's subscription is up-to-date for a report on that op. Jay is a little concerned about the Army selection process since he has already cmded a bn and been selected to be promoted to O-6, yet is also on the O-5 PM list. Maybe **Dwight Lee** should put to use what he has learned in the drug business and institute a "golden flow" program prior to convening selection bds. But alas, he's back doing DoD signal stuff with OJCS J6J (Tactical C&C Systems), and tracking MSE and SINGARS. **Mike Wells** is also doing JCS stuff with everybody's favorite—the budget.

Ed Lorentzen has filled out nicely—not that he'll accept any offers to hover over stadiums during football games—and the family appears to have settled into a good North American routine. **Bob Lower** came out of hiding to be with us on this important day and to let us know that he's also going through a transition as evidenced by his move to 307 Yocum Pkwy, #1218, Alexandria, VA 22304.

Marvelous **Marv Markley** is still showing people how to make $ in the oil bus along the Gulf Coast, and came up to mix pleasure with remembrances and reminiscences. **Larry Stevenson** flew in from Denver on a part-business trip to do the same; however, the classmate who traveled the farthest remains **Jack Reed** who flew out from CA to be part of this catharsis and to see if anyone wanted to buy some condos in Houston. **Lyle Pirnie** brought his family down from Boston where he's with an electronic hardware firm in Boston.

Classmates from the sr svc colleges were well represented. Among others, **Lee & Lisa Outlaw** are returning to the DC area since Lee is taking a position with ODSCPER after AWC, and **Jeff Rogers** is heading to the home of the Army dollar after NWC.

Other classmates and families at the memorial that I didn't get a chance to listen to as much as I should have included **Bob Brace, Joe Cinquino, Chuck Canella, Rich Carlson, Jim Craig, Dale Hansen, Jerry Hansen, Ross Irvin, Karl Leathem, Jack Mayer, John Ryneska, Dave Schulte, Jim Swinney** and **Mike Toole**.

Actually, as noted by the pictures that dominate this article, the celebration of our 20th yr after graduation probably started in earnest during Founders Day throughout the world. The next reported event to keep the momentum going started out to be a C-1 reunion at the Dulles Airport Marriott and turned out as an Eastern seaboard 1st Regt reunion and going away party for the event organizer—**Tom McConnell**. Most of the '68 folks who attended the Dulles party in May attended the memorial gathering with the exception of Tom, who was enjoying the hospitality of Panama in early Jun.

Thanks to **Mike Murphy** who took a couple of days out of his busy schedule of getting through the AWC non-resident and mil attache courses to poop my daughter up on how to use a MacIntosh. Mike has invited us all to London, where he and **Bruce Korda** will take care of us in grand style.

Thanks also to **Dale Hansen** and **Dan Robinson** for fulfilling a portion of the Class obligation by writing and submitting **John Speidel's** obituary to the AOG.

1968: The Shipleys and MacFarlanes; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

Dan (Lisztlaan 16, 3055 KH Rotterdam, The Netherlands) is recovering slowly from his heart attack, loves being a new daddy to Bonnie Kathryn Faurile, and is looking forward to returning to the US. Call **Bob Shaw** or me for a copy of Dan's resume.

1968: Paul, Sean, Colin, Megan and Kerry Baerman at Colin's confirmation

Maureen Guignon accused me of making her & **Joe** miss the reunion because every time I mention their latest home, Mobil moves them. This time they were having such a great time in Denver that Mobil made Joe an offer he couldn't refuse which included an almost guaranteed 3 yrs with Mobil Oil Indonesia (Post Bag 400), Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia. Since the Guignons love company and there hasn't been a major uprising in Jakarta for a wk or so, let's all go visit them during Christmas.

Paul Baerman was among the many who noted that when the going gets tough, the scribe gets boring and repeats banal material. So to help me out with some updated news, he proudly reports that he has completed 18 mos of involuntary servitude in the Pacific Cmd, and wangled a job with AFCENT Res Corps (Fwd) (or III Corps Fwd) in Holland. Now it's up to Hq G1 **Mike Gorecki** to keep him straight. Paul maintained his modest demeanor by enclosing a family picture and making me find out through **Dave Ohle** and **Jay Johnson** that he was on the O-6 list. Other deserving classmates who made the list include **Tom Banks, Charlie Beckwith, Steve** (P again) **Bowman, Bob Brace, Jim Cima,**

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1968: Mahan, Lynches, Outlaws and Cdr Dickey (USCG); Founders Day 1988, Carlisle Bks

Jeff Rogers, Jesse Gatlin, Jerry Hansen, Bob Harper, Jay Johnson, Dan Kaufman, Ray Lynch, Jim Madora, John Morris, Bill Mulvey, Rick Rhodes, John Ryneska, Pete Sowa, Mike Thuss, Ralph Tuccillo, Al Vitters, and **Rick Wright. Fred Parker** and **Charlie Mahan** deserve an extra hearty Rocket for being selected on this hard-to-make list below the zone!

1968: Browns, Mains and Nyquists; Founders Day 1988, MI

It's so nice to see that we married neat and literate spouses. If we hadn't, this column would be shorter and full of many more fabrications. **Marty Sleder** did everything right in her enchanting letter but enclose pictures of either **Al's** change of cmd ceremonies or of the family—which is the only proof of the passage of time. In Apr 86 he assumed cmd of 1/27 at Ft Carson and deactivated it following Jan. After working for the ADC/OT, he took 3/29 FA in Apr 87 and has managed to keep it running through a couple of NTC rotations. By now Al's the DIVARTY XO and has caught up with **Art & Bobbi Torres**, who are in cahoots with **Dan Limbaugh**, who moved down from WP to Ft Dix to process the NG folks Art is kicking off post for drinking while maneuvering (DWM). As far as Al and Marty know, **Hal & Donna Timboe** are the only other classmate family at Carson.

Larry Main dropped a note to assure me that he's not lost and is supporting the Class by ordering at least one of everything from the reunion souvenir list. He's in MI with LTV full-time and

1968: The Halls, Bowlands and Shaffers; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss

with **Steve Nyquist** every Wed night for the past 8 yrs in the same Army Res unit. Now, thanks to the alphabetical way the AR does things, Steve is a bn XO and Larry is a cmdr of the bn next door.

This article wouldn't be complete without a sincere thank you to the reunion comm for putting together one of the finest and most complex ops since the invasion of Europe. As expected, **Dan Kaufman** did himself proud by being the focal point of a fluid but hard-working comm that thought of everything, planned for it, and did it all right. The reunion wouldn't have been as smooth if it hadn't been for the institutional knowledge of **Fred Johnson**, who provided warnings and solutions derived from being involved in two previous reunions. Now that Fred has moved on to Katz & Associates in NJ, and **John Dallen** and **Donny Roberts** have moved on to other pastures, the 25th will fall even heavier on our remaining PAPs like Dan, **John Calabro, Jack Cochran, Larry Rapisanda** and **Andy Dull**. Fortunately, TAPA and classmates in the area will come through to get the job done. This yr, much needed new arrivals and helpers include **Pat Toffler** and **Gary Halstead**. Thanks again to these folks and their families who planned and executed everything so well for all of us.

Now it's up to us, Rabble. Some members of the Class family were noticeably absent this time due to illness or other infirmity. We all need to work and pray hard to correct these maladies so we can gather together again as one—because you're all we've got. BEAT NAVY—DAVE.

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This col is being written on 13 Aug, covering news received since 13 May. My next deadline is 14 October, and correspondence received prior to that date will be included in the issue.

The summer party is a wk from today so coverage will be in the next issue. Among those unable to attend are **Bev & Glenn Porter**, who reported that **Jim Kulbacki** is now at the Pentagon with JCS. **Joanne & Paul Feyereisen** could not attend because they are off to Ft Benning for bn cmd.

We are making slow but steady progress on the obituary project. COL Al **Shine** '63 is writing on behalf of his brother **Jon**, and **Jim Kenady** is assisting. Al can be reached at the AWC, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17213, where he is dir of Second Yr Corresponding Studies. **Al Leister** will write on behalf of **Ed Northup** and can be reached at PO Box 869, Ft Polk, LA 71459, where he cmds 4/12 Cav. We now have authors for all but the following deceased classmates: **Ford, Glen Ivey, Karstens, Kirby, Leppig, McGee, Nabben, Frank Oliver, Rose, Sowa, Tinker, Woodrum,** and **Yonan**. I would still sincerely appreciate receiving offers of assistance.

I met Al Shine at Carlisle while on a Res tour as part of the AWC Corresponding Studies Course. **Dick Whitney** is also in the course and **Bill Burke** is a yr behind us. Dick is an AF civ at Wright-Patterson AFB in OH, while Bill & his wife **Siobhan** practice law in L.A.

Until **Dave Hill** returns from Tokyo, I have been helping to keep track of the Class's 62 lawyers. Among those who responded to a request for current info was **Dan Balough**, who practices in San Fran. He had recently been in Australia for vacation and had seen the England-Australia rugby test match while there.

Nearby in Oakland is **Rob Leslie**, who planned to attend the summer party while on Res duty at the Pentagon. Rob said **Pat & Howard Curtis** are leaving the Presidio SJA job en route to Wash, while **Craig Schwender** is due in from Ger to become SJA. Rob reported that Founders Day attendees included **Balough, Curtis, Leslie, McBeth, Ramos,** and **Schatz**. Lastly, Rob reported that **Kathy & Dave Vaught** had been to Magee, MS for the wedding of **Carolyn Stephens** and **Lucian Truscott**.

Stew Olson wrote from St Petersburg, where he is now a sole practitioner. He is also working on a "trashy paperback mystery novel." Stew was recently promoted to MAJ in the Res and he claims his 16 yrs as a CPT are a Class record. Any challengers?

Ron Hudak is also an atty, but recently received his PhD in health services admin from Geo Wash Univ. He is on AD with DOD (Health Affairs), while **Jane**, who recently finished her nursing doctorate at Catholic Univ, is at WRAMC. Ron said **John Egan** recently established his own consulting practice here in DC. Ron and John both volunteered to help organize the ceremony we will hold at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Wash on 4 Jun 89. **Joe Silva's** widow **Marge** called recently to say that she and their son plan to attend. And **Peggy Isen-**

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hower stopped in DC in Jun with Megan and James P Isenhower, III who is now a member of the Class of '92 at the Academy.

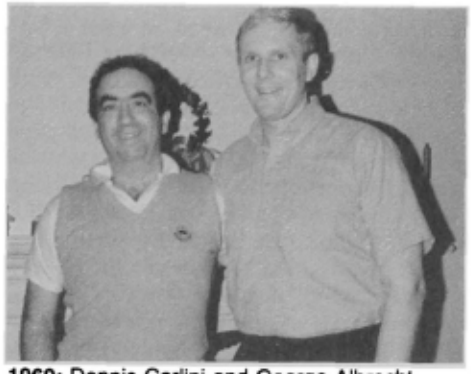
From Texarkana, TX **Joe Rose** wrote the AOG seeking info on next yr's 20th Reunion. As a reminder, it will be held from 12–15 Oct 89 at WP, and we hope to have our first mailing out this fall. Mark your calendar now, however.

Letters from those on AD started with a note from **Geoff Prosch**, in which he and **Bob Seitz** also volunteered to assist on the Vietnam Memorial service. Both are with the JCS at the Pentagon.

1969: Lew & Barbara Levy and family at the White House

Also at the Pentagon is **Lew Levy**, who is with the DOD Comm for Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. Anyone desiring resource material, especially for sch projects (history teacher brownie points, according to Lew), should write him at OSA, ATTN: SABC, Wash, DC 20310-0107.

Barbara Glacel and others recently formed PACE Consulting Gp in Burke, VA. **Bob** cmds an arty bn in Korea.



1969: Dennis Carlini and George Albrecht

George Albrecht sent his usual collection of odds and ends from beautiful downtown Derwood, MD. One of the photographs he sent was of our ex-classmate **Dennis Carlini** (E-4), who is now an orthopedic surgeon. In addition to photographs, George sent a clipping from the Albuquerque *Tribune*, in which **Dave Kremenak** reminisced about Bobby Knight's days as a coach at the Academy. George also sent, courtesy of **Jerry Morelock**, an article from *Gun World* in which **Chuck Karwan** extols several collectors' items.

1969: Jerry Morelock and George Albrecht in Muenster, Ger

Ella & Joe Cornelison wrote from Panama with the good news that Joe, **Bill Aileo, Joel Alvarey**, and **Mike Nardotti** were selected for COL, JAGC. Ella & Joe expect to come to DC next summer.

Vern Bettencourt wrote from the Naval Postgrad Sch, where he is dir of the TRADOC Analysis Cmd. Also heading for the West Coast are **Pat & Pete Skells**, who left Turkey for a recruiting bn cmd in Seattle.

Still overseas in Ger are **Marcy & Pete Heesch**, who welcomed their second daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, on 25 Mar. Assuming cmd of 2/39 FA in Kitzingen on 28 Jun was **John Bolger**.

Relatively little mail from the civ side of the Class. **Dennie Helsel** is now asst dir of athletics at Syracuse U, having moved from Old Dominion U this summer. **Joanne & Tony Guerrerio** are still in St Louis, where Tony recently formed Wedgewood Partners, a discount brokerage and investment advisory firm, with former Cardinals' catcher Ted Simmons among others.

1969: Tony & Joanne Guerrerio

The last, yet lengthy, communication was the C-4 newsletter from **Barb & Tom Whitaker** in Ft Wayne, IN. They located **Janie & Mike Taylor** in St Louis, and **Lori & Brad Sparks** in Santa Barbara. **Carol & Doug Williams** and **Bill Kyle** (B-4) are at Ft Knox, while **Joan & Bob St Onge** are in Ger, where Bob cmds 1/48 Inf in Gelnhausen. The Whitakers also said that **Claudia & Phil Clark** are in the DC area with DIA, and **Bill Schroeder** is now living in Annapolis.

The new COL list included the following classmates: **Bacevich, Bazzel, Brower, KC Brown, Fagan, Finch, Mike Fisher, Garrett, Goff, Hawley, Ivany, McDonough,** and **Seitz**.

Holly and the children join me in wishing you and yours a beautiful fall. God bless to all in '69.

'70

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I took a trip out to Ft Leavenworth recently so that the IN ARNG could cultivate an expert in force integration/modernization. It turned out to be a gossip columnist's delight as I was able to find out about classmates on station as well as those passing through.

Perry Casto was first on the hit list. He filled me in on his doings over the last several yrs as we shared a brew in the Leavenworth Ramada Inn Lounge. Perry got out of the service in 75 and joined the IRR. He taught miners to be electricians for a while, then pulled a stint as a plant mgr for Peerless Block & Brick. One day he received an invitation from DA saying, "We need CPTs," so Perry accepted, and ultimately showed up at Ft Leavenworth for his current asgmt. His second wife **Liz** married Perry in 75. She used to be a med secy but is now keeping house, which Perry claims lends continuity to family affairs and allows them all to eat better. Them

1970: Perry Casto, Ft Leavenworth, May

all include stepdaughter Christi (19), stepson Jimmy (17), son Sean (11), and daughter Rebecca (9).

I met **Reg Morrison** at noon one day and he whisked me away to a favorite BBQ place of his in sight of the Big House (Reg would NOT pose with the Fed Penn in the background). He works as the resource analysis off chief in CACDA, which keeps track of all the classified stuff. Reg has been at Ft Leavenworth since 85 and hopes to extend through a 5-yr tour in the interest of pending HS grad. He is now sporting two hearing aids for high frequency loss,

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1970: Reg Morrison, Ft Leavenworth, May

due to past mech inf svc. **Elaine**, Reg's second wife, is a beautician who operates her shop in the basement of their home. Reg swept her away from her job in Newport News 6 yrs ago when he was at TRADOC. Lisa (15) is a horsewoman and HS thespian. Alexander (5) is a full-time kindergartner and runs a mean Nintendo joystick. When Reg isn't at the off, he is upgrading the estate. He completed a do-it-yourself hardwood floor project, planted 150 oak and walnut trees (probably future flooring material), refinishes furniture, and does woodworking. He also cares for King (5), the quarter-horse.

I located **John McDowell**, who was, at the time of my visit, laid up in the Ft Leavenworth hosp, recovering from knee surgery. An old obstacle course

1970: John McDowell, knee victim, Ft Leavenworth, May

injury from a Panama tour had been acting up. John had been working with the Counter-Revolutionary War Comm, but has recently been reasgnd to one of several cushy jobs which he had at the time, not yet selected. His wife **Karen** is a part-time coll sr with about 20 hrs to go and controls the kids, Jimmy (6) and Michael (2).

I was able to talk with **Gloria Maxwell**, AFTER she checked my ancestry, my references, and looked me up in an old *ASSEMBLY*. When I called, **Sean** was attending to details of the move to Budapest, where he will be putting his linguistic talents to good use as a mil attache. Gloria, once upon a time, was a structural petrologist (read "rock poker") and gave it all up to be a homemaker. Their family consists of Christopher (19), Mary Elizabeth (5), Samuel (4), and JB (2). Gloria is looking forward to the adventure in Budapest with Sean.

Jim Mowery completed his Avn bn cmd and his War Coll equivalent as a first yr fellowship at Ft Leavenworth in the Op Decision Exercise Prog. In the secondary zone for COL, he is off to a new asgmt in Korea as chief of Plans, J5. **Vicki** and the family, Vicki Ann (17), Michael (14), and David (11) will join him in Korea shortly.

Mark Meranda was just heading off to his new cmd of the 62nd Engr Bn at Ft Hood. Mark had been in the CAS3 Dept for about 9 mos when he got picked up for cmd and moved across post to the pre-cmd course. **Vickie** is at about the middle of her coll career as she accumulates hrs at Strayer, KS St, and now probably in TX. This is a part-time activity she manages as she raises the kids, Mark (9), and Marcie (14). Mark has been known to compete in running events and was a member of the victorious master's team representing Ft Leavenworth in the last Ft Leavenworth to Ft Riley relay (12 hrs total).

Seen cruising through Ft Leavenworth's pre-cmd course since as early as last fall have been such notables as **Perry Baltimore, Jim Lovelace, Mike Meuleners, Jack Sabia, Phil Curtis, Hank Zimon, Chip Leonard, Shelby Stevens, Lynn Rolf, John Reese, John Woloski,** and probably a lot of others who kept a low profile. All are on their way to new opportunities to excel. Serve with integrity, guys.

And with all those people stationed/passing through Ft Leavenworth, only 6 couples managed to get the old men fitting into their blues for the Founders Day fete: **Reeses, Leonards, Castos, Morrisons, D Crawfords,** and **Zimons**.

1970: Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

Ted Shadid was mulling over a decision to return to SHAPE or resign as a result of recurring back problems. During off hrs, Ted can be observed coaching soccer and basketball, and participating in chapel activities. **Jane** is a homemaker, watching the kids, Cathy (14), Carolyn (9), and Matthew (6) quite closely.

Eddie & Jan Mitchell are leaving the deep south AL for the deep south CA as Eddie gets transferred from Redstone to Santa Monica for a one-yr fellowship to the Rand Corp. Eddie will be studying the role of the Army in space when not otherwise occupied on the beach. Other notification from the Far West came from **Bill Cater**, who placed a long distance call from Carmel (car-MEL) by the Sea to Carmel (KAR-m'l) by the corn. After 8 and a butt yrs in the Army, ending at Ft Ord, Bill picked up his CPA and went into bus for himself. The firm, Cater & Stiles, boasts about 8 full-time employees and has clients as far away as Ger. **Susan** works part-time as an interior designer. Their sons, David (16) and Paul (11) are both athletically inclined. Bill rides a bike, jogs, and plays tennis, but must find time to move the earth—he recently has been rearranging about 25T of dirt and building retaining walls. Fortunately, it's not to keep their house from washing into the sea, since the estate is about 5 mi from the ocean. Anybody in the area is invited to drop by, which gives me a great idea for next yr's vacation. . . .

Several of our political activists have been encouraging Pete Dawkins '59 in his budding career as an elected official. Patton, Boggs, & Blow, the law firm which **Joe Reeder** works for, hosted a reception for Pete and 16 former Heisman Trophy winners.

1970: Gandy, Gasperini, Dawkins '59, Schneider, Adams and Reeder

The balance sheet from our Class fund as of 1 Apr shows $44.6K in the account, including a return on investment of about 8.2%. Let's keep the pile increasing. When you send your contributions to the AOG fund drive, be sure to designate them for the "Class of '70 Gift Account."

Chuck Hicks gets a fall-out at supper tonight. He was the recipient of the Bailey K Ashford Award, which is presented to a member of the Walter Reed house staff who contributed the most significant research to the Clinical Investigation Program during tng. Pop it up, Chuck, big bites. Additionally, he was featured in an article in the 21 Jul *Pentagram*, a No VA newspaper. Chuck,

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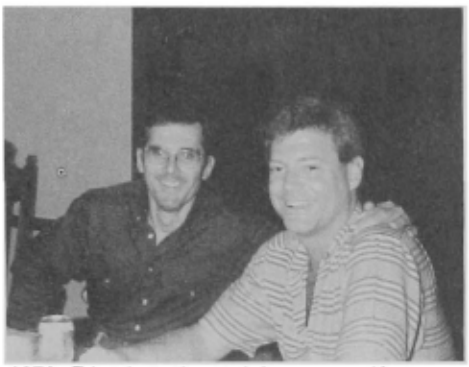
in his work as an expert in infectious diseases, has been treating AIDS patients and confesses that, as an MD, he is frustrated by the inability to cure the disease.

Les Sumner came into town as part of the Indy 500 festivities, so naturally that gave us an excuse to rally. Joining **Liz** & me at our home for a mass of BBQ chicken was Les, **Ken Jaccard, Pete & Betsey Jones,** and **John & Pam Joyce**. Ken & **Pam** are new to the Indy area. Ken was recently asgnd as the bn cmdr of the USA Recruiting Bn downtown. Pam had



1970: Friends to the end, hmmm . . . Ken Jaccard and Les Sumner

been required to remain in Ger at reasgmt, and had the port call involuntarily extended when an auto accident precluded shipment of the vehicle on time. Pam had been working for AMEXCO, but gave that up when their youngest was one yr old. She then turned to tour guide for a Ger tourist agency. That chapter is over as the Jaccards set up their new home in Indy. Offspring include Jessica (7) and Alexandra (4).

While **Pete Jones** continues his mgr duties for Frito-Lay, **Betsey** has picked up some additional responsibility. She

1970: A little traveling music from Pete & Betsey Jones

now works in the admin offs of FC Tucker Real Estate and deals with the minutia of closings and escrow accounts.

Talk about keeping things in the closet. . . . It has been revealed that **John Joyce** is a well-known baseball card collector to the dealers in Central IN. John has enough cards now that he has to spend REAL MONEY to get the missing ones. Meanwhile, **Pam** has been gettin'

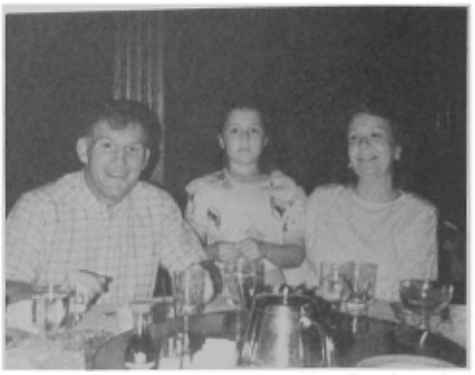
1970: Card collector and comic strip collaborator, John & Pam Joyce

around with her job as collaborator on a kid's comic strip. Pam generates the ideas while Barbara Parker does the drawing. The strip is published here in the *Indy News* in the school yr monthly insert "Peanut Butter Press," and that's no foolin' around. The team of Parker and Joyce is not yet syndicated, but the strip "Kiddin' Around" is getting wider circulation and is leading to other projects for Pam. According to Patricia Simpson, editor of the "Peanut Butter Press," "Kiddin' Around" achieved a 72% vote of confidence from a children's survey of favorite features in the insert, which was only 5% behind the leader. This all makes John feel much better as he looks forward to potential retmt from his law practice.

Perusal of the *Official Army Book of Lists* reveals that the following named individuals have been selected for this yr's round of cmd: **Roland Carter** IN, **Perry Casto** AD, **Steve Cook** AV, **Bob Driscoll** EN, **John Greenwalt** IN, **Tuck McNamara** SF, **Jim Murray** IN, **Mike Pearce** IN, **John Reitz** FA, **Bill Saunders** IN, and **Gary Steele** AG. Proj mgrs on the same list include **Geoff Charest** (Mobile Ln Cell), **Jim Price** (PLRS/JTIDS Hybrid), and **Dave Smith** (Improved Army Recovery Vehicle).

When we made a short visit to DC, **Joe & Katie Reeder** treated **Jim, Jo Ann** and Sarah **Crawford**, and **Liz** and me to a final meal before the Crawfords posted to Spokane, WA. Jim is in fact now the PMS at Gonzaga U.

Rapid fire, overheard on a 900 number party line call: **Jim Henderson** was noticed to be studying Ger at the Def Lang Inst in preparation for an arty bn cmd. **George Allin** is back at Ft Sill as bn cmdr of the 2/18 FA. Presidio of SF's old fin & acctg off, **Matt Fleumer**, is now stationed at the Pentagon. **Steve Schwaderer** was a bond broker in SF for LF Rothschild, and hopefully survived the last Oct market crash. Could **Les Kahalekai** be tying the knot? Rumor dispellers, please comment. **Lynn Moore** was recently married to **Dawn Lake**, a CPT USA who had been



1970: The last (DC) supper—Jim, Sarah and Jo Ann Crawford

a USMA Engr Dept instructor. Moores are currently at Ft Bragg where Lynn has a bn. **Pete Nell** added another young one to his growing family, now claiming a total of 4 offspring. **Bill Squires** left svc and then got back in as a full-time NG employee. The lure of the sea overcame **Bob Beziat**, who got back in the svc with the Coast Guard. Bob's watery tour over, he now makes his home in FL. **Rick Murdoch** is sweating it out in El Salvador. The change of cmd for **Bobby Brand** took him away from his Ft Ord arty bn to Ft Leavenworth as a CAS3 instructor. Pacific Grove, CA has **Jim Byrd** as its city mgr. **Don Jagger** continues his cmd over the 2/30 Inf Bn in Ger. **Earl Quirk** is at Richards AFB, just S of KC, MO. Ft Bragg has **John Woloski** as a SC bn cmdr now. Another gp organizer is **Bill Green** who is assembling an active gp for the WP Soc of Mid- and N SC, now claiming approximately 100 members. If you need a good lawyer in Dallas, call **John Bickel** of Bickel & Brewer, who are building a reputation of "take no prisoners." **Fred Valliere** is a civ employee for the 21st SUPCOM in Ger. **Mac & Rachel**

1970: Two turnbacks from '69 (BC), Joneses, Spears, Jaccard and Plummers; Founders Day 1988, IN

Plummer have shipped out of Ft Harrison to Ft Benning, where Mac is picking up an asgmt as post PAO. **Tim Sauter** is still in Indy and is working on an MBA as he continues his job as asst PMS at IU-PUI. Don't worry **Bill Bishop**, you're feature news next trip.

Given limited space, there will be some leftovers for next time. But if we

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could just hear from **Ray Gibbons, Greg Pohl,** or **Jim Cooper**, then we would REALLY have some news.

So if you want to see your name next Dec in bold print, in an internationally distributed magazine, then send a letter (with a picture), a Christmas card, or make a phone call before mid-Oct, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

'71

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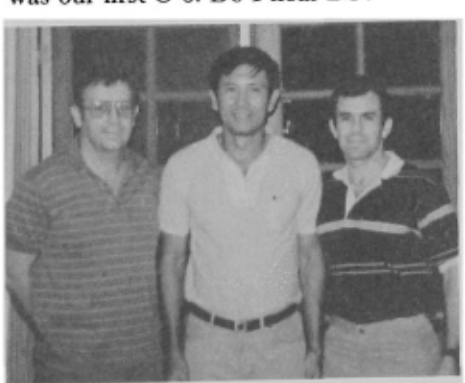
We're back. Auntie Em (Uncle Sam's better half) has beckoned us, Toto, et al, back to the Sunflower State. Bittersweet departure from the Land of the Morning Calm which by the way, was not so calm in the afternoons! Good duty and good soldiers in Korea, but there's no place like home. You know what I mean? The downside is that the Family **deMoya** is starting their 4th mo of living out of suitcases. Talk about the true test of the strength of a marriage!

The kudos and Pulitzer nominations are still coming in for the **Buck Walker** exposé in the last issue. Expertly Done (that's one step higher than Professionally Done)! Don't mean to wax nostalgic, but it's a special feeling to know that I could call on a friend (since second grade) and classmate to fill the breach on short notice and have no worries about getting a gangbusters performance. Thanks Walton. A permanent job awaits your call.

Only been here 10 days, but I have already run into **Rich Keene** who was taking a pool break from his special project on how to save us from the hordes in the 21st century, **Gus Bremer** who teaches history to the sometimes motivated CGSC students, and **Jay Lambert** who continues to ply his systems automation expertise for the Combined Arms Center. Heard that **Jack Ogren** was running around campus, also. And much to my surprise, I saw CPT **Bob Kempfe** in the CAS3 hallways. No, Bob is not a 7-time passover to MAJ, but a returnee to the fold after almost a 10-yr break in service. When not excelling on the academic battleground, Bob and family are preparing for the holocaust while cmding a co at Ft Bragg. One of the benefits of an asgmt here in frontierland is that I will be able to meet and greet all the pre-cmd course warriors coming through prior to taking over their bns. In Aug, **Jim Grazioplene** and **Jim Walter** were educated in the trials of cmd. Graz is taking the Sheriden bn at Bragg. I counted 40 others on this yr's cmd list. An imperfect list; by category and tentative cmd location (if I know it) looks like this—IN: **Brooks** (Ord), **Doyne** (Ger), **Drummond** (Bragg), **Fitton, Hagenbeck** (Drum), **Hardin** (Jackson), **Hutchison** (Ord), **Kendall** (Lewis), **Klevecz** (Carson), **McDonald** (Benning), **Ritchie, Rock** (Ord), **Schnabel** (Ger), **Spears** (Benning), **Swannack** (Ord), **Yakovac** (Carson); ADA: **Penhallegon** (Carson); AV: **Patterson** (Korea); AR: **Brown, Elder, Reischl**; FA: **Anderson, Cummins** (Bragg), **Godwin** (Ger), **Jones, Maples, Tetu** (Korea), **Weidner, Mike Williams** (Sill); MP: **Curry**; SIG: **Estrella, Fowler**; SF: **Thompson** (Campbell), **Steve Wright**; Aerial Exploitation: **Walt Wright**; Supply: **Marshman, Pawlicki**; Project Mgr: **Armbruster, Cardine**. Congrats to all you commandos. Don't forget to stop by the **deMoya** Welcome Center!

My failure to provide input for the last *ASSEMBLY* left **Walker**, Inc without some important news from early 88. Without further ado . . . the following JAG offs were selected for promotion to LTC (no easy feat in that branch): **Finnegan, Flanagan, Fligg, King, Lujan, Thomason** and **Wamsted**. Last I heard, Pat Fligg was hanging his shingle in HI. Mike Wamsted left Korea last summer for the Dep SJA position at WP. **Tom Pyrz**, who was on last yr's promotion list, became the SJA for the Soldier Spt Center at Ft Harrison.

Two bits of errata (the editors should start a separate column just for my mistakes!): I incorrectly situated **Frank Durrum** in Mt Pleasant, NJ. Lo and behold, there is at least one other Mt Pleasant—in TX. And the Durrums are at 505 Walnut St, zip 75455 in that pleasant town. Without proper research, I stated that **Il-Soon Shin** was our first COL. Wrong. Not wanting to start an intl incident, let me correctly state that COL **Boonsrang Niumpradit** of the Thai Army was our first O-6. Do I hear BG?



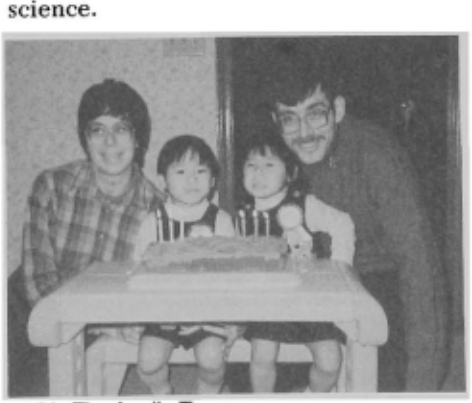
1971: Mattfield, Niumpradit and Wilcox, spring 88

In Jan **Eric & Ann Watkins** arrived in Pocatello, ID after a good tour in the 2nd ACR in Ger. Eric gave up an XO job in a regtl spt sq and Ann left her position as an RN for the beauty of Sun Valley and Jackson Hole. LTC (frocked) Eric is the PMS at ID State working for a dean that is a USNA grad. Wonder if Eric can get joint credit for that tour? The Watkins report that when they left Europe, **Bill Diehl** was in Bamberg working as the trainer for the community, and **Bert Lennon** was an S-3 for an atk helicopter bn near Ansbach.

A tip of the hat goes to **Randy Mase, Craig McGrath,** and **Dan Turner**. Back in Mar, Randy dropped a line from his digs in Mt Penn, PA. He had recently been presented an award for distinguished achievement in human resources dev by the *Intl Systems Assoc and Tng* magazine. The award was in recognition for results achieved from a supervisory tng program Randy had implemented at Hertz Penske Truck Leasing where he is the mgr of tng and dev. Randy had commiserated with **Jim & Kate Melesky** and **John & Susan Cavalieri** at the Army-Navy game last yr in Malvern, PA. (Boy, I've got to do better turning this news around.) In May, Craig was selected to be a VP of the automotive carrier div of Ryder Systems. In that capacity, Craig

1971: VP McGrath, Ryder, Inc

has responsibility for the western ops of two subsidiaries, Complete Auto Transit and Commercial Carriers. Hmm. Now I know whom to call! Last yr, **Dan Turner** became a VP with United MO Bancshares in KS City. He is responsible for the tax planning and compliance in the bank holding co. What Dan has succeeded in doing is instead of having a number of clients as a CPA, he now has one. Unfortunately, with the victor go the spoils. . . . He has been audited every yr since 83. **Carol** continues to teach HS science.



1971: The family Turner

Nice note from **Bill Doyne** at the Natl Tng Center in sunny Ft Irwin where he

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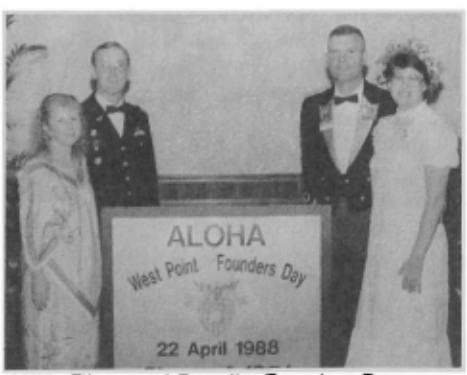
has been serving as the task force trainer for the Mech Inf team. Also hunkering

1971: Lohrs and Shadells; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

down in the desert are **Stony Lohr** as the provost marshal, **Mike Shadell** as the dep for the lessons learned team, and **Tim Reischl** as the mgr and guru of the Starwars bldg.

Tom Suermann has been traveling the globe with his US Army Space Inst road show briefings and demonstrations. On a pit stop in Ger, he found **Pat Rivette** working as a resource mgr in Grafenwoehr and **Tom Smith** serving as a force modernization off in the 32nd AADCOM. Closer to home in CO Springs, Tom attended **Bill Lennox**' assumption of cmd in the 4ID DIVARTY at Carson in Mar.

Before I began my odyssey from Seoul, I had a call from Mr & Mrs Tourist **Burrell** who were filling out their oriental wardrobe. **Tom** was about to PCS from his Inf job in HI en route to the Pentagon. Along with **Pat Fligg** (mentioned earlier) he was leaving behind in Oahuville **Larry Sakas**, a cardiologist at Tripler and **Ken Hartlein**, an automation mgt off in the 25 ID as a civ. Leaving



1971: Fliggs and Burrells; Founders Day 1988, HI

Korea during the past summer were **Steve Rice** (Strategic Def Cmd) and **Mike Hunter** to Redstone Arsenal and **Steve Wilcox** to HQAF in the Pentagon. Can't wait to visit Wilcox' $200K home in Metro DC! Filling the '71 void in Korea were **Bob Kramer** (C-5) and **Joe Cerami** (C-3) going to the Combined Field Army in Uijongbu and **Ron Munden** to the Eighth Army IG off.

Old reliable **Jeff Rock** dashed off a welcomed letter right before my deadline. As you might imagine, DC has become a mecca for our Class. New arrivals last summer include **Chris Cardine, Joe Yakovac, Marc Erlandson, Herb Gallagher,** and **Tom Burrell** in DCSOPS, **Tony Forsythe** in DCSPER, **Kevin Brennan** in DIA, **Rich Goodwin** on the Air Staff, **Ben Hackman** and **Roger Duckworth**. I had an opportunity to visit with Rich & **Linda** Goodwin and their budding linebacker, Jamie. Best chocolate cookies that I ever had, Linda. Further bits from the Rock file find **Charlie & Chris Williams** in Ft Sheridan with USAREC after a stint with DuPont as part of the tng with industry prog. **Rick Capka** (EN—Ft Riley) and **Arch Arnold** (IN—Ft Benning) have taken cmd of their bns. The **McNallys** are back at WP where Jeff is a PAP in BS&L. He finished his PhD in organizational behavior at Yale while **Carolyn** worked as the dir of an educational consulting firm. Turns out that Jeff lives 3 doors away from **Terry Fullerton**, the dir of the cadet counseling center.

Can't tell you how swell it is to be back in beautiful downtown USA. You've got to love it. So listen here, keep the donations to the Class of '71 Fund coming in, start thinking Reunion 91, and beat the hell out of Navy, or Lafayette, or somebody. Godspeed.

'72

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Hi again! Hope all had a wonderful summer and that everyone is enjoying autumn, school and football season once again. I have high hopes for both my teams this yr—the local Clemson Tigers and, of course, the Black Knights of the Hudson. I'm sure that by the time you read this, their gridiron fortunes will be forged one way or the other.

"Greetings from Greensboro, NC." That's the word from Carolina Connection, **Ward & Jody Bursley**. As a follow-up from the last issue when the Bursleys brought us up-to-date on '72 in their vic, the gp of Bursley, **John Case, John Featherstone**, and **Don Bergin** are doing well. Don is recently in town as an opthalmologist. I talked to both Bursley and Featherstone recently via phone. Found out that John & **Cynthia** have 3 boys that are very close in age to ours. John is employee relations/pers mgr for Procter and Gamble at the Greensboro site. I caught Bursley as he was coming in very late in the evening from his work at MCI. "Typical Monday," he says. He sees Featherstone each wk at church and **Cage** at their girls' soccer games. Cage just moved to a new house. The Bursleys have had contact with **Mark & Sue Gay** in

1972: Pam & Chuck Drobny and Nancy & Ron Scott; Founders Day 1988, Mid-south

Baumholder, FRG. They say it's a nice place . . . (once you get used to it!) Mark is 8th Divarty S-3. Bursley also reported contact with **Tony Russo**, who's in southern CA as a sales rep for Johnson Mead. This is a switch from his many yrs in the restaurant bus.

Got a short note from a very proud new papa back in May. **Gary & Cindy Dennis** announced the birth of Kimberly Ann, who was born 19 Feb. She weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz. Congrats to the Dennis family, after 10 yrs of anticipating their first child. Maybe a member of the Class of 2010, right Gary?

Had a wonderful letter recently from **Tom & Gail Greco** in Panama. (Yes, Tom, Baumholder *does* seem so long ago.) Enjoyed seeing the picture of his clan including son Scott and daughters Jessie and Meg. Tom is secy of the Joint

1972: Tom, Meg, Gail, Scott and Jessica Greco

Staff, US Southern Cmd. As such, he is able to keep up with others in Panama including **Steve & Itgel Fee** (SOUTHCOM, J2); **Mike & Isable Deegan**, son Christian (CENTAM, J5); **Phil Jones** (Army engr) and **Mark Eldridge** (civ engr); **Steve Powers** and family (J1/4 Special Ops Cmd); and **Wayne Kirkbride** and family (XO, 3/7 SF BN). A recent departee is **Paul Burton**, who went from 1/508 Inf (ABS) to 75th Ranger at Ft Benning. Wife **Bonnie** and kids Josh and Lindsay were in Panama with pop. The **Grecos** stopped over at Benning on their way to Panama last summer. They visited **Bruce, Sandy,** Christopher, and Kelley **Barlow** as well as **Ben,**

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Vicki and Zachary **Martin**. Bruce is XO, 3rd Ranger Bn, and Ben is XO for the Engr Bn. Friends of the Grecos, **Dick & Vicki Cody**, are now in Korea where he is aide to LTG Patrick, CG, Combined Field Army. Sons Clint and Tyler are there, too. **Percy Squire** is a lawyer in Columbus, OH, and we hear that he runs the best ARNG co in the OHARNG.

1972: Lynn & Brad Holtz; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

Should take a line to remind you of **John Lasala's** volunteer efforts on the Class gift. You should have received a copy of his letter describing the plan. I won't go over it here, but it sounds feasible and certainly has terrific prospects. For more info, contact me (address above) or John at the Physics Dept, USMA.

Thanks for your support. Move those pencils and lick those stamps! (25 cent stamps) BEAT NAVY!

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Gruss Gott! By the time you read this, our 15-yr Reunion will be 1 yr away, so I'll pass along some vital stats for your planning purposes. Ours will be during Homecoming, 13–15 Oct 89. **Gary Coleman**, of F-2 Zoo fame, has stepped forward to be our POC. He's on his last yr as an English P and may miss the event, but assures us of good early planning and close coordination with other classmates present at WP (more on them later). Gary is in touch with AOG, and if it follows like previous 15-yr classes, we'll get some rooms at Thayer and then book at a nearby hotel. All pertinent reunion info (rooms, tickets, events, etc) will most likely go out in a Class mailing in late fall or winter, so it behooves ya'll to keep your AOG address current. Meanwhile, you can reach Gary & **Susan** at 3043A Stony Lonesome, West Point, NY 10996, PH: 914-446-5264 (H), 914-938-3410/2502 (W), Avn 688.

Gary added that the '74 crew at WP had a farewell picnic for '74 departees, and **Steve Shambach** sent info on their whereabouts. **Ralph & Carol Graves** are headed for Ger from DC in Aug; **Howie Berner** is headed for the Navy CSC at Newport, RI. And all the rest are headed to CGSC at Leavenworth—**Joe & Maureen LeBoeuf** (both MAJ's), **Colen Willis, Dwight Morse, Dave Gabbard,** Steve Shambach and **Bob Dela Cruz**.

Remaining at Woops are **Tim Kiggins** in DMI, still branch rep for FA; **Gary Coleman** in English (actually philosophy); **Robert Anderson** and **Jim Loy** in G&CS, **Paul Lemley** in Chem, and **Jeff Knapp** in Physics. **Tom Daula** is a Soc Sci PAP (permanent) but may be spending the yr in DC. Another rumor indicated that **Buddy Blackman** was returning as a Chem PAP. That's great news for you, Gary. Buddy worked all the Hoo-Haa sales for the 10 yr Reunion. Sign him up!

Speaking of 10 yr and 15 yr Reunion comparisons, I want to forewarn those that came back in 84. The 15 yr is usually a little less 'complicated,' no Reunion books, fewer attendees (due to fewer P's—we had 75 guys in 84), etc. But it promises to be a great time of fellowship and as memorable as always.

Shambach continues on other '74'ers. **Lou Vozzo** is still working for NYNEX, living in Katonah, NY and starting law sch part-time at Pace. **Jack McDonald** will stay a 2nd yr at Leavenworth for SAMS. **Marty Dempsey** returns to his roots in the Highlands for regular visits. Also **Dwight Morse** noted that **Colin Dunn**, who had left English Dept for Leavenworth, then to the 101st at Campbell, had returned to train yearlings at Buckner in FA. Colin, please note that Bear Mtn is *outside* the range fan!

1974: Walls, Hendricks and Koenig; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

The pres of WP Soc of Mid-South, Rich Carter '73 and my old 150's teammate, forwarded a Founders Day shot of **Rich & Donna Plumley**. They're living in Paris, TN where Rich is pres of the Plumley Rubber Co which supplies rubber hoses and parts to Gen Motors.

Ron Morrell sends an update from San Ant where he was doing his 2-wk annual tng. All that free time to write eh, Ron. Says he's with the 4164th USARF Sch as admin off, tng TX ANG members and now a Res MAJ. Congrats! In his real life, he's finishing up at Trinity U in San Ant with a master's in sch psych, in betwixt working and studying. Sends his best to G-1'ers.

1974: Martins' wedding—Polom, Hashem, Froneberger, John & Marsha, Albrecht, Knapp, Sharp and Llewellyn

The F-Troop (F-4) has always maintained good LOC's with the scribe (they did learn something in No Area besides the zoo, rack, ghosts, etc), and **Rich Kornacki** wrote to close one more void. He's with Michelin Tire in Greenville, SC as the admin/dist mgr. He and other Woopers are forming the WP Soc of Greater Upstate SC. He also noted that he recently completed the 'Executive Challenge' (civ Recondo!) held in N GA, and all his old Buckner tng helped out, even to the point of letting out a "BEAT NAVY" on the Slide for Life for the benefit of a '73 squid standing on the bank.

1974: Scotts, Bests, Robbinses and Adairs; Founders Day 1988, Ft Hood

Bill, Debby and Megan (5) **France** write from Korea, sending a pic of their 520 sq ft place. Says it's about the size of his brother's 3-car garage. Bill is one of the few to be cmd sponsored, lucky or not, and has spent time as S-3 of 802d Engr Bn for a yr now and will be the XO until Jun 89 when he's due for CGSC at Leavenworth. His previous asgmt was 3 yrs at Kirtland AFB, NM as a structural

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1974: Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

1974: Bill, Debby and Megan France in Korea

1974: Kellys and Mallorys; Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

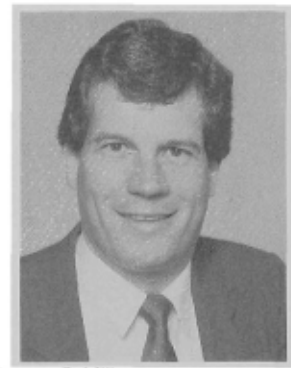
engr on underground nuclear test beds for the Field Cmd Def Nuc Agency.

The D-1 Ducks had a mini-reunion at WP on 24 Apr to celebrate the re-marriage of **John & Marsha Martin**. That's right, after 10 long yrs . . . again. The event was at the Cadet Chapel replete with sabers, etc. Short account on the attendees: **Ed Polom** was there just prior to finishing Navy CSC, then due to vacation in Africa before reporting to Korea for 2 yrs; **Steve & Chris Hashem** are still in Philly working some classified projects for GE and still in the Res. **Tom Froneberger & Ingrid** are back from Ger and in an arty job at Ft Hood. **Bill & Franke Albrecht** are still in San Ant where he's with TENNECO. **Jeff & Karen Knapp** drove down from Stony Lonesome for the event; he's in Physics. **Jim Sharp** is XO of the guided missile destroyer *O'Bannon*; it was conveniently docked in NY for the wkend. **Charlie & Greer Llewellyn** came up from Rockville, MD. Also, **Myron & Naomi Lynch** attended. They're at Navy CSC and then were Ger bound in Jul. And the groom is Korea bound to the 2d Div Avn Bde. Congrats, John & Marsha!

Eric Vonderscheer sent a quick note as he, **Jean** and family prepared to exit the Concepts Analysis Agency in MD bound for CGSC at Leavenworth. Eric, you can answer all the tuff tactics questions with your computer instead of your standard "depends on the situation" reply.

Jim Millard is on the move with Harbridge House, Inc, recently elected as a principal of the firm. The news release says he "manages HH's consulting, research and tailored mgt education activities in engring, project and program mgt. He also has experience in strategic and

1974: Sullivans, Sargent and Mainwarings; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker



1974: James B Millard

adv mgt consulting, ldshp tng, and contracts and purchasing mgt. He augments many tng programs with computer-based tng simulations and software capabilities demo's." Wow! And the secret behind all of this is probably **Ann**, who lives with this ace in E Greenwich, RI.

The **Grunseths** had a big career decision to make as **Jim** finished Trinity Evangelical Divinity Sch. As doors opened and closed they found themselves heading back to their hometown of Elkhorn, WI, where they're part of Campus Crusade's Church Dynamics ministry. Other tidbits: **Ted Davis**, competing as a master trackster, set a new VII Corps shot-put record this summer, also winning the discus event. He, **Deni** and family live on Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, where Ted works for EUCOM. **Jim Martin** sends a note from Saudi Arabia where he works for Vinnell Corp in the capital. He bumped into **Matt Reese** who's with OPM-SANG as a logistics evaluator.

1974: Rich & Donna Plumley

In closing, please note the address and phone number. Ger folks should just sit down and give me (or **Cathy**) a call some day. The new job is distinctively different, dep sub-community cmdr of Schwaebisch-Gmuend, small town in the pretty Swabian countryside. It's got to be unique to be associated with a unit that slowly goes away as the Pershing II's go away. I may work myself out of a job. The next deadlines are 15 Oct and 15 Dec, so

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1974: Eric Vonderscheers in MD

keep me on your Christmas list and the info will get in an issue sooner or later.

Go Rabble!

'75

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Greetings to all members of Courage and Drive '75. Our last column was too long for the *ASSEMBLY* and had to be cut, so any of you who didn't see your name when you thought you would, I'll try to be sure you're in this issue.

As a record hot WP summer comes to a close, the football team is practicing hard for this new season. From what inside info I have, they're looking very good. Best of luck for a very successful season, and certainly . . . BEAT NAVY . . . and Holy Cross . . . and Northwestern . . . and Lafayette . . . and AF. . . .

Back to the record hot summer at WP. I spent the greater part of it at Camp Buckner. Remember our cadet summer there? Well, this one was hotter. But the Class of '91 is looking pretty good. I'm looking forward to a busy fall of Avn branch rep'ing, teaching MS 300, and working as the course dir for MI 410. **Kathy** is insisting that I have a recent photo done to remind the kids of what I look like!

On to the news of the rest of the Class. . . .

Tom & Cheri Austin left Leavenworth for Campbell and unfortunately arrived the day after a bn from Bragg got there. The Austins and the 4 (plus #5 on the way) children have been living in an RV waiting for qtrs. Good luck, and we hope you'll all be settled very soon. Let us hear from you when the new baby arrives. And if Tom & Cheri are wondering where this news came from—Nell Horn, Cheri's sister, is our neighbor in Stony.

John & Pam Chappell sent a birth announcement from Ft Leavenworth announcing the arrival of twin boys, Stuart Gavin weighing in at 5 lbs 12 oz, and Forrest Trent weighing in at 6 lbs 10 ozs. These little guys made their appearance on 17 Aug. We hope mom, dad, and boys are all fine. Send us a photo as soon as you can. Best of luck to you all.

When **John & Jill Redington** lived next door to us at Ft Benning, we saw each other every day. When John & Jill moved to AK, Kathy & Jill figured the only decent way to communicate was over the phone. (We were in KY at the time.) Now that we live two courts away from each other in Stony, John is sending me notes! Oh well, anything for the column! Seems John went TDY to USAFA for a wk-long aerodynamics workshop in Jul. While there he saw **Wayne Hallgren** who is now an AF MAJ and who recently finished a teaching tour at the AFA in the Dept of Aerodynamics. He is now working on his PhD at the U/MD in aerodynamics and hopes to return to the AFA in a tenured position. John says he has a pretty ex-Army wife. That must be quite a compliment considering the basis John has for comparison being married to Jill! Also while there, John saw **Phil Baker** and family in the parking lot of the visitor's ctr. They were vacationing and just happened to be passing by.

Received a great letter from **Roger Kaplan.** He's at Ft Drum where he says the last of their snow disappeared in Apr. (Sure you're not at WP?) Seems their maneuver area is now a scene of choking dust and sand. (Sounds more like my days at Hood!) Roger says there are guard units everywhere and the local Burger King is a big beneficiary. Roger went TDY to Sill this summer in search of classmates. (Sounds like you should've gone to Leavenworth!) He saw **Ray Riddle** who just left the D/EE at WP and is en route to 3d AD where Ray will be a bde FSO. Roger also saw both of his former Hawaiian roommates. **Tom Berens** & new wife **Kathy** are preparing to PCS to Giessen, FRG where Tom will be asst S-3 in the 42d FA Bde. The Berens are expecting their first child in late autumn. **Tom Warren** married **Cheryl Cummings** on 28 May and will be residing in Norman, OK while Cheryl completes her PhD in petroleum engring. **Howard Styron** is in the 4th yr of his tour as head of the Ldrshp Div, but will depart this winter to the British Staff College. Roger got a surprise at Ft Drum when he found out that **Joe Barget** had arrived there more than a yr ahead of him. Seems Joe is making every effort to build the post on time and under budget. He is now the XO of 41st Engr Bn. **Chris & Steph Ferguson** are doing well in VA. Chris is at HQ, USAF and Steph is doing double duty, mother of two boys and part-time ER nurse. Roger is working as ch of the FSE, travels a lot, meets challenges on his monthly CPXs, and sends a standing invitation to all who are passing through to share his 160 sq ft of BOQ "suite" with him. Roger, thanks once again for an excellent letter. If you're at WP, we'd love to have you come and visit.

Received a great note from **Maura & Ed Shaffer**. They are leaving Ft Leavenworth and are headed to Taegu, ROK where Ed will be S-3 for the 36th Sig Bn. Before going to Leavenworth, Ed worked for 3 yrs at WP in the D/EE. While here, Maura taught at Sacred Heart Sch where my children now both attend. Maura says that their son John attended the Xavier Catholic Sch at Leavenworth and she highly recommends it to all who may be headed that way. While in ROK, their address will be HHC, 36th Sig Bn, APO SF, CA 96212. While at Leavenworth, Ed was in the same section as **George Kaigh**. George, **Paula**, and 4 children will be staying at Leavenworth and are looking forward to moving into larger qtrs. Maura, we're looking forward to news of the Far East from you. Hope the 3 of you enjoy your tour.

1975: Lautermilch '71, Sapienza, Beimler '76 and Johnson. SA Natl Guard Cav soldiers in background

John Sapienza wrote from Saudi Arabia where he is working in the Saudi Arabian Natl Guard Modernization Program in Riyadh. **Carl Johnson** just PCSed from SA and is headed to Ft Lewis. John has one more yr there and is then off to Leavenworth. He's working in his secondary as a FAO and is looking forward to getting back to Avn. **Rich Langhorst** will be arriving in SA in Aug and will be sponsored by John. Seems these guys are surviving in the 135 deg heat and being very grateful for the pool. We'll think of you next winter during one of WP's famous I-can't-get-my-car-up-to-Stony-snowfalls! Thanks for writing, John.

Keith Huber wrote from Campbell. After his stint in El Salvador, he was very happy to be on US soil once again. Keith found El Salvador to be frustrating, challenging, and rewarding, but says being an advisor is very difficult. **John McMullen** should have departed El Salvador in Jul. John was the 4th Bde advisor in El Paraiso, and Keith was the 5th Inf Bde advisor in San Vicente. John expects to return to Ft Bragg. Keith says he was the only advisor who did not branch transfer to Special Forces. He is currently the 3rd Bde S-3 with the 101st and can be reached at 402 Gable Ct, Clarksville, TN 37042, ph: 615-648-1601. Thanks for

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writing, Keith. Give me a call when you're in the area. I'd love to hear a detailed account of your experiences.

1975: John McMullen and Keith Huber

Following **Keith's** letter, I received one from **John McMullen.** John states that he is alive and well and back in the USA. John says Keith did a super job and earned many kudos for "toughness." John is en route to AFSC in Norfolk in Jan 89 and is currently attending the PSYOP offs' course now to become a FA 39. John branch-transferred to SC 18 Special Forces. Keith remained an Infantryman. John says that as an 18/39 he'll be able to stay in the Latin American theater. John found El Salvador outstanding, dangerous, and fun working with the small units there. John, **JoAnn** and daughter Amy (6) are expecting another baby in Sep. John also reports that **Spider Marks** is at CGSC, **Jim Taylor** is in DIVARTY in the 82nd, **Bill Cantwell** is an engr at Bragg in a classified position and he hasn't worn a uniform in yrs. He finished AFSC in Jun. John is at the JFK Special Warfare Ctr at Bragg. You can reach him at 919-497-3365 or write him at 56 Maas Dr, Ft Bragg, NC 28307.

1975: Mike Kershner and friends; Founders Day 1988, Antigua

Mike Kershner sent a great letter and possibly the best Founders Day photo I've ever seen. Mike says the photo was authorized by his wife **Kathryn.** When my wife saw it, she quit asking me to call Branch and ask for orders to the Caribbean! Mike went to San Diego State U in Jun 84 and taught ROTC until 87. He then tried to go to El Salvador, but all slots were full. He even spoke to **Dorian Anderson** about it, but it seems the slot he wanted was still being filled by someone who had extended. He then called Special Forces Branch and they made him an offer he couldn't refuse and he was off to Antigua for a one-yr unaccompanied tour. Mike was responsible for tng the police security forces and def forces of Antigua, St Kitts, and Nevis, Dominica, St Lucia, St Vincent, the Grenadines, Grenada, and Barbados. In reality, he spent his time traveling the Caribbean, staying in great hotels, and hobnobbing with big shots. He was known as the "TDY King." He had to spend a lot of time scuba diving (looking for submarine pens under construction) and sailing (to enhance his coastal surveillance program). Sure . . . and the tooth fairy lives at WP! Last Oct **Steve & Carol Ward** went down with Kathryn to visit. Steve is the dir of telecommunications mktg for Rockwell Intl. They have two children and really like Dallas. Mike is now en route to CGSC. He went TDY to Bragg and ran into **Dave Williams.** He works in S-3, COSCOM and Mike says he's looking good. Mike says Paradise was nice, but he's enjoying being a daddy again. He changed his rifles for crossed arrows last fall. Great letter, Mike. Send me a line on Leavenworth when you're settled.

1975: Jill, Kate and Bob Enzenauer

Bob Enzenauer wrote from Denver, CO where he & **Jill** are celebrating the birth of their first child, Katherine Elizabeth, born 6 Aug 87. Currently he is ch resident in opthalmology at Fitzsimmons AMC. In Jul 89 he will go to Toronto for a one-yr pediatric opthalmology fellowship at the Hosp for Sick Children. He will return to Fitzsimmons in Jul 90 as a staff opthalmologist. We'll be interested to hear of your Canadian experiences.

LT(USN) **Bob McConnell** wrote from Fallon, NV. He just arrived in NV after a tour in Guam. He's glad to be back in the US. His duties there will include coordinating carrier air wings as they train here (bombing and electronic warfare) prior to joining their carriers on deployments. Bob & **Edith** can be reached at NAS Fleet Liaison Office, Fallon, NV 89406-5000, ph: 702-426-2452. He says if you're passing through NV, call to see the Navy. Hey Bob, where are you sitting on the first Sat in Dec?!

Received a great letter from **Jim Jarvis.** Seems Jim missed Founders Day as he was busy pulling escort duty, but he recently signed out of TRAC and into CGSC, so he no longer has escorting to worry about. But he did get to visit with **Jack Cage** as Gen Thurman was attending a conference. Besides Jim, other permanent party members also moved over to CGSC: **Ed Bradford** (CACDA), **Eph Martin** and **Steve Guthrie** (TRAC). Jim is also looking for qtrs for **Tom Oetjen** and **Vic Bero.** When Jim submitted his Dream Sheet, he was surprised to see an acknowledgement signed by **Dorian Anderson.** He is due to PCS for the Ranger Regt. Seems Dorian spent some time at CGSC telling Jim Jarvis stories. Now's Jim's chance to get even! **Steve Moore** is now in the DC area and working for AMSAA in another ORSA asgmt.

That's about it for the news. The Pardues are all fine. **Kathy** quit her job at the psych hosp and will be teaching at Mt St Mary's this fall. (The 11pm to 7am shift is very hard on the family.) She's also busy writing features for *ASSEMBLY*. There should be one on the mess hall in this issue.

Take care for now and BEAT NAVY!!!

'76

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Well, as you can probably tell from the address, we're back in TX again. We finished up the fellowship in NY and find ourselves again at BAMC at Ft Sam. It looks like we'll spend our entire mil career at the same place. While outprocessing from Ft Hamilton in NY, I had the opportunity to witness the birthday of the Ft. They were having a celebration and I saw a familiar face wearing Bermuda shorts and honcho-ing the barbecue. **Dave Morin**! He's the post IG and lives in very nice qtrs just past the entrance of the post. He's doing well and enjoying the job.

I'm going to start a new policy of going through the correspondence in order of postmarks. First comes from **Bob McClure.** He & **Carol** have finished up at the Kennedy Sch at Harvard. Bob says that it was quite an experience but didn't know that one could have an education without having to take boards! He should be visiting with what sounds like half the Class at CGSC this summer. He just got a card from **Jimmy Donivan** saying that he & **Karen** will be there. They just welcomed Donivan #4 into the world on 4 Apr—Jennifer. Also soon to be blessed with no 4 is the **Gasparovic** family. Bob says that **Andy & Paulette** are expecting some time in the near

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future, and with 3 boys, who's to say what they're rooting for. Local news in Boston included that **Gary & Maria Delarocco** are proud parents of Nicole, who also arrived in early Apr. Carol & Bob say that they almost feel like godparents because 5 days before Maria gave birth, Gary invited them over for Sicilian pizza and beer. They had a great evening in their new home just no of Boston. Other news includes that Carol & Bob attended the Founders Day for the Boston area in Mar and ran into **Bob Lynch**. He's out of the Army now, living in NH, but working for some high tech firm on the outskirts of Boston.

1976: Patty & Allan Stuhlmiller

You know, from time-to-time I get these terrific letters from first time writers. You all always start off by apologizing for not writing sooner. You don't need to do so. The letters are always the best of the bunch. One such letter is from **Julie & David Lopez**. Dave's an A-2er and wants to hear more about folks in his co. Dave left WP for the second time this past Jun after 3 yrs in the Admissions off. He's now at Chieves, Belgium with SHAPE. Julie & David have two boys, Christopher J (4 1/2) and Tyler D (18 mos as of Jun). As for others from the old A-2 crew, a bunch are still at USMA: **Squires** in Admissions; **Howle** and **Chung** in Math; **Kerigan** in Physics; and **Harrington** in DPE. **Louis & Kathy Burgess** are in HI and they just had a new baby boy in Mar, Graham Nathaniel, their first.

A quick note to tell about **Nell & Carl Horn**. They're still at USMA and just announced the birth of David Jonathan on 4 Jun weighing in at 8 lbs, 3.4 ozs. Congrats!

Dianne & Brian Shellum sent a bit of news that should make all of us pause for a moment. They lost their 3 yr old daughter unexpectedly last 31 Dec. I know all of us in the Class suffer the loss with Dianne & Brian. One other bit of sad news. **Dennis Hoosack**, who was a member of our Class (E-3) until a wk or so before graduation, died late last yr as the result of an accident during a business trip. He was a good friend, and is survived by his wife **Karen Jackson** and their son James.

Other news from classmates: **Tom & Yong San Kelley** are still living in Pittsburgh, PA and doing well. **Steve & Ginny Rawlick** and their daughter Patty (3) wrote to Brian from Wash DC. Steve is with the Def Nucl Agency and managed to get to the Army-Navy game last fall with the **Weyricks**. **Bruce & Robin** Weyrick sent their note to Brian in Jan from the DC area where they live with their two children, Jason and Melissa. **Joe & Barb Moyer** are in Clarksville, TN. They and their children, Lisa and Sara, should have moved by now to the DC area. They really enjoyed TN but were looking forward to the move back to DC. **Jim Moerkerke** is still single and working for an investment firm in Missoula, MT. He really enjoys living in what he calls God's country. **Ed & Laurel Cawley** wrote from MA where they live with Kevin and Laurie. He's seen **Hal Zaima** in Detroit and **Joe Saffer** this past spring. The **McSweens** are still living in Fayetteville, NC. **Dave & Ann** now have quite a clan. Allison finished 3rd grade this yr, Gregory, first, with Katie and Brian waiting their turns. **Axel Krigsman** is still teaching at WP and doing well. **Karl & Anna Grunwald** are also at WP. **Steve & Ginny Best** are in Chicago where Steve works for Amer Natl Bank and Trust Co. He, Ginny and their kids, Michael and Jennifer, seem well adjusted to civ life. They're living in Naperville, IL. **Al & Diane Drewke** are living in Park City, UT where Al works for Unisys and finds himself on the road most of the time. Diane has been busy teaching computers and playing golf. Brian's heard from **Scott & Rose Stephenson** several times in the past 6 mos. They and their daughters, Jennifer and Elena, are making the most of their stay at Ft Irwin. Finally, as for Brian, he's still working in Bonn. He & Diane are expecting a baby girl the first wk in Dec. We all wish them the best!

An interesting letter came from CPT Charles Lane '81. Enclosed was the picture of **George (Eddie) Sherman**, his former boss. Debbie Bollin, Eddie's fiancee, gave him a surprise birthday party at the off. Part of the celebration was a belly dancer. At noon when the celebration was to begin, Eddie slipped out to go to noon Mass. It took the chaplain to lure him out of the Mass and back to the off with the story that the COL had called an important mtg. Needless to say, you can see the look on his face. He & **Debbie** were married the next day in a private ceremony in Aiken, SC. They have since moved from Ft Gordon to Ft Leavenworth for CGSC where Debbie is a publications editor at the Combined Arms Center.

A final note arrived yesterday from **Ellen & Dwayne Chambless**. They now own THE EDGEWATER, an RV park and resort on Lake Buchanan, no of Austin, TX. After spending 7 yrs as a

1976: George Sherman's birthday party

petroleum engr, they have ret to the lake to run their own business. Ellen & Dwayne have 3 children—Michael (3) and Dane and Elizabeth (2). The picture is of the kids and grandfather cleaning fish at the resort. They invite any classmates up to drop in a line.

1976: Dane, Elizabeth and Michael Chambless with grandfather

That's about it for now. A bunch of us will be heading up to USMA for the second annual WP Med Assoc meeting at Hotel Thayer on 10 Sep. I hear that **Jim Coffey** will be there. Any other folks in the Class should really think about coming to the meetings—they're a good time. All the rest of you who haven't written in a while, put your lazy scribe back to work—WRITE!! All the best—Ian.

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I hope you were not too disappointed to find the small entry for our Class in the Jul issue of *ASSEMBLY*. Even with that hiatus, I do not have an overwhelming amount of news to share. There were only 4 letters, some miscellaneous notes, and many pictures. To keep you on your toes, I have decided to change the format of this article as if Messrs **Dougall, Cameron, Lowery,** and **Salada** were writing you direct.

From **Tom Dougall**, Charlottesville, VA, 25 Mar: The JAG OAC ends on 20 May. **Wendy**, William, Molly, and I are hopefully staying here as I expect to be

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1977: Palmer and Robbins; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

an instructor in the admin & civil law branch. **Pete & Marilyn Comodeca** will be going to DC; he will be working in the litigation branch at the Pentagon. **Kurt & Jodi Meckstroth** are also Pentagon bound; he will be working in admin. **Kenny & Dottie Miller** are headed for Ger. Ken will be ch of criminal law for 3ID. That takes care of the outgoing. Next yr's class includes **John Charvat** and **Dean Berry** among others I cannot remember right now. Also, **Al Chute** is in-bound from Korea to become the editor of the *Military Law Review*. **Fred Kennedy** was here last wk for a short course. He is currently the prosecutor at Ft Campbell. Herein is a photo of **Terry Stewart** with **Laurel** and new son Christopher when he was 3 wks old in Dec 87.

1977: Terry, Laurel and Christopher Stewart

From **Duncan Cameron**, Japan, 21 Apr: Greetings from the "Land of the Rising Sun" and Yen. The picture herein was taken in late Jan at the Japan Ground Self Def Force (JGSDF)—US Army, Japan (USARJ) Bilateral CPX "Yama Sakura XIII." The exercise was held on the isl of Hokkaido near Sapporo. Participants from our Class left to right are **Lance Gatlin** USARJ, **Duncan Cameron** USARJ, **Mike Quinn** 61D (Light), **Harry Scott** 25ID (Light) and **Tony Lieto** CACDA.

Don McGhee was unable to make the picture. He is doing great and is always heavily involved with US-Japan FTX's.

From **Mark Lowery**, WP, 26 Apr: Herein you will find the Class picture of the 88 Founders Day at WP. I was tasked to send in the picture but must admit that

1977: Yama Sakura XIII, Japan

I cannot remember everyone's name. To the best of my ability here it goes: upper row (L to R) the **Butlers, Begines** and friend, the **Morrises**, the **Liebenows**; bottom row (L to R) the **Dowes**, the **Collinses**, the **Prices**, the **Lowerys**, the **Withmans** and the **Balls**.

Life here has not changed much . . . it is a good, but hectic, asgmt. Most of our classmates I have contact with seem to enjoy the asgmt. There are so many of us here that it would take too much time and space to mention them all. In the Dept of Math alone we have myself, **Bob Ball, Gary Krahn, George Mitroka, Bob Sinclair, Mike McGinnis, Andy Bowers, Tony Manganiello, Al Price,** and **Ron Bertha**. (I hope no one was forgotten.) I get semi-regular correspondence from **Gerry "Gar" Hartig** who is at Cornell studying more German than most Germans. An announcement to the Class: the majority of info about old guys from Woops that most people receive comes from *ASSEMBLY*. Therefore, I extend a plea to everyone in the Class to write once or twice every few yrs to let your friends know how things are going.

1977: Founders Day 1988, HI

From **Gray Salada**, Alexandria, VA, 23 Jul: after a "tough" 18 mos at the AF Inst of Tech, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, I grad with a MS in EE last Dec. However, I was not alone as **Tom Kindel** & his wife **Julie** were also asgnd there, and he received the same degree. We all made many friends and, though the asgmt was difficult, the people were great! **Pam** & I had our first baby on 1 Apr. We named her Erin Elizabeth and, as you can see in the attached picture, she's the sweetest.

1977: Gray, Pam and Erin Salada

I am now asgnd to the Pentagon doing great things. We live in Alexandria and are definitely enjoying the area, but not the cost of living. Fortunately, the **Kindels** were asgnd to the DC area as well. **Tom** works at DCA in Reston, VA and they live in nearby Sterling. I ran into **Steve McMannus** who is stationed at Ft Belvoir and doing fine. I have also enclosed a picture of **Ted Eilts** and his baby daughter Sarah Lynn (22 Apr). Ted & **Lori** are in Vicksburg, MS, helping to keep our waterways navigable.

1977: Ted & Sarah Eilts

From your scribe, Morristown, NJ, 8 Aug: **Susan** & I heard from **Jim & Nancy Fitch** last Mar. They had recently moved to Ger where they had their 3rd child, Amy Louise, born on 20 Feb. The birth was difficult and Amy was 5 wks premature, but mom and baby are doing well now. Jim has taken cmd of a co in 3AD.

Richard Carter '73 sent the enclosed picture of **Rand Ballard** and his lovely date Renne, which was taken at the Mid-South Founders Day. Rand is currently the regional mgr for the Amer Hosp Supply Div of Baxter Co in Memphis.

Kevin Scherrer sent me a picture of a "serious" C-4 crowd at the 10 yr Reunion.

Greg Copperthite wrote wanting to know more about the 30th Reunion Class gift, so here is the scoop: Most classes present a gift to the Academy on or about their 30 yr reunion and some classes have given multiple gifts. In recent history, gifts have ranged from $20K to $700K with the mean being in the $300K—$500K range. Assuming we

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1977: Ballard and friend; Founders Day 1988, Mid-south

1977: C-4 10 yr reunion

would like to give a substantive gift to the Academy, and taking inflation into account, I suspect that we should set our goal to raising $500K. The time to start raising money is now! The only way to have AOG set aside money for this purpose is to specifically direct it to the "'77 GIFT FUND." Monies that are sent to the AOG which are not allocated, go to the general fund. The utilization of general fund monies is up to the discretion of the AOG and does not get allocated to Class funds. There are two ways in which to select a gift—either a Class comes up with their own idea, or a menu of desired gifts is made available by the Off of the Directorate of Alumni Affairs. Given that the needs of the Academy will vary, it is hard to predict what would be needed in 2007. We should plan to

1977: Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

1977: Founders Day 1988, Chicago

appoint a gift comm at our 25th yr reunion to start the process of selecting a gift and final plans for fund raising, building, and presenting our gift. With a 5 yr window, we could select a gift during the first yr and, depending on the complexity of the project, be able to complete it by our reunion. In the interim, let's grow our GIFT FUND, which is now approximately $4.5K. Since Jun 87 we have only received $490 into the Gift Fund. I urge you to think of this and donate appropriately as you see fit. Until next time, BEAT NAVY!!! Keesy

1977: Founders Day 1988, West Point

'78

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This is going to press at Reunion time. Everyone is really looking forward to renewing the spirit of glory days and associated friendships. I certainly encourage everyone to attend. Next issue should be a great one!

Bob Rogers called from Houston where he works for Uncle Ben's. He picked up his MBA. He also has a baby daughter, Amanda, who is almost 2 yrs old.

1978: Lisa & Bill Hamilton; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

Mickey Hall dropped me a note from Syracuse. He just finished the Army Comptrollership Program at SU along with **Glenn DeSoto**. **Bob Clair** started on 17 Jun. Mick didn't tell me about his follow-on, but it's in DC somewhere.

Rick Steinke wrote from DLI. He & **Susan** are studying Italian, after which they'll head to IN U and then on to the pers exchange program as S-3 tng of a mtn bn. Also at DLI: **Roy Panzarella**, studying Russian en route to Tufts and Garmisch; **Ken Bresnahan** studying Spanish on his way to Central America; **Frank Lesieur** studying Russian; **Rich Georgie** on his way to Guatemala and **Chris Maxfield** on his way to Honduras. **Darcy Anderson** left EDS for Perot Gp, where he works in real estate mgt.

Fred Orr called from Ft Knox. He is holding forth with USPA-IRA. **Bob "X" Meyer** was just promoted to regional mgr with Davis & Geck in Chicago. **Bob Smith** is working for an avn consulting firm in St Louis. **Steve Marts** got together with **Rex Ploedere** during a recent visit to KS. **Abe Valdez** just recd another promotion with Stroh's in Memphis.

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1978: Useras, Bones and Forresters; Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

Attention everyone in Northern VA! **Dr Jelinek** has relocated his practice to your area in search of innocent victims! Fairfax County will never be the same.

Got to run, hope to see you all at the reunion!

'79

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Greetings,

First things first! The first thing to do in this issue is to set the record straight. In a recent issue **Greg Banner** wrote about **John Bone**. John is attending CAS3 and not the S-1 course as was recently stated. **Mike Herman** wrote again and let me know my previous shortcomings: I misspelled his wife's name. **DEANNA**, I apologize. Mike is still working with the Readiness Gp, although he would prefer to call it a Road Gp. While in Rapid City, SD, he bumped into several classmates. **Jim DeWitt** is the cmdr of the 235th G.S. Co in the SD NG, when he is not running a furniture store. Jim's address is 6020 Wildwood Drive, Rapid City, SD 57702. **Steve Austin** is also in Rapid City. He's assigned with Corps of Engrs (COE) at Ellsworth AFB. He was away for a couple of mos serving with the COE IG Team. Over dinner with his wife **Laura**, Mike learned that Steve had never written so Mike sent the following update. Steve and Mike started in the same bn (82nd Engr) in Ger. That is where Steve & Laura met and were married. Steve had a grad school tour in IL before going to Rapid City. Steve & Laura have two cute girls—Sarah (4) and Camille (2). Their address is 3403 Hallmark Court, Rapid City, SD 57702. Laura also said that **Bruce Bolden** was recently married in Minneapolis. The only solid detail was that his wife's name is **Cheryl**. Mike was in D-1 with Bruce and together when in Ger. Come on Bruce, share the details. Last Jun Mike & Deanna had **Thadd** & **JoAnne Buzan** over for a BBQ. They brought along their 19-mo old baby, Christine. Thadd has been going to grad school at UC-Berkeley. Now he has to pay the piper. After CAS3 Aug-Oct he will leave for Oman in Nov. It will be a long 12 mos with JoAnne and Christine in San Fran. Thadd says if anyone is in Oman—look him up. He's looking forward to Founders Day where he will probably be both the oldest and youngest grad present. Well, when in doubt—BEAT NAVY!!

Bruce Fink sent a quick note and photo of his new daughter Elizabeth Crossman ("Lizzie"). Bruce thought it

1979: Bruce Fink and daughter Lizzie

was necessary to send a photo before she starts dating. Grad school is going well. Bruce is studying CE. Other classmates at Stanford are **Roy Campbell** and **Al Cate**, who are both studying history. **Pat Driscoll** is studying ORSA. **Kurt Webber** has recently graduated and is now at WP. **Tim Gannon**, one of Bruce's old roommates, is now at NPGS at Monterey. Tim is scheduled to be Lizzie's godfather. Thanks Bruce for the info.

It took a recent trip to Monterey for **Bill Lough** to get over the hump and can never again be called a first time writer. The reason for going to Monterey was that **Chuck Lewis** had organized a small get-together including the **Betacks, Vaughns, Lewises,** and **Loughs**. The re-

1979: Betacks, Vaughns, Lewises and Loughs

cent info includes **Mark & Julie** Vaughn and their son, Thomas, who are off to Huntsville where Mark will be working at the Space Center; **Chuck & Carol** Lewis and their sons, Ryan and Nicholas, are departing Monterey for Ft Hood, Test and Experimental Cmd (TEXCOM); **Chuck & Lynn** Betack and their children, Nichole and Chase, still have a yr remaining at Monterey where Chuck is studying ORSA. Bill has been recently in touch with **Rich & Shirley Knapp**. They are living in Orlando where Rich is working for Honeywell. Shirley gave birth to their second son Brandon last Feb. Shawn (their oldest) is now over 3 yrs old. During the mini-reunion the gp called **Tommy & Diana Tucker** who are now in Houston. Tom had worked for Nalco Chemical Co, but recently moved to Calgon Corp. As for Bill himself, he resigned his commission in Aug 86 and took employment with Nalco Co in the L.A. area as a sales mgr. Bill & **Dawn** were blessed with their son Nicholas (now 3) while stationed in Ger, and are expecting another addition shortly. Thanks for the info Bill, and please don't wait another 9 yrs to write again.

Another first time writer is **Greg Wine**. He is presently assigned to U of FL in Gainsville. His present position is as recruiting ops off. For anyone who does not know it, the "R" in ROTC is recruiting. Starting in Jan Greg will revert over to permissive TDY so he can finish his master's in engring at UF. As for a quick catch-up, since graduation Greg has gone to EOBC, Ranger, and Ft Hood. It was there that Greg met his to-be-wife **Carol** and her son Jason. In Dec 83 their first daughter, Sara Lorraine, was born. Greg left Ft Hood in Nov 84 and went to the Armor OAC. Their follow-on asgmt was to UF where Patricia Christine was born. Greg's stepson, Jason, won an Army ROTC scholarship and a two-yr academic scholarship, and will be starting college next fall. **Chuck & Marilyn King** with their children, Janelle and Wesley, are at McGehee, AR with the Corps of Engrs District. **Marvin Paul Anderson** is assigned at UF. He is about to hang up his greens, for he has been accepted into the College of Dentistry at UF. Also on the UF staff is **Dennis Hines**. Others who have passed through UF include **Jeff Bassette, Mike Conrad, Cliff Graham, John Bruno,** and **Steve Schooley.** Greg would like to hear from **Chuck Otterstedt, Dick Pedersen, Randy Hearn** or any other Hawgs or Buffalos. Greg says that he & **Carol** have an extra bed, and the sunshine is unending and the bass fishing is something else (he has a 10-lber on the wall). Greg's address is 3434 NW 22d Terrace, Gainsville, FL 32605 or phone (904) 371-0141, off 392-1395.

Annette Anderson-Vie wrote for **Kurt** and sent a picture that was taken last Father's Day. Kurt is back in Ger and is stationed at Ramstein where he is a cmdr for an ADA Btry. **Mark & Mary Bahr** are in Ansbach where he is also a cmdr of an ADA Btry. The photo includes Kurt, Annette, Sean, and Scott, Anderson-Vie and the Bahrs—Mark, Mary, Shauna, Brendan, and Petri born Nov 87. They have heard from **Craig MacAllister** who

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1979: The Anderson-Vies and Bahrs, Father's Day 88

is at NPGS. They are anticipating the reunion next yr.

Tom Quinn wrote to let us all know that he got out in Jun 86. His first job was with Tenneco as a pers mgr. The dir of the pers off was Jim Rucks USNA '74. At the end of 87 the div was sold to Castle and Cook. Then their options were—move to Houston with Tenneco, stay on with Castle and Cook, or finally go out on their own and start a business. Well, the personal bus option was chosen and they opened their doors as Military Officer Recruitment in Bakersfield, CA. Anyone that wants to contact Tom can do so, for he has a toll free number 1–800–356–5323.

Kent Abernathy has finally recovered from plebe yr writer's cramp and will never again be a first time writer. Kent went Armor; basic course, Ranger, and back to Ft Knox where he was a plt ldr. The big event occurred when Kent & **Karen** (Schlicht) were married in Aug 80. In Sep 81 they were off to flight school. Nov 81 was marked with the birth of their first son, Justin Ryan. Flight school was followed by a one- yr tour in Korea for Kent, as Karen and Justin stayed stateside. Upon returning from Korea, Kent went to Ft Knox for OAC and then to Ft Rucker for Cobra transition tng and off to the 82nd Abn Div. While en route to Ft Rucker, Karen returned to NY, and in Jul 84 gave birth to their second son, Jonathan Ross. Kent can now say he has a son who is a pointer by birth. Kent's final 19 mos of service were spent at Ft Bragg with 1/17 Air Cav, as troop ops off, and finally as asst S-3. In Mar 86 Kent moved back to Rockland County, NY, and went to work at Chemical Bank. In Aug 86 Karen & Kent were blessed with the birth of their third son, Kristopher Kyle. After spending his first yr in bank school, Kent is now a commercial account off in Queens. There he arranges and manages commercial financing for small and mid-sized companies. In addition to work Kent is also assigned to a Long Isl Natl Guard Avn unit. He also keeps busy with Lions Club, local Chamber of Commerce, and several social commitments. This fall he will also be working with the Rockland County Republican Party on the George Bush campaign. Meanwhile, Karen works as a staff nurse and tries to keep track of Kent and the boys. The first couple of yrs have been busy for Kent but he hopes to be back in Michie Stadium this fall. Finally, Kent says his home is always open for classmates—729 Jacqueline Dr, Valley Cottage, NY 10989 (914) 353-2665. Thanks for the update Kent and I hope to see you soon.

Pat McCarty wrote from Aurora, CO (a suburb of Denver). It was quite a change for Pat & **Sandy** after having 8 yrs in OK and TX. His kids had never seen snow until they moved to CO on Christmas Eve. It seems that Pat left the restaurant bus last Oct and spent several mos looking for employment. He finally accepted an offer with Baxter Healthcare (the result of a recent merger of Baxter Travenol and American Hosp Supply). Pat is pleased with the co and his position, and his toughest part of work is overcoming the constant beckoning of the mountains to go skiing. He has completed several trips to Winter Park, Copper Mtn, Breckinridge, and Vail. Living in the area is **Moe Herbert**. Moe & **Terry** have 2 kids, Joey (6) and Jennifer (2), while Pat & Sandy also have 2—Devon (5) and Cassandra (2 1/2). Their families are so close that they spend a lot of time together. Moe and Pat are old G-1 gophers and skiing buddies. Moe is an engr with Martin Marietta, and Terry is an administrator for an investment firm. Moe does a lot of work for NASA and the shuttle program—he really enjoys the job, especially the TDY to FL. Pat is really looking forward to returning to WP and the reunion next yr. He hopes to see as many "gophers" and "dogs" as possible then. Thanks Pat, for the update, and hope to see you soon.

The final letter for this issue is from **Francisco Gonzalez**. He is off to Budapest where he will be second secy in the American Embassy. He was expected to arrive on 23 Jun. After 16 wks of Hungarian language school, Francisco attended several courses in Wash—political tradecraft course and a two-wk security orientation. Starting in Sep he will be working in the political section of the embassy. While Francisco is not overly excited about living in a communist country, he is excited about being in Budapest at this time. For Budapest is undergoing dramatic changes in both their political and economic systems. In all his recent moves, however, Francisco has lost the addresses of several classmates. If **Bob Skertic, Miguel Leal,** and **Joseph Pecoraro** could drop him a note, it would be greatly appreciated. Francisco's address is AmComGen (BUD), APO NY 09123. Thanks for the info, and we all hope to hear about Budapest in a future update.

Well, we are another issue closer to the BIG 10 YR REUNION. I would like to say thanks to those who have volunteered to help, but there are still plenty of things for others to do. Keep those calendars open for fall 89. God Bless.

'80

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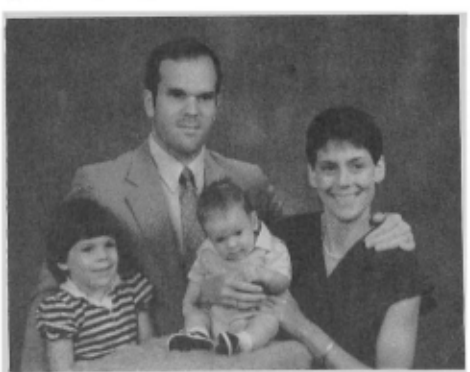
It is almost 100 degrees as I write this, and thankfully it will be much cooler as you read it. Between the drought and the Democrats, a lot of hot air has blown through Atlanta this summer.

Dave & Noelle Jesmer stopped by this wk to visit on their way north from Ft Stewart. Dave will be going to CAS3, then to DLI; Noelle will visit family in Lebanon while Dave is TDY at CAS3, and rejoin him in Monterey. Dave is in the FAO program for the Middle East, and is looking forward to graduate study in the US and in Egypt.

I have to apologize to **Bill & Cathy Condron**, who sent me a great Christmas card last yr with a picture of their son Billy, who is now about a yr old. The card and letter were misplaced and I just found them. BC's an Army lawyer now, undoubtedly the greatest proponent of the UCMJ since Kosciusko. Bill—I believe you still owe me $5 for those calzones I got you at Tony's in Feb 80 in a snowstorm. With compound interest the debt comes to about . . . a round $10,000. Consider that debt forgiven—IF you forget I misplaced your card and picture for 6 mos.

Last issue we announced the coming into the world of J Pope Matthews IV—this issue we bring you the exclusive photo. **Jack & Pat Matthews** and daughter Meghan are flourishing in KS City where Jack works for the Corps of Engrs in their Ft Leavenworth off. CAS-cubers will see him at lunchtime pumping iron in the gym and holding pencils with the bridge of his nose. Little Jake hasn't mastered that trick yet, but his dad hasn't given up hope.



1980: The Matthews family, summer 88

Jeff & Carol Weart and son David are stationed at USMA after a Ger tour and CAS3. Jeff's mother Joan has written faithfully to pass on word of her son's

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asgmts. Jeff, it's time to stop spit-shining shoes and practicing a cmd voice, and send some news yourself. No news as to what your asgmt is at USMA, but if Darwin was right, and the theory of evolution is true, then you have become the Ultimate Tac Off. Am I right?

Keith Emberton is back at USMA in the Dept of BS&L, after getting an MA from MD. **Bret Dalton** and **Scott Snook** will be colleagues of Keith at BS&L. Keith was a groomsman at **Scott & Sarah Reid's** wedding in Minneapolis on 11 Jun of this yr. Scott is a USAR CPT and has just finished the MBA program at U of MN.

1980: Benekes, Farnhams, Stenkamps and Minadeos; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

Some sad news. A former classmate, **Charles Pollock**, who resigned in 78, died recently. His father wrote that Charles's resignation had been a difficult decision, based on ethical concerns about mil service; but that Charles had lived by the values of the Academy since leaving at the end of yearling yr. On behalf of the Class of '80, I extend our sympathy and condolences to the Pollock family.

Borg Siburg dropped by to tell me about his work here in Atlanta with Arthur Andersen, the accounting firm. He & **Ann** are doing well, as is their son Eric.

1980: William Eric Siburg III and IV

Christmas time is near again, so send me a card with some news. I promise not to lose any this time, or if I do lose one, I'll come up with an entertaining excuse. Best wishes, and God bless you every one—Bill

'81

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Tony Dowd wrote from the "other" Manhattan. Last Memorial Day he attended a service at Grosse Point, MI that had a special tribute to honor those killed during non-war yrs. The plaque dedicated bears **Ken Mattock's** name and is set in the Memorial Hall in the mansion overlooking Lake St Claire. Ken's mother, Dee Ellison, wished to express her appreciation to the Class for the support she received since Ken's flying accident took his life.

Tony graduated from Wharton last May and promptly went on a mo-long sabbatical to Spain, Greece and Italy. He now works at an Investment Bank in NYC and thought leaving the Army meant working no more wkends. Boy was he wrong! He says the mergers and acquisitions have a combative streak that seems to keep him satisfied though. He recently saw his old plebe roomie, **John Meehan**, and closed down some Irish bars with him in NYC. John graduated from Boston Coll with an MBA and has started as a marketing mgr for British Aerospace in Wash DC. **Lee Hojnicki** reported that his wife **Georgia** is due with their second child in Oct. Lee is completing a btry cmd in Kaiserlautern, FRG. At dinner with Tony, **Rich & Mary Ellen Klatt** announce that they have left Merrill Lynch in Philadelphia and now work for Container Corp in Valley Forge, PA.

1981: Casares, Dillman, Carrolls, Bakers, Marcenkuses and Bowens; Founders Day 1988, Chicago

Jeff Tierney called me from DC. He got a graduate degree in op research and now works in the Op Research Testing Agency (ORTA). His wife **Fran** is also a CPT and the couple enjoys living in Springfield, VA.

Kathy (Henn) Gambrell ETS'd from the Army in Jul 86 and married her husband CPT **Alan Gambrell** one wk after attending our Oct 86 5 yr reunion. Alan is an OCS grad from Tampa. They met while stationed in the same bn in

1981: Alan & Kathy (Henn) Gambrell

FRG. Attending the wedding in her hometown of Selden, NY was **Debbie (Widick) Henderson** and **Amy Stearns**. After a Disney World and Florida Keys honeymoon the couple went to Ft Lee, VA where Alan is stationed. Kathy is involved with local volunteer orgs and recently joined a Res unit, a troop program unit in Richmond—the 80th Div Maneuver Tng Cmd. She's on the Arty team with 4 other ADA offs and evaluates Natl Guard Arty units going through annual ARTEPs. Kathy is also expecting her first baby due 31 Jan. Her husband Alan may be PCS'ing soon to CGSC and is on the MAJ's list. He only has 3 yrs left to do his 20 and they are looking to "retire" in FL.

Ed Naessens is Task Force S3 of the Multinatl Force and Observers Bn in Sinai, Egypt. Temperatures have reached 122 degrees F. His bn, the 3/47 Inf (CAL-L) Motorized was selected to do the MFO mission from Apr to Oct. Before becoming S3 he cmded a Motorized Inf co in the bn. After returning from the Sinai he will be the HHC cmdr of 3rd Bde, 9th Inf Motorized. Ed & his wife **Marie** have two children, Shawn (6) and Edward (4), and plan on starting a basketball team. If there is any news of **Bill Anderson** and **Pete Lash**, Ed is trying to locate them. Read further Ed!

1981: Ft Rucker, AL

Mark Reisweber attended the wedding of **Gerry & Amy Koenig** at the Cadet Chapel last Jun. **Lance & April Mannion** and also **Steve Dumont** and his fiancee participated as well. The strangest thing happened to the newlyweds on

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their wedding night. The honeymoon suite was missing a bed. The ghost of WP has resurfaced! Lance & April are the proud owners of a Dairy Queen franchise in Arlington, VA. All grads are invited to a free "Goat Buster Parfait" if they visit. Steve Dumont & **Carol** are currently planning on buying a haunted house in CT. Mark is now cmdr of C Co, 1st Bn, 145th Avn at Ft Rucker. His wife **Debbie** is ch of MP Investigations. **George, Ruta** (its Ruta, not Rita) and **George III Bilafer** are doing fine also. George is attending the AH-64 course. For an adventure, George, **Chris Sullivan**, and **Wayne Sauer** all went deep sea fishing off Panama City. Their boat lost engine power and they drifted in the Gulf for 18 hrs.

1981: Hidalgos; Founders Day 1988, Eglin AFB

Received a phone call from **Fred "Perv" Ondarza**. He is out of the Army and working as a Mobil Oil Marine rep. Currently located in the DC area (Falls Church) he is sent on "TDY" trips a lot. His problem is that he has to learn how to play golf so he can be more successful in his business trips. Still single, Fred's pride and joy are his Mercedes and BMW cars which he brought back from FRG. Before he left the service, Fred spent some time in Monterey and saw **Andy Schober** and **Dave Oaks**. Andy is on the DIVARTY S3 staff. Dave is a btry cmdr of 7/15 FA.

Last Jul I was sent over on a pre-REFORGER recon with 1st ID to Ger. In Frankfurt I saw **John Vavrin**. He was in the 82nd Engrs and will be going to So IL to work in the ROTC dept. Still single, he is looking for news of **Jeff Blythe's** location. I also saw **Tim Edens** in the airport. He was a ln off for our recon but don't know if he has a real job. **Stan March** has been reportedly accepted by the Chem Dept and is going to grad sch now. John passes on that **Pat Dubois** & his wife **Karen** were in 7/6th Inf but should be at IA State by now.

Mike Courts completed the AH-64A Apache course at Rucker and is stationed at Ft Hood. He is cmdr of the first Apache unit in the Army; A Trp, 3rd Sq, 6th Cav. Mike's wife **Robbie** is a CPT, and ch of Occupational Therapy Clinic,

1981: Bucks; Founders Day 1988, MI

Darnell Hosp. He reports more Avn news: **Geo Bilafer** is assigned to the directorate of Combat Dev and is the project off for the Adv Apache. George started in the AH-64 course in Aug. George must be the one to keep track of this qtr! My old roomie **Steve Callan** made the transition from FA to Avn. He cmds A Trp, 1st Sq, 6th Cav. I wonder if Steve & **Chris** still drive their ragged out Mazda, and which engine they are on?

1981: Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

Steve Depew left AD in Aug 86 after attending ORSA MAC I course and working as an ORSA at Picatinny Arsenal, NJ. He & his wife **Diane** have two children, Benjamin (4) and Jessica (2). Steve works for BMY as an ORSA. BMY produces the M88 and M109 Army vehicles as well as other weapon systems. The couple spent

1981: Wilhelms and Bowens

some time with **Marty & Kathryn Bischoff** in Miami before going on to a well deserved Caribbean cruise. Marty is a salesman for Pfizer pharmaceuticals and has adapted to FL life. **Kevin Logan** is learning Korean in Monterey to prepare for an FAO asgmt after grad sch in HI. **Drew Lyle** works with Steve at BMY as well as **Holly (Zarfoss) Gumke**. Holly is a logistics engr and Drew works as an engr specializing in NBC systems. Drew & his wife **Ann** came to York, PA (BMY) in Aug 87. Holly, her husband **Dale** and their son Nathan (3), moved to BMY in spring of 86. Diane Depew is an RN working in the ICU of a local hosp. Steve is working on a PhD concentrating in quantitative analysis at the U of MD. He hopes to have his qualifying exams finished by next spring in order to begin his dissertation. Degree completion is scheduled by late 90 if he survives.

1981: Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

Mark Schroeder spent 82 in Monterey learning Greek. In 83 he was in Greece and 84–86 in CO Springs with the 1/27th FA. In May 86 he left the Army to take an engrg job with Michelin Tire in Greenville, SC. Michelin, like IBM, Mobil, and Texas Instruments, is another "Little WP." From '81: **Andy & Teri Blanchard, Dave & Kathy Griffin, Mary-Beth Rigg, Eric & Sandy Shellhorn**, and **Mark Swope**. Deciding that he didn't want to be an engr anymore, Mark left Michelin last fall to go to Colgate Darden Grad Sch of Business at the U of VA. **Pete Lash** was a second yr student when Mark arrived. Pete was unsure if he would be slamming team handballs in the Olympics. Pete did play on the Gold Medal team at the Pan Am games last yr. Mark also saw **John Suddarth** who was interviewing for the fall incoming class. Mark & **Laura** celebrated their 4th anniv in Jun. Laura is a native Virginian who grad from the Univ of CO in 85 with a bachelor of fine arts. She is now busy as a graphic artist in a local studio and has been summering in Charlottesville due to her freelance commitments. Mark spent his summer on a fellowship working on securities legislation facing the House Banking Comm for Congressman Alex McMillan. Interested in a banking career, Mark has been putting in the hrs for the legislation. Getting home at 0400 "sort of felt like old times!"

Larry Turrentine is currently at Mobil Chem Co in Shawnee, OK. He left AD this past Jun after 2 1/2 yrs at Hood in the

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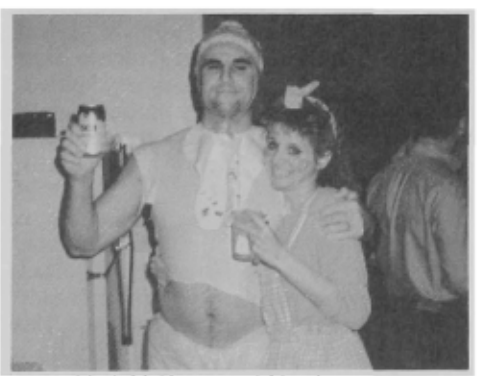
1981: Founders Day 1988, Heidelberg

1981: Bazemores, Herholtzes, Karpiac, and Knippels; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker



1981: Mark McKearn and friend

1st Cav and 6th CBAC. He reports that 21 mos cmdg an FA btry served to "wear on him." Still single, he is happy and satisfied with his new life.

Admin notes: Please clearly identify pictures sent in by labeling the reverse of photos with names. Many Founders Day gps send their pictures directly to the *ASSEMBLY* with no names on the backs of the pictures. All the *ASSEMBLY* does is kick them back to me for identification and other admin problems. I recommend sending as much of the Founders Day flow to me directly so I can better coordinate. I now have 20+ pictures I'm trying to slide in. Currently, I'm on REFORGER eating all those schnitzels and "defending democracy against the horde." Wish me luck in my tng! R.B.P.

'82

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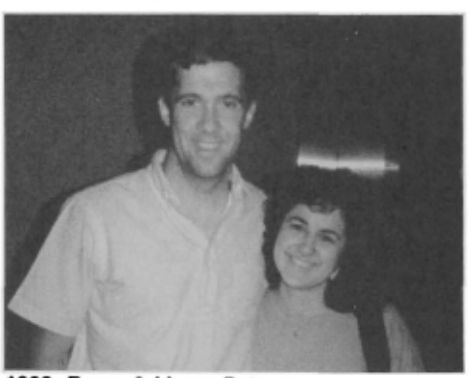
Good news to report. **Scott Paoli** has gotten much better since last report. He's come out of a coma and his condition is improving every day. He's currently at the New Medico, 89 Lewis Bay Rd, Hyannis, MA 03601. All the financial assistance and encouraging letters are appreciated. God bless, Scott. We're with you.

And it's awful nice to be able to begin this column on an upbeat note. We've had our share of tragedy and it's about time for some uplifting news.

Ozzie Gorbitz has fulfilled a dream he's had since plebe yr. Oz, a USAF brat, always wanted to be commissioned in the AF. He spent a lot of time and energy at USMA attempting to convince the powers that be to put him in a blue uniform. Finally, more than 5 yrs after graduation, his dream has come true. After a tour as an air cav attk trp cmdr in the 11 ACR, Ozzie secured a spot in the AF flt tng program. On 4 Nov last yr, he reported to AF flt sch. They allowed him to keep his rank and time in grade, and he's going to be a full-time reservist A-10 pilot at Grissom AFB, IN. Oz's wife **Janet** is finishing up sch while he learns to fly the AF way at Reese AFB in Lubbock and will join him soon. Now when the Army-AF games come on the tube, we'll have to keep an eye on Gorbitz's loyalties.

The '82ers of B-2 had a mini-reunion in Jun in Mystic, CT. **Manny & Linda Silva** came in from their new home in Wallingford, CT, where he is a facilities engr with Bristol-Meyers. **Jay & Pat Brooks** came in from Warwick, RI. Jay is acct exec with Shearson Lehman Hutton of Providence and treas of the newly formed RI WP Soc. Jay was also the guest speaker at the spring mtg of the RI WP Parents Club. They all met up with **Roger & Margo Peterson**, who were in town for Margo's sister's wedding. They're currently in West Berlin, where Roger is an engr with DEH and Margo teaches first grade in the DODDS.

1982: Jay & Pat Brooks, Peterson and Linda & Manny Silva



1982: Roger & Margo Peterson

Celia FlorCruz sends a lengthy report from Korea. She's got a line on just about everyone in the Land of the Morning Calm. She also has kept in touch with most of the '82 women. Celia, who is married to **Kenny Dahl**, has been making the rounds through all the branches in the Army. Originally ADA, she went to flt sch and put on Avn brass. Most recently, she pinned on MSC insignia. **Harry Dabney** has followed the same path and is now flying Medevac in HI. Celia is now in Korea as the S-3 of the 52nd Med Bn in Seoul. While at Camp Casey, she was living with **Gale Pratt** and **Rose Stewart**. Gale is the S-4 of the 122 Sig, and Rose is the cmdr of C/122.

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Last Nov, '82 had a mini 5 yr reunion at the 1 Bde Club at Casey. Celia, Rose, Gale, **Jim Bowen, Ron DeSantis, Scott Paoli, Al Wynder, Charlie Mann,** and **Larry Verbiest** got together to swap stories and info. Here's what they (mostly

1982: Antonio and Stewart, Founders Day in Seoul

1982: Armstrong and Francis

the investigative efforts of Celia) put together: Camp Stanley—**Rey Antonio**, Cmdr, C Btry, 2/61 ADA; **Joe Bailey**, Cmdr, D/701 OR; **Merrick Nepomuceno**, Cmdr, Svc Btry, 8/8 FA; Camp Pelham—**Jerryl Bennett**, Cmdr, HHB, 1/4 FA; **Mark Condry**, Cmdr, C Btry, 1/4 FA; **Ken Dahl**, Cmdr, A Btry, 1/4 FA; **John Korsnick**, HHB, 1/4 FA; Camp Casey—**Ron DeSantis**, S-1, 5/20 IN; **Dan Grymes**, FSE, G-3, 2d ID; **Donnie Swygert**, Cmdr, F/702 OD; **Larry Verbiest**, Cmdr, C Co, 2/72 AR; **Al Wynder**, Cmdr, A Co, 5/20 IN; Yong San—**Bob Forrester**, Cmdr, Honor Guard; **Holly Getz**, Asst J-3, Eighth Army; **Tom Muir**, S-1, 52nd Avn; **Charlie Yomant**, S-4, 17 Avn (Charlie is now at Ft Campbell living with **George Kunkel**); Camp Hovey—**Chelsea Chae**, Cmdr, C Co, 5/20 IN; **Dave Stewart**, Cmdr, CSC, 5/20 IN; Camp Garry Owen—**Phil Curtin**, 5/17 Cav (Avn); **Chuck Noll**, 4/7 Cav; Camp Edwards—**Wes Farmer**, Cmdr, 1/50 IN and Installation Cmdr; Camp Essayons—**John Garrison**, Cmdr, A Btry, 6/37 FA (John has since gone on to Harvard for grad sch and will teach at WP); Camp Long—**Bob Harrington**, Cmdr, B Co, 304 Sig; Camp Humphries—**John Mahoney**, Cmdr, C Co, 2/82 EN; Camp Greaves (DMZ)—**Charlie Mann**, Cmdr, B Co, 1/506 IN; Camp Mercer—**Bruce O'Neill**, S-4, 44 EN; and Camp Howze—**Howard Taylor**, S-4, 1/4 IN.

1982: Garrison, DeSantis, Stewart and Pratt at Stewart's chg of cmd

1982: Jaschen, Dahl, Stewart, Mann, FlorCruz, and Antonio at Mann's chg of cmd

Celia, Rose and **Gale** went to Founders Day in Yong San (Seoul) in Mar. **John Garrison, Dan Grymes** and **Tom Muir** & his wife (sorry, no name) were there and everyone swapped stories. **Bill "Stump" Francis** was in country for Team Spirit. He's in the 25th ID with **John MacPherson**. Stumper is still a rassler, now with the All-Army team. Assorted news from Celia: **Brian O'Leary** & wife **Jessie** left the Army and went home to NH. He works for Raytheon, is in the Guard, and is being screened to take cmd of a Medevac co. He's also slotted for promotion to MAJ on 1 Jan 90. Celia & Kenny recently attended COL Lutz's wedding. He's a former F-1 Tac and OR for the lacrosse team while we wore dress gray. **Bob Demange** was also in Kor for Team Spirit. Bob & his wife **Diana** and 3 daughters are in WA as Bob works with Hawk missles.

Pat & Cynthia Sweeney and their two daughters Taylor and Samantha are up in AK. Pat recently took cmd of an FA btry. **KC & Luwanda Jones** have had a son, Marcus Lee, and are at Ft Bliss. **Steve Koratsky** married **Joe Bonometti's** sister **Jean Marie. Mark & Judy Needham** have a little girl, Aubrey. Mark is a CO of an AIT unit at Ft Dix. Celia has a good run-down on just about all the gals of the Select Few, too. **Tom & Lori (Sakauye) Rousseau** are now in Ger as MI offs in the 42 FA Bde. **Carolyn Grey Knott** is cmdg an MSC co at Gelnhausen in the 3ID. She was originally FA but transferred to

1982: Camp Casey mini 5 yr reunion

1982: Antonio and FlorCruz at his chg of cmd

MSC. **Dawn Rucker Mango** recently gave birth to a baby girl, Amelia. **Lynn Fox Lodwick** was a Lance btry cmdr. **Liz Ogden Rehwalt** finished her MBA at night sch and is now out of the Army. **Janet Ruszkiewicz Lauritzen** branch transferred out of FA to AG and is in Ger with husband **Brian. Linda Miller** is out of the Army and attending Berkeley studying engring. **Patty Schaflern** is married and an instructor pilot at Ft Rucker. **Debbie Williams-Head** branch transferred from FA to AG and is a PSC cmdr in HI. **Tara Krause** is out of the Army, married, and working for Bank of Amer in Pasadena. **Paula Hartman Koehler** is also out of the Army and has two children. And **Terry Scaglione-Hilliard** has gotten out and become a mother, too. **Holly Harlow** is in law sch at OK. Out of the Army?—**Torrin Bussey, Kevin Dodson, Kyle MacGibbon, Dale Love,** and **Liam O'Connell**. (Sorry all this is presented in a choppy fashion, but better to fire off quick one-liners than nothing at all.)

Celia & Ken have big plans for the next couple yrs. Ken will be heading for grad sch in the Carolina area while Celia attends a few mil schs and then heads for Bragg. Then off to USMA together where Ken is going to be a BS&L prof and Celia will try to grab a Medevac pilot slot at Stewart. Good luck to you both and thanks for all the Korea news.

Rick Sullivan writes from Ft Bragg. He, **Ole Knudson** and **Joe Doty** are all btry cmdrs in the 3/8 FA, an XVIII Abn Corps 155 bn. Rick was married two yrs ago and also stood up for **Manny Aponte** at his wedding a few yrs back. Close friend **Dan Grymes** recently arrived at

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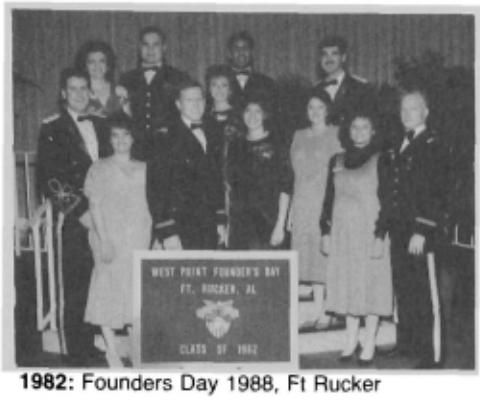

1982: Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

1982: A, B, & C btry cmdrs of 3/8 FA, Knudson, Sullivan and Doty

Bragg after a Korea tour and **Gene Skinner** just took an ADA unit down the street.

George Utley recently gave a Founders Day speech as the youngest grad at the WP Soc of the Mid-South celebration. George is currently working for Econocom in Memphis.

1982: Utley, youngest grad at WP Soc of Mid-south Founders Day

And lastly, **Graham & Michelle Galloway** recently had a little girl, Ashton. They're at Ft Rucker where Graham is the ops off for the flight test unit at Cairns AAF.

Thanks for all the photos this issue and keep us up on what's happening in your world—mil or civ.

'83

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Well I guess most of you are either finishing or have finished your OAC. I'm still here at Ft Hood until the summer of 89. And there are many others who have made or are making that transition to the civ sector. Whichever ship you're on or heading for, I hope to see you all at our first Homecoming this yr.

1983: The typical Lemelin pose

David Lemelin married **Barbara**, sister of George Belsky '84, on 19 Aug 83 in Columbus, GA. Dave finished his tour in Panama, completed the OAC, and has recently taken cmd here at Hood.

1983: Dave's Christmas in Panama

Mike Bowman saw **Kathy (Madenas) & Bob Widmer** and their daughter, **Joe Aperfine, Frank Collette, Jim Devine, James Drummond, Ross Florey, Rease Griffith, Marcus Hamilton, Chris Johnson, Willie McFadden, Yeong-Tae Pak, Jose Maldenado, Gregory Titus, John Uberti, Kenneth Rathje, Bill Bennett, Michael Roy, Kevin Batule**, and **Marc Sierra** at Ft Sill. "Jim Drummond's father spoke at graduation. It was great to see the gen off give his son a 'high five' with his diploma." Mike went to 6/1st FA, 1AD in Ger.

Michael Crumlin finally dropped me a line after 5 yrs to let me know that after he completed the OAC he went to an elite Avn unit at Campbell as the asst S-3 where **Tom Charrone** joined him. **Pete Brual** is out and going to grad sch at Northwestern. **Scott Fewin** is out and "his first goal—to walk the Appalachian Trail." **Tom Morgan** is out and heading for Chicago with Kraft. **Mike Bryson, Leslie**, and the new baby Jessica hit Ft Rucker en route to Ger. **Billy Don Farris** left 2ID for 1st Bde, 82nd Abn—"A paratrooper at last for my good friend!"

Christopher Mozina spent 4 yrs in HI and then came back and resigned to begin working for Genl Electric's Space Systems Div, (703) 569-8800, in Wash, DC.

1983: From the Jefferson Memorial, Chris has the White House and Washington Monument behind him

His former Hawaiian roommate for 2 yrs, **John O'Brien**, married "a very beautiful and talented woman, **Karen Barr**."

Mimi Finch married **Jeff Tensfeldt** '77 on 21 Dec 85 in Ger. After the MIOAC they headed to WP, where he will be an admissions off and she will be in a brand new program. She's getting her master's in ldr dev. "There are 4 'Fellows' participating. She is one of the 4 and the only female. Next yr she will be asgnd to the Com's staff as a Tac off." They have a nice house in Stony Lonesome.

Steve Root finished his HHC cmd at Bragg and ran into **Phil Clough, Dave Amberger, Brian Jones, Thomas Ziek,** and **Gary Laing**. He moved to Raleigh, NC to work for Carolina Power and Light. "I have just bought a super home and welcome any company." Gary went through the "Q" course, then scuba sch on his way to Okinawa, Japan, 1st SF Gp. "**Glen Guyant** was at Bragg and got married (to **Elaine**) down at Ft Bliss," en route to Ger.

Jeanette Regan dropped me a line from Campbell and let me know that Avn is strange everywhere. She's had a no of ticket punching jobs and finally got to be a plt ldr. She ran into **Marianne O'Brien**, who is cmdr of HSC 801st Maint Bn, at a volleyball tournament they were both playing in. **Bill Brietenbach** and family are there. **John Uberti** has left for FAOAC, and **Jimmy Greenwell** has left the service. She ran into **Steve Olson** during a spt mission and, "He looked great—all camouflaged up!" Jeanette married **Michael McMahon** '85 at WP, 15 Aug 87. "By the way—Mike is also a pilot—he flies 58's in the Cav! What a combination—CH47's and OH58's." Her sister, Carol Lynn, was the maid of honor. Chris (Portero) Pate '82, Beth (Schleeter) Ferrier '86, **Marge Svoboda**, and Beverly Rogers '84 were the rest of her bridesmaids. The groomsmen/saber bearers included Michael Knapp '80, **Andrew Wertin**, Brian Boutee '82, and

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1983: Jeanette Regan and Michael McMahon at WP

1983: The Butts and McMahons' hearts are in the right place

Art Mulligan '66. "What a wkend it was! (Of course, weddings are always fun—and this one was no exception.) Fr Tom Devery officiated the ceremony, and Dwayne Millburn (who started off as one of Mike's classmates before he decided to pursue another career) played the organ. I even got my dad to play the cello (a first for 20 yrs!). The reception was at Bear Mtn and we danced into the night. Mike surprised me with a bouquet of red roses, a white '68 Rolls Royce, and him standing at the altar in whites (I expected Dress Blues). And I surprised him with the ice carving of a helicopter (what else!). And then it was off to Hilton Head, for the beach, sun, and volleyball. Both my sponsers—COL & Mrs Oakes '56 who have now ret to Chapel Hill, and Mike's sponsers, LTC & Mrs Mulligan '66 were there at the wedding, so it was like having 2 sets of parents for both of us. The Mulligans gave a 'talk' at the wedding (similiar to TEC talks), about LOVE, LIFE, relationships, and FAITH. It was really touching, and their faith and happiness jumps out at you—it's catching. More surprises—at the reception—Mike got all the guys together and serenaded me with *You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling*. It was like *Top Gun* revisited. Then to top it off—he pulls out from under my dress—no—not the garter—but a pair of tiger striped underwear he had up his sleeve. You should have seen the look on my father's face!" Well after these kinds of romantic antics you wouldn't expect them to take a normal vacation and they didn't. They went to Africa—the country of Malawi. Jeanette concentrated in geography and one of her former instructors, Kent Butts '73, was there as a mil attache. "There was so much to do, from simply walking around in the towns shopping, going to wildlife refuges, mountain climbing, eating lunch with African lumberjacks, windsurfing, snorkling, going to the Embassy dinners, to playing Pictionary with the Butts until midnight."

Rhonda & Kevin Dougherty visited with **Tracee & Charles Fisher**, who were on term leave in Berlin for 10 days. Charles begins working on his MBA at Duke U. They ran into **Joe Campano** who's cmding a MI Co, and **Steve Van Kirk** who is cmding C/5/502 IN.

Gary Laing says, "just finished touring the nation, I have seen and visited several classmates across the country. The saga begins at Ft Bragg." **Andy Yee, Steve Smith, Ken Tovo, John Coldren, Carlos Blanchard, Jim Evans,** and **Marc Sierra** completed SFQC with Gary. Mostly in the 82nd he saw **Tom Ziek, Brice Johnson, Diane (Hunter)** and **Phil Battaglia,** and **Lisa Engert**. At Founders Day he saw **Andre Fredette, Bill Bennett, Michelle (Mathews)** and **Chris Putko,** and **Vicki & John Gorske**. John was in his blues for the last time before heading to a large real estate firm in Dallas. **Jay Walsh** is now employed by a financial firm in NC. "**Steve Gricoski**, the infamous goat, is excelling at Bragg in the FA. Yes, the playboy from Trackville is working for an old friend of the Class, MAJ (now LTC) Tieghe from the Math Dept. I know Playboy is happy he did so well in math. Steve and I spent several nights languishing and lamenting of times gone by and friends who never seem to be in touch (among other things) so all of you strangers from the Zoo remember to let us know where you are!" **Bill Bristow** is on his way to Europe via DLI's Dutch. **Cindy (Kreuzmann) Beaver** is leaving the Army and **Phil** will be returning from Korea. "The journey begins. My first stops were Ft Benning and Ft Rucker." **Kurt Brandt** is at Benning and, "I give him, hands down, the home neatness award. His pad should be in *Better Homes and Gardens*." At Rucker, he ran into "**Kelly & Brian MacDonald** at the Dawn Patrol (I was there to express my love and admiration of Army pilots)," also **Tommy Morgan, Joey Basil,** and **Calvin Carlson** who "seems to be so happy giving new Avn students more chances to kill him that I believe he has become a lifer. Next I cruised home to beautiful Ft Walton Beach." **Mark Morrow** is a RI there "and assures me that the course is twice as tough as it was when we went through. We can all be proud Mark will ensure that quality products come out of that course. At last I was forced to continue my journey. Yes woe of woes I have been assigned to DLI for a yr! I begged them not to . . . but they insisted." At Ord he's seen **Gordon Slifer, Brian Balfe, Ken Massey,** and **Brad Julian**. Gary visited **Judy & Joe Gruchacz** in San Fran as he's leaving the Big Green Machine. "As for me, here I sit looking over the bay with a beer, complaining of the awful treatment the Army has given me asgning me to DLI. Yeah, as I soak in this CA sunshine. I just hate this living hell!" Somehow Gary, I just can't quite get my heart to go out to you.

I almost forgot, **Deb & Jim Clawson** have moved to Atlanta for the real way of life. While **Nicki & Bob Massie** have recently been awarded . . . live from Dreamsheet Roulette—HI. Bob is still test flying Hueys.

Well gang I appreciate all the info, please keep it coming, it makes my task so much easier. I hope to see you all at our first Homecoming.

'84

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Hello '84! Another football season is upon us and I hope that this one is as successful as the last. I have finally left Ft Bragg and will be starting law sch at the U of CT by the time this is published. I hope that, by now, I can say congratulations to everyone for pinning on that second bar. Once again, '84 is making history by being the first class in many yrs to be split up for promotion to cpt.

The first cpts from the Class, though, were our doctors from the USUSM. **John Cho** wrote to me after graduating from that sch in May. '84 had number of classmates graduate including **Rod Rowe** (now stationed at Ft Gordon), **Gary Clark** (now at Ft Benning), **Jeff Lawson** (stationed at Brooke AMC, TX), **Kent Bradley** (Ft Ord, CA), **Jerry Farber** (Fitzsimmons AMC, CO), and **Al Porambo** (Walter Reed AMC, Wash, DC). John is heading out to Fitzsimmons with Jerry. John passed on that anyone interested in med sch or who is heading to one of these locations should feel free to contact him or one of the other doctors.

1984: The doctors of '84

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Thanks for the note, John, and congratulations to all.

Shamus Hanlon wrote from Ft Lee, VA where he is attending QMOAC along with **Rich Staats** and **Randy Dasalla**. You'll remember that Shamus was the

1984: Hanlon and Dasalla—QMOAC madmen

Class' first CO when he was just a "butter bar." As a result, the adv course is "old hat" to him. Shamus's cmd was successful, and he & his wife **Lorraine** still found time to see the sights in Europe. In addition, Shamus earned his MSBA from Boston U. That's what I call busy! At Ft Lee, Shamus has run into a number of classmates in addition to Rich and Randy. They include **Jim Marziale, Sue Meckfessel, Dave Auman,** and **Irina (Clements) Staats** who are all attending other QMOAC classes. He has also seen **Chris Rizzo,** who is atending the S4 course at Ft Lee; **Hector Maldonado,** who is now at Ft Knox; and **Tom Chapman,** who is at Ft Belvoir.

By the time this is published, **Shamus** will be teaching ROTC at the Univ of CA at Santa Barbara where his biggest problems will be the sun, surf, and bikini-clad women. **Rich** is off to ROK, **Randy** is going to Ft Lewis, and **Sue** is going to have to endure an asgmt in HI. **Dave** is staying at Ft Lee to get that all-important co cmd. Thanks for all the "poop," Shamus, and good luck in CA.

I received a note from a fellow alumnus of Co B3, **Leslie (Lochry) Bryson.** She & husband, **Mike** '83, announced the birth of their first child, Jessica Mary, born on 16 May. Congrats, Les! How about sharing a picture when you can!

Matt Adams wrote from Ft Huachuca and the home of MI. He & his wife **Deb** are glad to be back in the states with their daughter, Erika, who to quote her proud dad, "is the light of (their) lives." Matt was fortunate enough to get a cmd before he left FRG which earned him his third ARCOM. At Huachuca, he ran into **Sue (Lenio) Sine** who is attending MIOAC. **Herb Fechter's** wife, **Deanna,** visited the Adamses and said that Herb had placed 6th in the natl Ranger of the Yr competition after winning at Ft Ord! Way to go, Herb! Thanks for the info Matt, and best of luck to you and your family.

I received a note from **Joe Kulmayer** who is currently at Ft Benning with his new bride, **Sîan.** She is from Pembroke, Wales, Great Britain. They met in FRG

1984: Joe & Sîan Kulmayer

while Joe was assigned there. Congratulations! Sîan is enjoying life in the US so far. The Kulmayers will be going to Ft Bragg following the adv course where Joe will be with the 82nd Abn Div. Congrats again, Joe, and good luck at Bragg.

I received a phone call from **Ed Morris** who is out at Ft Knox. He is attending the Armor adv course with a number of classmates who he listed for me on the phone. Unfortunately, the movers packed the list up with my household goods. I will publish the info as soon as I recover it. OK, Ed you can chastise me for this one!

I got a letter from the military police but it wasn't a summons, it was news from **Nancy Bates.** She is at Ft McClellan at MPOAC. Nancy enclosed a photo taken before "one of those dress blue functions." Along with Nancy are

1984: Nancy Bates and Christy (Bishop) Samuels with friends at MPOAC

Christy (Bishop) Samuels, Jan (Tiede) Swicord '83, and a friend from OAC. Nancy is heading to Ft Hood, and Christy to FRG after the adv course. Other classmates at McClellan are **Ellen (Mearsheimer) McDonald** (en route to a cmd at Ft Ord), **Dan Boyd** (heading to USMA), **Mark Cook,** and **Wayne McGurk.** Mark and Wayne are returning from FRG but hadn't been pinpointed for their CONUS asgmt yet. Thanks for the info Nancy, and best of luck to all!

Well, that's the news for now. Keep those letters coming and BEAT NAVY!

'85

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I am currently preparing for a night attack at Ft Irwin, CA 2200 hrs, raining, 95 deg F. Should I continue sniveling or what? Being the faithful historian that I am, however, I am knocking out these Class notes under red light and loving life here on day 5 of 14. **Billy McDow** and **Dan Krack** are here with this Task Force doing a great job.

I appreciate all the letters and I encourage them to keep coming. If you don't see your news as soon as you'd like, understand that I have limited space for each column, so my "gift of gab" has been suppressed somewhat, but I promise to get your news in as soon as I can.

Neal & Mary Anne Lovell were blessed with their second son in Jun. A fellow engr, Neal is currently serving as a co XO in the 12th Engr Bn in Dexheim.

Robert Wright, Ralph Corradie, Mike Boeding and **Craig Cox** have survived their first asgmts and are currently asgnd to AOAC at Ft Rucker.

1985: "If it flies . . . . "

My number one fan, **Peter Everett,** took the Army for 179 days TDY, which would be great if I told you it was with **Nello** at Ft Lauderdale. However, Peter went to Honduras and played a major role in intel during the recent border activity. He is back at Ft Hood doing great.

You are right **"Stretch" Rodney.** You are a . . . for not writing in 3 yrs. Still "on the prowl, CIAO" is doing real well ending his tour in Ger as aide-de-camp for BG Armstrong.

Speaking of aides, I ran into **Scott Sullivan** during a Natl Guard eval at Camp Roberts, CA. He & **Cindy** are doing super at Ft Carson and are looking forward to Ft Belvoir and EOAC.

Mike & Diane (Leese) Taylor tied the knot and suffered through a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica for the honeymoon. Now that I know you all are in for 20, I know who can take over historian if I get writer's cramp!

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1985: Mike & Diane Taylor

1985: Kathy Ryan and Michael Derrick

Jim & Becky Tully are doing super. Pictured is Jim with his wife at his grandfather's '34 reunion at Ft Campbell. Jim is still looking for the "greatest show on earth" as he & Becky depart to IOAC.

1985: Tully with wife before grandfather's reunion

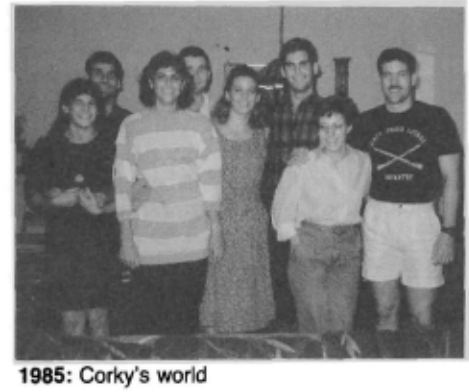
Bob Felin sent a postcard from the DMZ, ROK. Bob, I'm wondering if you are the American or a disguised So Korean on the right. Bob says hello to all his buds back in the States.

1985: Notice Randy's mustache

Kathy (Ryan) Derrick & Mike were married in Jan in Korea. They are both doing super; she as ADC(S) aide-de-camp, and he as an XO. They are both off to OAC soon.

Sandy Draper finished first in the Ft Benning Inf Marathon recently and did not even expect to finish. She is doing super—however, knowing you are at Ft Stewart as I am here with your counterparts probably means something wrong here. You should be sharing the fun here at beautiful NTC, the land of dust, more dust, and most of all, humbleness!

Ed & "Corky" Fox are doing great and loving married life at Ft Bragg. Corky, I wanted the picture of you graciously proving you could eat all the cake Ed put in your mouth without laughing. Also pictured at their home are some of the studs of '85. **Jack** and I often think of the days with "the token boy!"



1985: Corky's world

1985: Corky & Ed 88

As I have to do too often, I have some tragic news concerning two of our classmates. **Rudy Samuel** was killed in an auto accident in Ger in early Jun. A fellow "gopher" and true friend, "Rudy on duty" was the living definition of professional. A friend to *all* who knew him, Rudy was always there. Our condolences go out to his family as the 'phers of '85 have lost one of our best.

The second incident involves **CJ Meine. Sybylla** wrote about his accident when a hangar door closed on him one night after a flight. CJ sustained severe injuries which includes loss of much of his memory. He was discharged from the Army. Again, the Army lost one of its finest! His wife and daughter could use some support, I'm sure. Their address is Del Madio Arms Apt #105, Sal Del Madio Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040. Our best wishes for his speedy recovery and I hope Sybylla knows she can count on us if necessary.

Well, life goes on at Ft Ord. We had a blowout for **"Chucks" Mallory** and **Tony Blount** for their bachelor parties. Of course, all the boys were present! **Jack Harrington** and **Tim Lawrence** got their EIBs. (Jack even studied!) I'm in love for what I hope is the last time, but no one will ever believe it. **Dee & Hal Bryant's** baby "Maddog" is doing great in the Nike tennis shoes I bought him, and **Johnny Gil** has yet to beat me in golf after several attempts and a few pizzas ago! As I pondered my "Tommy's Tip" portion of this article, I recall the words of "Chucks" Mallory who said eloquently with just under 9 shots of Jose Quervo under his belt, "Don't ever ——in' give in to no one!"

'Til next time, pray my handicap reaches the low teens soon! Out here!

'86

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This is substitute historian **John Lynch** filling in for **Dow**. He is enjoying an extended tour in Graf in his new job as FDO. He sent me the info, so here goes. I hope life is well for all throughout the world. As for Baumholder, Ger, my home station, we have enjoyed unusually nice weather this summer and our list of classmates here seems to be ever increasing. The old-timers here include my housemates **Rick Lange, John Collison** and **Marc "The Metzger" Taylor** who may be sending out wedding invitations in a yr or so as all he thinks about is Sandy from NJ. Others here include **Marc Michaelsen, Mark Schemini, Matt Stanton, Tom Monahan, Jeff Leach, Jay Delgado Jenkins, Dave Jaccopo, Vic Badami, Bucky Oxindine,** and **Kim Warren,** all of whom seem to be having a decent time.

New additions due to cohort changes are **Dave Funk** and **Harris Clark**, who report that at Carson **Jim Griffen** & wife **Robin** are anxiously awaiting the birth of their first child, in an effort to keep up with **Burt & Lisa Biebuyck**. I was able to celebrate the birth of their son, Nathan Lee, with the Biebuycks in Ft Eustis this spring. **Tye Lagerman** is also to be arriving in Deutchland soon. Harris also said that, surprisingly enough, **John Borne** (at Carson) has yet to become engaged. **Ric Killian** at Ft Knox was able to spend a wk in HI with **Chad Creveling** and **Mike & Molly (Hagan) Root**. Former members of

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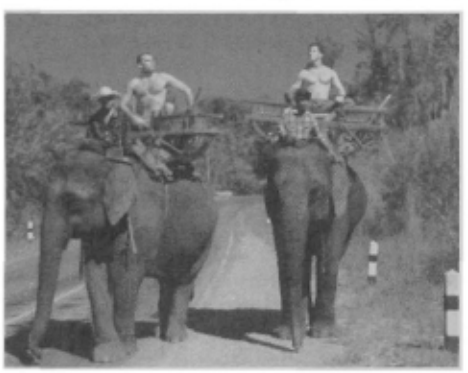
1986: Creveling, Molly Root, Root and Killian

I-2, **Kevin Weiler, Howard Johnson,** and **Bill Turner** recently ended their single status. Bill married **Laura Carew** and they now live in the Nurnberg area. Next thing you know **Curt Szuberla** will be getting married.

Dan "Jabba" Gwynn is now a lean, mean running machine living near Hanau close to **"Jilly" Saldavar**. From the land of the morning calm, **Mike Eddy** shared hot MRE's with his bn cmdr to celebrate Founders Day field style. Also from Korea, **Bruce Ollstein** and **Darren Moore** have ruled Thailand by elephant and sampled various pleasures throughout Asia's vast landscape. In their off



1986: Ollstein and Moore in Thailand

time they try to find time to fly ambassadors and 4-stars for sightseeing tours of the DMZ with the 55th VIP Avn Co in Seoul. Of course, they still find time to mingle with their sister supporting unit, the 237th Assault Helicopter Co, boasting the high speed, low level skills of **Theo Johnston, Dave Meyer** and **Carolyn Spaulding**. This trio, however, seems to plan most of its tactics in elegant Itaewon, where C-12 pilot **Joel Schlachtenhaufen** provides support. **Dow** will be waiting to hear from more of you next qtr. I know I'd really like to hear from **John Olvey** and **Dan Charron**; how about dropping a line. Good luck to all, and drop Dow a note as I know he'd love to hear from you.

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Well, I hope you had a great summer. By now all of our graduated classmates should be at OBC somewhere. So now that you are settled down at an OBC, how about dropping me a letter and letting me know what is going on! I know some of you have had memorable experiences since graduation that you want everyone else to know about, right?

Speaking of experiences, some of us have entered that guarded institution of marriage since graduation day. **Sharon Suzanne Schorno** became **Mrs Greg H Louks**. **Kelly M Downing** became **Mrs C Edward Haywood**. **Cathy Dix** finally gave in to a relentless pursuit and married me. **Gwen Zemaitis** got tired of being last in line and married **Steve Baker**. Both Gwen & Steve are enjoying EOBC because they only have to turn in one copy of their homework. I know that there are many of you who have tied the knot since graduation. I did not forget about you, I just need a maiden name to put in the article.

IOBC has turned into a Class reunion at the Willow Creek apt complex. **Eric Kurilla** has promised to provide pictures of the whole gang at Ft Benning as soon as he can find his camera.

All of you who volunteered to write me and keep me informed on the goings-on at your OBC still owe me a letter. Anyone who would like the Class to know something important, or maybe not important, can just drop me a line at the address at the beginning of the column.

Just in case you are interested, while **Cathy** & I were on our honeymoon, we picked up the silver spoon that is supposed to go to the first-born of our Class. If you want to claim that spoon, just write or call.

Ed note: The following letter was received by the *ASSEMBLY* office, forwarded by Class pres **Scott Snair**: To the Members of the West Point Class of 1988.

Dear Friends:

It was a great pleasure to be able to address your graduation ceremony last month.

Your dedication and spirit are a credit to the United States armed forces. Your many accomplishments have prepared you now for a career of service to our country—service that will protect our shores while advancing freedom and democracy around the globe.

You carry a heavy burden. But it is a burden that will be of benefit to millions around the world.

Best wishes for many future successes.

Sincerely,
George Bush

Price/Cost/Worth of West Point

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valid—must be based upon comparisons of cost to cost and price to price, not cost to price. When costs are compared, West Point is no more costly than those other selective, comprehensive undergraduate colleges which it most closely resembles. The same is true of price.

(2) The cost to the nation of educating a young person for commissioning in the Army through ROTC and USMA is nearly the same (about a 4% difference).

(3) Using a measure of man-years of service rendered to the Army combined with dollar cost to the nation, West Point appears to be very cost-effective. In the words of the 1987 Board of Visitors, "West Point actually is a bargain for the Army and the nation."

(4) West Point and ROTC are both justified by the different ways in which each serves the needs of the Army and the nation. We need both to meet our mission of serving the common defense.

(Note: The primary researcher for the price/cost/worth study was LTC Tom Fagan, Director of the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis, Department of Social Sciences, USMA. The study summary was written by COL Larry Donnithorne, office of Leader Development Integration, USMA.)

[1]"Special Advisory for College and University Presidents: National Task Force on Higher Education and the Public Interest" by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), Suite 400, 11 Dupont Circle, Washington, D.C. 20036–1207, June 1988, pp. 2, 6–7.

[2]This cost is calculated as follows: The cost per graduate of running a college, without tuition in the figure, is $103,000. For ROTC, the Army pays tuition ($14,000) plus other ROTC overhead costs ($66,000) constituting a total of $183,000 per graduate.

[3]Report of the 1987 United States Military Academy Board of Visitors, December 31, 1987, pp. 6–7.

A Cook's Delight . . . 4400 Hungry Cadets

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The decor of the dining hall is a collage of the history of West Point and of the United States. The portraits on the walls by the main entrance are of past superintendents who have served West Point since 1802.

Back in Manny's office he points with pride at letters from graduates who have written him to express their appreciation for his work and the efforts of his staff on their behalf. One such letter came from a young lieutenant now responsible for a mess hall at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. He wanted Manny to know what a top-notch operation the Cadet Mess Hall really is.

As Manny speaks with pride about equipment and a fine staff, he also speaks humbly about how grateful he is for the opportunities afforded him by West Point.

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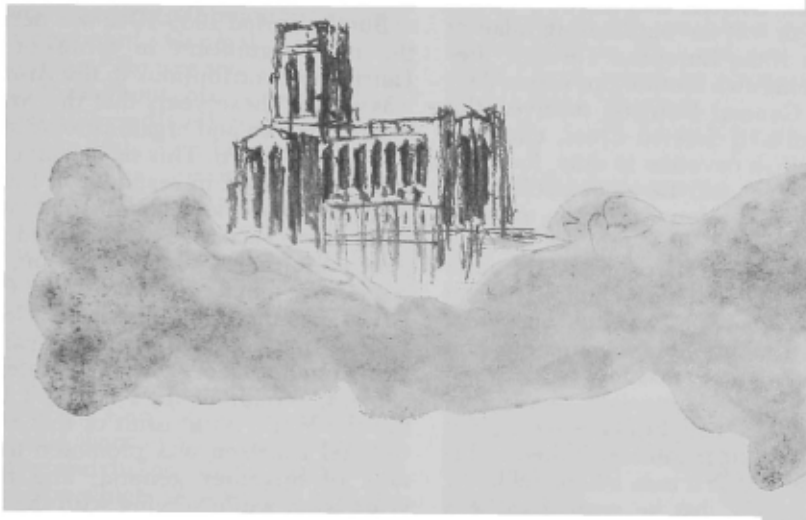
Be Thou At Peace

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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William Kelly Harrison, Jr.

NO. 5674 CLASS OF APRIL 1917

Died 25 May 1987 in Bryn Mahr, Pennsylvania aged 91 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

William Kelly Harrison, Jr.

GENERAL HARRISON'S LIFE expressed those hopes stated in the Cadet Prayer: ". . . help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth . . . Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty to Thee and to our Country." By all accounts, Bill Harrison was indeed faithful to the end to those ideals he valued so highly.

His 44 years of active military service demonstrated the fact of his full commitment and dedication to his profession. While he remained ambitious always, he never lost sight of his initial impression—that his was a "Calling;" that his chosen vocation was itself an ordination into the work of God. Throughout his career, Bill Harrison sought God's guidance, reading his Bible and praying daily for fresh insights. Just days before he passed away, while he still had strength, he professed that God had consistently met his needs, that "He is the one who must receive honor and glory, not an old, decorated soldier." Whatever Bill Harrison did for his country, he accomplished it because he was faithful to his priorities—love for God and duty to his country.

Widely recognized as a deeply religious man, Bill was also known as a first-rate professional soldier. An officer who served under him in the 30th Infantry Division during World War II wrote, "He was a soldier's soldier, observed daily on the front lines with the troops, showing to all his confidence and leadership." Another officer of the 30th remarked, "Of all the generals I've ever known, General Harrison is the most outstanding . . . I am a better man for having known him." He served the 30th, the Old Hickory Division, as its assistant division commander, and in this capacity was responsible for its training. About the division's war efforts, the military historian, S.L.A. Marshall (whose study group did an evaluation of battle groups for General Eisenhower) wrote: "The 30th was the outstanding infantry division of the European Theater." Because of his own meritorious action near St. Lo, General Harrison received the Distinguished Service Cross, cited for his unselfish devotion to duty, for valor and courage, and for disregarding his own personal safety during an extreme time of crisis.

William Kelly Harrison came from a line of military men. His father, a Naval Academy graduate, was the one great influence in his life, encouraging him early-on to read military history and good literature, especially the Bible. Early in childhood, Bill Harrison's mind was full of things military. When in his early teens he first rode horses, he knew with certainty that he wanted to be a cavalry officer. His pride in the military service and all that it might have to offer him professionally was further nurtured when his father won the Congressional Medal of Honor at Vera Cruz in 1914.

So, in September 1913 Bill Harrison entered West Point (with a Senatorial appointment from Texas) knowing precisely what he wanted to do in life. His love for the cavalry did not go unnoticed by his classmates. His 1917 *Howitzer* reads in part: "But for this insane yearning for the mounted service, his character would be irreproachable."

During the two decades following his graduation from the Academy in 1917, Bill served in various capacities. His initial duty station was at Camp Hearn, California with the 1st Cavalry; then soon after in Douglas, Arizona, a staging area from which cavalry units, including Lieutenant Harrison's, would make sorties against the Mexican bandit, "Pancho" Villa. Soon after, with the rank of captain, he transferred back to West Point to teach French and Spanish. While on the faculty, he pursued further language studies in both France and Spain. But Bill did not want an academic career. He actively sought and in time received troop assignments, first with the 7th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas; then with the 26th Cavalry Regiment (Philippine Scouts) at Camp Stotsenburg in the Philippines. Subsequently, he was posted to command and staff responsibilities with the 2nd Cavalry Regiment at Ft. Riley, Kansas, in time taking the advanced course there, after which he became a member of the Cavalry Board and a troop commander with the 9th Cavalry. By 1937, Bill Harrison, now a major, had graduated from Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and had joined the faculty there as an instructor of tactics. In this same year, he entered the Army War College in Washington, D.C., and upon graduation in 1938 was assigned to the 6th Cavalry at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. He went with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

But the period 1939-1942 was perhaps the most significant in terms of Bill Harrison's contributions to the Army. It was during these years that the Army's high command and organizational structure was redrawn. This major undertaking, commenced in response to the approach of war, was accomplished on the basis of the recommendations and final plan put forth by Colonel Harrison, who became a member of the War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff in 1939. About the reorganization, General George Marshall later remarked, "/Without it/, I couldn't have run the War." As a result of this effort, Colonel Harrison was promoted to the rank of brigadier general; and three years later, while serving with the 30th Division at Inden, Germany, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for "conceiving, planning, and patiently coordinating the development of the proposed structure. . . . The fundamental improvement in the functioning of the War Department is a tribute to General Harrison's personal efforts."

In both World War II and the Korean War, Bill Harrison performed with distinction. His reputation for preparing the Old Hickory Division (30th) for combat was widely known by the close of European activities. The Germans referred to the 30th as "Roosevelt's fanatical SS troops." An Associated Press correspondent termed the division as the "workhorse" of the American Army. Very early in the war, word came from Second Army Headquarters that they "had never seen such a performance in training as that given by the 30th Infantry Division." By war's close, the division had won many decorations, but General Harrison was its most decorated individual. Although he was fundamentally opposed to general officers receiving awards, he did receive, other than the DSC and DSM, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Order of Great Britain, France's Croix de Guerre and Legion d 'Honneur, the Grand Flag of the Soviet Union; and was given membership into the Order of Orange-Nassau by Queen Wilhelmina of Holland. However, General Harrison spoke of his Purple Heart as the medal of which he was most proud!

Bill Harrison's efforts as chief armistice negotiator in the final months of the

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Korean War (1953) won him a reputation as a tough negotiator, a man whom the Communists could not push around. According to London's Daily Telegraph, "His patience and resolution during this period were . . . praised by the Marquess of Salisbury in Parliament." And for Bill Harrison's negotiating efforts to bring the war to a close, Queen Elizabeth awarded him the Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath. Years later, General Harrison's Communist negotiations opponent, General Nam Il, remarked that "He was a very tough man."

But throughout his career, Bill remained profoundly religious. Said a veteran of the 30th, " . . . I realized that this outwardly calm, inwardly tough soul was a deeply religious man and an active evangelist . . . saving people in a spiritual sense was his true vocation . . . his distinguished military service was an avocation, one means to achieving his apostolic ends."

His final command was in Panama, from 1954-1957, where he assumed command of the Caribbean Theater. Essentially, his work evolved now to administrative and diplomatic responsibilities, efforts for which he was very well prepared by such other experiences as a member of General MacArthur's staff in the position of executive for Administrative Affairs and Reparations and the position of executive for Economic and Industrial Affairs (Japan, 1947-1949) and as Chief, Army-Air Force Troop Information and Education Division at the Pentagon (1950-1951). General Harrison retired from the Army on 28 February 1957.

Upon retiring and for several years following, Bill received several lucrative job offers in the world of business, but he chose instead to pursue matters of his Christian faith. In the year immediately following retirement, he served as executive director of a child welfare agency in Chicago. The remainder of his active life was then spent in writing, teaching the Bible, lecturing on biblical (and military) subjects, and serving on several boards of trustees. A major focus during these latter years was the Officers Christian Fellowship, an international organization of Christian officers of the military establishment, an organization of which he was president for 18 years. A very keen interest of Bill's over his many years of Army service had been the spiritual nurturing of officers of all the services.

General Harrison had three children by his first wife, Eva Toole, to whom he was faithfully married for 59 years and whose prayers and wifely support, he contended, gave him the encouragement he needed throughout the years of service. "She was God's gift to me," he often said. Five years after her death, he married Forrest King, who preceded his own death by 17 months. Of eight grandchildren, four are career Army, and one is a graduate of the Academy.

Perhaps his life is best summed up by one of his children: "Bill Harrison was indeed an outstanding officer. He was one of those Academy graduates who did fulfill the ideals of the Point. But we who knew him best knew where his real strength lay. It was not in his irreproachable character, which itself was genuine, but it was in his consistent and determined faith in his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, whom he always credited for his many blessings."

W. Terry Harrison, son

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Landon Garland Daniel

NO. 6443 CLASS OF 1919

Died 11 April 1986 in Nashville, Tennessee, aged 88 years.

Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee

Landon Garland Daniel

LANDON GARLAND DANIEL was born 26 July 1897 to Dr. John Daniel and Grace Knight Daniel. He grew up on the Vanderbilt University campus in Nashville, Tennessee where his father was chairman of the Physics Department for 38 years. The Daniel home on the campus, called "Old Central," is the oldest building on campus today, having been originally the plantation house on the first piece of property given to the university at the time of its founding. In recent years the Daniel family has arranged the restoration of "Old Central" to its original beauty as a memorial to their father, Dr. John Daniel.

While attending Vanderbilt, where he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Landon received an appointment to West Point. Due to his academic standing at the university, he was accepted without examination.

Adjustment to cadet life was relatively easy for Landon and he made many friends. Because of World War I, then in progress, his class was graduated early (1 November 1918) and commissioned second lieutenants, with the expectation of being sent to Europe immediately. The Armistice changed these plans and the class was ordered back to the Academy for another year of instruction.The class graduated a second time in June 1919, then spent the summer on a tour of observation and study of the battlefields of France, Belgium and Italy and of occupied Germany.

Upon his return from the tour of the battlefields and while in the Regular Army at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, with his unit he was ordered to Fort Knox, Kentucky. The Congress had failed to appropriate funds for transportation—this meant they were to march the 610 miles with full field equipment. In each hour they marched 50 minutes in step at the rate of 100 steps per minute with a 10 minute rest period; no water was allowed from canteen until the third halt. They marched six days and rested one day—a day to wash clothes and repair equipment.

When the regiment left Camp Jackson on 2 September, the weather was hot and the soldiers were not conditioned for a long march. As a result, about 20 percent of the soldiers fell out from the column during the first three days and required treatment for sunstroke, fatigue or exhaustion. Two soldiers died from sunstroke. This march broke all records. It was the longest continued march ever made by the U.S. Army up to that time.

In 1922 Landon resigned his commission in the Regular Army and accepted a Reserve commission. During the next several years he served as district sales manager with General Motors in Memphis, Tennessee and with the B.F. Goodrich Company in Washington, D.C.

As a Reserve officer, Landon was recalled to active duty and served 4 1/2 years in World War II, then two years in the Korean War. During World War II he was commanding officer of the Provisional Battalion at Camp Holabird Ordnance Base in Maryland, transportation officer in Iceland and an ordnance officer on the staff of the Seventh Army in Germany.

In 1948 he completed a three-month course for Reserve officers at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. From June 1951 to March 1953 he served as executive officer at the Ordnance Automotive School at the Atlanta General Depot, Atlanta, Georgia.

In Korea he was assigned to the Korea Civil Assistance Command to develop industrial programs and to procure oil and gasoline for the Korean civilian economy, also coal for the Korean Rail-

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road. After completing his active duty in Korea, Landon served for more than five years in Korea and in Laos as foreign service officer for the U.S. Department of State.

In 1959 he retired and returned to his native Nashville. Now he had the time to pursue his love of "Big Game Hunting" and pursue it he did. These trips took him from Alaska to Central America to the jungles of South America and India.

The trips were arranged by a London based company that furnished the guides, cooks and other personnel to make the hunt more enjoyable. Since these hunts proved expensive, he turned to the stock market for profits to fund them. This he also enjoyed.

Several of the larger trophies, mounted life size, are on display in the Alumni Room at Vanderbilt University and at the Tennessee State Museum in Nashville. This museum is operated by the Department of Education of the State and is visited each year by more than 150,000 school children on field trips. The most popular trophy seems to be the 10 1/2 foot, 1300 pound polar bear, shot on the frozen Bering Sea, Alaska.

The retirement years were happy ones for Landon—providing him time to be with his family and his friends of the "Brotherhood Class" at his church.

On 31 January 1976 he decided to turn in his hunting license for a marriage license to marry his long-time friend Anne Willey Smitha. This was a happy marriage and he continued to enjoy good health until a short time before his death on 11 April 1986.

Landon's life was marked by his absolute integrity, love for his family and friends, and his loyalty to West Point. He lived by the principles of the motto, "Duty, Honor, Country" and was quick to give his Alma Mater credit for making him what he was. He was a man of exceptional moral character, kind and generous—always ready to help his fellow man.

His widow Anne writes, "He was a good man, a wonderful husband and friend. I am proud to have been the wife of such a man and I miss him very much."

Lieutenant Colonel Landon Daniel is interred in the family plot at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee, by the side of his mother and father and three brothers.

Be Thou at Peace, Landon.

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James Clyde Fry

NO. 6958 CLASS OF 1922

Died 27 October 1982 in Falls Church, Virginia, aged 84 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

JIM (HIS FAMILY called him Clyde) was born to Harry Sunday and Corien Van

James Clyde Fry

Hess Fry in Sandpoint, Idaho on 25 December 1897. The family owned a farm about two miles from the wagon bridge over Lake Pend d'Oreille to Sandpoint, where Jim and his brothers and sisters attended school. Jim quit high school and went to work in the nearby Talache silver mines, where he remained for several years. According to his sister Ruby, the decision to go back to school came one day when he walked past a store porch, on which sat two men, loafing and spitting tobacco juice. He decided right then that such a life was not for him.

Jim returned to Sandpoint High School, where he met Helen Ramsey. They became high school sweethearts and graduated in the class of 1919. During his senior year, he wrote his senator, applying for an appointment to West Point, was accepted and entered the Academy in 1919, at age 21.

At this time the course at USMA was for three years, but in September it was increased to four years with the provision that those who wished to graduate in three years could do so. The great majority chose to remain for four years and became the class of 1923. Jim decided that, because of his age, he should complete the course in three years.

During these years, he met Marjorie Halloway at Cullum Hall hops. She was the daughter of a banker at Teaneck, New Jersey. Eventually she and Jim became engaged. He was graduated from USMA and appointed a second lieutenant of Infantry in the Army, 14 June 1922. He and Marjorie were married in Texas on 23 February 1924. Their son, James C. Fry, Jr., was born 24 October 1925.

Jim spent his first two years of commissioned service in Texas as a company officer and commander with the 9th Infantry at Camp Travis and Fort Sam Houston and as a student at the Air Service Primary Flying School, Brooks Field and Kelly Field. In December 1924, having completed his studies, he rejoined the 9th Infantry at Fort Sam Houston and in May 1925 was assigned to the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as a company officer, platoon commander, and battalion adjutant.

In July 1928 he joined the 26th Infantry at Plattsburg Barracks, New York, and served there until November 1930 as a platoon and company commander, provost marshal, engineer, post ordnance, and chemical warfare officer. He next became conducting officer of the American Pilgrimage Gold Star Mothers and Widows in Europe, with station in Paris, France.

The next assignment, in September 1931, was to Fort Benning, Georgia, and during the next four years he commanded "A" Company of the 24th Infantry, completed the Infantry Advanced Course and the Tank Course at the Infantry School, and became plans and training officer of the 66th Infantry. In July 1935 he was assigned to the 20th Infantry at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming, and spent two years there as assistant S-3 (Operations), company commander, and regimental S-4 (Supply).

In July 1937 he was ordered to Manila, Philippine Islands, where he numbered among his duties that of company commander of the 31st Infantry, advisor on Motor Transport Organization with the Commonwealth Government of the Philippines, and instructor and inspector of Motor Transport Service of the Philippine Army.

He returned to the United States in July 1939 to command the 7th Tank Company, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and was later assigned to the 68th Armored Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington. In April 1941 he was made regimental operations officer (S-3), 80th Armored Regiment, Pine Camp, New York, and in April 1942 became assistant military attache, first at Ankara, Turkey, and later at Cairo, Egypt.

In July 1942 he returned to the United States for duty in the Military Attache Section, Military Intelligence Service, War Department General Staff, Washington, D.C., and a few months later proceeded to Fort Riley, Kansas, to serve as executive officer, Headquarters, 2nd Armored Regiment. Between January 1943 and March 1944 he served as commanding officer of the 69th Armored Regiment and 6th Armored Division Trains at Camps Young, Cooke, and Coxcomb, California, and as assistant G-3, Headquarters Armored Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Then in April 1944 he was transferred overseas to command the 350th Infantry Regiment, 88th Infantry Division, in the North African Theater of Operations,

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later moving with that regiment to the Mediterranean Theater (Italy). In March 1945 he was made assistant division commander of the 88th Infantry Division in Italy.

In June 1944 he received the Silver Star with the following citation:

"For gallantry in action as Commanding Officer of the 350th Infantry, near *****, on 21 May 1944. The 2nd Battalion, 350th Infantry, launched an attack against the enemy at the mouth of the valley south of Monte San Biago, Italy, and was subject to intense machine gun and rifle fire from well entrenched positions from which the enemy was laying down fields of grazing and interlocking fire. Colonel Fry himself led the forward platoon, issued his orders from that position, and personally led a tank around the right flank to attack a house from which the enemy was making determined resistance. During this time there were no riflemen in advance of Colonel Fry. The courage, leadership and personal example displayed by Colonel Fry inspired the battalion and insured the success of the attack. His gallantry in action reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the high ideals of the military service."

It was actions of this sort which earned him the nickname "Fearless Fosdick," endearing him to his subordinates, and making the 350th one of the finest U.S. Army infantry regiments.

Mark Clark was forming the U.S. Fifth Army back in Algeria and Morocco. Jim Fry, in command of the 350th Infantry, 88th Division was a part of this command.

On 9 September 1943 U.S. forces of Fifth Army landed in Italy at Salerno and Anzio. During the period from April 1944 to March 1945, the 350th Infantry was heavily engaged. It made an outstanding battle record under Colonel Fry's courageous leadership. He was promoted to brigadier general AUS to serve as assistant commander, 88th Division in April 1945. The 88th Division was the first draftee division to be deployed into battle. He commanded it in Italy from July to November 1945.

He returned to the United States in December 1945 and two months later was appointed president of the Integration Board at Army Ground Forces headquarters. In January 1947 he was assigned to the Career Management Division, Personnel and Administration Division, War Department General Staff, and in December 1947 became a member of the Planning Office of the Personnel and Administration Division.

In October 1949 he was assigned to headquarters of the U.S. Forces in Austria as Deputy U.S. High Commissioner, and in February 1951 assumed command of the Tactical Command, U.S. Forces in Austria.

He was transferred to the Far East Command in April 1952 and the following month assumed command of the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. In May 1953 he was named chief of the Career Management Division in the Adjutant General's Office. He was named chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group, Italy, in March 1956. In mid-1958 he returned to the States and retired shortly thereafter as a major general.

His military decorations included the DSC, Silver Star, 2LMs, Bronze Star, 4 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantryman Badge, Crois de Guerre of France, Croix de Guerre of Czechoslovakia, Order of Crown of Italy, Philippine Distinguished Service Star and the Legion of Honor.

He was promoted to first lieutenant 10 August 1927; to captain 1 August 1935; to major 1 July 1940; to lieutenant colonel 24 December 1941; to colonel 15 December 1942; to brigadier general on 13 June 1945; and to major general 16 May 1952.

On 12 February 1956, when the Frys were living in their Falls Church, Virginia home, a devastating blow was received. Their son, James Clyde, Jr., USMA class of 1948, father of five children, died in a tragic kayak accident in the Potomac River. Jimmie, Jr. had resigned from the Army. He and his family lived in Alexandria, Virginia. Jim and Marjorie had a difficult task to cope. They dedicated a great deal of their time to care of their grandchildren as they grew up.

Following a long illness, Marjorie died in their Falls Church home in August 1970. In 1971 Jim married an old friend, Katherine Keil of College Station, Pennsylvania. They had a very enjoyable life together until Kay died in June 1974.

In the spring of 1975, Jim visited his sister, Ruby, now a widow. They drove from her home in Portland, Oregon, to Idaho and out to the farm at Sandpoint. Jim suggested that they buy the farm. Ruby declined saying, "not at my age;" and suggested they look up Helen Ramsey Storms, his high school sweetheart, now a widow, living in Ellensburg, Washington. Ruby's stratagem worked! Helen came to Washington, DC; and she and Jim were married 26 June 1975.

Jim and Helen lived happy and active lives, entertaining a wide range of friends, Helen's children and grandchildren and Jim's grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They spent a great deal of time traveling all over the world by ship and plane. They had returned from a Caribbean cruise the week before Jim died. Helen has returned to the northwest, saying she would never forget the seven and a half years of happiness she had as Mrs. J. C. Fry.

General Fry's interests and activities were too many and varied to enumerate here; however, a few of the more outstanding were the following: one of the organizers and dedicated supporters of the 88th Infantry Division Association; bank vice-president in charge of the Pentagon Branch; author, whose most notable work was *Combat Soldier*; a founder, lifetime member, former board chairman and president of the National Association of the Uniformed Services (NAUS), a potent voice and force in veterans' affairs.

A Classmate

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Robert Vernon Lee

NO. 7225 CLASS OF 1924

Died 24 July 1987 in Williamsburg, Virginia, aged 85 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Robert Vernon Lee

ROBERT VERNON LEE, known as "Pete" to all his friends and to everyone in the service, was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina and was appointed to West Point from the First District of Virginia.

He was graduated from high school at the age of 15, and being too young for an appointment to West Point or to enter the Virginia Military Institute, he took a job with the government auditors at Langley Field which was then being built. The following year he went to V.M.I. and while there won a competitive examination for appointment to West Point, which he entered with the Class of 1924 in July of 1920. It was at V.M.I. that he acquired the nickname of Peter from a Chinese from Peking named Peter Lee who was there at the time. Starting off as Peter it eventually degenerated into Pete.

At the Academy Pete made an enviable record. He was the senior corporal his yearling year, senior supply sergeant

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the second class year, and first captain his first class year. He ranked number one in military efficiency and his graduation standing was number 5 in a class of 406.

During yearling summer he met Barbara Burgess, sister of his classmate, Henry C. Burgess, and daughter of Colonel Louis Ray Burgess, Class of 1892, and nine days later they were engaged. He wanted to give his fiancée a miniature but the class had not yet adopted a class seal. Nothing daunted, he told the jeweler to put the Academy seal on both sides of the ring. The first 1924 miniature to be cast, therefore, does not bear the class seal. The engagement survived three long years, and he and Bobbie were married on graduation day.

The Army at that time was at a very low ebb with very slow promotion. Pete resigned his commission in December 1926 and entered business in New York. At the same time he joined the New York National Guard as a second lieutenant. The following year he was promoted to first lieutenant and the next year to captain. He was made a lieutenant colonel in 1940 and placed in command of the 212th Coast Artillery (Anti Aircraft) which was then being readied for induction into federal service. On induction, in February 1941, Pete took the regiment to Camp Stewart, Georgia.

A few months later he was ordered to the Command and General Staff School and on graduation was assigned to Governors Island as deputy G-1 of Eastern Defense Command and First Army. The Eastern Defense Command covered the area from Newfoundland to Florida and included Bermuda. In 1942 Pete was promoted to colonel. The following year First Army Headquarters was sent to England and Pete remained as G-1 of EDC. The next year he was ordered overseas and assigned as G-1 of V Corps. The mission of the Corps was to make the D-Day assault on Omaha Beach in Normandy.

Pete went in on D-Day. His landing craft hit an obstruction in approaching the beach, was immobilized, and immediately drew fire from a German 88mm battery. All aboard, except for a few casualties including the Coast Guard skipper, took to the water and swam the last hundred yards to Europe.

Pete remained with V Corps throughout the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Ardennes Campaigns. During this period the Corps, after assaulting Omaha Beach, fought through the Normandy hedgerows to St. Lo, to the breakout at Vire, swung east to close the Falaise Gap, liberated Paris and Luxembourg City, breached the Siegfried Line and were the first Allied troops to enter Germany, and held the vital Monchau corner during the Battle of the Bulge. After the Bulge, Pete was assigned to Fifteenth Army and served as deputy chief of staff.

He was recommissioned in the Regular Army in July 1946 and assigned to the War Department General Staff. Following that duty he attended the National War College from which he was graduated in 1948. He then served with the U.S. Army Caribbean and in 1950 was assigned as a member of the original faculty of the reestablished Army War College where he served as one of three faculty group directors and was responsible for a third of the curriculum.

He was then assigned to the Adjutant General's Office. (He had transferred to the Adjutant General's Corps in 1947.) Promoted to brigadier general, he headed the personnel division in that office. The following year he became director of the J-1 Division of the U.S. European Command in Paris. After fifteen months he was promoted to major general and recalled to the Pentagon to be deputy to the Adjutant General. His last three years of active duty were as the Adjutant General of the Army. He was retired on 1 October 1961.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Medal, Legion of Honor (France), Croix de Guerre with Palm (France), Order of Leopold (Officer) with Gold Palm (Belgium), and Croix de Guerre with Palm (Belgium).

Several years after retirement he and Bobbie moved to Williamsburg, Virginia where they were residing at the time of his death. Pete was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendents and was a former vestryman of historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg.

He is survived by his widow, Barbara Burgess Lee; a son, Colonel Robert V. Lee, Jr. (retired), Class of 1946; a daughter, Dr. Jennifer Mary Lee; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert V. Lee, Jr.

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Bruce Cooper Clarke

NO. 7658 CLASS OF 1925

Died 17 March 1988 in Washington, D.C., aged 86 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

THE ARMY CAREER of Bruce Clarke began in 1918. Impressed by a recruiting sergeant who told the big, strapping farm boy from Adams, New York, "Son, every day in the Army is like Sunday on the farm," he signed up. He was 17 years old. His career ended with his death in March 1988, shortly before his 87th birthday. He had served the Army and the nation for 70 years in grades from private to general. His preoccupation with the challenge of making a superior Army out of common

Bruce Cooper Clarke

men and women did not end when he retired in 1962. In retirement, he put his enormous energy into an unceasing effort to distill the essence of his vast experience and impart it for the benefit of every soldier and officer, an effort that took the form of countless meetings, articles, and lectures. One month to the day before he died, he was at the Armored Center at Fort Knox, talking to several hundred junior officers on his experience with the employment of armor on the attack and in defense.

Bruce Clarke was a corporal in the New York National Guard when he was admitted to the U.S. Military Academy. He rose to cadet captain and company commander, and was graduated in June 1925 as a 2nd lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. Initial assignments took him to Fort Humphreys (now Fort Belvoir) and to Schofield Barracks, with an intervening year at Cornell University where he obtained his civil engineering degree. In 1932, he went to the University of Tennessee as assistant professor of military science and tactics. In 1936, now a captain, he moved to Galveston, Texas, as the assistant district engineer.

As the clouds of war gathered in Europe, the fall of 1939 found Bruce Clarke a student at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth. It was here that the transition from engineer officer to armor officer had its beginnings. In the tactical games, Clarke proposed the use of tanks in ways that went against the "school solution" but which, some years later in combat in France, were to prove successful.

In February 1940, Captain Clarke was ordered to the 7th Cavalry Mechanized Brigade, then in training and development under Brigadier General Adna R. Chaffee at Fort Knox. Clarke commanded the 47th Mechanized Engineer Troop and was the brigade engineer. The Louisiana maneuvers in the spring of 1940,

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pitting the 7th Mechanized against the 1st Infantry Tank Brigade, provided Clarke with the opportunity to practice his eminently practical approach to problem solving. General Chaffee called in Captain Clarke before the maneuvers began. "Clarke, you're an engineer. Do you know how to calculate the load-bearing capacity of a bridge?" "Yes, sir." "Well, I want you to go to the maneuver area and make sure all the bridges there will hold my tanks." So Clarke drew six tanks, added them to the 47th Engineer Troop, and headed for the maneuver area. "My approach was simple," Clarke said later. "We drove the tanks over every bridge in the area. If it broke, we rebuilt it. When we were done, I reported to General Chaffee that we had calculated the load-carrying capacity of all the bridges, and I could assure him they could all carry his tanks." General Chaffee later gave the 47th Engineer Troop credit for enabling his brigade to outmaneuver the opposing force. The success of General Chaffee's brigade led General George C. Marshall, the Chief of Staff, to create the Armored Force at Fort Knox in July 1940 and concurrently the Armored Corps of two divisions, the 1st and 2nd Armored.

Clarke's performance at Fort Knox led to his assignment as the commanding officer of the 24th Armored Engineer Battalion when the 4th Armored Division was activated at Pine Camp (now Fort Drum), New York, in 1941. Following the annual inspection at the end of 1941, the 24th was chosen as the outstanding battalion in the division. Shortly thereafter, the division commander, Major General Henry Baird, picked the new lieutenant colonel to be the division chief of staff. When Clarke was promoted to colonel, he had been a lieutenant colonel for five weeks.

It was as commander of Combat Command A of the 4th Armored Division that Colonel Bruce Clarke led troops into battle. With battalion commanders like Graham Kirkpatrick, Creighton Abrams, and Louis Roth, Clarke's Combat Command was often in the van of the 4th Armored Division—now commanded by Major General John Wood—as it led the Third Army of General George Patton in the thrust across France. Clarke's accomplishments in the ensuing months—which resulted in the award of the Distinguished Service Cross, three Silver Stars, and two Bronze Star medals—were not the result of a brilliant solo performance, and Clarke never pretended they were. Combat Command A was able to accomplish what it did because of the skill and bravery of its members from top to bottom, formed and propelled by aggressive and imaginative leadership at all levels.

The drive across France convinced Clarke of the importance of motion and maneuver in the employment of armor; the only mistake you can make in pursuit of the enemy is to pause and stop. This commitment to forward movement sometimes led to problems. At one point, General Patton visited Clarke's unit to see how it was doing. Satisfied with what he found, Patton climbed back into his jeep to leave and asked, "Now, Clarke, how can I help you?" Clarke answered that some of the commanders up the line tended to make their battle plans primarily in terms of an infantry rate of advance of two miles per hour, "so we in Armor often run out of orders by 10:30 in the morning. What should I do in such cases?" Patton pointed toward Germany and said, "Go east, Clarke!"

In November 1944, Bruce Clarke was transferred to the 7th Armored Division in Holland to command Combat Command B. On 8 December 1944, Clarke was promoted to brigadier general. On 16 December, the German offensive that has come to be known as the Battle of the Bulge began.

Clarke and CC-B of the 7th Armored were ordered to Belgium to assist in the defense of a road center—St. Vith—whose capture by the Germans was vital to the accomplishment of their goals. Clarke arrived at St. Vith to discover a scene of confusion and retreat. The senior Army commander on the scene turned over the defense of St. Vith to the new brigadier general. Clarke vigorously set about organizing the confusion and maneuvering his combat command and elements of other units in such a way that the German goal of capturing St. Vith on the first day of the offensive was frustrated. The German timetable called for the capture of St. Vith by 1800 hours on 17 December. Clarke's classic use of armor in the defense held St. Vith until the night of 21 December, and the Germans did not control the St. Vith area until 23 December, when Clarke's forces withdrew on order from General Montgomery.

Following the end of World War II, Bruce Clarke had assignments as G-3 of the Army Ground Forces at Fort Monroe under General Jacob Devers, and as director of the Armored School at Fort Knox. In 1949, he took over the 2nd Constabulary Brigade in Munich. This would turn out to be the first of his assignments concerned with the development of the U.S. Army forces committed in the post-World War II era to the defense of Western Europe. But the way that was to lead to Heidelberg and being CINCUSAREUR turned out to go through Texas, Korea, and Honolulu.

With the United States engaged in a hot war in Korea, the decision was made to reactivate the 1st Armored Division. General Clarke spent most of the next two years at Fort Hood putting the new division into shape before he was ordered to Korea to command a corps and to serve as deputy commanding general of the U.S. Eighth Army under General Maxwell Taylor.

It was while in Korea that General Clarke contracted the hepatitis that threatened to cut short his career. The Vice Chief of Staff, General Charles Bolté, vetoed the proposal to retire Clarke for medical reasons and assigned him instead to Fort Shafter on Oahu, to be the commanding general of the U.S. Army in the Pacific. The salubrious climate of Hawaii did its work and General Clarke was fully recovered when, on short notice in May 1956, he was sent to Germany to take command of the U.S. Seventh Army. The order was to complete the transformation of the Seventh Army from an army of occupation to one that was a "good neighbor to its German good neighbors." Clarke told his commanders, "Combat readiness is the number one priority, but good U.S. public relations is a close second. We're not going to have people looking down their nose at any U. S. Army that I'm running." By the time General Clarke left the Seventh Army in the summer of 1960, the crisis in the Army's public relations with the people of West Germany had passed.

Back again at Fort Monroe, now the commanding general of the Continental Army Command, General Clarke began what he assumed would be his last assignment before retiring. Charged with all aspects—organization and training, tactics and equipment—of preparing the Army to carry out its mission, no matter what the eventuality, Clarke relished this job more than any other. It was in all respects the natural culmination of his Army career. All the interesting professional problems—of effective training, of development of the Non-commissioned Officer Corps, of realistic tactical maneuvers, of effective integration of Reserve components—were his to address and resolve. It was a busy and fulfilling time for the 60th four-star general in the history of the U. S. Army and, he thought, an apt end to his career. But there was to be one more job.

As 1961 began, General Clarke was back in Germany, this time as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Army in Europe. His earlier commands with the Constabulary in Munich and of the Seventh Army had equipped him well to come rapidly to grips with the problems of combat readiness for the U.S. Army and for the armies of the NATO allies in central Europe. And it wasn't long before a crisis arose to test the mettle of NATO'S leaders, political and military. On 13 August 1961, the Soviets began the building of the Berlin Wall. The NATO armies in central Europe braced for possible next steps by the Warsaw Pact; the U.S. Vice President made a

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visit to Berlin to demonstrate U.S. concern and resolve; General Clarke counseled caution and preparedness. The crisis passed, leaving in its wake The Wall and a new disposition throughout NATO to beef up the equipment and readiness of its forces.

General Clarke retired at the age of 61 in April 1962. The first two-thirds of his military career were over. The last third began. From 1962 until he died 26 years later, General Clarke was active on behalf of the Army in a manner seldom paralleled among retired officers. Partly it was because he sensed that his position as a former four-star general gave him access and a pulpit not available to every retired officer. Partly there was all that unfinished business because of his bobtailed tour at CONARC. But mostly and fundamentally, it was his dedication to the Army and to the country, and his conviction that he had important lessons to contribute to the making of a better and more effective Army.

In retirement, General Clarke responded repeatedly to requests from the Chief of Staff to carry out surveys and inspections. He met with soldiers, with sergeants, and with junior officers as well as with division and corps commanders and the Chief of Staff himself. And he wrote one article after another for service journals and newspapers, each article an attempt to reduce to a few memorable sentences and paragraphs some important lesson in how to be a better soldier, how to improve the Army. Throughout these years, he maintained a vast daily correspondence with persons concerned for the nation's and the Army's well-being, starting with the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces on down. Confronted with problems, Bruce Clarke would reflect on them, draw on his experience, and offer practical solutions.

Brigadier General Hal C. Pattison, a former associate of Clarke and a former Army Chief of Military History, has written, "Bruce Clarke is a complex person who once said to me, 'I can't look at something which seems wrong without trying to do something to make it right.' " For some 70 years, almost a third of the entire existence of the U.S. Army, Bruce Clarke devoted his keen intellect, his common sense, and his prodigious energy to "doing something" about the problems and challenges—in combat and in peacetime, at squad level and at Army level—faced by the Army. In his passing, he has left a tremendous heritage of example and precept for the soldiers, sergeants, and officers of the Army of today and tomorrow to draw upon.

No article on Bruce Clarke would be complete if it did not end with a mention of the more important of the two things that happened on 12 June 1925: not only was Bruce Clarke graduated from West Point on this day, but he also married Bessie Jean Mitchell of Buffalo, New York. For Clarke (and for the Army), it was a master stroke. Bessie Mitchell Clarke proved to be as good at her role as Army wife as Bruce Clarke was at his. Theirs was a close and loving marriage that carried them both through good times and bad. When, toward the end of his active duty career, General Clarke would publicly laud Mrs. Clarke and pay tribute to her assistance in helping him with his decisions, there were those who thought the Old Man was being courtly, nothing more. But they were mistaken. Bessie was one with Bruce Clarke in her dedication to the Army and she was a source of great strength to him.

Bruce C. Clarke, Jr.

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Claude Aubrey Black

NO. 7827 CLASS OF 1925

Died 11 July 1986 in Savannah, Georgia, aged 82 years.

Interment: Pending: remains donated to science

Claude Aubrey Black

CLAUDE AUBREY BLACK, the son of Nathan W. Black and Sarah Elizabeth Poore Black, was born 17 December 1903 in Hickman County, Tennessee. The family moved to Lewis County when Claude was very young and lived there until 1917. In 1917 the Black family moved to Maury County, Tennessee where Claude was graduated with high honors from Columbia High School in 1921.

Because of his high school record, Claude entered the United States Military Academy in 1921 without having to take the entrance examination. His classmates promptly began calling him "Blackie" which was to be his nickname for the remainder of his life. His activities as a cadet included participation in color lines, Hundredth Night shows, as well as qualifying as a rifle and pistol sharpshooter. Blackie was one of the founders of the *Pointer* of which he was news editor during his first class year.

Upon his graduation in 1925 as a 2nd lieutenant of Infantry, Blackie was assigned to Fort Screven, Georgia, near Savannah. Here he met the lovely and gracious Virginia Norton to whom he became engaged. They were married 4 September 1929 at St. John's Episcopal Church in Savannah after Blackie had completed the Company Officers Course—in those days for single officers only—at Ft Benning, Georgia.

Prior to 1940, Blackie served for a year as a student at the Signal School at Ft Monmouth, New Jersey; as commanding officer of Headquarters Company, 33rd Infantry at Ft Clayton in the Canal Zone; on the staff and faculty of the Infantry School at Ft Benning; as a student at the Tank School at Benning; a year with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at Vredenburgh, Alabama; and as an instructor at the Infantry and Tank School at Benning.

When the Secretary of War created an Armored Force and Armored School at Ft Knox, Kentucky, Blackie was appointed a staff and faculty officer. A year later he was ordered to the Command and General Staff College at Ft Leavenworth, Kansas and, upon completion of the course, was assigned in 1942 to the China-Burma-India Theater of Operations. He served with distinction as chief of staff to General Li-Jen Sun (VMI '27), who commanded all the Nationalist Chinese troops. For a seven-week period, Blackie gave everyone at home a scare when he was thought to be missing in action. As it turned out, he was in a serious jeep accident and confined to bed in a makeshift, isolated hospital in the jungle in Burma.

In 1943 Colonel Black was ordered back to Fort Knox where he served as director of the Tank Department of the Armored School for a year. Ordered to the European Theater of Operations in 1944, Colonel Black served as armored officer for Ninth Army until the war's end. Arriving in New York harbor just as the war in Japan ended, Colonel Black received orders assigning him as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville on a tour of duty that was to last until 1949.

The Department of the Army selected him that year to establish a new tank school in Vilseck, Germany. The assignment included restoration and occupation by Blackie and Ginny of General von Rundstedt's former quarters with its white oak floors, silver door knobs and white marble parking lot. Blackie had just launched himself into this new, challenging assignment when he suddenly was hit with macular degeneration

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of the retina of one eye, heart trouble and other disabilities. Retirement followed in September of 1950 and with it the distinguished military career of Colonel Claude Aubrey Black came to a close.

For the next fifteen years Blackie and Ginny lived in Knoxville. Colonel Black was appointed as the first Civil Defense Director for East Tennessee. Later he studied landscape architecture and ornamental horticulture at the University of Georgia. He was subsequently appointed co-director of the Tennessee River Tributary Association, serving with General Vogle, Head of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

A project close to his heart was the restoration of old Fort Loudoun south of Knoxville. Fort Loudoun, built in 1758–59 by the British, was the first English-speaking colony west of the Allegheny Mountains, part of the British defenses in the French and Indian War. Colonel Black and the Fort Loudoun Association raised funds to reconstruct the fort and published the first modern book describing it.

In 1965 the Blacks moved to Washington, D.C. where Blackie pursued his interest in conservation, testifying at Congressional hearings on legislation protecting the nations' ecological balance. During this period Blackie suffered his first heart attack and also underwent successful chemotherapy for cancer.

In 1970 Ginny and Blackie returned to Savannah, Ginny's hometown, where Blackie became strongly interested in the once famous botanical garden of Dr. Louis LeConte at Woodmanston in Liberty County near Savannah. The garden, once visited by botanists from all over the world, had fallen into a state of neglect. Colonel Black became the motivating force in restoring the garden and plantation. He was also instrumental in having the botanical site entered in the National Register of Historical Places and in procuring the 64-acre home site as a grant to the Garden Club of Georgia. In recognition of his efforts, the Garden Club of Georgia presented Colonel Black with its highest award, the Certificate of Merit.

Blackie's heart attack in Washington was followed by several others in Savannah, but he continued to have many interests. His genealogical research continued, for he had not forgotten his Tennessee roots and forebears. He became an active member of the Sons of the Revolution. Photography was one of his hobbies, and he became expert in capturing on film the beauty of nature and plant life. He was a member, and at one time president of the West Point Society of Savannah.

Blackie accepted his physical limitations cheerfully and philosophically, but, as his heart condition worsened, his activities diminished, and he placed greater reliance on Ginny. On Friday, 11 July 1986, Blackie died in Savannah. In accordance with his wishes, his body was given to the University of Georgia School of Medicine, and Ginny donated his LeConte-Woodmanston collection of books and papers to the University of Georgia.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star for valor with one oak leaf cluster, and the Russian Order of Wars for the Fatherland.

In addition to his beloved Ginny, Blackie is survived by a son, Norton Nathaniel Black of Arizona; a daughter, Margery Black of North Carolina; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother; a sister and an aunt.

Blackie and his Ginny had a full, rewarding life together, and despite early retirement, the Army was always their first love. We sons of today salute our comrade, gallant, devoted soldier and ardent conservationist, Claude Aubrey Black.

Family and Friends

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Edward Gilbert Farrand

NO. 8077 CLASS OF 1927

Died 2 March 1986 at Fort Hood, Texas, aged 80 years.

Cremated: Ashes at Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Edward Gilbert Farrand

MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD GILBERT FARRAND was born in Brooklyn, New York the son of the late George Dill and Grace Edwards Farrand. He was born on 17 March 1905 and thus became one of those select people whose arrival on earth coincided with St. Patrick's Day, a matter noted by his many friends throughout the years. His early years were spent in Connecticut, and it was from Stamford High School that he won his appointment to West Point, entering with the Class of '27. His sandy hair caused his classmates to call him "Red," although through most of his service his stature brought him the nickname of "Big Ed." He easily accepted the discipline and rigors of academy life and in his first class year he was designated a cadet captain and company commander. Upon graduation he was sworn into the Regular Army as a 2d lieutenant of Field Artillery which in those pre-World War II days was horse or horse-drawn. Throughout those early assignments with artillery units he became a competent and aggressive horseman and polo player. In 1933 he was posted to Paris, France, first to the Alliance Francais and later to the Sorbonne to study French in preparation for a four-year tour as an instructor in the Language Department of his alma mater.

Following this elite assignment he returned to Artillery control with duties in the Division Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division. The onset of World War II found him prepared for command and staff duties in the newly formed 5th Armored Division. At the same time he experienced a rapid rise in promotions from major to colonel while discharging his responsibilities as G-3, chief of staff and commander, Combat Command "A" in the division. After wartime service in that division he remained in Europe in successive appointments as deputy Chief of Staff of Seventh Army, the U.S. Constabulary, Third Army and U.S. Forces, Austria. It was during this period that he married Elizabeth (Betty) McConville of Ogdensburg, New York who was to become his lifelong companion. He returned to the United States to become a student at the National War College at Fort McNair. Two successive tours on the Army General Staff preceded his appointment to the 1st Armored Division, first as a combat command commander, and later when promoted to brigadier general, as assistant division commander. General Farrand spent three years as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations for U.S. Army Forces, Far East, during which time he was promoted to major general and then became commander of the 1st Armored Division, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

He had one more Army Staff appointment before arriving at Fort Hood to become commanding general, 2d Armored Division. With that assignment he became one of two general officers who uniquely commanded both the historic and battle proud 1st and 2nd Armored Divisions. General Farrand retired in June 1961 after more than 38 years of faithful service to his country. Among his military decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. His foreign dec-

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orations include both the French Legion of Honneur and Croix de Guerre avec Palme; the Luxembourg Order of Nassau and Croix de Guerre; the Belgian Order of Leopold with Palme and Croix de Guerre; the Netherlands created him a Knight Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau.

Although recently retired he was sought out to become the president of St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisconsin. Here he spent several enjoyable years in close contact with young men for whom he had high regard; a matter they reciprocated in years of postgraduate contact with him and their alma mater. After his retirement there, General and Mrs. Farrand returned to the Central Texas area where he was asked to be Director of Development for the newly created Central Texas College. The college was to be located on a part of the land held by Fort Hood, and General Farrand performed invaluable services as an organizer and liaison during the acquisition of this property and the planning for its permanent structures. The next several years he participated in the rapid build-up of the college which ultimately led to the expanded development of the American Technical University offering a broad program of general, technical and scientific courses. General Farrand left the academic scene to pursue more personal activities including a closer acquaintanceship with his grandchildren. Although he had left horseback riding behind him, he became an avid, if at times explosive golfer, until slowed down by a variety of physical ailments. With characteristic determination he turned his energies to other activities such as woodworking, and later he turned out some of the most exquisite stained glass pieces seen in the area.

The years inevitably brought on further deterioration of his physical capabilities, and even though his mind remained clear and his speech strong and forceful, he bowed to the will of the Almighty and his spirit left the presence of his loved ones and friends on 2 March 1986 a few days short of his 81st birthday. His ashes were committed to the soil of Fort Sam Houston in Texas, the state in which he had seen so much service. He is survived by his widow, Betty; their daughter, Mrs. Robert E. Joyce; three grandchildren, Michala Joyce Ferguson, Robert E. Joyce III and Robin Joyce Bryan; and two great-grandchildren, Patrick Collins Ferguson and Robert Joseph Ferguson. He is also survived by a son, Edward R. Farrand, of a previous marriage. Both in his military service and later life he was characterized by his cheerful and gentlemanly conduct. Beneath a sometimes gruff exterior he was the soul of courtesy and the first to offer his services if one were in difficulty. He enjoyed the outdoors whether it was in his garden, in the field hunting or on the golf course with good companions. He typified the Farrand family motto "Just and Resolute." God Bless your march to Fiddler's Green.

Betty Farrand, assisted by Dan Cullinane, June 1943

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Philip Henry Draper, Jr.

NO. 8537 CLASS OF 1929

Died 31 May 1985 in Columbus, Georgia, aged 78 years.

Interment: Parklawn Cemetery, Columbus, Georgia

Philip Henry Draper, Jr.

PHILIP HENRY DRAPER, JR. was born in Troy, New York, on 6 September 1906, the son of Philip Henry and Sarah Stimson Draper. He attended Lansingburg High School where he distinguished himself in basketball. He also attended Swaverly Preparatory School in Manassas, Virginia before entering West Point in the summer of 1925.

At West Point, he distinguished himself in academics and athletics, including football, lacrosse and basketball. He was appointed an All-American in basketball in 1928 and served as captain of the basketball team his first class year. Phil was remembered by many of his friends and classmates as "Sweetheart." He earned this nickname from an article in *The New York Times* concerning a touchdown run he made during a football game. He was described as having "swept in like a whiff of perfume." He served as class treasurer during his years at the Military Academy and for most of the remainder of his life. He was graduated in 1929 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

His first assignment was as a battery officer with the 83rd Artillery at Fort Benning, Georgia. In 1932, he was ordered to France to study at the Alliance Francaise and at the Sorbonne. While there, he escorted Gold Star Mothers from World War I to visit the graves of their sons. In 1933 he returned to West Point as an instructor in French where he also coached the basketball team.

He was graduated in 1937 from both the Regular Officers Course and the Advanced Signal Communications Course at the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and joined the 18th Field Artillery Regiment there. Later he became an artillery battery commander with the 11th Cavalry Combat Team. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, he was intelligence officer of the 25th Division Artillery at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

He became a group chief in the Combined Arms Department at the Artillery School in 1942. After attending the Command and General Staff School in 1943, he was assigned as executive officer of the 408th Field Artillery Group in California. In 1944 he became senior aide-de-camp to General Mark Clark, Commanding General, Fifth Army, in the Mediterranean Theatre of Operations. Later he served as executive officer of the 1st Armored Division Artillery from Anzio to the Arno River in Italy. In January of 1945, he became commanding officer of the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 1st Armored Division, a key unit that knifed into the Po Valley with other armor in the closing days of the war.

Returning to the Artillery School in September 1945 as group chief in the Combined Arms Department, he remained there until July 1946, when he went back to West Point as assistant professor of French. He was graduated from the Armed Forces Staff College in January 1949, and, in preparation for assignment to the Office of the U.S. Army Attache in London, attended the Strategic Intelligence School. His duties in London included the compilation of the book, now resting in St. Paul's Cathedral, which lists all Americans stationed in England during World War II who were killed. In July 1951, he was ordered back to West Point as graduate manager of athletics.

In 1954 he attended the National War College, and upon graduation was assigned as chief of the Plans Division, G-1 (Personnel), there. He was assigned as commanding general of the 7th Division Artillery in Korea in September 1955 and in February 1956, he became commanding general of the I Corps (Group) Artillery.

On 1 July 1956, he joined the staff of Headquarters Armed Forces Far East, Eighth U.S. Army (REAR) at Camp Zama, Japan, as intelligence officer. This major headquarters was reorganized and moved to Hawaii in July 1957, and General Draper became intelligence officer

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of the new Headquarters, U.S. Army, Pacific, at Fort Shafter. He assumed duties as chief of staff, U.S. Army Air Defense Command, 5 August 1959. He later became deputy commanding general and chief of staff of ARADCOM, a position from which he retired as a major general after more than 33 years of Army service.

Phil married Ethel Woodruff of Columbus, Georgia in August of 1933. She died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1977. He is survived by his children, Mrs. Linda D. Newton and Mrs. Anne D. deCamp of Fairfax, Virginia; Mr. Stephen E. Draper of Atlanta, Georgia; and Mrs Sheila Ferry of St. John, U.S.V.I. and eight grandchildren.

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William Potter Turpin III

NO. 9248 CLASS OF 1931

Died 7 April 1987 in Morristown, New Jersey, aged 78 years.

Interment: At family ancestral home, "Locust Hill," Turpin's Lane, Centreville, Maryland.

William Potter Turpin III

WILLIAM POTTER TURPIN III, the son of John Register Emory Turpin and Alice Doane Turpin, was born on 23 August 1908 in Ogden, Utah, where his father, a civil engineer, was on location. His childhood and youth, however, were spent at his family's home of six generations, "Locust Hill," Centreville, Maryland. Here, amid his family's honored traditions and the beauty and inspiration of the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay, he learned the qualities and attributes of a true Southern gentleman, which characterized his relations with others throughout his life.

During his youth he became a competent craftsman of many interests as he roamed the countryside and sailed the tidewaters of the Chesapeake. He attended elementary schools in Centreville and finished four years at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, Winchester, Virginia. It was here that he excelled in football for four years, becoming the quarterback on the varsity team during his last two years. He was honored the last year at Shenandoah by his appointment as first captain of cadets. This very versatile and accomplished young man, although reared in the environs of Annapolis, rejected an appointment to the Naval Academy in favor of West Point, which he entered on 1 July 1927.

His name, William, was seldom used, for he was known as Bill or Billy to his family and boyhood friends and even, later, as "Pop Pop" to his grandchildren. However, he was best known in later years as "Ben," a sobriquet initiated by the upperclassmen at West Point, after a famous movie actor "Ben Turpin" of that period.

At West Point he was an enthusiastic participant in various sports and activities. With his prep school sports experience he was a valued addition to the plebe football and baseball squads, and during his plebe and yearling years he was on the hockey squad. His handsome appearance and charming manners made him a logical choice as "hop manager" during his plebe and first class years. His resonant voice was a melodious addition to the cadet choir all four years.

His military training at Shenandoah and his aptitude for cadet life prepared him well for promotion to acting corporal as a yearling, corporal as a second classman and lieutenant his first class year. His West Point career was epitomized by his roommate, "Turpin gained the friendship and admiration of everyone as soon as he got here and his circle of friends has grown ever since."

Upon graduation "Ben" Turpin was commissioned in the Infantry and assigned to Fort Eustis, Virginia, but was subsequently transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland where he served with the 34th Infantry until 1935. Those were busy years, and he participated in many events including the pageantry associated with the 1931 sesquicentennial celebration of the surrender of Yorktown. In 1932 the 34th Infantry was alerted and moved to the vicinity of Washington during the "Bonus Riots" in July. In 1933 he assisted in the mobilization and movement of several Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) units into our national forests. He performed all of the assignments and duties with efficiency and precision; with his attitude of cooperation and cheerfulness, he was known popularly as "The Smiling Lieutenant."

In January 1935, Ben was moved to the Territory of Hawaii, where he served two years with the 19th Infantry at Schofield Barracks. Here he met and married Virginia Kroll Gibner on 11 January 1936, a happy marriage which lasted 51 years until his death. Their first son, William Potter Turpin IV, was born on 29 October 1936 and later entered West Point with the Class of 1959.

Ben was a student at the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia during 1937–38, and upon graduation was assigned to Plattsburg Barracks, New York, where he saw valuable service as an infantry company commander. In his early years he had a proclivity for, and fascination with, radio, improved his skills and obtained a "Ham Operator's" license. This hobby served an advantageous purpose, which in 1940 led to his transfer to the Signal Corps, and his assignment to command a signal company of the 51st Signal Battalion at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

As the clouds of war were gathering in 1940 he was sent to a special course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Upon completion of this course he was returned to Fort Monmouth and served as an instructor at the Signal School. His valuable background experiences and talents were soon discovered, and he was reassigned in October 1941 to the Office, Chief Signal Office Operations Branch in the Munitions Building, Washington, DC.

Because of his experiences in the Infantry and Signal Corps, he was sent as the signal officer of the newly organized 93rd Infantry Division at Fort Huachucha, Arizona in 1942. He labored industriously to impart his verve and knowledge to the tyro communications draftees under his command. This intense, unrewarding assignment placed inordinate demands on him physically and mentally.

In September 1943, Ben was transferred by Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair to his Headquarters, Army Ground Forces, then occupying the facilities of the Army War College at Washington Barracks, DC (later renamed Fort McNair). Regrettably, the military career of this competent, capable, and proficient officer was abruptly terminated by a perforated ulcer, which required emergency surgery, and he was retired as a lieutenant colonel on 31 March 1944 with 100% disability.

It was a grave disappointment to this dedicated and able officer to be deprived in his relative youth of a promising military career. However, there is an old saying that "you can't keep a good man down," which certainly applied to Ben, for shortly after retirement he was employed by Bell Laboratories in New York City. Hence, his versatile background provided him with a sound basis to enter his new career as a technical engineer writing field manuals for signal equipment being engineered and manufactured by Bell for the military.

His new home on Long Island allowed him to enjoy many hours on Long Island Sound exercising his boyhood avocation

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of sailing his sailboat "Vanguard." This invigorating sport provided some of his most beneficial and healthful hours, for the care and maintenance of the craft required so many of his latent talents. It was here that their second son, "Jack," was born on 28 October 1944. This idyllic situation was terminated when his job was transferred to New Jersey in 1954, and he relocated his family to Mendham. Having been deprived of his beloved sailboat, he soon rediscovered his other boyhood diversions of gardening and caring for the extensive grounds of their beautiful home.

In his later years Ben experienced three spaced heart attacks, which eventually caused him to endure open heart surgery by the famous Dr. Denton Cooley of Houston, Texas. After 29 years in his second career, he was retired by Bell Laboratories in 1973. Thereafter he spent his life at leisure and traveling. A severe cold turned into pneumonia which brought this spirited man to his death on 7 April 1987.

Ben was admired by his family and his wide circle of friends, for his generous and helpful nature was appreciated by all who knew him. His advice was sought on many matters due to his various and far reaching interests. His son noted: "Dad was a sustainer, a supporter, a role model who could always see the good capable of being attained." Ben was a devoted family man and kept them together by planning outings, like the annual trek with his sons and grandson to a football game.

In a tribute at the services for Ben, his brother-in-law summarized Ben's relationship to his family and friends as follows: "these words fail so miserably to estimate the true intrinsic worth of this man, for that worth can only be found in that which he brought to each and every one of us—that which so ennobly enriched our lives by his presence."

It was always a pleasure to be with Ben Turpin, for he was so gracious and attentive to the whims of his companions. Each was treated as a "guest of honor."

Ben is survived by his devoted family: his wife, his two sons and his six grandchildren.

With the assistance of his family and friends, this memorial article was composed by classmate Bill Train, whose life was brighter because of the warm friendship of Ben Turpin.

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Stanley Tanner Wray

NO. 9325 CLASS OF 1932

Died 13 September 1986 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 78 years.

Interment: Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama

STANLEY TANNER WRAY took his place in the Long Gray Line on 13 September 1986 following a series of multiple strokes and heart failure. With indomitable will and unflagging spirit, he carried on through several years of incapacitating strokes, greatly aided by his loving wife Esther.

Stanley Tanner Wray

From the day of his graduation as the second ranking member of the Class of 1932, Stan Wray moved steadily along a planned, logical, and determined path of wholehearted, enthusiastic, and outstanding service to his country. He began his commissioned service as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and served well and capably as a junior officer on civil works on the Mississippi River, a company officer of combat engineers in Panama, and a student at Cornell University and the Engineer School. He served a tour on ROTC duty at MIT, but he sensed that his future lay with the development of the air arm of our military system and transferred to the Army Air Corps in 1941.

Assigned to bombers when the attack on Pearl Harbor came, Stan organized, trained, moved to England, and led into combat the 91st Bomb Group. He posted a fine combat record and received many decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross of the RAF for leading the famous low-level B-17 raid over St. Nazaire. The East Anglian Aviation Society now maintains the 91st Bomb Group Tower Museum at RAF Bassingbourne in grateful memory of the group's service to England under Stan's leadership. When the society learned of his passing, the curator wrote to say that they will never forget Stan and the others like him who came to their assistance in their hour of need.

Stan's experience with the organization, training, and combat operations of the 91st Bomber Group led inevitably to the production of a manual on "Tactics and Techniques of Heavy Bombers" by him for the Eighth Bomber Command. This proved to be an invaluable help to those who followed in his footsteps.

After a short sojourn in the States at AF headquarters and Leavenworth, Stan returned to Europe, first as a deputy inspector general, then as chief of Training and Operations USAFE. In this latter assignment, his abilities in organization and command were well used in forming and leading the Cyprus Task Force and creating the Third Air Force to receive the first B-29's. In September 1948, he was shifted to airlift operations and commanded the 7497th Airlift Wing throughout the Berlin Airlift. For his leadership in this operation, he was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit he had been awarded previously for staff work at HQ USAAF in 1945.

After attending the Air War College, Stan reverted to his original training as an engineer. He received his first star as deputy director of Installations USAF. Then he went on to the Air Materiel Command, where his abilities and technical knowledge were employed in connection with the planning and construction of major elements of the electronic defense systems across the northernmost reaches of our continent. The Distant Early Warning Line, the White Alice Project (Alaskan communications) and SAGE system were all part of this work. Stan was awarded a second OLC to his LM for this work, and in 1957 became commander of the Wright-Air Development Division at Wright-Patterson AFB. In 1958, he was promoted to major general.

His last two years of service were spent in Washington as director, Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council, where his comprehensive knowledge in the fields of training, organization, planning, engineering, leadership and command were of inestimable value. He retired in 1962.

Throughout his career, despite the intensity, thoroughness, and concentration he applied to all of his operations, Stan always had time for people, for family, for friends. He loved life and many of us will long remember hours happily spent listening to his outstanding collection of tape recordings including a fine library of West Point related music. We will also recall with great pleasure those gourmet meals prepared by Stan, always accompanied by the lively, happy conversation of friends in total rapport.

Stan's last four years were spent in a nursing home but despite the fact that he had lost his ability to walk and talk, his mind was clear and he never lost his indomitable fighting spirit. Stan is survived by Esther, his loving wife of 54 years; four sons, Stanley T., Jr., Mack K., Edwin A., and Richard H.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, as

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well as a host of friends in the United States and England.

Stanley Tanner Wray earned his place in the Long Gray Line.

A Classmate

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Benjamin Jepson Webster

NO. 9384 CLASS OF 1932

Died 23 January 1987 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, aged 75 years.

Interment: Air Force Academy Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Benjamin Jepson Webster

BOBBIE WEBSTER HAS a statement, attractively framed, which is brief enough to quote verbatim here.

The United States of America
honors the memory
of Benjamin J. Webster.

This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Ronald Reagan
President of the United States.

Benny was born in New Haven, Connecticut but at the age of three moved, body and soul, to Hawaii. His father, Ernest C. Webster, was a practicing engineer in New Haven when he was appointed the president of the Kamehameha school system. He subsequently became dean of the University of Hawaii where Webster Hall was later named for him.

Benny went through Punahou school and entered West Point in 1928. He stood well in his class, attended all the hops, and swam backstroke on the swimming team. He was an embarrassment plebe year because the big scoreboard at the pool showed the plebe record in his event to be better than the varsity's. He corrected that next year and regularly improved it thereafter. He was captain of the team and won a major A for beating the NCAA champion, head to head, in a dual meet. I remember Benny's reply to a comment I made when we were cadets. I said he must have been terrific at Punahou School.

"No," he said, "Buster Crabbe used to beat me all the time." Just for the record, Buster Crabbe was older than Benny and became Olympic and World Champion in the backstroke.

After graduation Benny went through the Army Air Corps flying schools at Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio; then back to his beloved Hawaii for four years at Wheeler Field. In 1935, Second Lieutenant Ben Webster was at the controls of the army amphibian plane which flew a vulcanologist and a bombing officer on an unprecedented mission. They flew over Mauna Loa volcano which was having "the greatest lava flow of modern times" and threatening Hilo's water supply. The mission was to determine if the flow could be diverted into a new channel blasted out by bombs dropped from the air.

He returned to Kelly Field in 1937 where he met Barbara Ann Adams who was visiting her sister Sally and her husband, Lieutenant Samuel Anderson, USMA 1928. Bobby and Sally were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Adams of Bronxville, New York. After Bobby graduated from Randolph-Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia in June 1938, she went immediately to West Point with Benny for their wedding in the Cadet Chapel.

In the summer of 1940 they returned to West Point where Benny taught in the Physics Department. Pearl Harbor changed everything and Benny went immediately to Stewart Field as director, Flight and Base Operations. Cadets choosing the Army Air Corps started the new flight training course there.

Promotion and responsibilities advanced rapidly.

Benny became chief of staff, then CO of the 8th Fighter Command in England, Normandy, Central Europe and the Rhineland in Germany. He flew 10 combat missions as a fighter pilot.

After V-E Day he returned to West Point where he was a member of the Academic Board, director of Aviation and CO of Stewart Field. This was followed in turn by the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, duty at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii again, the Pentagon in the Air Force Comptroller's office, and as a student at the National War College.

He was "promoted out" of the latter in midterm in 1953 when he was selected as a brigadier general to go to Ankara. For two and a half years Benny was head of the Air Force Group of JAMMAT, the Joint American Military Mission to Turkey. He was efficient and friendly with the Turks who never wanted to see him go. They asked the USAF twice to extend Benny's tour of duty.

From there he went to Willow Run, Michigan, where he was the CG of the 30th Air Division. The Detroit newspapers were ecstatic; "Gen Webster . . . looks like what he is—a career officer, a command pilot and a top administrator. He is completely responsible for defending approximately 24 percent of the nation's population and 22 percent of the heavy industry against enemy attack. If they attack, he'd direct the battle over a five-state area." And they were sad when he left two years later. " . . . the men are moaning out at Willow Run Air Force Base. 'He's one of the finest, a real gentleman . . . believe me, he's the best.' "

Following that, Benny was the Air Force director of Programs in the Pentagon from 1957–60, then served at Ent Air Force Base near Colorado Springs as chief of staff of the Air Defense Command from 1961–64.

In 1964 he was promoted to lieutenant general and was assigned as commander of Allied Air Forces, Southern Europe, the SHAPE command in Naples, Italy.

After 34 years of outstanding service Benny retired from active duty in 1966 as an Air Force lieutenant general. The governor of Hawaii immediately offered, and Benny accepted, the position of adjutant general of the State of Hawaii, a major general's billet.

Again the newspapers were ecstatic. The headline said, "Retired Air Force general loses a star but gains a whole infantry (sic)." In the text it stated " . . . Webster apparently is the most successful Island military man in history. . . . "

For the next seven years, until 1973, Benny commanded the Hawaii National Guard, the bulk of which was infantry and Army-manned Nike Hercules missile defenses, along with an Air Guard of 24 F-102 Fighters.

After that, he and Bobby lived the year around in Colorado Springs. The last few years were tough on Benny. He developed diabetes and lung cancer, and in January of 1987 he joined the Long Gray Line.

He is survived by Bobby, who lives in Air Force Village II in San Antonio. Her address is 5100 John Ryan Boulevard, Apartment 614, San Antonio, Texas 78245. Benny is also survived by son John who is with the National Laboratory at Los Alamos; younger son Tom, a construction engineer with Brown and Root; their wives and children. Benny's two widowed sisters, Winifred Bowman and Marion Lyman, live in Honolulu.

Considering all of the above, the opening passage of this memorial seems to be a very conservative statement.

Ken Zitzman, classmate and close friend.

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Edwin Simpson Hartshorn, Jr.

NO. 9386 CLASS OF 1932

Died 15 January 1987 in Tucson, Arizona, aged 76 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Edwin Simpson Hartshorn, Jr.

WHENEVER A FRIEND thinks of Eddie, he thinks of class; high class. To the end he was a handsome, well built man with the personality and character to match. A senior executive at the major industrial organization where Eddie worked after he retired from the Army, wrote " . . . he was not only one of the few true gentlemen I have ever met, [but] a dear friend as honest and dependable as they come."

But to begin at the beginning.

Eddie was born in Helena, Montana and grew up in a family of tremendous style and humor. His father was a gregarious, witty, popular officer who entered the service from the fashionable 7th Regiment of New York City and rose to the rank of brigadier general. Rumor had it that he had been a bit of a stage door Johnny in his youth before marrying Eddie's mother who came from the famous Carter family of Virginia. She was very much a lady but every bit as lively and funny as her husband.

So Eddie was to the manner born and never had a doubt as to which fork to use or where to seat people at a dinner party. He graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. and in his senior year was the captain of H Company when they won the high school cadet drill competition.

At West Point he was a cadet captain, on the golf team and starred in swimming. In his first intercollegiate varsity swimming meet he beat the captain of the Army team and set a new Academy record. He loved music, had a large library of modern ('32) jazz and was personally attractive to the ladies from Cullum Hall to the Cotton Club.

Upon graduation, he chose the Field Artillery and after service with troops at Monterey and Schofield in Hawaii, went through the Officers Course at Fort Sill. Following that he went to Washington where he was a White House aide.

In 1940 Eddie was CO of a battery of horse drawn FA at Fort Ord and while playing golf at the Presidio, he met Dorothy Mountford, daughter of Colonel Frederick A. Mountford '09. Dottie was a recent college graduate, an art history major. At that point Eddie was transferred to West Point as an instructor in physics.

Classmate Benny Webster, as best man and pilot, flew Eddie and usher Luke Cron '31, to Washington for the wedding. Dottie was given away by her brother-in-law, Bill Ely '33.

Six months later Pearl Harbor scrambled the deck and in quick succession Eddie served in the Pentagon, as an FA battalion CO, an acting division artillery officer, the assistant artillery officer of the Second Army and later of the Eighth Army. He started for a D-Day landing in Normandy with the VII Corps Artillery as an observer but his vehicle was sunk. He was picked up by a British rescue boat and went ashore on D + 1.

A month later he went to the Southwest Pacific—New Guinea, the Philippine Islands and Korea, and remained until the end of 1946. Appropriately enough he then went to the Office of Foreign Military Affairs in the Secretary of Defense's Office, covering Israel, Iran, Iraq and the Mideast, and participated in the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris.

After graduating from the Army War College in 1952, Eddie went to Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe in Paris where he was in charge of the Annual Review for the next three years. From there it was to Fort Sill and command of the 18th Field Artillery Group. He then went through jump school, qualifying as a paratrooper at the age of 46 and took command of the 82nd Airborne Division Artillery.

From 1957–59 he was the MAAG Chief of Cambodia. He not only held down an important job at a critical time but learned to sail (for the first time in his life) on the Mekong River. His final Regular Army active duty service was running the Artillery and Missile School at Fort Sill from 1959–62.

For the next 10 years Eddie worked for LTV Corporation as the Lance Project logistics manager, initially in Dallas, then at Detroit. It was the man in charge of his division who wrote the quotation at the beginning of this article. When Eddie took the final "well done" for that job, he and Dottie selected their retirement home on the lake in the beautiful Traverse City area of upstate Michigan. He now had six boats; from a 15' motorboat and a 19' sailboat to some Hobie cats and a Sunfish. They lived there the year around, active in the Lake Association which included measuring the clarity of the lake. Eddie was one of the most successful Lake Trout fishermen and very generous in sharing his boat and expertise. In the winter they did cross-country skiing.

In 1980 they bought a home in Tucson and began to spend the winters there. He was very happy playing golf with old friends such as Ted Parker '31, who had been captain of the USMA golf team.

Five years later cancer became apparent in Eddie. From the beginning he got the best therapy possible: medical, radiation, operation, but the spread could not be stopped. While his own case was progressing he kept in touch with one of his closest friends, Benny Webster, who was much worse off. After graduation they had been young bachelors together in Hawaii and were teaching in the same department at West Point when each brought his new bride into the Army.

Eddie was cremated and buried at Arlington National Cemetery on a bitterly cold day in January after a record snowstorm. Use of the caisson had to be cancelled and the bugler kept the mouthpiece in his pocket until the last moment to keep it warm. The snowy streets were so dangerous that some Washington residents took taxis to the funeral rather than drive themselves, but counting on the interstate highways being cleared, a group drove down from northern Michigan.

Dottie has her memories and the remaining friends who are part of them. Four months later she went to the 55th reunion of 1932 at West Point for the same reason that she and Eddie had always gone to them. While at USMA she presented an award to the captain of the women's basketball team in memory of her father, Frederick Mountford '09. She and her sister, Helen Ely, wife of W.J. Ely '33, had established this memorial award soon after women were admitted as cadets. She was met there by daughter Ellen, her eldest child, from Dallas, Texas. Ellen's husband, Bryan Dooley, is in computer systems sales. They have three children.

Son Fred and Margaret, with their 3 year old Alexander, live in Tucson where Fred is a computer drafter and a country rock musician on the side.

Her youngest son, Charles B. (Chuck), is the sales manager of a radio station in Champaign, Illinois and has one son, Ian, who delights in visiting Dottie.

Dottie's addresses remain the same; in the winter at 5059 N. Campana Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85718, and in the summer at Box 310, Route 1, Rapid City, Michigan 49676.

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I don't know how many letters of condolence Dottie received when Eddie died, but I saw parts of about 20 from all types of people: officers senior and junior to him, enlisted men, civilians old and young, nephews. They ranged from a four star general, "someone I've always admired," to the young friend who was allowed to use Eddie's Sunfish to sail with the other kids.

A general officer '40 wrote, "I don't know whether you two ever realized how many, thanks to his guidance and example, later got their stars: (nine names were listed here) . . . and probably some I have forgotten."

Eddie and Dottie were a good combination and had more than 45 happy years together, working well as a team. Eddie taught Dottie to fish and sail, and she helped him to appreciate the great cathedrals of France and the work of the Impressionists. He introduced her to Duke Ellington and Stan Kenton, and she made him realize that there was merit in rock 'n roll. As Army brats they both had always loved Sousa.

And thanks again, Dottie, for giving our kids the long playing record, "Heart of the Opera" when we were all together at West Point in 1941.

Ken Zitzman, close friend and classmate

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Robert Beauchamp Miller

NO. 9949 CLASS OF 1934

Died 22 November 1984 in Corpus Christi, Texas, aged 74 years.

Interment: Corpus Christi Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Texas

Robert Beauchamp Miller

ON THANKSGIVING DAY of 1984, Bob Miller ended his lifelong dedication to the precepts that had guided him from well before he joined the Long Gray Line. Bob was one of those people for whom "Duty, Honor, Country" was more than a motto; it was a way of life. As his biography in the 1934 *Howitzer* says, "Bob belongs to that small and unusual category of men who have given more to West Point than they have taken."

Bob was born at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on 10 November 1910, the son of Irene and Robert Lake Miller. Miller Sr was himself a professional soldier who had entered the Army as a private and retired as a colonel, Corps of Engineers. Bob was fond of telling his children that he had attended seventeen schools by the time he had finished high school and, until his retirement in 1964, that he had never spent more time living in any one place than as a cadet.

Bob attended the University of Illinois for one year prior to entering West Point. While at the Academy, Bob served as editor of *Bugle Notes*, played center on the football team for four years (four years in which Army did not lose to Navy), participated in numerous other activities and achieved the rank of cadet lieutenant. He was very proud of the fact that he had broken his nose three times while playing football for Army—once in the Navy game and all three times in games which Army had won!

After graduating 17th in his class, he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, Signal Corps. Pre-war service included attendance at several military and civilian communications schools, duty as a company commander and participation in the famed Louisiana Maneuvers.

In 1937 Bob married Pauline Virginia Ballentine of Marietta, Ohio, known to all as "Billie." Soon thereafter, Bob and Billie were assigned to the Panama Canal Zone, returning to the U.S. in 1941. Bob spent the war years as signal officer for the 90th Division and on the War Department General Staff for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit for distinguished service.

Immediately after the war he was assigned to Occupation Forces-Germany (Berlin) where he helped begin the arduous task of rebuilding the German communications system. An assignment to the Military Assistance Group (JBUSMC) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 1946–49, was the beginning of a keen interest in Latin America which Bob was to follow for the rest of his life.

Returning to the U.S., Bob served a year on the Signal Corps Board at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, attended the Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island, spent one year as PMS&T at Purdue University and three years in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer in the Pentagon.

In 1955, Bob and Billie were assigned to Switzerland where Bob served as Army attache. They returned to Washington in 1958 where Bob assumed duties as I.G. DCS-Logistics. Bob's final assignment was as chief of the Overseas Supply Agency—New Orleans, where he played a key roll in support of the build-up during the Cuban Missile Crisis. While in New Orleans, Bob also earned his master's degree in Latin American affairs from Tulane University and, upon retirement, became assistant professor of Latin American Studies at the University of Corpus Christi (Texas).

Those of us who knew Bob Miller well—as a father, brother and friend—are convinced that he died of a broken heart. His beloved wife Billie had died 50 days earlier, on 3 October 1984. Without the other half of the team that had done so much for so many people for so many years most of the reasons for his struggle against the diseases that plagued him were gone. Bob and Billie are survived by four children and five grandchildren.

In a gesture that was typical of the concern that both of them showed for others, Bob and Billie had each requested that they be cremated and that no memorial or tombstone should be erected.

In the truest and finest sense of the concept, Bob Miller was the definition of "An Officer and a Gentleman." He was indeed a Professional Soldier. His tombstone *has* been erected. It is in our hearts and it reads, "Duty, Honor, Country."

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John James Davis

NO. 10409 CLASS OF 1935

Died 4 July 1978 in Dayton, Ohio, aged 67 years.

Interment: Memorial Park Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio

John James Davis

JOHN JAMES DAVIS was born 16 October 1910 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of John J. Davis, Sr. and Lillian Ann Davis. He

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attended Cleveland public schools and graduated from Shaw High School in East Cleveland. "Jack," as he was usually called, entered the United States Military Academy on 1 July 1931 after receiving an appointment from Representative Charles Mooney of Ohio.

Jack was very active in athletics at the Academy, earning three varsity letters in hockey and two in baseball, in addition to several numerals and minor "A's" in cross-country and track. In addition, even though he was brought up in the big city, he excelled in the three and one-half years of equitation at the Military Academy, which provided a stepping stone for his subsequent assignments, both in the United States (until the Cavalry was greatly reduced in the U.S. Army), as well as in his postwar duty in some of our missions in South America, where polo was a major sport.

Upon graduation, Jack reported to the 14th Cavalry at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. While at Fort Des Moines, the arrival of John James Davis, III resulted in the winning of the 1935 Class Cup. Jack continued in the Cavalry on various assignments for the next seven years, including troop duty and the usual schools.

During World War II, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and served in various staff and troop assignments. Overseas, he joined the IV Corps. During this assignment he often flew on missions over hostile territory. For this service he received two Bronze Star Medals and an Air Medal. After the war, he returned to West Point as chief of the Cavalry Detachment and coach of the polo team, which won the intercollegiate championship.

Later, in 1947, he went to Cochabamba, Bolivia as assistant chief of the U.S. Army Mission. This was the first of his tours in or relating to Latin America. In 1950 he returned to the U.S. for service with the 1st Armored Division as a battalion commander, chief of staff, and combat command commander.

In 1953, he went to Panama as commandant of the U.S. Army Caribbean School in Panama. Jack was promoted to full colonel in 1954. The next assignment was chief of Organization and Training for the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence of the Department of the Army. Here he received an Army Commendation Ribbon and pendant for exceptional meritorious service.

Then, it was back to Latin America as Army attache to the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru. As in his previous tour in Bolivia, his ability as a polo player gave him an opportunity to visit many other Latin American countries, and to receive five more decorations.

Back to the States in 1962, he became chief of staff of the XIII Army Corps, and then retired from the Army at Fort Devens, Massachusetts on 30 January 1964 after 29 years of service.

Returning to Ohio, Jack joined the Ohio State Highway Department in Columbus. After five years there he left to become personnel administrator for Grant Hospital in Columbus, retiring for good in Dayton, Ohio in 1972. Jack and his wife liked to travel, so they took a trip to Southern Europe, then on to the islands of the Caribbean, and on an around-the-world cruise.

At each of the above assignments, Jack worked hard and achieved considerable success. He is remembered as one who always sought the toughest jobs and performed successfully, in spite of many tough obstacles.

Turning to another aspect, Jack was not just successful in his vast assignments; he also had an outgoing personality, a quick wit, and was the life of every party. He always had many friends.

Jack passed away on 4 July 1978 in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Retta, son John and stepson Donald. He is greatly missed by his family and many friends.

R.M.D.

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Clement Wirt Crockett

NO. 10516 CLASS OF 1936

Died 19 February 1981 in Palo Alto, California, aged 66 years.

Cremated: Ashes scattered over Pacific Ocean

Clement Wirt Crockett

WIRT, AS HE was called by his friends, came from a very interesting Army family. His father came from Crockett country in Bristol, Tennessee—or Virginia. Wirt's grandfather abandoned his wife and two sons and went west. As a deputy sheriff in Tombstone, Arizona, he stopped an outlaw's bullet which finished him. One of the two brothers, Cary I. Crockett, became an adventurer. He worked on merchant ships, got into a ship mutiny which landed him in jail in Hong Kong, and eventually arrived in the Philippines where he joined the U.S. Constabulary during the Philippine insurrection. When his mother, Wirt's grandmother, got word that Cary was dying of a bolo wound, Wirt's father, Eugene, set off for the Philippine Islands to bring his brother's body home. When he arrived, however, his brother was fully recovered and again active in the Constabulary, so Eugene joined the Constabulary also. Not to be left behind, Wirt's grandmother sailed around the horn, across the Pacific to Manila. She settled there and was one of the founders of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Mary and St. Paul in Manila. Wirt's mother had an older brother, Colonel John Nance, a U.S. Military Academy graduate. While he was in the Philippines on Mindanao (with General Pershing) she visited her brother and his family. It was on an Army transport, returning to the States, that she met Wirt's father who was on leave. Later she returned to the Philippines where they were married. They lived in the Philippines until the United States entered World War I, at which time Wirt's father was commissioned in the U.S. Army.

Wirt was born 9 August 1914, in Manila and spent his first couple of years with his parents in Iloilo, Panay. His father died in 1919 after which he and his mother moved to San Francisco. Wirt lived there until he entered the U.S. Military Academy by a Presidential appointment. Wirt and I were married in August 1936. Wirt had asked for an assignment to the Philippines. The first orders were to the Presidio of Monterey where we remained until February 1937. He was in the Field Artillery there and spent much of his time on Gigling Reservation (now Fort Ord) at target practice with 75 millimeter guns. He was reassigned to the Philippines in early 1937. In the Philippines Wirt was with the 24th (I think) Field Artillery. That was the pack artillery battery which used mules to carry all gear, weapons, supplies, etc., at Fort Stotsenburg. As a matter of fact, the old Field Artillery song "Over hill, over dale . . . " was written by an officer who had been with that pack battery some years earlier. After three years in the Philippines (during which our daughter, Patricia, was born in Manila), Wirt was ordered to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill. From there he went to Camp Leonard Wood, a dusty, tent camp with dirt roads and no amenities. From there he went to Camp Atterbury near Indianapolis, Little Rock's Camp Robinson, and finally Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where he was a bat-

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talion commander with the 92nd Division and promoted to lieutenant colonel. Wirt remained with the 92nd when it went to Italy—somewhere in the vicinity of Livorno. While he was at the port of embarkation, he phoned home to say "goodbye" to the family and learned that his son, Richard, had been born the day before.

While in Italy, Wirt suffered his first grand mal epileptic seizure. Since there had been no previous history of the disease in the family, doctors theorized that the nearby explosions during enemy bombardment had in some way traumatized the brain, causing the seizures. So, he was ordered to a hospital in the U.S. soon after V.E. day. Before he left Italy, the division commander, General Almond, held a dinner for Wirt at which he complimented him on his excellent combat record and said Wirt would be awarded the Legion of Merit medal. That medal never came. After several months of hospitalization, Wirt was retired with 100% disability in 1946. That was a great blow to Wirt, who, like others in his family, loved the military life.

In 1946 he went to work for the Corning Glass Works, New York. He held various positions there and finally became a sales engineer, working with the use of glass for electronic applications. Those were the early days of television and he enjoyed being in the development of the new medium. Anchor Hocking Glass in Ohio asked him to set up a similar operation for that company to which he migrated, and after a couple of years there he moved back to San Francisco, his hometown, where the first of several strokes ended his working career in 1961.

Life really changed then, and for another twenty years he continued to live, sometimes better, sometimes worse, but declining in health. He died at the Veterans Hospital in Palo Alto, California, on 19 February 1981.

Ethel Crockett Aldridge

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Charles Lee Simpson

NO. 10673 CLASS OF 1936

Died 26 December 1986 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, aged 73 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CHARLES LEE SIMPSON was born in Washington, D.C. on 21 August 1913 to Bethel Wood Simpson (WP 1911) and May Byrne Simpson. He attended grammar school in Rock Island, Illinois and high school in Watertown, Massachusetts, where he gained his great love of literature.

Charles was appointed to the Academy at large. He was the third generation to graduate from West Point and was

Charles Lee Simpson

always very proud of this tradition. He was in L Company.

Upon graduation Charles went to Underhill Center, Vermont. He returned to the Military Academy in charge of the Ordnance Museum.

He attended the Ordnance School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1939–40, taking courses I and II. In July of 1942 he attended the Command and General Staff College. In 1952–53 he took the Armed Forces Special Weapons Project Course. In 1962 he took the Logistics Management Course and in 1963 the Top Management Seminar.

He was appointed colonel 10 December 1954.

He received the American Defense Service Medal, Asia Pacific Campaign Medal with Battle Star, American Theater Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Independence Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Upon retirement, Charles attended Florida State College and taught high school math for several years in Pasadena.

Charles had been seriously ill for several years. His wonderful sense of humor and his indomitable courage kept him going. He continued his love of good literature and love of his home and garden.

He is survived by his widow, Patricia; two sons, Bernard Jerome of Virginia and James Lee of California; 3 stepchildren and two grandchildren.

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Leonard Clement Godfray

NO. 10692 CLASS OF 1936

Killed in action, 6 June 1944, Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, aged 31 years.

Buried at sea

ALTHOUGH BORN IN Massachusetts, Len and his family moved to Providence, Rhode Island where he spent his early youth. On graduation from high school, he attended Brown University for a year. While at Brown he received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy from the Army National Guard of Rhode Island.

Entering the Military Academy July 1932, he soon became active in the sports he liked. As an ardent and able ice hockey player, he played on the "H" Company intramural team for three years; had it not been for an injured shoulder, he would probably have made the intercollegiate hockey squad. Besides this, he was on the track team for four years.

Classmates who knew him well describe him as pleasant, spoony, and obliging. Above all, he was conscientious in meeting his responsibilities, and a diligent worker. Although, like most of his classmates, he did not graduate without demerits, he did finish four years without once running late.

Leonard Clement Godfray

He was graduated in June 1936, and at the same time received a commission as a second lieutenant of Infantry in the U.S. Army. The summer following graduation he married Marian Drabble of Providence, who became a fine wife to him and a great help to him in the Army. Starting in September 1936, there was a succession of assignments, compatible with the usual career pattern for a West Point graduate. His first assignment was to Fort Hayes, Ohio (September 1936-June 1938); then to the 33rd Infantry Regiment, Fort Clayton, Canal Zone (June 1938-July 1940); and to the 26th Infantry Regiment, Fort Devens, Massachusetts (July 1940-summer 1942). In these assignments he performed company officer duties and often those of battalion adjutant. Clearly, his preparation for future combat duty was solid.

In the summer of 1942, he went overseas with the 26th Infantry and partici-

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pated in the Allied invasion of North Africa, and subsequently in the invasion of Sicily. On completion, he became S-4, 16th Infantry and landed with the 16th Infantry on Omaha Beach in the D-day invasion of Normandy. Both regiments cited were organic to the 1st Infantry Division. It appears appropriate to state that Len was one of four members of the Class of 1936 who landed on Omaha Beach, D-day, and at this writing in 1987, there is one survivor.

Len's outstanding performance of duty in the Omaha Beach landing is perhaps best described by two non-commissioned officers who served with him in the landing. Extracts from a letter written by them to his father in 1950 describe also the circumstances of his death:

"We both knew your son very well, having been assigned in the same company and having worked under him for nearly six months. Major Godfray was assigned as regimental supply officer shortly after the completion of the campaign in Sicily and remained assigned in that duty until he met his death.

"He was killed instantly on the morning of June 6, 1944, about thirty minutes after he landed on the beach. At that time he was about two hundred yards inland and near the present site of the 1st Division monument there. Your son was a superior officer, well-liked by all who served under him, and claimed a host of friends. He died courageously, as a leader, and his death was felt throughout the regiment. On the 1st Division monument on Omaha Beach, your son's name is inscribed among those of the division who died there on June 6, 1944. . . . " He was decorated with the Silver Star for bravery in this action, and awarded the Purple Heart.

At this time, July 1987, Len is survived by his widow, Marian of Warwick, Rhode Island; a son, Thomas, of Rumford, Rhode Island; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Parker of Birmingham, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. Robert Crowther of Berwick, Maine; and five grandchildren. He would be very proud that Marian was present at his 50th class reunion at West Point in May 1986.

He loved his family and friends and they loved him. He also loved the Military Academy and the Army way of life, and lived by the ideals he learned from his parents and the Military Academy. He demonstrated at Omaha Beach especially, a high degree of courage and outstanding leadership. This high example is his legacy to his family, friends, and West Point classmates. His name is rightfully inscribed on the famous 1st Division monument on Omaha Beach. Finally, it seems appropriate to state that this obituary has been prepared forty-two years since his death on the battlefield.

P.S.G.

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Jack Edward Caldwell

NO. 10915 CLASS OF 1937

Killed in action 12 April 1944, air mission over Dunkirk, France, aged 31 years.

Interment: Remains never recovered

Jack Edward Caldwell

"BLACK JACK" WAS the fifth of our class to die in combat—one of the few to fight in both the Pacific and Europe.

Jack was born to Martha Frances and James Roy Caldwell. The Caldwell clan had come west from Tennessee to Arkansas in the early 1800's, "Old Hickory" stock for sure. Jack's parents were born in Wild Cherry, a hamlet of 1,000 in northern Arkansas. Later they lived in Calico Rock on the edge of the Ozark National Forest.

After a brief stay in California, where Jack was born on 20 February 1913, the Caldwells returned to Arkansas, to Searcy, a town of 12,000, fifty miles northeast of Little Rock. It was here that our legendary "Black Jack" grew up and acquired the values that saw him through dark days on Bataan and other trials with courage and strength.

Jack never revealed to his classmates the fact he had made the Dean's list as a distinguished student at Oklahoma A&M during his two and a half years there before entering West Point.

As a cadet Jack made corporal as a yearling, and was a pistol marksman. Here is how his entry in the 1937 *HOWITZER* reads: Has a good sense of humor . . . strength of his convictions . . . a power of description that is startling . . . a good listener. Deeply concerned about finding his own religion and philosophy . . . an enthusiast of golf and of hunting—capable of good performances at both. A healthy sneer—a sparkling eye—as a cynic, a deadly critic—as a weekender, a clowning wonder."

The cadet years were not easy for this mature young man who was ready to spread his wings and fly even before he entered the Academy. Second class year the "Tac" took an enormous dislike to "Black Jack" and his roommate. They spent most Wednesday and Saturday afternoons "walking the area," and were nearly "found" on demerits.

It was a worrisome year for these two, but they had faith that Lieutenant Colonel Omar Bradley, who headed the Batt Board, would insure justice. They believed deeply that the bulk of their demerits were unwarranted. General of the Army Omar Bradley was the role model for many of us back then, and remained so throughout our careers.

Jack was brokenhearted when he failed his Air Corps physical which he took the day following a glorious New York weekend at the Hotel Astor. His dream of becoming a pilot had buoyed him during many gray months, and he wanted none other. He persistently pestered the medics until they re-examined him a month later and found him fit. Joy in Company "C," USCC!! "Black Jack" would have a chance at Randolph Field and wings!! 12 June lay just ahead—graduation, and freedom, and the chance to FLY!!

After an exciting year and a half at Randolph and Kelly Fields, Second Lieutenant Caldwell won his precious wings. His dream had come true.

In February 1939 Jack and classmates Bill Horrigan and Dick Fellows and his bride Betty boarded an Army transport for a leisurely month's cruise to the Philippines. "Black Jack" was assigned to Nichols Field near Manila, and became CO of the 2d Observation Squadron.

There followed a carefree life of flying, parties, golf, more parties, and always more flying—and lovely young women. War clouds were billowing up and would soon be overhead. But the troops were to have a little time yet to enjoy those good old days before WWII broke over them with its terrible fury.

Jack had not met the woman of his life in his hometown of Searcy, nor at West Point, nor among the beauties of San Antonio. Now at last he found her in the Philippines. The courtship moved along briskly. Soon the base commanding officer gave a big engagement party and "Black Jack" gave his beloved a miniature.

This was to be the ultimate trial and the ultimate tragedy for Jack. The couple left the party after Jack had placed the ring on his fiancee's finger. He returned to the party not long afterward, heartbroken, miniature in hand. Her parents had refused approval of the match, and she had accepted their will. We know nothing of another love in the life of this young officer in his final few years.

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Late in 1940 came good news. Jack and the Fellows were to depart for the states on 17 February 1941, aboard the Army transport *Etolin*. However, three days before the boat sailed their orders were cancelled and their tours were extended—with no prior warning. Thus Jack and Dick became the first "reinforcements" of the Air Corps' Philippine build-up. Betty Fellows and six-month old Dick Jr. (USMA 1962) became the first Air Corps "evacuees."

There was bitterness at this abrupt change of orders, but there was a job to do—developments came thick and fast.

Jack was transferred to Clark Field 40 miles from Manila. When WWII started he was deputy to the base commanding officer, Mo Daly (USMA 1927), assistant football coach at West Point from 1929 to 1940. Mo and Jack maintained the operations of the base under constant air attack until ordered to Bataan on 24 December 1941.

Then it became their painful responsibility to destroy Clark Field and leave nothing of value for the advancing enemy, before withdrawing their people to Bataan.

On Bataan, "Black Jack," Horace Greeley and Fellows made up the Army Air Corps contingent. Jack enjoyed leading the trio in many a bull session in the Bataan jungle at night between a handful of rice, and restless sleep, and the next day's Jap bombing and artillery fire.

Horace survived fierce fighting on the beaches of Bataan, and also the infamous Bataan Death March. He remained a POW until his death in Japan on 31 January 1945.

These were grim days for all. Jack, always the lean type, suffered particularly from the starvation diet and all the rampant jungle diseases—beriberi, dysentery, dengue fever, and malaria. After four months he was little more than a skeleton but somehow continued to do his duty.

From his notes Dick Fellows reports that Jack made an evacuation and supply flight to Mindanao on 31 March departing at 0200. "He flew out with three of our friends and returned with a load of medicines, food stuffs and perhaps a few boxes of chocolates for our nurses."

He flew a Navy J2F4 amphibian, better known as the "duck." This particular "duck" had been sunk by the Japanese, and had been recovered after some months under salt water. It could fly at about 95 knots with a small load. This evac and supply flight was a typical mission of the "Bamboo Fleet" which was made up of three worn, ramshackle light civilian planes and the "duck." This incredible supply and evacuation service was continued until the last possible moment. On 8 April Dick flew Jack and two passengers from Bataan to Cebu. Jack and Dick planned to alternate flying the Waco on a nightly schedule in and out of Bataan. This was not to be, for on that very day, 8 April, Bataan fell.

On 9 April Jack and Dick were on Cebu, 400 miles south of Manila and Bataan. There "with tearful eyes" they listened as Radio Philippines, Corregidor, reported: "BATAAN HAS FALLEN, BUT THE SPIRIT THAT MADE IT STAND—A BEACON TO ALL LIBERTY LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, CANNOT FAIL."

Cebu was invaded the following day. Dick and Jack took off over the Jap invasion fleet for Mindanao Island still farther south and continued to ferry people and supplies. By comparison this was a vacation after the terrible days of Bataan. However Dick reports: "The prime question before us in our evening conversations was whether we would or would not 'take to the hills' when the inevitable surrender occurred. Fortunately we did not have to make that decision. On 23 April an LB-30 (B-24 transport version) carried Jack and forty other lucky souls to Australia."

There's just a bit more in Dick's notes: "Our Battle of Melbourne began on Saturday, 25 April, Anzac Day 1942. It was apparently too much for me; I broke into the hospital on the 29th and didn't get out until I was Stateside five months later. 'Black Jack,' despite his apparent frailty, left for the US on 1 May. I never saw him again."

Jack got home to Searcy shortly after his return from Australia. The *Searcy Citizen* issue of 1 June reported in part as follows: "One of the first Arkansas heroes to arrive home from the front is Captain Jack Caldwell, Searcy, who knows plenty about the valiant struggle the men of Bataan made on that famed peninsula and later at Corregidor."

The *Army Navy Journal* reported the award of the DFC to Jack in its 8 September 1942 issue as follows: " . . . for exemplary achievements in the closing stages of the Philippine campaign, in evacuating personnel and valuable records from the islands and for delivery of sorely needed supplies and medicines."

As soon as Jack recovered from malaria and other ills, he volunteered for combat against the Nazis, and was transferred to England. There he quickly grew tired of headquarters duty and succeeded in getting command of a medium bomber group.

Classmate "Doc" Leist reached him by phone at Chipping Ongar north of London early in April 1944. "Black Jack" was in command of the 387th Bomb Group. He had just received a medal for perfecting a low level bombing technique against targets on the continent.

A few days later "Doc" arrived at Chipping Ongar to renew an old friendship interrupted in 1941. When "Doc" asked to see Colonel Caldwell, the commander, the ground adjutant gave the chilling response that they had never heard of him. He found out later that Jack had been shot down over Dunkirk on 12 April 1944, leading his bomb group in typical "Black Jack" style.

We, his surviving classmates, still miss and think about our "Black Jack" now more than 40 years after he left us. What would he have done had he survived that bombing mission against the V-2 launching sites at Dunkirk? We hope he would have married and produced a son or daughter or two for the "long gray line."

Would he have earned a star, or more? Some of us think he would have coped with high command and staff challenges as deftly and imperturbably as he met the demands of combat. We know that he would have remained the straight arrow he had been unto death, choosing always to do "the harder right instead of the easier wrong."

Jack is survived by his brother Bernard, in California, and his sister, Mrs. Ruth Rogers, in their hometown of Searcy, Arkansas.

Classmates

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Arnold Svere Torgerson

NO. 12392 CLASS OF 1941

Died 17 January 1978 in Overland, Missouri, aged 61 years.

Interment: Mount Lebanon Cemetery and Mausoleum, St. Ann, Missouri

Arnold Svere Torgerson

TORG WAS SPECIAL, and you soon realized how direct, friendly, uncomplicated and very sharp he was, without a trace of pretense. Not only was he a determined worker and born leader, but his easy grace and gentle firmness won the respect of us all. I had the good fortune to room with him our last three years at the

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Point, and could never have made it past calculus without his patient help. Aside from being an exemplary cadet in appearance and behavior, he had a mind every bit as sharp as his manner. You could easily understand how he had literally bootstrapped himself into the Academy from the Civilian Conservation Corps.

His parents, Albert and Sophie Torgerson, had come to Duluth from Norway a few years before his birth on 14 April 1916. A skilled carpenter, his father also farmed a few acres to keep this growing family thriving. In high school Torg was an A student and already wanted to fly, but further education seemed "just a remote dream," as he told me many years later, and the family needed all the help it could get in those Depression days. By joining the CCC, he found at least a temporary livelihood and was soon able to send money home. But he also spotted his Big Chance, the fact that a sharp and eager G.I. might just be able to get to West Point via the khaki path through Army prep schools. And Fort Snelling was close to home.

Thus, on a July morning in 1937, Arnold Torgerson showed up bright and early for Beast Barracks, bootstrap burns still on his hands, and ready to press on.

Being in different companies, we did not meet until plebe academics brought us together alphabetically in those earliest class sections, before their arrangement was by grades. Once that happened, it was strictly a Loch Lomond journey and our two academic paths never crossed again until first class year, when Torg somehow stumbled in some minor subject and found himself briefly in Goatland. My roommate of three years did not smile when I asked, "Dr. Torgerson, I presume?"

By plebe Christmas, C Company had lost more than its share of foundlings, and I was part of a body transfusion from B Company. Torg and I began rooming together as yearlings. Although he was a natural athlete and could have excelled at any sport, his first love was skiing. Since USMA had no ski team, he spent most of his spare time organizing a ski club, even helping clear a wooded slope near North Gate. He later became ski club president, and his unceasing efforts eventually helped bring USMA into intercollegiate ski competition late in 1941.

By the time our class had dragged itself back from Furlo to begin cow year, Adolph Hitler had slashed his way through Poland, and each of us knew we faced some really dirty work ahead. But Torg had developed a much more immediate problem: stomach pains that would not go away. By Christmas he knew he had to face the medics for help. Stomach ulcers were relatively rare in those days and they were taken very seriously; recovery was only a sometime thing. Torg spent much of that spring at Walter Reed, somehow keeping up with his academics by mail. He simply would not quit; someone would have to stop him.

Major Bob Harper was one of USMA's few Air Corps officers, and C Company was blessed to have him as our Tac. He, in turn, had the distinct impression that Torg could walk on water, and in some way must have persuaded a few others of this. There is no better testimonial for Torg than the fact that, although still a second classman, he was allowed by USMA to continue as a cadet through graduation, even though existing law barred any commission for him. Perhaps there was some hope for a waiver, but Torg never let the great disappointment slow him down.

Meanwhile, he had met the girl he would be with for the rest of his life, Edith Shore. They dated steadily through first class year, trying to plan for an uncertain future. He had carefully walked the medical tightrope and had been without symptoms for months; indeed he had never been in better shape. But as academics drew to an end, the last hope for gold bars and silver wings vanished when the final word came from Washington: no waiver.

Once again Bob Harper came up with a real class act. He was from Seattle and he had an idea. Just before June Week he lined up an Army plane and flew Torg west for an interview at the Boeing Airplane Company. Many years later, General Harper told me the interview had lasted all of ten minutes, and Boeing had their man; I wondered why it took that long. After living on an uncertain hook for more than a year, Torg came back to June Week and Graduation, grinning through the tears.

While the rest of us were scattering for one last summer of leave before the Japs hit the fan, Torg packed up and headed west immediately. After spending a few days with his parents and brothers in Duluth, it was on to Seattle where he would be working on the B-17's many of us would soon be flying. In a few months he was settled enough for Edith to join him, and they were married on 20 December, less than two weeks after Pearl Harbor.

I saw Torg only once during the war years: in late 1942 I had a round-robin TDY that took me by Seattle, where he and Edith were expecting another Torgerson in a couple of months—Frances would be the first of four. Torg had something special to show me in a guarded Boeing hangar: the first B-29, not yet ready to fly. Assigned to Aircraft Design, he would later work on the B-29's cargo twin, the C-97, which eventually grew into the first high-altitude pressurized airliner, the Boeing Stratocruiser.

We all know of Boeing's mushroom growth during the rest of WWII, and Torg grew with it as a design engineer. With his career going gangbusters, he really jolted me early in 1946 when he wrote that he was leaving Boeing. Incredibly, he was moving to St. Louis to join a small aircraft company run by some guy named McDonnell. Had he lost his mind?

But Torg was not given to making career blunders. James McDonnell, who had left Martin and was to become a giant of the aircraft industry, knew talent when he saw it, and he had seen it during a "Seattle sortie" for aircraft engineers. Without even losing step, Torg signed on as a systems design engineer, and marched with MAC for the rest of his life.

McDonnell Aircraft Company's early specialty was in naval fighters, but their scope steadily expanded into Air Force and space programs. Torg and Edith were continuing with expansions of their own: Cindy arrived in 1948 and was followed by Gerald and Sue at well-programmed four-year intervals. Was the systems design engineer taking his work home with him?

His projects spanned a whole spectrum of aircraft and spacecraft. Gerald remembers him working on the Voodoo, better known to us as the F-101, and also on the F-4 Phantom which has now flown nearly three decades for the Navy and the Air Force. A contemporary MAC engineer, Jack Plamp, was awed by Torg's ability as project engineer for the F3H Demon during icing tests in 1958 at the summit of Mt. Washington in New Hampshire: "The logistics required for moving the F3H fuselage, J-51 engine and associated equipment were monumental, as the January weather's cooperation was not evident, and the mile-high destination for the equipment seemed insurmountable. Torg planned, supervised, and guided this hardware movement in his typical determined manner and, to the amazement of everyone, accomplished the task in record time." And later, with Torg now manager of the Products Assurance Division, Plamp remembers " . . . the door to his office was always open to anyone with a problem, and the advice he offered was in a straightforward manner, never with side issues that could cloud your decision-making. Torg was well liked by all who knew and worked with him. He was very fair and honest in his assessment of subordinates, and was never known to discuss others in a discrediting manner."

When McDonnell expanded further into the Space Age with its Astronautics Division, Torg moved up to level of director of Product Assurance. Neal Covinsky recalls, "My personal contact with Torg was during the Mercury and Gemini days when together we formulated and implemented the quality assurance

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and reliability procedures that assured the success of our country's first venture into manned space flight." His later work involved both Skylab and the Space Shuttle, and eventually he contributed to the guidance systems of the Harpoon and Cruise missiles.

His USMA roots were always important to Torg, and he was very active in the West Point Society of St. Louis. Nearing the end of three decades with McDonnell, he was looking forward to retirement after many years of hard work for the visionary who had hired him. In 1971 he wrote, "I've been thinking that when I retire from MDC I'd like to get into some aspect of improving our environment, air, water, wildlife, etc. There is an almost unlimited number of areas to work in, and I don't have anything specific in mind yet. It will be a real challenge for all the brains we have to reverse the tide, and I've always, not just recently, loved to see things grow, to breathe *fresh* air, to see wildlife abound; and it has always sickened me to watch man destroy and desecrate our resources. In other words I have the motivation; finding solutions is a matter of effort. I'm going to be thinking about it during the next few years."

A few years later it was 1978 and he was winding down at McDonnell on a reduced schedule with the F-18 program. As Gerald put it, he and Edith were "four months before retiring to frostproof Florida." On 17 January he really did not need to go to work, for the brutal snowstorm which had brought a wind chill factor of -57 degrees would probably keep half the work force at home anyway. But not Torg. As he eased out of the driveway a wheel slipped off the concrete and became stuck in the soft snow. With his usual persistence he managed to free the car and was about to spread a bucket of sand for traction when a massive coronary hit him, pushing away forever the warm retirement he and Edith had earned so well.

It had been a long and splendid journey from the khaki bootstraps in the CCC, and never along the way had Torg forgotten that the first of the three big words is Duty. To those of us who knew and loved him, it simply meant that he would never quit, he could only be stopped.

H.W.T.

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George Robert Rew

NO. 13015 CLASS OF 1942

Died 11 August 1979 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, aged 59 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

George Robert Rew

BOB WAS BORN in Sioux City, Iowa, 20 June 1920 where he attended Central High School, graduating in 1937. Being the son of an infantry officer, it was only natural that Bob had his sights set on West Point. He was appointed to the Academy by Representative Vincent Harrington from the 9th District of Iowa. The Rews moved to New Orleans about the time Bob entered West Point.

Although a carefree, fun-loving guy, Bob enjoyed the regimented life of a cadet. He was very relaxed in his approach to academics—his attitude was "who is ever going to have to lead molecules and electrons into battle?" Writing poetry or letters or reading a good book was more to his fancy. He was an excellent swimmer as evidenced by his being a member of the swimming team all four years.

After graduation Bob (by this time we called him George) entered the Army Air Corps and by November 1944 had arrived in the European Theater. The following appeared in a New Orleans newspaper about that time: "The Axis will rue the day that a certain father and son partnership was formed, according to dispatches from an Army Air Force base in England. Captain George Rew is a member of a P-47 Thunderbolt group now providing fighter protection for the heavy bombers which are hitting at German production centers.

"His father, Lieutenant Colonel H.B. Rew, is fighting with the infantry in Italy. . . . The plane Captain Rew flies has been named the 'Scarlet Kate.' "

George summarized his first ten years after graduation with these words: "Following graduation went through the required number of schools and departed for ETO in November 1944 as a captain. In the following fifteen months got two promotions, two DFC's, 14 AM's, and several splendid aerial views of Western Europe. Returning to the States went through the short course at Leavenworth, then to Virginia. In February 1946 went to Columbia for six pleasant months training Columbians in F-47's for which I received honorary wings from that country. In September 1946 to the War Department General Staff in the Pentagon, thence to the Air Staff. Left in November 1949 for six-month stint at the Army Language School in California and from there to here—Stockholm—as Assistant Air Attache. I have as yet no wife or prospects but haven't given up."

Ten years later, at which time he was a colonel, George wrote: "On my return from Sweden in 1953 I joined the Air Defense Command and have been assigned in succession to McGuire, Suffolk County, Newburgh, Charleston, and now the Pentagon, AGAIN. Working in the Air Force Command Post. I received the Air Force Commendation Medal for the Charleston tour and I, Doyen of the GDO's, have applied for the Crossed Crying Towels for the present assignment. I still don't have a wife of my own, due probably to the immense amount of time I spend on my malacological research."

Prior to our 30th Reunion, after retiring in 1964, George wrote from Christiansted, St. Croix, in the Virgin Islands: "Sunny climes and cloudless skies where every aspect pleases and very few are wise. I'm hard at work on various projects. The Smithsonian wants me to donate more local fossils of the Cretaceous era for its paleontology collection, and thanked me for my contribution to a little understood culture emanating from Micronesia. My own local collection of pre-Columbian pottery leaves something to be desired as does my ability in gin rummy. With my laissez faire approach to life I hope to maintain the same serenity and serendipity which I have found. Plans for the future are modest. I am at the present president of two organizations, VP of another, and trying desperately to get out of all three. I keep telling everybody that I am retired, but nobody listens."

George is survived by a brother, Dr. John Rew of Tampa, Florida, and a sister, Betty Spangenberg of New Orleans, Louisiana.

JFD, a classmate

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John Edward Roberts

NO. 13322 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Missing in action, 1 July 1953, over Korea, aged 35; declared dead 2 July 1954.

Memorialized, Court of Honor, National Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii

JOHN WAS THE eldest of four children. He was the ringleader of his siblings, occasionally getting them all in trouble during their happy childhood. All four were to serve in World War II: Ned was in the Merchant Marines; George, a doc-

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John Edward Roberts

tor in the Navy; and Mary Margaret, a captain in the WAC.

It was while attending Lake Forest College that John became interested in the Academy, hoping it would lead him to the Air Corps.

During his years at the Academy, numerals in baseball and football, with a winter of plebe hockey, were followed by three years of football with two awards of the Major "A." Although an air cadet, winning his wings before graduation, his innate leadership was rewarded by the stripes of a captain.

Graduation was followed by further pilot training, service as an instructor in Oklahoma, and finally the war in Europe, where he won the Air Medal, and Purple Heart for his wounds with the 96th Bomb Group flying out of England. He used to tell about one mission when he took a duck through the front windshield on takeoff. It stunned him momentarily, but they continued in formation to the target. However, the extreme cold had frozen his face and some of the crew members, so they dropped to the deck for return, taking a lot of flak.

After the War, John stayed in Europe with what was to become USAFE in Wiesbaden where he was joined by Kitty and son Johnnie, who had been born in the fall of 1943. Kitty was, of course, Kathryn Frances Noonan of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, his long-time OAO. They had been married the day after graduation. In 1948 the family returned to the Washington area where John moved into personnel and organizational work with the Air Staff. By then they had been joined by son Bill, born in Germany.

But the Korean War had arrived. After attending the Air Command & Staff School, John wound up flying B-26's in Korea. Late on the day before the cease-fire was to take effect, John was sent out on one last radar reconnaissance mission. He did not return. By the time his outfit had concluded that he was, in fact, missing, it was too late to send out a search plane because that would have violated the terms of the cease-fire almost as it began. That final flight was one of those very important missions to establish exactly where the lines were and exactly what equipment was located on enemy territory. They set a base point for establishing North Korean violations of the truce and were vital to the subsequent talks.

So perished a fine soldier and airman, victim of one of the first of our continued clashes with expansionist Communism. We are still talking with the enemy of 1953, but the data found by John and others has long since been disregarded by our opponents in creating one of the world's largest armies and modern air arms. We all need to remember that our position in Korea was dearly bought by men like John Roberts.

He is survived by Kitty and their two sons, John E. Roberts, II and Bill. John, who is a lawyer in Allentown, Pennsylvania has three children: John E. Roberts, III, Kate and Andrew. Bill is a senior computer operator with Chrysler First in Allentown, Pennsylvania. While John's plane was never found, his name is inscribed on the marble panels of the Court of Honor in Honolulu, at the National Cemetery there. May the soul of this valiant airman rest in peace.

—his classmates

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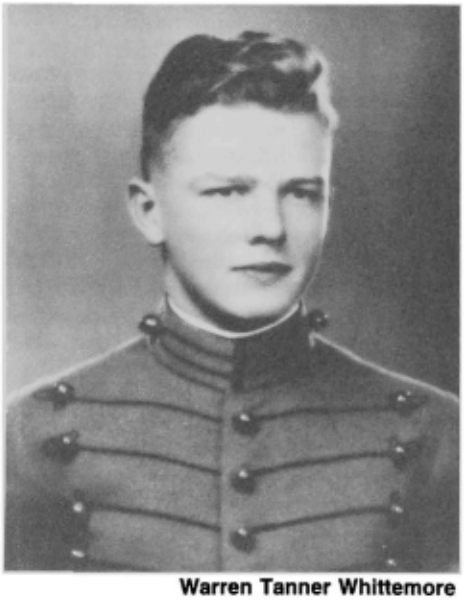
Warren Tanner Whittemore

NO. 13659 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 23 November 1986 in Reno, Nevada, aged 66 years.

Interment: Our Mother of Sorrows Cemetery, Reno, Nevada



Warren Tanner Whittemore

WARREN TANNER WHITTEMORE was born in Olean, New York on 14 August 1920, the son of Van C. Whittemore, director of the State Agricultural Institute of Technology and veteran of World War I, and Bessie G. Whittemore, former teacher.

Warren attended school in Canton, New York and was graduated valedictorian; he was active in athletics, Boy Scouts, 4H Club, public speaking. It was in his senior year that he first talked seriously of West Point. That summer his parents took him to see what it was like. He sent for a catalogue but would have to wait a year. In the meantime he attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy.

The spring of 1939 Warren passed his mental and physical exams, receiving his appointment to West Point. He entered the academy on 1 July 1939 well prepared in academics. Consequently he found time to win his numerals in wrestling and play lacrosse. Other interests were the debating society, the *Pointer*, Hundredth Night Show, Camp Illumination Committee.

At the end of his plebe year in a letter home he wrote, "The dream of all, First Classmen Recognition for the poor tormented plebe—recognition is the acknowledgement of being able to take it and is the greatest thrill one can experience."

He was enthusiastic about the Army and being a good pilot, so at graduation when he received his wings and commission from General Arnold it was the ultimate. He was assigned in successive stages to five air training bases stateside, receiving promotion to first lieutenant in December 1943. Overseas he was first stationed in Ireland, then in England flying B-24 Liberator bombers.

The family received a note written on D-Day saying he had just completed five missions over occupied territory. The next word was from the War Department stating he had been shot down 23 June 1944 and missing in action. Three months later he was located in Stalag Luft 3 POW Camp, Germany.

While Warren was a prisoner, Mr. Whittemore was informed his son had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, indicting an additional award of the air medal. Since they could not be formally awarded to Warren at that time, the decorations were presented to his father. The family was present.

After more than a year he was liberated by our men. His experiences were many, varied and painful. Home again. In 1946 he taught at MIT; in 1947–48 at Harvard. Late 1948 he resigned as a captain. Later Warren went to California where he met and married Diane DeLaire from Denver, Colorado.

Warren became press representative at MGM Studios for the premier showing and long Hollywood run of the award

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winning film "Ben Hur" and others. In 1968 Warren left the studios for engineering, and in 1971 he was sent to Portland where he eventually became business agent for the operating engineers of Oregon until his retirement 1 January 1986. Also, the final two years before his retirement he served on the city council of Portland.

Warren moved to Nevada in May 1986. He was taken ill in September and left us in November.

Warren was a generous, kind and loving husband and well liked by his many friends and business associates.

I would like to end with one tribute sent to his associate by Louis Livingston, attorney for Providing Hospital, Portland. "Dear Dennis: I have just read the sad news about Warren's death. As you know, I valued Warren's friendship highly. Despite the fact that we sat on different sides of the negotiation table, I always found him to be a man of great integrity and extraordinary good humor. In other words, the very best qualities. It was a loss to all when he retired and a much deeper loss now that he is gone."

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Samuel Preston Davis, III

NO. 15799 CLASS OF 1946

Died 18 March 1986 in Little Rock, Arkansas, aged 62 years.

Interment: Oakland Cemetery, Little Rock, Arkansas

Samuel Preston Davis, III

THROUGHOUT HIS ENTIRE life, Pres lived as is stated in the '46 *Howitzer*, "a true son of Arkansas." He loved the state and he loved his birthplace of Little Rock. Never have I seen anyone so proud and so vocal about his heritage. It was a pleasant trait of his, among many.

It was natural that he would put in one year at the University of Arkansas before going to West Point. Cadet days were tough academically, but he never lost his happy, cheerful approach to life. No matter what the demons of academia would throw at him, he would smile through. He kept this approach in regular Army life and in his retirement life even though he was not well during the latter.

Between graduation in 1946 and retirement in 1969, he led the typical infantry regular Army life with tours in Japan, Hawaii, Korea, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Turkey, Germany, Thailand and Alaska. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War when he was aide to General Paul D. Harkins, 1960–63. He progressed in rank on schedule, reaching lieutenant colonel upon retirement.

Back in Little Rock in 1969, he delved into community life with vigor. He was on the administrative board of First United Methodist Church where seven generations of his family had been members. He was a board member of the Quapaw Quarter Association, Friends of the Central Arkansas Library, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, and the Pulaski County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

In the months prior to his death on 18 March 1986, his mobility was impaired by his illness, yet he remained cheerful and hopeful. At the time of his death he was survived by his mother, Katherine Lindsey Davis, sister Pauline Lindsey Davis Watson, and two nieces of Little Rock. Mrs. Davis since passed away on 23 June 1987.

S. Preston Davis, III is dearly remembered by his friends and associates as a grand and sincere gentleman, outstanding officer, and a fighter for life which he lived to the fullest until he was called by his Maker. For those of us he touched, his memory will never fade.

Twill Newell, his roommate

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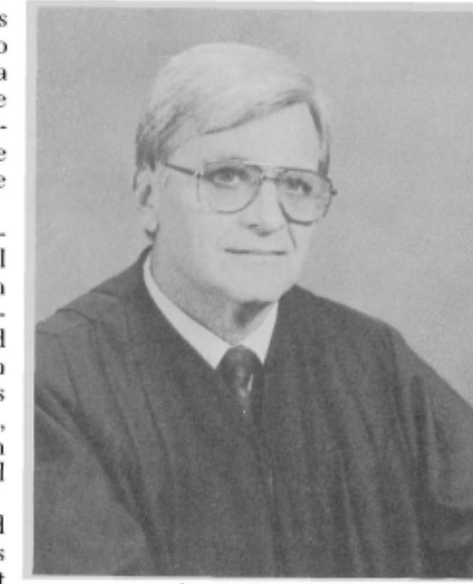
James Warren Richardson, Jr.

NO. 16672 CLASS OF 1948

Died 20 November 1986 in Bogalusa, Louisiana, aged 60 years.

Interment: Ponemah Cemetery, Bogalusa, Louisiana

THE STREETS OF Bogalusa, Louisiana, were silent. Washington Parish was hushed. The citizens of this proud town in Southeastern Louisiana were not ashamed of their tear-filled eyes as they watched a long line of police cars escort the casket of Judge James W. Richardson, Jr. to the family burial plot, where he would rest among other members of one of Bogalusa's prominent families. They were mourning the loss of a man they deeply admired, respected and loved. Jimmy Richardson had passed on to his peace, having bravely fought his last battle against an unrelenting enemy, pancreatic cancer.



James Warren Richardson, Jr.

Against overwhelming odds, in defiance of the doctors' time allowance, he held that enemy at bay until he had achieved his final objective: to see his grandchild born. Six weeks after his namesake, James Richardson Smith, entered the world, Jimmy ceased his fighting and joined the long line of Richardsons who had pioneered this section of Louisiana and who before him had also led the people of Bogalusa.

Beside the flag-draped coffin stood a framed passage from I Thessalonians 5: 14,15. It had once occupied a central place in his judge's chambers. They were the words by which he had so wondrously conducted his life:

Warn the unruly,
Encourage the timid,
Help the weak
Be patient toward all,
See that none render
Evil for evil

Unframed and not displayed on the walls of those chambers, but planted deep in the heart and soul of this great man were the words "Duty, Honor, Country." The judge and the soldier were beautifully blended in a life of service, justice and love. Untold were the number of family, friends, followers and strangers who found strength and hope in the deeds and counsel of this caring man.

Jimmy Richardson was born on 27 July 1926 in Bogalusa, the son of Henrietta Russell Richardson and James Warren Richardson, Sr. He was the oldest of the four Richardson sons. The idea of a military career by way of West Point may first have been seeded in Jimmy's mind when as a small boy he rode horseback with his father during National Guard training. A high school graduate at age 15, he was too young for entry to West Point, so he began to prepare for admis-

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sion by attending Marion Institute in Alabama. The preparation paid off and he reported to West Point in July 1944, just shy of his 18th birthday.

By 1946 Jimmy had established for himself three high priority goals: (1) to marry Tamzin (Tammy) Snow, a lovely Republican lass from New England; (2) to become an Army officer; and (3) to earn a law degree. Goals #1 and #2 he reached within a few days of each other; for on 8 June 1948, he was graduated and commissioned second lieutenant, Infantry, and on 11 June 1948, he bestowed upon Tammy the title Mrs. Richardson.

Duty assignments followed at the Ground General School, Fort Riley, Kansas and the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia. In the summer 1949, he joined a battalion of the 33rd Infantry in the Panama Canal Zone, and was there for one year until in 1950 his battalion was sent to Korea to become a part of the 65th Infantry, 3rd Division. In December 1950 he was wounded in combat and spent two months in the hospital in Tokyo, Japan, before returning to Brooke Army Hospital, Texas, as an outpatient.

On temporary duty at Fort Benning in the summer of 1951, he applied for, and the Army accepted him for assignment to law school. He entered Yale University's Law School in the fall of that year. With two years completed of the three years required for the law degree, the Army's law school program was terminated, and Jimmy was returned to the Infantry at Camp Polk, Louisiana, in September 1953. The Army told him to finish his last year of law school by attending "night school." One month later, now the father of his first child, son Stephen, Jimmy resigned his commission and entered law school at Louisiana State University. He earned his law degree in 1954, and having been admitted to the Bar, applied for restoration of his commission as an Army officer.

By June 1954 he was back on active duty, assigned to the Pentagon, in the Army Judge Advocate General's Office. Much of his work was in the field of legislative liaison, working with the Congress. A beautiful little girl, Elizabeth (Boo) was born to Jim and Tammy in 1956. In 1959, disillusioned by the policies and practices in the JAG Corps, he resigned his captain's commission and returned to Bogalusa to enter law practice with his father.

Jim's father was elected 22nd District judge shortly thereafter, and it was no surprise that Jim would also become interested in politics. When the Senior Richardson died in 1967, Jim entered the race for his father's judgeship. He was not successful in that first try for political office, but later was elected city judge of Bogalusa. He served his constituency not solely as a judge, but as their advisor and helper. During his second term, in his eighth year of service, he died in office. Despite the physical weakness brought on by his illness, he was conducting court with dignity and courage until a few days before his death. The closest thing to a complaint that anyone ever heard from Jimmy was, "it sure would be good to feel good again."

Jimmy was the kind of lawyer about whom heartwarming movies are made and books are written. Defender of the poor, the uneducated and the downtrodden, he turned no person away for his inability to pay for legal help. Cases he took were cases that others had refused to handle, because to do so was unpopular or politically unrewarding. Patient and courteous, Jimmy was known by the people of that part of Louisiana as the good judge, the friendly lawyer, the true friend. A modest and private person, he sought no glory for himself, but the stories are numerous of his working out problems for people, particularly for those juveniles and convicts whom Jimmy had committed for incarceration.

A devoted saltwater fisherman, he and his cronies shared that hobby with great gusto and the inevitable tall tales. But that hobby diminished and gave way during the last ten years of his life and was replaced by the work he did for the South Louisiana Presbytery and the prison fellowship "Victory Faith." For years he visited the nearby prison two nights a week. Frequently he visited the homes of juvenile delinquents.

If a person could have a trademark, Jimmy's would be a smile, a soft, kind and warming smile that immersed the observer. And the humor of this man, this big, handsome, dignified man, was fun and happiness rolled together in a personality that was irresistible. He was a person you wanted to share with, be with.

Jimmy looked upon his position as the city judge as the work he wanted most to do. He sought no higher office, content with serving even more effectively those who looked to him for leadership. There is a school of thought which espouses "servant leadership;" no one exemplified that high ideal better than Judge Richardson.

And no one was a more devoted family man than he. Tammy, their son Steve, their daughter Elizabeth (Boo) and her husband Larry Smith and their son Jimmy, were all the worldly wealth Jimmy Richardson needed. The deep and beautiful love that held them all together was of that kind described by the great poets, writers and philosophers.

At Jimmy's funeral, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bogalusa, Reverend Donald K. Campbell, General Pastor, Presbytery of South Louisiana, concluded his prayer with these words:

"Lord, it is not often we have a chance to be a companion of one who combines the kind of strength required to be just with the gentleness of one who will not break a bruised reed or quench a dimly burning wick. We have been blessed by walking along the path with your chosen servant, Jim. Grant that we may be stronger because of his witness, and kinder, and more sensitive to the needs of some of those we often overlook but to whom you led him to serve. . . . "

An editorial by Al Hansen in *The Daily News* of Bogalusa said in few words what Jimmy himself may have said about his life: "Jim Richardson was a man who lived where he wanted to live, with the people he liked, doing the job he wanted to do. You can't get much more out of life than that."

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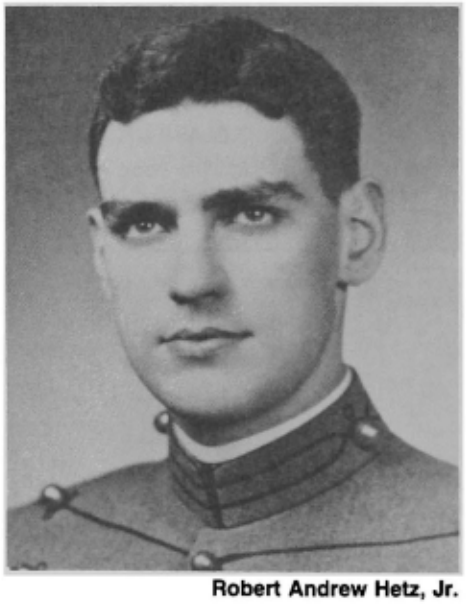
Robert Andrew Hetz, Jr.

NO. 17556 CLASS OF 1950

Died 31 March 1980 in Fleetwood, Pennsylvania, aged 52 years.

Interment: Gethsemane Cemetery, Laureldale, Pennsylvania



Robert Andrew Hetz, Jr.

BOB HETZ. A few classmates knew him by the nickname "Zeus"—in mythology—the god of social values. The notoriety which some in the illustrious Class of 1950 were to enjoy passed Bob and, indeed, most of us, by. But, assuredly, he was a distinguished and proud marcher in the long gray line of those who have now gone to peace. To be sure, there were never enough like him. Bob Hetz. A name that quickly revives many fond memories of a cadet who was academically outstanding and personally appealing.

Bob was fiercely loyal to friends and causes, and his days as a cadet revolved as much around his avid support of the New York Yankees and his skill as a bridge player as his official duties. Though not indifferent, he was not

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thirsty for pure academic knowledge. Bob Hetz. Yes, this is the same cadet who nodded off to sleep in class—even while the P was giving a somewhat long-winded answer to a question posed by Bob himself!

Who among his friends can forget Bob's frequent forays to the library and the many books he brought back to his room. Interestingly, it seemed as if these trips were more frequent around WGR time. Not, as you might believe, to bone up for exams, but simply to help Bob bide his time while others studied.

Bob's education did not stop upon graduation. In 1966 he was awarded an MS in personnel administration from George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., and he earned an MS in education from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, in 1973. In addition Bob graduated from the Command and General Staff College in 1964.

A keen student of military history, Bob often expressed deep pride in his Germanic heritage and was even combative in extolling the successes of the Prussians. Oh how he took great joy in needling his Southern friends by insisting Robert E. Lee was but a lieutenant colonel, his highest rank in the U.S. Army.

Born 19 November 1927 in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Bob acquired an interest in West Point early in his childhood when his family vacationed nearby and annually visited the Plain. Bob's father was an officer in a savings and loan association in Scranton who delighted in taking his wife and four children to Orange Lake from which they often toured West Point.

His quest for a military career yielded him first an appointment to the Naval Academy, which he declined. The following year he obtained his coveted appointment to West Point and eagerly joined the Class of 1950. For Bob Hetz, then, what became his Alma Mater was ever near to his heart.

On 1 September 1951, Bob and his favorite drag at West Point, Rose, were married. Together they had six children, including a son who graduated from USMA in the Class of 1975. Other sons graduated from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. He has two daughters, one a school teacher and the other a registered nurse. Bob loved—and thoroughly enjoyed—his large family. Shortly before he died Bob fulfilled a long-time ambition of exploring Alaska. In the summer of 1979 he, his wife and two youngest sons motored from Pennsylvania to Homer, Alaska in a most memorable odyssey.

During his military career Bob saw service overseas in such areas as Japan, Korea, Germany, Iran and Vietnam. A proud paratrooper and infantryman, Bob had a career in the Army that spanned 26 years. In early days he was connected with combat units but later his duties were in the area of personnel administration and training. Notable among his interesting assignments was as action officer in Berlin for President Kennedy's celebrated visit to Europe and the Iron Curtain in the early 1960's.

Among his varied duties on behalf of the United States Army, Bob was operations officer—Berlin Brigade; schools and training advisor to the Imperial Iranian General Forces; staff officer in an infantry brigade in Vietnam; and Professor of Military Science at Alfred University. He also served in the ROTC training unit at Rutgers University. Bob's final military assignment was as post commander, Fulda Military Post, West Germany.

Following his retirement in 1976, Bob was employed as area director, Eastern Area, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. In that role he was responsible for disaster planning and operations in a twenty county area.

It was on 31 March 1980 when Bob succumbed to a sudden heart attack. Easily could this memorial be ended now by merely that nostalgic refrain that his work on earth is done. But not so, however, for Bob Hetz. His family counts as the great legacy he bequeathed them his strength of character and his integrity. As classmates, that realization by his family comes as absolutely no surprise to us. For we are kindred legatees of those attributes in our memories of Bob Hetz.

Edward J. Reidy, Class of 1950

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Craig Garrison Coverdale

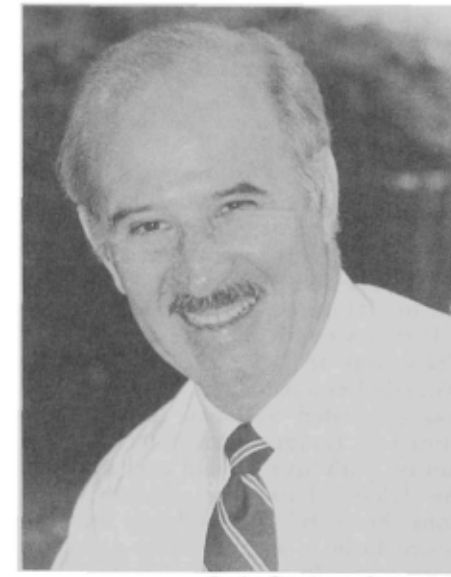
NO. 19404 CLASS OF 1953

Died 24 July 1985 in Alexandria, Virginia, aged 54 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CRAIG, THE FIRST child of the union of a career Army officer, Lieutenant Garrison B. Coverdale and his bride of almost two years, Katharine Briggs, was born in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, 14 April 1931. His formative years were filled from reveille to taps with the lessons of military life, and he learned them well. An active, bright and inquisitive child, Craig was ever ready to experience the opportunities around him. From the start and throughout, he sought out new challenges, which coupled with his positive approach were the basis for success in life.

Aside from his upbringing as an Army brat, Craig once commented that WWII was probably the single most impressive event in his childhood. It made him set his sights on West Point, and a military career. The war certainly did impact on the Coverdale family, as it did on all



Craig Garrison Coverdale

those having loved ones in the service; and it is understandable that his father's experiences as an artillery commander and POW in the China Theatre had a particular influence on him at this stage of his life. In the final analysis, the decision to enter West Point and follow a military career was not because of any single event or family tradition, but a personal aspiration of Craig. The influence had been there: his grandfather, Brigadier General Raymond W. Briggs, having served for forty years in the Army was a veteran of the Spanish American War, the Philippine Insurrection and WWI; and his father, West Point Class of 1928. The background, training, education, character development and desire were there when Craig entered West Point on 1 July 1949.

Reflecting on Craig's childhood years helps one to understand how he accepted the rigors of West Point as a natural way of life. Craig planned everything in his life with such forethought that he remained very much in control, and West Point was no exception. His sense of humor, understanding, and spirit of camaraderie lifted him through plebe year and helped many classmates survive the rigorous requirements of that first year. The three years that followed were much the same. Craig knew how to balance the demands of the academy against individual needs and still be an outstanding cadet. He loved West Point, its traditions and philosophies. It was there he met Joan Dempsey, a beautiful young woman who shared his dream, and who presented him with four wonderful daughters.

Upon graduation Craig selected Infantry and volunteered to be an Airborne Ranger. His military ambition carried him for twenty-six years. After Benning he joined the 350th Infantry Regiment in Austria and then the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell, commanding through

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company level and serving as an operations officer. He excelled with the troops, yet there was ever another challenge.

In 1960 he volunteered for the Foreign Affairs Specialist (FAST) Program. He took graduate studies at Princeton University and George Washington University, earning a master of arts in political science. This phase of his service led to an expertise in international affairs and to his interest in politics in later life.

It seems every class has its war, and Craig was to have his in Vietnam. Wounded as a battalion commander, he was evacuated to Japan but later returned to command another battalion. Always with his men and ever aware of the details of battalion combat operations, he instilled confidence and the desire to be a winner under even the worst of conditions. Awarded the Silver Star, he thought of it as a badge of courage which belonged to his men; yet all who served with him knew of his valorous acts and attributed their actions to his courage and leadership.

The war over, Craig returned to foreign affairs interests and the FAST Program. The Middle East, with all its intrigue, was the topic of discussion in the Turkish coffee houses he frequented in Ankara and Izmir during his assignments overseas as well as in the Pentagon with the Defense Intelligence Agency and while assigned as the director, Civil Affairs and Security Assistance School, US Army Institute for Military Assistance, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This expertise led to assignment with the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency where his commitment to world peace blossomed while serving on active duty and later as a Department of State Foreign Service Reserve Officer. His belief in a strong defense, and at the same time facing forthrightly the dangers in escalation of nuclear armaments and tensions, led him to campaign for a Congressional seat in Virginia. He saw public office as the most effective way to influence nuclear disarmament and as with everything else, when he saw something that needed changing, he sought after it regardless of the odds. In this undertaking, the unsuccessful campaign was affected by the revelation that he had contracted cancer.

Craig met his final challenge head-on, assisted by his second wife, Sharon Garland, whom he had married on 17 April 1982. The spirit, the flair, the courage, his sense of humor and concern for those around him were present to the very end. He even campaigned for a seat on the Alexandria City Council during this final fight. Those who knew him were not surprised, as all his endeavors had been fueled by a thought expressed by Senator Everett Dirksen which was Craig's favorite quote, "I don't want them to put on my gravestone: he knew about this, and he didn't care." Craig knew and he cared. He knew about life and grew in that knowledge every day. He knew about military service, the personal sacrifices and war. Craig cared about his family, those under his command, and all human beings everywhere. Craig not only knew and cared, but did something positive with every day of his life in striving to help humankind. Craig, you did good work.

Recognition of Craig's accomplishments came in many forms—love, friendship, respect and awards. Throughout, all of these were present as when the Alexandria Democratic Committee insisted he not withdraw from the City Council election when he could no longer actively campaign. His many friends and acquaintances stood by him with all their hope, love and affection until his passing on 24 July 1985.

Craig's military awards included the Silver and Bronze Stars for valor, the Purple Heart, and the Legion of Merit. He held the Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge and the Ranger Tab. These awards in some small measure represent a lifetime of service to his country and a most successful career. He will long be remembered by those who knew him or were touched by his efforts to make this world a better place for all mankind.

Blondy and Red

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the tenacious support of Blondy's B-17's.

Blondy led his group into the battle in his command plane. His pilot was killed instantly, the copilot mortally wounded. Blondy lifted the latter out of his seat and took the controls with his left wing on fire and his #1 and #2 engines shot out; he was himself wounded by shell fragments in his head and left arm. Yet, he landed the B-17 in the surf close to the tropical island of Vella Lavella.

Natives, who turned out to be in the service of Australian intelligence, helped him and his crew ashore and hid them in the jungle. A Navy flying boat picked them up the following morning and Blondy reported to Admiral Halsey.

For the action at Coral Sea he was awarded the Navy Cross. Shortly thereafter he was assigned to Washington where he shared the benefit of his experience while he waited for the organization of the first group of B-29's to support the China-Burma-India Theatre. He then led the group to a base in China.

Finally, while in China, he was the sole survivor of a bad crash in the jungles of India in which among other injuries his legs were badly crushed. He was evacuated by air to the United States.

At about the time that Blondy was performing his exploits overhead, Red Reeder was on the ground on Guadalcanal not too far away, winning the Silver Star from the forward foxholes before he had even led his own command into combat.

Early on during the war Red had been assigned to duty in Washington. General Marshall hand picked him to go to the South Pacific to scout the battle action to determine "how best to fight the Japanese." Red did such a fine job that thousands of copies of his report were printed and distributed not only to American troops but Chinese as well.

Early in 1944 Red was appointed to command the famous 12th Infantry Regiment of the 4th Division. He successfully led the regiment ashore on "D" Day in Normandy and in the process won the first Distinguished Service Cross awarded in the European Theatre. Unfortunately on D + 6 he was seriously wounded by an artillery shell, forcing his evacuation to the United States just as his combat career with all its promise of further brilliance was getting started.

Thus, here in June 1944, we have the coincidence of two old friends and fellow coaches from the "fields of friendly strife" seriously wounded about the same time at opposite sides of the world, evacuated by air to save their lives, winding up at about the same time in the same ward at Walter Reed Hospital, each to have a leg amputated.

For nigh onto half a century (44 years) since, they both have continued to pay the price for reaping the "fruits of victory" in terms of unrelenting pain without a murmur of complaint—

Blondy from his boyhood hometown on the prairie of South Dakota, Red from his Home Plate in Garrison, across the river from the West Point they each served so well in peace and in war.

We other sons of an earlier day, continue to salute them.

Twelve lieutenants and captains coached the football teams from 1933 to 1937. During World War II, four were killed, three badly wounded. All made fine contributions to our Army's success. Among the group were spread a Navy Cross, a Distinguished Service Cross, two Silver Stars, five Legions of Merit, and seven Purple Hearts. Five became general officers. MacArthur was right!

Garrison H. Davidson
Lieutenant General, USA, Ret.
Class of 1927

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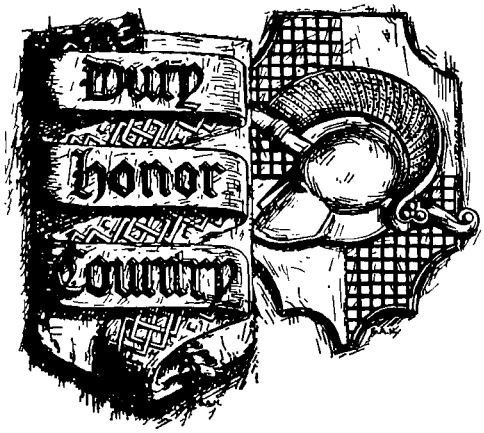

Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of the July 1988 ASSEMBLY.

Name	*Class*	*Date of Death*	*Place of Death*
H. Crampton Jones	1916	5 August	1988 .... El Paso, Texas
Charles R. Gildart	Nov-1918	15 June	1988 .... San Diego, California
Christian Knudsen	Nov-1918	19 August	1988 .... Fort Sam Houston, Texas
Hugh A. Palmer	Nov-1918	2 April	1987 .... Presidio of San Francisco, California
Richard T. Rick	1919	12 June	1988 .... Big Rapids, Michigan
Aladin J. Hart	1920	30 July	1988 .... El Paso, Texas
Alexander R. MacMillan	1920	11 September	1987 .... Brookline, Massachusetts
Millard Pierson	1920	16 July	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Edgar H. Price	1923	18 June	1988 .... Redwood City, California
Daniel H. Hundley	1924	17 May	1988 .... St. Louis, Missouri
William H. Wood	1925	7 June	1988 .... Easton, Maryland
Theodore C. Wenzlaff	1926	21 June	1988 .... Sutton, Nebraska
Thomas J. Cody	1928	4 July	1988 .... Belleair, Florida
Garrison B. Coverdale	1928	8 June	1988 .... Fort Benning, Georgia
John L. Pauley	1930	1 July	1988 .... Muenchen, West Germany
George E. Dietz	1931	28 June	1988 .... Bloomington, Indiana
George E. Fletcher	1931	11 November	1987 .... Monterey, California
John M. Price	1932	22 June	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Daniel H. Heyne	1934	28 July	1986 .... Glen Flora, Texas
Henry A. Sebastian	1934	5 August	1988 .... Waco, Texas
Craig Smyser	1934	12 June	1988 .... Dallas, Texas
Charles B. Winkle	1934	11 August	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Oliver J. Pickard	1935	7 August	1988 .... Copenhagen, Denmark
William L. Kimball	1936	28 June	1988 .... Denver, Colorado
Charles J. Harrison	1937	10 July	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
David O. Byars, Jr.	1938	5 July	1988 .... Tacoma, Washington
Raymond B. Marlin	1939	13 June	1988 .... Washington, D.C.
Paul S. Deems	1940	31 July	1988 .... Los Angeles, California
Harry T. Simpson, Jr.	1940	8 July	1988 .... Hampton, Virginia
Otis M. Ulm	1940	21 August	1988 .... St. Petersburg, Florida
John C. Linderman	1941	22 April	1978 .... Homestead, Florida
Jack F. Dulaney	Jan-1943	12 May	1988 .... Atlanta, Georgia
Frank E. Walton, Jr.	1944	25 April	1988 .... Houston, Texas
Lynn W. Hoskins, Jr.	1946	21 July	1988 .... Tucson, Arizona
Kent Keehn	1946	20 August	1988 .... Carson City, Nevada
John Marberger	1946	8 December	1987 .... Norristown, Pennsylvania
Theodore R. Upland, Jr.	1946	8 June	1988 .... South San Francisco, California
Richard H. Walker	1946	2 August	1988 .... West Chester, Pennsylvania
James H. Fette	1950	11 June	1988 .... Columbia, Maryland
George D. Klie	1950	25 July	1988 .... Salisbury, Maryland
Robert M. Hechinger	1951	29 June	1988 .... Columbus, Ohio
Stanley S. Scott	1951	10 June	1988 .... Anderson, South Carolina
Donald D. Zurawski	1951	15 June	1988 .... Laurel, Maryland
Walter C. Cousland	1953	2 June	1988 .... Boyce, Virginia
Donald A. Dennis	1953	29 May	1988 .... Edmonds, Washington
Lewis A. Mologne	1954	22 August	1988 .... Washington, D.C.
Gary C. Hall	1956	19 June	1988 .... Rosamond, California
George J. McElroy	1960	7 July	1988 .... Roxbury, Massachusetts
Robert A. Zelley	1963	28 March	1988 .... Marietta, Georgia
Charles S. Miller	1964	29 August	1988 .... Houston, Texas

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