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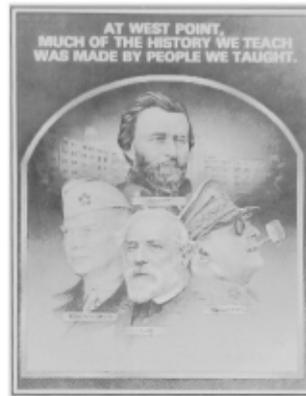
*"At West Point, much of the history we teach was made by people we taught."*

The poster with those words is a splendid one. It combines in one visual image several separate ideas: the Academy's reach through the years; the impact our graduates have had on the nation; our focus on the development of leaders; our emphasis on teaching; and—centrally—the significance of history in the West Point experience.

History is all about us here, and is manifest in many ways. For example, West Point is reputedly the second leading tourist attraction in New York State. (New York City, by a good margin, sits in first place). We host between two and three million visitors a year. A recent survey revealed that, of Americans alive today, over 25 million have been here at least once. Why do they come in such numbers? For the magnificent natural beauty, of course. And the popular attractions of the Academy—cadets, parades, football games, Gothic structures—are certainly reasons. But, perhaps foremost, they come to savor our rich heritage, our evident links to the past. The Academy is a national historic treasure-house; in the full sweep of our country's existence, for more than two centuries, the Plain and its surrounding hills have been hallowed ground.

History has a prominent place in the documents that aim us toward the future. Twice does our strategic guidance ("2002: A Road Map to Our Third Century") issue a specific mandate emanating from the key role the study of history plays in developing military leaders. First, in the description of what leaders in the next century must be and know and do, we are told that, among other imperatives, they must possess a sound historical perspective. Secondly, the concept for intellectual development charges us to strive to make our graduates "historical minded." Everyone agrees, it seems, that peacetime preparation for war should entail gaining a broad knowledge and professional grasp of military history.

You get the gist—history is indeed important here, and we take it seriously



as we go about our mission of *educating* and *training* and *inspiring* the Corps of Cadets. For that matter, we would likely fail at all three tasks were we to neglect or underemphasize the role of history in accomplishing them.

An obvious question, then, is—how are we doing?

Let me try to answer by reprinting a piece from the *Congressional Record*. Congressman Stephen J. Solarz, a former history professor, visited here last spring to dig deeply into our approach to military history. Here is what he concluded:

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Mr. Speaker, recently I spent a fascinating day at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The purpose of my visit was to ascertain if America's past wars held any lessons that might be of utility to our country's current political or military leadership.

During my stay I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity of picking the brains of some of the Nation's foremost military historians. We explored various aspects of the American Revolution, the Civil War, each of the world wars, the Korean War, and last, the Vietnam War. In each instance we sought to determine whether the way in which the United States became involved in, planned for, and fought its conflicts can guide those of us who are entrusted with responsibility today. I was especially interested in learning of the role Congress played in prosecuting each war, whether on balance this was a constructive role, and how the legislative branch might have better served the Nation in its time of peril.

I cannot help but believe that my congressional colleagues and I would greatly

benefit if we had more opportunities to do just this sort of serious and sustained thinking about issues of war and peace. Certainly I returned from my day at West Point more convinced than ever of the crucial role historical perspective can play as we wrestle with complex questions which will help determine the ultimate fate of civilization.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to salute the cadets, faculty, and staff of West Point. Judging from the caliber of the men and women I met during my recent visit, we can be assured that the military leadership of our Nation as we prepare to embark upon a new century will be the best trained and most informed in America's proud history.

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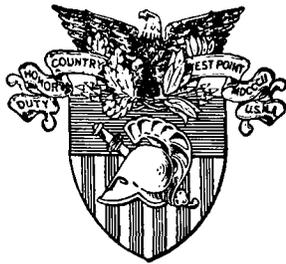
Although we have not yet been overrun by large numbers of Mr. Solarz's congressional colleagues eager to heed his advice to drink from the West Point well, we are pleased to have such a strong endorsement for so important a part of our program.

All alumni and friends can take pride in West Point's reputation across the land as a leader in the field of military history. At the Academy we are taking steps not only to perpetuate that reputation but to strengthen it as well. We could not do otherwise in the face of a sustained drumfire of admonitions to do so, perhaps best captured in this succinct statement from George S. Patton: "To be a successful soldier you must know history."

Even as our attention is drawn forward to opportunities for service in the new century, our abiding present aim is to so prepare today's cadets that the words of that poster will endure, that the pages of history in decades to come will continue trumpeting the exploits—the lasting contributions to country—of the ever lengthening Long Gray Line.

Best wishes from West Point.

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# Chief Justice Warren E. Burger Recipient of the 1988 Sylvanus Thayer Award



General Michael S. Davison, President of the Association of Graduates, presents the Thayer medallion to Chief Justice Burger as Superintendent Dave Palmer looks on.



Members of the Corps congratulate the Thayer Award recipient.

On 15 September 1988 the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy presented its 31st annual Sylvanus Thayer Award to the former Chief Justice of the United States Warren E. Burger.

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

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

Following introductory remarks by Lieutenant General Dave R. Palmer, the 53d superintendent, General Michael S. Davison, president of the Association of Graduates, conferred the honor on Bur-

ger at a banquet ceremony held in Washington Hall. Earlier that afternoon, Burger had been honored at an informal reception followed by a review of the Corps of Cadets. During the review, the Corps presented Chief Justice Burger with a cadet saber.

Warren E. Burger, Chief Justice of the United States from 1969-1986, was born on September 17, 1907, in St. Paul, Minnesota. After graduating from St. Paul's Johnson High School in three years, he worked for seven years at a life insurance agency. Meanwhile, he attended night classes in pre-legal studies at the University of Minnesota and then entered St. Paul (now William Mitchell) College of Law where he was graduated in 1931.

Upon graduation he joined the faculty of the college where he continued to teach for eight years, meanwhile entering private practice. His subsequent 21 years' experience in private practice covered civil and administrative law.

Chief Justice Burger entered public service in 1953 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed him Assistant Attorney General of the United States, heading the Civil Litigation Division of the Department of Justice. In 1956 President Eisenhower appointed him to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He served 13 years in that capacity. In 1969 President Richard M. Nixon appointed him Chief Justice of the United States.

Warren E. Burger served as Chief Justice of the United States from June 1969 until September 1986, when he retired to devote full-time to his duties as



Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution.

In his capacity as Chief Justice, Warren E. Burger also served as Chairman of the Judicial Conference of the United States, as Chairman of the Federal Judicial Center, as Chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution, and as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Gallery of Art. He is Chancellor of the College of William and Mary; Chancellor Emeritus of the Smithsonian; a life Trustee of the National Geographic Society; and Honorary Chairman of the National Judicial College of the University of Nevada, of the Institute of Judicial Administration, and of the Supreme Court Historical Society.

Chief Justice Burger has received many awards and decorations recognizing his service to our nation, as well as honorary degrees from a number of colleges and universities.

In 1933 he married Elvera Stromberg, a fellow student of the University of Minnesota. They reside in Arlington, Virginia.

In speaking to the large audience at the presentation ceremony, Chief Jus-

tice Burger directed his comments to the cadets attending. He affirmed that, although his accomplishments have not been in the area of combat with weapons but in contests of ideas and principles, he has been guided by the concepts Sylvanus Thayer bequeathed to every-

one. He reminded his audience that Thayer saw the country's critical need for military leaders who lived by the ethical and moral concepts embodied in the West Point code of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, a need just as critical today.

Using the rise of Hitler and the aggressive demands of Nazi Germany upon their neighbors at the eve of World War II as an example, Burger pointed out that in this and similar instances in history, the evil epitomized in those who would be military aggressors can be dealt with only from strength. He added that "history should teach the simple truth that people who live under a free system, but who are not strong enough to defend themselves, are more likely to get into wars than those who are strong."

The Chief Justice likened the 1787 uniting of the 13 separate, independent, and sovereign nations, under the Amer-

ican Constitution, into the United States of America, to the present linking of 12 countries of Western Europe into an economic community. He did not predict that the European community of nations might one day become a "United States of Europe," but expressed the hope that the spirit of cooperation embodied in such economic unity could well deter future aggression in Europe and in the world. For that reason, he reminded the cadets that military leaders today must know and understand the political and economic forces that shape history.

In concluding, he expressed his belief that "Among the cadets now in the service academies I have no doubt there are other Thayers, other Mahans, other MacArthurs, other Eisenhowers, other Marshalls, and on all of you rests the future of freedom, not only ours, but all those who depend on us."

Following his acceptance speech, Chief Justice Burger greeted hundreds of cadets who insisted upon giving him their personal congratulations on his selection for the 1988 Sylvanus Thayer Award.

Colonel (Ret) James W. Wensyel  
Secretary, Thayer Award Committee

## 1988 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD CITATION WARREN E. BURGER

As a distinguished federal jurist for more than a decade, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States for 17 additional years, and as Chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, The Honorable Warren E. Burger has rendered outstanding service to the United States and to its citizens.

Through his extraordinary contributions to our nation's judicial systems; his encouragement of high ethical standards within the legal profession; and his efforts to increase public awareness of the priceless freedoms guaranteed all American citizens by the United States Constitution, he has exemplified the ideals of West Point in its motto, "Duty, Honor, Country."

As Chief Justice of the United States, Warren Burger wrote opinions for the Supreme Court on a number of significant cases, including those concerned with the rights of the accused in felony cases, interpretation of obscenity, the free speech and free press guarantees of the First Amendment to the Constitution, the separation of church and state, and the separation of powers within the federal government.

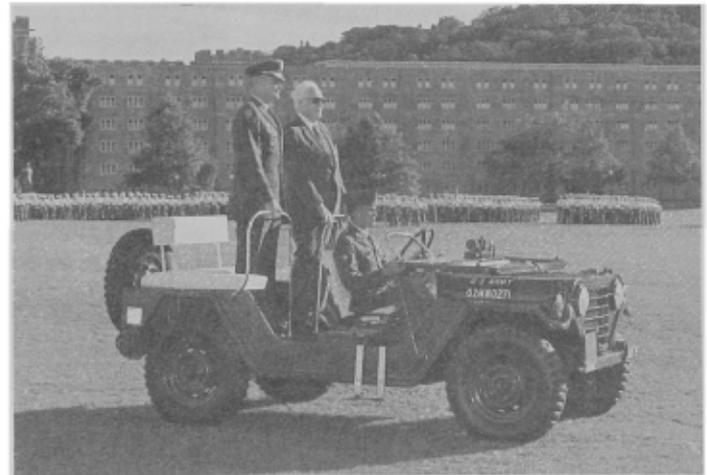
Always concerned with measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the national judiciary, his efforts led to the creation of the Institute for Court Management and the Institute of Judicial Administration, and to the use of Circuit Executives to ease administrative burdens on Chief Judges of Circuit Courts. He has long been identified with the National Center for State Courts, a focal point of the nation's analysis of its justice system. A dominant theme during his entire judicial career has been his overriding determination to make the American judicial system work better and more efficiently.

In his annual reports on the State of the Judiciary, Chief Justice Burger shared his unique perspective as the chief judicial officer of the land on the health of the legal profession. By doing so he stimulated its practitioners to self-analysis and to dedication to high ethical principles.

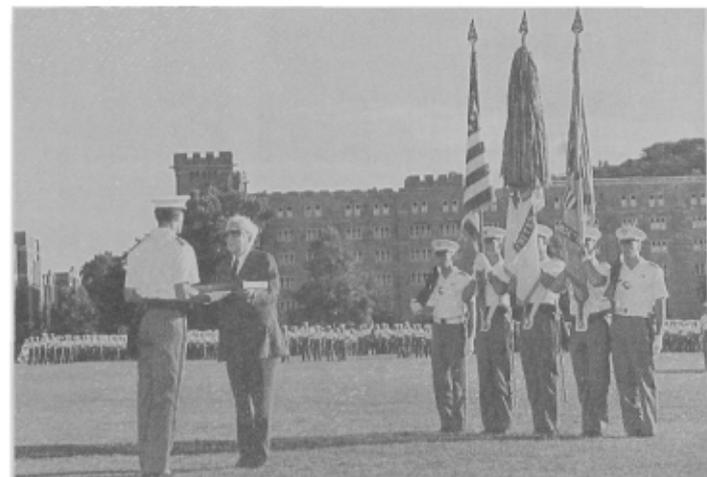
Warren E. Burger continues to lead the nation's celebration of the document guaranteeing the freedom of our people, a celebration which is focusing the attention of the nation on the significance of the Constitution. For the Armed Services this celebration is bringing uncommon awareness and understanding of this unique document to the men and women who have sworn to support and defend it.

Warren E. Burger has made significant and lasting contributions to this nation and to its people. His outstanding leadership and generosity of time and talent represent the highest order of service to our country and symbolize the values expressed in the motto of West Point. Accordingly, the Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy hereby presents the 1988 Sylvanus Thayer Award to The Honorable Warren E. Burger.

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



Ready to "troop the line."



First Captain Mark Jennings '89 presents a cadet saber to the Chief Justice on behalf of the Corps of Cadets.

# June '43 Presents the Gate in '88

On Friday, 23 Sep 1988, at 1100 hrs, seven years of selection, planning, designing, fund raising, negotiating, craft work, and construction came to a splendid climax as the Class of June 1943 presented its 45th anniversary gift to West Point: the new Thayer Gate. (Note: the origins and history of this project up through the groundbreaking of 26 Feb 1988 were covered in ASSEMBLY for April 1988.) Now, USMA Superintendent LTG Dave R. Palmer, on behalf of West Point, accepted the new tower and wall structures from Class President MG (Ret.) H.L. Hogan III at a flawless ceremony attended by a delighted audience of about 500 classmates, family members, and guests further enlivened by the USMA Band directed by LTC L. Bryan Shelburne, Jr.

When the June '43 class group dismounted from their busses at Buffalo Soldier Field and made their way to Thayer Gate the sun broke through to provide a superb setting for the presentation ceremony. For all classmates except a few committee members, this was their first sight of the tower.—“There it is!”—“Will you look at that!”—“By golly, we did it!”—All sensed the symbolism. “The Gate” had not been built without difficulty. But now all clouds were dispersed, and there stood the tower in military gothic splendor.

As the USMA Band played “our music” (including “In the Mood” and the great march version of “Tiger Rag”), the class took seats and program coordinator/master of ceremonies MG (Ret.)



New Thayer Gate 23 Sep 88. June '43 gathers for presentation ceremony. (Photo by Jack Novak.)



Class Pres. Hogan presents Gate to the Supe for West Point. (Photo by Jack Novak.)



Pepys Redux-Grady at the lectern. Background (l to r): Gens. Palmer, Morris, and Hogan.



"Jep, you said we could do it!" Judge Jep Tanksley with Frances and son Charles.



The artist and the engineer (l to r) Howard Wickert, Janie and Bill Glasgow.

A.R. ("Bud") Bolling moved to the microphone. After the playing of the National Anthem, he observed that "the Class of June 1943 is both a unique class and a happy class." It is "unique" in having been the first three-year class graduated during World War II and distinguished by the fact that 90 percent of its members served at least 20 years on active duty in the US Army or Air Force or were sooner killed in combat, died of other causes, or retired for disability; "happy" in that class spirit has always remained at the high plane of good-humored comradeship and standards of excellence set during cadet days and recorded then in the fey—but somehow true—chronicles of Cadet Pepys, now COL (Ret.) Ronan Calistus Grady, Jr.

Looming over the lectern, Grady responded that he "only wrote what happened to all of us." The "forging of the bond" that built the gate, he said, began in Beast Barracks and became especially intensified in the extraordinary times of the buildup to and outbreak of war. Poignantly, he spoke of class losses in three wars and through the attrition of time, saying "The final product now is us." Referring to the questions that arose when the proposed gate project was first briefed to the class at its 40th reunion in 1983, he recalled the stirring exhortation by Judge Jep Tanksley that swept the group to approval by acclamation. Tanksley's final words were, "Damn it, this class can do anything!" "And he was right," said Grady, with a gesture to the tower behind him, "And here's the proof."

LTG (Ret.) J.W. Morris, chairman of the Gift Committee, then spoke of the kinship of West Point's military ideal and the American spirit represented by the civil community of Highland Falls.

"In a real sense," he said, "the new Thayer Gate brings the ideals of the Cadet Chapel and the Plain to the very borders of West Point and Highland Falls, and thus to America." He reminded the class that, in the words of construction subcommittee chairman BG (Ret.) Bill Glasgow, "the execution of this project has been a love's labor by many highly skilled artisans and builders." This work and the unwavering support of the class and Superintendents Scott and Palmer enabled the presentation this day, five years earlier than when first conceived. Referring to the other half of his committee, Morris noted this statement by finance subcommittee chairman LTG (Ret.) Bud O'Connor, "We put our money where our love, devotion, and affection are—and we did this for one good reason: 'Hail Alma Mater Dear.'" Concluding, he expressed the hope that "all who pass this gate may be inspired with a sense that this place—this structure—has unique importance in uniting the military ideal and the American spirit."

Class President Lee Hogan next succinctly stated the desire of the class to "do something extraordinary for West Point." The requirements—all met—were: "It had to be needed, permanent, highly visible, and had to look and say 'West Point.' Without being too obtrusive, it also had to say 'June '43 was here.'" Acclaiming the response from the class, families, and friends in American industry, he noted that 90 percent of the class living at the time the drive began had contributed. Hogan acknowledged with thanks the help received from the officers and staff of the AOG; and, paying tribute again to both former superintendent LTG (Ret.) Willard W. Scott, Jr. and his successor, he then

asked LTG Palmer to come to the speaker's stand. There he presented the Supe with the original of a formal drawing of the tower by the architectural artist Don Cannavaro, saying "In handing this original to you on behalf of the Class of June 1943, the class behind the gate, I also pass to you, to West Point, and to the United States of America a labor of love and a distinguished new West Point landmark: the new Thayer Gate!"

General Palmer, in his acceptance response, thanked the class warmly. "Your gift is a magnificent addition to the West Point landscape. . . . Our mission statement contains three verbs: to educate, to train, and to inspire the Corps of Cadets. . . . This gate serves, as well as anything we have, in getting at the third part of the mission: to inspire the Corps of Cadets. Secondly, you have had the foresight, or the good luck, to place your class gift in the center—right at the vortex—of the future development of the Military Academy. . . . Finally, and perhaps in the long run just as important, your project has provided the standard which every other class can now try to match."

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor J.W. ("Tony") Hartman, a classmate of June '43, offered a dedicatory prayer for divine blessing on the gift, the occasion, and the Military Academy in its service to the nation. The band then played the Alma Mater, and all three verses were sung; for, as Bolling said, every verse had significance, especially the last: "And when our work is done. . . ." A military police detail then impressively posted the first guard relief at the tower, and the ceremony was concluded as the "happy class" and guests swarmed around The Gate and dispersed to the Thayer Hotel for lunch.

William W. Cover, Class of June 1943

# Army "Mathletes" Defeat Harvard

## Math Contest 55 Years Ago Established Army Supremacy

Then superintendent Major General William D. Connor threw down the gauntlet. In a short letter to the president of Harvard in December 1932, General Connor wrote, "I would very much like to test our [the Military Academy's] method of teaching mathematics against that of your institution. I, frankly, think that our method is superior to yours, and would like to try it out." The general's letter concluded, "If the idea appeals to you, the other details can readily be agreed upon."

Well, the idea did apparently appeal to Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, for he responded two days later (the Postal Service being a little faster in those days!) by writing, "Your challenge is a very interesting one which we shall be glad to accept."

Under the ground rules of the competition, Lieutenant Colonel Harris Jones ('17), professor of mathematics, and William C. Graustein, head of Harvard's mathematics department, were joined in constructing and grading the examination by Professor Arnold Dresden, chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy at Swarthmore College and president of the Mathematics Association of America.

The Military Academy's curriculum included two years of math, so the design of the competition was to have a team of ten Harvard sophomores meet an equal number of yearlings in May 1933. On two consecutive days the teams would be administered two three-hour examinations in analytic geometry and calculus.

In a letter that further delineated the contest's ground rules, Dresden wrote, "Since, furthermore, the Harvard students are not usually expected to work without the use of a formula card, I am inclined to propose that the students be given a copy of a card such as Professor Graustein showed us at the conference." Therefore, each examination required that "participants in this examination. . . give the full details of the work done in answer to the questions. Any one of the questions may be omitted. The use of a formula card, of Peirce's Table of Integrals and of a table of logarithms is permitted."

*The New York Times* waxed poetic on the eve of the competition:

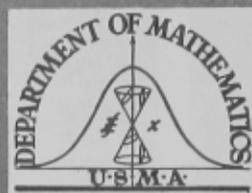
*The Harvard horde is plotting, under cover of the dark,  
A fight to make the Crimson Chord subtend the Army arc.  
The Coefficient Corps has drilled with sharpened pencil  
tips*

*And plans to drive the enemy away from the ellipse.  
The Harvard cry is "Break the square and take the cube  
away!"*

*While at the Point "Abscissa!" is the watchword of the day.*

John Kieran of *The Times* continued:

*The program is Army vs. Harvard, a two-day battle with  
ten-man teams on the heights above the Hudson. The zero  
hour is 2 p.m. tomorrow, at which time a neutral official  
will toss in the first ordinate and the firing will become  
general. Hostilities will be suspended Saturday evening*



*at sundown and sometime later, when he has checked up  
on the casualties, the referee will render a decision. Will  
the Crimson wave in triumph or the Army hold the fort?*

The Associated Press was first to make the contest sound like a football game. In fact, the day before the competition was to begin, AP news articles made specific reference to the schools' gridiron clashes. "Having been overwhelmed in a battle of brawn last Fall," the article began, "Harvard University tomorrow will pit its best mathematical brains against those of the United States Military Academy in an effort to even the score. . . . The last time the two schools faced each other was on the football field, and Army romped off with a 46 to 0 victory."

The total score for each team was the sum of the place numbers, so the team with the lowest score would be the champion. Following the grading of all the papers, Professor Dresden wrote, "The papers bore evidence of the fact that the students worked very hard on this examination and they are to be complimented for the serious way in which they prepared for it."

*The Times* headline said it all: "Army 'Mathletes' Defeat Harvard, 98-112."

George R. Smith, Jr., from New Smyrna, Florida, led the Army team. Army competitors David C. Wallace and Carroll K. J. Bagby finished fourth and fifth respectively.

"I congratulate you very sincerely," wrote the superintendent to Jones, "upon the results which for the first time give me a concrete backing to the belief that I have always held, that is, that our instruction methods at West Point were up to date and on a par with those of other similar institutions."

Another letter came in to the Academy praising the work of the "mathletes."

"I have just read with pride and satisfaction your letter of June 1st," the letter to the superintendent read. "Will you please express to the members of the team my personal congratulations on their splendid victory. It is a tribute not only to them personally but equally to the system in vogue at West Point and the instructors and professors who have evolved and carried out the details thereof."

The letter is signed, "Faithfully, Douglas MacArthur."

From this first mathematics contest, the idea grew for a national test of undergraduate mathematics knowledge. Today, the renowned William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition is contested annually in December.

Unfortunately, the competition is normally the Saturday of the Army-Navy Football Classic, so the Military Academy involvement is less today than in the past. Still, when cadets have competed earlier in this decade, individuals and team scores were consistently in the top 20 percent nationally.

Harvard has avenged its first year drubbing, emerging as the number one team in the Putnam Competition.

by Major Bruce K. Bell of the  
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Directorate of Academy Relations

# Homecoming 1988 Alumni Exercises

**O**ver 1000 graduates returned to West Point for Homecoming Weekend, 13–16 October 1988. Reunion classes present included 1968, 1973, 1978, and 1983. The Class of 1978 had the largest number returning with approximately 480 graduates. The oldest graduate present was MG Charles E. Saltzman '25, who led the march across the Plain to Thayer Monument and participated in the wreath-laying ceremony.



# 1968 Homecoming

The celebration and remembrance of the Class of '68 began like our graduation ended—on a grassy hallowed ground on the 5th of June. While we said goodbye at Michie Stadium in '68, we said hello and reaffirmed friendships by the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC in 1988. We may have left West Point during Christmas of our plebe year, but over 300 of us returned to renew, revive, repent, and vow once again to reduce . . .

On Thursday, we registered and renewed old memories and friendships at an informal cocktail and dinner party at Ike Hall. Friday was kicked off by the best business meeting ever, where we set up a new slate of officers (Pres—Ohle, VP—F. B. Johnson, Sec—Kaufman, Treas—Thome, Scribe—Gerard) and mumbled about a class gift—does West Point REALLY need another bench, fountain or gate? Maybe a new Class VI Store . . . After a moving and appropriate memorial service at the Cadet Chapel and a filling lunch at the Sports Complex most of us had never seen before, we learned that most of us couldn't qualify to be cadets of today. Then, on to more cocktails, dinner and partying at the Thayer Hotel.

Saturday, we didn't get much exercise at the Alumni Exercises, nor were our lines too straight at the review on The Plain. But we got lunch down real good at the Cadet Mess—thanks to John Wing's contribution of beer for all the class functions. The most exercise we got was the walk up to Michie Stadium and cheering at the Lafayette game. Then, on to the Alumni Reception for more cocktails, dinner, and dancing in Washington Hall.

Rather than throwing him in the shower on Sunday, we celebrated Class President Dave Ohle's birthday with a brunch at the Thayer, vowed to stay in touch, and to return in even greater numbers for our 25th.

We all owe a great deal of thanks to Dan Kaufman and the rest of the reunion committee for a job superbly done. The rest of our thanks goes to our classmates who could and did attend the reunion so that triumphs and memories of those who once filled now empty chairs and empty tables could be remembered.





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# 1973 Homecoming

**A**fter fifteen years, fading memories and diverging careers seem to be all we have in common. We are soldiers, salesmen, accountants, lawyers, teachers, doctors, ministers, musicians and more; some retired, some remarried, some reborn and all reminded. We live in all corners of the world for God, Glory, Gold and Government. But we return to West Point because of a sense of shared values that cuts across surface differences. Walt Whitman captured our reunion spirit far better than I ever could in "A Song of Occupations."

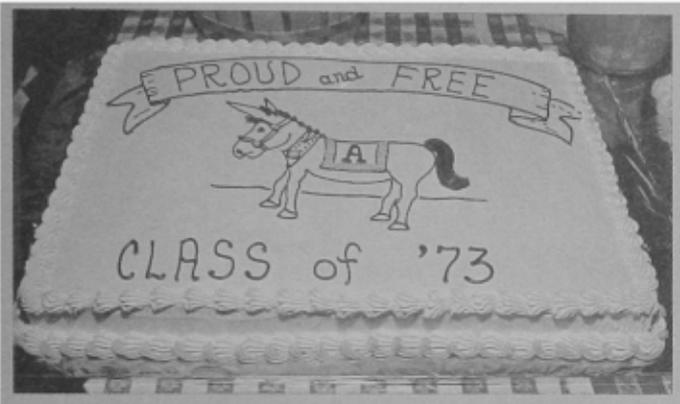
I bring what you much need yet always have,  
Not money, amours, dress, eating, erudition, but as good,  
I send no agent or medium, offer no representative of value,  
but offer the value itself . . .

Will you seek far off? you surely come back at last,  
In things best known to you finding the best . . .  
In folks nearest to you finding the sweetest, strongest,  
lovingest,  
Happiness, knowledge, not in another place but this place,

not for another hour but this hour.

The class gives its special thanks to Chuck Kaylor, Marty Moaker, Walt Olson, Bill Pokorny and all the others that made our 15th a special time of reunion and renewal. God bless you all until our next meeting.



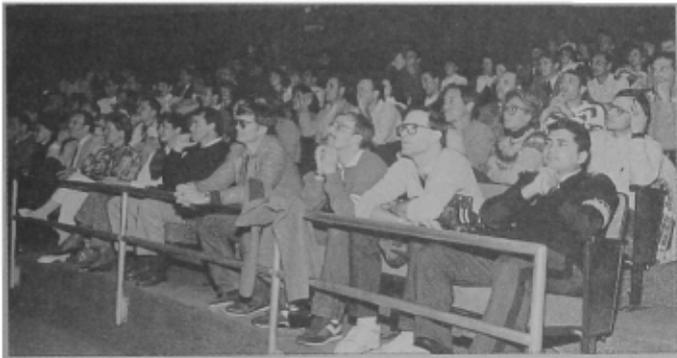
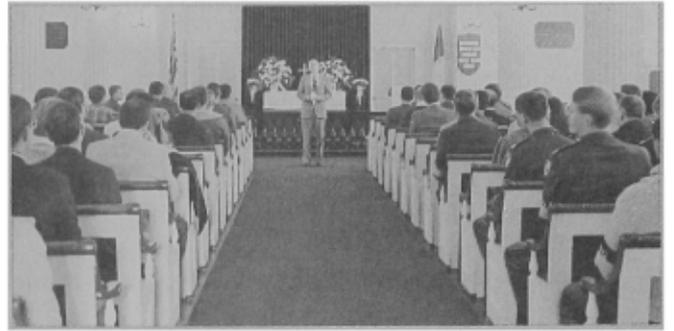


# 1978 Homecoming

**W**e were blessed with great weather and the best attendance of any 10-year reunion class. Over 400 classmates registered for the weekend and many more floated up from New York City for the game and tailgate. Special thanks to Chris Littel and Jim Bannantine who did a super job of organizing the entire weekend. Special thanks also to the 83 other classmates stationed at West Point who supported Chris and Jim.

The Thursday night party was a super start to the weekend. It was a great way to renew old acquaintances, try to remember names and faces. We got to meet wives, see baby pictures, drink and prepare for the rest of the weekend. On Friday morning Chaplain Camp led a memorial service for Tim Easton, Terry Jedrziewski, Frank Hardy, Ken Thronson and Ed Manion. It was a touching reminder of the frail life we lead and a fitting way to remember those who are no longer with us. The Class meeting brought us up-to-date on the changes at West Point (The Corps has . . .). Dinner and dancing at the Meadowbrook Lodge capped off a full day. Saturday march to Thayer Monument highlighted by Randy Henson's arrival in a limo with tux, was followed by a parade (great to be on the receiving end), a super tailgate at Howze Field, and win in football. The AOG dinner was highlighted by Bill Harner and FX Meyer, captains of the '78 ship/table which was rowed through the Mess Hall, and Jack Morrison's skin rocket. Many late parties concluded a memorable weekend.





# 1983 Homecoming



# Fall Reunions **January '43**

29 September–2 October

**W**hat could be more enjoyable than to celebrate the 45th anniversary of our June-in-January graduation over a long Indian summer weekend at West Point from 29 September through 2 October! Some 85 of us with wives, friends and even grandchildren assembled at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh to initiate the round of festivities and ceremonies with a spirited cocktail/buffet on the evening of the 29th. The following day, under the skillful guidance of Joe Benson (our Class president and reunion organizer), we moved from an early morning business meeting to a memorial service in the old Cadet Chapel for the members of our Class who are no longer with us. Then it was on to the West Point Officers Club for lunch, preceded by an interesting insight into the "state of the Academy" by the Superintendent, and followed by a tour of selected USMA facilities, a nostalgic boat ride on the Hudson and an "evening on the town." On 1 October, we reassembled on the Plain for a Class photo and the alumni review, during which we were the "senior class present." Lunch with the cadets in Washington Hall, a smashing Army football victory in Michie Stadium, a dinner-dance with a "big band combo" until after midnight and it was all over but the breakfast farewells the following morning—but not without some talk of a mini-reunion in '89!

Rex Minckler





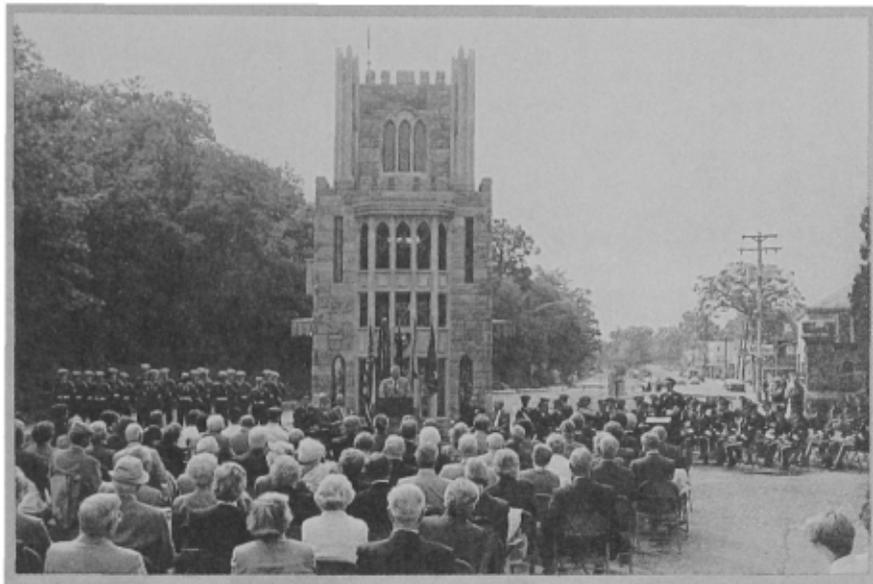
# June 1943

22-25 September

**O**ur grand turnout included 166 classmates and some 175 wives, widows, and guests—badged and poopsheeted under the master eye of Bill Malone. Greetings filled the afternoon of 22 Sep; then, after dinner, Lee Hogan and Jack Morris reviewed the status of our 45th Reunion gift and what we could expect to see next day.

Morning dawned grey and overcast, with a threat of rain as we boarded busses for the 35 mile run from the motel to West Point. But when we dismounted at Buffalo Soldier Field, the sun broke through! And there it was, silhouetted in gothic splendor against a sunlit sky: our new Thayer Gate tower! The clouds of doubt were dispersed; our vision was fulfilled; our seven year dream come true. Thus, with the USMA Band playing "our music," we took seats for the flawless presentation ceremony engineered by Bud Bolling.

Our weather continued glorious throughout. No one will forget the memorial service at the West Point Cemetery to honor our departed classmates, the Corps parading past our long reviewing line, Army's win on the finest football afternoon imaginable, and our final memorable dinner. Everything, in short, "came up roses." To the Supe and the USMA staff, our class aides, and all whose work made this reunion possible, we owe our grateful thanks. WWC.





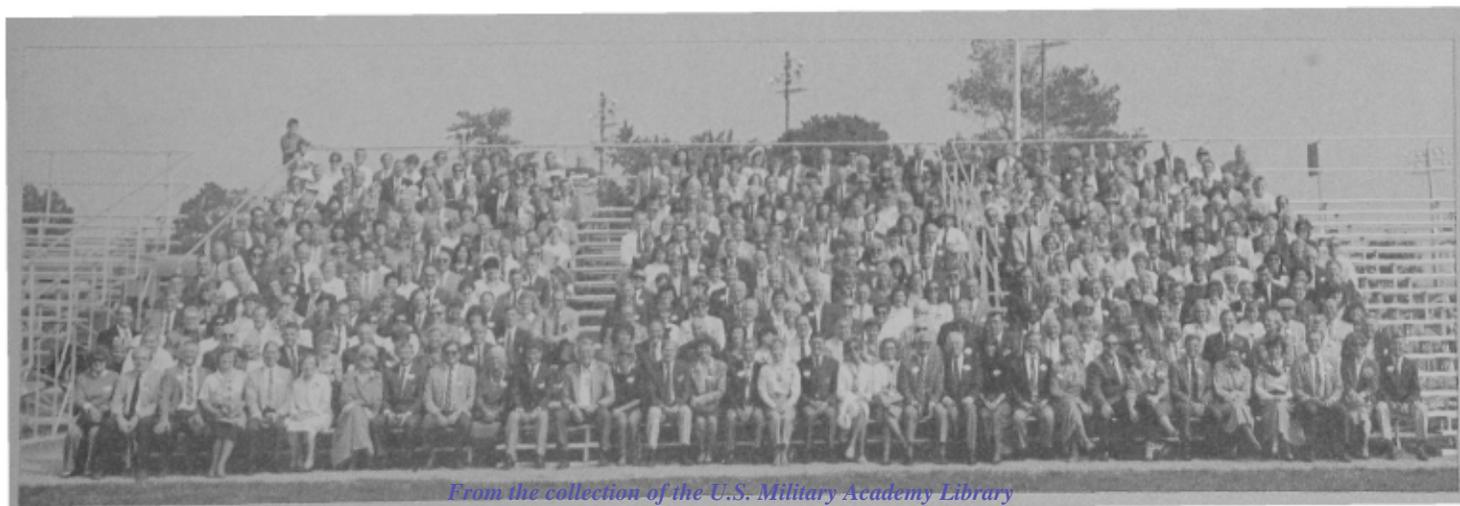
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# 1958

29 September–2 October



1958–1988 Thirtieth Reunion. Great weekend. Grand weather. Super turnout. Even the football score came up 58–10! Our only sadness was missing those who have joined the ghostly assemblage and those AWOL from reunion. Reflections: during 1988 Superman turned fifty and Mickey Mouse turned sixty. USMA 1958 falls somewhere between those two in age and accomplishments. We can confess having fallen short of youthful dreams of Superman and claim having seen too much Mickey Mouse. Where is Major Wickert with his Plebe English explanation of such symbolism? Probably searching for the great white whale and the wilderness-stone. Our thanks to Garry Roosma, the CCQs and runners, the 400 who responded to the Book, the Class aides, the AOG, the rifle party, the drummer and bugler, Chaplains Camp and Bean, the Supe and the football team for their parts in our successful 30th. And to the classmates and wives who attended—thanks, you are the ones who made it great! Now the cry is “see you at the 35th!” with four mini-reunions planned to help us get there.





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# 1963

9-11 September





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# Mission to Korea Benefits First Captain

By Joe Dineen, Office of Admissions, USMA

The Games of the XXIV Olympiad focused much of the world's attention on the Republic of South Korea and its bustling city of Seoul which served as host for more than 11,000 athletes from around the world.

Millions of people watched portions of this sports competition, while also seeing a glimpse of life in Korea, its people, its Confucian ideals and its work ethic as viewed by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). It was a fascinating spectacle, gaining an understanding of an industrious people who appear to be following the success of Japan in becoming an economic power in the world.

While this scene provided many of us a better understanding of Korea, it was much more familiar to Mark Jennings of St. George, Utah, who was recently selected the first captain and brigade commander of the Corps of Cadets. Jennings spent 16 months in Korea while completing mission work for the Mormon Church, a requirement for all young men of the Mormon faith.

Jennings studied the Korean language for two months, and once there, he lived on the east coast for seven months, and the remainder of his time in Seoul. "The central focus of the mission was teaching the Korean people about the gospel of Jesus Christ," said Jennings. "But we

also helped with Korean youth programs. We counseled families with domestic problems, and helped broken families. It was a rewarding experience working with the Korean people in their homes."

What was most ironic about Jennings' 18-month missionary work in the Republic of Korea is that he would return three years later, older, perhaps wiser, and with a slightly different mission.

Jennings journeyed to Korea for Cadet Leadership Training during his third summer at West Point, serving as a tank platoon leader with the 2nd Infantry Division at Camp Casey. The assignment was beneficial in many ways. First of all, Jennings was considered one of the battalion's "Korean experts" since he could speak Korean and was thoroughly familiar with the Korean people, their habits and their lifestyle. Secondly, Jennings' second tour in Korea gave him an opportunity to interact with Korean university students who were fulfilling their military requirement by serving under the combined arm of the U.S.-ROK forces there.

"I knew more about Korea and the Korean people than any other officer in the battalion," said Jennings matter of factly. "With the ability to speak the language, to understand why they felt the way they did, as well as knowing their cultural background, was an incredible advantage.

"I also spoke with many of the students who were serving in the Korean augment at Camp Casey," added Jennings. "While speaking to them in Korean, I became more aware of their political views. It was interesting to see their stance politically while realizing they are wearing a uniform fighting alongside our soldiers."

Although Jennings adamantly insists he is not an expert in foreign affairs, he does have a different viewpoint on the student protests in Korea than is seen on national television. "Every spring the Korean students riot," says Jennings. "They do it in the spring just like we make the annual pilgrimage to Florida for spring break. Sometimes it means a lot and sometimes it doesn't. They made some significant progress last year because they were able to facilitate the democratic elections in which a new president stepped in and peacefully took office for the first time in a long time. It

is much more harmless than we perceive through our media. We seem to think that the world is falling apart in Seoul and it is really not."

This Utah resident had little time to catch the Olympic competition in those familiar Korean surroundings, unquestionably because much of his time is spent handling the responsibilities of academics and the brigade commander position. Jennings was elevated to the highest ranking position in the cadet chain-of-command following completion of cadet summer training. Jennings commanded the first detail during Cadet Basic Training, and experience that he felt was both challenging and rewarding.

The cadet first captain felt one of the most positive aspects of Cadet Basic Training this summer was the leadership by the cadet staff. Cadets were responsible for the training and for running their companies. In Jennings' words it was an ideal leadership experience.

"I think 'beast barracks' is a better program now because of the changes the academy has made to make it more similar to the structure of units out in the Army," says Jennings. "Now we have second classmen serving as squad leaders, whereas everyone was a first classman during Cadet Basic Training when I came in to the Academy. The second class squad leader program is a great program for beast barracks.

"Probably the biggest improvement was to let cadets actually do the training and the operation of beast barracks," added the cadet first captain. "The officers took a big step back in that respect, giving the cadets the responsibility to run their companies, to administer the discipline, to conduct the training and insure that everyone is trained to standards. In years past, it has been officer directed and cadet implemented. However, this year, officers gave us standards and then cadets directed and implemented."

At the age of 25, Jennings is somewhat older than most cadets at West Point, but that maturity appears to enhance his leadership ability. Some students may question why a young man would serve in the Utah National Guard, spend 18 months doing missionary work, attend a junior college and one semester at Brigham Young University before deciding to attend the U.S. Military Academy. But Jennings might not have even consid-

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Cadet Mark Jennings

# USMA—Measures of Excellence

By Captain Stephen R. Naru, *Admissions Media Officer*

The findings of a recent study entitled *The Undergraduate Experience in America* reveal some interesting contrasts between the fundamental precepts that guide the United States Military Academy and other colleges.

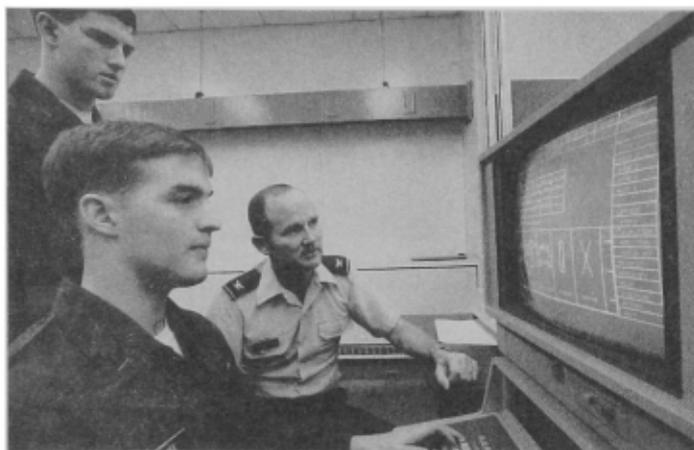
This study, one of many conducted by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, polled students and faculty at several colleges across the country and found that many are torn by

ties, tensions between conformity and creativity in the classroom, a great separation between the academic and social life on campus, disagreement over how the college should be governed, debate over how the outcome of a college education should be measured, and finally, a disturbing gap between the college and the "real world."

These points of tension serve as a framework for articulating the elements of excellence for West Point.

Payment for the first-rate USMA education is deferred and is in the form of service to country.

Many other Academy programs help ease the "college transition" cited by students as a major problem. The candidate tours program, sponsored by the Cadet Public Relations Council, directed ably by Major (Ret) Bruce Turnbull, offers candidates the opportunity to be given a thorough briefing by a cadet about Academy life, and the opportunity



Classes are small at West Point. Here two cadets receive individual help from a professor during a class in Mechanics.



An admissions officer and cadet member of the soccer team chat with a candidate participating in the Overnight Tours program conducted by the Admissions Office. This program helps in the decision-making process for candidates offered admission to West Point.

divisions, conflicting priorities, confused purposes and competing interests that diminish the intellectual and social undergraduate experience, according to Ernest L. Boyer, president of the foundation at the time of this study. Boyer summarized the findings by stating that tensions on campus have restricted the capacity of colleges to serve their students, and that many colleges have lost their sense of mission.

The report cited eight distinct points of tension: discontinuity between schools and colleges, confusion over institutional goals, divided faculty loyal-

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*Discontinuity between high school and college*—Students are concerned about academic preparation and their credentials for being successful in college. Cost, too, plays heavily on their minds.

The Academy is very clear about the type of preparation a student must follow in order to be considered for admission. Four years of mathematics, four years of English, two years of a laboratory science, two years of foreign language, and at least a year of U.S. History are recommended. All admissions literature explains this.

Serious applicants receive detailed instructions on admissions procedures from both the Admissions Office at West Point, and from liaison officers residing in the vicinity of the applicant. Detailed admissions information can also be found in the guidance counselor's office, as the Academy sends a wealth of material to most of the nation's high schools three times a year. Cost for USMA applicants is a positive factor, as there is no application fee or tuition at West Point.



An instructor clarifies a point during a group discussion exercise in Behavioral Sciences.

to go to class and to eat in the cadet dining facility. The candidate also has the opportunity to confer one-on-one with an admissions officer. Parents, too, are given a short walking tour and a briefing.

West Point societies and parents clubs located throughout the nation are great sources for candidate support. In fact, many candidates participate in social gatherings and meet cadets, faculty, or USMA leaders prior to reporting to West Point.

Qualified students are offered the opportunity to attend an Invitational Academic Workshop in the summer prior to their senior year to give them an idea of what academics at the Academy are like. For many of these students, the academic workshop was a primary reason for selecting West Point.

*Confusion over institutional goals*—Many institutions have lost their sense of mission while scrambling for students in a competitive marketplace. Undergraduates are finding it difficult to see patterns in their courses, and are worried about finding a job to fit their skills. Others are concerned that their academic majors are too specialized.

Competition for admission is keen as only about 1300–1400 persons are admitted each year out of an applicant pool ten times that size. In fact, *USA Today* has cited USMA as “one of the choosiest colleges in America” for the last two years.

Our mission has remained virtually intact for nearly 200 years. Candidates learn about this mission prior to entry, and this year have the opportunity to write about how the mission relates to

harder right than the easier wrong. Unquestioned character is essential in a profession where tough decisions can cost lives.

*Divided loyalty among faculty*—This problem is focused on faculty expectations to publish and demands to teach. Often, promotion and tenure hang on research and publication. When faced with the decision, “my job or my students,” it is generally the student who loses.

At West Point, this problem simply does not exist. West Point has the most up-to-date faculty in the country, made up of young, dynamic professional officers fresh from the best graduate schools in the nation. They bring with them the latest in teaching methods and a vast wealth of professional experience gathered while serving in the Army.



Army officers at West Point not only guide the academic progress of cadets, but serve as coaches and volunteer in many extracurricular activities. At right an officer-coach observes preparation for crew practice on the Hudson River.



The West Point experience is not limited to all work and no play. Cadets participate in numerous activities, including one of the finest intramural athletic programs in the country. Here cadets participate in team handball during the fall.



Cadets receive classroom instruction in military tactics in addition to field training.

their personal goals and aspirations. Once they arrive on Reception Day, everything cadets learn over the course of their four year “West Point experience” is in support of that mission.

Cadets do not worry about jobs as they approach graduation. Each graduate moves immediately into a position of leadership and responsibility. They receive excellent pay and benefits, and are well-prepared for graduate school sometime during their careers. The academic program is special, because the broad-based core curriculum prepares cadets for graduate school in either the sciences or humanities.

Inextricably imbedded in both the education and training of the cadet is the molding of character. While many colleges are confused as to how to impart values on which both higher education and society depend, the purpose of West Point is fixed: “to provide leaders of character to serve the common defense.” Cadets learn immediately that they are expected to become leaders of strong moral courage, expected to choose the

These officers have one priority, and that is to teach cadets. Research is not a distractor. They are protected from the “publish or perish” attitude, and provide profession-related rapport to cadets. The instructors live on post and are available when help is needed. The faculty genuinely care about the student and are committed to doing everything reasonably expected to prepare each cadet for his/her officer role upon graduation.

*The Classroom*—The fourth tension cited by the Carnegie report had to do with the environment within the classroom . . . passivity in the classroom resulting in the lack of vigorous exchange between student and teacher.

Again, this is much less of a problem at the Military Academy, where there is a student to faculty ratio of about 7:1. Rarely do you find more than 15 cadets in a class. Daily recitation is expected in the West Point classroom. It is impossible to hide or to take a back seat.

Instructors care. They encourage students to seek additional help if warrant-

ed and will ensure that they receive it. Cadets work within a disciplined environment and adhere to an Honor Code that rewards the efforts of honest achievers.

*Social Exchange*—Fifth, a great separation was noted between the academic and social life on campus. Faculty and administrators were found to distance themselves from student life and were confused over their roles with respect to social activity.

Colleges like to speak of their campus as a “community,” but nowhere is there a better example of this than at West Point. Instructors do not flood the roads leading off post at the end of the teaching day. They reside on post. They help coach athletic teams. They teach Sunday school. They serve as advisors to the many extracurricular clubs and activities that meet in the afternoons. They serve as sponsors and mentors to their students, having them over for dinner to share a Saturday or Sunday afternoon.

At West Point, the staff and faculty are the role models. What they impart to cadets helps mold their character and is a very real part of the overall “West Point experience.”

*Governance*—Sixth, colleges are torn by disagreements over how they should be governed. (There is no lethargic attitude here.) At West Point, there are two chains of command—the officer and the cadet. Cadets are put into ever-increasing roles of responsibility that help develop their leadership abilities. Cadets interact with their officer chain of command, and have a great deal to say about how the Corps of Cadets is run.

*Measurement of the College Education*—The researchers found that there was a great deal of concern as to the actual quality of the education received over the course of a four-year undergraduate experience. They contend that it is very difficult to measure overall quality.

The fine record West Point has in preparing its graduates for future gradu-

ate work, and in on-the-job military performance both in peace and war can be quantified. The breadth of influence from a relatively small number of total graduates is staggering: military leaders and strategists, teachers, U.S. Presidents, engineers, doctors, statesmen, astronauts, and corporate leaders. West Point graduates have proven themselves: (1) Ninety percent of those who stay in the military beyond their initial commitment will attend graduate school; (2) the Academy does extremely well in scholarship competitions; (3) some two percent of each graduating class go immediately to medical school; and (4) West Point ranks fourth in the nation in the number of Rhodes Scholarships won by its graduates.

*The Real World*—Finally, a disturbing gap was noted on campus between the real world and the parochialism on campus which seems to limit the vision of the student venturing out.

The Academy does a great deal to help graduates gain perspective and prepare them to meet their civic and social obligations in the Army. Cadets learn about the history of West Point’s contribution to the defense of the nation, not only as a fortress, but as an institution devoted to developing leaders with a sense of commitment, public service and unquestioned character.

In practical terms, they are exposed to four summers of military training designed to give each cadet an exposure to the varied career fields within the Army. They learn how to take charge and to take action in a platoon-size setting. During the academic year, they gain the leadership, management, and intellectual skills so necessary for a successful junior officer.

The Carnegie report ended by saying that the American college needs renewal, that above all, we need educated men and women who not only pursue their own personal interests, but are also prepared to fulfill social and civic obliga-

tions. And, it observed, it is during the undergraduate experience, perhaps more than at any other time, that these essential qualities of mind and character are refined. To accomplish this, all parts of campus life—recruitment, orientation, curriculum, teaching, residence hall living, and the rest—must relate to one another and contribute to a sense of wholeness.

West Point does this now, and has for many years.

In sum, the Academy has a lot to offer a prospective student. Above all, the Academy seeks talented students who are not only willing to pursue their own personal interests, but are also prepared to fulfill their social and civic obligations to society through service to country. USMA, perhaps better than any other undergraduate institution, is able to offer development of both intellect and character during the “West Point experience,” resulting in graduates who are ready to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.



The West Point experience begins with a parental farewell, and successfully ends with the traditional graduation hat toss scene and a commissioning ceremony.



# A Vignette of Leadership and Loyalty

It was Christmas Eve 1944, and the 54th Armored Infantry Battalion (AIB) joined by other elements of the 10th (Tiger) Armored Division were in Belgium preparing to participate in the campaign which would alter the course of the Second World War—the Battle of the Bulge.

In command of the 54th AIB was Colonel James O'Hara, USMA '34. O'Hara earned the fond sobriquet of "Smilin' Jim" by his happy, natural good humor and by his unsparing spirit of care and concern for the soldiers of his unit. He was about to reinforce the reflection of that spirit in the critical period ahead by his leadership of the members of the 54th AIB, Americans all, from states as widespread as Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Florida.

At Bastogne, "Smilin' Jim" was placed in command of Team O'Hara; his battalion, augmented by tank and engineer units, was subsequently attached to the 101st Airborne Division. His mission: to hold Marvie, a locality southeast of, and vital to securing the Bastogne junction. Team O'Hara blocked the road east from Bastogne, through Wiltz; repulsed the German attack on Wardin; destroyed several tanks of the Panzer-Lehr Division in front of Marvie—and held Marvie.

O'Hara was awarded the Silver Star by Major General Maxwell D. Taylor for his direction of the holding operation. The citation read, in part: ". . . Doubtful that there was contact with the units on his right flank, he advanced under heavy small arms and artillery fire to assure himself that contact was being maintained. His gallantry, determination, and *maintenance of morale among his men* [italics added] were directly responsible for repulsing the second enemy attack that night. . . ."

O'Hara's command won the Presidential Unit Citation, and he the Belgian Croix de Guerre for this performance. He remained in command while counterattacking through Zerf, toward Trier, where he was seriously wounded and was evacuated through medical channels.

Time passed—some forty years, in fact. O'Hara died 1 March 1985, and was buried with honors in Arlington National Cemetery. However, the men of the 54th AIB did not forget their "Smilin' Jim."

Exactly one year from the date of his death, on 1 March 1986, the veterans, the

men from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Florida assembled at his gravesite, in the snow, in Arlington National Cemetery to honor the memory of their departed leader. They invited His Excellency the Belgian Ambassador and Madame Denhenin, who added the appreciation of Belgium by their presence. They invited "The First Lady of the 54th," Mrs. Eli-



Arlington Cemetery, 1 March 1986

nore O'Hara, accompanied by her cousins and O'Hara's sister, Mrs. Harrison King and Colonel King. They invited Brigadier General Elizabeth Hoisington, the Army's first lady general; and the commander of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars, Vice Admiral and Mrs. Townsend. They invited Mrs. Nancy Shado of the Arlington Ladies, as well as friends and classmates of O'Hara.

That "Smilin' Jim's" leadership had not been forgotten was strikingly manifested in brief, but touching graveside eulogies, in the snow, by the veterans. Robert Wilson: "You were a soldier's soldier. God Bless you, Jim, and may your soul rest peacefully in heaven." Stanley Ignash: "I remember how he could give you a real dressing down, and still be smiling the whole time." Jim Nevin: "Colonel Jim O'Hara was not only a great leader, he was a great man. He loved his men and his men loved him. May he rest in peace." Matthew Famino: "Going through the Battle of Bastogne with him was the greatest thing for me." "Lucky" Loiacono: "If there is a heaven, assuredly Jim O'Hara is there. If he's not, there is not much hope for the rest of us." Joe Moore: quoted from the Book of *Ephesians*: "not of works, lest any man should boast." . . . "Colonel O'Hara never boasted of his accomplishments, however great they were."



Left to right: BG Kenneth Althaus, CO, CAA, 10th Armored Div; LTC John Riley, CO, 21st Tank Bn; LTC James O'Hara, CO, 54th Armored Infantry Bn.



Following these striking extemporaneous expressions of loyalty, a soldier from the 3d U.S. Infantry placed a floral tribute in the motif and colors of the 54th AIB on the grave. The Army Chaplain offered the benediction and all stood in respectful silence for a rendition of Taps by a bugler from the Army Band. This truly unusual testimonial of comradeship, patriotism, respect, and loyalty by veterans from diverse and far away places, after so many years, in honor of a departed leader, was deeply moving and inspiring.

One wondered, as he stood there in the snow, how many others had been privileged to participate in such an emotionally inspiring situation. It made one feel proud and honored to be allowed to share in this remarkable tribute to "Smilin' Jim." It made one proud to be a member of his USMA Class of '34. Even further, it made one proud and thankful that West Point produced leaders who can evoke such loyalty from true Americans.

And the loyalty goes on. The veterans of the 54th AIB place flowers on "Smilin' Jim's" grave each March 1st, and, joined by members of the tank unit of Team O'Hara, plan to place a plaque in his honor, in 1989, in the rebuilt house near Wardin, which replaces the one where his Bastogne CP was located, and which was destroyed in that battle.

Johnny Stevens '34

# Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra

By Lieutenant Colonel Harry M. Garten, USA, Retired



The United States Military Academy and Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra, Israel, are separated by 6000 miles and seven time zones, but the two met in the summer of 1988 in what is hoped will be a recurring annual event. An Academy contingent, including seven firsties, spent three weeks working and studying on an agricultural settlement in northwestern Israel as part of an Academy sanctioned VST (Volunteer Summer Training) program.

This program was organized and led by Major Kenneth J. Leinwand, who was completing his first year as the Jewish Chaplain at West Point. Major Leinwand, a Regular Army officer with eleven years of service, is well acquainted with Israel, having spent over two years there completing his theological studies at Hebrew Union College and Hebrew University. After receiving approval of the project from the Deputy Commandant, USCC, he accepted applications from seven cadets, all of whom made the trip. The rabbi communicated with Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra officials for several months to establish the dates of the trip, the housing and transportation arrangements, the travel to be made within Israel during the stay there, as well as several minor but necessary details to insure maximum use of the time. He also obtained permission to visit military facilities there.

Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra is a settlement of 600 families in the extreme northwestern area of Israel. It is one kilometer from the Lebanese border on the Mediterranean Sea. This establishment was founded in 1949, shortly after the War for

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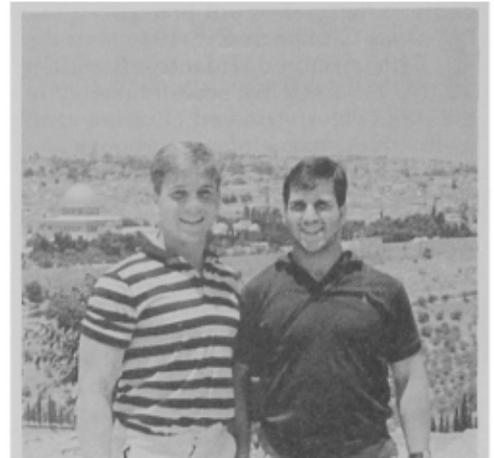
Independence and many of the inhabitants were born there. It also includes many refugees from Europe and about ten American families. About thirty percent of the kibbutzniks speak English. The primary activity is a banana plantation where fruit is raised for export. Other operations include a 250 cow dairy herd, the raising of turkeys, an experimental greenhouse for the production of improved produce and fruit, a laboratory for the production of disease-resistant strains of banana and citrus seedlings, and a small tourist attraction at historic caves on the shoreline of the Lebanese border, adjacent to the United Nations peace keeping force.

After a ten-hour flight, the group arrived at Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. Baggage retrieval and customs clearance was facilitated by IDF General (Ret.) Davidi, our official point of contact, who greeted the weary travelers upon their arrival. The kibbutz truck made the 100-kilometer trip to Rosh Hanikra with one stop for a sample of Israeli fast food.

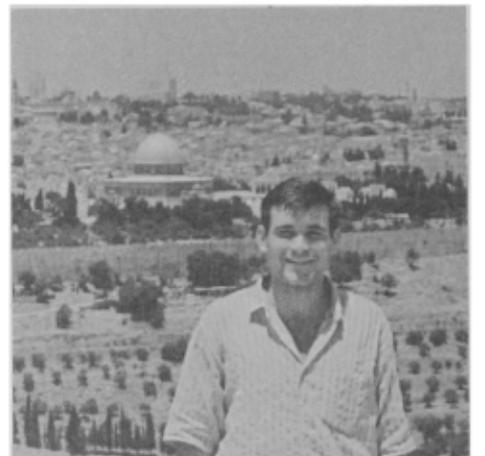
On the first day at the kibbutz, the cadets were given the luxury of sleeping until 0700, after which they were given a thorough orientation of the area and specific information about their work assignments.

All of the cadets worked on the banana plantation doing heavy manual labor. Their efforts came at a particularly appropriate time. Two weeks before their arrival, a large fire had destroyed one-third of the banana trees, leaving debris and charred timber which required removal. This involved the use of machetes and wire cutters in an area that was difficult to work in. From time to time other assignments were given to the firsties. Cadet Brent Van Manen on his poultry odyssey got to know several turkeys by their first names, and after a few days on the garbage detail he became acquainted with a number of indigenous

Kibbutz Rosh Hanikra with the banana plantation in the foreground and the housing area in the rear.



Cadets Peter Stark and David Warshaw in Jerusalem with the Dome of the Rock at the left rear.



Cadet Mike Francomb in Jerusalem with the Dome of the Rock in the distance.



Cadet David Warshaw in triumph after assaulting a banana tree.

weeds. Cadet David Warshaw became a competent plow jockey in minimum time.

The daily schedule was as follows:

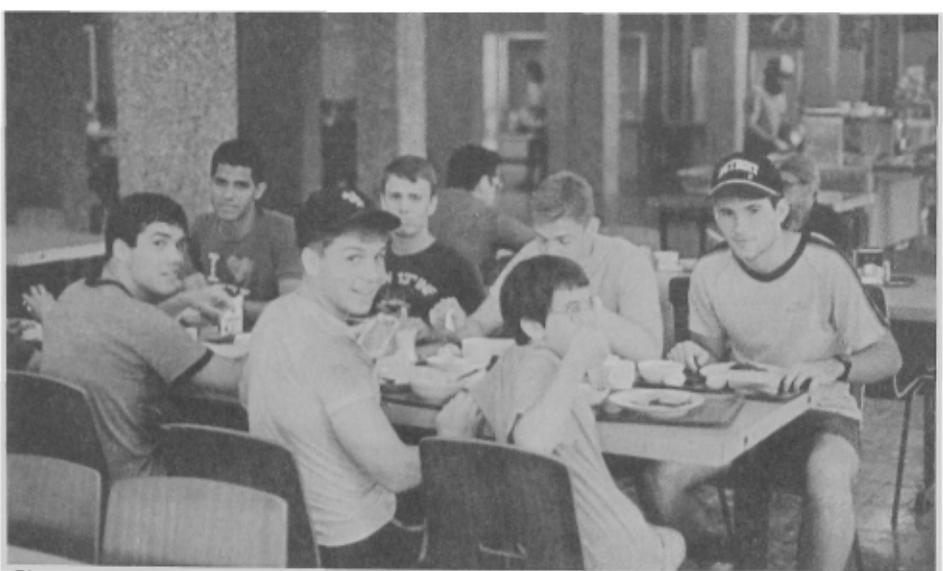
- 0530— Wake up
- 0555— Bread and beverage in the dining hall.
- 0600–0800 Work
- 0800–0900 Breakfast
- 0900–1200 Work
- 1200–1300 Lunch
- 1300–1600 Work
- 1600–1830 Free time for swimming and athletics.
- 1830–1930 Supper
- 1930–2400 Social program, lecture, or free time.

Each cadet was assigned to a host family much like the USMA mentor program. The cadet was welcomed at his family's home, and was expected to drop in whenever he wished during his free time. All of the host families spoke English, and in each of them the man of the family, and in many instances, the wife too, had been on active duty with the IDF in one or more of the five wars Israel has had since its inception. In this way the cadets were given some idea of the way the kibbutz family operates. Because all of the kibbutz members eat together in the large dining hall, hospitality at meals in the American fashion does not exist in the kibbutz, except for certain festive occasions. Both with host families and at work assignments, the firsties were able to meet Israelis of their own ages, thereby gaining some knowledge of the differences between American and Israeli societies.

During free time and on Friday afternoons and Saturdays the cadets visited Nahariya, a small town five kilometers south of the kibbutz on the Mediterra-



Cadet Ricky Presciado securing a banana tree.



Six cadets and a young friend in the Rosh Hanikra dining hall.

nean, and Acre (Akko), 25 kilometers further south on the coast. Acre contains one of the Moslem holy places, the Mosque of Jazzar Pasha and Napoleon's headquarters during his stay there, both of which were toured by the cadets.

In addition to cadet travel on their free time, there were four special trips organized. All of these events were planned with the cooperation of the kibbutz, which supplied transportation, food, and knowledgeable guides.

The first, and most memorable trip, was a 20-hour pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The group left the kibbutz at 0430 thereby avoiding some, but not all, of the traffic as it neared the Holy City. Breakfast in a local park was followed by a visit to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, the Jerusalem Museum and to the Dead Sea Scrolls Library. A motor trip around the city allowed the group to see the Mount of Olives, the Mosque of Omar, the King David Hotel, and several other important sites encountered previously in books. Most cadets experimented with a novel form of transportation — a camel ride — and were therefore better able to appreciate the bumps that are a necessary part of traveling by truck.

Lunch in the Old City was a prelude to walking the Stations of the Cross, and visits to the Church of Gethsemane and the Western Wall of the Temple of Jerusalem, two of the most sacred shrines of Christianity and Judaism. The five Christian cadets and two Jewish cadets were brought closer to their religious roots, and found that the trip combined history, military studies, work, social interaction with a foreign society, and religious experiences unavailable anywhere else in the world.

Next on this eventful day was a 100-kilometer trip to Masada, the site of the martyrdom of 1000 Jews in the year 73, who held off the 15,000 soldiers of the Roman Tenth Legion for two years, and then committed mass suicide rather than become prisoners of the Roman attackers. This fortress is now an archaeologi-

cal restoration on a mesa-shaped rock 450 meters above the shores of the nearby Dead Sea. While in the neighborhood, and unwilling to pass up a unique experience, our cadets next went swimming, or at least floating, in the Dead Sea, trading the dust of the kibbutz for the salt of the water.

The group returned to Jerusalem for a 2100 dinner, and then headed back home, where a sleepy entourage arrived at 0130 enlightened but exhausted.

For this and subsequent trips, the kibbutz provided a driver and a guide, both of whom were fluent only in Hebrew. In addition, Major Leinwand, acting as the group interpreter, put to good use his knowledge of Hebrew and his experience as a former resident of Jerusalem.

The second trip was brief, but nonetheless exciting. With an armed guard, the group toured a ten-mile stretch of the Lebanese border just north of the kibbutz. Standing ten feet from the electrified fence on the Israeli-Lebanese border, the cadets were able to see twenty kilometers into the deserted stretch of Lebanon. They also observed the border patrols of UN and Israeli soldiers as they periodically passed the group observing abandoned strong points along the road. Chaplain Leinwand, a 1987 graduate of the Command and General Staff College, joined the Israeli soldier-guide in giving a terrain analysis of the area. This type of analysis was later given in much greater detail at a lengthier stay at the Golan Heights.

The third trip was a full-day tour of northeastern Israel. The group breakfasted at the Banyas Springs, and explored the Roman ruins nearby. The highlight of the day was a long stay at the battle sites of the Golan Heights. The area is a mass of abandoned strong points and disabled tanks, with several small monuments in honor of the soldiers who died in the most recent Arab-Israeli war. The Israeli guide was a young Israeli

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# Brig Gen David H. Cameron— A Teacher's Teacher

By Lieutenant Colonel Rickey A. Kolb

Reflecting on Brigadier General David H. Cameron's retirement last June, and preparing to write this article, I asked several colleagues in the Mathematics Department how they thought its former head would be remembered.

The opinion was unanimous: "As a teacher."

Few persons are true masters of the art of teaching, but General Cameron deserves that title. We who were taught by him and taught beside him agree, he is a teacher's teacher.

General Cameron, USMA class of 1950, had served our Army for more than 38 years when he retired on 20 June 1988. At his retirement ceremony he received the Distinguished Service Medal and was advanced to the rank of brigadier general. He had arrived at West Point 28 years earlier to begin doing what he seemed uniquely qualified and destined to do: to teach.

In the decade between his graduation and his assignment to USMA, General Cameron had served in the Corps of Engineers in Okinawa, Korea, the British West Indies, and Germany in addition to Stateside tours in Orlando, Florida (where he met and married Carolyn Mays); Memphis, Tennessee; and Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He found time along the way to obtain master's degrees in civil engineering at Princeton ('56) and mathematics at Rensselaer ('60).

General Cameron's academic contributions—and his reputation as a teacher's teacher—began immediately in 1960 when he was assigned to instruct the Academy's first Advanced Mathematics Course. He challenged and motivated these gifted cadets to develop to a higher degree not just their mathematical abilities, but also their thinking skills. A recent letter from one of these students accurately identified the essence of General Cameron's teaching talents: he taught the "process" of learning instead of the mere "form" of mathematics. This "process" became the life-long lesson for General Cameron's students.

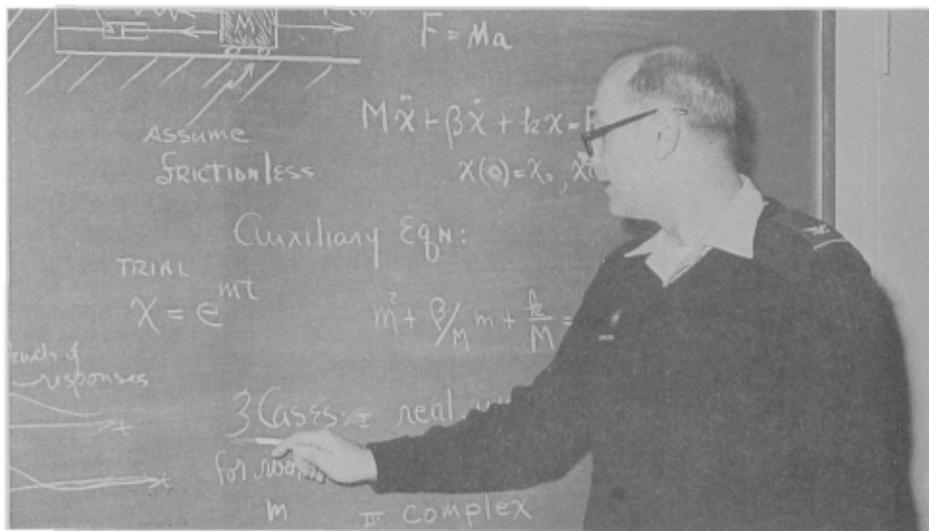
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Selected as a permanent associate professor in 1964, General Cameron began PhD work at Princeton, and returned to the department in 1966 to be appointed the chief of the Electives Group. As he worked to refine and expand the elective courses, he became renowned for his expertise in differential equations and complex analysis. He was awarded his PhD in civil engineering in 1970; his teaching reputation, as well as his influence on his students, continued to grow.

It has been suggested that students remember only two kinds of instructors: their best and their worst. I am a former cadet who keenly recalls General Cameron as one of my very best teachers. He had the ability to present the most abstract concepts in our complex analysis course in clear and concise terms. On one occasion a classmate and I struggled with an out-of-class project and had to seek assistance from General Cameron. He made a few comments and suggested that we were generally on the right track. We were then delighted when he made our project the basis of his next class, using our mistakes as teaching points, and completely and clearly presenting



BG David H. Cameron—a teacher's teacher



"Talk with chalk"

the project. The entire class walked out of the room in awe of that presentation. It was that kind of skillful teaching that significantly influenced both that classmate and me to return to West Point to teach in the Department of Mathematics.

When General Cameron became the chief of the Fourth Class Group in 1971,

he began to make contributions even more significant for the teaching of mathematics at West Point. Since at that time all new instructors were first assigned to teach fourth class mathematics, General Cameron had a strong hand in their development as teachers. Through the new instructor training program he conducted in the summer, and by personal

example and countless classroom visits and critiques throughout the academic year, he inculcated a philosophy of teaching that is summed up in his oft-repeated maxim: "A mind is not a vessel to be filled but a flame to be kindled." He demanded that his instructors dedicate themselves to the mastery of teaching. Today, this philosophy is the cornerstone of the department.

With General Cameron's selection as deputy head of the department in 1977 and as head in 1985, the department was insured of continued growth of its programs with emphasis on the teaching



General Cameron and former student Kolb



Ready for retirement

mission. General Cameron continued to develop the faculty through academic seminars in which he demonstrated his own remarkable abilities as a teacher's teacher. He emphasized the skill of explaining abstract concepts in clear geometric terms. He often said that the weakness of most students was their inability to picture concepts geometri-

cally, and he urged his teachers to help their students develop this useful skill. His famous motto "talk with chalk" was valuable advice for all instructors, but no one could "talk with chalk" quite like General Cameron. So strong was his own reliance on this method that he admitted he could not envision how a mathematics teacher could teach without a piece of chalk and a blackboard.

It was well known that General Cameron gave most emphasis to teaching and was most proud of his contributions in that area. However, as deputy head and head of the department, and as a member of numerous USMA committees and study groups, he influenced all aspects of the mathematics programs as well as other programs affecting USMA as a whole.

For example, the high quality of the core curriculum in mathematics is a result of General Cameron's vigilant concern. He made the program relevant to the overall curriculum of USMA, balancing sound traditional mathematics with opportunities for experimentation, analysis, problem solving and application to the technical needs of the military. He integrated the use of the personal computer into the core program. He emphasized both written and oral student performance, as well as personal and professional development of the individual. His often stated belief that students "learn mathematics best by doing mathematics," and his intuitive understanding that relevant course work is a great impetus to learning have shaped the

philosophy and charted the direction of the department.

General Cameron's expertise in curriculum development enabled him to create an exciting and meaningful array of elective courses. He formulated the current version of the major in Mathematical Sciences. In co-operation with the Department of Engineering, he

helped to shape the Operations Research field of study and co-established the Systems Engineering major. Because of his insistence on relevance and meeting the needs of other departments, mathematics electives have become integral to other majors programs as well.

Through dynamic leadership and enthusiasm for the teaching profession, General Cameron attracted highly qualified officers to the department and, as a member of the Permanent Associate Professor Selection Committee, he took special care to select those that shared his concern that teaching be of paramount importance at West Point. He demonstrated a personal interest in their continuing academic and military professional development: he encouraged professional writing, participation in conferences and seminars, membership in professional organizations, individual research—indeed, any activity that would enhance the understanding, application and love of mathematics and teaching.

As deputy head, General Cameron was responsible for the department's Visiting Professor Program. He actively recruited renowned educators from among the finest civilian mathematicians. Their service at USMA and their continued involvement with the Mathematics Department has enriched the faculty and contributed significantly to the overall development of cadets. As department head, General Cameron continued to emphasize the value of this program.

Recognizing the enormous potential for his faculty members to help meet the need for research on DOD projects, General Cameron reorganized summer activities to permit a significant number of the faculty to participate in projects professionally enhancing as well as helpful and cost-saving to the government. He also secured opportunities for cadets pursuing mathematics related majors to work on research projects. General Cameron supported and advised his officers in their research activities, and the great success of this program assures a continuation and growth of research and consulting within the department. It was his wisdom to recognize that all aspects of the mathematical development of the faculty enrich the student as well.

Since his years as a cadet, General Cameron has regarded the concept of "Duty, Honor, and Country" with the deepest respect. As the department's head he demanded that his instructors emphasize to their cadets duty and personal responsibility with regard to regular preparation for class. He encouraged a development of a sense of honor by daily reinforcement in the classroom and simply by trusting cadets. Moreover, he served as chairman of the Superin-

tendent's Honor Review Committee, which made recommendations resulting in significant reorientation of the four year Honor Education Program. The changes emphasize the need for cadets to understand and internalize the Honor Code.

General Cameron has, of course, affected graduates of past and present classes at USMA; his contributions will also be felt by those who will attend the Academy for many years to come. As vice chairman of the Admissions Committee, he recognized the importance of selecting the best young men and women that America has to offer. He worked diligently to assure that all members of the admissions team fully understood and supported the goals, objectives and philosophy of the USMA admissions policy. With the rising numbers of applicants to West Point, General Cameron was especially concerned with the fair and proper evaluation of candidate files. He consistently challenged the use of statistical information to insure that it properly reflected the "whole candidate." He recently organized and chaired a study group to determine how admissions officers and Admission Committee members used statistical information to evaluate candidate files. The report will be of enormous value in the admissions effort. The outstanding quality of incoming classes is due in no small part to the effort and vision of this man's dedication to achieving the best for West Point and the nation.

General Cameron's contributions to the Department of Mathematics, USMA, the United States Army and the nation are immeasurable. His love of learning, teaching and soldiering have set an example for us all. Happily, among those in the first group of advanced course students taught by General Cameron was Frank R. Giordano, Class of 1964. We take delight in the fact that as Colonel Giordano succeeds his teacher and mentor as head of the Department of Mathematics, we can be assured that the teaching of "process" rather than mere "form" will endure.

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reserve officer who had fought in several of the battles in the area. This mountainous area controls the fertile plain to its south, and the cadets got both an appreciation of the importance of the terrain, and an understanding of why this particular small area is of such substantial military and historical significance.

The cadets left the former war zone for a pleasant lunch at a small restaurant on the east side of the Sea of Galilee, followed by a visit to the Baptismal Font at the eastern end of the sea, the site where John the Baptist performed his baptisms. Cadets Mike Francomb and David Millner enjoyed the waters, assisting our then lone casualty, Cadet Ricky Presciado, into the stream. A swim at a beach near the town of Tiberias rounded out an eventful day. The group returned to the kibbutz for a late supper.

The fourth trip was a military excursion. An afternoon was spent observing the Israeli Air Force Base at Ramat Aviv east of Haifa. The group was welcomed by our host officer who wasted no time in giving the group a briefing of what life is like at an installation that is on permanent alert. The fact that flight time from the air base to Beirut and Damascus is only seven minutes made our cadets realize the impossibility of trading maneuver space for time in a combat situation. Israeli pilots, consequently, must be airborne in four minutes or less to intercept an enemy attack once detected.

Cadets observed American planes being serviced by mechanics and were impressed by the efficiency of the base while simultaneously startled by the seeming lack of military discipline. They concluded that discipline was not lacking — it was different from what exists in the American forces. Finally, cadets had the opportunity to climb into

F16's and reconditioned F4's. On the return trip from the air base, the group stopped at a Druse village where the cadets searched for souvenirs and indulged in a minor shopping spree.

At the end of the third week, the work tour at the kibbutz ended and the group dispersed. Cadets Meggers, Francomb, Stark, Warsaw, and Millner spent three days in Eilat enjoying the surfing and snorkeling there. Cadet Van Manen visited Jerusalem to arrange MAC flights for himself and three other cadets, who had duty assignments in Germany. The lone casualty, Cadet Presciado, who had injured his ankle in a basketball game and was encumbered by a large cast, remained at the kibbutz until plane time. Cadets Stark, Meggers, and Presciado returned to America and their four colleagues reported for duty in Germany.

The only cost of this program was the round-trip air fare to Israel. Each cadet paid half of this fare, approximately \$350, and the other half was financed by private contributions. It is contemplated that the same arrangements will pertain to the 1989 VST. If any readers of this article wish to learn more about this program or support it, please write to USMA Chaplains Office, Attn: Chaplain Leinwand.

All of the participating cadets were and are enthusiastic about the Israel kibbutz experience. Their reports to fellow cadets have resulted in inquiries from several cows eager to sign up for the 1989 VST to Israel. Further, Major Leinwand, under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Languages, will be teaching a three credit hour elective course in Modern Spoken Hebrew, which will provide an excellent foundation for the kibbutz program.

It is therefore expected that the 1989 group will be both larger and better prepared for the work and travel program.



# Academic Limits

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



When West Point was founded, one of its primary goals was to provide the nation with officers who had the engineering skills needed to construct fortifications and to help build the nation's infrastructure; virtually all graduates practiced engineering. Throughout the Academy's history, engineering has been a cornerstone of the curriculum though other universities have grown up to produce the nation's engineers. Today, engineering programs at West Point remain strong. Programs in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering and engineering management have passed the rigid standards of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Majors and fields of concentration in various engineering disciplines meet the Army's needs for officers whose strong academic backgrounds prepare them to work as professional engineers in the Corps of Engineers and in weapons design and acquisition.

Until the 1960's, every cadet pursued as part of the core curriculum a program incorporating sufficient credit hours in mathematics, science, and engineering to meet ABET accreditation standards. Today, the component of the core curriculum devoted to the study of mathematics, science and engineering, while smaller than before, remains substantial. Even those cadets who choose to concentrate their elective studies in the social or behavioral sciences or in the humanities, most of whom will not become professional engineers, complete at least thirteen courses in mathematics, basic and applied science, and engineering in addition to a required course in computer science. Why are cadets who will not become engineers required to study engineering? What mathematics, science and engineering design experience should every West Point graduate have? How should we build a curriculum that provides that experience? These questions were the focus of a far-ranging study completed this summer of the core engineering curriculum and the Academy's organization to present it.

In March 1988, the Academy completed its "2002 Strategic Plan," a roadmap which provides guidance and direction for all USMA programs as we move into the next century. The plan's "Army

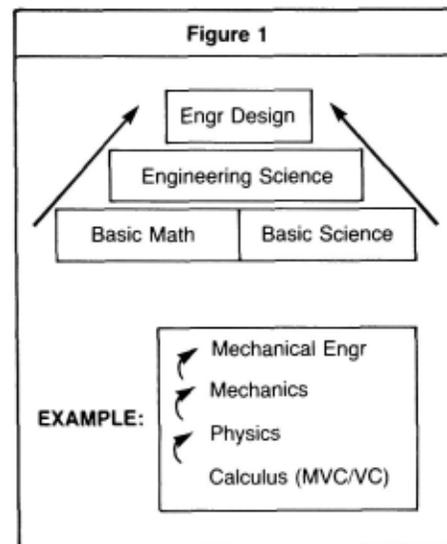
Leaders of the Twenty-first Century" states that tomorrow's officers, in order to develop, acquire and employ sophisticated weaponry, "... must have a thorough knowledge of the physical world," and "... must be able to solve problems and make decisions under conditions of uncertainty and ambiguity." The "Concept for Intellectual Development" dictates that cadets "learn quantitative and qualitative methods which allow them to allocate resources, manage the development and acquisition of technologically based systems and achieve innovative solutions to complex problems." The engineering curriculum study began with the premise that the mathematics, science and engineering component of the USMA curriculum must contribute to these requirements if it is to be part of every cadet's academic program.

The Academy's goals for intellectual development of cadets strongly imply that the curriculum should teach both the power and limitations of quantitative and qualitative engineering processes and methods. While it is no longer an Academy goal that each graduate be a fully qualified engineer, the study group concluded that the Academy's goals for developing Army leaders can best be achieved if cadets learn the "engineering thought process," which at its most fundamental level involves the application of the scientific method to the solution of practical problems. The following are the steps in the engineering thought process:

- Problem Identification
- Making Simplifications and Assumptions
- Model Construction/Selection
- Model Solution
- Analysis of Solution Sensitivity to Assumptions
- Verification and Implementation

The study group recommended that, over their four years in the USMA curriculum, all cadets should learn to understand and employ the engineering thought process through a sequence of mathematics, basic science, and engineering science courses which culminate in an engineering design experience in first class year.

Figure 1 shows the development of the engineering thought process through a sequence of mathematics, basic and



applied science, and engineering design courses. Mathematics courses present the basic theorems and laws of the mathematical world that serve as fundamental tools in engineering methods. Basic science courses (e.g. chemistry, physics) introduce the laws of behavior in the physical world. Engineering science courses apply the laws of the basic sciences to construct models that approximate real world behavior. Engineering design courses build upon mathematical tools and basic and applied science to derive solutions to practical problems. It is in these senior engineering design courses that cadets for the first time use mathematical theorems, physical laws, and fundamental models of engineering science to approximate real world behavior and to find reasonable solutions to difficult problems.

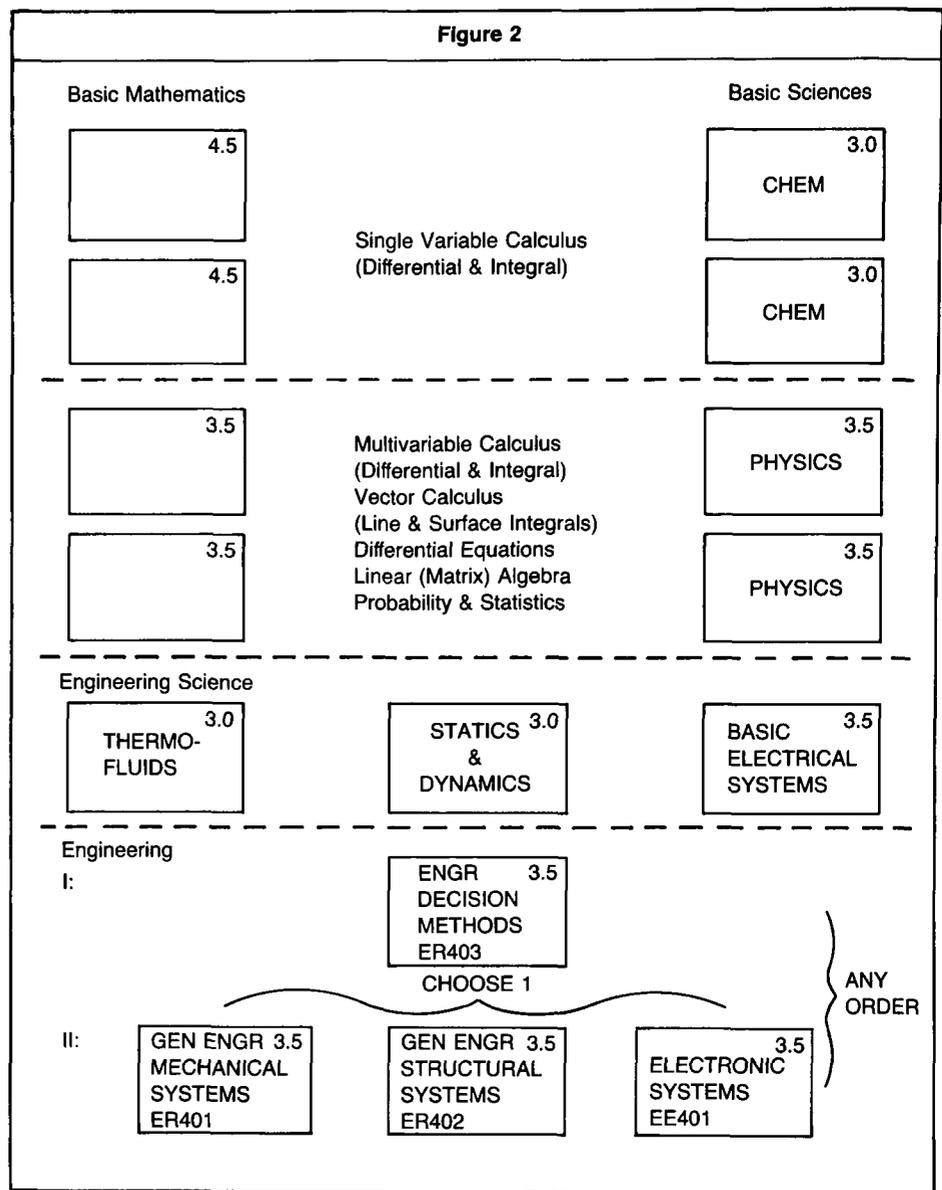
Engineering design provides experience in devising systems, components or processes to meet stated objectives. It is fundamentally a decision-making process in which resources are converted efficiently to meet requirements. Among the elements of the engineering design process are the establishment of objectives and criteria, synthesis, analysis, construction, testing and evaluation. Engineering design experience offers great potential to develop student creativity in

approaching and solving complex, open-ended problems, in considering alternative solutions and in accounting for realistic constraints including economic factors, safety, reliability and social impact. In view of the Academy's goals, the study group concluded that the engineering component of the curriculum provides a most effective means to further the intellectual development of cadets as they prepare to become Army leaders of the next century.

Having reaffirmed that every cadet should study mathematics, basic and applied sciences, and engineering design, the study group considered curricula that would provide the best experience. Figure 2 shows the set of mathematics, basic science, engineering science, and engineering courses that has comprised the minimum or core engineering requirement for all cadets in recent years. Many graduates will recognize that the introduction of electives and, more recently, majors programs has resulted in substantial reductions in the number of courses in the mathematics, science, and engineering component of the core curriculum when compared to the curriculum of the 1960's. Cadets in recent classes have taken four math courses (vs six), two physics (vs three), two mechanics courses (vs four), one electrical engineering (vs four) and two engineering design courses (vs four).

However, while the number of courses in the "engineering core" has been reduced, curricular objectives have not always undergone a similar reduction. For example, the mathematics curriculum has attempted in recent years to maintain in fewer courses much the same topical coverage so that the requirements of subsequent courses could be serviced. One semester courses in thermofluid dynamics and statics and dynamics were devised to replace separate courses in thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, statics and dynamics. Similar compromises were made in electrical engineering science and design. No new engineering disciplines were added.

The senior engineering courses were reduced to two: an "engineering decision methods" course and a one semester design experience in either mechanical, civil or electrical engineering. These two senior courses were not designed to build upon one another and could be taken in any order. The amount of actual design experience was limited by time and lack of depth in engineering science preparation. The study group concluded that, because of the compression of topics in the engineering science courses and the requirement for all cadets to take some engineering science in both mechanics and electrical engineering, the engineering design courses could not achieve the depth of experience in design required to meet the



Army's needs in the intellectual development of its future leaders.

The study group focused on the goal of teaching cadets the engineering thought process and recognized that the process required greater depth in engineering science if the intellectual development potential of engineering design was to be realized. However, the group also recognized that the cost of achieving greater depth in engineering science to better support design was the sacrifice of breadth in engineering science: not all cadets could study thermofluids, statics, and dynamics, and electrical engineering.

Figure 3 shows the revised core engineering science and design programs recommended by the study group and approved by the Academic Board in May 1988. Cadets who do not pursue an engineering discipline as a major or field of study now fulfill the core engineering requirement by completing four core math courses (selected by the study

group to best support the core curriculum), two core physics courses and two core chemistry courses, then choosing one of six available sequences in engineering science and engineering design. In most cases, the core math and basic science courses are completed in fourth and third class year with the choice of a five course sequence sending cadets on different engineering science and design experiences beginning in second class year. Each of these sequences has been carefully constructed to teach cadets the "engineering thought process" by requiring each to complete a significant engineering design experience.

The advantage of the revised core engineering program is that it allows for much more meaningful engineering design courses to be built in first class year. The study group recognized that a strong engineering design experience would help meet the Army's needs for leaders who understand quantitative and quali-

Figure 3

CIVIL	ELECTRICAL	MECHANICAL	SYSTEMS	COMPUTER	NUCLEAR
STATICS AND DYNAMICS	INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING I	STATICS AND DYNAMICS	SYSTEMS ANALYSIS	STRUCTURED PROGRAMMING	STATICS AND DYNAMICS
THERMO DYNAMICS	INTRODUCTION TO ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING II	THERMO DYNAMICS	ENGINEERING ECONOMY	MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM	THERMO DYNAMICS
STRENGTH OF MATERIALS	DIGITAL COMPUTER LOGIC	STRENGTH OF MATERIALS	MATHEMATICAL MODELING	DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHM ANALYSIS	MODERN PHYSICS
					NUCLEAR REACTOR THEORY
STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS	ELECTRONIC DESIGN	INTRO TO DESIGN	SYSTEMS SIMULATION	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING	NUCLEAR REACTOR DESIGN
DESIGN OF STEEL STRUCTURES	ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS	MECHANICAL DESIGN	DECISION ANALYSIS OPTIMIZATION	DESIGN OF MILITARY COMPUTER SYSTEMS	NUCLEAR SYSTEMS DESIGN

tative methods of decision making that are so commonly employed in the design, acquisition and employment of modern, high technology weapons systems. It concluded that the sacrifice of engineering science breadth that allowed for increased sophistication and realism in engineering design was a price that should be paid to better develop the engineering decision making process in USMA graduates.

The study group was also chartered to examine the evolution of engineering curricular options to meet the Army's future

requirements and to recommend departmental organizational changes that would best support the engineering curriculum now and in the future. Systems Engineering has been added to the Academy curriculum, both as a core sequence (see Figure 3) and as an elective program for which ABET accreditation will be sought. In addition, new core sequences in computer science and nuclear engineering have been developed for those cadets who choose to meet the core engineering requirement in one of those important areas.

As part of its charter, the study group

recommended reorganization of academic resources to better present the revised core engineering curriculum and the ABET accredited majors in engineering. The revised curriculum facilitates management of each engineering discipline by a single proponent department. This greatly reduces curricular coordination problems by reorganizing USMA engineering departments along "vertical" lines more commonly found elsewhere. Systems engineering at USMA and departmental reorganization will be subjects of future Academic Limits columns.

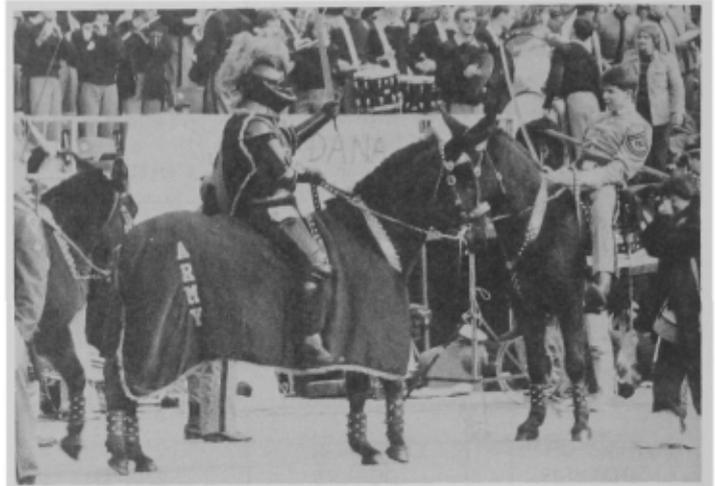
# The COM Reports

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



## Spirit of '89

The Army football season is in full swing. From Michie Stadium one looks out upon the surrounding countryside and is inspired by the beauty of brilliantly colored foliage. The crisp air is charged with enthusiasm and the echoed refrains of "On Brave Old Army Team." Below, on the playing field, A-Man and the Black Knight work in concert with the Rabble Rousers to pique the enthusiasm of the crowd. The Army mules (Spartacus, Ranger, and Black Jack) rove the north end zone, trotting to and fro. The cannon is charged and the crew is ready to fire. Old friends, meeting again after years of lost contact, recount old times and join with the Corps in their support. The Army team is winning. Morale is high, and so is spirit. For the first class, charged with the mission of keeping spirit high in the Corps, there is a deserved sense of accomplishment.



But something just a little bit different is happening in the Corps nowadays. The Class of '89, upon analyzing the spirit mission, conceived a systematic approach toward spirit support of Army teams. Although the many and varied capers that contribute to overall enthusiasm continue to be spontaneous, they reflect the secondary benefits of a concerted effort which, appropriately, focuses on getting our Army teams fired up.

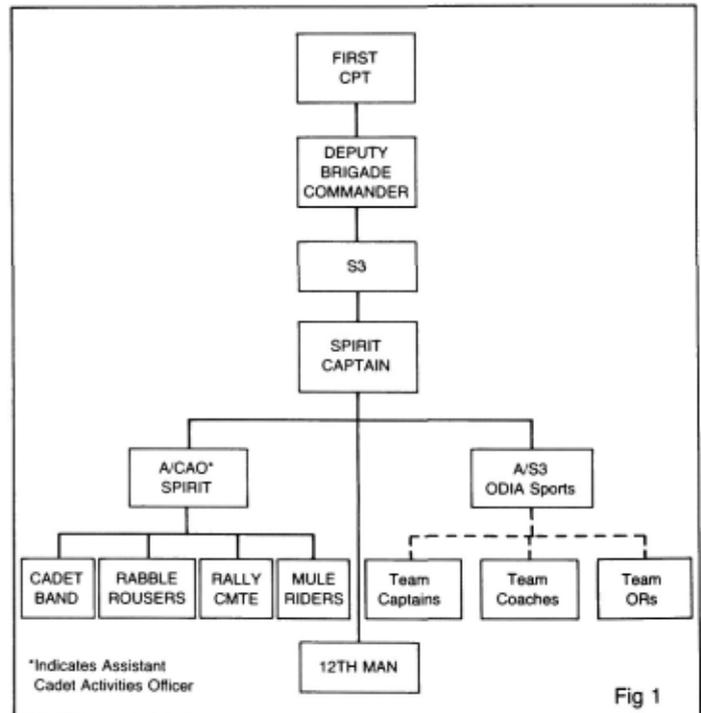
Recognizing that success on the playing field was inextricably linked to the unified efforts of the team, the Corps (12th Man), and the supporting alumni and public (13th Man), the Corps' leaders marshalled their resources to form a spirit organization designed to implement their concept. Enthused by such initiative, I set about clarifying purpose, mission and goals with the cadets.

First, we determined that the purpose of the spirit organization is to inspire enthusiastic support of Army teams. This includes all corps squad and club squad athletic team competitions, and accepts that every cadet involved in competition is representing the Academy to the absolute best of his/her ability. In turn, each cadet deserves the greatest degree of support possible—not only from fellow team members, but also from the 12th and 13th Man.

Second, the mission provides for an appropriately coached core group of cadets to assist the cadet chain of command in the planning and execution of spirit support. This is accomplished primarily through the efforts of the Rabble Rousers, Cadet Band, Rally Committee and Mule Riders. However, expert assistance is also drawn from other clubs and activities within the Corps such as the Parachute Team, the Howitzer staff, WKDT and the Media Club. The combined talents and special skills of these groups play a significant role in exhorting and inspiring enthusiastic, spirited team support.

The spirit organization was thus tailored to accomplish the spirit purpose and mission (Fig 1). Roles and responsibilities were clearly defined, relationships examined, and functions clarified. Core groups of the spirit organization are better able to establish support priorities, allocate their resources, and determine milestones. They have a vision of the future and the ability to better anticipate spirit requirements. In short, having received the spirit mission, first class leaders planned and organized for success.

Bonding and synergy between the Army team and the 12th



Man continue to depend greatly on such traditional activities as Corps rallies in the Mess Hall and area of barracks; bonfires; spirit missions; quarterback luncheons; and table fliers; as well as announcements on local TV, bulletin boards, WKDT radio, in the *Right Guide* and from the Poop Deck. As in the past, the Corps' imagination and resourcefulness in executing "spirit missions" continue to be a major ingredient for success. The challenges for the officer-in-charge, military police, et al, are as mind boggling as ever.

In addition to their creative organizing to marshal 12th man spirit support, the Class of '89 has also focused a measure of additional effort toward assisting in motivating Army team support among those of us who comprise the 13th Man (staff and faculty, alumni and supporting public). They chose, among their goals, to launch several projects specifically aimed at generating maximum combined 12th and 13th Man support for the Army

team in the contest against Navy on the 3rd of December. As an example, in one of them, the Spirit Captain and his staff are attempting to garner the support of all active Army units and to honor them on game day by having every member of the Army team wear a unit patch on his playing uniform. The response has been tremendously positive. Many patches have already been received and success is virtually assured. Others are proceed-

ing with varying degrees of success, but proceeding all the same.

In each case, as in their overall distinctive approach to spirit, Class of '89 leaders have dared enter into realms where tradition has not previously trod—to accept increased responsibility and risk. Of such stuff are today's Corps leaders made. The Air Land Battle will be well fought under their leadership. BEAT NAVY!

## Beast 1988: "Warrior Reports"

**T**he Beast is Back! The 29th of June 1988 bore witness to the annual rejuvenation of the Long Gray Line when more than 1300 New Cadets of the Class of 1992 entered its ranks. The cadre of the First Detail had completed three rigorous weeks of preparation and training designed to help New Cadets long remember their introduction to the United States Military Academy.

Beast Barracks [Cadet Basic Training (CBT)] retains its reputation as the most physically and mentally challenging experience faced by New Cadets as they make the abrupt transition from civilian life, prep school or prior service. The oath ceremony and review, cadets with the red sashes, first sergeants, boodle (or lack thereof), short haircuts, pushups, gigline, beanhead, Bull Hill and the march to Lake Frederick continue to be a part of every New Cadet's Beast vocabulary.

During the Second Detail, I asked the King of Beast II, Cadet Ron Campbell '89 to have a New Cadet from each of the nine companies summarize his/her CBT experience to date. Several New Cadets found a few precious minutes to record their impressions of the first four weeks of Academy life. These articles were consolidated and published in the Commandant's newsletter *The Right Guide*, which was distributed to each New Cadet during the last few days at Lake Frederick.

The letters that follow will serve to refresh your memories of Beast and will help you recall that special cadet sense of humor of times not so long ago. As you review these articles, written during the heat of battle, I am confident that you will recognize that Beast Barracks retains much of what it used to be.

Submitted by LTC James R. Siket, Field Artillery, Class of 1967. Commander of Cadet Basic Training, 1988 and Second Regimental Tactical Officer.

### ALPHA COMPANY

"You will consume a sixteen ounce soft drink between now and the time you walk out the doors at the end of this hall!" This command will someday be my first memory of Cadet Basic Training, but for now, there are no memories, just day to day, hour by hour life.

Like many of my classmates, I have dreamt of West Point for years. From the spark of a tenth grade dream up to the reality of an oath on the Plain, I was drawn down many roads. Now those roads are behind me, and there is no looking back. The reality of the day and the tasks of the moment are the important things. The goal might be attained, but that can only mean there's a higher one somewhere ahead in the mist of the future.

The goal is attained, but what of the reality of West Point? "Alpha Company Pride" answers that question in three short powerful words. I may be a new cadet of the Corps, but I live each day as an Alpha Four Ranger. It's the standards of this cadre that I strive for. There's something different inside of them, an inner-strength that you can feel, a sense of worth and self-esteem. They seem to project one idea, "If you want to be Alpha, you've got to do it my way!" and that "way" encompasses all the strength, worth, self-esteem and pride that each wears like a religious faith. I may have a bone, knuckle, chuckle or other colorful type of head; I may be a dirty, nasty, smack, glacier leg; I may be like my roommate, the derivative of a constant, or a three dimensional zero with no taste, commonly known as a bagel, but in a couple of weeks I'll be an Alpha Company Chucklehead.

The tremendous Coke Classic burps of a hundred new cadets in an R-Day hallway may be my first memories of Cadet Basic Training, but the last, undoubtedly, will be a march back from a

far off lake to a waiting Corps with nothing in front of Alpha Company but a black and gold standard!

"Enough said sir!"

New Cadet O'Brien

### BRAVO COMPANY

In the 1850's "new cadets were greeted by a barrage of buttons fired from a brass candlestick loaded with gunpowder as they reported." The greeting that the Class of 1992 received was not nearly as unique, but to each of us it will be equally memorable. Although we differ from the new cadets of many years ago, we all have a common bond that brings us as individuals, together to extend the long gray line.

Anyone who watched us as we reported on the overcast morning of 29 June, and then observed the parade that same day, observed an incredible conversion. The changes were evident to all. Our uniforms, haircuts, and worried faces gave us the appearance of one unit. Yet, if observed closely they would have seen our rough edges—the jumpy, uncertain steps of each new cadet.

Once we felt lonely and isolated, even when among our classmates, but a change has taken place in each of us. We now form one group. We all share a deep sense of pride in ourselves, what we do, and where we are, West Point.

When we hear a classmate "get dogged," we no longer think of ourselves, hoping we aren't the next in line. Instead, we now empathize. We are quietly reciting with them, wincing when they make that fatal error.

As we marched with loaded ruck sacks, M-14 weapons, and an occasional "motivational rock," up and down eight miles of West Point's hills our steps may have slowed and sometimes faltered, but they never stopped. As MacArthur's and Washington's statues came into sight, I felt our pace quicken and the spirit of our cadence calling heighten. We felt the

pride in being a part of West Point and a part of our class. Our next four years will be like that march in many ways. There will be seemingly insurmountable uphill stretches, along with a few downhill breathers. We may falter, just as our feet did over an occasional large rock, but we'll never stop. We are ever so gratefully reminded that graduation for us is a long tunnel engulfed in darkness with no light at the end. Each day our pride in our accomplishments grows in our hearts and carries us on, until the light in our tunnel is just a few steps away.

New Cadet Laughlin  
New Cadet Stewart

### CHARLIE COMPANY

A month prior to entering "Beast Barracks" I spent a lot of time getting mentally and physically prepared. I told myself that it would be the hardest thing I ever went through. I knew that whatever happened on that first day known as "R-Day" I had to take in stride. I kept in mind that 1300 other people were going through the same thing and that 40,000 had already done it. If they could do it—so could I.

R-Day seemed to last forever. I had arrived the night before with the United States Military Academy Preparatory School group and had not slept at all. The day started with breakfast in Washington Hall—our last meal that we could eat at our leisure. From there we started our inprocessing. We went through many different stations. We received clothing, paperwork, medical checkups, etc. I met my first detail squad leader who promptly sent me to the cadet first sergeant. I later went to my room where I looked out into Central Area and thought, "Well, you asked for it!" Overall, the day did not go too badly.

The training we have received here from the cadet cadre has been excellent. They are extremely professional, set admirable examples of leadership. Although they get less sleep than the new cadets they are always motivating us.

All in all I have learned a lot in my four weeks here. I am looking forward to Lake Frederick and the following acceptance into the Corps of Cadets. Completing "Beast Barracks" will be the first step in a list of achievements which I will be proud to accomplish during my four years at West Point. In the end I will be a better person because of it.

New Cadet Bradac

### DELTA COMPANY

"One day," I keep reminding myself, "I'll look back on this and laugh."

It is very hard to imagine that this summer, this year, and our West Point career will ever end. Only 1390 days until graduation and graduation leave for

the Class of 1992!

The first day, the infamous Reception Day, passed like a blur. I was always told that I would distinctly remember that day for the rest of my life. Actually, the collection of images—cold eyes, red sashes, coke, green tape—will always be with me; but, the specifics of the day were lost to this wide-eyed New Cadet. I've never felt as alone as I did that day.

In retrospect, I realize that that first week was the easiest week of the entire summer. We were so lost and confused that the cadre expected little of us. Then as the days passed and I became less lonely, I began to ask "how" and "why" and I began to make friends. Still the world was a dangerous place and each step outside my room was a risk. As we settled into our new environment, the standards gradually increased. We were pressured to meet these standards but as coal becomes diamond our squad became a team and became friends as a result of facing the pressure together.

It was in the field that we flourished. The Warrior Games were probably the first truly binding experience that our platoon had gone through. We got dirty, sweaty and motivated together. I've seen a few break and quit. It was a very humbling sight and caused us all to search our souls.

But we are all driven on by an inner motivation to be the best we can be, to succeed against the toughest obstacles and rise up to meet our potential.

We all came here with goals and dreams. We are now becoming a unit with one goal and one dream—to make the Class of 1992 the best in West Point history and to make ourselves proud.

New Cadets of 3rd Platoon

### ECHO COMPANY

Frustration. Fear. Everything in the world to accomplish, yet never enough time to begin. But no more purposeless whining! Writing of the wrongs that one suffers here is far too easy. I am certain that any new cadet could quickly scribble down a list of complaints that would go on for pages. Of course, "Beast Barracks" is an intensely difficult time! Exhausting and stressful situations come about every day. "Beast," however, was designed to be exactly the way that it is. These weeks are, in fact, an endurance test, taxing both the mind and body. There is little rest and always a more difficult task looming in the near future, but if one has the courage to persevere, it is a tremendous step towards achieving anything that the mind can conceive.

Dwelling in the present once again, we should find a moment to abandon our concerns and look at what we have been doing with ourselves since the 29th of June. We have learned more and achieved more than any of us in the rush

of the day has taken the time to realize. We are becoming truly independent. We still need our families and we still need our friends from home, but we have become capable of making it through a day, a week, and even a month in their absence. We are living in spotless rooms or under dirt-covered shelter halves. We are working, relaxing (although relaxing too infrequently) to another's schedule. We are making friends and becoming accustomed to a different landscape. We are adapting!

Many may not feel this way. Some may believe that they are behind and that they are slipping further and further backwards. For them, I do not believe that any cliché or faceless word of encouragement would help. I will say, however, that many have quit while we remain. Each of us has endured "four and a butt" of the worst weeks of our lives and is readily awaiting more. Try to remember that during "Beast Barracks" mere endurance is success. Thus, we have succeeded, and we will succeed until the end of "Beast," through Reorganization Week, Plebe Year, and the years beyond!

Stay strong and have faith!

New Cadet Ambrose

### FOXTROT COMPANY

They're here . . . 2nd Detail.

Oh hail, oh hail, oh Infantry.

At 0515 I woke to that glorious cadence, ready for a strenuous day at the old West Point. This morning was special though. Anticipation and fear wavered through my body as I contemplated my next adventure—the 2ND DETAIL. The 2nd Detail—that massed congregation of new squad leaders, 1st sergeants, company commanders, and such. A new breed of horror was creeping unmercifully our way. I had already met my squad leader the evening before. His first impression of me left a lot to be desired with a quick—"You call those shoes shined! Where's your gig line mister. You're totally unsatisfactory and all around gross. Get out of my face knucklehead!" I knew they were for real.

First things first. Let's of course start out my 2nd Detail with some of the "best training." "Tonight," the squad leader barked, "I want everything that we're not going to use packed in that ruck. I want it to weigh in an excess of 35 pounds. I also want openings in the ruck so that when it rains you'll increase poundage by at least 50%. By the way who wants the motivational rock?"

Unfortunately my "Huuuhwaah Sir" was not audible enough, so *Mr. Rock* was mine for the easy 4 mile uphill march. (I believe they called it "stretch" ha!)

The field, what a great place! I actually enjoyed lying in the mud and drilling targets. When I learned I only hit 10

targets after 40 tries I quickly searched for barns to hit. After a great day I laid down to get some needed shut eye. The cadre warned us about guarding our weapons so I strapped it around my leg. *No one*, could get it without waking me. Around 0500 I politely asked the platoon leader for my weapon and left leg back.

Finally we headed home and I wondered about my strackness. I believe I lost it somewhere between learning the Corps and Benny Havens. After a barrage of new names such as "bean head, knucklehead, brain of a peach pit," I made it to my room to find out it was raining and of course we had grass drills in the morning. After doing a cleaning bit on the M16 better than most people do on themselves I wondered whether or not I would get to eat tomorrow. Sitting on my desk studying knowledge a voice hit the air, "2155, time for bed." In a yearning to look military and pop off I gallantly screamed "Yes, sir." To my disappointment and probably hers I discovered he was a "Ma'am" and I spent the next hour learning gender differences. I then handed out the last of 25 4th Class Performance Reports. As I hit the hallway at 55 mph I silently said, "New Cadet Williams, the 2nd Detail is here." I then heard "Hey, who's falling out in the barracks." I quietly shuffled back into my room for more cadence filled dreams.

New Cadet Williams

#### GOLF COMPANY

Second Detail took over the training of the new cadets on 18 July with high motivation. They jumped into training with both feet, teaching first aid through the pouring rain, the day after just taking over. The high point of the day occurred when Cadet Captain Oksenberg (G-3) low crawled through the mud puddle to the cheers of the whole company.

Following first aid training the detail took the new cadets through the ongoing saga of issue points and lectures. Luckily, the cadre were able to survive even the most boring lecture. Even though the issue points were tough, they were no match for the blistering PT that the cadre put upon the new cadets. They eased into a brisk 7:30 pace up to the

hospital and then toward the Jewish Chapel. Even with this pace the Gladiators had no fall outs from the run. This just shows that '92 can run with the best.

#### HOTEL COMPANY

Omni Park Hotel in New York was filled with civilians wanting to join the Corps of Cadets on 28 June. No one knew exactly what would happen, but we did know it would be tough.

June 29 was our day, R-Day. We were now at the United States Military Academy. All of our initial expectations to perform flawlessly were blown to pieces. All thoughts of common life quickly rose in our minds. Those of us who stuck it through R-Day made one of the biggest decisions in our entire lives. The Oath of Allegiance began our adventure as new cadets. First Detail told us, "You are no longer civilians, you are now military personnel. You will behave as a cadet, as a future officer in the United States Army."

The first two weeks were something that each and everyone of us—including the cadre—will remember forever. They were the days of depression, of homesickness, and of wishing to quit. They were also the days of learning how to eat, how to talk, how to fold clothes, how to make beds and even how to march the way soldiers have for generations. These days of strenuous physical activity and demanding tasks would be useful . . . this was discipline.

Those days have gone. First Detail is gone. We made it half-way, but we are still fighting to be someone special here. We still have in our hearts that desire to perform flawlessly, to excel. Second Detail is here. We want to show them that no matter what they do to us, we will keep on marching. If we make an error; "No excuse, sir." If hard times arise we will suck in the pain and keep on working to finish our first military duty. We want to run a smoke Beast Barracks. "We are burning rocks that will smoke everything they touch without being smoked ourselves." We want to be the best class that ever passed West Point. We can do it. We are rocks. We all await the Summer of 1991. Then, we will only have one year to go. Then, we will remember our R-Day and our first military

report:

"Sir, New Cadet \_\_\_\_\_ reports to the first sergeant of Company \_\_\_\_, Cadet Basic Training, for the first time as ordered" and his answer, "New Cadet—I will be your worst nightmare." HooAhh!

New Cadet Soto-Jimenez  
New Cadet Spelman  
New Cadet Buzzard

#### INDIA COMPANY

We arrived at the United States Military Academy from all over the world (from California to Turkey) to report on R-Day. With excitement and pride, we donned our first military uniform—white gym shirt, black athletic shorts with gold stripe, black dress socks and black low quarters. The cadre was also nice enough to pin tags to our shorts (just in case we got lost of course). We were now ready to go out on our first mission as new cadets.

This all important mind-boggling mission consisted of meeting and *correctly* reporting to a cadet in a red sash (it looked maroon to me). Well, the first part was easy enough. However, the second part took a little longer to get right, especially when my tongue refused to function properly and my hands were shaky. However with the proper encouragement from the cadre patrolling each hallway, we were able to perform.

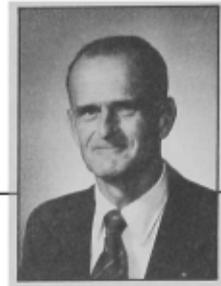
Since that first day, we've come a long way. We've learned to work together as a team not as individuals. We've learned the buddy system and how to push each other to excel at every new task we encounter. We know what is expected of us from our leaders and we are ready to rise to the occasion.

Now we are almost finished with Cadet Basic Training and we are almost ready to take on the Academic Year. With the training the cadre members have worked hard to teach us, we should be able to at least keep our heads above water. We've worked hard together. We have proven that we can do anything if we put our minds to it. So, the question now is "To be harassed or not to be harassed." Good luck Class of 92! We're going to need it!

New Cadet Patten

# The DIA Reports

By CARL ULLRICH, *Director of Intercollegiate Athletics*



Here at the end of the first five weeks of the 1988 Army football season "Army athletics are alive and well." We are having one of our better fall seasons across the board and it will be a joy to bring you up to date in that regard.

Before I do, I thought I would include in each issue of ASSEMBLY a practice I began this fall at our weekly Quarterback Luncheons. That is to introduce a member of our staff to that gathering and tell them a little bit about the contribution he or she makes to our operation. It seems to me you, our graduates, need to know our staff as much as our current West Point community.

I would like to start by introducing someone already known to many of you. Colonel Al Vanderbush is a 1961 graduate of the Military Academy, an All American football player, and has for the past five plus years served as our deputy director of Intercollegiate Athletics. He is a true partner in every sense of the word in the leadership and management of this organization. An outstanding role model to cadets in our program, he has been a great help to me in all we do in the support of our 27 Army teams. Al's wife, Carin, was an Olympic swimmer. They have raised two fine sons, one of whom (Bruce) is a second classman here at the Military Academy; their oldest son, Carl, graduated from Harvard this past summer. Carl was a member of the varsity crew squad, and I found that a special thrill as I relived my own experiences through Carl's four years as a member of the Harvard Crew. Colonel Vanderbush is on an extended tour here at West Point as deputy athletic director, and it would be impossible for me to properly express the pleasure and honor I feel in having him here in that position.

Army football is 4 and 1 at this writing; 5 and 0 would have been better, of course, but I can assure you that our cadet team would have made you proud in Seattle had you been there. They battled the Huskies down to the wire with a chance to win it in the fourth quarter, falling just short with a drive that ended on the Washington two yard line. The score does not indicate the intensity, determination, hard hitting and ferociousness that the Army team displayed in Husky Stadium that afternoon. Unfortunately, two of our best



Carin and Al Vanderbush

beaten us the last two times they played in Michie Stadium, and they had begun to think of this as their "home away from home." Their coach was quoted to that effect and I am sure that statement appearing on the bulletin board did a little to fire our cadets up prior to that important game.

The Northwestern game was another important game for us to put away on the win side, and although we were sluggish in the first half, the team came alive in the second half and avenged a loss in Evanston two years ago with a convincing win.



General Carl Vuono, Chief of Staff of the Army, presents plaque to Coach Jim Young honoring his 100th win as a college coach. (Photo by Rick Hunter.)

players (Ben Barnett and Mike Mayweather) were hurt in that game and were unavailable until the Yale game just played this past Saturday as I write this column.

The opener against Holy Cross was all that we wanted it to be. It was Jim Young's 100th win as a college coach and General Carl Vuono, Chief of Staff of the Army, was present to give him a plaque honoring that occasion on the field after the game. As you know, Holy Cross has

Bucknell and Yale were number two and number three in Coach Young's big four" (the four I-AA games that we must win every year in order for the team to be successful) and the Bucknell game was played with sharpness and dispatch; the Yale game was a struggle in horrible weather and with certainly questionable (at best) officiating, but Army came out on top as well they should have. We are healthy and we're into the last half of the season with some tough challenges

ahead. We look forward to a year that will end on a high note with a win over Navy in Philadelphia on 3 December.

The other Army teams are also doing well. Of our 89 contests this fall, we have won 62, having an overall winning percentage of just under 70%. The Superintendent's challenge has been to win two out of three and right now we are a little ahead of that pace.

Men's and Women's Cross Country and 150-lb. Football are all undefeated. Tyno Carter '89 has been our top performer on the men's side. He took top individual honors at the prestigious Paul Short Invitational held at Lehigh the second weekend in October. Teresa Sobiesk '89 continues undefeated in dual meet competition this fall. All American for the last three years she continues her trend-setting ways in this her final cross country season.

The lightweights lead the 150-lb league with an unbeaten 3 and 0 mark, including two convincing wins over Cornell and a lopsided win over Rutgers.

Men's and Women's Soccer are doing well. The men's team has a pair of wins over nationally ranked Rutgers and George Mason University. Cadets Walt Roy and John Brence are tied for the scoring lead with 12 points each, and goal keeper Frank Oprandy owns a 17 goals against average, one of the top keepers in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). The cadets are 3 and 0 in league play. The women's soccer team won for the tenth time, setting a new total win mark in a season for that team, breaking the record of nine set the past two seasons. Plebe Deneil LoGiudice leads the team in scoring with 30 points.

Men's and Women's Tennis both have winning records at this writing. The men's team did an outstanding job in winning the MAAC title several weeks ago at the Forest Hills Tennis Center with the women finishing second. The men had lost to league champion Fordham for the past several years, and it was especially rewarding to see them get back on that championship side. Kevin Lemke, Mark McMullen and O.J. Tatsuta are upperclassmen who set the pace; Mike Haight, Chris Waters, and Ivan Brown are outstanding plebes. For the women, first classman Captain Julie Hiebert is presently 8 and 1, with plebes Amy Bratton and Shannon Barry per-

1988-89 Sports Summary							As of 9 October 1988
FALL							
	Games	Won	Lost	Tied	PCT.	NAVY	Captain/s
Men's Cross Country	5	5	0	0	1.000		Tyno Carter John Nelson
Women's Cross Country	5	5	0	0	1.000		Teresa Sobiesk Julie King
150-Lb Football	3	3	0	0	1.000		John Clark Tony Fletcher
Football	5	4	1	0	.800		Game
Women's Soccer	13	10	3	0	.769	—	Kate Regan
Men's Soccer	10	7	3	0	.700		Jeff Perkins
Men's Tennis	3	2	1	0	.667	—	Tom Robertson
Women's Volleyball	20	13	7	0	.650		Colleen Lennon
Women's Tennis	9	5	4	0	.556	—	Julie Hiebert
Water Polo	16	8	8	0	.500	LOST	Charles Hartford
Totals	89	62	27	0	.697	(0-1)	
WINTER							
Rifle	1	1	1	0	1.000		Chris Chavez
Totals	1	1	1	0	1.000		
Overall Totals	90	63	27	0	.700		
Women's Softball	9	7	2	0	.778		
Baseball	16	9	7	0	.563		

forming well along with Cadets Lisa Haylett and Casey Soules.

Women's Volleyball has a winning record although they have been minus the services of two starters due to injury. They finished second at the New Haven Invitational Tournament and second in our own J.H. Oakes Classic here at West Point the second weekend in October. They lost at that tournament only to nationally ranked Indiana University/Fort Wayne.

Water Polo under LT Jeff Sauer, an '88 graduate of the Military Academy, has looked stronger than they have in a number of years, although they have an even .500 record. They have played many nationally ranked teams very competitively. Unfortunately they lost to Navy in the second weekend of October in the opening game of the West Point Invitational Tournament. LT Sauer is doing an outstanding job in the leadership and coaching of this cadet team. We intend to hire a full-time coach at the end of the season.

One of the exciting teams this fall has been our cadet golf team. They won the 12th Annual West Point Invitational, the

Rutgers Invitational, and the Toski Invitational, three prestigious tournaments here in the East. First classman and captain Tim Johnson was the individual leader at the West Point Invitational; Rob Craddock led the cadets at the Rutgers Invitational and Dave Williams tied for the runner-up spot in the Toski Invitational. Coach John Means's golfers have received some votes for national ranking, and if their winning ways continue through the fall and on into the spring this could be a banner year and perhaps another NCAA Tournament invitation for the cadet linksmen.

All in all it has been an exciting fall with almost half the season still to go. Cadet teams are playing competitively and I believe, if you had the opportunity to be back here over reunion weekend, you were proud of what you saw of Army athletes. In addition to being winners we, of course, believe (and require of our coaches) that experience in intercollegiate athletics makes a meaningful contribution to cadet development as future inspiring, exciting leaders for the Army.

We thank you for your continued friendship and support.

# DOC BLANCHARD and GLENN DAVIS HONORED AT HOMECOMING

Although they've used up all of their eligibility, "Doc" Blanchard and Glenn Davis, Army's touchdown twins from the unbeaten teams of '44, '45, and '46 were a welcome sight to the Army football team on the eve of the Homecoming game with Lafayette. Doc and Glenn visited with the Army team on Friday and answered questions about how it was in the "good old days" (No, we didn't wear soft helmets!).

The two legendary backs from the Class of '47 were presented to the stadi-

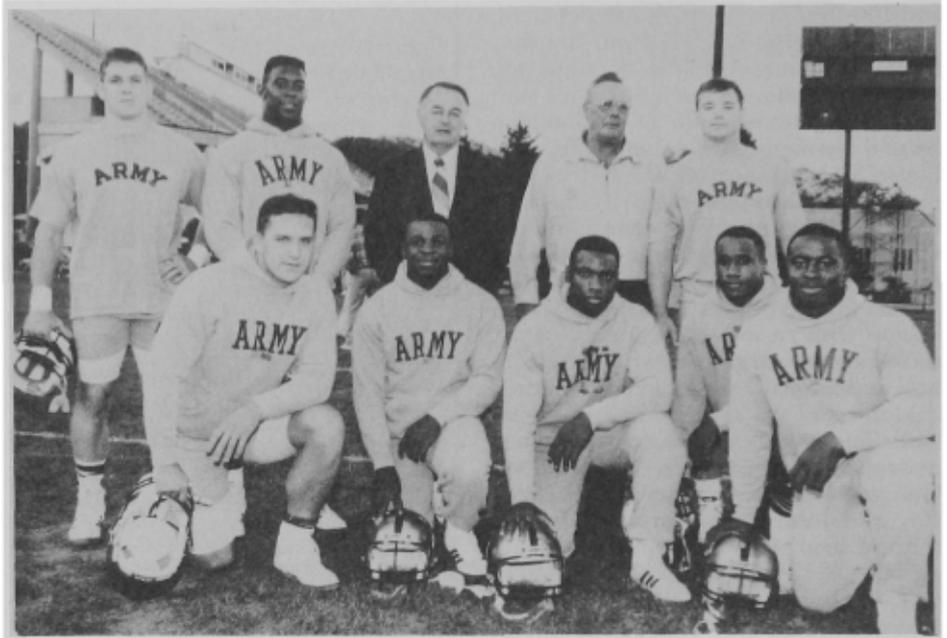


"That's not the way we did it in '46, Coach". . . Jim Young talks strategy with Davis, Joe Steffy, and Blanchard.

um crowd at halftime, and received a standing ovation. Earlier that day they had been honored at a meeting of the Board of Trustees when General Michael S. Davison, President of the Association of Graduates, read the following resolution:

## Resolution

Whereas: Felix A. Blanchard '47 and Glenn W. Davis '47 have served their Alma Mater in a variety of roles over more than 40 years since they attended the Military Academy as cadets; and



Glenn and Doc pose with Army backs and receivers.

Photos by Rick Hunter, *Pointer View*

Whereas; during their cadet years they were both selected as first team football all-Americans for three consecutive years and also won the Heisman Trophy, and both were elected to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame; and

Whereas; through their extraordinary athletic accomplishments they brought great credit upon the Military Academy and inspired a generation of followers of the sport of football, both within the Army and throughout the country at large, and;

Whereas; subsequent to their cadet service, through military and civilian service to the nation and through their personal lives they have contributed significantly to the

encouragement of our nation's youth to a life of national service and sports participation;

Now therefore be it resolved: that the Board of Trustees of the Association of Graduates in session this 14th day of October 1988, at West Point, hereby commends Felix A. Blanchard and Glenn W. Davis for a job well done.

Approved by the Board of Trustees, Association of Graduates, United States Military Academy, 14 October 1988.

After receiving copies of the resolution, Blanchard and Davis joined other graduates from reunion classes in the march to Thayer Monument and participated in the alumni review.

# Book Reviews



## TO CHANGE AN ARMY, GENERAL SIR JOHN BURNETT-STUART AND BRITISH ARMORED DOCTRINE, 1927-1938.

By HAROLD R. WINTON, Foreword by PETER PARET. *University of Kansas Press, Lawrence, Kansas, 1988, 284 pp.*

Another of the books in Modern War Studies published by the University Press of Kansas, *To Change an Army* should be read and studied by anyone concerned with accomplishing military reform. It is particularly pertinent to members of the military services who must study their profession in the context of the influences exerted by political, social, economic, technological, military and international factors, all the while striving to innovate and develop new doctrine dictated by these influences. Using the British Army as his subject during a critical period between the two world wars, Harold Winton has made such a study, admirably analyzing the shifting tides which determined what was possible in the way of reform and the development in England of a military doctrine for the use of armored forces.

Winton's book is really two books in one. In the first case, it is a critical analysis of the evolution of mechanization and armored warfare in the British Army between the wars. The telling of that tale, complete with all of the shifts in emphasis and compromises dictated by British strategy; political, social, and economic conditions; and conflicting views held by senior military leaders is Winton's major accomplishment. The "second" book is a very brief and pithy biography of General Sir John Burnett-Stuart, a highly intelligent soldier's soldier who had a wide range of experience, a high degree of professionalism, and a penchant for speaking bluntly and antagonizing his superiors. Perhaps as a result of limited source material, Winton sticks purely to the military aspects of his general's life, telling his readers very little about immediate family relations or influences. He skillfully folds the "two books" together and achieves the goals he set for himself in the beginning:

- a. to examine the evolution of mechanization and armored warfare in the British Army between the world wars;
- b. to assess the role played in that

evolutionary process by Burnett-Stuart; c. to gain insight into how the reform process takes place.

Writing with a craftsman's skill, Winton is concise in drawing his narrative and accurate in his accounts. He leaves no room for misunderstanding. The documentation is meticulous and the sources are voluminous and thorough in coverage. Throughout the book carefully constructed introductions and summaries guide the reader along the way and make following the account easy and rewarding.

Winton's analysis includes considerable coverage of the contributions made to the military reform movement by J. F. C. Fuller and B. H. Liddell Hart, two brilliant thinkers who, in some other accounts, are given a major share of the credit for the accomplishment of military reforms. While granting them considerable credit, Winton takes a more balanced view of their contributions along with those of other men who shared in the reform movement. He also points out that in their impatience to move ahead they placed too much emphasis on military conservatism as a causal factor in impeding the evolution of mechanization. In the case of Fuller, Winton presents an interesting hypothesis: he speculates that if Burnett-Stuart had not written so bluntly to Fuller in 1927, the latter might have accepted the command—he declined it—of the experimental mechanized brigade and in that position done much to develop and test doctrine. As it turned out, Fuller's declination effectively marked the end of his direct contribution within the army to the reform movement.

In another fascinating account, which alone makes the book worth reading, the author illustrates by presenting letters between the two men from 1932-1934 how Liddell Hart and Burnett-Stuart dueled with the pen about British military affairs in an intellectually stimulating way. In order to allow him to test his ideas in a realistic military exercise, the general offered to give Liddell Hart command of a desert column in Egypt. The critic did not accept the offer.

Winton manages to view military reform measures in a detached way by using Burnett-Stuart as his vantage point. This device enables him to be intellectually honest in assessing the

efforts of both radical revolutionaries and conservative senior military leaders, for Burnett-Stuart was in neither camp wholly. As a result, the reader profits from the impartial account rendered by the author.

In the last paragraph of the book, the author makes perhaps his shrewdest assessment. Summing up what he believes his study reveals about the general problem of military reform, Winton states that "the implications for the erstwhile military reformer are that he who will be most successful is he who harbors a radical intellect in a traditional temperament. The implications for armed services are that those which adapt most successfully will be those which systematically nurture the development of such soldiers."

Colonel Winton has given us a thoughtful book which deserves careful reading.

Reviewed by Thomas E. Griess, Brigadier General, U.S. Army, Ret., former Head, Department of History, USMA

## THE FINAL ARGUMENT OF KINGS: REFLECTIONS ON THE ART OF WAR

By MAJOR GENERAL E. B. ATKESON, USA (Ret.). *Hero Books, Inc., Fairfax, VA, 1988, 260 pages with maps, charts, notes, and index.*

Would you ask a college history professor for a second opinion on brain surgery? Might you check with a political scientist to verify stress calculations for a suspension bridge? Does one call an investigative journalist to weigh repair options for a defective satellite dish? Nobody of sound mind considers such advice. Only a fool would seek professional expertise from dilettantes.

Yet in contemporary debates on military affairs, it is almost always "amateur hour." In addressing any military event, the television screens and editorial pages ooze with smug, rumped civilians portraying themselves as military experts. They claim special insights based upon academic degrees conferred by allegedly elite universities, hours of cocktail talk inside the incestuous Washington beltway, and the digestion of a few back issues of *Army* magazine or

such pithy tomes as *Famous Belt Buckles of the Waffen SS*.

By popular standards, uniformed service is not considered a necessary qualification to assert special military expertise. After all, the military profession includes unpleasant experiences like hunger, fear, filth, stress, exhaustion, injury, and death; all of these things tend to confuse otherwise pristine theories and ideas, not to mention threatening the earthly existence of the great minds that propound great thoughts. Thus, American military professionals have endured the frustration of being judged and manipulated by a covey of experts who never played the game.

Major General E. B. "Ted" Atkeson (USMA Class of 1951) has spoken up for those in uniform in his superb collection of strategic and operational thoughts, *The Final Argument of Kings: Reflections on the Art of War*. These are not the musings of an armchair commander, but the reasoned concepts of a thorough professional. General Atkeson explores and delineates an American "intellectual dimension of war," and then proceeds to show how his approaches can develop "unconventional ways of looking at military strategy." The resulting ideas are clearly described, boldly stated, and often controversial. No professional soldier or legitimate defense analyst can read this book without reconsidering some long-held beliefs in light of General Atkeson's lucid prose.

The book is divided into three parts. The first portion is a general rumination on the theory of war—in abstract, as practiced in America, as practiced in the Soviet Union, and as it *should* be conducted in the United States. General Atkeson pulls no punches as he compares the logically consistent (if morally repugnant or practically difficult) Soviet system of Marxist-Leninist military thought with the random hodge-podge of systems analysis, bean counting, and "muddling through" that too often characterizes American strategic thinking.

In his second section, General Atkeson applies his theoretical arguments to established U.S. grand strategy and strategic priorities. His concise analysis of the evolution of American forces and strategy in response to post-1945 crises is both perceptive and disturbing, as it reflects a cyclical commitment to ad hoc solutions rather than sound overarching concepts. General Atkeson's brilliant dissection of supposed American interests in the Persian Gulf is surely the most provocative single chapter in the book; he discounts the U.S. fascination with the oil states as an unnecessary and diversionary sideshow. Naval officers and Army fliers will find the general's comments on possible uses of Army aviation in support of U.S. Navy arctic antisubmarine efforts equally controver-

sial and compelling.

General Atkeson concludes his book with a cogent analysis of the NATO situation, tempered with a realistic picture of the Soviet threat. This is the author's area of personal expertise, and his remarks on the strengths and weaknesses of the Western and Eastern blocs are of interest to all friends of the Atlantic Alliance. As in the earlier segments, the general advances and defends some unorthodox ideas: NATO should have a formal policy to exploit divisions among states of the Warsaw Pact, Soviet forces may well be substituting newly capable conventional devices for older nuclear systems, and Soviet-American military contacts offer a key way to increase deterrence and lower the risk of war.

Although I do not agree with all of General Atkeson's proposals, *The Final Argument of Kings* is *must* reading for professional military officers of all services and for all serious students of the national defense. One might wish for a bit less on the unlikely war in Europe and a bit more on the all too likely conflicts in the Third World. Indeed, in a more general sense, one could even make a case that ad hoc approaches superbly served the Romans, British, and Americans over years of holding far flung possessions and supporting distant allies; curiously, the Germans with their solid theories went down to two spectacular defeats. Yet these are the sorts of thoughts General Atkeson's book was designed to stimulate. Those who read *The Final Argument of Kings* will join me in anxiously awaiting the general's next volume of reflections on the art of war. Unlike those unctuous fat guys on television, General Atkeson knows what he is talking about.

Reviewed by Captain Daniel P. Bolger, Department of History, USMA

#### THE CADET CHAPEL, UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

By GEORGE S. PAPPAS. *Association of Graduates, West Point, New York, 1987, 167 pp., \$49.95.*

Nearly three million visitors make a pilgrimage to the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) annually. Certainly one of the most impressive views of that institution is seen looking across the lush, green Plain towards Washington Hall. Rising majestically over the barracks and academic buildings is the Cadet Chapel, dominating the scene.

Symbolic in so many ways, the Cadet Chapel is a granite parable of the strength of the Academy and the vital faith held by so many who are, or have been, a part of West Point.

In his beautifully illustrated book *The Cadet Chapel*, Colonel George Pappas,

USMA Class of 1944, speaks of his efforts at writing the book as "an enjoyable task." His love of the institution and the grandeur of the Cadet Chapel provide a solid backdrop to the writing. The book was commissioned by the Military Academy Class of 1927 as a lasting gift to the institution and "all members of the Long Gray Line, Present, Past, and Future." The release of the coffee-table book coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the Class's graduation.

The impressive, high-gloss photographs of the book may seduce some, unfortunately, past the informative prose. Pappas tells, for example, a bit of the history about the need for a larger cadet chapel at West Point. "The Chapel was built as part of a massive program initiated after the 1902 observance of the centennial of the founding of the Military Academy. As has happened so often, the size of the Corps of Cadets had been increased until almost all of the existing cadet facilities were completely inadequate."

Similar arguments are regularly heard today, as the Academy is in the midst of a massive academic modernization program. Just years away from the bicentennial celebrations, whole buildings are being renovated and major steps are being taken to improve the nearly impossible parking and traffic flow difficulties. Certainly the first superintendent did not have to concern himself with some 4400 cadets, male and female, and nearly three million annual visitors.

In his insistence on authenticity, architect Bertram G. Goodhue included in the proposed Cadet Chapel details found in English Gothic cathedrals like a lepers' squint in the east wall of the sanctuary (included in the old cathedrals to permit lepers to view the services) and an ecclesiastical dungeon ("used when the church had temporal as well as spiritual power over its communicants").



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# The West Point Task Force is On the Move

By Clare Morris, Parents Club Coordinator

**A**cross the nation, a formidable task force made up of West Point parents clubs, societies, & Admissions field force members is on the move. More often and more effectively, these three groups are working together to spread the news about West Point across the nation.

"My job is to tell the nation the West Point story," said Colonel James N. Hawthorne, Director of Academy Relations. "From my point of view, these three groups provide an excellent vehicle for doing just that—telling the American public about the Academy."

"These groups get the name 'West Point' out into the community," says Colonel James W. Wensyel, Deputy Director of the West Point Societies Program. Wensyel went on to say that this combination of effort results in "a tremendous amount of energy, ability, initiative, and enthusiasm."

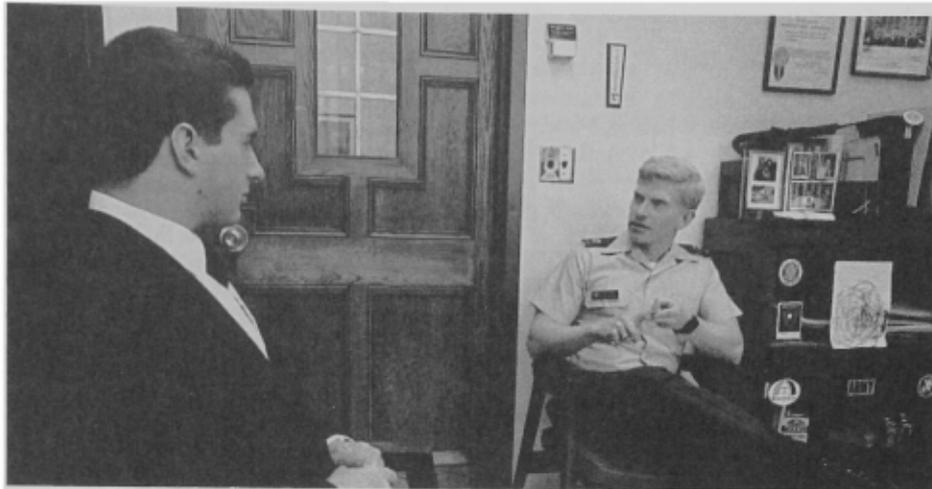
Houston, Texas is one city where the task force is on the move. Mr. W. Paul George, president of the Houston Parents Club said, "The three groups in our area have no barriers." . . . "You can learn so much from those guys who have been there," said George, who likes to participate in functions with society members. Two West Point Society-sponsored outings which included parents club members were a visit to NASA and a trip to an Astros baseball game.

Two years ago, the parents club and the society co-sponsored an All Academy Christmas Ball in Houston. In George's words, "It was one heck of a party!"

Also, the parents club and society in Houston are joining forces with their area MALO's (Military Academy Liaison Officers) to recruit desirable prospective cadets.

"The more diverse approaches to a candidate, the better," said Colonel Phillip W. Leon, Admissions Reserve Officer Advisor. This cooperative effort is very successful in Houston according to Leon. Last year, that city alone boasted approximately 100 admissible candidates.

"We're just beginning to network," said Captain Ray M. Dowe, who is the Mid-Atlantic Admissions Officer. "Parents Club members have gone from being a source of 'punch & cookies' for prospective candidate receptions to actively participating in admissions plan-



Captain Ray M. Dowe, USMA Admissions Officer, interviews a candidate for the Class of 1993. (Photo by Charles W. Kelley.)

ning workshops. Parents are our ace-in-the-hole because they 'humanize' our contact with candidates. For the candidate parents, they add a clearer focus to the application process." Dowe also said that West Point societies help Admissions by sponsoring leadership awards in local high schools. Some members also assist by interviewing prospective candidates themselves. Dowe thinks that this cooperative effort has been very successful. "Throughout the Mid-Atlantic, our presence is known," he said.

"West Point parents clubs, societies, and the Admissions field force combined are a formidable group," says Leon. He says that these three groups working together place the USMA Admissions Office in the enviable position of having to sort through 15,000 applicants to get down to the most qualified 1400.

"Our aim this year is to foster closer communication between our club and the local society," said Mrs. Deanne Chapman, president of the Atlanta Parents Club. The first step in this process was to invite Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Michael A. Gabel, president of the Atlanta West Point Society, to address their club. Chapman said that a cooperative effort between the groups results in "better PR all the way around for the Academy."

Unfortunately, not all parents clubs, societies, or Admissions field force members have yet begun to work with their local counterparts. Hawthorne suggests that these groups "begin to understand and appreciate the slightly differ-

ent natures of the organizations while taking advantage of the great common factor—each member of each group has a direct tie to West Point."

Some groups are reluctant to give up their autonomy.

"There's a mind set for organizations to do things on their own," said Wensyel. "But, no one group has all the answers about West Point." Wensyel encourages the three groups to work together. "Each organization can still keep its own identity while at the same time working with the other groups."

"Once the organizations decide to work together, warm relationships develop," said Lieutenant Colonel Robert Jannarone, Admissions Region Coordinator for the New York Fingerlakes Region.

"It doesn't really matter which group reaches out first," said Hawthorne. Mrs. Amelia Moore, president of the Michigan Parents Club agrees: "Go out there and introduce yourselves. Ask, 'What can we do for each other?'"

"We at Admissions would love to include parents and society members in our activities," said Dowe.

If your organization is interested in joining this West Point task force that's on the move, call either Colonel Wensyel at (800) 232-4723 or Clare Morris at (914) 938-3507/3614. As Wensyel says, "The management of these programs here at West Point goes hand in hand in terms of communication and cooperation. It follows that this should occur throughout the country."

# News from the Societies



## ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

News from the societies is scant this issue. With five issues a year, it may be difficult to make every issue. On the other hand, a brief paragraph or two probably would do nicely anyway. We'd like to hear from everyone: news of society programs, planned activities, a pat on the back for a local grad or non-grad who is doing good things for his society, for the community, or for West Point. Humor is always welcome. Suspend dates are as follows:

<i>Issue Mailing Date</i>	<i>Society Notes Due at AOG</i>
15 February	10 December
15 April	10 February
15 July	10 May
15 October	10 August
15 December	10 October

Please note in the societies' reports below several ideas: planned group trips to West Point or to Army games; a local Goat-Engineer game before the Navy game; a series of interservice-academies' sports bashes throughout the year.

The 1989 spring conference of West Point societies is tentatively set for delegates' arrival on Thursday, 27 April and the conference an all-day contest on Friday, 28 April. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us. This will be our third time around, and it should be a good one. If there are topics you'd like to see on the agenda, or any activities you'd like to see part of the program for delegates or their ladies, please call Morris Herbert or Skip Wensyel at 1-800-232-4723 and tell us about it. We really want your suggestions.

—Skip Wensyel '52

## ALASKA

The West Point Society of Alaska hosted a "Beat Lafayette" football rally at the Fort Richardson Officers Club on 14 Oct. Our cheers must have been heard in Michie as the Army team did the job nicely. The society plans a BEAT NAVY BRUNCH BASH, complete with the game shown live on large screen TV, at the Ft Rich Officers Club on 3 Dec. Society troops are expected to rally in large numbers, complete with appropri-

ate spirit items/memorabilia to support the Army Team's victory over Canoe U.

We are pleased to announce that our speaker for Founders Day 89 will be LTG **Thomas McInerney** '59, commander of the Alaska Air Command. Besides having a distinguished AF career, LTG McInerney also served as a "green suiter" for a time with the "All-America" Division. The dinner is planned for late Mar or early Apr.

The society wishes to commend LTC **Bob Anderson** '65 for his great admissions work in the Anchorage area.

Anyone passing through our AO and interested in sharing any society activities, contact our prez, **Fritz Lash** '69 at 338-5703.

—Fritz Lash '69

## ATLANTA

During the summer the society joined with grads of the Navy and Air Force for our annual tri-service softball tournament. It was a rousing success for the Air Force. Neither the Army nor the Navy was able to field a full team, so the Navy/Air Force team played the Air Force and lost. Then the Army/Navy team played the Air Force again, and won! I think that we wore them down.

The society's fall activities began with a very successful "Beat Holy Cross" rally at the 57th Fighter Group restaurant in Atlanta. The organizer for this and the tri-service softball bash was **Jim Clawson** '83.

A tri-service golf tournament, under the direction of **Fred Pirkey** '55, was held in October, followed by "Beat Air Force" and "Beat Navy" rallies.

**Jim Cobb** '43 is coordinator for a 16 Dec Christmas tri-service party, and **Bill Wray** '80 is responsible for the society's hosting the visit by the Cadet Glee Club to Atlanta on 14 Jan 1989. Additional society activities and their coordinators for programs planned for the Gloom Period and beyond are the tri-service golf tournament on 18 Feb (**Fred Pirkey** '55), Founders Day dinner at Ft McPherson O Club (**Gary Webster** '61), tri-service tennis on 13 May (**Gordon Duquemin** '47), and a Jun society rally (yet unidentified), headed by **Jim Clawson** '83. If anyone wishes to participate in any society activities, y'all come, but first call our program chairman, Jim Clawson,

at 433-0968 for info and the chance to volunteer help.

—Jim Clawson '83

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Our West Point Admissions Liaison Team, headed up by Judge **Eugene Sullivan** '64, sponsored two West Point Information nights this year: one at Ft Belvoir, VA and the other at College Park, MD. The sessions were attended by high school juniors identified by West Point as high quality candidates, their parents and several of Gene's liaison officers.

The program included a showing of a new admissions film on West Point, presentations by **Bruce Turnbull** '57 and CPT **Mike Dowe** '77 of the Admissions Office, and "tell it as it really is" poop from four cadets. Our thanks go to **Bob Wolff** '65 and **Jim Grabulis** who made the arrangements and helped conduct the sessions.

The West Point Society of DC has announced a new service for members—private railroad travel. The Board of Governors authorized the society to enter into two experimental contracts with a private railroad company, the American Zephyr, to provide members an opportunity to travel to and from the Army-Air Force game at West Point on 5 Nov 1988 and the Army-Navy game at Giants Stadium in New Jersey in Dec 1989.

Travel to the Army-Air Force game is planned to start at Union Station, Washington, DC with an early morning, 6:20 am, departure to arrive at West Point in time for the parade at 11:15 am. Motor coach transfer from New York's Pennsylvania Station is part of the excursion. The trip includes breakfast going and a buffet on return.

If this service receives a good response from society members, long range planning can be undertaken by the Board of Governors for trains to possibly every home game in 1989, as well as other events.

Our Addendum to the Directory of members of the West Point Society of D.C. included 67 new names.

—Phil Farris '46

## CHICAGO

The West Point Society of Chicago's

annual golf outing was held with over 60 golfers taking aim at capturing various honors and prizes. The society championship was retained by '78 as **Jim Nalepa** shot an unremarkable 80 to take the trophy from classmate **Bill Sumner**, who won the longest drive competition. Nalepa had a good score on the back 9 also! **Bill Hubbard** '73, without much effort, continued the dubious honor of highest gross score and retained probably the world's ugliest trophy—the Jack Faddis Memorial Goat. A lot of new faces were made welcome to the scene, **Mike Pyrz** '80 once again did a superb job as event chairman.

The Annual Chicago Army/Navy Classic will be held at Ditka's on 3 Dec, with reinforcements being called in from **Joe Hurst** '59 and the Milwaukee West Point Society. Over 250 USMA and USNA grads will celebrate the Army victory.

A new event is being scheduled for Chicago under the stewardship of **Jan Schulz** '73—the Chicago Goat-Engineer Football Game to be held on Saturday, 26 Nov. Two divisions will compete in this Corps classic. "The Old Grad Division" will be from years '69 and prior and the "Corps Has Division" of '70 through the '80's. We are expecting a blood and guts game, especially if all ex-A squaders participate.

—Denny Coll '65

## LAS VEGAS

The 2d meeting of the new West Point Society of Las Vegas was held on 7 Oct in the home of **Barney and Pat Wintermute** '69. At the meeting, society pres **Del Barth** '46 proposed three main purposes for the society: (1) to promote the Academy at local high schools and to seek likely candidates for USCC; (2) to provide a social environment for graduates and relatives of graduates to meet several times a year; (3) to increase the community's awareness of what the service academies, emphasis West Point, offer the nation.

Representatives of the society took part in the "Academy Night" meeting held on Labor Day at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas. This event, held to introduce local high school students to opportunities available at the service academies, attracted more than 1300 young men and women, reportedly the largest attendance ever, in any city in the country.

The next meeting of the society is scheduled for 3 Dec to coincide with the Army-Navy game. It will be a joint affair with the Naval Academy group in Las Vegas.

Plans are underway for the society's Founders Day celebration in Mar 89. GEN **Michael S. Davison** '39, president of the AOG, has been invited to be the guest speaker.

Anyone interested in the society or in participating in its programs, please contact **RADM (Ret) Delbert S. Barth** '46 (O: 703-739-0839).

—Paul Jakus '56

## NEW YORK

The West Point Society of New York opened its 1988–89 program year on 1 Sep with a now traditional event—the Army Football Kickoff Luncheon. Long held at the original Mamma Leone's in Manhattan (now closed/relocated), the event moved this year to Gallagher's, the famous sports oriented Manhattan steak house. Coach **Jim Young** journeyed down the Hudson to be with us, along with **COL Al Vanderbush** '61 (Asst Athletic Dir), **Jim Gallagher** (AAA staff) and **COL Barry Butzer** '62, OIC of the Army Team. For the 120 attendees, Coach Young discussed the upcoming schedule, highlighted his expectations for key squad members and outlined prospective game strategies. Keeping with another society tradition, the introductions were handled by **Ted Halligan** '45 who, in true Rabble Rouser style, pumped up everyone's enthusiasm with his "go get 'em" rhetoric. A good time was had by all!

On 20 Oct, the society's monthly luncheon featured a special briefing team from Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies, courtesy of **David M. Abshire** '51, former NATO Ambassador and now the CSIS president. The topic was the emerging conventional balance of forces in Europe, with special emphasis on post-IMF developments. Headed by **Michael Moodie**, Sr. CSIS Fellow, the team presented to the WPSNY's members the same briefing recently given to the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs, the NATO ambassadors and the armed forces committees of Congress. Held at the Union League Club, the well-attended luncheon was preceded by a reception in the club's library.

Last fall, the society hosted a gala salute to the Army and the Constitution at the Waldorf-Astoria. Featuring **Caspar Weinberger** as the keynoter and honoring 22 of America's foremost military and civilian leaders, the event—attended by over 1000 persons—benefited the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program. From the dinner, the WPSNY was able to permanently endow three such scholarships.

We continued that emphasis on USMA admissions support into this year. On the morning of the Army-Rutgers game at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands on 22 Oct, the society assisted with a regional Admissions Workshop, held at the stadium complex. Coordinated by **John O'Hara**—the WPSNY Admissions Comm Chmn—the workshop drew a siz-

able number of our Board of Directors and members, active in admissions support. The event featured special presentations by the Superintendent and the Dean. USMA Admissions did their usual excellent job of outlining current admissions issues and concerns. Those attending left charged up, and well prepared, to continue the search for outstanding new prospects for the Long Gray Line.

The West Point Society of New York is off to another strong year of programs for its members. We look forward to the continuation of our monthly Distinguished Speaker Luncheons, a very special Founders Day celebration and several other unique events. Planning is also underway for society activities, to be held in conjunction with the 1989 Army-Navy game at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands.

—Jim Gardner '66

## UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA (Greer area)

From the society's first newsletter (an excellent job) we glean the following information.

The West Point Society of Upstate South Carolina, organized at a summer rally in Greenville, which more than 45 grads and their ladies attended, is off and running. Members approved a set of society by-laws and elected the following officers:

Pres	<b>Pete Selleck</b> '77
VP	<b>Chuck Baker</b> '75
Sec	<b>Bruce Brackett</b> '79
Treas	<b>Rich Kornacki</b> '74
Chmn, Admissions	
Comm	<b>Paul Mozoski</b> '70
Chmn, Prog Comm	<b>Bill Green</b> '70
Chmn, Info & Pub	
Aff Comm	<b>Greg Leikvold</b> '80
Chmn, Fund Raising	
Comm	<b>Chuck Sutton</b> '80

A special thanks to **Bill and Portia Green** '70 for their work in organizing this kick-off event.

The society plans an Army-Navy football rally, to which as many USNA grads as the society can find will be invited to watch the Army Team sink the Navy, on 3 Dec.

The society's Founders Day dinner, the first ever held in this part of the country, will take place on 4 Mar with **LTG Walter F. Ulmer, Jr. (Ret)** '52, President of the Center for Creative Leadership based in Greensboro, our honored speaker.

Anyone passing through the area and interested in society activities might contact **Pete Selleck** at: (O) 803-458-1967, (H) 803-244-9183.

—Skip Wensyel '52

## CINCINNATI

On 4 Oct, at its annual business meeting, the West Point Society of Cincinnati elected the following officers: Pres—**Pete Groh '58**, VP—**James Herd '63**, Sec—**John Capelli '80**, and Treas—**John Pennington '75**.

On 3 Dec the society will gather to watch the Black Knights sink the Navy. Founders Day is tentatively set for 18 Mar with the Superintendent, LTC **Dave R. Palmer '56**, our guest speaker. Coordinator for the event is **Bob Thompson '50**. He can be contacted at 513-561-2030 should anyone be passing through and wish to join us.

—Sam Thomas, Jr '53

## CLEVELAND

Our Sep luncheon was a departure from the usual. Society president **Merritt Bumpass '65** hosted a gourmet luncheon at his law firm's offices. Guest speaker was Mike Lipscomb, pres of Argo—Tech Corp., a large defense contractor in the area. Mike's message of low or no margins on defense contracts shed a different light on the media versions of the \$1200 monkey wrench. At the same time, grads heard firsthand about a rejuvenated piece of Cleveland's "rust belt" industry.

On Friday evening, 7 Oct, the society hosted an all-service academy dinner dance at the Chagrin Valley Country Club. Over 100 attendees from Northeastern Ohio representing USMA, USNA, USAFA and USMMA met and mixed enthusiastically and danced and huddled until the wee hours. The hit of the evening, a mock telegram, read by society president **Bumpass**, carried greetings from the Commander in Chief to all graduates of USMA, USAFA, USCGA and USMMA for their selfless patriotic contribution. The USNA's, however, were congratulated for their exceptional contributions to professional sports. Needless to say that was the opening salvo and the exchanges degenerated from there.

**Bill McGlaughlin '72** did a super job organizing and promoting the landmark event.

From the North Coast, Beat Navy!

—Al Catani '69

## KNOXVILLE

The West Point Society of East Tennessee held a luncheon for society members and guests on 20 Aug and plans an Army-Navy luncheon rally on 3 Dec. We have begun to publish a newsletter and hope to have more activity by the society in the future. Anyone interested in joining the society should contact **Aloysius A. Norton** at 7237 Cresthill Drive, Apt C-10, Knoxville, TN 37919 (615-588-2472).

—Aloysius A. Norton '44

## SOUTH TEXAS

The South Texas West Point Society has set its calendar for 1989 and the remainder of 1988:

- 21 Oct Picnic at McArthur Park
- 17 Nov Luncheon
- 2 Dec Dinner Dance at the Roaring Twenties
- 3 Dec Army-Navy
- 26 Jan Annual Meeting at Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club. LTC Schnieder, CG Fifth Army to speak
- 16 Feb Luncheon at Randolph AFB Officers Club. Dr. R. G. Breen '45 to speak on Central America
- 3 Mar Founders Day Dinner at USAA

Our most recent point of achievement is one we share with all of you because "**Chip**" **Chipman '10**, the oldest living graduate at 102, allowed us to share his birthday. Gen (Ret) **Ralph E. Haines '35**, our society pres, presented a token gift from the society and swapped stories, some possibly true, of younger days and bold deeds.



General Ralph Haines '35 with Colonel Guy "Chip" Chipman '10.

A very positive note on the society's contributions to the Corps: fourteen of last year's South Texas West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program candidates were accepted to West Point. Better yet, we see 20 or more per year as a reasonable goal for the future. Our emphasis is on getting the word out on the scholarship program and targeting the kinds of youngsters who have the right stuff.

—Tony Hansell '55

## PUGET SOUND

Our annual family picnic was held on 28 Aug at the Officers Beach Club on American Lake, North Fort Lewis. Our wives outdid themselves in providing a potluck dinner of salads, casseroles and desserts. **Donna & Rich Bunn '65** generously provided boat rides on their sleek cabin cruiser for all those who chose to become nautical. Besides the Bunn's, our thanks go to the committee

which planned the affair: **Pat & Ed Trobaugh '55**, **Louise & Flip Fenili '43**, and **Pat & Corky Nordgren '53**.

The first ever Army—U of Washington football game was played in "Husky" stadium in Seattle on 17 Sep. Planning by our society began in early summer when invitations were mailed to grads in the Great Pacific Northwest and California. The culmination consisted of a reception, a rally and the game. The evening before, our society hosted a reception at the Sandpoint Navy Officers Club for the Superintendent, LTC **Dave R. Palmer '56**, and his party. The morning of the game we joined the U of W alumni at a rally-brunch next to the stadium. Cheerleaders, a black knight in armor, and a mule with huge "A"s on its rump added to the festivities. Approximately 1,000 Army fans watched the game that followed. It was a much closer and more hard-fought contest than the score of 17 to 31 indicated. The "Huskies," rated 16th nationally, were favored by three touchdowns. Although we lost, the stats showed Army gaining a total of 364 yards vs only 313 yards for the U of W. Had it not been for a Husky goal-line stand on the 2 and a big pass interception, good for a touchdown, in the fourth quarter the score might well have been a 24-24 tie! Our thanks for a most memorable football weekend go to the ARMY TEAM and the members of our planning committee: **Rich Sonsteli '66** (our pres), **Ed Trobaugh '55** (our VP), **Coburn Smith '31** (treas), **Charlie Howze '31** (sec) and **John Dubbelde '57** and his computer.

BEAT NAVY!!!

—Win Curley '41

## GREAT BRITAIN

Greetings from London! The West Point Society of Great Britain finally exists, largely as a result of the efforts of **Mike Cochrane '79**. Old grads, make way for the new generation. Our membership is to include not only Great Britain but also Republic of Ireland and the Channel Islands. That gives us a lot of pubs to check for lost grads.

Our inaugural luncheon was hosted by **Roy Degenhardt '62** at Continental Bank when we approved by-laws and elected officers. Mike had done so much to get the society off the ground and was unanimously elected president. **John Fyfe '60** wanted to say something about everything and was blessed with double duty—vice president and treasurer. **Peter Spivey '70** had shown expertise at getting invitations typed and found himself in the role of secretary. It took Peter less than one minute to point out that the secretary's duty list does not include this column!

Our next meeting was hosted by **Peter Spivey** at the London HQ for Martin Marietta. We have no permanent home for the society, and until someone can face us twice we'll continue the search.

Now we're looking forward to the autumn events, beginning with our quarterly luncheon in October at the Naval and Military Club. In November we begin with a dinner for members and wives and follow with a day out to the Army-BC game in Dublin where our society has a block of 50 tickets. We expect to see similar support from other societies.

Best wishes to all!

—Carl Commons '69

## CHINA

MAJ Lonnie Keene '76 reports the transfer of MAJ John Corbett '72, COL Alfred Wilhelm '62, and MAJ Karl Eikenberry '73 from Beijing. The West Point Society of China continues to serve grads in the People's Republic of China, in Hong Kong, and in Macao.

—Skip Wensyel '52

## NEW JERSEY

Tony Smith '78 represented the West Point Society of New Jersey at an Admissions Workshop before Army beat Rutgers at the Meadowlands on 22 Oct.

The society will host a 1989 Founders Day celebration on Sat, 18 Mar, at the Berkeley Carteret Hotel in Asbury Park, NJ. The featured guest speaker will be MG (Ret) George S. Patton '46.

—Tony Smith '78

## BUFFALO

The West Point Society of Western New York has three upcoming events on its calendar. A society luncheon on 1 Nov honored GEN Richard Stilwell '38, who was in the Buffalo area for several days promoting the Korean War Veterans' Monument in Washington.

The society will rally at the Sheraton for lunch and a TV viewing of the Army/Navy football game on 3 Dec. Mess call—1200 hours; cross the LD at 1300 hours. BEAT NAVY!

On 24 and 25 Feb the Cadet Glee Club will be in concert with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhans Hall, Buffalo. Society members will host cadets in their homes during this visit, and we are considering a pre-concert social.

—Bob Carroll '62

## AUSTIN

The West Point Society of Central Texas, since the last writing, has been engaged in two noteworthy news events. At the Sep monthly luncheon we heard

from the Austin Smiles Organization, which is a medical mission to Central America by a group of Austin doctors who donate their time and skill to improve the lives of our neighbors to the south.

At the beginning of Oct, we used the picnic facilities at the home of the "Texas Armed Forces," Camp Mabry, the headquarters for the 49th Division (ANG). Picnics in Texas are only served with Bar-B-Que, and we did not break



West Point Society of Central Texas Bar-B-Que, Oct 88: Ann Williams, Williams '53, Lang '56, Virginia Holt, Davis '53, Betty Davis.

from that tradition with plenty of brisket, ribs and sausage. Word spread so fast that the two officers (CPT Jim Luckett '78 and LT Greg Desrosier '85) from the Admissions office, who were en route to Dallas from San Antonio, stopped by to break bread with us. So, mark the date for next year if you are in this part of the country. The oldest grad (former cadet Class of '23) honors go to the Hon. Ralph L. Yarborough, former US Senator.

Monthly luncheons are continuing events so, should anyone be traveling in Austin on the first Wednesday of any month, come by the Westwood Country Club at noon or call 451-1868 for reservations.

BEAT NAVY!

—Dyke Miller '60

## DALLAS

The Annapolis Society of Northern Texas and Roger Staubach have accepted a challenge by the West Point Society of Northern Texas to a game of flag football prior to the 1988 Army-Navy game. More on this adventure in our next report!

—Dave Brown '70

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The first meeting of the West Point Society of Northern California got off to a great start on 24 Sep in Sacramento, with 40 members in attendance. CPT

(Ret) B. T. Collins, former Chief-of-Staff to the Governor, helped us kick off a membership meeting that was full of information, fellowship, and camaraderie. Our next meeting will be held at a local sports bar to cheer Army on to a victory over Navy. The decibel level in Philadelphia will be raised by the noise we raise here in Northern California! We have identified over 180 potential members, all of whom reside in the Sacramento Valley or the northern Nevada areas of the West Coast. It is our hope that all of these grads will decide to become full-fledged members of our society. Anyone interested in joining the society should contact Charles C. Gorkinski '56, 1537 Barnett Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608.

—George Grayeb '52

## EAST TENNESSEE

The West Point Society of East Tennessee plans an Army-Navy luncheon at the Windover Club House, Knoxville, on 3 Dec. Any grads visiting the Knoxville area, or new residents interested in joining the society, are invited to call Aloysius Norton '44 at 588-2472 for information on the society.

—A. Norton '44

## RALEIGH-DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL

Newly elected officers for the West Point Society of the Triangle are Pres—Roger Root '56, VP—Don Andrews '55, Sec—Steve Root '83, Treas—Penn Watkinson '70, Directors—Bill Burke '57, Chuck Moseley '65, Hawley Oakes '56.

Society members expect to be on hand in Louisburg, NC on Thanksgiving Day to support the West Point Cadet Parachute Club as they jump in intercollegiate competition. Soon thereafter the society will rally in Chapel Hill for a BEAT NAVY celebration on 3 Dec. For info on any society programs, please call Roger Root '56 at 846-7014.

—Steve Root '83

## ROCHESTER

Founders Day dinner for the West Point Society of Rochester is set for Saturday 19 Mar 1989 at the Rochester Hilton. Other planned society activities include the Army-Navy rally on 3 Dec, the West Point Parents Club Holiday Dinner on 29 Dec, and College Night at Marketplace Mall on 8–9 May. Anyone interested in society activities is welcome to call Mark Preston '77 at 716-381-4900 for further information.

—Mark Preston '77

# Bulletin Board



## Communicate with the Association by FAX

The Association now has the equipment to send and receive Facsimile (FAX) messages. Our number is (914) 446-6988. We can receive your messages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

## Unitrust Created by Hocker '27

Colonel and Mrs. Woodson F. Hocker of Hillsborough, California, have made a major contribution to the Association of Graduates and provided themselves with a handsome annuity at the same time. Colonel Hocker, USMA '27, retired to the San Francisco area in 1958, and they have lived ever since in the dream house they built 29 years ago. It naturally has appreciated many times over and, now, as they are ready to move to a retirement community are faced with a large capital gain. By establishing an irrevocable unitrust with the AOG as beneficiary and donating one-half interest in their house to the unitrust, they are able to avoid most of the capital gain taxes, pay for their retirement home and receive an annual payment which practically doubles their retirement income.

West Point will receive the assets of the unitrust after the death of both Colonel and Mrs. Hocker. Until then they will continue to receive an 8% interest payment which should bring them over \$30,000 a year. The Association of Graduates and West Point will eventually receive about \$400,000. The Hockers, who have no children, have decided to leave the bulk of their estate to West Point. Their noble generosity will benefit future generations of cadets and serve as a brilliant example for others who can make major contributions to the charity of their choice while still enjoying the fruits of their assets.

Colonel Hocker like his father was an Infantry officer but with foreign language skills that led to four years at West Point as a Spanish instructor, and two Pentagon tours with military intelligence. He also served as military attache in both Peru and Brazil. After his retirement he received a master's degree in Spanish from the National University of Mexico and taught Spanish for a number of years at the college level.

Colonel and Mrs. Hocker's names will be added to the Special Recognition Plaque in Eisenhower Hall. This plaque is for those who give \$100,000 or more to West Point. In Colonel Hocker's words, "I hope seeing our names there might help convince others to help their beloved Alma Mater and themselves."

If you think that a similar program would work for you and you desire to do something for West Point, contact the Director of Planned Giving, AOG, at (914) 446-3028.

## Gift Annuity Still a Popular Favorite

The Planned Giving Office of the AOG has recently received two new Charitable Gift Annuities bringing the total number of gifts through this popular instrument to 25. Since its introduction as one of our family of life income plans in 1983, the total value of these 25 gifts has reached \$733,900.

The two most recent gifts were created by Mrs. James L. Richardson W'30 and Lieutenant General and Mrs. Ferdinand T. Unger '37. Mrs. Richardson made a gift of \$20,000 in cash to create a Charitable Gift Annuity which will provide for her a guaranteed annual income of \$1,880 (9.4% of the gift amount) for the rest of her lifetime. Approximately 50% of this income payout is exempt from income tax. In addition, she receives a deduction to be taken in the year of the gift which is equal to approximately \$10,800. Mrs. Richardson has found this not only to be a sound investment opportunity but also an ideal way to honor her husband, Lieutenant General James L. Richardson '30.

General Richardson's World War II experience included a tour as the commanding officer of the 275th Infantry of the 70th Division as well as G3 of the 70th Division in the European Theater. He commanded the 224th Infantry Regiment of the 40th Division in the Korean War and was commanding general of the U.S. Army Hawaii and commanding general of the 25th Division in Hawaii in the early 1960's. His final active duty assignment was as the commanding general of Sixth Army at the Presidio of San Francisco. He retired in 1967 after 37 years of distinguished service. After retirement, General Richardson spent over

ten years working as an enrolled agent teaching tax preparation and representing clients before the IRS. General Richardson also established an organization called "Careers for Retired Military." Financial support for this organization was provided by the Benjamin Swig Foundation.

General Unger and Mrs. Unger have established a Gift Annuity of an undisclosed amount which will benefit the West Point Fund of the Association of Graduates (as will the Richardson gift) after the life income beneficiaries or annuitants have passed on. The Unger Gift Annuity was funded with highly appreciated stock which is partially sheltered from capital gains tax as a result of the gift.

General Unger is the President of the Class of 1937. He commanded the 718th Field Artillery Battalion, 63rd Division during World War II. His subsequent command assignments included commanding general of the 3rd Division Artillery, commanding general of the 7th Infantry Division, commanding general of the Ryukyus Command and commanding general of IX Corps. He retired in 1970 after a tour as J-5 of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. After retirement, he served as governor of the U.S. Soldiers and Airmens Home in Washington.

West Point is indeed grateful for these donors who have given to West Point through the AOG's family of life income plans.

## Appreciates 90-Year Book

August 24, 1988

Dear General Davison:

Waiting to be opened yesterday, my ninetieth birthday, was an intriguing package from the Association of Graduates of the Academy.

It was that marvelous Album, beautifully bound and gift-wrapped, with the salute from the Graduates of West Point, your thoughtful letter, all the pictures, and my record of service.

I had heard about them from several classmates who had received them, and now I had my own!! I sat alone, and in silence, for most of the morning going through those pages and sort of re-living the days at the Point.

Of the 227 graduates of my Class there are 22 survivors. Nineteen of them have reached age ninety. Ten others, now deceased, had lived to receive their Albums. If all goes well for another two months the three remaining youngsters will receive theirs also. That will add up to a total of 32 grads, or 14 percent of our graduated number, who lived to see those wonderful mementos.

I daresay there is no other institution of learning in the country that has this custom of honoring its senior grads, or if there is, it may well have been copied from your Association.

With my thanks for this precious remembrance, and my congratulations to those of your staff who do all the research and work to make these Albums possible, I am-

Most respectfully

W.W. Wanamaker  
Past President  
Class of Nov. 1918

### Leaders With an Ivy League Education

The purpose of the U.S. Military Academy is to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the common defense. Intellectual development of the cadet is but one segment of the Academy's achievement of that purpose, but it is a major one.

The Military Academy remains the fourth leading institution in both Rhodes Scholars and Hertz Scholars. A recently published book now suggests that the leaders produced by the Military Academy receive "Ivy League" educations.

"How to Get an Ivy League Education at a State University" by Martin Nemko says that "nearly everyone [at USMA] is good in class, excellent on the athletic field, and superlative as a leader." The author explains the phenomenon by "West Point's emphasis on winning at everything."

The book rates the academic climate 3.9 out of 4.0, making special mention that no classes are taught by teaching assistants and rating the typical class size as excellent.

"Sixty-one USMA graduates since 1923 have been awarded Rhodes Scholarships to attend Oxford while on active duty," Nemko writes. He adds that the public's perception of the quality of the Academy is very high. Nemko also compares USMA to the other service academies. "West Point is probably the most people-oriented of the three major service academies," he writes. "Army's primary mission is land-based warfare, which is more people-dependent than that of the Air Force or Navy."

Nemko cites the historic significance of the "West Point of the Hudson River," suggesting the importance of this location during the Revolutionary period.

"The Hudson River makes an S-turn at the place that George Washington felt was the most important position on the continent during the Revolutionary War," he writes. "The entire campus is a national landmark." The beauty of West Point is rated "three and a half leaves" out of four by Nemko.

To an American public which expects USMA to produce leaders of character, it should be encouraging that those leaders come with "Ivy League" credentials.

by Major Bruce K. Bell, Directorate of Academy Relations

### Dawkins '59 Honored as Academic All-American

Brigadier General Peter M. Dawkins, U.S. Army Retired, United States Military Academy Class of 1959, was recently inducted into the GTE Academic Hall of Fame. Dawkins was one of six inducted in ceremonies in New York City. The 1958 Heisman Trophy winner, he was cited for being a Rhodes Scholar after his four years at the Military Academy.

Selected from top collegiate athletes who excelled in the classroom, Dawkins was honored along with former UCLA great Donn Moomaw to represent the 1950's. Representing the academic All-Americans of the 1960's were U.S. Senator Bill Bradley, an All-American basketball player at Princeton who was also a Rhodes Scholar, and Merlin Olson of Utah State University, professional football player and television personality. The 1970's were represented by U.S. Representative Tom McMillen from the University of Maryland, and professional football great and television commentator Pat Haden, a University of Southern California graduate who also became a Rhodes Scholar.

Dick Enberg, spokesman for the program and head of the selection committee said, "The Hall of Fame pays tribute to the best and brightest of the thousands of scholar-athletes in America." Dawkins is an excellent example of the U.S. military's continued emphasis on academic excellence along with physical development. While at West Point, Dawkins was the first cadet to hold simultaneously the titles First Captain, football captain and class president.

The Academic All-America Teams program was first established in 1952, and it has been sponsored by GTE since 1985. The program is administered by the College Sports Information Directors of America. The Academic All-America Hall of Fame was established to especially recognize those whose contributions beyond their college years are of the highest level in their chosen fields.

### LT Fraley '88 Awarded Fellowship

2nd Lt. Douglas E. Fraley was recently named as a 1988-89 Fellowship Recipient by Phi Kappa Phi. Fraley was one of 50 persons honored. The award provides stipends of up to \$6,000 for the support of first-year graduate work.

Fraley is also a Rhodes Scholar and is studying at Oxford University in England.

### Second Annual Meeting, West Point Medical Association

The West Point Medical Association held its second annual meeting at the Thayer Hotel on 9 and 10 September 1988. Twenty regular members attended from various classes. The topic for the medical portion of the meeting was "Military Medicine" and most attendees presented papers. The keynote address was presented by COL (Dr) Barry Wolcott, Commander, Keller Army Hospital, West Point on the subject of "Medicine at West Point." Following the meeting, many members adjourned to a "spontaneous" rally by the Corps at Michie Stadium (barbecue and OC Rockets). An absolutely gorgeous day for a parade and a great win by the Army team over Holy Cross topped off a fabulous weekend for a medical meeting.

The West Point Medical Association now has 179 active members. Annual and Life Membership information is available from the Association Secretary: Ian M. Thompson, M.D., 13507 Cassia Way, San Antonio, TX 78232.

### Library Acquires Orderly Book (West Point, 1 Oct-28 Nov 1780)

"Whenever there is... Mention of the Fort at West Point either in written or verbal report or in conversation, it is to be expressed by the name of *Fort Clinton* and never by the name of *Arnold the Traitor*," quoting General George Washington, Headquarters, West Point, October 29: 1780.

This is a quotation from Lieutenant Daniel Cobb's orderly book kept monthly at West Point, October 1-November 28, 1780. The Cobb orderly book was just purchased from gift funds made available to the USMA Library's Special Collections by the Daughters of the U.S. Army. The orderly book covers the dramatic events at West Point with Hudson Highland Commander Benedict Arnold's abortive betrayal of West Point. Major General Arnold fled West Point, and his accomplice, British Army Adjutant, Major John Andre, was sentenced to be hung at nearby Tappan, New York.

The 176-page manuscript account of military orders of the 16th Massachu-

setts Regiment is a significant acquisition because it is the only known orderly book of this regiment in existence. A Boston history collector owned it for over seventy years. He had purchased the document from a military family from Rhode Island. Sergeant Rufus Whitaker's neatly-written, leather-backed book describes a military unit stationed at West Point. The daily events include assignment to garrison duties at Forts Clinton and Putnam during a critical time in the United States. The 269 men in the regiment came from Suffolk and Middlesex counties in Massachusetts. (The 16th Massachusetts is perpetuated by the 126th Signal Battalion, Massachusetts Army National Guard.)

### AOG Tours Scandinavian Capitals

It was Anchors Aweigh! for 44 graduates, wives, widows, and friends of West Point on 24 August as the Royal Cruise Line's brand new 40,000 ton cruise ship *Crown Odyssey* departed from Tilbury, England and sailed down the Thames on the evening tide for a two-week cruise of Scandinavian capitals. Royal Cruise Line billed their new ship as "Spectacular," and it was all of that! We entered the Kiel Canal after a day at sea, and the next morning docked at Travemunde on the Baltic coast. A visit to that West German border port and to Lubeck, Medieval home of the Hanseatic League, was followed by another day at sea en route to Helsinki, Finland. The ship then steamed to Leningrad, where we enjoyed a day and evening amidst the treasures of the Hermitage, touring the city, and visiting the Russian theater.

The approach to Stockholm with its thousands of islands was as surprising as it was beautiful. We shopped and toured the museums, and then traveled to Copenhagen for an evening and a day. A Sunday visit to Oslo, Norway was highlighted by the half-day cruise up the 70 mile-long Oslo Fjord and a tour of parks



and the Viking ship museum. Before returning to London, we spent half a day visiting Amsterdam and the countryside. During the cruise, the Association of Graduates hosted three parties for AOG tour participants; we found two West Pointers and one Annapolis grad on board who had signed up on their own, and we made them welcome. For most of us, Scandinavia was a new and different experience. A two-day "London Showtime" option could be tacked on to the beginning or end of the cruise, and many of us took advantage of this opportunity. The weather was brisk and cool, and the Baltic was calm. We're ready to go again, anytime!

In the AOG travel group were Mrs. Creighton W. Abrams, '36; Ann & John Ballard, '51; Virginia & Freddie Birch, '49; Mrs. Roland Bower, '32; Lucy & Jack Chiles, '36; Marilyn & Howard Dager, '45; Kermit Davis, '34; Dottie & Jeff Davis, '42; Jimmie & Ray Dixon, '57; Gerri & Jack Dudley, '30; Mrs. Helen Eckley; Pat & John Frazier, '37; Mrs. Mary Gifford; Mrs. James L. Green, '28; Faith & Morris Herbert, '50 (AOG Escorts); Helen & Dick Hunt, '32; Mrs. Harold K. Johnson, '33; Elaine & Gerry LaRocca, '41, and their son Jay; Mrs. Francis H. Lynch, '29; Mrs. Frederick B.

Lyon, '34; Mrs. Mervyn M. Magee, '31; Mrs. Guyneth Mikesell; Mrs. Helen Timms; Florrie & Jim Tuthill, '48; Lillian & Bob Tyson, '34; Janet & Hugh Wallace, '38; Helen & Spike Wood, '50; Mrs. Elery M. Zehner, '37; Mrs. Mary Smith, '38; and Kate & Don Coscarelli, '50.

### Request for Information on Harmon '15

Anyone with information about the life or career of LTG Hubert Reilly Harmon, Class of 1915, please contact Mrs. Paul M. Hoff, Jr., 3190 South Monroe Street, Denver, CO 80210.

### 173rd Airborne Brigade Reunion

The Western States Chapter of the Society of the 173rd Airborne Brigade will be hosting the first ever national reunion on the West Coast. The event will be held at the El Rancho Tropicana Hotel in Santa Rosa, California 30 June-5 July 1989.

The 1989 Reunion will feature an ox roast, dinner and dance, parachute jumps and equipment displays, wine country tours, and a fireworks display. For further information contact Mr. Ignacio Zarate at (213) 726-9760 or write to Western States Chapter X, P.O. Box 2000-86, So. Lake Tahoe, CA 95705.



# AUDITOR'S REPORT 1988

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

We have audited the balance sheet of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy (The Association) as of March 31, 1988 and the related statements of revenue and expenses and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of The Association's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects,

the financial position of The Association of Graduates of the United States Military Academy as of March 31, 1988, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balances and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

The basic financial statements referred to in the foregoing opinion are set forth in Exhibits A and B of this report. Our examination of the basic financial statements was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on such financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying information shown in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

White Plains, New York  
June 28, 1988

Peat Marwick Main & Co.

## BALANCE SHEET March 31, 1988 (With Comparative Totals for 1987)

	1988				1987	
	Operating Fund	Equipment Funds	Restricted Funds	Agency Fund	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash .....	\$ 9,569	\$ 6,017	\$ 353,257		\$ 368,843	\$ 35,062
Accounts receivable .....	8,086				8,086	8,833
Inventories .....	174,181				174,181	125,421
Investments, at cost (note 3) .....	262,021	178,206	21,462,023	628,984	22,531,234	22,752,235
Equipment (less accumulated depreciation: 1988, \$148,378; 1987, \$115,528) (note 4) .....		226,247			226,247	234,737
	<u>\$453,857</u>	<u>\$410,470</u>	<u>\$21,815,280</u>	<u>\$628,984</u>	<u>\$23,308,591</u>	<u>\$23,156,288</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities .....	1,994				1,994	4,381
Deposits held in custody for others (note 5) .....				628,984	628,984	561,004
Fund balances .....	451,863	410,470	21,815,280		22,677,613	22,590,903
	<u>\$453,857</u>	<u>\$410,470</u>	<u>\$21,815,280</u>	<u>\$628,984</u>	<u>\$23,308,591</u>	<u>\$23,156,288</u>

## STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES For the Year Ended March 31, 1988 (With Comparative Totals for 1987)

	1988				1987	
	Operating Fund	Equipment Funds	Restricted Funds	Total All Funds	Total All Funds	Total All Funds
<b>Revenue:</b>						
Contributions .....	\$ 45,859		\$ 2,087,553	\$ 2,133,412	\$ 4,191,317	\$ 4,191,317
Bequests and grants .....			706,101	706,101	736,438	736,438
Royalties .....			41,716	41,716	31,212	31,212
Investment income and gains on sales of securities .....	585,178	14,110	1,402,924	2,002,212	2,000,196	2,000,196
Sales—gift shop .....	289,174			289,174	292,225	292,225
Subscriptions and advertising .....	386,418			386,418	338,175	338,175
Dues and memberships .....	26,265			26,265	25,386	25,386
Other .....	85,623		203,304	288,927	94,038	94,038
	<u>1,418,517</u>	<u>14,110</u>	<u>4,441,598</u>	<u>5,874,225</u>	<u>7,708,987</u>	<u>7,708,987</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Awards, grants and contributions .....	120		4,013,682	4,013,802	2,365,799	2,365,799
Publications .....	418,427	1,880		420,307	455,500	455,500
Alumni records and services .....	145,844	23,424		169,268	202,538	202,538
Gift shop costs .....	279,714	1,496		281,210	283,367	283,367
Development .....	341,077	3,010		344,087	288,494	288,494
General and administrative .....	309,471	2,968	29,780	342,219	321,822	321,822
West Point Societies .....	113,863	72		113,935		
Other .....	45,045	12,712	44,930	102,687	102,363	102,363
	<u>1,653,561</u>	<u>45,562</u>	<u>4,088,392</u>	<u>5,787,515</u>	<u>4,019,883</u>	<u>4,019,883</u>
Reimbursement to Operating Fund of certain general, administrative and development expenses incurred on behalf of Restricted Funds .....	426,518		(426,518)			
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses .....	191,474	(31,452)	(73,312)	86,710	3,689,104	3,689,104
Fund balances, beginning of year .....	341,239	361,072	21,888,592	22,590,903	18,901,799	18,901,799
Board designated transfers .....	(80,850)	80,850				
Fund balances, end of year .....	<u>\$ 451,863</u>	<u>\$410,470</u>	<u>\$21,815,280</u>	<u>\$22,677,613</u>	<u>\$22,590,903</u>	<u>\$22,590,903</u>

Any AOG member who desires a copy of the notes accompanying these financial statements should contact the Treasurer of the Association of Graduates.

## Mission to Korea

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ered West Point otherwise.

"I learned about West Point when I was completing basic training for the Utah National Guard at Ft. Sill," said Jennings. "Those of us who scored well on our general tests were taken aside. At that time the opportunity to attend West Point was offered, but knowing I had mission work to complete, I just didn't want to make any additional commitments. But I didn't stop thinking about the Academy."

During his basic training at Ft. Sill, Jennings also met a cadet participating in the summer Drill Cadet Program. "We worked together quite a bit since I was a platoon guide," said the first captain. "I learned a lot from him about the Academy, what to expect, what it was like. My missionary work also gave me time to think about what I wanted. And the things the Academy offered were a lot more in line with what I wanted out of life. The opportunity to work with people, gain leadership experiences, as

well as so many other experiences were worth a lot. I felt I wouldn't get those opportunities at another school."

Jennings received a West Point nomination from Senator Jake Garn of Utah. His background was similar to other West Point applicants. At Dixie High School he participated in student government, was a student body officer, played baseball and football and participated in two or three club activities.

Today, Jennings continues to excel. He ranks in the top ten percent of his class in academics, but admits it could be higher. Jennings also devotes a good deal of time to other activities, such as the Corps of Cadets organization as first captain and brigade commander. Jennings will complete his field of study in philosophy, a Department of English offering. He feels philosophy will fit into his aspirations to become an Infantry officer.

"The English Department may allow a bit more creativity, but it is still a rigorous academic discipline," said Jennings. "I decided on this route because the department teaches us how to think.

The ability to think and reason through a problem, to consider the implications of a proposal before it is enacted has helped me, and will continue to help me during my military career."

Jennings emerged as the first captain of the Corps of Cadets because of his success in other leadership positions. However, he is somewhat reluctant to take credit for that success.

"I was very fortunate," said Jennings. "I worked with an outstanding group of classmates during Cadet Basic Training, probably the most talented group of people I have worked with in the Military Academy. We established some goals and we were able to keep on track.

"I thought beast barracks this year was tough; it was demanding, but it was fair," added Jennings. "It was everything it is supposed to be. The caliber of the Class of 1992 made Cadet Basic Training successful. We had great people coming in. It is a very talented class, a very spirited class and they were willing to do everything we asked them to do. That really added significantly to what we were able to accomplish."

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## Book Reviews

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Pappas points out in brief detail the parts of the Chapel that most clearly depict pure English Gothic architecture, and those that deviate from that style. Where there is deviation, he gives the reader the reasons and symbolism, of which there is much.

"The two small towers, or turrets, at the north end of the Chapel further emphasize this military Gothic style. . . . Goodhue blended these military architectural features with the graceful windows, buttresses, and ornamentation of the Gothic cathedral to form a pattern more suitable for the Cadet Chapel." Pappas continues to point out the distinctively military flavor of the structure as he describes the exterior embellishments, including a Crusader's sword carved over the center door and embedded in a cross. "This sword," writes Pappas, [is] "to be drawn by the Christian knight only in defense of those things which the Cross represents."

Once the first-time visitor steps through the massive doors leading into the Chapel, he is greeted by a sanctuary that seems to demand hushed tones. After participating in many worship services in that stately building, I still look around at the splendor each time I enter. The book nicely weaves architectural respect with the keen understanding of the soldier: "Nowhere else does the Chapel so vividly reflect the military character of its worshippers as here [in the

naive], where the flags carried by so many Regular Army units over so many years hang in serene silence broken only by the voices of the Corps at Sunday worship."

The majority of the book is used to illustrate the stained glass windows. "The symphony of color from those windows," writes Pappas, "was used by master architects to give glory to God through a material which was, and is, the crowning accent to architecture." He tells of the Chapel Window Committee that prepared a list of subjects from which classes were permitted to select "their window." The long process of selecting Chapel windows ended in 1976 when the last available window was put in place. Allowing classes to purchase windows for themselves and for the class that graduated 100 years earlier has enabled every class from 1802 to 1976 to be represented in stained glass. (A modern concern is the deterioration of the windows. Many are in need of re-leading, and some work has been done. Sadly, much restorative work remains, but adequate funds are lacking.)

One of the wonderful benefits of *The Cadet Chapel* is to allow a clear, un hindered view of all the great pieces of art which adorn the chapel windows. It is simply impossible to see the detail of the stained glass windows while seated at a service. Each window is shown in the book, describing the scene and giving the Biblical text where appropriate.

Writing in the dedication, former superintendent and 1927 class president, Lieutenant General Garrison Davidson, writes of the Chapel: "It is difficult to conceive of a monument more majestic in its location and external appearance or more inspiring in its internal arrangements. . . . Its location, more prominent than the martial role of Revolutionary War Fort Putnam above or the halls of knowledge below, demonstrates the place of its teachings and principles in the development of the cadet." Perhaps General Davidson is unconsciously tying together the three aspects of the Military Academy's mission to train [militarily], educate [in those halls of knowledge] and inspire the Corps of Cadets.

*The Cadet Chapel* is a visually stunning book to be read and admired by anyone who has worshipped in or visited that magnificent edifice. Like the Cadet Chapel itself, the book should prove a lasting monument of beauty and esteem, and will enhance the appreciation of that part of West Point for any who subsequently visit or worship there.

Reviewed by Major Bruce K. Bell, Directorate of Academy Relations, USMA

Copies of *The Cadet Chapel* may be ordered from the Gift Shop, Association of Graduates, USMA, West Point, NY 10996 (phone: 914-446-5869).

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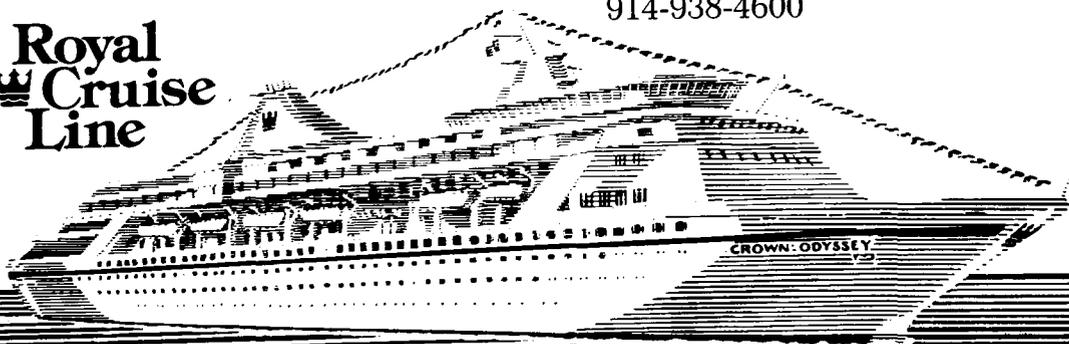
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# Report from the Classes



## '15

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**Renée Avent** recently phoned your scribe. She is doing well in her ret home at Pendleton Manor, 414 Summit Dr, Greenville, SC 29609. **Margaret Beukema** became 95 in Aug. Her health is fair, but she has moved from her apt to the Health Service Center at Distaff Hall. She has 9 grands and 21 great-grands scattered about the world from Ft Lewis, WA to Cairo, Egypt. All manage to stop in when possible. She enjoys them all. She sent greetings to '15. Some of the above are also grands and great-grands of our **Omar N Bradley**, as his daughter's first husband was MAJ Henry Shaw Beukema '44, who died in an air accident near Langley AFB, VA 19 Jan 54. Your scribe's roommate for 4 yrs at WP, MAJ **Charles Calvert Benedict**, also died in an air crash at Langley Fld on 7 May 25. He had been "Dir AS Schs AEF LTC: AFG" in WWI. Two of his sons, and at least two of his grandsons, are WP grads.

**Mary Welby Cochran** continues to do well at the Shenandoah Valley Health Care Center, Buena Vista, VA. Her activities are physically limited but her interests are not. She extends Christmas greetings to '15 and wishes all a joyful 89. Her son, John HC Jr Jun '43 & his wife Teri, recently attended his 45th class reunion at WP. **Mary Hunt** enjoys her ret home in Lancaster, PA. It is a very nice place, 500 residents, lovely people, and has a good dining room. **Lucy Fox** is well and still much with it, although she does not remember much of her early life. She has no living brothers or sisters, but has about 14 nieces and nephews, and two granddaughters. This is from her son, Mr Tom Fox Jr, 2093 Louis Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

A biography of our **Hubert R Harmon**, the first Supe of the USAFA, is in process by his daughter Eula—Mrs Paul M Hoff Jr, 3190 S Monroes St, Denver, CO 80210. She will appreciate hearing from all who can help her on this fine project. His papers are being placed in the Special Collections at the USAFA. "What is lacking, however, is the personal insight, what made him tick, as his friends

saw him, what his fellow officers thought of him, how he handled cmd and the problems inherent therein, and his relations with those under his cmd." This is quoted from Eula's letter to me. She & her husband, a ret Navy off, a grad of USNA, visited me recently, and will again visit me in late Nov when they come east to visit a daughter, I think.

**Hennie Moale** is still in a ret home in Mt Pleasant, SC and continues to be doing well. She has sitters with her during the day. Some days her mind is clear; other days she is confused. She looks good and seems to be happy. (Note: Your scribe was appointed to WP in 1910 from Mt Pleasant, SC, as his parents were living there at that time.) **Alice Mason** is visiting her family in IA. When at home in Rossmoor, CA, she is very busy doing good on her 5 volunteer jobs. Each of **Bruce Eloise Lorch's** 5 children have been home two or 3 times this yr, as have 7 of the grandchildren. John & Lois spent 4 wks in Ger with Donna & Eric Wilderman '74. Terry is a frosh at Cincinnati Med Sch; Amy a jr at Univ of KY. She has two brothers and two sisters. The oldest sister is an invalid, 93 yrs old, and lives in St Louis, MO.

**Satchie Naiden** attended her sister's funeral in May in Houston, TX. She spent 3 happy wks with her daughter Satchie in Del Rio, TX. Her daughter Charlotte lives near her in Troy, AL. Her numerous grands and great-grands fill much of her time with their love and attention to her needs.

**Mary Tate** is 88 and a great-great-great aunt. Her granddaughter Susie Wise and family (CPT Mark Wise) are still on duty in Panama. Her only surviving brother lives in Huntington, WV. He will be 94 on 10 Nov. He is very ill. **Clifford's** sister is in her mid or later 90's and is doing very well. Mary recently had a cataract op on her left eye and is getting along beautifully. **Marianne Wallington** reports that a great-grandson of our **Edward C Wallington**, Dodd Starbird, is a cadet at WP. The next youngest, her granddaughter, is a jr at the Univ of VA studying to be an architect.

**Marguerite Gilkeson** has a new great-granddaughter, Ashleigh Gilkeson. David Gilkeson, evidently her grandson, is in Monterey, CA—language student for

one yr—studying Russian. "**Mina Pul-sifer** sold her house and moved into a ret home recently. Her new address is 235 Nutmeg St, San Diego, CA 92103. Her sister Martina is in a room just across the hall. They hope to share a room when one becomes available. She recently had a cataract op but is doing well. **Eileen Leonard**, to quote, "My very best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a good New Year to our dear '15 Class. My big present for the yr was the birth of two great-grandsons, George Nicholas Crost-wait in London, England, and Daniel Philip Diekemper in Yorba Linda, CA. My son, John W Leonard Jr, Boise, ID, visited me twice in Sep when he flew to Wash for the annual meetings of the Soc of Amer Mil Engrs and the Natl Academy of Science/Natl Academy of Engring. I am well and comfortable and see my daughter and son-in-law, Eileen & David Foster, frequently."

**Helen Atkins** is still in her apt at Army Distaff Hall. She is doing very well. Last Christmas she visited her son Douglas Clark Atkins '45 and his family at Kirkwood, MO as usual. She expects to repeat at this Christmas. **Bess Sherburne** has moved from her apt at Army Distaff Hall and is now in the infirmary at Distaff. Her son Ted Jr and his family live in Wash DC.

**Dorothy Miller** is in the infirmary at the ret home in Southern Pines, NC where she has lived for 7 yrs. Her health is not good. This info is from her daughter Dotti Heimert. Neither address is now available. I hope to have same soon.

**Myrtle Jeanne Hooper**, who died on 17 May, is buried with her late husband, our **Otto A Hooper**, in the Natl Cemetery, Baltimore, MD. **Hazel Taylor** has 13 grands and 11 great-grands. Her daughter Martha & husband COL Otto C Doerflinger Jr '51 recently returned from an extended trip to London, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. Her daughter Margaret (Mrs Phillip Daugherty) recently moved to 2705 Rive Ridge Dr, Asheville, NC 28803. Phone: 704-299-0511. **Elisa MacDonald's** son recently visited her when he was on a business trip to FL. She writes that she is just coasting along and leading a very quiet life. She is still in her very nice apt overlooking the ocean at Pompano Beach, FL, where your scribe visited her several yrs ago.

# '16

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As we write it is a beautiful fall day in the DC area. Over the past weekend the football fortunes of both Army and the Washington Redskins have risen. Go teams!

Recently, I contacted Liz & Dick Buckingham who live in Philadelphia. They were preparing to travel south for the winter. They spend several mos each yr in Naples, FL. The Buckinghams join me in wishing all men of '16 and their extended families a pleasant and memorable holiday season. Let us hear from all of you in 1989!

# Apr '17

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# Jun '18

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A grandson of Heinie Baish, COL JE Oristian '69, is prof EE Dept. He & his wife attended our 70th dinner at the Thayer. His wife, a nurse at Keller, took care of Steve recently.

Sylvia Shattuck is back at Distaff after a long stay in Walter Reed due to a broken hip.

Mike Grenata & Betty were in England in Jul.

Alice Kramer, on 31 Jul, attended a super gala wedding of the granddaughter of Frances & Hal Lewis in Seattle. She, with other guests from the Bay area, made the flight in a chartered plane. Alice regretted to tell me that Frances is not well.

Barbara Robinson, with family, spent a lot of the summer at her place at Herring Pond, MA. Stepson Michael Jan '43, and Sil Huddleston '46, with wives, visited.

# Nov '18

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You will note that we have a new boy on the block as your scribe. After Wannie's resignation as pres, and Bryan's election to the post, he placed a bit of

heat on me and, with reluctance about my ability to handle the task so well done by all of our Class scribes, I agreed to serve. But, I ask for the full help of all classmates and widows by sending info to our area VP's.

Bryan has approved dropping our numerical designation of regions and the setup is now as follows: North—Wannie, South—Bob Schow, Central—Corp, West—Al Riani.

It is my sad duty to report the death of another classmate, Chris Knudsen, on Fri, 19 Aug. He had not been too well for some time and died at Ft Sam Houston (Brooke AMC) after a 6-wk period. Following cremation, graveside services were held at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery on 25 Aug. Corp and Lella Dunkelberg attended the services. Janie Knudsen is now in the Normandy Terrace Ret Center, and the address is 8607 Village Dr, San Antonio, TX 78217.

We are indebted to Wannie for the following Class data. Of the 227 who graduated, there are now 22 living; 19 have already reached 90 and the other 3 will reach 90 shortly. Ten others, now deceased, reached 90, so that adds up to 32 or 14% of our graduated number. All of us who have reached 90 deeply appreciate the albums prepared by the AOG with so much care and labor.

Wannie and Ruth Hastings, who check in on the widows in the North Region, have sent me much news which I will now relate.

With regret we report that Kathryn Elleman, widow of our classmate John Elleman, died on 30 Jul.

In a letter to Wannie and in a phone call to me, Margie Lee reports being in excellent health and continues to live alone and enjoy life. Her older daughter lives in Okinawa, and her younger daughter lives in Richmond. And Dick's nephews and nieces are close and supportive.

Claudie Horsey, in letters to Wannie, reported that Don, after a time in the hosp, is now in a nursing home. She is selling their house and moving to an apt near the nursing home. Don has been most helpful, both actively and financially, with the Montgomery Hosp in Morristown, PA. He contributed funds for an addition to the hosp which is designated the Donald P Horsey Pavilion. During the construction, Don was pres and chm of the bd of dirs. Claudia's new address will be Timberlake Apts, #B-814, 2803 Stanbridge St, Morristown, PA 19401.

Betty Trichel reports that Gerry's son Paul arranged a reunion for Gerry in the nursing home when many of the family were present. It would be difficult to say who enjoyed the event more, the patient or the guests. Gerry's roommate at the Point, Max Usis, keeps in close touch with them, for which they are most grate-

ful. Betty regrets that more of the Class do not live near so that they could visit Gerry. All of us have that same regret. Less than two yrs ago there were 6 classmates here in the San Ant area. Now there are only two, Julius Piland and your scribe.

Ruth recently visited our 3 widows who live in Distaff Hall. Virginia Hatch is mighty proud of son Henry, now ch of the Army Engrs. Nell Gullatt and Evie Graham are both quite deaf but still able to converse reasonably well. Each has a daughter who lives near and visits them often.

Edith Griffith plans to move to an apt next Jun and is in the throes of what to keep, etc. Mimi Norman plans to spend some time in Canada with friends, and then to Tucson for the winter with her daughter. Betty Yoder continues her work with the Altar Guild at St John's Church. Plans a trip to Spain and Portugal in the spring.

Edna Hixon lives alone in her house and is doing fine. Sees her grandchildren often and has two more great-grandchildren. An interesting thought—will any living classmate be able to report a GREAT-GREAT-grandchild?

Ruth discovered that Frankie Jewell died in Apr 85.

In Oct Ruth will make her annual visit to Tucson and Scottsdale and on to Denver to visit son David and family. Her son Jim & his wife Connie were in San Ant attending a Dep Cmdrs of Hosps Conference. Since they are both dep cmdrs, they could attend together.

And now laying aside my scribe's hat and adjusting my Stetson, I will report for the Central Region. Earlier in this report it was noted that Janie Knudsen was in Normandy Terrace Ret Home here in San Ant, so now we have two Class widows there. Peg Smith has been there for many yrs. From occasional visits and from Peg's daughter Caldwell Ryder, who lives here, it can be reported that Peg, in spite of some eye difficulties, is in otherwise good health and spirits.

A letter from Bernice Keasler informs that they finally got some rain in El Paso, but so much it damaged her roof. Always something.

It had been a long time since anything was heard from Gwen Glasgow. Now it is understandable, for in a letter received in Aug, she tells of 3 heart attacks and on the 3rd one, she fell and suffered severe injuries. In spite of all this she seems to have a good outlook on her situation.

Erla Mackenzie is still undecided about selling her house, but when she does, favors moving to the Army Residence Community here in San Ant. Chief Brimmer reports that the hot summer has curtailed his normal fishing activities but has produced the best ever crop of weeds in his garden.

In a phone call in Sep, Pansy Walker said Sam recently had a bad fall and broke his hip. He had been in the hosp for some time and probably will not be able to walk again. We are all surely most sorry for them. The so called "Golden Years" do sometimes become mighty tarnished. Mike Odor suffers from multiple sclerosis but no recent info on his condition. Slim Styron has had to curtail many activities but has family members to assist him. Slim and I were roommates in Beast Barracks and were probably two of the greenest cadets ever to enter the Point.

A phone check on those in San Ant found Carolyn Christiansen and Lella Dunkelberg in fine fettle with the former going to FL in Oct to visit relatives, and the latter hugely enjoying a recent visit of her granddaughter with her two greats. No change with Pilands.

Your scribe flew to MT in late Aug to attend a family reunion of many of Mary's relatives. He plans to spend his birthday with his daughter and her family in Reston, VA.

It will be recalled that Helen & Hunk Holbrook gave the WP Library their collection of papers and memorabilia covering 5 generations of their family. And with their gift of the papers they set up an endowment to process the collection. The Friends of the WP Library in the Sep 88 Newsletter report the results of a one-yr study of the collection. It was an amazing assortment of papers, letters, documents and photographs, and boiled down to 30 linear ft of shelf space. Our Class is proud to have had a member & his wife who, through so many generations, contributed so much to the mil and social growth of our nation. The address of The Friends of the WP Library is PO Box 87, West Point, NY 10996. Individual and family membership is \$25 per yr.

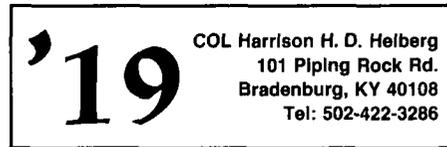
Al Riani reported that all is quiet along the Western Region. Lucy Bowman informed your scribe that, at last, one of her grandsons is married. Frank O Bowman III, a lawyer in Denver, married Robin Napoli in Jul in L.A.

Bob & Tiny Schow have been the Class news gatherers in the now Southern Region for nearly 15 yrs, longer than any others. They have done a great service and we applaud them. In a letter and phone call Bob provided the following in that region: Art Pulsifer is still suffering from his hip op and the antibiotics given him have affected his other leg. Adding to his troubles, his daughter, who lives with him, has suffered an attack of multiple sclerosis. But, Art is still in there fighting all his difficulties.

Polly Stevens reports being quite well, and recently visited her son and family in FL. Edna Browne has moved and left no forwarding address. If anyone has info on where she is, let Bob know. The last communication sent to Elmer

Stansbury's widow was returned marked "Deceased 3 yrs." Marie Stevens is getting along OK but, as so many of us, can no longer drive her car.

In a recent letter from the AOG it stated that Ken Zitzman '32, has been his Class scribe for 42 yrs! He lives here in San Ant, and I called to congratulate him but to assure him that I did not believe that I would threaten his record!



It is our sad duty to report the death of Emmett J Bean on 20 Sep in Indianapolis, IN. He had reported a short time earlier that he was unable to carry on his duties of Class pres. A memorial service was held at Soldiers Memorial Chapel, Ft Benjamin Harrison, IN. He was buried at WP on 26 Sep. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Lena Fay; his daughter, Bettye J Young; his son, LTC (Ret) Richard J Bean '55; 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

With our 70th Reunion coming up next May, we are now without a Class pres and a reunion chm. Ours, as the sr reunion class, will have priority for reservations at the Thayer Hotel. You are reminded, however, that reservations at the Thayer for reunion wk must be made prior to 1 Jan 89. So, if you are considering attending, make your reservations now. If your situation changes, you may cancel. You will need accommodations at the Thayer for the nights of 17, 18, and 19 May 89. You may write to the Thayer Hotel, West Point, NY 10996 or phone (914) 938-4021.

Speaking of limited hotel accommodations, we just received an opus from Alex Bennet with a proposal that may improve this situation. As some of you may remember, Alex upon his ret went back to school at the University of TX where he received the degrees of BS in architectural engr in 53 and professional engr in 58. While studying the WP and Vic Map he received from a previous Supe who was in charge of enlarging the barracks and other facilities for the burgeoning Corps, he spotted where our SO class had engaged in a mapping exercise near Garrison in the spring of 19. We were conducted across the Hudson from the South Dock and led to a riverside hill just north of the east bank ferry dock for our exercise. Now, 7 decades later, Alex realized the desirability of locating his proposed hotel on this same hill. Things are beginning to shape up, Alex claims, on his efforts to promote a hotel in the WP area. We wish you good luck, Alex.

Ham Hamilton writes that there is a large WP Soc in San Ant and that he has just been appointed Class rep. The other

classmate is Alex Bennet; class widows Alexander, Stearley and Twining, and Barlow's son, COL(ret) Raymond C Barlow '49. Ham & Viv are no longer tripping as of old.

Herb Jones repeats his fears that the monthly Class luncheons in the Pershing Room of the Ft McNair OC must be discontinued for lack of attendance, after 15 yrs. Elton Hammond, Les Flory and Herb were the only classmates present, reinforced by Stubb Evans Nov '18, and Mark McClure '22 for a total of 5. Hammond, who lives with his widowed daughter in Silver Spring, is usually driven to these luncheons by her, but she is leaving this mo for a long visit with her daughter in Bonn, West Ger. Herb also saw Bunker Bean's daughter Bettye, who lives nearby in VA. She spent Bunker's last mo with him and, though it was rough at times, he kept his sense of humor to the very end. There is some talk of admitting couples to the Distaff Hall, as Navy does at Vinson Hall out in VA. Anabel & Herb think they would move in as soon as this happens, if ever. Our 8 widows in Distaff Hall are Dottie Ferenbaugh, who seems to be the spokeswoman, Marge Brannon, Mary Hopkins, Gertrude Taylor, Rhoda Springer, Rosa Kerr, Hope Rogers and Dottie Wilson, who seems to be permanently housed in the infirmary. Al Wedemeyer says he may move from his farm to the ret facility (The Fairfax) opening sometime in 89 as are many others in the Wash area. Al & Dade are leaving right after Christmas for a visit of some length at Sanibel Is, FL. The winters at the farm can be quite rugged.

John Denny writes, "My wife & I are fine and enjoy living in Leisure World." Eunice, his wife adds, "At 90 John's enjoyment in life seems to be eating and sleeping. He gets plenty of TLC so all is well. Although we might wish for more activity we're very grateful for the blessings we have." Just a word from Ruth & Babe Ruth that they are getting along quietly in their Piedmont, CA home. Virginia Hill reports that Bob is hospitalized in Phoenix, AZ, unable to walk or speak. Gratefully he is receiving excellent care and is in no pain.

After a postcard to his last known address had been returned by the post office marked "Unable to Forward," the AOG from the same address learned that Jack Dominey had died on 4 Sep 87 in Lawrenceville, GA. Further investigation disclosed that Jack had met the widow of classmate Jack Madison, Dorothy, at our 45th Reunion. They were married a yr later in Jun 65. Dorothy brought 3 children: Jack Madison, Jr '49, Dorothy Madison Mallory, and Marilyn Madison Kappes, into the Dominey family. When Dorothy Dominey died Jack moved in with his eldest stepdaughter, Dorothy Madison Mallory, 655 West-

brook Place, Lawrenceville, GA 30245, where he died. He had no living blood kin.

# '20

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"AJ" Hart died 30 Jul in El Paso, TX at age 90. He was buried in the US Natl Cemetery, Ft Bliss, TX with full mil honors. This came from Larry Bartlett who was not well enough to attend. A charter MOWW member, AJ served in WWI in the 36th (TX) Div before entering WP; and in ETO in WWII and then in Wurzburg Mil Post 46-47 (BSM-CR). He is survived by his wife Teddie and son Frank L. We extend our deepest sympathy to them.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to George Rehm whose brother Arthur died 1 Oct in Palm Beach, FL.

The annual election for 4 of the 8 members of the Class Governing Comm resulted in the reelection of Hasbrouck, Hinds, Holle and Samouce to serve for 2 yrs through 30 Sep 90. Runners-up were Bartlett (LW), Eastman, Haswell and Pitts.

Additional notes received with the ballots in this election—**Blaik**: for 92—great. **Eastman**: gratefully and fortunately pretty fair all considered. **Garvin**: warm and breathing. **Hasbrouck**: Clara & I remain pretty well. **Hinds**: OK. **Johnston (EC)**: all's well. **Kreuter**: fine. Thanks. **Lemnitzer**: OK. **McQuarrie**: well enough to be around awhile. Weakness in legs has really slowed me down. **Reuter**: thankful I can still operate my tree farm, play bridge, walk a mile a day and attend wkly in church and club. **Singer**: Nena & I both fine. Had a mild stroke 30 Jun and bladder op 19 Jul. Now OK and feeling fine. **Smith (CW)**: Norma & I OK. I'm slowing down but Norma still peppy. **Trimble**: slowing to slow walk. Can do anything sitting down but would rather not play bridge with some people.

The annual meeting of the Class Governing Comm was held 12 Sep at the Camelot Nursing Home in Arlington, VA where Charles Holle is now. Present: Hasbrouck, Holle, Rehm, Samouce. Absent: Hinds (in TX), Kreuter (in CA), Lemnitzer (convalescing) and Routheau (vacationing). Holle, Rehm and Samouce were respectively reelected pres, treas, and scribe. On motion by Samouce, Rehm was also elected VP and Routheau sec.

Charles Holle returned to his nursing home after a brief visit to WRAH early Oct. Chet Hine remains in an Alexandria, VA nursing home; as does JK Mitchell in Derry, NH.

Carl Duffner, at 91, sent in Class dues for 5 more yrs—"Maybe it will last long-

er than I. . . I have all sorts of deficiencies and disabilities showing up since Claudia died 25 Aug last yr. However, my cat Dude and I get along quite well."

Elton Samouce is awaiting an op 27 Oct for replacement of left knee caused by severe arthritis.

Freddy Pitts is looking forward to celebrating his 90th birthday 23 Oct in his ret home in Orlando, FL. Son Fred Jr & his wife will be there from their sheep ranch in Costa Rica, Central America, and son John & his wife from Denver where he is with Martin Marietta. This comes from Freddy's granddaughter Sarah Keller, Fred Jr's daughter and David A Keller's '74 wife of CO Springs.

# '21-'22

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# '23

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The finale of my notes in Oct ASSEMBLY was an appeal for info on Kerr, Michelet, Sullivan and Voedish. They have been "lost" in AOG files and our own, except for Michelet, whom we carried at VA Ctr, Martinsville, WV. I wrote the VA Ctr and my letter was forwarded to his new address. That was reported to me by his nursing home as follows: Paul D Michelet, Liberty House Nursing Home, 94 South Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Tel: (703) 433-2791.

In the Oct issue I reported receiving the *Sun City News* (CA) write-up of Moe Cavender's attending his class reunion and summary of his services in WWI and WWII but couldn't condense it in Oct issue for lack of space. So here it is now. In Nov 17 while he was in the second yr at TX A & M and had been promised an appt to WP for 18, Moe enlisted for the duration. He volunteered for the 5th Div and went to France. While there he competed for an appt and received a passing grade and entered WP in 19. After graduating, he had many asgmts until WWII. He became regt cmdr of the 423d Inf, 106th Div and went to France in 44. His regt was cut off and surrounded during the Battle of the Bulge, and he and others of his regt were captured. They were liberated 5 Apr by units of Patton's Army. "For exceptionally outstanding service as regt cmdr . . ." he was awarded the LM, and also the Bronze Star. After the war, he served at the Presidio S.F., CA, and in China in advisory gp to Chiang Kai Chek, and as C of S of the 24th Div in Japan. From 50-53 he cmded Ft MacArthur till his ret in 53. After ret Moe & Carolyn (now deceased) lived in various CA communities, moving to Sun City in 72. In 85 he married Lois and admits he couldn't have made it back to WP without her. Moe celebrated his 91st 2 Oct with a party at March AFB. Bravo, Moe.

Warren & Dottie Robinson are also residents of Sun City, CA and were written up in *Sun City News* 15 Sep with details on Warren's service. Moe Cavender & Lois sent me the article which I'll condense as I have with Moe's. As valedictorian of his HS '17 class, Warren



1923: J Smith, Cavender, J Evans, Pamplin, JH White, Buckley, Craigie, McGehee, Sweary, Rosenberg, Howard, WG Johnson (seated)—Pierce and Guevara missing



1923: Rosenbergs, Aide Findlay, Pamplin, Buckleys and Lolita Pamplin

was eager for advanced education and borrowed money to go to the U of CO where he joined the SATC from Oct to Dec 18. Then his congressman gave him an appt and he entered WP 13 Jun 19. After graduating in top 3rd of his class, he had a succession of inf posts up to 37 when he was reassigned to HI where he met **Dorothy**, whom he married after WWII. He was at Camp Roberts, CA when the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. After attending C&GSC he joined the staff of the 79th Div. It landed in England in mid-Apr 44 with Robbie, now a COL, in cmd of the 314th Inf. On 14 Jun it went ashore in France as part of Collins' VII Corps to liberate Cherbourg. After two days of fierce fighting the 314th had cleared Cherbourg and captured Fort du Roule. For that Robbie was awarded the Silver Star and a Purple Heart. For "extraordinary heroism" at Foret de Parroy, he was awarded a Bronze Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star. The French awarded him the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre. While he was on occupation duty in Kynsperk, Czechoslovakia after VE Day, the city gov named the main street the COL Warren A Robinson Blvd.

When **Robbie** returned to the States in 46 he & **Dorothy** were married. He had 4 yrs in L.A. area with CA NG, then 3 yrs in Okinawa and finally completed active duty as deputy post cmdr at Ft MacArthur. After quiet yrs in San Pedro area he was appointed in 66 to the Presidential Advisory Commission on VA Affairs, for two active yrs. In 72 he & **Dottie** moved to Sun City where they are active in civic affairs.

The niece of my wife **Ruth** lives in Littleton, CO, where **Paul Wolf** lives and

sent us a clipping about him. It said he was made honorary chief for his 32 yrs of service on the Littleton Fire Protection District Board of Dirs, and that his name will adorn the entrance to Station 13. Then it lists his civic contributions as being appointed Arapahoe County treas in 61 and ret in 83. "In his spare time Wolf has served as pres of the Univ Club, state chm of the Republican Party, dir of United Way, dir of the Board of Visiting Nurses and dir of the State Board on Aging. Cee (his wife) is an animal lover, who has kept Willowcroft Farm busy

with everything from mules to a kinkajou." A friend on the City Council said that "through the yrs of public service and farm life Wolf has remained 'calm, unruffled.'" Well done **Rosie**. We applaud what you've done.

**Ray Pierce** reported that he had phoned **Glen Palmer** and **Mike Buckley** who said all was well with their families but had no news for publication. **Ray & Mary** had a delightful 8-day tour to the Rogue River area of OR. It included 3 nights at Tu Tu Tun Lodge, 7 mi inland, a 32-mi jet-boat ride up river through a few "rifles" for lunch at Lucas Lodge, then back to Tu Tu Tun. Next to Ashland, OR and side trips to an old mining town and to beautiful Crater Lake. They attended a minstrel show one night and *Love's Labor Lost* in the outdoor Elizabethan Theatre. Local friends were with them on the tour of 31.

**Jane Neal** wrote to **Ken Sweany** thanking for the favor given the ladies at the reunion which he had sent her, adding, "It still breaks my heart that we didn't make it to the 65th, as **Ralph** was planning so much on it." She also thanked the Class for the donation made to the WP Fund in memory of **Ralph**. (This is the donation **Ken** makes from our Class Fund whenever a classmate dies.) **Jane** wrote, "I treasure the yrs we had together. He was so wonderful to me. Fortunately here at Arcadia so many of the women have been through the same thing, so I am not alone in my sorrow, and too, the dir of activities makes sure we have a lot of social life." **Jane's** address (new apt) is #1023 1434 Puna-hou St, Honolulu, HI 96822.

**Herb Enderton** has moved and has



1923: Sweany, Smiths, Ruth Johnson, Bill & Victoria Craigie, John & Marilyn Craigie and WG Johnson

sent his Christmas letter early to let his friends know where to address him. In Sep he moved to 18655 W. Bernardo Dr #338, San Diego, CA 92127. Last spring he made an Easter visit to his grandson Stephen and family in Seattle area. A foto of him with great-grandsons Matthew & Kenneth is reproduced at the top of his letter. Herb will celebrate his 90th 21 Nov in his new home Casa de las Campanas, a new ret complex at the above address. Felicidades Herb, que goces de muchos años mas. (Herb and I were in Spain together 28-29 and at WP 29-32 in M L Dept.)

In Sep Bill Craigie flew with a friend from Carthage, MO to the Galesburg, IL Fly-in and return, about 15 hrs of flying, mostly in a Stearman but some in a Piper Super-Cub and a Bellanca Cittabria. He wrote that he was glad his depth perception "will still handle the landings (most of the time!)." He was also planning to participate in the Jennings, LA Fly-in starting 11 Oct. It's great, Bill, that you can keep it up.



1923: Victoria & Bill Craigie on Supe's boat, 19 May

Answering my request, Dottie Kehm sent the following news of our Distaff Hall, DC ladies. In Sep Virginia Post had just returned from Indian Springs, CO where she visited her granddaughter. Her daughter came down from Canada and there were 4 great-granddaughters there. Dottie Torrence had returned from spending the summer at her cottage on Lake Erie. They enjoy Army Distaff Hall as a pleasant place to live. There are luncheon and dinner parties, cocktail get-togethers, theater parties and other activities. Thanks for the good news, Dottie.

Marjorie Rich graciously agreed to my request that she be our reporter for San Ant news and sent the following. Last May "Punky" Jamison flew to Portland, OR and enjoyed a scenic river boat ride down the Snake River to Hells Canyon and by lighter craft through it. She said it was magnificent. Emily Timberlake is improving rapidly on the doctor's regimen to reduce high blood pressure, and manages a few luncheons or dinners weekly. "Berbie" Schlatter has moved to a ret center that she likes very much,

closer to her daughter Anne Cook, and also having Minna Cook as a co-resident. Miriam White told Marge that she wasn't doing much except playing bridge. Last Mar Marjorie visited her daughter and husband in Boyce, VA and then went to Wash to see friends. She had dinner one night with AnnaPerle & Joe Smith, and Joe made reservations for her to stay two nights at the A & N Town Club. She



1923: AnnaPerle & Joe Smith boarding Supe's boat, 19 May

planned another trip to DC in Oct. Hurricane Gilbert left her area untouched. Thanks Marge for your fine coverage.

Ray Pierce sent me a photo copy of a eulogy on E Hoffman Price written by his son Dan and addressed to family members, friends, comrades and fans. It is too long to condense adequately in this set of notes but perhaps in the next. But I must include a bit here. Dan wrote (on 18 Jun), "We talked on the phone at 1:00 pm, arranged to meet for cognac at 4:00 pm. . . . I entered the 'lomasery' at 4:10 to discover a scene that could only have been set by the . . . dedicated writer he was: on the coffee table—a bottle of Grand Fine cognac, a bottle of . . . my snifter and his pony. . . . At his word processing desk was Edgar bent slightly forward, hands at the ready, brilliant monitor blazing away, the words perfectly centered on the screen—

*'Farewell to friends'*

And so he died . . . with his boots on."

In Sep Ruth & I took our annual 4-day junket to northern NH making two circular tours through the White Mts from the Philbrook Farm Inn. Going over via Augusta we stopped for tea and a sandwich with Jan White. She showed us the bronze plaque honoring athletic team captains '22-'23 and AAA Trophy Winner Walter C White that her stepson Tommy had gotten at WP and sent to her. Tommy goes up to WP now and then to put flowers on Wappie's grave, and talking with personnel, learned that a new plaque was to be made owing to a name error of the soccer team captain, and the old plaque to be discarded. He asked for it, got it and sent it to Jan. Ultimately it will go to him. It's a fine keepsake with 15 names of team captains in various sports, mostly '23 men. In the upper

center there's an excellent etching of Wappie in FD, with a listing alongside of the sports making him the trophy winner, namely Football 19-22 "A," Track 21-23 "A," Wrestling 20-23, Basketball 20, Baseball 21, Track Meet 20-23. A great record. Jan commented, "That may be why he had a hard time academically. She is thrilled to have this trophy until it goes to Tommy White.

Ken & Laura Sweany had a visit by son Phil & his wife Jeanie and expected another later. They had a hot, dry summer in Towson, MD. Having completed arrangements with AOG, Ken withdrew our entire Class fund from the bank, \$3654.42, and mailed it by treasurer's check to AOG. The agreement with AOG stipulates that withdrawals or transfers from the fund will be done on the request of the Class pres or treas. Anyone learning of the death of a classmate should report it so Ken can make the usual transfer to the WP Fund as a memorial contribution. Anyone desiring to contribute to the fund should make out his check to AOG, Class of '23 Admin Fund.

Grip Hands—WGJ

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The West Coast Thundering Heard held its quarterly meeting at Del Mesa Carmel on 10 Aug. Present were Martha Conrad, Jule Justice, Margaret Kielty, Pat Stebbins, Bettie Stephens, Leonora Tandy, Mae Coombs and Gwen & Tom Malin. Also present was Martha's daughter-in-law, Diane Conrad. The meeting was saddened by the absence of Camille DuVal who passed away earlier that date from an aneurysm of the aorta. Memorial services were held on 13 Aug at the main chapel of Ft Ord. The remains were cremated and scattered at sea. The Class was represented at the services by Gwen & Tom Malin and Betty Van Wyk and Bettie Stephens. The Class made the usual contribution to the WP Fund in Cam's memory.

George Finnegan reports that after his semi-ret 3 yrs ago, during which time he lived in Green Valley, AZ, he finally got tired of having nothing to do, and has now moved back to NY state where he can visit his law firm and participate in some legal work from time to time. In 1946, after the war, his firm numbered 3 lawyers. It now consists of some 70 lawyers, and is known as Morgan & Finnegan. George now lives in Scarborough where he has an excellent view of the Hudson River.

The following ladies attended the Sep luncheon of the '24 Wives at The Westchester in Wash on 8 Sep: Betty Beurket, Fran Blanchard, Bo Craig, Florence De-

wey, Lorraine Eddleman and guest Louella Magruder, Muriel Elmore, Rita Evans, Lorraine Gants, Mae Hincke, Betty MacCloskey, Brick Moore, Ann Moore and guest Virginia Post, Kitty Smith, Loreine Vogel, Marian Weinaug and guest Lillian Hopper.

Doug & Kitty Smith spent over a mo in Paris last summer. They consider that place their second home, having lived there for a yr in 31 while Doug was preparing for a tour in the French Dept at WP, and subsequently for extended periods on two other occasions. This last trip was uneventful except that Doug had his hip pocket picked while standing in a crowd, relieving him of his credit cards, driver's license, ID cards, and a small amount of money. After returning to the States they spent some time at a resort in the Poconos in PA, wishing to escape the heat in Wash. They were lodged in an old type family inn, not equipped with air conditioning throughout and sometimes moderately uncomfortable. They returned to Wash when the weather cooled.

The annual Class luncheon was held this yr at the Westchester in Wash and was attended by the following: Bob & Florence Dewey, Art Trudeau, Clyde & Lorraine Eddleman, Milrae Nelson and guest Loreine Vogel, Peter & Bunny Hains, Betty Beurket, Marian Weinaug, Muriel Elmore, Hazel Van Way, Betty MacCloskey, Doug & Kitty Smith, Lorraine Gants, Ed & Laura Hart and Agnes John. Reasons of health prevented the turnout from being 100% from the Wash area.

Tommy Holmes reports that everything is quiet on the Bayous in LA, but he does cut the grass. We have received word that Bob Finlay has made a substantial contribution to the WP Fund for the Class. Bob also says his son Bill recently made a videotape recording of last fall's US Open Polo Championship games in Indio, CA, and if there are still any polo buffs in the Class, he will be glad to lend it to them.

Elizabeth Bazemore French, widow of Walter French, passed away on 27 Jul. She apparently was quite well before entering the hosp with a bronchial infection, but soon thereafter her heart was overworked and she died at 6:00 a.m. The family is thankful that her terminal illness was short.

'25

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Received a letter from John F Schmelzer '33 reporting the death on 15 Jun of Myrtice Champlain, widow of Wilford Paul Champlain. She lived in Falls Church, VA and was a neighbor of Schmelzer. She is survived by a sister,

Ruth Stone Champlain; a nephew, Hollis D Champlain; and other nephews and nieces. Ruth Stone Champlain gave Schmelzer a copy of our Class 30 Yearbook and a copy of our Class 50 Yearbook. He sent them to me and I will send them to any classmate or family member who requests one or both on a first come, first served basis.

Hubert Cole reports that Ruth Barnes, widow of Diz Barnes, died at the Army Distaff Hall in Wash DC on 9 Sep. She was buried with graveside services beside her husband in Arlington Cemetery on 14 Sep. The Class was represented by Jane Galloway and Verla Underwood, both of the Army Distaff Hall. Ruth was an active supporter of Class activities in the Wash DC area. She gave many hrs of secretarial assistance to the comm planning the 50th anniv celebration and regularly attended monthly Class luncheons until her health failed.

Liz Wood has received many letters of sympathy and phone calls from classmates and other friends. They have been greatly appreciated.

Anne Bennett, wife of Wilmer Bennett, has been very ill. Letters or calls from classmates or friends would probably be appreciated by them also.

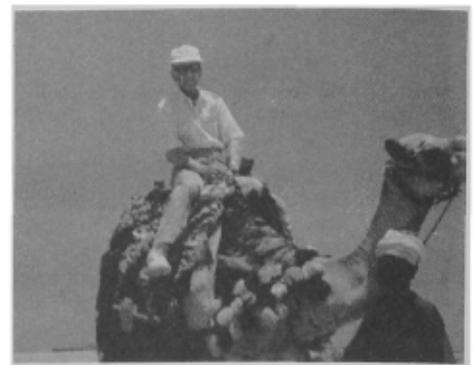
Dwight Harvey reports that he has two great-grandchildren. When the latest, Jack Daniels Ferguson, arrived, his father passed out miniature bottles of Jack Daniels whiskey instead of cigars. At least the whiskey isn't banned in most places.

Carl Meyer, writing to Hoppie Hopkins from his summer home in MD, stated that as he & Louise drove up from their winter home in TX he noticed that the car seats were getting harder and that when they drive back in Oct he is going to find something softer to sit on. He & Louise are going to a new address in TX—the AR Community, 7400 Chrestway, Apt 819, San Antonio, TX 78239. For the time being, they plan to return to MD for the summer. He further stated that he & Louise flew to Ft Worth in Jul to attend the wedding of his granddaughter, Patricia Robinson. The newlyweds went to the Bahamas for their honeymoon and while fishing, their boat was struck by lightning. The groom was knocked down but no real damage.

Dick Clark reports that he has a new address—28 Highland Ave, Hillsdale, MI 49242.

In a note to Hoppie, Hayden Grubbs says, "We are looking forward to seeing you at our 65th. . . . A couple of yrs ago we got a Northwest FL alumni chapter started and it's going great. Our two sons, Haydon Jr and Brandt, and I are members."

The photo of King Tut alias Pete Liwski astride a camel was taken in the vic of the pyramids in Egypt in Jun. Pete says that wherever you go in Egypt there



1925: Pete Liwski

are vendors trying to sell all sorts of souvenirs. Henrietta bought a couple of gowns which she now wears when they go out to play bridge. At home she is very active; among other things she has been teaching prisoners at a nearby camp for over 7 yrs. He also stated that his son, Poitr, is a computer expert and is located in CT. Poitr's daughter, Mercedes Liwski, graduated from USNA with the Class of '87 and is now a 2LT in the Marine Corps.

The deadlines when the Class notes must be in the ASSEMBLY office for Feb, Apr, Jul and Oct issues are 15 Dec, 15 Feb, 15 May, and 15 Aug respectively. Since it takes about 5 days for my mail to reach the ASSEMBLY office, please mail your letters in time to reach me 8 days before the ASSEMBLY deadline. But please keep your letters coming. Let's let the dwindling few know what everyone is doing.

'26

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Ted Wenzlaff and Jack Doyle have joined the great majority, leaving the Class with 36 breathing members out of the 300 plus perspiring aspirants who passed through the sallyports that hot Jul day so long ago.

Ted was taken away suddenly by an explosive type of cancer. He was not a person to seek repute; rather, he chose to live out his ret yrs in a NE village. Nonetheless, he had a happy and rewarding life there: a pleasing sufficiency, content, rural quiet, friendship, books. His neighbors, who recognized Ted's worth, once placed him in the NE legislature. Ted left a wife, Frieda, son William, and daughters Marian and Kay. To them, our Class offers love and sympathy for the loss of a fine, competent soldier and a virtuous, upright man.

Jack had been ill and failing for some time. His widow, Effie, said that he had died eventually from unstoppable bleeding which the MD's could not correct. Jimmy Burwell has sent on a long obituary from a San Ant newspaper. Excerpts read, ". . . Doyle ret (from USAF)

in 52 but was called back to AF Hq in WA to be dir of transportation. . . . after ret again in 61 he taught at TX A&M. . . . 'he was brilliant . . . a great student. He wrote the Doyle Report on Natl Transportation for the Interstate and Foreign Policy Comm for the US Senate. . . . his report became the catalyst for creating the Dept of Transportation.' " Jack was cremated, and Effie plans to bring his ashes to WP for a formal mil funeral. Survivors include his widow Effie, son John P Doyle Jr '56 and a number of grands and great-grands. The Class sends love and condolences to them over the death of this admired and accomplished officer.

Snippets from **Spud Murphy's** fine report on West Coasters:

**Hal Forde** claims that he is happy in his new home, Casa de Las Compañias, 18655 W Bernardo Dr, #218, San Diego, CA 92127. He has just returned from what he calls a magnificent tour of Canada, Nova Scotia, King Edward's Is, etc led by a lady guide who was "wonderful." Hal's daughter Ann lives fairly close by and keeps track of him almost daily. Appears to be la dolce vita, Hal.

**Ann Van Syckle** keeps on struggling with infirmities centered around the hip, and may have to undergo an op to set it right. She continues to keep a nurse's aide 5 days wkly to help run the household.

A nice news-filled letter from **Angela Kaylor**, remarking on **Spud's** cataract op, told that she had had two such surgeries plus two glaucoma treatments. In this Olympic yr her memories turn back to Panama where she spent 3 yrs struggling to make the Olympic diving and backstroke teams. She plugged away every day in HS and put in an additional spot of tng every morning before school. Eventually Angela and her mother went back to the States where they learned she would have to spend the rest of the summer and winter continuing this arduous schedule, the old ad astra per aspera route. Such a requirement demanded too much from Angela's educational schedule; so she dropped out reluctantly from competition despite the 3 yrs of laborious tng she had put in to win an Olympic team berth. Now she relives her youthful Olympic dreams in front of a TV. Angela remarked on her interest in and dedication to Scouting. Her father, brothers, sons and grandsons were all Eagle Scouts (for all you non-Scouts out there, in the realm of Scouting, an Eagle Scout is the absolute top of the peak, something akin to a 33d degree Mason in Freemasonry). Her husband founded a Scout troop and was highly honored in Scoutdom. Angela has been a den mother, a Brownie leader, a Sr Girl Scout leader and an Area Leader. Recently she was called to address an Eagle Scout assembly in Boise, ID.

According to **Beth McNaughton** she is doing well at her home in Canterbury Woods. She still returns almost daily to her old home in Pebble Beach to continue her artwork in her former studio; she plans an art show in the near future. Beth remains in fine shape, drives her car still. NB: it's interesting and maybe instructive to note the number of our widows who still handle their own auto transportation needs. A number claim they are ex-officio chauffeurs for their contemporary gps who, all in the same age area, are now grounded.

Eye troubles have vexed **Bill Deyo** for mos. First, " . . . visits to 3 drs, none of whom could call the shot. Finally they sent me to the clinic at the Univ Hosp . . . 6 people had a look and concluded nothing wrong. Anyhow, spent most of the summer with eye medication which raised hob with my reading fine print. Result, I'm not too sure where the market is going or when. . . . At worst have held my own since 19 Oct." Bill closes with saying, re hurricanes, luck has been with us for 28 yrs, just wind and rain; no destruction.

**Tom Plummer** has had a fine summer. The replacement for the knee damaged in WP football days, and which has troubled him since then, works well and he is mobile, tries for a good walk thrice wkly. Camden, ME, his hometown, was tagged (much to the dismay of the locals, one gathers) as the loveliest town in that state. Traffic is terrible and real estate prices are unbelievable. He & Ellie plan to spend a few winter mos in FL, but cruises and long out-of-US trips are not in sight. Tom asks, among others who voice the same query, "Is there any talk of a 65th? Class of '23 had one."

The Army-U of WA football game brought a number of grads to Seattle for that game which turned into a closer battle than the local sports pundits foresaw. **Bill & Rosy Mills**, together with their daughter and a friend, motored up from Walla Walla to see the game. Bill said that their seats were back of the goal line. Because he barely sees at best, he had to follow the progress through the broadcast in the stadium. Next day en route home the party met with the scribe for a brunch at a celebrated (and crowded) inn. The Mills are accomplished hosts as well as hostesses (if there is such a word) so we had a delightful two hrs. It was good to see them all again.

The memorial conceived by **Jimmy & Jessie Wade** honoring **BG George A Smith, Jr**, KIA, Ger in 45, nears completion on the campus of Marion Mil Inst at Marion, AL. A letter from Mr AE Sturgis, an off of the MMI, lays out the status of this project " . . . we have received the memorial plaque . . . in aluminum. . . to be mounted at a prominent point on our campus parade ground in the vic of an oak tree (yet) to be planted . . . at a point



1926: Memorial plaque honoring George Smith, Jr on campus of Marion Mil Inst

where most people review our cadet parades. . . . I feel sure COL Wade will want to plan a dedication ceremony after our cadets return . . . in Jan 89 and we hope (those) . . . who knew Gen Smith will plan to attend." So our thanks to Mr Sturgis for helping forward this project honoring a respected classmate, one of the few of ours who was KIA; and a grand salaam to Jimmy & Jessie for originating this design and for bringing it to fruition.



My most intriguing letters were from **Watlington** and **Betty Lovell**. Wat's basic message was that he had moved to 700 E Hildebrand, Apt 1103, San Antonio, TX 78212. Then he goes on to deal with loss of memory. He goes back to his LT days when he took only two wks to learn the names of 95 men and 102 horses. Wat visited a psychiatrist who gave him a prescription for a pill which he took after each meal (unless he forgot!). He thinks the pills are doing him some good. He will furnish the name of the pill to anyone who writes him at his new address. I intend to write him! I have no memory of attending our 60th at WP but have papers to prove I was there. There are letters in my computer on which this is being written that I do not remember writing. It proves that the computer's memory is better than mine.

**Betty Lovell** sent me a letter on the campaign to stop the activation of Joint Mil Med Cmds (JMMC) and to deactivate the one in San Ant. It sounded to me like the Navy has put the Army and AF hosps in San Ant out of the normal chain of cmd. San Fran was to be the next victim! Next wk, I have a date at Letterman for a check on my pacemaker and intend to see if JMMC is coming to Letterman. She reports attending the memorial services for **Evelyn Flock, Julian Flock's** widow on 18 Sep. Evelyn is survived by their daughter Ellen White of Blanco, TX.

**Bob Wohlforth** writes me a congratulatory letter that sounds like Bob. A

name for the column is "What good is nostalgia if you can't remember anything?" and a toast to your efforts—"Here's to old age and treachery; may they always overcome youth and skill." The Friends of the WP Library keeps him going back and forth to the Academy as he is involved in the Patton Library. Happily, '27 is number two in most members of "The Friends." '44 is number one. He asks that all non-members send in their membership dues of \$10 before the dues rise to \$25. He still has frequent round-robin letters from **Watlington, Chubby Roth, Trapnell**, and misses the phone calls from **Jack Hines**. He lives in the same house and has been married to the same wife for 59 yrs. She is 91 and does "casuals" for the *New York Sunday Times* under the name "**Mildred Wohlforth**." He enclosed one clipping entitled "Safe Sex" where one quote in big letters reads, "Never let a boy kiss you! Anything could happen!" The letter ends with, "Why did I start The Friends of the WP Library?" Just remember, "No educational institution is greater than its library!"

**Paul & Ione Jennings** have sold their "Little Grass Shack" in HI and moved to 10100 Hillview Rd, #419, Pensacola, FL 32514. **Ray Bell** reports that they live in Azalea Trace, a very attractive ret home. Ray continues his activities with the MOWW, TROA and the Pensacola Historical Soc. The Bells held their annual "Hoe Down" on Labor Day wkend at Cornwall-on-Hudson where all their children and most of their grandchildren were present.

**Palmer Edwards** has moved in Albuquerque, NM to 6303 Indian School Rd NE, #608, 87110.

**Cyril Williams** informs from San Ant that severe osteoporosis and fractures of the lumbar spine, detected in Aug 87, have now reduced him to a crawl. Cy urges, try not to let it happen to you. If suspicious, get a bone density scan!

**Helen West** reports that all goes well with her and her offspring in New Braunfels. She keeps in close touch with **Jean Burgess** who travels by wheelchair and can barely see. Last wk Helen took Jean out to lunch in her car and they had a wonderful time. Jean is quite depressed from her conditions and getting out does wonders for her morale.

**Antulio Segarra** has just returned to his home in Santurce, PR after a mo in their Miami apt, where his wife **Magna** spent her time shopping and visiting friends. He complains about the Miami heat and stayed in the air conditioned apt and other cool places. In San Juan it is hot, but there is an easterly breeze that makes life comfortable. He is going to Boston in Oct for an annual checkup at the Lahey Clinic, and will stop in DC on the way home to visit his son and Magna's nephew who lives close by.

The Class of '27 Comm headed by Class pres and ex-supe **Gar Davidson** that produced the Cadet Chapel book is still alive and kicking. **Tom McManus** gets credit as founder. We met yesterday with **Chubby Roth**, **George Pappas '44**, author of the Chapel book, and yours truly. It was a real discussion of what we as graduates owe to the traditions that make WP the institution it is and the duty we have to preserve them. The Chapel book was a start. The duty part of "DUTY HONOR COUNTRY" should not be lost. There is more that we can do.

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Because of the deadline on reserving reunion facilities imposed by the DAA and for the Class notes by ASSEMBLY we've had to make reservations based on about a 40% return of the cards. As it now stands the schedule shown on p 66 of Jul ASSEMBLY is OK with a majority favoring a boat ride. Hope we have more answers by the time you read this.

Elsewhere in ASSEMBLY you have read of **Doby Kraft's** death on 2 Sep. Those of us at the 55th remember he was in very poor health so it wasn't unexpected nor was his request for private services. What was most unexpected was that **John Hammond** died in Sun City, AZ a mo later, shortly after he'd sent me a card, "Actually I feel fine at times" and after 4 trips to the hosp this yr. He & **Mary Lee** had been in Sun City for almost 25 yrs. They had to cancel a planned trip to AK, a real disappointment. Despite his ill health, John kept up with his coin and stamp collections and was active in the "Gentlemen's Club" of Sun Valley Lodge. It was too far to do much with the WP Soc of Phoenix. As **Mary Lee** requested, the Class made a contribution to the Sun Valley Lodge Fund (which assists older Sun Valley retirees) in John's memory.

We have lost two widows. **Marion E Zimmerman**, a resident of AF Village I, died at Wilford Hall Med Center on 16 Aug. She is survived by her son Michael of Seattle; her daughter Donna Cook of Lakeland, FL; and her sister Ethel O'Connor of AF Village. Marion was a talented, well-known artist and our long-time Class president's widow. Mrs O'Connor and the Village have acknowledged the Class contributions to the Village in her memory. **Opal Partin's** card was returned from Bardwell, KY

marked "Deceased" and no other data. Would appreciate any info.

Unexpected were the magnificent contributions **Doby** made to WP in honor of the Class. I am happy to report that our Class contribution in his memory, and letters expressing our sympathy and extending our condolences to **Alan Nolan** and **Doby's** sister **Mary Louise**, were sent before anyone in the Class was aware of the bequest. These too have been acknowledged. He also made bequests to **Martha's** Alma Mater, IN Univ; the Braille Gift Fund and the Heart Assoc.

A letter from **Sam Silver**, after he'd checked with **Jim Winn's** sister who also lives near Columbia, says Jim is still in the Veteran's Hosp in Martinsburg, WV, and that **Molly** was on Nantucket but would be returning to Leesburg soon.

Another from **Mary Anne Freeman**, who is now back in Carmel, sends her thanks to the Class for the beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy. She's thankful that **Paul's** illness was a short one. **Johnnie & Gracie Theimer** visited **Mary Anne** in Aug and say she's planning a trip with **Phyllis Glass** to Joggaharta, Singapore, **Ching Mei** (in Thailand) and several other places in Oct. **Billy Greear** says that the '29ers at the "Crestway Country Club" get together frequently and **Helen Poinier** confirms it. She says **Billy** has a hard time fitting it in with golf, fishing, hunting, and some horse show judging. **Henry McKenzie** had a fine visit with his two daughters and grandchildren. Enjoyed a leisurely stop at WP. He stayed at the Thayer for a couple of days. Thought the rooms comfortable and the food exceptionally good. **Bill Vestal** isn't too well. **Jim Stephenson** wrote to say he & **Lois** were getting settled in at **USAA Towers** and was about to do something about bridge. In the meantime, they had gotten together with **Greears** a couple of times. Don't believe I've ever heard **Jim** get as enthusiastic about anything as he was about the many, exceptionally fine, handcrafted pieces of furniture **Billy** had created and he said, "**Billy's** not a cabinet maker but a real artist."

Seems as though it took a new arrival to get most of the '29ers together, so **Jim & Lois** did that on 27 Sep. Unfortunately, the **Bassetts** and **Vestals** were on the sick list and they couldn't locate **Ruth Hattan**. **Marilou Hammond**, **Dottie Ofs thun**, and **Gertrude McKee** missed a bang up party. The attendees sent greetings and I'll let them speak for themselves:

**Helen & Billy Greear**, "It's such fun our all being together. **Lois & Jim** are a great addition. **Betty, Carolyn, Billy** and I see each other every 'whip stitch.' Come join us. **Jim** is doing a very nice thing by having all of '29 and widows for a very pleasant 'get acquainted' party

and we appreciate it. He & Lois have a lovely apt in USAA Towers where we're sure they will be very happy. We're glad to see **Josie Cuno**, who was in a nursing home. Maybe Jim can get more action out of **Hunt Bassett** and **Bill Vestal** (who's ill, unfortunately)."

**Libby Napier**, "It was great **Lois & Jim** having us '29ers to renew old acquaintances."

**Josie Cuno**, "It is delightful to be with **Lois & Jim**. They are the newcomers and they are entertaining the old residents and very brave to have so many widows and only two males! I'm going to Wichita Falls for my granddaughter's wedding in Oct."

**HR McKenzie**, "Our thanks to **Lois & Jim** for this occasion—the first I know of in 6 yrs in S.A."

**Caroline Jark**, "Sends her love and we all hope **Dottie** is better (she is recovering nicely from a lens implant like mine)—Nice party!"

**Ginny Mace**, "you should be here with a lot of beautiful widows. What fun to meet again with the best of '29."

**Evelyn Noble**, "The only thing we're missing today is you being here. Love getting all the news."

**Betty Harkins**, "The best decision I ever made was to move to S.A. After 1 1/2 yrs enjoying ARC more each day."

Can't quote **Helen Poinier** directly but she wrote she too is enjoying ARC.

Have told **Hank Kraus** I'm sorry my lousy penmanship ended up with her being "Frank" in the Jul ASSEMBLY and **Mac McClelland** as I didn't write it so it couldn't be misunderstood. Hope to have reservation packets mailed to all who indicated they planned to stay at the Thayer. Anyone else who wants one, drop me a card.

**Pat O'Hara** called shortly after he & **Betty** returned from visiting their daughter **Elizabeth** in San Fran area to their new villa which looks better all the time. While **Elizabeth** and **Steve** tour Spain and France after his seminar in Madrid, her brother **Bill** and grandchildren will join the O'Haras in Casey Key for Thanksgiving.

**Slim Vittrup** visited the "boondocks" in contrast with his usual visits to Houston, etc. He was pleased to find many examples of patriotism and respect for our flag. Included "Luckenback" which is famous for its "Chili cook out" in Oct and its country music.

Went on to Camp Verde—long since abandoned—but where the Army tested the possibility of using camels instead of mules as pack animals. (While on our trip to Canadian Rockies they pointed out "Horror Point" where camels & mules met on the trail with disastrous results).

After he got home and was rummaging around in the basement, he found a letter from **Sam Silver** written in 40 to **Slim** at Benning singing the blues about the



1929: Vittrup, Jul 88

disastrous state of affairs at his new station, Ft Slocum. He sent it back to Sam, with comments, and Sam thanked him. Said he was going to use it in his next "Founders Day" speech to show conditions in the Army 50 yrs ago.

**Paul Steinbeck** was one of 21 students from Brevard Community College who went to a Spanish language inst in Malaya (Costa del Sol), Spain for one mo's concentrated study. It was sponsored by the "Consortium for Intl Education," Irvine, CA. They had 4 hrs of class and lots of homework every wkday, with trips, including Morocco, on the wkends. He came home via England so he could visit his older son and family.

Here are some of the postcard remarks:

**Bill Francis**, "Flesh not what it used to be" and couldn't make it to the 60th. Several others concurred—**Charley Tench**, **Doug Dwyre**, **Bill Vestal**, **Calloway**, **Ed Wright**, **Geo Coolidge**, **Tommy DuBose**, **Bob Cook**, **Ben Wimer**, **Van Vander Heide**, **Alene Viney**, and **Paula Bryan** are now in nursing homes.

**Kirk Kirkpatrick** was feeling better and had discontinued chemotherapy for awhile, but wasn't able to get to CO as usual, but did get 3 wks in Cashiers, NC. **Virginia's** back isn't good.

Now on a more positive side, **Dee Dee Armstrong** is proud of her grandson, **Alan De Russo**, a sr at RPI being named co cmdr in the Navy ROTC there. **Jo Chandler** hopes all '29ers who get to HI will give her a call. **Renate Van Bibber** sends greetings from Ger. **Jean Horridge** is moving into a condo until she can get into the Potomac near Belvoir. **Ralph & Bobbie Strauss** are scheduled to move there during our 60th. **KD Nichols** said it wasn't alligators he & **Jackie** were up to you know where—it was 10 lb Cran-shaws and other melons.

**Lou Quill** is having trouble with her eyes but enjoyed a couple of wks at Cape May with Jim and his family. **Libby Latimer Bracken** is now a great-grandmother. **Ducky & Martha Hail** are bringing their twin daughters to our 60th and then going to visit their son in Boston. **Glenn Williamson** had too much travel in Russia in 84 to get to the 60th. Not on the card, but **Jack Hornor** was scheduled

to visit his daughter in S.A. where her husband is stationed at Ft Sam in R&D. **Jack** is also looking over ret communities.

There are several address changes to note in your Jul 87 Roster: **Red Cooper**—to ARC, 6508 Barracks Dr, San Antonio, TX 78239. **Jack Crary**—700 John Ringling Blvd #N309, Sarasota, FL 34236. **John Hammond**—to widows' section 10-1-88. **Ernie Heidland**—card returned by post office. Please help. **Doby Kraft**—deceased 9-2-88. **Whit Miller**—"Gullstream" is one word. **Marshall Roth**—zip 80921. **Mrs David Adcock Lancaster**—renumbered to 2071 Venetian Way. **Mrs Roy V Keyes**—Army Distaff Hall, 6200 Oregon, NW, Wash DC 20015. **Mrs JP Latimer Bracken**—525 Moravian Hall Square, 175 W North St, Nazareth, PA 18064. **Mrs PW Merrill**—returned by post office. Help please. **Mrs Calvin L Partin**—deceased. **Mrs Donald Schorr**—returned by post office. Help please. **Mrs William M Talbot**—1000 Airport Rd #F2, Huntsville, AL 35802. **Mrs Wesley E Wilson**—44 W Arlington, moved across street. **Mrs Marion E Zimmerman**—deceased 8-16-88. **Della Caraway** helped bring the 50th Reunion Album up-to-date.

We had a fine time at Sanibel in Sep—just doing nothing. **Hindsight** says I should have written these notes down there, for now I'm putting in eye drops every time I turn around as **Dorothy** had a cataract removed, a procedure for "dry eye syndrome," a lens implant 5 Oct. She says she is going to have the other one done in a couple of wks. Will miss **Jean's** help as her husband has been transferred to Belleville, IL. She will be joining him soon.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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**Fritz Uhrhane** wrote 28 Jul, just a bit too late for Oct ASSEMBLY, to say that their drought had finally broken, which is good news indeed in AZ. He added that **Alva & Caroline Fitch** had visited Ft Huachuca in the summer, and while they were there, **Fritz & Pud** were able to snag them for dinner and a pleasant evening together.

Subsequently, **Pud** has been in the hosp for at least a wk, but as of 28 Jul she still had no firm diagnosis other than possible leukemia. **Fritz** had an abdominal cancer removed in 87 which requires him to use some body harness. This no longer bothers him, but he finds arthritis a real nuisance. Good luck to both of you fine folks.

**Happy Brooks** wrote in to say that **Johnny Kilborn** died at Brooke Gen Hosp, San Ant, 24 Aug, one day after

Happy had checked out. It was Johnny & Winnie's 48th wedding anniv, according to a lovely letter she wrote me on 12 Sep. Happy had been in Brookes for 3 wks after a heart attack. As of 12 Sep he was still at home feeling better and resting well. He sends his best to all our classmates.

Winnie's letter of 12 Sep included all the essentials needed to prepare an obit, with the material clearly and logically arranged. I was very interested to see that Johnny had earned a master's degree in math, and had then taught math at St Mary's Hall in San Ant for 10 yrs. He earned the love and respect of his students. Rest in peace.



1930: Johnny Kilborn 1908-1988

Bill Harris (CO) wrote in on 6 Sep with some welcome chitchat. He & Ruth flew east to the Big Apple for No 2 grandson's wedding on 7 Aug. They then drove up to USMA to see the changes made since 65, and spent the night at the Thayer. They found two real surprises. First, the size of the tiny rooms in the Thayer. Second, the vast amount of "new" construction. Bill could not find his old barracks, because it had been torn down and replaced. He did not mention the new South Gate, or the vast changes above Lusk Reservoir. Bill inclosed a real estate "spread" from the local *Gazette-Telegraph* describing a new ret home specifically aimed at service retirees, to be built adjacent to the USAFA. I am sure Bill would be happy to correspond with any of you who may be interested. The construction and the prices look good.

Bill also inclosed the photo of the **Harris** with **Chris & Florence Clarke**. The **Clarke**s have been spending their summers at Vail for the past several yrs, so **Bill & Ruth** drove up to have lunch with them. Thanks **Bill**. See you at USMA in 90, I hope.

**Mary & I** were out of town 1-21 Sep. On our return there were calls from **Pete King** and **Bill Carter**, and letters from **Pie Nyquist** and **Buck Folk**, all concerning **Larry Norstad's** death on 12 Sep. Our Class has surely lost one of, if not its most, illustrious member; truly a grievous loss.

**Herron Folk's** cousin **Walter C Chaffee** who knew **Larry** well, wrote some



1930: Florence & Chris Clarke with Ruth & Bill Harris

details of his last two days in a letter to **Buck Folk** dated 15 Sep. **Larry** was flown by helicopter from his home in Tubac, AZ after a fainting spell to the Tucson Med Center on 11 Sep. He was alert and responsive on arrival, but suffered a stroke during the night about 2:30 a.m. and died at 11:30 a.m. A well-attended memorial service was held at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ on 16 Sep. The service included a eulogy by **Larry's** brother **Rev Frederic Norstad**, and an AF fly-over. Interment was at Arlington Cemetery on 21 Sep and was well attended by senior offs of all services. **Bob Porter** served as a pallbearer. Others attending included **Pete King**, **Bill Carter**, **Herb & Site Mitchell**, **Frank & Ellie Waldrop**, **Charlotte Brisach**, and **George & Sis Duehring**. There were two fly-overs.

**Larry** served his country in a manner that was conspicuously well done. Furthermore, he was well liked particularly by those of us who served under him during any part of his long tour as SA-CEUR from 1956-62. We shall always miss him.

**Larry** is survived by **Isabelle**; a daughter, **Mrs Kristin Jaffe** of Atlanta; a grandson, **Christopher Jaffe**; a brother, **Rev Frederic Norstad** of Leavenworth, WA; and a sister, **Mrs Marie Ernster** of San Jose, CA.

**Charlotte Brisach** stays in close touch with **Red & Sue Timothy** in FL. She tells me that both of them have had some health problems, but are doing well at this time, early fall. She expects to see them sometime after the New Year. Hang in there through 1990 **Red**, and as much longer as you can.

**Pete King** tells me that **Charlotte** is now officially an Arlington Lady. As I understand it, these ladies volunteer to represent the Ch of Staff of the Army and his wife in appropriate circumstances—during funerals for service men at Arlington Cemetery. Our sincere congratulations to this sparkling Lady.

**Pete King** has asked me to convey to you, his & **Betty's** heartiest wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy year for all of 89; to which **Mary & I** say AMEN.

'31

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It isn't the first time **John McGee** has warned to be ever vigilant lest our people be misled to our sorrow by 5th column enemies exploiting our complacency. His most recent courageous blast was delivered in an address on 10 Sep in San Ant to the Eighth Army Ranger Co Assoc of which he is pres.

**Warren & Margot Hoover** joined some 400 **Warrens** in a Sep foregathering of that clan in Pointe-au-Pic, Québec, Canada. Said he, "It was good to hear them speaking French." Why? No explanation. He was deeply impressed by the effective organization of the affair which assured, he went on to say, a "stirring result." Apparently. Within a few wks the **Hoovers** waked up as great-grandparents.

In the Jul column we previewed **Dean & Martha Herman's** Danube trip. Here's the after-action report: "Quite spectacular," he characterizes the rocky gorge known as the "Iron Gate" through which engrs converted the rapids of early days to a navigable waterway supplemented by locks. The highlight of the trip was the Panorama in Pleven which realistically displayed the 1877 battlefield in the Russo-Turkish war where the Russians and a few Bulgarian recruits gave Bulgaria virtual independence from Turkey. The Bulgars doubtless nowadays have renewed since WWI a memory of indebtedness to their huge northern mentor. **Dean** sensed that glasnost and perestroika had to an extent rubbed off on the people they encountered in eastern Europe with some evidence of their new-found optimism and friendliness toward tourists and perhaps especially toward Americans.

**Ted & Nina Parker** rather involuntarily spent the summer in AZ, not in their usual hot season period in upstate NY. There being no 10-yr warranty on **Nina's** knee prosthesis, faithful in its performance as it had been over those yrs, eventually pooped out last spring while they were in Tucson. **Ted** said there was an excellent joint surgeon there for its replacement. This, the convenience of nearby post-surgery checkups, and the inherent advantage, during the recovery period, of their all-on-one-floor house there made it quite worthwhile for them to withstand a couple of mos of 100+ degree days. **Ted** says the surgeon is a personal and professional friend of **John & Rink Feagin's** son, **John Jr '55**, who ret'd in 79 and practices orthopedic surgery in Jackson, WY. Besides being an expert on knees he's a member of the AOG Board and a faithful active grad. In addition to necessarily missing their nor-

mal homecoming wk at WP, the Parkers also gave up joining the AOG trip to the USSR for which they had signed up. One of the scheduled stops was at Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, where the well-publicized uprising broke out. Ted and I both wonder what the observations may have been by classmates who took the trip. Please let us know. Also we'd appreciate a report from anyone who may have attended WP's homecoming wk.



1931: The Supe, Davis, the Chief Justice, and GEN Davison

Johnnie & Wilma Davis once again drove to WP, where, on 15 Sep Johnnie continued his able representation of the Class at the annual Thayer Award ceremony. The AOG award this yr was to former Ch Justice of the US, Warren E Burger. He & Mrs Burger spent some 30 mins in the Thayer Award Room with the Supe, the pres of the AOG, and Johnnie & Wilma. The origin and concept of the award were described to the Ch Justice, who, together with his wife, was shown the various displays and portraits there of the distinguished Americans who had received the award in the 30 prior yrs. He knew personally a good many of them. At the following reception in Cullum Hall, about a 100 had foregathered. They walked to the Plain where a review of the Corps was lined up in his honor and a cadet sword was presented to him. After dinner in the Mess Hall, the Thayer Award was presented by the pres of the AOG. Warren Burger's acceptance address displayed his well-known brilliance and convincing qualities as a speaker. Johnnie says he was certainly a conservative, patriotic man who "turned us all on," and said hundreds of cadets lined up to shake his hand. He praised Sylvanus Thayer as an outstanding educator and brought out that West Point, as the first US engr sch, had introduced engr courses to Harvard, Yale, and many other American colleges.

Four stalwarts, Ken Zitzman '32, Bernard '33, Byrne '39, and our own C<sup>2</sup> Smith deserve the accolades of the period for coming to our aid on our long overdue obituaries on Sam Jones and Freddy Frederick. Ken opened the door by providing the address of Sam's widow, Irene, who had twice remarried. She

was now married to Clark '32, her second husband having died. Ken and she both live in San Ant. She agreed to help with Sam's obituary. Ken then asked me for what we had developed, little as it was, and, without our asking, went on to prepare the final memorial article, which Irene Clark approved. C<sup>2</sup> provided the breakthrough for Frederick's obituary. With background on Fifth Army's staff during the Italian campaign, he responded with valuable info, including much from Byrne '39, whose FA bn supported Freddy's regt, and from Bernard '33 who contributed significantly. Subsequently, I was able to reach Betty Frederick, who very thoughtfully gave me info not otherwise available, and asked that I write Freddy's obituary. I thought the willing assistance provided us by grads of other classes and by C<sup>2</sup> would be of interest to you, especially 44 yrs after Sam Jones and Freddy Frederick joined the Long Gray Line on the battlefield. As reported earlier, Andy Adams provided the clue that unlocked the door to finding the eldest son of Don Donaldson, who, with AOG data I sent him, prepared and submitted Don's obituary. The picture



1931: Loué, France where Donaldson was killed in action

in Loué, France was provided by Andy's Washington office of the American Battle Monuments Commission. Meanwhile, the obituary on Freddy Saint, who was deeply admired by every POW imprisoned with him in the Philippines, has been received by ASSEMBLY'S editor. The memorial articles on Cook Marshall, for which some background has been provided by Carl Kohls and C<sup>2</sup> as a basis for further exploration, and on Jim Blanning, remain to be accomplished.

Freddy & Betty Frederick's 3 sons, Dean, Glen and Kenneth, who were 9, 6 and 4 yrs old when Freddy was killed in action near Roccaromana, Italy on 20 Oct 43, are very successful in a variety of fields. Dean is a prof of electrical, computer, and systems engr at Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst, Troy, NY. Glen is exec VP of Henry Industries, a building products co in Waltham, MA. Kenneth is a sr fellow and dir with Resources of the Future in Wash. In Jun 89, Betty says she will move into the then-to-be-completed

Fairfax, 9120 Belvoir Woods Parkway, #410, Belvoir, VA 22060.

The son-in-law and daughter of Chuck & Helen Westpheling, Ronald Hudak '69 & Jane P Hudak, have both won doctoral degrees—his in hosp mgt, hers in nursing science. Those who may be in the Wash area next yr should mark up the calendar for our ANCC 11:30 lunches as follows: 7 Apr, 14 Jul, 15 Sep, 8 Dec.

We have just been informed that Sid Brown died on 27 Sep and, requesting of his son that no special arrangements be made, was, without our knowledge, buried in Arlington on 29 Sep.

*Changes of Address:* The Callahans: 722 Mt. Carmel Place, Nashville, TN 37205, tel (615) 356-5735; The Gordons: in our 55th reunion directory "New Braunfels" should read "North New Braunfels;" Kay Harris: 460 Pelican Drive S, Oldsmar, FL 34677; the Hoovers: 5101 River Rd, Apt 1001, Bethesda, MD, tel (301) 652-2079.

Just as this copy went to press, as he was going out to the golf course, Cam McConnell phoned at 7:00 am PST at C<sup>2</sup>'s suggestion to give me a lead on the article for Cook Marshall. I'll follow up at my first opportunity.

'32

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THEY'RE ALL GOOD HORSES. The annual election threw in Dick Hunt as chm, Ward Gillette vice chm and Jude Abell, Tuffy Horner, Frank Jamison, John McCawley, Ernie Powel, Dan Sinclair, Danny Sundt and Jim Woolnough as councilmen. Secy Archie Lyon, treas Dan Campbell and historian/scribe Ken Zitzman were reelected to serve until death do us part. We are grateful to our 14 classmates and 12 widows in the Wash DC area. It's a good nucleus which does a lot for the cohesiveness of '32. My dues had been paid to the yr 2000, but in a burst of pride and gratitude I sent in enough to pay me up to the yr 2009, at which time I shall be an even 100 yrs old.



1932: Glamour girl Gerhardt and Chm Hunt

In his periodic letter to all scribes, the editor of ASSEMBLY listed the length of

service of those scribes who have been at it for 5 yrs or more. I am used to lining up alphabetically ("you've got to be fair to everyone") but this time I was at the top of the list having started 42 yrs ago.



1932: Helen & Archie Lyon

**CLASS RINGS.** Bill Powers phoned to ask if I had a Class miniature that he could give to his Lois. I did not, but took an educated guess and phoned the late Bob & Jackie Schukraft's only child, daughter Terrell. Terri not only had her mother's mini, well worn after 50 yrs of wear but would be delighted to give it to Bill for Lois. After I got the message to Bill, he said Lois's birthday was 10 days hence and that he was not going to tell her until he gave it to her as a special birthday gift.

Millie Culp has her dad's original ring which she has offered to any classmate who needs one. If any of you out there have either a Class ring or a miniature that you would like to offer to someone who needs one, let me know and I'll try to match you up with someone who wants one. And, of course, if you need a ring, tell me and we'll get you one that we have on hand.



1932: The Horners with Danny Sundt

**YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG TWICE.** Marion Hardy phoned me about Ed Suarez's stroke. The news was that it was severe; Ed went from the hosp to a nursing home, and Bee was doing all she could but there was no chance that Ed would ever return to his own home. Then when I got a note from Bee I called her; Ed was home and Bee was bubbling. Every other phrase was "he's a fighter, Ken." Ed came on the phone and

with clarity told me all about what he had been through. He sounded just as he did when we were roommates at WP playing two handed poker after taps. He has the occasional lapse and may never be top flight again, but neither will you or I. Bee has a fine sense of humor and she said that the only real difference now is that instead of saying to the lovely ladies "come up and see my etchings" Ed says, "come up and see my pill collection." Make a note of their tel no which has a new area code; (407) 647-0353.

Ruth McCawley sent the following, virtually a quote, from Wash, DC. At times, good news seems to turn bad overnight. John fell while walking home from the Pentagon and fractured his right arm in two places. In Emergency at Natl Orthopaedic, he was also diagnosed as diabetic and must stay on a restricted diet. At last report he was out of the hosp, visited daily by a nurse and a physical therapist from the Visiting Nurse Assoc of No VA, and was coming along swimmingly. To which I add, "Attaboy, John."

Stan Sawicki phoned when he was back in San Ant briefly for a checkup on his new steel hip. All fine with Stan & Ann.

Ed Rowan spent a stretch in the hosp in San Ant and then returned home. When he married Mary a couple of yrs ago, each had an attractive apt near the other and they elected to live in Mary's. It's on the 2nd floor, however, and a comparable one on the ground level was called for in the future. Pat Zitzman knew just the place, in our mutual vic, and took Mary to look at it. Mary was delighted, her landlord let them terminate their lease without penalty, and they moved into their new home. Pat also gave Ed & Mary her standard housewarming present to close friends; a rubber stamp with their new address and a bunch of change of address forms. The joy was short-lived however. Ed's cancer caught up with him and he joined the Long Gray Line on 17 Oct. Shortly after Mary took his ashes to WP. Make a note of her new address—1983 Oakwell Farms Parkway, Apt 1816, San Antonio, TX 78218; tel (512) 828-3638.

**FROM OUR LOVELY LADIES.** Lynn Childs wrote Gale & Gary Hall a newsy letter recalling their days in Japan when Lynn & Jeff were stationed there with the Halls in 56-57. A few yrs ago, Lynn had revisited the Ikego Forest wildlife sanctuary on her return from a visit to China and in addition to her news update, appealed to the Halls for support in saving Ikego for the wildlife instead of converting it to a housing dev. I don't know how to say it in Japanese but in French it's, "plus ca change, plus c'est la même chose."

Lynn's youngest daughter is a tenured prof at Kyung Buk Buddhist Univ in South

Korea, and her other is in Klamath Falls, OR with her husband and 2 children.

On occasion Lynn sees Ann Cochran and Nana Gilmer who live at the big ret community in San Rafael. She is now warming up to go back to Duke for her 50th reunion.

Gale added that she & Gary are hanging in there, and young Frank '63 is still on the staff/faculty at Ft McNair.

Notes which came from Frank Pugh, Titter Horner and Mary Ellen Gillette to Pat after her hip op all included happy news of the Wash mob and the monthly luncheons at Ft Myer. I have plans to visit Wash not long after you read this and shall include an eye witness report in the following issue.



1932: Dreyer, Catherine Johnston, Nana Gilmer, Mary Hobson and Phyl Dreyer

**CALIFORNIA, HERE YOU COME!** A phone call and a long letter from Chris Dreyer in Monterey. He & Phyl went to Niceville (honest, there is a town by that name), FL for the wedding of granddaughter Cathy to MAJ Kevin Chilton, USAF who is now in astronaut tng in Houston. Cathy & Kevin went through the USAF Test Pilot Sch at Edwards and then a tour of duty at Eglin together. With the wedding, Cathy resigned her USAF CPT's commission so they would not have to be separated.

While in the vic, the Dreyers took advantage of a long standing invitation of Jack & Rick Coffey to visit them in their new luxury apt in Destin. A pleasant day exploring the apt complex with its numerous recreational facilities and easy access to the beach ended with a gourmet dinner prepared by Rick who knows the difference between canned tuna and a coquille St Jacques.

Back in CA, Chris spent a wk down near Santa Barbara participating in the Natl Hardcourt Tennis Championships for Super Srs (65-85). Chris won his first but was eliminated in the second round by some whipper snapper. His biggest satisfaction was the chance to visit with Ernie Powel who went out there from his home in the DC area to run the tournament.

Nana Gilmer gave a lecture before the Oriental Arts Club in Carmel on the subject of Gen Stilwell in China. In



1932: Sallie Powel, Fran Pugh and Helen Hunt

addition to the Dreyers, Catherine Johnston was also present. See pic.

His happiest news of all was that Catherine Johnston, whose husband Frank died two yrs ago, has married Alden Chace who at one time taught at the Naval Academy. I have no further news but shall get in touch with Catherine and include it in the next issue.

Chris closed with saying that Phyl was about to leave to travel through Europe for a mo with her daughter Kay Lou from Huntsville, AL to visit Phyl's grandson '86 who is stationed in Ger.

**AT RANDOM IN QUANDOM.** A good letter from Pop Duncan told of Bob Scott's visit to a luncheon meeting of Pop's Kiwanis Club in Atlanta as the guest speaker to plug his Warner-Robbins Air Force Museum. Pop invited Rotarian Lou Truman as his guest.

I recently responded to an appeal from a man who is working on establishing a new mil museum near Gettysburg. He is in a responsible position; Supe of Schools in the area, completing his doctorate at U of Penn, and an Army veteran. I thought that USMA *Howitzers* would complement his collection of uniforms and weapons, and sent him copies of 1936-39 inclusive that had been offered to me. (I have dupes in my library which spans 1929 to June 1943 and 1946). He was grateful and would like to get all he can. If you have any *Howitzers* that you no longer need, let me know and I'll get in touch. He pays the cost of shipping.

When the Class of '92 (gasp!) entered WP last Jul I wrote a warm friendly letter to each of the new plebes from the San Ant area. I did not tell them how tough it was in the old days (their parents weren't born when we were cadets) nor lecture them on how they should cope. I simply told them what I had answered during a hazing formation in 28; that WP is one of the best institutes of higher learning in the US, *SIR!*

I got a good reply from Buddy Frick of H-2. Buddy is keeping up with his academics, left halfback on the 150# football team and getting ready for Cornell "this week." We'll all be at WP for our 60th when Buddy graduates. Until then, send me your poop, mit pix.

'33

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**AS SCENE FROM HEAR**, the Class appears to be riding upon relatively peaceful waters—no alarms, no Big Events short of the next Navy game, for which prospects look good . . . and no mini-reunion short of our 60th at WP is currently in prospect.

By when this reaches you, Election Day will have come and gone, and our nation will be sailing toward the Greater Goals promised by the hype of both candidates. Seldom in recent times, it seems to us, have campaigns been waged with more concern for that "fourth branch" of govt, otherwise known as The Media, notably TV. . . .

Let's turn to more pleasant subjects.

"During my cadet yrs and two tours at WP," writes Jim Landrum '36, "I accumulated *Howitzers* (which I no longer need) of the following classes"—and '33 heads his list. His address is MG James E Landrum Jr, Ret, 3003 Kalakaua Ave, 5A, Honolulu, HI 96815. [A good idea—a *Howitzer* which now means little to one person might be treasured by another. Any more extra '33 *Howitzers* out there? Please tell your scribe.]

Not many of you wrote in this time, so these notes should be shorter.

Some negative good news of the *Conways* from Dick Montgomery's friend, Helen Holt: "Terrible flooding (from Gilbert) in St Pete," she writes, "but no flood water in their house—or mine. . . . Word from Vic King is that he couldn't leave Elise to attend the 55th." (See below)

At end Aug Bing & Bimbi Downing moved to new digs in the ret community of GINGER COVE (Annapolis). [Address in Mar 88 Class Roster should be 2208 River Crescent Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401; tel (301) 224 4830] Coincident with their move, Bing had heart complications and acquired a pacemaker; after a mo in the Health Center he has joined Bimbi in their new home. "It's nice and really quite splendid," says Bimbi, "Sam & Kim Otto were most helpful at the time of our move."

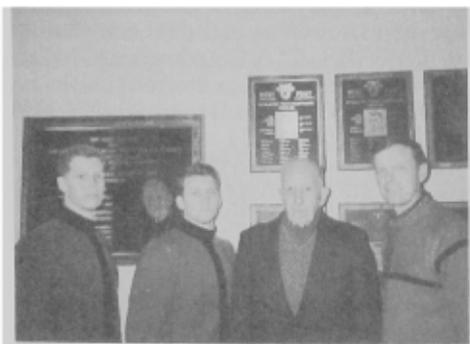
"A fun mid-Sep stopover in CO Springs by Bill & Helen Ely," reports Cal Smith. "This followed two mos opposite the 14th hole at Pebble Beach, where they played golf and caroused with the Senters, Van Ways, Leslies and Ansley Hill. Greens fees at Pebble being now about \$150 (far cry from the \$1.75 I paid!) he played other courses including Cypress Point and the two at Ft Ord. Having motored East, both Elys emphasized the breathtaking beauty of the drive through UT and Vail to CO Springs.

"Here I arranged a foursome at the Broadmoor with Rod Drake '36 and Roger Kullman '43. Bill was not quite up to his usual game, so with a few strokes he insisted on giving (perhaps with Pope's and Hurlbut's urging?) and by shooting my age I avenged a prior defeat. That evening Bill & Helen hosted the Moormans, Smiths and their attractive daughter Linda Passafiume, Kullmans, Rod Drake and Ray Murphys '42 for dinner at Broadmoor."

Steve Fuqua reports that his knee is much improved and he's very happy with the progress. (He'd had the joint replaced at WRAMC.) But he's had painful back problems while adjusting to new muscle use.



1933: '33 San Antoniennes



1933: Father Abe and Scions, before '33's plaque at USMA Sports Center

"I'm getting along well now," writes **Rod Gott to Abe**, "after that *very* close call in May. I've gained back 12 lbs of the 25 I lost, and I think everything is on the up and up." [First we'd heard of it, Rod; we're all *very* glad you're still with us!]

In 8 Oct telecon, **Pat & Rita Guiney** tell of celebrating their 41st by lunching with their children at the Concord NH Inn. Son Pat is now mgr of the engring dept of XRE Co (Electronics); he recently installed the new cardiac catheterization unit at Dartmouth. Daughter Margie & son-in-law Ken Hooper remain in Denver, where he is chief of the radiology dept at Fitzsimmons Army Hosp.

**Ely Cleveland**, they report, is temporarily in a nursing home in NYC, where she is attended by her two daughters. [She can be reached through her elder daughter, Vicky (Cleveland) Willett, 970 Park Ave, NYC 10021; tel (212) 448 8576.]

From **Dunc Hallock** we have word of his meeting with the new asst div cmdr, 25th Div, Craig Allen Hagan '60, **Vance & Helen Hagan's** son. (She is now Mrs Frank W Judge of Memphis, TN.) We're reminded of the closing sentence of Vance's bio in our FYB: "Vance's love for the profession of arms, his perseverance and his determination to do all things well, have carried on to his children and grandchildren. . . ."

**Fritz Hartel** reports busy times: "COL Leland G Meder, **Dot's** sister's husband, died 15 Sep. We had several matters to take care of here for his boys, including memorial services at Bruton Parrish. Then daughter Linda & Butch Downing, with their son Harry & new bride, spent a wk with us (Harry leaves in Mar for 3 yrs in Japan). "Both of us are doing reasonably well. Time passes so rapidly that it's hard to get hungry between meals. 'Never thought *that* would happen!" [Ed: Not to a chow-hound like Fritz!]

**Hurly Hurlbut**, who continues as our best font on info on the Class, recently escaped unscathed from a small encounter with Walter Reed. He reports that **Polly** has made him a "golf widower."

Not to be outdone, our sure-shot **Mo Kaiser** has made some kind of a record at WRAMC by having not one, but two



1933: Eliz Sawyer '38, Ann Blanchard, Tommy Dahlen. Foreground—Ken Cunin '34

cranionomies (22 Sep and 6 Oct); he is currently (10 Oct) reported doing well. We're holding and squeezing for you, Mo!

A poignant letter from **Vic King** which he permits me to share: "My dear **Elise** became an Alzheimer's victim some time ago. At first I could keep her at home, albeit it with professional help. In Aug, however, she was hospitalized following severe convulsions (10% of A-victims are subject to seizures). I had to bite the bullet and place her in a nursing home—a heartrending decision after 55 wonderful yrs of marriage. I visit her daily; she is less agitated, has lucid moments and apparently accepts her new lifestyle. During this period our son Stephen with wife and newest child visited from his station in Niger. They were a great help, and life goes on. Vivid memories of past blessings keep one 'on course.'"

"Having a few mins to spare, I think I'll brighten your day," writes **Mac McClelland**, who then proceeds to update us on the San Ant contingent: "Class luncheon 20 Sep at S.A. CC included **Myers, Cyr, Vansant, Thorlin, Blanchard, Hetherington, McClelland, Pearson, and Dahlen**. . . **Blackie & Jean Myers** called on **Wally Thinnies** awhile ago. They found Wally in a wheelchair, but he seemed to be doing OK. **McCrary** is presently out of town, **Bill Damon** in a rest home. Oct Class mtg will include wives and be out at the Army Ret Center; Pearson and McCrary are handling it. **Kay Jensen** tells me that **Walt** has had half of his voice box removed, but is recovering well. **Blackie & Jean** accompanied **Dodie** & me to New Orleans to watch the Saints beat Tampa Bay. This wk D- & I are going back to see them pound on the Cowboys." [Where sharp-eyed **Hurly** spotted them on TV.]

Letters from **Dick Montgomery's** friend, Helen Holt. "We're all relieved that Gilbert missed us—that was a terrible storm. . . . The **Conways** have been most helpful to me. I shall soon have Dick's weapons collection ready for shipment to the museum at WP." [By a later letter she reports the majority of the weapons dispatched by Priority Regis-



1933: Jensens' DUKE OF NORTHGAP

tered Mail, and she encloses a copy of the shipping list—an impressive gift to WP!]

**Sam & Kim Otto** report having gone back to MO to help his mother celebrate her 102d birthday. Many of us remember her as a charming lady who helped us in our initial life insurance decisions about the time we graduated. We send our best.



1933: June Sparrow, Carol Speiser, Neil & Doris Wallace

"**June & I** came a bit of a cropper on our Elderhostel trip to Great Britian," sez **Bert Sparrow**. "Our journey started out very well with a wk's coach tour of Wales and a visit to Stratford-on-Avon, but following that we both came down with violent colds and were obliged to cancel the Elderhostel portion, which would have included a wk in northern England and two in Scotland. We're still EH enthusiasts and may try again next yr."

#### CLASS MATTERS

*Names/Addresses/Tel Nos of Sons/Daughters.* In context of **Ruth Carroll's** death, **Fritz Hartel** thoughtfully passed to us the address and tel no of her son **Bob Carroll**. At such a time your Class offs here frequently get in touch with a responsible son or daughter in context of funeral or burial arrangements, memorials, etc. Therefore, we suggest that classmates wishing to do so, particularly widowers and widows, let us have the name, address, and phone numbers of a child, son or daughter, who could serve as a point of contact in event of need. Class offs here will always be glad to render appropriate courtesies and help.

[Note: It is not planned to publish the

names, but merely to note them opposite yours on our personal copies of the Class Roster.]

**Next Deadline:** Two wks before you receive this, please. Oops! and, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

HGS

'34

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Our peripatetic classmate **Tom Foote** reports having sailed another season at the ME Merchant Marine Academy on Penobscot Bay, where the windjammers sally forth. This time Tom has a new sponsor employed there, John Baker '42. Tom and Foss's son, Dr Fred Foote, Med Corps, USN, with beautiful wife Jocelyn (Dickie) is stationed at Norfolk Little Creek Amphibious Base and is awaiting the arrival of the older Footes' first grandchild and the commissioning of Fred's LSD, the USS *Gunstan Hall*, named for the plantation home of George Mason, VA revolutionary, who authored a Bill of Rights, the model for the first ten amendments to our Constitution.



1934: At AFSC Tom Foote explains to Foss WWII battle scene depicted in painting

Lill & Bob Tyson report that they, Kermit Davis and friend, along with 45 other alumni, enjoyed the AOG early fall cruise to London, Leningrad, and Copenhagen. AOG cruises rated tops in luxury, conveniences, and tourism. They had several days in London, Bob's favorite city, staying in inexpensive but delightful little hotel on Rejent St (name available from Bob) close to everything and everywhere. The Baltic cruise with super accommodations and food led to Russia's famed art museum at Winter Palace in Leningrad. Tourists all praised AOG arrangements. At home, Bob is head of the cancer soc and says he finds service experience a boon in organizing for fund raising and in delegating responsibilities. The old man plays fast tennis and was runner-up in local singles and doubles tournaments. He has scheduled a winter sail across Chesapeake Bay for Foote and Blair.



1934: Bob Tyson and Kermit Davis on AOG Scandinavia cruise

Class offs met in summer with Jack White and Jabo Jablonsky to discuss our 55th Reunion gifts—an endowed scholarship in the West Point Preparatory Scholarship Program and a significant contribution to the WP Library. They postponed a nomination for the Thayer Award, waiting the Nov deadline, and they nominated Ralph Bucknam for pres of the AOG. Pres Betts, Treas Savage, and Sec Cunin are working hard to carry out our wishes and to report same to us. Cy will mail memos to Class probably before you read this.

Anne Kern suffered a broken foot when she slipped on the stair at the ANCC. Both Anne's foot and dignity have recovered. There is some doubt as to whether William Bentley was in front of her or behind, when Anne fell. That news from Pete & Evelyn Ward, returned from the West Coast via Alexandria completing visits with both son and daughter. Travel refreshes some people and seems to keep them forever youthful. The Wards were at the WPSHR fall fling to see videos to recruit new cadets and to spur memories and comparisons by alumni.

Edmundo Valdez, as you may recall, sent to several classmates copies of a booklet in Spanish entitled *Marks and Dimensions of a Great and Active Life of Works and Creativity*. Linguist Dudley Wilmeth interprets, "Such 'praise works' pay homage to great leaders such as is done by our TV spectaculars honoring public figures. The document cites Edmundo for much philanthropy made possible by a fortune derived from a family sugar industry." Note: The booklet is not an obituary. Edmundo & Maria Evangelica Valdez plan to attend the 55th!

Evelyn & Pete Ward entertained two grandsons several wks in Hampton before the Wards enplaned for San Diego to visit their son and family.

Johnny Stevens' excellent article about Russ Volckmann in the Jul ASSEMBLY is followed in this issue by "A Vignette of Leadership and Loyalty." Be sure to look for this article which the editors say, "Illustrates a significant feature of our profession, one that our readers will appreciate." You will!! The Stevens' GREAT-grandson celebrated his



1934: Stevens with granddaughter-in-law Kelly Suzio and GREAT-grandson Jonathon David on his 2nd birthday

second birthday with them, receiving a WP spoon with cadet figure. Stevens' other visitors included Bill & Marian Moorman, who were in Annapolis to see their grandchildren. Marian and her sister Ellen (Francie's maid-of-honor) now Mrs A Day Surlis Jr of '37 are daughters of Wm Bryden '04.



1934: Moormans with Stevenses at Gatsbys Tavern, Alexandria, VA

Stevens regretfully reported the sad news of the death of Fran Spivy in Annapolis. Classmates attending the memorial services were Anne & Bill Kern, Hope & Gene Corrigan, BJ & Farley Richardson, Francie & Johnny. They had a reunion with Bert and sons—Bert III '60 and Pete '70, who spoke at the service. Also attending were Fran's sister Jane from Manhattan and 3 grandchildren.

In case you missed any of the spate of deaths of classmates and wives reported in the Oct ASSEMBLY, we lost Craig & Gan Smyser in Jun and Jul, Hank Sebastian and Rip Winkle in Aug. In late Aug, after a long and serious illness, Fran Spivy left Bert to carry on alone. The Class sends flowers and reps when possible.

Rip's obituary in the San Ant newspaper included, "COL Winkle wishes to announce that he has completed his life assignment on Planet Earth and has joined the permanent Air Force continuing to fly with God's angels. Further, he will see you all later. Hail and farewell."

Dudley Wilmeth represented the Class at a memorial service for Hank in



1934: At Winkle memorial service: Cook, Hoffman, Hutchison, Jablonsky, Bettises, Catherine Cook, Patsy White, Cunin, White and Savage

Waco. Hank's daughter, "Laurin and son Martin were present and may attend our 55th. Martin was born at WP and has never visited it since. A friend flew Laurin and Martin over Randolph AFB and they scattered their father's ashes over the airfield."

**Dud**, bless his soul, carries out mission to the last detail and reported, "**Craig** was health-conscious, playing squash/racquetball and swimming every day. Shortly before he died, his muscles shut down while swimming: Lou Gehrig disease, a condition in which the mind is clear but there is no communication with the muscles. Memorials to Craig and **Gan**, who died of cancer, may be sent to the Dallas Public Library via daughter, Mrs Carl (Gerri) Strauss, 6400 Given Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45253.

**Paul Turner** sends the last chapter on their granddaughter Amy, who died in Sep, succumbing to the bone marrow problem, her long-time ailment. Let us salute a courageous lady who, with her grandfather, memorialized the Army spirit.

At Oct press time, the following news arrived from **Bill & Peggy Neal**, our reporters in Novato, CA: "**Art Inman** died 22 Sep. **Helene Inman**, his wife, tells us he was cremated in his uniform on his written instructions. There will be no memorial service. Art had been ill with emphysema for yrs and very ill and housebound this summer.

**Hal & Teenie Browning** have had a difficult summer with health problems: she with rapid heartbeat and he under heavy heart medication. The drs told Hal to cut out alcohol because of pancreas deterioration. Hal claims he cut it to zero

and he drives car on freeway and across bridges to Letterman Hosp for treatment.

"**Joe & Jean Ellen Killian** are still folk dancing each wk. Last May he fell off a ladder and broke an ankle and is recovered.

"**Margery Brown** tells us **Travis** does not recognize family visitors. She has him at home but it is tough. The dr says it is not Alzheimer's but similar.

"**Johnny & Dottie Franklin** see us once a yr at our mini-reunion. His Parkinson's is controlled by medication. He says he walks two mi a day, but no golf.

"**Bud & Helen Buehler** are in fine shape physically and mentally. They travel extensively—safari in Kenya this yr. Our minis are held every other yr at their refinery.

"**Catherine Caufield** and **Sue Erlenkotter**: we are not up-to-date on. Sue had an eye op a yr ago and did not make our reunion.

"**Bill & Peggy Neal** are in fine shape. He bikes 5-8 mi with a gp each Mon." He apologizes for "this scribble" but he reports and he spells names correctly and his handwriting is legible. Thank you Bill, and other correspondents cited herein.

**Ken Cunin** received saddening letter from **Bill Penn** announcing the death of his beautiful wife **Helen Marshall Penn** 20 Sep at a hosp in Goldsboro, NC. Recall her words from her wheelchair and, praise the Lord, Helen was no sissy!

Those of us able can show our thanks by sending condolences to widows and families and by sending cards to those on the sick list. Remember to pray daily for all our classmates and wives, widows,

and families. Let them know you are praying. It will do a lot of good for everyone including the sender. It is well-known, soldiers are the world's best pray-ers. For all round use, prayer is better than medicine!

The following in late Sep from **Paul & Jody Hanley**: Called **Gerry Higgins** and learned that he is recovering from pneumonia and not yet doing well from an earlier bout.

More encouraging REUNION NEWS from **Paul**: Great events are being scheduled for us by the AOG et al to start Wed 17 May and end Sat 20 May. Our accommodations will be at Thayer. Paul expects more than 120 classmates, wives, widows, children and grandchildren. Expect his comm's announcement and instructions, but start now to make plans. Correspond with classmates and friends and encourage them to attend. Paul and his comm have recommended a super program of tour and educational events you have submitted.

As each deadline falls on me, the mail brings from **Dud** a bundle of metaphysics, eg: NB I must condense to stay within space limitation and to discourage more such productions. "More and more I live in the 'used to world.' I used to read ahead on my calendar, now I look at it to see what I forgot. I used to mow my lawn, now I have a hard time finding anyone to mow it at any price. **Frankie & I** used to go out several evenings a wk, now if I must go out once, I moan. For the past 20 yrs we used to go on trips. I used to keep the shack painted. Things did not used to be this way, but that's the way the used to world is. I wonder if there are any others in the Class living in the used to world." Answer direct to **Dud**. Hon Ed says Class notes from now on must be either live or obituary dead!

'35

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After a 35-40 yr intermission, your newly-appointed scribe took the baton from many dedicated predecessors and herewith humbly submits his "Vol 1, No 1" for your approval. I can't resist citing the old EDP cliché "GIGO," amended for our purposes to "NINO," "Nothing In Nothing Out." So, with that "hint" — or plea, let's get on with the show.

'Tis a fact that "cheerful news is the best news," hence a report from **Pete Glassford**—"On 8 Sep I told my dr still no symptoms from my 6 1/2 yr bout with cancer. He admitted that is some kind of miracle." All of us rejoice with **Pete & Kathryn** over this salubrious turnaround. Glassfords have recently moved; new address 13910 Rio Hondo Cir #420-G, La Mirada, CA 90638.

For **Bud & Fran Russ** it was a 100%

first ever muster of their clan in San Ant. Offspring Joe, Bill and Lynn from Atlanta, Houston and East Ger, respectively (Lynn's husband Bill Jamieson is with Dept State) with spouses and children, assembled for a 10-day celebration that featured Sea World trips, relaxing at the Russ pool, and a general period of family conviviality and reacquaintance. Fran's mother, Mrs Stanton, attended all and her gracious presence supplied the 4th generation element. **George & Kathleen Jones** were in San Ant for the reunion of the 503rd Parachute Bn. Kathleen is recovering nicely from a lumpectomy problem that caused their cancellation of the *Delta Queen* Mini. **Jeff & Sarah Jeffus** were in San Ant to visit his sister and hosted a luncheon for MG Claude Chorpene '17, **Jack & Leah Rhoades**, **Sid & Jackie Spring**, and **Ed & Marie Ferris**. Afterwards, the Springs and Rhoades conducted a tour of their elegant quarters at the Army Residence Community (ARC); our classmate and ARC resident, **Sal Armogida**, dropped by for a chat to complete a full afternoon. On the subject of the ARC, Jack & Leah Rhoades just completed 18 mos in residence and submitted a well-rounded, comprehensive report on their new and enviable life style. They describe in detail the origin of the ARC (the dream of 3 WP grads) and outline the step-by-step advancement to its completion and occupancy. Its gamut of amenities, health care, recreation, dining and social outlets attest to a completely satisfied attainment of "Golden Yr" goals. We have 5 classmates in residence (see roster); more have applied. Addendum on Jeffuses, two wks after return fr TX, Sarah fractured her right femur. In Aug their doc reported recovery progressing well.

The increasingly popular trek to AK was augmented by **Jack & Leah Rhoades** and **George & Meg Eckhardt**—former by cruise ship *Stardancer*; latter by charter with another couple, to test the area's fishing reputation. They did! George

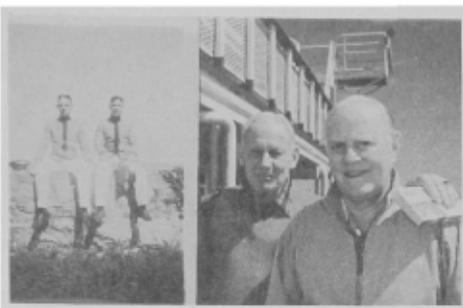


1935: George & Meg Eckhardt—one day's catch

allowed that the supply of frozen fillets they brought back represent an outlay of approx \$40/lb. Enjoy! No seconds! The Eckhardts survived hurricane Gilbert by

evacuating to son Chip's home in Houston along with 4 dogs and 2 parrots. Their residence on Rockport Bay sustained no damage although water rose well over the dock.

**Bun & Routh Wilby** send greetings from their antebellum plantation in Franklin, LA, acquired from Routh's grandfather's heirs and restored by the Wilbys. Bun's an avid yachtsman and sails on Vermilion Bay; he managed to safe berth his yacht in a local canal from the hurricane. **Nat & Ginny Martin** were house guests of the Wilbys after the *Delta Queen* Mini. Still from old "D"



1935: Nat Martin and Bud Russ, friends and roommates, 1931. Same in 88—still friends but different roommates

Co, **John & Alice Williamson** will occupy their new home under construction in a community "Indian River Colony Club" near Patrick AFB, limited to ret mil offs. Their address will be 1315 Pilgrim Rd, Melbourne, FL 32940. They're doing fine and say that daughter Kathleen, a State Dept FSO, just transferred to Honduras from DC; husband also FSO. From FL also, **Harry & Edith Lewis**—"we did New Orleans a-la-tourist; recommend camcorder to capture multi-sounds; plan Army-AFA game; hope to see many classmates." Note from our peripatetic **Al Shower**; he's moved again, address 23790 Cushenbury Dr, Moreno Valley, CA 92388, near AF Village West. Al's thinking along ret community lines and plans to check all of them out. He has an annual TWA pass and uses it to the max, chiefly attending USAF reunions—anywhere. Very sadly, he reports that his **Dee**, although resting comfortably in her convalescent hosp, is barely responsive.

A welcome letter from **Ruth Gee**; operating under full sched with varied patriotic, community and social interests. Her daughter Nancy is a sr tour coordinator (15 yrs) w/Disney Org. Son Phil in an engr partnership in Vicksburg, MS. **Hart & Betty Caughey** are back in FL after annual 2-mos sojourn on Georgian Bay, Canada. They own their own isl with 2 cottages where they host their 4 daughters and families for a rustic/rough-it good time—without the benefit of electricity; not even a house-boy to

operate a hand fan! **Norm & Joanne Edwards** have completed an extensive home remodeling/redecorating project in Claremont, CA, and are adjusting their *modus vivendi* to accommodate little 6-yr old Robert, Joanne's grandson, whom they are in the process of adopting. Their drill sched now—back-to-school parties, new parents' introductions, and the like. They visited Norm's son Bruce to observe the latter's 50th birthday and birth first child; first time granddad status for Norm.

**Louis & Dottie Farnsworth** are immeasurably happy in new home, Rancho Bernardo, CA, especially the proximity to son Chip & wife and their only grandchild, 3-yr old Rachel. Chip's attending Fuller Theological Seminary. **Bill Baynes** is struggling with an eye problem (he's had a hearing impairment for yrs) but with characteristic tenacity he has minimized the adversity. He has color-coded his computer keyboard, writes letters and maintains an interesting correspondence with a puzzle collector in Holland. (At the Seattle mini Bill briefed me on a puzzle teaser in the shape of 4 concentric nesting cubes that he had both designed and produced. I'm sure that with proper marketing efforts it would have "out-Rubicked Mr Rubick!")

**Dee Bechtold**, despite eye problems, also keeps busy in the horticultural field and is particularly excited about a new (hybrid?) orchid from a cousin in HI. Our distaff reunions continue apace; **Dahlis Booth**, **Phyllis Glass**, and **Betty Hopkins Chrisman** had a great 5-day get-together in Atlanta; the Jack Kellys and Phil Gages '36 joined. Jim Landrum '36 has a few '35 *Howitzers* available for postage only. Address MG JE Landrum, 3003 Kalakaua Ave, 5A, Honolulu, HI 96815, tel (808) 924-8516. Many of us will remember the warehouse fire at Ft Benning in 40 that destroyed the HH goods of many of the grads of TIS who were on the LA maneuvers, so perhaps some takers.



1935: Ferrises debarking the *Mississippi Queen*

Imparting sad news is a way of life for any scribe, no exceptions. We regret the loss from the DC area of **Bud Pickard** on

7 Aug and of **Jeff Rumsey** on 30 Aug. Bud passed away in Copenhagen, Denmark while he & **Henrietta** were on a cruise. Word is that demise occurred in his sleep. Services and interment took place in Arlington 16 Aug. In attendance were **Robbinses, Bowyers, Furlongs, (Jim Buck's widow & spouse) Margaret Orth, Everett, Simpson, Dicks, Watermans, Twitchell, Rogerses, Lapsley, Andersons, Irene Taylor, Pattersons and Fiore.** Jeff, as many of us are aware, had fought the good fight for the better part of 3 yrs. As recalled, during surgery a temporary loss of oxygen occurred and complete recovery was never attained. He entered a convalescent institution just two wks prior to the end. We share grief with **Henrietta and Charlotte.** I spent numerous hrs with Jeff during our Class comm days and our families were together for many happy events. Jeff's funeral took place at Arlington, 7 Sep with honorary pallbearers **Schlanser, Robbins, Fiore, Everett, Waterman, Wheeler, Bowyer and Fickel.** In attendance and in addition to the pallbearers were **Taylor, Andersons, Pattersons, Simpson, Esther Agnew, Isabel Bidgood, Phyllis Glass, Nat Martin, Schlansers, Dicks, Bowyers, Furlows, Parrots, Tom Musgrave, Twitchell, Keatings, Kay St John, Edna Hill, Russells, Robbinses, Fiores, Watermans, Chapmans, and Les Wheeler.**

'36

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Hey, aren't you gettin' tired of seeing **ASSEMBLY** show up in your mailbox so often—every two mos? Well, maybe we'll have to find a new description for these notes. What about "aborted articles," "quickie column," "mini notes," or "short scribing?"

The exciting-est item of today is that **T-Willie Morris** reached his 80th birthday on 28 Oct. **CONGRATULATIONS!** to a wonderful '36er who proves to all that there's a long way to go for most. And so now T-Willie, it's "on to 85." And in case you hadn't heard of him, Bob Hope says 85 is getting up in the middle of the night as often as Burt Reynolds but not for the same reason! And according to *Forbes* 5 Sep, a Ken Dychtwald reports, "200 yrs ago, the median age was 17. Babies born in the yr 2000 routinely will live into their 90's. Older people consistently feel 10 to 15 yrs younger than their age. The number of people over age 65 in the US exceeds the entire population of Canada. Of all the people who have lived to age 65 in the history of the world, more than half are alive today. 85% of people over age 65 do no work, and only 20% have financial problems."

Our successful **Sally** scribe spent several mos in LA with her attractive sister,

**Lois.** And now **Sal** may be in Ger visiting son **Scott.** **Clint True** chatted from airport in Sep and said that **Lyn Hosmer** was in hosp and in poor shape. Later **Clark** wrote that 7 family members showed to cheer her up—and they did. She went home and gained *one pound!* But her condition is very serious, and **Clark** is her stalwart support.

**Phil Greene** has written several times. He says **Helen** & he went to West Berlin in Jun. He thinks the **Huachuca** mini is a good idea and will attempt to attend. He says he gets together with the **McCabes, Jane Schwering, and Marian Godfray.** The **Hesses** report favorably on **Huachuca** also—and will try to attend. **Whitey** has had knee surgery which has slowed him down. But by contrast, **Helen** is on "cloud 90" having shaken her terrible arthritis discomfort. **Jim Hughes** called and chatted with considerable zest. However, he assured us he was in much distress because of a stroke which has paralyzed his right side—including hearing. His daily therapy is wheeling to the mailbox (so you-all make sure he's rewarded for his efforts!).

**Dottie & Jim Lynch** had a brunch for all in Sep for the DC gp. And **Dave & Betty Chaffin** sponsored a Class picnic early in Oct. The **Meanys** sent greetings from Palm Springs. We also heard from **Jane Mikkelsen** who said that **Al Geist** had broken a hip and other complications arose when he was in Luke AFB hosp. The **Turnages** wrote from Charleston. In that city also, **Westy** dined with the **Gapens** and **Ryders** back in Aug. And **WP** claims to now have 37 linear ft of **Westy** memorabilia (including 202 books) in a special collection.

**Bill Hay** is planning to send to you info on the **Huachuca** reunion shortly (we're not exactly sure when you'll receive it). At same time you should expect to get a partial revision of your 86 address list. We have indicated the names and dates of our dear departed—since that date—there are 11 who've left us.

In a late call-before-mailing these notes, **Bill Hay** says he hopes you'll have the **Huachuca** poop by end of Nov, and he begs you to respond as to your interest ASAP!! Also we find **Larry Laurion** in bed after an aneurysm problem about a wk ago. He's having a lot of tests run and he's weak. But the Class—especially the DC gp—needs him.

'37

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The Aug luncheon was very well attended (19). **Jim Duncan** was there, feeling well and optimistic. He has since had his op and is now (4 Oct) well into radiation therapy. **Lee Martin** gets around on his own with some difficulty.

**Dave Griffin** joined us from Annapolis. He enjoys the drive in his Lincoln town car. **Ash Robbins**, looking hale and hearty, joined the regulars. One of our regulars, **Scott Hall**, kept in touch by postcard from **Kennebunk Beach.** He & **Anne** took a break from their heat wave, house and art work, and drove up Mt Washington (first gear all the way with no guard rails) to 40 deg relief. Son **Lee** with his two boys and granddaughter **Adrienne** visited them.

The social event of the summer was the celebration in San Juan of **Rene & Ada Lopez-Duprey's** 50th wedding anniv. Over 50 visitors from all over the world included the **Cains, Maliszewskis, Mercados, Metzses, Shives, Wilhoys and Ungers; Carl Andersons, the John Combs, the Bruce Stasers, and Nick Fuller** from '44. Other friends came from



1937: René & Ada at 50th in San Juan

the US, Canada, Antigua, and from as far away as Cebu City, PI. Festivities began on Fri and climaxed with a grand affair at the Banker's Club in San Juan Sat evening. Then a Sun brunch and pool-side party at their lovely home in the suburbs of San Juan. The best man and matron of honor, the **Stephen O'Connells** from Towson, MD, told me a story of the lovesick student at Johns Hopkins U (after departing WP) talking **Ada** into coming to Balto to end his misery. And they lived happily ever after.

The **Fraziers** were unable to attend because of a previous date to take their 7th AOG-sponsored tour, the *M/S Crown Odyssey* cruise to Baltic ports. They sailed from Tilbury (port of London) through the Kiel Canal to Lubeck, W Ger, then to Helsinki, Leningrad, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, and return to Southampton. The **Fraziers** enjoyed the cruise aboard the luxurious vessel, and in London, **John** was able to show his shipmates how to ride the tube and the buses, having gained that expertise during several past encounters. **Trixie Zehner** also had a great time on the cruise until she had a bad fall in Oslo, breaking her arm and sustaining other injuries. Luckily, it was at the end of the tour. She was greatly impressed by her treatment in Oslo and by the tender care of the flight attendants aboard **British**



1937: USMA '37 and '44 celebrating René and Ada's 50th, Bankers' Club, San Juan

Airways that took her to Heathrow Airport. From there she went to Holy Loch, Scotland to visit son Stanley and family and to enjoy her granddaughter who will be one-yr old this mo. In the country of Robert Burns she took the high road and the low road to Loch Lomund and sampled the quaint inns near Stanley's home that overlooks Holy Loch. LCdr Stanley Zehner is stationed there.

On 9 Sep Ray Cheal called to inform me of Frank Harrison's death the night before in his daughter Joan's home in San Jose, CA. Joan had moved Frank & Jean in with them several wks before so she could take care of them. Both were ailing from heart problems. Frank had a serious atk 10 yrs ago in San Ant and has had difficulties ever since. He was under constant nursing care when he had his fatal atk. On 15 Sep Frank was buried in Arlington with full mil honors next to his parents. During the services in the Ft Myer Chapel the chaplain read the Cadet Prayer as requested by Frank, and a lovely poem written by granddaughter Audry which beautifully expressed the warm feelings and deep respect his family had for him. Jean and daughters Louise and Joan and their families came from CA. A nephew, Eric, son of their eldest daughter Irene who died some yrs ago, also accompanied them. Jean is a Navy Jr and many of her relatives were there including her brother, CPT Barron Chandler, USNA '40 (PT Boat Cdr-Bilibid Prison 42-45) and his wife, and nephew Mike Lion '56 and his family. The Class was well represented and the honorary pallbearers were from his Cadet Co C: Gildart, his roommates Jim Duncan and Doc Leist who drove in from Toledo, Scott Hall, Shive and Finn

Unger, who stood in for Lee Martin (present but unable to manage with his knee problem). Jean is living with Joan whose address is Mrs Lyle Winklepleck, 2489 Bachmann Ct, San Jose, CA 95124. Jean, Louise and Joan asked me to thank the Class for the flowers and the warm support they received during this sorrowful occasion. Please send me any info that I can use in his obituary.

Dolly & Wil Wilhoyt had a lovely party on 14 Sep which we were unable to attend. Pop & Anne Metz came up from Raleigh for it, which attests to Dolly's drawing power as a hostess. Later she had us and several other absentees in for a delightful brunch on a Sun, thoughtfully selected on a non-Redskin-game day.

I learned from Ray Cheal that both he & Edna have health problems which prevent them from going to S.F. for our mini. Ray has an acoustical neuroma which affects his balance, and Edna is trying to lower her cholesterol. Welcome to the oatmeal brigade!

When I called Noel Menard, the ex-mayor of Bellevue, IA, to inform him of his old friend's death, I learned that he is coping with the initial stages of Lou Gehrig's disease and doesn't travel much anymore, so S.F. was not in his plans. He wishes to be remembered to the Class.

The Sep luncheon was attended by 15 with Scott Hall back in the fold again. The word was that the new lax facility at WP that is to be named for Tom Truxtun will be dedicated at either the Johns Hopkins or the Navy lax game. Some interesting associations with Tom: in the Decatur-Truxtun Museum in Wash, an Adm Truxtun is commemorated; Mary

Lemmon's first husband, a Naval O aboard the *DD Truxtun* (named after Adm Truxtun), was lost when the *Truxtun* was sunk off Newfoundland during escort duty at the beginning of WWII; Trapper Drum was at Governor's Isl and acted as escort for Peggy Truxtun and her two children when she received Tom's awards of the SS, BS and PH; and while talking to Jean Harrison's brother Barron Chandler after the funeral I learned that he & his wife Katie were close friends of Peggy and her husband Holmes Dyer. Small world!

Jack Tolson keeps in touch. His son Joe and family live in Arlington, VA and they recently spent a wk with them at Rehoboth Beach, DE. He called to say that they were on their way home to Raleigh via Petersburg to pick up their car which conked out on them on the way up.

On Sat evening, 24 Sep, Docent Mette Parker had the Class and other friends to the Octagon House (the oldest residential bldg in the Federal City) to view an exhibit "Creating the Federal City." Wine and cheese and other refreshments were served. It was a wonderful way to spend a rainy autumn day. The exhibit featured historic documents, sketches, blueprints, etc. Geo Washington's influence in establishing the city was well documented. The establishment of a comm of 3 to run the city was his idea and a good one it was. The city was very well run and our own Fred Clarke presided over the last one before Home Rule took over and made a mess of it.

Bill Lewis, who heads up the comm for Mini 89, asked me to mention briefly their plan of action. You will receive a bulletin with full instructions in due course. Williamsburg, VA 25-19 Oct, Holiday Inn Downtown with Anne & Pop Metz in charge of the hospitality suite. Bill has organized this mini in true engr style and has a highpowered staff to assist him, so it should be a humdinger of a reunion. In addition to the aforementioned meeters and greeters and purveyors of the sauce and snacks, there will be the Wilhoys, Odens (resident experts), Pearsalls, and Fraziers (charter bus service as needed). The comm has made personal reconnaissances and has tested and tried everything, leaving nothing to chance, except weather which is usually ideal here in Oct. Historic Wmsburg is a lovely place, and tours are planned for it and nearby Jamestown and Yorktown. You'll enjoy a cruise of the James R, a visit to a colonial plantation, shopping, golf, a plantation banquet with entertainment, dinner dance, etc. Relax and enjoy with '37 while you can.

Ken Wade and his friend Norma Morrow sailed from San Juan 19 Apr for Lisbon and 3 days of sightseeing there before taking a leisurely drive down the

coast through the Algarve area, stopping frequently at attractive places. Then into Spain, spending a wk at Marabella while visiting Rondo and Gibraltar. He enjoyed revisiting Elva where he had spent 3 wks in Jan 43 as a guest of the Portuguese govt (ran out of gas in his P-39 flight from Engl to Africa). He even found the old hotel where he had been interned. Elva has two Roman forts and a huge aqueduct still in good condition. They flew back to NYC 21 May and visited WP just before Jun Wk. They were thrilled with the trip, especially Norma who had never been there.

**Curt Low** entertained the Halls last summer at their cabin at Webber Pond in E Vassalboro, ME and had a great time getting up-to-date on their respective families. Curt Jr, who was born in 38 while they were at Kelly Fld, spent 22 yrs in AF intelligence after graduating from Dartmouth. He ret as a maj and his wife as an AF cpt. Younger son David is a test engr for Hughes Acft Corp in Aurora, CO and has produced 4 grand-kids whom they enjoy visiting.

**THE GOLDEN GATE IN 88.** If you were not among the 88 classmates, wives and friends who were there, you missed a real good one. The comm did a bang-up job. The Hotel Richelieu, homey, intimate, well run and conveniently located, provided an ideal base of ops. The hospitality suite in the Cardinal Rm was a mixing bowl in more ways than one, where we could meet and greet, relax and reminisce, from early a.m. breakfast till late at night. **Howie & Peg Smalley** presided over this activity and they should be worn out. Dinners and luncheons on our own was an opportunity to sample a few of the 5700+ fine restaurants in San Fran, from the swank Carnelia Rm atop the Bankamerica Bldg, with its panoramic view of the city, to the more intimate ethnic restaurants for which S.F. is famous. The bus tour of the city, ending at Fisherman's Wharf for lunch, was followed by a cruise of the Bay. The **Amoses, Comptons,** and **Skeldons** seemed to be responsible. **Jim** had a pic taken of the gp by a prof photographer who outdid Charley White. I haven't gotten a copy yet. As we passed Alcatraz, **Fran** had a nostalgic moment for the place where she spent several of her formative yrs. I hasten to explain that her family had quarters there while her father was stationed at Letterman Hosp. The quarters are no longer there. Pre-Civil War Ft Point was a pleasant surprise. We had an excellent tour of the fort with a member of the Forestry Service, a ret Army col with you know what. One could imagine him calling his regts to attention. The Japanese Garden in Golden Gate Pk was another gem.

Dinner at Capp's Corner was an experience no one should miss. We then walked to nearby Club Fugazy to experience

the Beach Blanket Babylon—utterly wild—an enthusiastic cast spoofed everything and everyone. Gentleman **Jim Skeldon** was the impressario hovering over us at the Club Fugazy. **Hope & Mose Amos** handled transportation matters and golf. Among the golfers were **Curt Low** and **Geo Maliszewski** who raved over the excellence of the Presidio Golf Course, if not their performance thereon.

**Shirli & Jack Worcester** were in charge of finances and dinner arrangements and were present for the dinner dance in spite of Jack's stroke of not so long ago. There were many pleasant surprises that evening. Virginia & Pete Persons '36, who were our guests, met old friend Bob Johnson & his wife Pat who is **Tom Compton's** sister. They were the couple who stood up for Tom & Ruby at their wedding during the Charleston Mini. Tom & Ruby headed the mini comm, having taken over from their close friends the **Edwards** after **Meyer** died. We want to recognize and express our appreciation to **Mary & her beloved Meyer** for volunteering and getting the show on the road. Although she was unable to join us, **Mary's** sweet presence was there in the form of the beautiful floral arrangements she provided for all the tables at the dinner dance.

The handsome couple talking to the **Grahams** turned out to be "little" **Suzy Graham** who was an Army tot on Barnard Loop at WP after WWII, and her husband **Jim Holbrook**, son of our Master of the Sword. The real surprise was that he had just ret after 30 yrs service! With a few exceptions everyone was at the finale over which **Finn Unger** presided. **Ken Wade** had to make a plane connection back to Honolulu. **Norma** was unable to accompany him to S.F. **Jo Walker** was with us for a short time and then joined friends in So CA. Also **Bitts Hallock** was there for the first part and then went back to her son's home in Berkeley. She had already attended another reunion of the American School in China of which she is an alumna. Most of us left the club well before midnight but the dancers amongst us, **Louise Gray, Marty Green, Bud Hines** with his charming daughter **Peggy** and **Betty Spengler, Stu O'Malley** and **Dorothy Clement, Bill & Jeanie Hipps, Pop & Anne Metz** and **Gus & Corinne Prentiss** to name a few, stayed on.

Random observations. **EY Burton** looks well after his encounter with the neurology dept at Brooke Gen Hosp. They stayed with son **Tuffy & Colleen (Cassidy)** in their beautiful qtrs overlooking the Golden Gate. This attractive couple also visited with the Class in the Cardinal Rm at the Richelieu. **Jack & Betty Chapman** came up from Pebble Beach where Jack enjoys golfing during his ret there. **Claudine & Chief Evans,**

who looks well after his triple bypass, went home with the **Chapmans** after the reunion for a visit. **Bill & Anne Chase** came from Honolulu and joined her sister **Lorrie Spaulding** for the reunion. **Bill** is lobbying for another one on their turf. **Dottie Donohew** enjoyed meeting old friends again with her daughter-in-law **Ellen**.

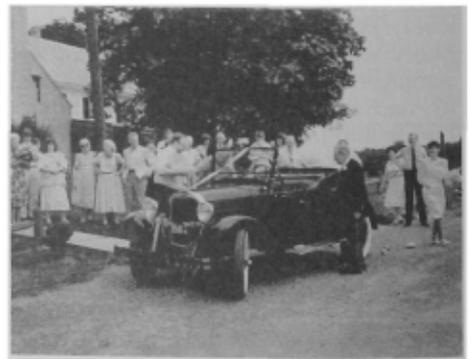
I'll sign off with a warm note from **Jack Tolson**: "A reunion as wonderful as this one again emphasizes to me how much USMA and the Class have meant to my life. Take care and God Bless."

'38

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9 Sep **Jesse Thomas** died in Silver Spring, MD of a heart attack and was buried at Arlington Natl Cemetery on 12 Sep. Classmates with wives attending the funeral service were **Miller, Izenour** and **Missal**. Also **Beverley, Bixby, Lahti, Stilwell, Mrazek, Schmidt** and **Johnson**, plus **Banning '39**. **Jesse** is survived by two sons, **Jesse Jr** and Army MAJ **Hal**, plus daughter **Mari**. His wife died in 81. His sons and daughter and **Hal's** wife, Army CPT **Vicki**, attended the funeral service. Following wife **Barbara's** death in 81, **Martha Vogel**, **Jesse's** devoted nurse and friend, helped him through many health problems. She visited him frequently during his residence at Silvan Manor Health Care Ctr. We regret that yet another classmate has joined the Long Gray Line and share the loss with his family and other friends.

**Jim Mrazek** telephoned **Ken & Blanche Glade**, who live in Boulder, CO to inform Ken of **Jesse's** death. **Jim, Jesse** and **Ken** were roommates during cadet yearling yr. The **Glades' 8** children gave them a party celebrating their 50th wedding anniv during Jun. "The event was the highlight of her life" for **Blanche**. **Al & Claribel Burke** used a 1938 antique car to depart a club reception en route to a party at their home.



1938: Al & Claribel Burke leaving 50th wedding anniv reception

Jul 88 from **Bob Offer** thanking **Chm Lotz** for 50th items and refund after hosp

forced cancelling of Offers from attending. "Vince Elmore tells me the reunion was a real 3.0. Sorry we had to miss it. Next time for sure." Vince spent 3 wks in hosp in Jul and was not fully recovered in Sep when he wrote, "Unfortunately I am less able to participate in this yr's Golf Classic than in 86, but would like to contribute my non-entry fee. . . . Pls see that 'L' Co gets the credit for my willing spirit if not my golfing prowess."

Aug 88 from letter Grace York to Chm Lotz thanking him for 50th items and refund, "Bob was so anxious to attend the 50th Reunion. He even considered coming with an oxygen tank if necessary. He was a fine rep of the Class. I was opposed to his coming under those conditions. It would have been very hard on him and might have cast a pall on the festivities. I had hoped to celebrate our 50th wedding anniv with Bob but am grateful for the 47 yrs we shared."

6 Sep Marianne Glace endured a 6-hr op to bypass two obstructions from her right shoulder to below her elbow. Harv & Peg Barnard visited her twice while going to and from our 50th. She appreciates visits, phone calls, cards or letters. 13 Sep Mary Maloney, 1 Mystic Ct, Avon, CT 26001, to Stilwells—Art now goes to an adult day care ctr and we have a companion 4 or 5 nights/wk. Mary is arranging for Art to enter convalescent home soon.

Ft McNair luncheon 22 Sep was attended w/wives by 8 classmates: 7 alone, 4 widows. Lucy Millikan was Jane Hulse's guest. The Harringtons made this luncheon their first social outing since Tracy's critical heart problems last Dec. His was thin and wearing a dark blazer w/Academy crest, looked sharp

and was in good spirits! Dorothy is recovering from a serious ankle injury last spring. We were delighted by their presence, and trust they will be with us regularly in the future as in the past. 8 Sep the Beverleys celebrated their 50th wedding anniv at Williamsburg. They saw Tom & Aggie Sibley, who are in good health and send regards to our gp. Stilwell was in Korea as guest of ROK pres for the Olympics. Thackeray was there judging equestrian events but they did not see each other. Ginny says Don is thinking of ret from horse show judging. John Damon updated our roster of local '38 residents. Bill Smith returned recently from 16th Armd Div reunion in Nashville. Bixbys were cruising NE coast and Maritime provinces during foliage season. Rosalie Valentine and Isabel Bonnett were touring that area too. April Adams enjoyed recent trip to west coast and Banff in Canada. Mrazeks were on trip to Portland previously reported. The Millers celebrated their 49th wedding anniv 23 Sep. During wk of 17 Aug Nim Collins, twin sons Kevin and Dennis, daughter Maureen, their spouses, and Nim's grandchildren enjoyed a fine reunion at Rehoboth Bch.

18 Jun Joe & Mary Missal's great-grandson was born in Staunton, VA. Robert Baird Funk is the grandson of their son Jay Missal. Lloyd Johnson is returning to FL and we hope to see him next May. Junie Lotz and I will miss wkly golf games w/Lloyd and those extra strokes he gives us so generously. 9 Sep Bill Sussmann was hosp for heart problems and tests. Mona had a low persistent fever. Bill's hosp appts conflicted w/our luncheon date and both expressed regrets. We will look for them next time.

Paul & Joyce Davis were in CA where Joyce's youngest daughter is entering Univ of CA at Santa Cruz as a frosh.

8 Aug Anne & Eric Heins w/their 3 children arrived in Norfolk area, immigrating from the Netherlands. Anne is daughter of Junie & Shirley Lotz. Since Aug the Heins have visited the Lotzes in N VA, spent two wks in WV at Capon Springs, and traveled to FL. Anne & Eric moved to their new home in Tampa 15 Oct. Throughout this period Junie has managed a full sched of activities, including business trips and some golf as well as visiting w/Anne and her family. Needless to say, Shirley has been busy!

Chm Dick Bromiley, Ken Skaer, Bill Kieffer, and Jim Mrazek are our Program Comm getting preparations underway for our mini reunion at the AF Academy. Potential attendees are alerted to keep their schedules for Oct 89 open. More details will be announced by letter to each of us when developed.



1938: Colemans, Bromileys, Barnards—Labor Day at Sarasota, FL

4 Oct from Bill Strand, "Macomber's" daughter Debbie has moved from OK to Boerne, TX near Mac & Barbara's home in Fair Oaks. They will now see a lot of their grandchildren: Kristen (17), Justin (13), Julie (10), and Clayton (8). They can help while Debbie is at her job with Stanley Smith Security Co. During her spare time Barbara works in a school library. And a lot of people ask what we do when ret! Coincidentally, our daughter is named Kristin and our grandson—Justin!

Paulette Batterson reports that Batt's production of furniture for their home has slowed temporarily after his power saw got in the way of his thumb. Fred & Trudy Wright continue their swimming fitness program. Fred does one mi per day—not enough for a Class record but impressive. Howard Kenzie is finally making good recovery from heart surgery and complications during Jul. He & Noli are happy with life at AF Village II. Mert Singer plans to ret from exec dir, R&D Associates, in spring of 89. Under Mert's leadership R&DA has grown from 90 members to over 700. He has worked especially hard developing parts of the Army's Combat Field Feeding



1938: Collins family reunion, Rehoboth Beach, Aug

System. Today's soldiers are indebted to Mert, but only those who existed on the old 'C' rations can fully appreciate his effort." Jun 88 issue of *LINK*, the newsletter of R&DA, contains a fine tribute to Mert, reviewing his mil and civ careers. An annual Singer Award has been established by R&DA for outstanding contributions by an industrial or consultant member. 12 Aug fr Stilwell, "I had dinner the other night w/our very modest and hard working classmate, Mert Singer. He is ret from the position he has discharged so effectively for the past two decades. The referenced article in *LINK* shows what his organization thinks of him."

From **Hugh Wallace**, SA, TX, 8 Oct by phone—**Omar & Maria Knox** returned recently from trip to Vancouver by train to Toronto and by bus in eastern Canada. They were impressed by the Canadian Rockies. **Elizabeth Sawyer** went to NE to see her new grandson and **Ted's** mother, who is very alert and approaching her 103rd birthday in Jan 89. **Beno Bruton** went to NY in Jul to see her grandson for the first time. Peter Buckley Bruton was born during Jun 88. The Wallaces went on the recent *Crown Odyssey* cruise with an AOG tour gp of 44 persons. The 26 Texans, including Jan & Hugh, joined the cruise two days late due to air travel problems. They cruised the Baltic Sea, visiting the Scandinavian capitals, Leningrad and Amsterdam. **Mary Barbour Smith** was the only other '38er on the cruise. **Mona Preuss** visited San Fran recently to see her son, daughters, their



1938: Bill & Betsy Vail; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bliss



1938: 50th Reunion—Vic & Audrey Warren



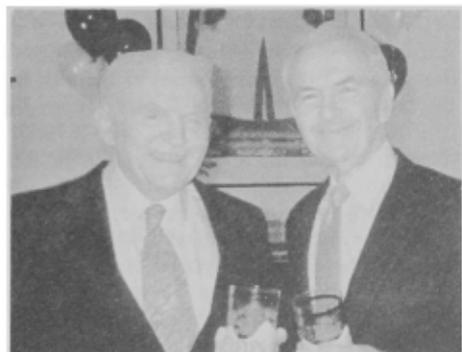
1938: Vince & Bobby Elmore; Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill



1938: Ft McNair luncheon—Izenours and Thackeray



1938: Classmates in Saigon: Thompson, Lotz, Machen, Sternberg, York, McHaney, 1964



1938: Fred Dean and Jim Taylor, Hilton Head Dec 87



1938: 50th Reunion—Pitchfords, Ole Danielson and son Ole



1938: Dick Stilwell, speaker at Founders Day, Ft Benning

My sad duty to report that **Littleton Pardue** died at Hopkinsville, KY on 5 Oct. More in next column.

'39

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Just a few short mos until the 50th Reunion! **Gene Trahan** reports on responses received to the Jul questionnaire: number of respondents, 241, incl 18 widows; plan to attend, 170 principals or a total with spouses of 325; orders for 50th reunion pin, 131; king size beds requested, 61. Most classmates plan to arrive 16 May; depart 20 May. You should expect to receive a follow-up letter the mid of Jan giving further details incl instructions for direct reservation of rooms from the Holidome (comm has already made a block commitment.)

**Ed Hamilton** reports on **Geo Pickett's** run for Alex, VA city council seat. "In his first race ever for elective off, without previous exposure or name recognition, Geo came within several hundred votes of winning a seat out of a total vote of over 15,000 in a jurisdiction with a substantial Democratic majority." He is to be complimented.

**Ed** said the picnic scheduled last summer at **Steve Mancuso's** place in Fredericksburg was cancelled because of the illness of Steve's son-in-law. Instead, on 25 Jun, 28 classmates and friends sipped wine and feasted on filet mignon at the Dominion Winery near Culpepper

spouses and her grandchildren. Later she visited her brother in L.A.

Our 50th produced so many newsworthy items and pictures that many others had to be omitted or deferred due to space limitations. Here are some older pictures of interest.

where **Jim Collins** has a proprietary interest. The annual WP/Annapolis '39 joint luncheon was held 20 Nov.

He sent along 3 letters and notes. The first from **Carole Dietz Potts** writing for **Joe** to announce the death of **Vi** who passed away in Aug after a mercifully brief battle with lung cancer. She said **Joe** was doing very well, still in their house and keeping things looking well. **Joe** has an eye condition which makes writing difficult. Drop **Joe** a line or card, he'll be glad to hear from you.

**Sleepy Coleman** wrote **Ham**, "Sorry I can't meet with you on your visit to this area. My young son asked if I could come down to Pasadena to help prepare a house for moving. Have to remove the porch, kitchen cabinets, heating and AC etc. Anyway, **Claire & I** hope to see you at the 50th." And **John Dickerson** answered **Ed's** appeal for "Pickett for Council." He said this yr was a political yr for his family as well. His daughter-in-law ran for the Rye, NY school board on 3 May. Didn't quite know how she would find the time, if elected, as she is juggling two jobs (partner in a Manhattan branch of a Philadelphia law firm and assoc prof in law at St Johns U) plus a husband and two daughters, 4 and 3. "But," he said, "As you know fathers-in-law are seldom asked for advice."

**Dickerson** also wrote **Nina & me** expressing his disappointment at missing us in Green Valley with the **Jameses** and the **Maxwells**, whilst we were traipsing around eastern Europe. He said his illness during the late fall and early winter of 87 was a recurrence of lung emboli from which he suffered during the preceding winter. He was hospitalized for 6 wks this time, followed by 5 more in a recuperation center. Still gets out of breath when he exerts himself or talks too much. And true to his habit, **John** sent along a pic of **Erna & Elder James** and **Max & Nancy**.



1939: Elder & Erna James, JB & Nancy Maxwell

**Geo Winton** wrote **Clyde Sutton** that, in late Jul, he & **Lucille** would be vacationing in Mexico with their two granddaughters. **Clyde** began his 30th yr with the Atlanta City Court last Sep.

**Bea Crandall** wrote that this yr, as usual, 5 classmates would get together

for a tailgate party at all of **Army's** home games before, and dinner at the club after. They are **Newcomers** and **Hulls** from NJ; **Krismans** from Highland Falls; **Hunsbedt** from NY; **Riel** and **Bea** from CT. They have a marvelous time and we envy them.

**Jim Roosa** wrote a short note requesting **Trahan's** address. He had lost his folder on the 50th. But he'll be there. From **Gene's** report in the first para above, it looks like we will have a good turnout. Any who have not contacted **Trahan** yet, better do so. And remember **Norm Farrell's** offer of confidential assistance through the President's Fund, if needed. We'd like to see everybody, physically able.

On our way home from Spokane, WA last Aug, traveling down the coastal highway in our RV through the beautiful redwoods of No CA, we decided to stop at San Rafael to see the **Royces** and hope to find **Matt & Bel Smith** at home, which we did. **Matt** gave his banker's explanation of how much this new catastrophic health protection from Medicare is going to cost us. We had a cool drink and then all posed for pictures.



1939: MC Smith, Kepple and Royce



1939: Bel & Matt Smith

After a few wks back in Green Valley, we took off by air for VA and the East Coast, where we celebrated our youngest granddaughter's first birthday, and visited my son **Dave** and his family in Winston-Salem. **Norm Farrell** arranged a luncheon at Laporte Restaurant in Alexandria on 29 Aug attended by **Dickman**, **Dawley**, **Farrell**, **Gallagher**, **Kepple**, **Kunzig**, **PJ Long**, **McCaffrey**, **McClellan**, **Pickett**, **Trahan**, **Troiano**. The superb

lunch was exceeded only by the congeniality of the company. It was reported



1939: Pickett, Trahan, Dawley; 29 Aug, Alexandria, VA



1939: Farrell, Dickman and Trahan; 29 Aug



1939: Gallagher and Troiano



1939: PJ Long, McCaffrey, Kunzig, Gallagher, McClellan

at the luncheon that **Preston** was making a remarkable recovery from his second stroke; that **McDavid** was also recuperating from an illness at WRAMC.

I spent a few days with my son **Jack** and grandson **Steven** in VA, then drove

down to Leonardtown, MD where we had lunch at the nearby Navy club with **Earle & Mary Lurette**. They are both doing well. Earle has a new boat with which he is very pleased, and a lovely house which he designed himself yrs ago right down to the scroll work on the cupboards, and the turning of the spindles in the stair railings.



1939: Lurette and his boat



1939: Nina Kepple, Earle and Mary Lurette

It was a delightful summer and now we will rest up for the 50th Reunion. Y'all come!

'40

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Back in Aug when I put together the copy for the '40 notes in the Oct ASSY, I took a small risk and wrote in advance my description of how the 28 Sep Carmel mini-reunion was going to turn out. Now, as I look back, those notes were fairly accurate—there were about 200 present; accommodations and arrangements were very good; and the troops really had a fine time. What I didn't anticipate in those *previi* notes was how much detailed planning **Sam & Kim Webster, Ed & Sarah Hoover**, and all the rest of their comm had done. Touches like the reproduction of the clocktower at the dinner dance (see photo of the **Pidgeons**) or having **Ernie (the Hook) Easterbrook '31** on hand to sit with I Co at the initial buffet supper. The really big worry left over from the Mini-88 is what we can do for an encore.

**Frank Devlin** called to say he was back



1940: Elaine & John Pidgeon arranged the Mini-88 dinner dance



1940: Bryce & Sherry Denno and Jack Kenney at the Carmel mini

from Carmel and leaving soon for WP to do some research in the library stacks. Frank has for some yrs collected steel engravings of landscapes around WP. One of his art dealers recently called him to say she had found an engraving c. 1839 of a view along the parapet of Ft Clinton, with the Kosciusko Monument we know. However this engraving is entitled "Tomb of Kosciusko." Frank wants to see if he can confirm or deny whether the grave is beneath the monument.



1940: Carey O'Bryan, JJ Smith and Pete Kramer at Carmel mini

**Wing & Naomi Jung** brought to Carmel a letter from **Casti Castillo**, who sent regrets that **Amor** & he would not be at Mini-88. The Castillos are a) building a house to replace the one that they've lived in for 40 yrs on the UP campus; b) postponing a trip to the US until Feb, when daughter **Alma** is expecting a baby in Foster City, CA; and c) expecting some litigation about their fish pond

about the same time as the mini. The new Castillo address is 32 Maayusin St, UP Village, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines.

The photo of the Castillos was taken at their 40th (ruby) wedding anniv in Jul.



1940: Casti & Amor Castillo at their 40th anniv last Jul

**Casti** went on to say that **Amor** has just ret as dean of the UP College of Pharmacy, so that, after they solve the foregoing problems, they expect to make relatively frequent and extended visits to the US to count grandchildren and, for example, to attend the 50th at WP.

**Dave Crocker** wrote that the WP Soc of Rindge, NH held its very first meeting in Jun. **Joe Leedom** was the youngest grad present; **Crocker** was the oldest—and the other—grad present. Each spoke extemporaneously in the lighthearted manner befitting former roommates who hadn't met in about 47 yrs and had much to cover. Further meetings aren't yet scheduled but are certainly anticipated.



1940: Mel Rosen and Zeke Summers at Carmel mini

**Thad & Jean Nosek** sent a postal from Rome in Oct saying they'd celebrated mass with the Pope; had a special audience with him; and had ventured through the Roman Forum, on Palatinate Hill, and in the Catacombs. When **Thad** gets back from Italy, he plans to work on a special report to the Class reviewing the plans for the 50th.

**Sam & Kiki Goodwin** wrote from the Crossed Sabers Ranch in Aug to say that **Bill & Kathy Porte** were at that time using the Goodwin guest house as a base

of ops for a series of evenings at the Santa Fe opera. The Portes weren't the only travelers; Sam & Kiki had left in mid-Jun to spend 4 wks in the USSR. Sam gave his impressions of the visit, "Fascinating, grueling, revealing; different standards, repression of ambition and initiative; positive changes, new revolution of rising expectations. We saw magnificent Czarist palaces, gardens and cathedrals; sensed cultural differences between republics; experienced sometimes friendly, usually introverted people living austere, monotonous, controlled lives; were aware of a popular new leader who promises democracy, decentralization of economic control, some personal independence and increasing consumer products. COL Herman Beukema informed us correctly on Soviet communism in 39-40, but his description will no longer be accurate by the turn of the century. If you have an opportunity, by all means, GO!"



1940: Stew McKenney conducts choir practice at the Carmel mini

John Aber wrote last Aug to say, "I just finished talking with Effie Murphy; I used to run into Ed often when we were both working for Rockwell Intl and, later, for Hughes Helicopters. We're both now ret for the 3rd time and occasionally get in touch, like during the holidays. I was saddened to learn last Christmas that Ed has Alzheimer's disease. This began about 3 yrs ago and got progressively worse. He's now in a rest home and recognizes no one—not even his son, who recently returned from Japan to see him. Effie is bearing up quite well and said it was OK to pass this word to the Class. I'll let you know if there's any change."

I'm happy to report a note from Ed Wynne, with an announcement that he & Raye Daniel Wynne were married at Patrick AFB on 20 Aug. Ed went on to say that they would miss the mini in CA to spend 5 wks in Greece and the Aegean. We welcome Raye to the Class and note that their new address is 406 Park Side Pl, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937. A related comment on this news came from Harmon & Dorothy Rimmer, who said the wedding is viewed as the big social event of the season in the



1940: Sam Webster was the honcho of Carmel's Mini-88



1940: Ed & Raye Wynne after their wedding, 20 Aug

Indian River/Cape Canaveral area.

Jack Wright wrote that he's "keeping busier than I really should in a number of hereditary societies. I'm gov gen of the Order of the Founders and Patriots of America. Further, I'm now off to the annual mtg of the MOWW in Milwaukee." Jack went on to note that his book *Captured on Corregidor*, based on his diary during more than 3 yrs as a POW, has finally been published, 42 yrs after he wrote it.

A number of the Class in the DC area recently attended a memorial service on 14 Oct for Tom Hargis at the Ft Myer chapel, followed by graveside services at Arlington. Helene had arranged for the services, on the anniv of Tom's death 9 yrs ago, after her recovery from injuries in an auto accident in Tucson earlier this yr.

I'm sorry to report a couple of items of bad news. First Otis Ulm died in St Petersburg, FL on 21 Aug. We offer our deep sympathy to Maggie, who can be reached at their home at 5980 Shore Blvd So, #112, Gulfport, FL 33707.

Also, a phone call from Chet Freudendorf reported that his former roommate, Jim Shelley, died 9 Oct in the Bethesda Naval Hosp in DC after a hard battle with an aggressive type of lymphoma. We send our sincere condolences to Doris, who can be reached at their home at 2206 North Vienna St, Ruston, LA 71270.

Marge & I send our very best wishes to each of you for a gala Holiday Season and for a happy and successful New Year.

'41

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Fall in CO is always spectacular, and this yr Mars did us the favor of coming closer to Earth than it will for a long time, and Jack Horkheimer, The Star Hustler, has taught us to become planet watchers. This has been more enjoyable than some other things like the feeling of Olympic disequilibrium as we watched NBC's cheap shots at our fine South Korean friends. Drugs, politicized judging, coaches who failed to get their charges to events on time and our team's raunchy entry could hardly have made this an autumn to savor.

But we still have American athletes we can be very proud of. At the conclusion of the AF-Navy game we watched something that I have never seen before in service academy football. At the end of the game in which Navy's just-one-yr-old wishbone made the game a cliff hanger, the players mixed on the field in a noticeably cordial expression of good will, then, the Navy squad assembled in front of their stands with the Falcon squad just behind them—all standing at attention with their helmets off. Instead of a cheer, the Midshipman Drum and Bugle Corps played while the Middies sang *Navy Blue and Gold*. Then the two teams moved over to face the AF stands while the Flight of Sound played and the cadets sang *A Toast to the Host*. It was highly reminiscent of our days when our team would assemble after each game and receive a "Long Corps." Those of us in the stands were moved and hope this will become a service academy tradition.

It is nice to have some happy news to report. Peter & Tulah Crow's daughter, LT Elizabeth Rainey Crow, was married to Mr Robert Perkins of Alexandria, VA on 3 Sep at Christ Episcopal Church in San Ant. After a honeymoon on Maui the couple will reside in Alexandria where the bride is asgnd to Andrews AFB, MD. A phone call from a friend reported the bride radiant and Pete & Tulah walking off the ground!

Our CO Springs Chapter has had some most welcome visitors: Roger & Connie Lawson stopped over for a visit with Mal & Alma Troup en route to the West Coast. Alma had a lovely dinner party for them; Tom & Jean Corbin were there, and I learned that they both grew up in Milledgeville, GA with one of the top offs in my WWII sq. Art Tennille, who would have been in our Class at WP but for a congressional appointment, was KIA on one of his last required missions while checking out a green crew.

Coming to the Rockies for a reunion of the 10th Inf Regt, was Stan Hays. During Beast Barracks manual of arms drill, you



1941: 10th Inf Regt Reunion—Stan Hays

soon learned not to fall in near Stan. He had captained the Pershing Rifles Team at the U of KY and his manual was better than members of the detail. As the crack of his sling resounded throughout the S Bks area, you tried to find a spot near the Awkward Squad as a refuge. We had a great visit and he promised to bring along lovely Eva on his next trip.

Because she is a member of the Board of the Falcon Foundation which meets every yr at the AF Academy during the Navy or Army game weekend, Skip Brown was here. However, the scheduling is very tight because she flies out and back with the C/S, and the meeting of her board takes all day Fri with a banquet that night. The game is the next day and after the game the ch and his party of VIP's flies back to Andrews. Although we could not see her, we talked and she sounded great and said her family is fine.

In mid-Aug, Rog & Ann Neumeister ROned on a last min decision. They had taken a summer junket to visit family in ME. "Shortly after our arrival we received a notice from Buck Buchanan about Jean's death. We drove down to WP to attend the service; Ralph Upton flew in from MI; Buck was there with son Rick and his family. Jean is resting under a beautiful beech tree. The memorial service was perfect."

Rog went on to report a wkend stop with the Dixons joined by Peg & Dick Scott plus Terry & Curt Chapman. Next stop was in Kansas City where they had dinner with Pat & Justine Tansey. Pat plans to ret next summer to devote more time to golf. Says Roger, "I don't see how; he had played 54 holes on the wkend just before we arrived!"

Speaking of golf, Ben Spiller sent a clip of the 50th reunion of his Western HS championship golf team. Horace Brown wrote to state that he & Chick, "Are about to become young again—our 16 yr old granddaughter, Amy, John's older child, will return from Ger to take her last two yrs of HS living with us. John has extended to become XO, 3d Bde, 3d Inf and is on the LTC list."

Jack Christensen phoned to report that an inurnment service for Arnold Hoebeke took place at the Presidio of S.F. on 19 Aug. Betty was delighted with the



1941: Newlyweds Brenda & Wally Lauterbach—here for the Dave Gauvreau Memorial

setting, the flat marble headstone and the presence of 14 members of her family plus Vince & Roberta Carlson, Jack & Muriel Christensen, Matt & Bert Harrison, Babe & Marge Hendrickson, Bob & Delores Tuttle. After the ceremony they rallied at the club for a toast to Arnold.



1941: Walt Mather Jr '67 assuming cmd of the 1st Bde, 24th ID at Ft Stewart

COL Walter E Mather Jr assumed his new duties as a bde cmdr, 24th Inf, Ft Stewart with very proud parents looking on. In his last asgmt at the AWC, young Walter wrote a paper entitled "Peace is Not My Profession; Deterrence Is Not My Mission;" it appeared in *Armed Forces Journal International*/Jun 88. It propounds a most interesting thesis: "It is time for the mil professional to return to the true colors of his profession, that of war, and to recognize his mission of war-fighting. Conversely, peace and deterrence are not central to us as soldiers; that is the mission of our appointed and elected civ leaders."

Butch Rising sent a copy of the "Armed Forces Commissioning Ceremony" from Brigham Young Univ—it took place 23 Apr under the auspices of the PMS, LTC John Norton, Jr. The guest speaker was Jack Norton who, according to Butch, "was neat and most inspiring. Cheyney was able to travel to Provo for the special occasion." The Risings have their home up for sale and have decided that Phoenix is it. During their reconnaissance they talked to Herb Clendening and had a "wonderful evening with the hospitable John &



1941: Newlyweds Al & Louise Hayduk—here for the Dave Gauvreau Memorial

Libby Oswald."

The casualty list continues to be one of the tough parts of this job. Delly McMullan, after a gallant fight over several yrs, died on 7 Sep at the Santa Rosa Nursing Home in Tucson. Herb Clendening and John Oswald represented the Class at the service. You'll recall that Judy passed away about a mo before.

Ruth Gurnee had a fall on the wet tile of her pool and suffered a severe head injury, according to Jack Christensen. Despite several wks in the ICU she passed away, was cremated and her ashes scattered on the waves of the Pacific as had been done with Bill. Her daughter, Ms Andree Walter, can be reached at 24731 Choke Cherry Ln, Newhall, CA 91321.

And Steve Plume reported that Henry Irwin, after a long session with an aneurism, died in his apt in Southbury, CT. Steve's daughter is in touch with Henry's daughter, Leslie. Details will follow.



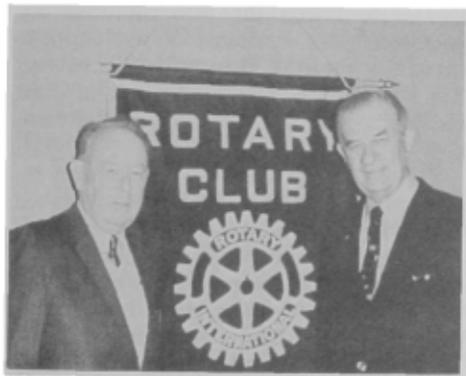
1941: Visiting former CoSpites George & Betty McIntyer add a special sparkle to our evening together

And Paul Pique is ill with Alzheimer's. Biss Moore phoned to say it was very serious. Teresa's address is 2125 Lake St, San Francisco, CA 94121.

Johnny Brooks is using his trusty computer to compose an up-to-date Class roster complete with home addresses (two for some of us) and phone numbers. This is a job with massive numbers of numbers, and they must be impeccable or the mighty postal system will use the "Return to Sender." Once he has this

index on his compact floppy, we will be blessed with a master. If there is a typo in your data, please notify Johnny and he'll have it corrected instantly!

The book continues to make good progress and we should pick up speed now that we have **John Callaway**, **Barney Woodruff**, **Lynn Lee** and **Bob Tarbox** ready to help with the word processing. And the results from **Jean Moody's** letter to the widows has been outstanding. Almost immediately after Jean's letter was mailed, I received long, long distance calls from **Karma Gleason**, **Ruth Winfree**, and **Patti Locke** saying that they now understood what was needed and were happy to be able to respond. Others who have "checked into the net" are **Martha Anderson**, **Molly Brown**, **Lois Gould**, **Eloise Levy**, **Lucy Cooper**, **Helyn deJonckheere**, **Ann McElroy**, **Jeannie Shadday**, **Dort Rastetter**, **Skip Brown**, **Margaret (Starr) Chaney**, and **Judy (Tyler) Hay**. We have also made contact with **Lenore (Gillis) Mudge**, **Jane (Kromer) Poor**, and **Edee (Durr) Gartleman**, all of whom are pleased with what has been written, and will send appropriate pictures and an update on the family.



1941: Commissioning formation for Army and AF ROTC—Butch Rising and Jack Norton

**Tom Cleary** has completed the obit on **Jim Strain** and **Terry** is delighted with it; **Paul Gray** has done a marvelous job on the obits of **Bill Gillis** and **Ernie Durr**. Cleary has also composed the bio on **Bill Vaughan** which is outstanding. The co reps continue to do a wonderful job. This past wk, I received phone calls from **John Clark** and **Fred Stanford**—guys I had not heard from for a very long time. They are both ready and eager to "get with it." I had never known before that **John Clark** lost a son in RVN who was flying his *second* tour as an F-4 pilot. We plan a special treatment in the book for our sons who were KIA in that wretched environment. And **Dan Tate**, **Joe's** brother, completed the *ASSEMBLY* obituary on **Joe** and it appears in this issue in time for the dedication of the **Tate Rink**.

Bio inputs have been received from **Andy Evans**, **Bob Lanigan**, **Steve Plume**, **George Johnson**, **Burnside Huffman**,

**Clare Armstrong**, **Al Snyder**, **John Richards**, **Will Vaughan**, and **Sy Coker**.

**Jim & Lou Carrol**, **Kay & I** would like to thank the many classmates for their prayers and good wishes for our daughters, **Meg Hinds** and **Marnie Andrus**. Both ladies are putting up a valiant fight against cancer and leukemia, and they are presently responding to the chemo despite its rigor.



1941: Roommates Harry H Ellis and Ed Buttery—an "F" Co Special Mini

**POTPOURRI:** **Harry V Ellis** wrote a long and interesting letter about his visit to his old roommate, **Ed Buttery**. They held an "F" Co mini in **Rising Star, TX**, where Ed has a thriving pecan farm. Ed is not well and lives in **San Angelo** with access to the **USAF base hosp**. Ed's son, **Edwin Jr**, manages the ranch. Said Harry, "It was a joy to see Ed again. I had seen him only once in 66 at **Belvoir**. I hope to get him to the 50th Reunion!"

**Pooge Curtis** is back at **Las Cruces** after a follow-up procedure on his throat, but he still cannot swallow and must go back to **Wilford Hall** in **Nov**. He continues to be very tough and positive about his difficult situation, Bless his Heart!

**Dick Travis & Tad** are back at their haven in **Chapala** after the hectic heat of a **San Ant** summer. **Stan Hays** reported the 20 Sep *mixed* Class luncheon at **McNair** a grand success. He & **Eva** sat with the **Woodruffs**, **Deanes** and **Woody Garrett**. The mixed luncheon gave rave reports.

In our golden yrs we still have more to be thankful for than to dread. There are solid young people still performing the mission of our profession. Service academy athletes make us proud. And we have the jolly face of **Jack Horkheimer**, the **Star Hustler**, admonishing us to "Keep Looking Up!"

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'42

And here we go again—thankfully with plenty of input from you white hat guys aware of the increased publication schedule.

From **Bill & Mary Gernert**, who have

been having the usual spate of house guests, an occurrence that those living in garden spots must become accustomed to! Among them was a fellow Rotarian from **South Africa** who does not confirm press accounts of life in his homeland. To **Reno** for a wk of reune with **Bill's WW II** bomb gp. Next to **OH** where he mc'd his **HS** class assemblage, and they visited **Mary's** ailing mother. (Bill's mother finally succumbed to many yrs of illness in **Feb**.) A wk in **Vail** followed, with all 4 kids, their spouses and 11 grandchildren! Fortunately, they had rented 5 condos so that grandma & grandpa could seek respite when needed! Young **Bill** is now **COL, USAF, Ret** (can it be?!?) and works for **Martin Marietta** in **Denver**. **Pappy Garvin & Julie** happily reported that son **Honie** is remarried. And **Joe Hennessee** advised that he & **Marie** were thoroughly enjoying their new swimming pool and tearing up the golf course.

Aforesaid **Pappy Garvin** allowed as how they had really enjoyed the **Baker** bash in **ME**, as well as all of those who came from far and near to participate. He forwarded a clipping from the **St Augustine** paper, courtesy of **Dan Tate**, who was being interviewed regarding the naming of the **USMA** hockey rink for his two older brothers—our **Honie** and **Joe** of '41. Pappy hoped to attend the dedication in **Oct**—which bit of travel seemed entirely appropriate inasmuch as he & **Julie** have been in the 4 corners of the **US** plus **HI & AK** this yr.

**Larry Caruthers** sez that **May & Nancy Hunter** put on another 3.0 picnic for the '42 wives—and assorted hangers-on. The 2 gallons of **Bloody Marys** consumed may well have helped assure success! **Andy & Helen Low** participated, heading for **Cleveland** (them senior **AF** pilots do have a problem without a navigator) where **Andy** was to have an op on his hand. **Larry & May** also enjoyed the **Castine** clambake, finding it a great chance to really visit, something that our usual frantic encounters rarely provide time for! Rumor has it that **Carl Ulsaker** was so inspired by the salt air that he shot hisself a hole in one! Also included was news that the **Crittenbergers** have bought a home with dock on the river in **Oxford, MD**. It's near **Jackie** and 2 grandsons. Not specified as to whether this implies a permanent change of station.

**Fred & Anne Rosell** ventured from **OH** to **CA** in their new '73 **VW Superbeetle**. Other than a series of push-starts, a new battery, a new speedometer cable and a new voltage regulator, all went well—although I don't think they're calling the **Beetle** super any more! A brief phone conversation with **Carl & Doris Hinkle** while in that area, but no luck in raising the **Lumpkins**. They visited family in **Phoenix** and **L.A.** where they took time out from working on **Fred's** house

when son Kerry flew them out to Catalina. Back via Vegas and Zion, Bryce and Red Canyons before a stop in Salt Lake City where **Chief Hinckley** joined them for breakfast.



1942: Chief Hinckley presents a bag of his homegrown cherries to Anne Rosell

Fly Ely checked in with word that **Jeff Davis**, **Jim Newman** and **Bob Terry** had gone up to WP in connection with the Class gift. They met with **Ec Cutler** and spent most of the day visiting the Terrace and talking with USMA staff and AOG reps. **Bill Hamilton** had been struck with an infection of the throat which sidelined him from any heated discussions for a spell, while **Gloria** suffered a severe cut on her leg from a fall. **Dave Clagett** had been having problems with phlebitis. What goes when we juveniles have so many woes?!?

**Jeff Davis** tells me that our '42 Terrace is cited in a booklet containing guidelines for WP memorials as one of 10 exemplary examples. He & **Dottie** were off on a Scandinavian cruise, to be followed by some time in London and points north.

**Buck Tarver** wrote that he'd had a moderate (seemed more than that to him) heart attack, resulting in his being scheduled for a triple bypass in Sep. Their oldest son, a surgeon, offered a no-fee second opinion confirming the need for the op! No subsequent word so I presume that all went well, and Buck can now fret over what a 4-6 mo hiatus will do to his golf game! Youngest son, Tom III, has completed his 3d yr at Oxford U, reportedly having received the highest grade ever given to a Yank!

**Bob Terry** asked that I urge all of you to provide input regarding the Class gift. The comm is eager to have not only your pledges but also your comments and additional suggestions. Please don't wait until the decision is made to make yourself heard!

**Poncho Palfrey** had the pleasure of taking Tom Galloway Fergusson & wife Beverly to dinner. Found them, and Uncle Larry Galloway who was over for a visit, delightful. Poncho gets glowing reports on their daughter from a friend who is headmaster of the school she attends.

**Al & Nancy Hunter** went on a two-wk safari in Kenya with **Al Thompson** and his sister Betty. With Nancy's 500 snapshots and Betty's video, they're all set to compete with *National Geographic*! The trip was a fabulous success, if you can overlook a night sleeping in your jogging clothes and no Right Guard!



1942: Kenya top this—Al & Nancy Hunter with Al Thompson and sister astride the Equator

**Barbara & I** timed our visit to DC for the '42 picnic at the **Cockrells**. The Elys had to beg off after **John** had a problem during a stress test at Walter Wonderful. The **Robinsons** had to scratch when **Chardy** turned up on the sick list. The **Rices** found a change in **Hal's** travel plans incompatible with their attendance. A light drizzle had helped to break the heat wave and make for a comfortable evening. Gardeners **Al Hunter**, **Jerry Snow** and **Peggy Ford** provided homegrown tomatoes to dress up the salad which accompanied a well-catered dinner. **Peggy** also baked pans of cheese crispies for the snackers. Under **Bill Ford's** guidance with **Jeff's** video and **John Westenhoff's** slides, the soiree was enjoyed by **Larry & Jane Adams**, **George Allin**, **Chuck Bortell** & daughter, **Bob & Marcie Bringham**, **Larry & May Caruthers**, **Bob & Ali Clagett**, **Possum & Frances Claggett**, **Jim & Norma Cockrell** (I hope!), **Jeff & Dottie Davis**, **Ed & Mary Farrington**, **Pete & Juanita Flor-Cruz**, **Bill & Peggy Ford**, **Bill & Gloria Hamilton**, us, **Bill & Mary Ann Harrell**, **George & Ann Hesselbacher**, **Ben & LaVerne Hill**, **Al & Nancy Hunter**, **Doc & Enid Hyde**, **Sam & Cherie Koster**, **Bill & Helen Kraft**, **Andy & Helen Low**, **Charlie & Lee Mizell**, **Jim Newman**, **John Reid**, **John & Shirley Sheffey**, **John & Marie Sitterson**, **Howie & Chris Slaton**, **Jerry & Mary Snow**, **Bob & Nomie Terry**, **Carl & Pat Ulsaker**, **Larry & Mickey Vogel**, **Marsh & Sylvia Waller**, **John Watson** & guest, **John & Dodie Westenhoff**, **Phil & Marg Wyman**, **Rene Murray** & guest, **Ginnie Nickodem** & guests plus two young bucks who stirred our corpuscles—and our envy—**Jonathan Ulsaker** and cadet buddy **Dave Converse**. As an extra, **Marsh & Sylvia Waller** displayed their collection of newspaper and magazine items featuring the number 42.

Although most of us have known it to be magical for the past 50 years, they have the printed proof!

A lengthy letter from **Jim Studer** as a result of my forwarding the commercial pix of our 45th. He did have to stretch his imagination a bit to recognize some of us, but was very gentle in getting that message across! **Jim** was to have a visit to DC on his holiday, with only **Doc Hyde** on his agenda. I cheated, advised the gang, and as a consequence, **Doc & Charlie Mizell** planned a luncheon, with all the locals invited. Hope it was a sellout! **Jim** is deeply involved in creating a "theology of healing," with countless hrs of study, and his experience with the critically ill as the basis. He sent me a paper entitled "The Evolutionary Worldview and Theology of Healing," a study of great depth and scholarship which I have read several times and admire for its content, as I strive to absorb it. **Jim** has more articles in the pipeline, and evinces great excitement over having found a worthy avenue for his studies and his beliefs.

**Ray O'Neal** has had responses regarding the 47 1/2 Reune from about a half of you, with 100 or so on the affirmative side. I'm certain that the 100 includes my gentle readers, but what do you suppose the others are waiting for?? Cruising down the San Ant River may not be afloat on the Rhine, but considering the company involved, it ain't bad!!

**Dave Clagett** sent an after-action report on the G Co go-getters venture via Canadian Rail. He & **Edith**, **George & Jane Buck**, **Norma & Jim Cockrell**, **Jack Cockrill**, **Al & Nancy Hunter**, **Helen Marshall**, **Jack & Jane Rose** and **Dick & Ann Wise**, joined by honorary gnomes **Larry & May Caruthers** and abetted by **George Allin's** travel expertise, had themselves a time. **Larry Lahm** and bride **Phyllis** joined them for their stop-over in Banff. The only threat to intl relations arose when Canadians, in a fruitless search for seats in the club car, were convinced that the Yanks had made a secret acquisition!



1942: Jack Cockrill and Helen Marshall celebrate the conclusion of the G Co fun-fest

**Carl Ulsaker** has been busy keeping me informed about '42's social doings in



1942: Jane Rose, Jack & Edith Clagett rotate in a restaurant high above Vancouver

DC. The Nov bash was moved from Bolling to the ANCC to partake of the fabulous Sun nite buffet and live music. Seems that Charlie Mizell had to do some special pleading to get the rowdy gp in the door! Carl & Pat anticipated being joined by Larry & Jane Adams, Fly & Dimi Ely and Andy & Helen Low in Ireland for the Army-BC game. Carl also sent info re the Class gift. Looks like enhancement of the Terrace has 1st priority. Then, if you guys and gals dig deep enough, other projects can be considered. Co reps have been appointed so beware of unexpected inquiries about your net worth! Ulsakers' son Jonathan is pres of the Russian Club, a member of the varsity rifle team, and as a firstie, has a phone in his room! As our sage, Andy Low, says, "The Corps hasn't gone to hell; it's gone to heaven!"

Cited in a recent Jacoby bridge column was the bidding of **Betty Kennedy** in a Women's Pairs event. Come on, **Jack**; try harder!

Jim Landrum '36 (when you're ret, you can address your Tacs familiarly) has *Howitzers* available, to include '42. All he asks is the cost of distribution. Call him at (808) 924-8516 or write to MG James E Jr at 3003 Kalakaua Ave 5A, Honolulu, HI 96815. Send your name, address, phone # and advise method of transmission.

AOG sent a list of scribes who have served at least 5 yrs. Appropriately enough, Ken Zitzman '32 leads the list as he has been turning out his incomparable prose for 42 years!! All of us aspire to emulate his work! Burt Andrus '41 has 38 years under his belt. And at long last, I am ret eligible with 30!

And as I close comes the sad word that E Co lost a stalwart in early Oct when **Bill Zimmerman** died of a heart attack in San Ant. Services were held there, with **Johnny** and the children in attendance. Our condolences to all.

I remind you that deadlines come with increasing frequency so when you have something to pass along, please do so ASAP. Thanks to all who have kept me afloat! Have a very Merry and a Happy—and make plans for San Antone!

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It wasn't Jun-in-Jan; it was Jan-in-Sep as some 85 of us plus wives, friends and a few grandchildren assembled at WP on 29 Sep to celebrate the 45th anniv of our mid-winter graduation in '43. With many thanks to **Joe Benson** (our Class pres and reunion planner/organizer/master of ceremony) & his wife **Nancy**, the reunion was a "smashing" success from the initial spirited cocktail/buffet at the Ramada Inn in Newburgh on the evening of the 29th to the final breakfast farewells on the morning of 2 Oct. During our bus meeting on the morning of 30 Sep,



Jan '43: Joe & Nancy Benson dancing to the "big-band combo" at our 45th Reunion

• **John Norris** (Class secy) reported that 262 classmates (of the 409 of us who graduated) are still "alive-and-kicking," though we have lost 26 since our 40th reunion at WP in 83.

• **Charlie Heltzel** (Class treas) advised us that we currently have some \$20K in our Class Fund.

• **Bill Knowlton** (chm of our 50th Anniv Gift Comm) announced that, "thanks to the generosity of those classmates who have contributed \$500 or more to our Gift/Admin accts in the WP Fund and those who are contributing on a regular basis, we are now about halfway to our goal." According to Bill, the following classmates have joined our "\$500-plus Club" since the listing in the last edition of our Class notes in *ASSEMBLY*: **Ken Buell, Bob Cook, Paul Croonquist, Bill Cucolo, Fred King, Bob Hillman, Hoppo May, Bill Myers, and Roy Sanders.**

• **Pete Grimm** (chm of our Class Memorial Book Staff) highlighted some of the info contained in his Sep letter to each of us on the status of our 50th anniv Memorial Book. As Pete pointed out, the book "will not be a sequel to our 25-yr book ("Three Wars Later"). It will stand alone as a memorial to our Class—"A Last Hurrah" covering our entire history and individual careers of both the living and the dead. Pete's target is "to com-

plete the book during 92, except for the section on our 50th reunion," which will be added last. In this context, Pete requests your biographical sketch for the Memorial Book by 1 Mar 89. An outline for your sketch is included in Pete's letter, so "let's get cracking!"

• **Tut Frakes**, with the able assistance of members of the AOG staff, described the progress that the "comm on the memorialization of the contributions of USMA grads to achievements in avn/air/space" has made. The comm is chaired by **Bob McDermott** and includes both **Jim Frankosky** and **Tut**, who originated the project a number of yrs ago. As currently conceived, the "memorialization" will include an "inspirational foyer and Arnold auditorium in Mahan Hall and an enlarged memorial at Lusk Reservoir." With an estimated 4500 potential contributors, the comm has established a funding goal of \$750K.

Following the bus meeting, we assembled at the old Cadet Chapel "to remember, honor, and give thanks for the lives of those of our Class who are no longer with us." With **Bob Kurtz** presiding as our chaplain and **Joe Benson** assisting, the service was indeed a poignant tribute to our deceased classmates—35 of whom, plus 8 wives and 9 children, are interred in the cemetery adjoining the Chapel and were visited by us as we wound our way among the tombstones.



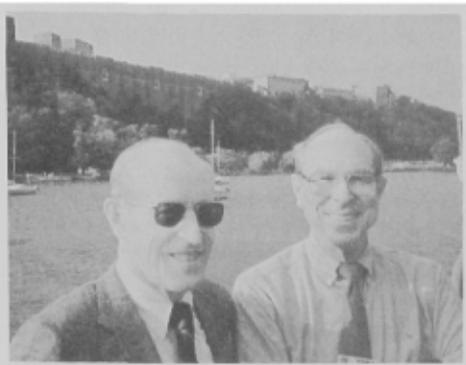
Jan '43: George & Iris Watson in the cemetery at the old Cadet Chapel



Jan '43: Jim & Darlene Huddleston with Harry Pritchett following our "in memoriam" service at the old Cadet Chapel

Then, we moved on to the WP OC for lunch, highlighted by an interesting in-

sight into Academy activities by the Supe himself. The remainder of the day was spent on a tour of selected facilities, a delightful Indian summer boat ride on the Hudson and an evening at local restaurants of our choice. Sat (1 Oct) was



Jan '43: Ted Seith and CQ Croonquist enjoying our Hudson River cruise



Jan '43: Cruising the Hudson with Nygard, Neale, Fiss, Harding and Dannacher



Jan '43: Dave Barger surrounded by a bevy of wives: Ann Buckner, Boots Minckler, Marge Seith, Barbara Barger and Jane Anne Edwards

another Indian summer day during which we assembled on the Plain for a Class photo and the alumni review with our Class "standing tall" next to the Supe and his honored guest (the pres of Bucknell Univ) as the "sr class present"—it was a stirring ceremony against a spectacular backdrop. After lunch with the cadets in Washington Hall, we were off to Michie Stadium to join the Corps in cheering the football team to an overwhelming victory over Bucknell. Then, it was back to the Ramada Inn for a final evening of dining, reminiscing and



Jan '43: Before the alumni review at our 45th reunion with Thompson, Barber and Saylor

dancing to a "big-band-sounding" combo until "the clock struck 12 and we turned into pumpkins." The following morning we bade our farewells and were on our way—until we assemble again for perhaps a mini-reunion somewhere, sometime in 89. Tish & Bob Kurtz have suggested a "fun-for-funds cruise to Bermuda" aboard the *Nordic Prince*, which sails from NYC every Sun. The commission involved in scheduling such a cruise would be contributed to our 50th Anniv Gift Account in the WP Fund. Meanwhile, CQ Croonquist is investigating the possibilities of staging a mini-reunion in the ever-delightful Carmel/Pebble Beach/Monterey area. Are there any other suggestions?

According to Bill Neale, the classmates and wives who attended our 45th Reunion "represented 24 states, including the more distant CA, WA, OR and FL, and are identified as follows: Badens, Barbers, Bangers, Beightlers, Bennetts, Buckners, Ken Buell, Bullards, Burlins, Camms, Jim & Pat Changaris, Vic Cherbak (with two of his very young grandchildren), the Jim J Cobbs, Con-



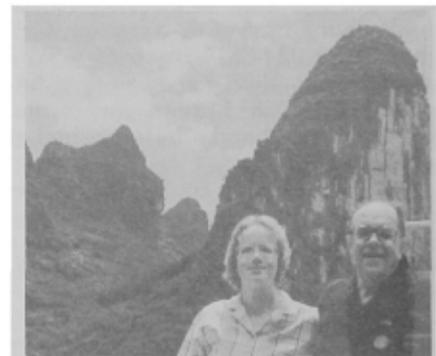
Jan '43: Jim J & Jean Cobb celebrate Cobbo's birthday at our 45th

mys, the Bob Cooks, Croonquists, Cucolos, Dannachers, Degruichys, Dempseys, Dettres, Doyles, Edwards, Elliotts, Fausts, Fenilis, Bob & Barbara Fiss, Flanagans, Flatleys, Tut & Frances Frakes (with their daughter, son-in-law and grandson), Frankoskys, Hank Greenberg, Tom & Betty Griess, Pete Grimm, Hahns, Hardings, Heltzels, Henrys, Hofmanns, Hoods, Hudd-

lestons, Humes, Kings, Knowltons, Bob & Tish Kurtz, Lawrences, Lowes, Lundbergs, George & Edna Maertens, McGoughs, Mincklers, the Danny Moores, Nazzaros, Bill Neale, John & Irene Norris, Nygard, Pages, Petermans, Pritchetts, Rebhs, Darrie & Pat Richards, Ruyffelaeres, Saylers, Jim Schofield, Sebestas, Seiths, Shaws, the Russ Smiths, Bob Smith (with friend Joan Fulton), Buck Stahle, Bill & Mary Dee Starnes, the Don Thompsons, Jack Upchurch, Vleeks, Walkers, Wardells, George & Iris Watson, Wearts, Wehrles, Youngs and the Jack Woods. Also present for only the football game were the Shaffers.

Our congratulations to "Iron Raven" Joe Conmy who, in accordance with the provisions of Army Regulation 600-82, was appointed as the first Honorary Col of the 3rd US (Old Guard) Inf Regt. Joe served as cmdr of the Old Guard from 64-68 (the longest tenure of any Old Guard cmdr) and was honored at a special review at Ft Myer on 21 Sep. As stated in AR 600-82, "the primary mission of an Honorary Col of a regt/corps is to perpetuate the history and traditions of the regt/corps, thereby enhancing unit morale and esprit." So, we now have two Honorary Cols, Joe and Bill Knowlton, whose appt as the Honorary Col of the 40th Arm in Berlin was described in the Jul 88 edition of our Class notes.

Among the recent "China Explorers" in our Class were Harry & Jan Pritchett and "Jacques" & Cecily Wood. The Pritchetts took an 18-day tour which included Beijing, Xian, the Yangtze gorges, Chungking, and Shanghai, while the Woods toured China from Guangzhou to Guilin to Xian to Beijing by rail and air during Jul. According to "Jacques," it



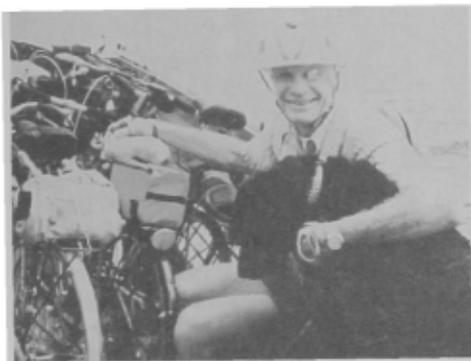
Jan '43: Jack & Cecily Wood on their Li River cruise to Guilin, China

was not only very hot, but also "an endurance contest because China Airline flights were routinely 6-10 hrs late, which resulted in exhausting periods of waiting at airports." Incidentally, "Jacques" & Cecily have acquired two apts on Balboa Isl (San Diego) and a house/cottage in AF Village West in Riverside, CA where they are planning to ret when "Jacques" finally slows down with his Security Arms Co. Mean-

while, Harry Pritchett has formed a new corp (Markex) to develop/market PC-based expert systems software. Harry's daughter (Penny), who is a scuba diver and instructor in the Cayman Isls, will be featured in an article in the Jan 89 issue of the *National Geographic* magazine—just about the time our daughter (Suzie) and son-in-law (John), who trained Penny, will be relocating from their current dive shop in Falls Church, VA to their brand new dive shop (complete with pool) in Fairfax, VA.

Among other "bits and pieces" of info.

• **Otto Benner** was pleased to announce that, despite 9 days of sometimes driving rain and headwinds, the 800-mi cycling trip that he & his wife (Sam) made throughout Nova Scotia at the time of the 45th Reunion at USMA was a big success, with often spectacular scenery and "friendly natives."



Jan '43: Otto Benner crossing the Danube on his bicycling trip from Warsaw to Vienna

• **Frank Kajencki** reported the publication of his latest historical essay on "Charles Radzmininski and the US-Mexican Boundary Survey" in the Jul issue of the *New Mexico Historical Review*. Radzmininski was a Polish em-



Jan '43: Ace & Lorrie Elliott with son John and their new daughter-in-law Maria in Falls Church

igre who, as principal asst surveyor, played a significant role in the demarcation of the US-Mexican border in the 1850's.

• **Russ Smith** advised me that their new address is 64334 East Orangewood Lane, Saddlebrooke, Tucson, AZ 85737.

• **Johnny Nazzaro** is mighty pleased

with his loss of 20 lbs, which brings him to within 2 lbs of his lacrosse-playing days at USMA—though, as John says, "it's distributed a bit differently."

• **Walt Nygard** is happy to display his two artificial knees which, among us in "hip replacement parade" are really surgical achievements!

In closing, we all offer our heartfelt prayers for the recovery of **Jack Armstrong** from debilitating complications that have plagued him since his heart surgery in Jul.

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So long awaited, our glorious 45th Reunion of 22–25 Sep now is past. Our Gate is in place, our bronze crest shines on its east wall limestone plinth, and to all who come and go, our Thayer Gate tower says, "This is West Point." As the golden fall days and the flawless program of the greatest reunion sped by, I sometimes thought, "Am I dreaming? Is it real?" It was, indeed, real; and, for those not fortunate enough to be there, this column will attempt to convey the story and spirit of this magic time. For those who were there, these words can only be a pale reminder of an unforgettable occasion.

At this writing (15 Oct) time has not yet permitted the accumulation of photographs that I hope will come in, but I thank **Grady, Bob McClure, Jack McGregor, Jack Novak, and Wickert** for rallying rapidly to help me with photos and other material, not only for this column, but for the separate article featured elsewhere, on the presentation ceremony. More photos will follow in later issues.

Some members of the Gift and Reunion Comms, weighted down with preparatory responsibilities and poop-sheets, arrived on 20 Sep at the Holiday Inn of Suffern, NY, about 35 mi from WP. With the day's travel and work behind them, this little gp gathered in the cool, dark recesses of the inn's TV lounge for a nightcap. Since it was **Les Hardy's** birthday, we cheered and sang the birthday jingle for him.

Next morning the early birds took to the road to WP in pursuit of various duties with the AOG and post staff, but really to see the Gate. As **Cecile & I** approached through Highland Falls, our first sight of the tower up ahead was truly exciting. At that time, about 48 hrs from the ceremony, the contractor's men and equipment were still on the scene, for some final work remained to be done. As we had our look in and about the tower, **Bill Glasgow** appeared to oversee the emplacement of the limestone plinth on the east wall and the mounting of the Class plaque. "Don't worry," he said,

"Plenty of time." Thus reassured, we went on our way.



Jun '43: Final touches underway, 21 Sep

Thursday, 22 Sep, was the first official reunion day, as **Bill & Nancy Malone**, assisted by **Bernie & Ann Rogers**, the **Covers, Hardys**, and others, opened Reunion Headquarters and set up the reception station near the motel lobby. By noon, the early trickle of arrivals had become a happy flood of classmates, wives and guests.



Jun '43: Bernie & Ann issue name badges

The souvenir program, among other gems, revealed for the first time (in **Glasgow's** statement) the identity of the originator or the Gate idea back in 81: none other than **Kay Galas**! The name badges, featuring a small metal image of the Gate and crest as developed by **Jay Wethe**, were something special. For their production and for the unique table and wall decorations at all our indoor functions, prime credit must, as always, go to the **Malones**.

How many were there? Good question. Most, but not all, stayed at the Suffern Holiday Inn. A few stayed at the Thayer Hotel; a few commuted from NYC or elsewhere nearby; and a few did not arrive until Fri or Sat; and a few left early. The number was never constant. Overall, however, we saw 166 of the 340 then-living classmates and some 175 wives, widows, offspring, and guests. Late regrets from some who had signed up reduced slightly the total expected numbers.

Thur evening's cocktail hr was an excited buzz of greetings as we met with friends too long unseen. It is true that a

good granite tower stands for the ages, but the real heart of a reunion is the renewal of friendships among classmates and families. These friendships and the spirit that built the tower stand even stronger for the ages.



Jun '43: Walker & Sylvia Jamar, Bill Roos



Jun '43: Tom & Mary Jane Foulk with Ginny Schramm

After Thur's dinner, **Lee Hogan** went to the microphone where he, Gift Comm Chm **Jack Morris**, **Bill Glasgow** and **Bud O'Connor** reported to the Class on the status of our gate gift and what we could expect to see on the morrow. Each thanked and praised their comm assts and all who had helped in the long, complex tasks of bringing the gift project into being. Also, two particular guests were introduced—master stone carver **Tim Doyle**, who made the great "fried egg" and mounted it on the south face of the tower and who coordinated the "Midwest Artisan Task Force," and **Alison Adams**, his colleague, who made the scale model from which Tim worked and who sculpted the bronze Class crest.

Fri morning we boarded busses for the presentation ceremony at WP—and let it be said that these charter vehicles from the Leprechaun Lines of Newburgh were far more comfortable than the square-wheeled country school buses we bounced about in at the 40th reunion. The splendid presentation ceremony, arranged and coordinated by **Bud Boling**, is described in a separate article in this issue. In this article, note particularly the picture of **Jep Tanksley** with **Frances** and son Charles. Despite his serious heart op and the stroke that followed in mid-87, Judge Jep was determined he

would attend this reunion, and, with the care of Frances and family, aimed his mind to this end—and succeeded! His recovery and pride in being present were a joy to behold. Similarly, and also in a wheelchair, **Al Shiely** was present; and we were glad to see him looking better in his continuing bout with emphysema.

Upon conclusion of the ceremony, the Class gp swarmed about the tower. At least two—**Tom Oliver** and **George Thompson**—climbed the interior ladder and emerged triumphantly on the poop-deck! The next event was lunch, but before we leave the tower, it should be said that every feature of its mil gothic architecture is drawn or inspired by traditional forms found in USMA's most famous buildings, past and present. For a discussion of these "Architectural Reflections," see the article by that name in the souvenir program. This article was written by **Howard Wickert**, the artist-designer-poet-critic who also painted the ten blazons enshrining our cadet days in the stained glass of the oriel window on the tower's north face.

For the social hr preceding lunch, we trudged up the hill to the Terrace Room of the Hotel Thayer and its lawn overlooking the majestic Hudson.



Jun '43: McGregor caught between extremes. Hersberger, McGregor and Oliver



Jun '43: Barbara Grady, "Well, Bill Malone! Have you brought your lunch to the Thayer Hotel?"

After lunch, **Hogan** and **Morris** presented to the AOG—represented by COL Bob Lamb—the two original paintings of the south and north tower views done by Wickert during the promotion



Jun '43: Blanks, Billie Cantlay and Bettie Baldwin



Jun '43: Front—Coursey and Hertels. Back—Maughn, Alexander and Jean Mehrtens

yrs. Superintendent LTG Dave Palmer then addressed the luncheon audience with eloquent thanks for the Gate and an informative exposition of selection and standards for the Corps of Cadets today, the derivation of the Academy's mission statement, and a thorough report on Army football.

On the return trip to Suffern, one bus got lost in the Hudson Highlands and made it back with only time enough for the passengers to prepare for the evening's festivities. Soon it was back aboard and off to a gala dinner dance at the WP OC. A combo of musicians played music more-or-less like that of our era, and the ballroom prize, had there been one, would no doubt have been shared by **Kathleen Watkins** and **John Cobb**. John's residual jitterbug agility left us sedentary types with mouths agape. It was a beautiful night as the buses pulled away from Cullum Hall area (at a very respectable hour) and the nostalgia quotient was high as we looked across the Plain to the light of the cadet barracks. "May you all stay 'pro,'" I thought.

On Sat morning we gathered in the sun and the shadow of the WP Cemetery, where Monsignor **Tony Hartman** conducted a brief but moving memorial service for our departed classmates.

Moving then to the Plain, the ladies and guests took to the stands, while the troops of Jun '43 formed the long line to receive the parade of the Corps. What a thrilling sight it was to hear the USMA Band again, to see the Corps in formation



Jun '43: Msgr Tony Hartman leads memorial service

on line (there are some 4400 now, about twice the size we were), and to watch the Colors and the cos go by!

After the Class picture, we strolled across the Plain to Washington Hall for lunch—"dinner," we used to say. On then, to Michie Stadium on a fine football afternoon. We sat together, with a cheerleader squad assigned to us, and happily watched Army demolish Northwestern, 23-7.

Our dinner that last night at the Sufferin inn climaxed a reunion that was, in all ways, as near perfect as human enterprises of this kind can be. After the meal, **Bud Bolling** took the microphone in carnival barker style to auction off wall hangings for the Class fund and to focus attention on further plans. In an alternating series of statements, **Hogan** and **Morris** explained that, after paying all current gate costs, a small but respectable balance remains in our account. With this, and minimal further funding, it was proposed that the Gift Comm proceed at once to determine and have erected an appropriate west wall structure, thus rounding out the Thayer Gate gift; this to be done at least cost compatible with the tower quality and utilizing, if possible, existing forms on the west side. After spirited discussion from the floor, the Class meeting authorized the Gift Comm to so proceed, within a specified maximum of \$100K plus currently available funds.

**Lee Hogan** next said that the time had come to return to the artist the two originals of the tower phantasm paintings. These watercolors, photographed and produced by **Jack Novak**, appear on the front and back covers of your souvenir program. Now well-framed by Novak's shop, and with letters of thanks on their backs, they were ready for return to **Wickert**, who was called to the podium to receive them. Speaking extempore, he began, in his usual outrageous fashion, by saying, "I have been framed . . . I loathe watercolors!" Continuing then in serious vein, he said (in part), "Working on this Gate of ours has been a fulfilling joy to me—every day; through it all. . . . I think of WP as a huge, aged tree that has grown and has withstood storms,

droughts, neglects, and even surgery over the many yrs of its life. We should feel bucked-up that it lives and grows, still . . . reassured that duty is blossoming and dancing, where the body still is bruised to build the soul. . . . Are *we* the leaf, the blossoms, or the bole? O bodies marched to music—O brightening glance! How can we know the dancers from the dance?"

The emotional level thus aroused was heightened as the final speaker came forward—stone carver **Timothy Doyle**, with an Indiana feed sack over his shoulder. In a superbly delivered address, Tim showed himself to be not only a stone carver but, above all, an articulate artist-philosopher of heart and wit. Describing how, in late 85, he and **Alison Adams** became engaged in the Jun '43 gate project, he spoke feelingly of the early guidance from **Wick**, "In showing us the soul of WP, he stole ours . . . or, rather, captured it with 'Duty—Honor—Country.'" Pointing out the standards brought to bear by the whole artisan gp under this inspiration, he added, "All of us have been guided by two members of your Class, in particular. So we brought a few things we thought you should have." Reaching into his sack, he then presented to **Wick** the scale model of the "fried egg" made by **Alison** to guide him in his carving of the great crest now mounted on the tower, and an iron key to the tower specially forged by the custom blacksmith, **Brett Wilds**. To **Bill Glasgow** he gave a US Army Engr castle made by himself from a limestone chip off the "fried egg" and granite from the tower's south wall.

"**Wick** has told me," Tim went on, "that I am certifiably mad, and **Bill Glasgow** has told me that I'm a 'damned poor businessman.' These are two of the highest compliments I have ever been paid—because they place me smack-dab in the company of the Class of Jun '43. . . . By today's standards, you guys were totally mad to enter WP, to choose the life of soldiers. . . . And if you think of the rates of pay, well, that doesn't say much for your business sense, either." Commenting that the passage of time had not changed the Class, Tim said, "This ideal of 'Duty—Honor—Country,' this concept of a 'Long Gray Line,' to which you gave yourselves is a pervasive madness and now you have built the Thayer Gate as a gift to WP to thank her and to evangelize generations yet unborn. . . . As we all know, who haven't any sense at all, this collective madness of loyalty and service is the greatest sanity around. Without it, we could not exist as a free people." Reaching again into his sack, Tim then took out the battered Civil War forage cap (gray) that he wears while carving, put it on, and asked the "gentlemen of the Class of Jun '43 to rise." We did so, in silence. **Tim Doyle** salut-

ed—and returned to his seat amidst a thunder of applause that grew into a standing ovation. A motion then quickly passed by acclamation, and **Timothy E Doyle** of the Shannon Stone Co, 1010 Bell Ave, New Haven, IN 46774—became an honorary classmate.

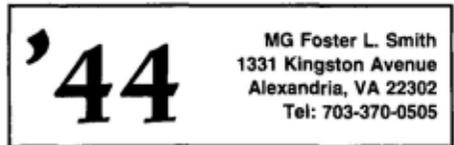


Jun '43: Alison Adams and orator Tim Doyle

Suffused with euphoria, we toddled off to bed, said our good-byes next morning, and went home.

Now the somber side. Soon after our return, a call came from **Ed Renth** in San Ant. **Crawford Young**, after a long illness, died of cancer at Brooke Army Med Center on 25 Sep at 2240 hrs EDT. The funeral, with mil honors, was conducted on 28 Sep, followed by burial at Ft Sam Houston Natl Cemetery. "**Jug**" **Young** lived until the end of our reunion, but the number of living classmates then dropped to 339. The Class extends sincere sympathy to **Eleanor** and the family at 8413 Corto Cr, San Antonio, TX 78239.

A few final notes now, and I'm done. **Dave Galas**, who is working on an obituary article, would appreciate info anyone may have about circumstances and persons in the action near Siegen, Ger on 5 Apr 45, where **Ralph Renzuli** was killed. **Ralph** was then a 1LT with Co "B," 28th Inf Regt, 8th Inf Div. **Jack Kidder's** new address is 2103 Pinewood Terrace, Fayetteville, NC 28304. **Bernie & Ann Rogers** have a new home at 1467 Hampton Ridge Dr, McLean, VA 22101. **Bernie**, as always, is at the front of a number of projects, having been elected chm of the USO World Board of Governors in addition to serving on the Board of Dirs of General Dynamics and several other corps and foundations.



The tip of the maple by my window is a scarlet paint swipe on a blue sky; it's Columbus Day and I'm threatened! Seems that the ASSEMBLY staff is talking about issuing the magazine six times a yr—when 5 is too much already. More isn't necessarily better! Frankly, there is nothing going on at WP that I want to

hear about more than *four* times a yr! Come on gang, let's make this *fun!* (I confidently assume that the AOG is strong enough to hear a contrary opinion now and then, or the Corps REALLY "has!")

**Bob & Kay Selton** had a great trip to AK, with help from the **Stasers** who set up an itinerary and hosted the Seltons in their high-rise condo in Anchorage, which overlooks the Bay—and Mt McKinley, on a clear day. Bob also reports **Carl Anderson** flew into Hilton Head for golf and **Curly Jackson** was there on recce for a ret home.

**Paul Kutchinski** took time from squeezing **Marge** and Ruby Red grapefruit in the Rio Grande Valley to write a book review on *East of Chosin*. It is a vivid account of the 31st RCT, 7th Inf Div as it met the initial Chinese attack in Korea in Nov 50 and covered the escape of the 1st Marine Div, "advancing to the rear," toward the port of Hungnam. Of interest are accounts of several actions in which **Bob Drake** and his tank co protected the Marines. Paul says that the next book, *Escaping the Trap*, by Appleman, earlier the Army's lead historian on Korea, has more to offer on Drake and co. This starts to fill the gap on '44 in the Korean adventure.

Editor-in-chief, **Ollie Patton** has received a hatful of "attaboys" by pen and phone on the latest *Encore '44*. A few copies remain at \$69; write Box 1100, Ft Myer, VA 22211.

The wandering **Connell** was variously reported in CO Springs at his WWII unit reunion, where he took time out to tag up with the **Brundins** and later, in FL where he joined up with **Mike & Mollie Molloy** and attended a soiree including the **De-**

**Arments, Emleys, Markses, Tuttles, and Bonnie Wilhite**, fresh back from CA where she had welcomed a new grandson.

**Les & Martha Hendrickson** returned to Orlando after their annual summer sojourn in San Rafael. There they hosted the **Claytons** and **Roddens** for golf, shopping, and **RON**. Les questions Larry's geography; the Claytons flew from CA to Switzerland rather than their FL home. However, for an old B-36 pilot, accustomed to 24-hr flights, what's a couple thousand mi more or less?

We are sad to report the death of **Rojo Aldrich** of congestive heart failure in Woodbury, TN on 14 Sep. We send our sincere condolences to **Sugar** on a loss widely felt among us all; there was a real man, who bore adversity and pain with grace and style. He is missed!

Dedication of the Christl Basketball Arena is tentatively scheduled for 3 Feb 89. It honors **Edward C Christl**. **Jim Connell** has designated Ed's roommates, **Jack Peterson** and **Bob Pearce**, to represent the Class formally at the dedication. More later when things firm up.

Most pleased for **Hal Emerson** to check in after a space of 10 yrs. Welcome Hal, you've been missed. Glad to know you're at 5045 Galano Dr, Camarillo, CA 93010-5235, phone (805) 388-4763. (Drove through there twice last yr; it'll cost ya a drink next time!)

**John & Jane Calhoun** spent a few days with **Owen & Dorothy Reeves** at their mini-ranch in Santa Rosa, CA in the house that Owen built. In Monterey, they turned up **Coots & Hildegard Mitchell** and attended the **Roddens'** annual barbecue at Pebble Beach.

The Wash gp held a luncheon on 7 Sep



1944: The Reeves and Jane Calhoun, Santa Rosa, CA

at the Ft Myer OC, much enlivened and decorated by the presence of the ladies. Work being the curse of the Playing Class, I was regrettably on a plane headed west, so my report is brief. There were no visitors from out-of-town, no business was conducted, there were no fights, and everyone departed happy, slightly overfed.

Riding the crest of that social triumph, the local Wash gp is having a Christmas dinner dance at the Army-Navy Country Club on Pearl Harbor Day. Touch base if you're in the vic and join us!

Appropo of contrast to the autumn's leaves is the Caribbean approach to Grenada in a not forgotten spring.



1944: Approaching Grenada, springtime

If you think this is choppy, be merciful; I'm trying to watch a game of the National League playoffs. That's it for now. GSOYP,A!

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**Dick Haley** called me in Sep and said that he had married **Betty Ruth Wakefield**. Congratulations to both of them! Dick said they are spending part of their time in El Paso and part in the DC area for the present. More details will be in the next issue.

**Stu Stabley** found out that Kuntz Ave at Hickam AFB was named for LT Clyde A Kuntz, father of our classmate **Scott Kuntz**.

**Van Foster** wrote that he & **Bunny** had



1944: FL hosts Connell and Molloy's

attended the wedding of Kitty McGlynn, Mac & Helen McGlynn's daughter. Kitty & her husband, Kenneth Bueton, are both employed at the Fox Chase Cancer Diagnostic Center in Philly. Ivan said the bride was radiantly beautiful and her parents both looked great.



1945: Standing: Van & Bunny Foster, Helen McGlynn. Seated: Mac McGlynn, Helen's niece Cynthia

John Murphy, who is our WP L&O these days, sent me an update on his activities. On 20 May, this yr's alumni day, our Class was represented by JR Harman and John D Murphy. John & his wife Peggy placed a carnation on the grave of each classmate who is buried at WP. This was done on Memorial Day in addition to the American flags which were already placed there. At Jim Hamilton's ceremony, Dale & Faye Hall along with John & Peggy attended in addition to those listed previously. On a personal note, John said that in Apr they had a great visit with Ruth & Joe Van Cleve who stopped by the Murphys' home. There was time for John and Joe to "burn up" the golf course at WP. The Murphys have another grandson—Shane Michael—a playmate for Ryan Patrick, both sons of John D Jr.



1945: JD Murphy with Joe & Ruth Van Cleve at Murphys' boat on visit to NY, Apr

Bob Lutz sent me some additional details on our mini-reunion in Orlando, FL scheduled for 25–28 Apr 89. Hotel is Sheraton World located across street from Sea World and convenient to Disney World (Magic Kingdom and Epcot). Other attractions within easy driving distance are Cypress Gardens, Kennedy



1945: JR Harman and JD Murphy at alumni day at WP

Space Center, and a St John River cruise. Possible add-ons include a 4th night at hotel and a 7-day Caribbean cruise at 40% discount. Apr is a great mo for weather and for relatively few tourists. When you read this you should have had another mailing on the mini-reunion (early Nov) which asked you to send money by 15 Dec. (You may already be late on this!) Sounds like fun. Hope to see you there.

Dot Root wrote me a great letter with a lot of news. George & Bev Wallace left for England 2 Sep to take a walking tour. Dot arranged for George to be the guest speaker at her DAR chapter in Nov when he has agreed to discuss the Panama Canal. Jackie & Tiger Adkins were scheduled to visit San Ant on 16 Sep. Snapper Rattan and George Wallace were among those responsible for the Army Ret Residence—San Ant. Dot chatted with Moose & Maggie Hardy at a party. Maggie is getting her MA in psychology and is already treating patients. Jane Rattan and Dot are bridge partners in two bridge gps that meet regularly. The Walt Roots had a family reunion in Jul when son Walter III, an atty in Anaheim, CA, and his family visited. After 4 days they all drove to Houston to youngest daughter's home. There were 18 family members present.

Rolf Hillman and Ed Mason both sent me info about Jack Broughton's new book *Going Downtown: The War Against Hanoi and Washington*. It was reviewed in *Naval Institute Proceedings* by Senator John McCain who said this book duplicates Thud Ridge's authenticity and excitement. In the book Jack calls Vietnam "... a war of fatal oversupervision." The book's review was given an almost unprecedented 2 pp of space in the magazine. It sounds as if it is an outstanding work.

Earl Wilkinson wrote that he & Margaret enjoyed having Rocky & Betty Rochfort as house guests at their place in Saverna Park, MD for a wkend in Aug.

Larry Fox wrote that he has run either the ascent part or the complete (up and down) Pikes Peak marathon for 17 yrs. This yr he received 2d place for his age gp for the ascent on 20 Aug. He is also



1945: Betty Rochfort, Wilkinson, Rochfort, Margaret Wilkinson, 21 Aug

qualified for the 88 HI Ironman, and hopes for an improved finishing time over 87.



1945: Larry Fox receiving age gp award after 88 Pikes Peak ascent marathon

Have a happy holiday season!

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(169) It is early Oct as I commence this column. Army is off to a good start in football and I've seen a number of steady season ticket holders: Jack & Betty Barth, Dan & Jeanne Mahony, Tom & Babs McBryde are all sitting in the same row with Ethel & me. Stan Love said Dick Gruenther is sitting up in the Supe's area with him while I've also spotted Phil Frank, John Stratis and JD (Don) Hughes behind me.

Jack McWhorter is really making progress on his memorial article project. I'll run down some of the facts now. Frank Schoen submitted an article on Dave Spellman while Roger Nye wrote one for Saul Horowitz and Lloyd Kurowski. Jack submitted articles on Murray Putzer, Cucho Felices and Al Woods. All the above should appear soon. Guy Hairston is adding some data to George Hirsch's obit. Jack has located Tom Gatch's sisters and Gene Melo's children. The widows of Lew Tixier, Art Pence, Bob Bassler, Ben Evans, Bob Montgomery, Bob Waggener, Lou Roberts, and Bobby Dobbs have all asked Jack to help them. Jack is being aided by Army Finance

Dept which is paying survivors of 9 of our classmates, one of whom is **Phyllis Tixier**. He's also contacted the VA. **Bert Stringer** is working on **Stu Harper's** obit with the help of **Stu's** widow **Joan**. **Jack** is looking for **John Nance's** widow; his letter to her last address was returned because forwarding period had run out. He also asked if anyone can help him with data on **Ed Collins (G-1)**, **Dick Hale (F-2)** or **Ray Wagoner (F-1)**.

This Sep I received a note from **Kathy Elder**, **Jim's** widow, that **George Muir** married **Mary Ann (Micki) Wynne** on 19 Sep 87 in the Ft Myer Chapel. Classmates at the wedding and reception included **Ed & Miriam Houseworth**, **Hunter & Mary Faires**, **Tom & Odile Huddleston**, **Jim & Belle Loome**, **Don Watson**, **Ed Morgan**, **Joy Starner**, **Rob & Liz Rufsvold** and **Kathy**.



1946: Micki & George Muir

**Micki**, a widow with 4 children, was escorted down the aisle by her 3 sons. For 5 yrs before the marriage she was the health benefits advisor at Bethesda Naval Hosp. **George**, a widower, has two sons, and the couple's children and a granddaughter were in the wedding party as best man, matron or honor, flower girl, and ushers. They rode from the chapel to the O-Club in the Old Guard's horse-drawn carriage and they spent their honeymoon in New England while also visiting **Alex & Claire Papatones**. Last Christmas they were in AZ with **Micki's** daughter **Karen** and her family. Then they went to visit **Jane & Joe Giza** at their new home in Bodega Bay, CA. The **Gizas** entertained at a brunch on New Year's Day and guests were **Steve & Squeak Conner**, **Jack & Val Dayton**, **Bob & Edie Kane**, **Jack & Annette Sadler**. **George & Micki** visited the **Faires** in El Paso in Apr. The **Muir**s expected to move into their new home this past fall; the welcome mat is out at 2797 Topmast Ct, Annapolis, MD 21401.

This past summer **Kathy** and daughter **Courtenay** visited with classmates **Bill & Dusty Cound**, their daughter **Nancy**, and granddaughter **Erin**, in Charlotte, NC. **Kathy** and **Courtenay** were en route to celebrate the first birthday of **Blake Charles Elder** at the Lake Gaston summer home of **Helen Mayson**, Class of '56

widow. **Blake** is the son of **Kathy's** son **Keith & Vicki Mayson Elder**.

I have received **Jim Loome's** latest report of activities past and future in the DC area. I believe I've covered most of the past, which, when you read this will include an Oct dinner at A-N Town Club hosted by D-1 and also the Oct WP Soc dinner dance at A-N CC. Upcoming that you may be able to schedule after reading this—14 Dec Class luncheon at Pentagon (Host D-2); 12 Jan 89 WP Soc lunch at Ft Myer; 28 Jan 89 Class dinner at Ft McNair (E-1); 22 Feb 89 Class lunch at Pentagon (E-2); 10 Mar 89 Founders Day at A-N CC; 20 May 89 Class dinner at Bolling (F-1); 4 May 89 WP Soc lunch at Ft Myer; 24 Jun 89 Class picnic at Lake of the Woods.

The following items have all been gleaned from yearly response to **Loome's** request for DC Roster info and financial support. **Ted Zeh's** younger daughter, **Susan Hegedusick**, is now stationed at Eielson AFB, AK with her husband CPT **Bill Hegedusick**. **Sue** will pin on her own CPT's bars in Dec. **John Wiss** came down from Pittsburgh to join the local DC gp's 7th Annual Class Picnic. **Mint Wilson** now ret from TROA where he had been editor of their monthly magazine. **Dick Wildrick** plans a Sep-Nov tour of USA with friends from Australia. **George & Lynn Webb** now have 7 grandchildren, the latest **Catherine**, born 2 Sep to **Webbs'** daughter **Mary** and son-in-law CPT **Dan Cummings '83**, an engr at Ft Lewis, WA. **Catherine** is their second child.

**Sam Walker** has tendered his resignation as Supe at VMI effective 31 Dec. He & **Snookie** will move to Pinehurst, NC. Their daughter **Sally** married **Perry Hayes** in Lexington, VA on 10 Sep. Son **Buck '71** & wife **Cathy** at WP with 3 children—**Walton**, **Joseph**, and **Catherine**. Son **Sam '75** & wife **June** at CGSC, Leavenworth with two children, **Ben** and **Charlotte**. **Guy & Wynne Troy** have a new grandson, **Phillip**, born 13 Mar to son **Kent '81** & his wife. **Bob & Pat Steele** are finally grandparents when their daughter gave birth to **Timothy Johnson** in NYC on 1 Jun. **Timothy (Bruiser)** weighed in at 10 lbs 1/2 oz and 22 1/2 in long. Son-in-law **Bruce** is recovering nicely. **Judd & Delores Schulke** are still flying their **Bonanza**. **Mase & Mary Rumney** are hoping to visit DC area during coming season. They have had visits from **Fullers**, **Colemans**, **Gilhams**, **Lochries**, **Rogers** and **Mussers** over the last several summers. **Kibbey & Peggy Home** were scheduled to visit this past Oct.

**Bob & Betty Richmond** spent a time-shared wk at Hilton Head with their guests **Norman & Claire Watkins**. Rained every day and they only played golf twice. **Ed Morgan's** first grandchild, **Ed III**, was born 15 Sep to son **Ed Jr** & his

wife **Pam**. **Bob & Betty Jane Kren's** daughter **Jeni** gave them a dinner party on 5 Aug in Highlands, CA. Classmates in attendance were **John & Gail Barricklow** and **Phil & Ginny Haisley**. **Joe & Polly Jordan** enjoyed a family reunion in Teton Village, WY last Aug with children and grandchildren arriving from MA, CT, DE, TN, and UT—32 in all. **SHE (Sully) & June Johnson** ret a second time this past Sep from Fed Emergency Mgt Agency. **Jim Hutchins** is still with Smithsonian Inst as dep curator (supervisor, Armed Forces History Div, Natl Museum of American History). **Jim** was visiting WP working in the library this past Aug.

**Jack & Pat Hoefling**, as a last hurrah, are back in Saudi Arabia, once again working for the Royal Family—Prince **Ahmed Bin Salman**. They expect to be there until summer 89. **Jack's** calling card is in English on one side and Arabic on the other. **Dick Gruenther** will ret from AOG this fall and will go into consulting in trusts and estates. **Clint Friend** reports that **Leigh** is not making much progress since last report, but does get around. **Phil & Edie Farris** unexpectedly met **Frank & Joy Blazey** at the Cherokee Indian Reservation in Cherokee, NC while **Phil & Edie** were on vacation. **Blazeys** had their grandson with them. **Frank** also saw **Will & Chris Person** this past summer. **Stan Fair's** son **Jeff** is head athletic trainer at OK State Univ and has a doctorate in education.

**Bud & Mary Devens** have a second ret from his position as prof, College of Engring, VA Tech on 1 Aug. They are now free to golf, travel, visit the 8 kids and grandchildren. Their 13th grandchild is due in Apr 89. **Gene & Zane Deatrick** visited **Pat & Fran Crizer** last Aug down in Williamsburg. The **Crizers'** son **Scott (CPT, Arty)** just returned from a 3-yr tour with **Pershing II** in Ulm, Ger.



1946: Zane Deatrick, Fran Crizer and Pat Crizer

**Jack & Mary Burney's** daughter **Loren (Mrs John) Deveau** gave birth to **Burney's** first grandchild **Danae** in Mar 87. Their daughter **Dana** married **David Swist** in Jan. Both young families live nearby. **Dick & Mary Burgess'** son **Jack** is a dr and joined the Army in Apr. He is assigned to Ft Belvoir in internal med.

Dave & Nancy Bryant's daughter Anne gave birth 22 Feb to Bryant's 4th grandchild, 2d grandson, Jason Randolph Ingold Clapp. Lee & Barbara Brown's son Michael was married to Margaret Hartauer on 2 Jul. Michael graduated in 82 from GA Tech with a BS in mech engr. He is presently a Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensed nuclear power plant operator working for GA Power Co at Plant Vogel near Augusta. Another son of the Browns, Byron, recently accepted the position of chief, Long Range Planning, Dept of Engring and Housing, USMA. Byron is also a grad of GA Tech with a BS in mech engr, and he has an MA in business from Boston U. Al Bot-toms has a new position as dir, Center for the Study of Industrial Competitiveness and Natl Security, Inst for Technology and Strategic Research, School of Engring and Applied Sciences, G W Univ—how do you shorten that! Van Baker will ret a second time after 21 1/2 yrs from his position as a prof at York College.

MG (Ret) James Landrum '36, 3003 Kalakaua Ave, 5A, Honolulu 96815, ph 808-924-8516 has an extra '46 *Howitzer* if anyone is interested. Call or write; he asks to be reimbursed for mailing costs.

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The intrigue of mathematical numbers (at the start of the last few columns) has failed to pique much interest! Only 4 people responded to my last appeal (see last issue). Therefore, there may not be much news this time; just as well because Bobbi & I are driving toward the East Coast during the normal composing time, and I am driving and dictating the column to her. We will go to Little Rock, AR first for the Natl Tennis Clay Court Sr Championships and then extend our travels and visits a short distance to the East. Plans for Duke Duquemin and me to play doubles in the tourney fell through for various reasons. Duke told me his leg was in a cast after he tore some ligaments. Hopefully his leg now is healing better than ever. Patt & Duke were still able to attend George Bland's marriage to Marilyn Doss in Pinehurst, NC on Sun, 4 Sep. Also present at the beautiful candlelight wedding service in the Village Chapel were Betty & Pete Boerger, Betty & Bill Conger, Janet & John Miller, Corinne & Dick Sforzini and Patt Duquemin's mother, Janice Jones. Bride and groom looked wonderful with George in his heavily medal-bedecked Blues, and Marilyn in lovely ivory wedding gown with hat and train. Like Roger Bate's recent wedding to Madeline, many family members were in the wedding party. We heartily welcome Marilyn to the Class; many of you already

know her, for she came to our 40th Reunion.

Bernie Abrams reports that he attended the GOP Convention in New Orleans where he visited with Peggy & Mel Le Blanc and Margo & Bob Koch. He hopes to meet Ike Ickler, George Bland, and John Delistraty in San Ant 28 Sep for a reunion of the 26th Inf Regt. . . . Barb Boerger checked in with a familiar statement—now that there are a lot of grandkids around, she is relearning the skill of baking cakes and pies. Frank continues busy consulting in the Port of Oakland's dredging problems and visiting Yosemite Natl Park. Outside of one of the entrances to Yosemite, Bob Keller has a big construction project ongoing. . . . Marylou & Jim Edington stay busy in HI with returning visiting children. Each fall they appear to hop a flight to the mainland covering CA to GA to see family and friends. Jim plays golf with Meade Wildrick each wk. . . . I was pleased to receive a long letter from Bill Clark giving me a good update on his family and activities. Son Billy, long-time Navy CPO on the carrier *Eisenhower*, is now asgnd to Navy recruiting off in Bryan, TX, and lives with his wife and 4 children within one mi of the Clarks. Son Jim, however, is south of Salt Lake City designing and fabricating med test equipment, and son Ron (& wife Terry), a pro golfer at Lake Conroe, TX. Ruth continues in great health as do most of our Class girls. Bill is not complaining but simply saying that being a diabetic for many yrs with all the increasing contributory problems, makes it hard to lead a comfortable pain-free life. But Bill is hanging in there enjoying life in most respects. He has had commendable careers in the Army and at TX A&M. Now 65 yrs old, I think Bill saying that life is still very enjoyable and that he is, by no means, now ret from the "Social Security or Medicare" age. . . . Prior to leaving on their extended European trip in Aug, the Burners had a short visit from Bill West on his way to NH for a vacation. (Bill Jr will be a soph in college this yr.) June & Jean have had to study up on at least 3 or 4 languages to visit family relatives in Sweden, France, Finland, etc. They saw George (son of Muriel & Bill Webb) and family in Luxembourg. June sent me a quotation from a newspaper that I am including here to see if you can concur with us as to its philosophy: "As time passes, you'll find that those precious ones who are able to go the distance with you become rare treasures, and that the real wealth of this life is to be found in those relationships." . . . Bob Rosen reports that in late Aug, 33 of the Wash DC contingent had a wonderful time at a local dinner theater hosted by Dick Rantz. Cole Porter music was played—we all remember so well that Great Band Era in the 40's. Apparently both Bev &

Bob are staying quite busy with volunteer work, Bev primarily at the very interesting Smithsonian.

The exodus to CA or FL seems to be continuing: Nelda & Jim Fraser moved in Sep from Atlanta, GA to 2462 Flora Lane, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. They will have their own personal 31 ft trawler tied up at the back door pier. We will all be awaiting reports of the "shake-down" cruise to the Bahamas. . . . Dorothy & Willie Knipe in Kokomo, IN sent me a nice note and news about Jack Dunham. Apparently, Dottie's cousin lives one block from the Dunhams in Roswell. When Jack became pres of the Roswell Sertoma Club in Aug, the local paper ran good and large coverage. Cousin sent clipping to Dottie who forwarded to me. Congrats, Jack. I believe this honor is qualification for a higher presidential office, which presently needs to be filled. . . . Patty & Arnold Tucker recently visited their LT son, Arnold Thomas (Tom), at Ft Ord and sent a pic of the two Arnolds. I believe you can tell which one is Young Arnold by a fast perusal of their hairlines. . . . Dot & GG Kent, on 17 Sep,



1947: Arnolds Tucker

apparently were the only '47 enthusiastic supporters of Army football team in their close game against WA. I hate to say this, but I think young Daniel is looking over AFA as a career possibility. . . . I



1947: Kents supporting the team

trust you all noticed in the front part of the Jul ASSEMBLY the pic of Bill Coghill presenting his Founders Day speech. Note herein another pic of Bill in partial winter "uniform" in front of his home in Anchorage.



1947: Bill Coghill

It is sad to report that **Nancy Mattern** suffered a stroke on 12 Aug, struggled hard, but passed away on 22 Aug in PA. **Jim** says that their 3 children and 2 grandchildren will greatly miss her. I know that we all will miss her greatly. Jim and I were part of the 7 in the gp that went to Sig C. So **Bobbi & I**, in earlier yrs, had the chance to see Nancy more. She was a wonderful woman and wife, and how can you forget her magnificent cooking. The Class extends sympathy to Jim and his family. We want to see Jim at the 42 1/2.

I am sorry about the hectic composition of this column, which is probably no worse than my usual. Unfortunately, at Little Rock during one of the tennis matches, I had a heart incident which put me into the hosp CCU for 5 days. Now back in Lubbock, I need to discover the cause of the heart missing a few beats. I go into the hosp again soon. In order to make the deadline, I must submit copy immediately.

Take care.

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Don't be disappointed that you won't be reading a lot about our 40th reunion in this issue. This column "goes to bed" 15 Oct, so you'll have to wait till Feb 89 to read about yourselves. Over 300 classmates and their families are expected to converge on the Holidome-Suffern for our reunion. In anticipation, you all stopped writing, so this column will be short.

**Randy Beirne** wrote us a note announcing that the state of MD had voted 3/4 million \$ for a Korean War memorial to be erected in Baltimore. Randy is the historical consultant for the project, and as we told you last time is an authority on local area history and a prof of sociology at the U of Baltimore. Randy also sent along an article in *Warfields* magazine of Aug about **Donn Starry** and his efforts to bring Ford Aerospace into the bidding wars for significant def and space contracts in this era of suspicion of all def contractors. **Lowell Genebach** sent along a clip from the *Government Com-*

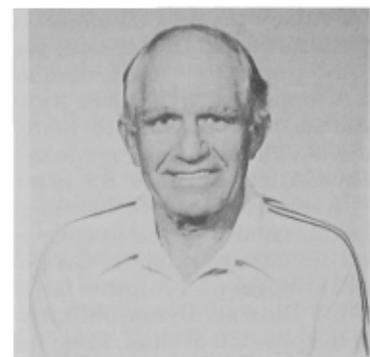
*puter News* of 29 Aug featuring our own **Joe Herberts**. It has been some time since we've had news about Joe who is chm and CEO of AGS Mgt Systems, a software co in King of Prussia, PA. Joe is working with a law firm to convince Congress to create a federal grievance forum for govt subcontractors. Joe's firm lost a bid to provide software for NASA's Space Station info system; the nature of the bidding process suggested to Joe that there was something less than even-handed treatment accorded the losing bidders. I'm on your side Joe, it isn't the first time that the truism "some are more equal than others" came into play with our friendly federal bureaucracy!

**Tom & Ann Ware** will be unable to attend the reunion and certainly will be missed. Tom is recovering nicely from major surgery in late Sep. **Lynn & Robbie Robertson** will be moving soon from Great Falls, VA to Charleston, SC to be near their children and grandchildren. **Glenn & Kit Wilhide** are making a big move too; they both fell in love with Ger after several tours and have decided to lease a house for a yr and see if they want to live there permanently. Watch out for the beer, potatoes, and sauerkraut, Kit & Glenn—they're all loaded with calories. How about this for coincidence—while **Dolly & I** were on vacation in the midst of the Baltic Sea having a quiet drink in the bar, another couple commented on our rings, asking if they were USMA ones. After our affirmative answer, the lady introduced herself as Kit Wilhide's roommate when they were airline stewardesses (attendants?) together yrs ago. She went on to tell about how Kit missed a flight—but I'll save that story for when we see the Wilhides. **Walt & Katy Plummer** won't be with us for our big 40th Reunion because of long-standing plans for their trip to Australia and New Zealand during the same time period. Enjoy, and give us a report when you get back.

Just a scant 3 wks before we meet—looking forward to seeing you all!

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**Jack Rust** sent a clipping from the *Albuquerque Tribune* to report that we have another jock amongst us. **Frank Wolak**, ret from the Fed Housing Admin in Oct 86, now has time to travel around the US playing in squash tournaments. The result—Frank is ranked 13th best player in the 60+ div of the US Squash Rackets Assoc. Also, he is ranked 5th for 60+ males in the SW Tennis Assoc. Frank, see photo, says he plans to cut back on his squash playing so he can compete in more tennis tournaments in the coming yr in order to get a natl



1949: Frank Wolak, working on his squash and tennis games

ranking. The article adds that Frank analyzes handwriting. (So if you write to him, type.) A bit of USMA trivia: Frank's neighbor on one side is Rogers '40 and on the other side is Lindell '44. Other news from Albuquerque is that **Bob Kemble** has been in the Governor's Cabinet for a yr or so, serving as head of the Corrections and Public Safety Dept.

The Wash bunch met on 13 Sep at the Pentagon. Present were **Ted Boland, Bill Bumpus, Jack Carr, Hill Dickinson, Al English, Bob Ennis, Phil Feir, Dick Gillespie, Harry Griffith, Frank Hinchion, George Hoffmaster, Ed Howard, Bill Huber, Don Keith, Art Kingdom, Bill Lake, Kirby Lamar, Huck Long, Gene Marder, Gene Mechling, Clay Moran, Joe Muckerman, Wayne Norby, Larry Ogden, Chuck Olentine, Bruce Peters, Bob Pfeiffer, George Pollin, George Sylvester, Ed Townsley**, and your scribe. Al English, pres of the WP Soc of Annapolis, reported they had a picnic for the 6 WP cadets who are exchange students with the USNA for a semester. Bruce Peters plans to lead a 5-day walk on mountain skis in Switzerland in late Mar or early Apr. Contact him if you might like to go along.

**George Sylvester** reported on the status of the Class Lodge upgrading. He met with **Gil Kirby** and learned that the lodge is not in use from about mid-Nov through Apr, due to the lack of a heating system. When open it is one of the most used company-sized meeting and party facilities. Near-term plans are to connect to a nearby electric service line and to install baseboard heaters and water pipe heaters to permit yr-round use. Also the need for some external improvements is apparent. As reported in the last Class notes, George has written the AOG regarding cooperating on a long-term plan to preserve and maintain the lodge. As of the luncheon, no reply had been received. George suggests that each of us consider, when making a contribution to the WP Fund, to be generous and to designate the money for '49. When the current lodge improvements are completed, our Class Fund with the AOG will be fairly low and will need to be replenished.

**Clay Moran**, still on active duty with the American Battle Monuments Commission, reported on efforts to create a Korean War Memorial in DC. This memorial will pay tribute to all who served in the armed forces from Jun 50 to Aug 53, as well as to the 55,000 dead and 103,000 wounded in that conflict. The Congress has authorized the memorial, use of federal land near the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials, and \$1 million for design and administrative costs. Another \$5 million must be raised from private donors. To date \$2.4 million has been raised including substantial contributions from Hyundai Motor America, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Many of us will have a strong interest in helping to see that this project is fully funded. All contributions will be held in trust by the US Treasury until needed for construction. Perhaps you can also bring this project to the attn of appropriate orgs with which you are associated.

**Phil Feir** reports we now have about 355 signed up for the reunion cruise. The Class of '50 apparently likes the idea and is planning a similar cruise for its 1990 reunion. To fulfill our contract, we need 400 persons. Friends, relatives, and persons associated with our Class (e.g. Tacs and instructors) are welcome. Parking alternatives are being investigated. **Orton Spencer** said he has been on two cruises and has parked at pierside with no problems. Those not taking the full cruise can, if there are vacancies, purchase room and board on the ship from Wed evening through Fri evening when it is anchored at WP. One reunion highlight, not to be lightly missed, is the final "downriver party" starting Fri midnight when the ship casts off at WP heading for NYC.

Among other news bits, **Gene & Ann Mechling**, after visiting in Tokyo, vacationed in Quebec. Duane & Jean Smith visited England and Scotland. **Bill & Flo Huber** spent some time in Spain. Bill reported that **Dick Connell** had recent quad-bypass heart repair. **Ed Townsley** is trying to start a small, tongue-in-cheek (?), presidential write-in movement for ex-gov Lamm of CO. Also reported is that **Dick Henry** is now the CEO of Brown & Root, the TX-based construction firm. However, Dick continues to live in CA. **Bill Lake** passed on a newspaper clipping showing **Frank Hinchion**, chm of the 20th Anniv Outdoors Activities of the Ocean Pines Community, presenting trophies to the winners of, what else, the golf tournament. Frank says it keeps him busy. From Bill Lake also comes the fish photo for this issue. That's Bill on the right and **Jack Albert** behind the sunglasses. **Bill Bumpus** was of the opinion the photo was taken just outside the fish store. . . .



1949: Jack Albert and Bill Lake selling fish

**Bob Pfeiffer**, the travel mogul, is off to Europe with **Sue** where they will pause, near Nice, to inspect their now time-share digs before visiting Florence and Venice. Following that will be a family reunion in the US with the 8 kids and 7 grandkids. Included will be son Tom '82, who still wears the wings once worn by **George Sylvester**. It was also reported that **Don Swanke** has joined the club of those having had heart bypass surgery. **Dick Gillespie** has just returned from his 15th trip to China. This time he visited Hainan Is, looking into air traffic control matters. The news is not so good from **Dick & Margo Stauffer**. Due in part to problems with Margo's health and her ability to care for him, Dick moved to a nursing home in Jul. His address is 700 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle, PA 17013; tel (717) 249-0099. While there Dick has seen **Craig Betts** and has gone to dinner with **Rigor & Maryanne Morton**. Margo continues to reside in their home in Columbia, MD and visits with Dick while staying with friends nearby.

**Paul & Pat Monahan** visited Paul's father in Tulsa for his 95th birthday; the senior Monahan is going strong. **Gene Marder** was pictured and commended in the Arlington, VA Chamber of Commerce publication for the many, continuing, and unsolicited expressions of commendation from his customers for his exemplary conduct as a businessman and realtor. Your scribe & **Sachiko** were the sole reps from '49 at the annual WP Soc of DC dinner dance, a fun event we look forward to each yr. We shared a table with some nice folks from '48—**Bill & Maria Smith** and **Scotty & Dusty Scott**. **Hayes Metzger** sent in a lovely photo of 5 of his 6 grandchildren, all boys. (The genetic researchers might like to have a talk with you, Hayes.) Both this photo, and some others previously submitted, run afoul of the ASSEMBLY policy that a classmate or spouse should appear in each one. Please keep this in mind during your family photo sessions.

The next Pentagon luncheon planned after this issue is in your hands is Tue, 10 Jan 89. If you expect to be in the vic, call **Art Kingdom**, 703-569-9360, for reservations and to verify the date. Keep your cards, letters, and photos coming in

folks. Color photos are acceptable. Have a happy holiday season. And, although in some ways it does not seem possible, we do have a 40TH REUNION in 89. Let's go for a maximum surge!

'50

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You have all received notice of the proposed cruise up the Hudson River for our 40th Reunion during the wk 14-20 May 90. It is by far the most ambitious thing we have considered as a Class. You must indicate your interest now, however. The planners are forced contractually to make the "go" or "no-go" decision in Jan based upon the response at the time. If you haven't already sent your check in, do it as soon as you receive this ASSEMBLY. If you have any questions, pick up the phone and call **DeGraf** (703-360-2277), **Cameron** (703-590-7822), **Moll** (703-836-7500), **Genuario** (703-360-3134), **Skelton** (703-533-9545) or **Davis** (301-762-7985).

Other columns have been longer than this one. Nevertheless, you see plenty of evidence that the vital signs of the Class and their families are strong.

**Bill Ward** received an award from the Frances Schervier Home and Hosp in NY at their 50th anniv celebration dinner on 3 Nov. Mrs Douglas MacArthur, now 90 yrs old, presented the award before 700 attendees. Also, you may have seen his article recounting the progress in the USAR during the past yr in the 88 *Green Book of Army Magazine*.

News from **Scottie Kirsta-Wilson**, daughter of **Ardath & Gail Wilson** describes a tribe on the move. Ardath, who continues to pursue the sun and sea of FL, recently completed a cross-country driving trip to points west and Canada with Tracy. She is looking forward to cruising the Hudson with us in 90. Scottie is working part-time in a bankruptcy law firm in Houston, which is a profitable location for that line of work, now. She is also working toward her master of fine arts in photography. Kelly, just having her second daughter, is taking it easy and enjoying Leah Gail and Lauren Mary. Husband John, a banker, takes them to Disney World when he gets time off. Tracy is teaching computer science near San Ant, while working on her master's so that she can be a principal in the school instead of a teacher. She & husband Larry, who works for Dresser Industries, enjoy golfing and gardening in their spare time. Clay is following his father's footsteps and participates frequently in triathlons. He recently received his MBA and is in real estate banking in Tampa. Finally, Borden is a mgt consultant for Arthur Andersen and is currently working in Sarasota, with

little jet trips all over the country. The picture of the Gail Wilson family speaks for itself.



1950: The Gail Wilson family

**Ding Price** checked in with news from FL to Tahiti, where **Jeanne** & he vacationed in a hotel overlooking Bali Hai Mt. Son Van is still with JAG serving in the 82d Abn Div; and Allen is teaching math at WP.

**Faith & Morris Herbert** had a grand time on another of their tours. As part of his work with the AOG, he escorts tours of grads on cruises. This time it was to Scandinavia and Leningrad, but the two of them decided to expand a bit by doing two added wks in England, visiting old ruins (including a few friends!). Herb had a ball checking out all the pubs while Faith did the antique shops. In addition to the Herberts, two other '50 couples were on the cruise—**Helen & Spike Wood** from the Wash area and **Kate & Don Coscarelli** from LA.



1950: Coscarellis, Herberts, Woods—Scandinavian cruise

In Oct **Sue & Bill Pogue** were in town from IL on business. He is the CEO of CBI Industries and, as such, was talking with people on the Hill about various bills. Both of them look grand, so I guess the pressure of such leadership has not penetrated that AL ease.

As the yrs go on we find several leaving the gridlock of Northern VA for more gentle places. **Woodie & Bill Aman** have joined **Joy Viskochil** in building a home adjacent to the golf course in Melbourne, FL. Neither has yet moved in but the time is coming soon, I understand. In the meantime, the Amans are selling their

house in VA and will live in their mobile home until the place is finished. **Peg & Ray Singer** have followed their hearts from No VA to their home in Carmel, CA. Future plans were fuzzy, but clearly rooted in the good life. There have been replacements, though. **Carolyn & Dave Cameron** have come to this area, after ret at WP. They have moved into their new home in West Ridge, just south of the Occoquan River, and are rapidly getting settled into the new routine.

In Oct **Bill DeGraf** had a short visit with **Stud Heit** by phone. Stud reported that he & his wife **Carol** recently had dinner with **Bob Peltz** & his new wife **Dori**. Stud also has seen both **Jack Murphy** and **Joe McCrane** and reports that all the gp seems to be doing well. Stud himself is busy as ever still dealing with the travel business and doesn't expect to ret.

The **Genuarios** had a visit in Jul from **Bill Mastoris**, up from San Ant. Bill was full of stories about his time as aide to **GEN Bradley**. In the photograph showing the happy occasion are **Lou & Rose Genuario**, **Joan Scandling**, **Bill Mastoris** and **Robin DeGraf**. Lou, now that he is a country club pres here in Alex, VA, has been doing a lot of golfing. In Sep he had a two-day trip to Charlottesville for a tourney with his groundskeeper. Then in Oct in a church-oriented fund-raising match, he won a gift certificate and a free weekend for two at a Radisson Hotel.

**Win Skelton** met **Art Porcher** at **Blackie Bolduc's** in San Ant for their 7th Roommate Reunion. Blackie planned a full sched which included an early morning balloon ride, 5 in a basket, a tour of the TX vineyards, an overnight in Laredo and shopping in Nuevo Laredo.

As of this writing **Marge Ritter** is plan-



1950: Mastoris visiting the Genuarios

ning on a visit to her daughter and family in Vienna, Austria. We hope to have some report on the visit in the next column.

The Wash area has Class activities continuously. The smiles of the happy gp in the picture below resulted from the relief that no one became ill in another meeting of the Gourmets of Wash. Left to right are **Ben Lewis**, **Lou Genuario**, **Jim Irons**, **Malvene Lewis**, **Rufe Smith**, **Barbara Petree**, **Nancy Smith**, **Mel Johnsrud**, **June Irons**, and **Rose Genuario**.

Another of the '50 activities in the



1950: Food fans in Wash



1950: '50 bridge club, Jul at Joy Viskochil's

Wash area is a monthly bridge evening, starting out with a potluck dinner. The gp had an especially fine time in Jul, starting early in the afternoon because of the driving time involved, at **Joy Viskochil's** new home in Lake-of-the-Woods, VA. Four tables showed up for the game.

Another major event in the Wash area was a Class party, hosted by **Ann & Jake Jacobson** at their Sunnyside Farm in Hamilton, VA, 4 Sep. Approximately 80 classmates and spouses toured the 1790 house, which Jacobsons have restored with great skill, countless hrs, and gallons of sweat. You can see the house in the background in the photo of the host and hostess.



1950: Jacobsons at their 1790 home in rural VA

Don't forget. Get your checks ready for the 40th Reunion. While you're at it, let the Class know how or what you are doing by sending me a letter.

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**CLASS ACTIVITIES:** '51 luncheons, 11:30 a.m. each 3d Thur monthly at the A/N Club Arlington, VA, continue to have good Class support. **Bob Hyatt's** mgt, coordination, and hosting leave nothing to chance. Scheduled lun-



1951: Luncheons are well supported—Byers, Reeve and Goodnow

cheons: 15 Dec, 18 Jan 89, 15 Feb; info: call Bob or **Tinky Hyatt**—703-425-4839. A/N game activities: annual **Ab Webber** party at Airport Hilton Hotel with con-

tinental breakfast before and victory party after, all within two blocks of Philly's Vets Stadium. In Wash DC area, USNA and USMA '51 have been invited by '50 USMA and USNA (Ty Tandler '50) to join their annual Tailgate and TV Party at the Pawn Shop Rest, Rosslyn, VA: tailgate 1200-1400, kickoff at 1400 and viewing with large screen projection. Many '51ers and spouses have expressed their interest in joining '50's celebrations!! **REUNIONS:** the 89 Spring Fling, 13-16 Apr 89 at Pinehurst, NC will be hosted once again by two of '51's favorites, **Ed & Herma Matney**—their mini in 85 left nothing to be desired. Ed's recent promotion to VP, Wheat Securities promises an even more luxurious wkend with added trappings. A highlight will be attendance at "Stoney Brook," an annual steeple chase at Southern Pines. In addition, golf, tennis, sightseeing, shopping, and tourist activities will be available. Many '51ers and spouses have already planned their attendance for "a weekend w/ the Matneys." 40th Reunion planning by **Gary Sanderson, Gerry Hendricks, and Chuck Ewing** is well underway for 23-26 May 91; schedule concerns include housing (the Sheraton at Mahwah is under consideration), transportation req, reunion activities, memorial services, '51 cocktail party and buffet, alumni parade, a combined reunion-Class dinner dance in the Cadet Mess, and picnic/boat ride/tours and other activities. A survey eliciting Class desires will be forwarded shortly to '51 by the Plan Comm for comments/recommendations to facilitate satisfaction of Class desires. **CLASS PARTY:**



1951: Fall feasts are appreciated—Peg Byers, Louisell, Sarah Coughlin, Coughlin and Faith Stannard

**John & Peg Byers** hosted a Wash DC area party at the 2d annual "Fall Fest" at their Prince Royal Gallery in Old Town Alexandria—a very pleasant evening with good friends, fine food and cheerful ambience. Attendees included the **Becz-kiewiczzes, Barbers, Boatners, Coughlins, Cunys, Dickens, Doerflingers, Ewings, Hendricks, Brad Holle, Ken Holle, the Jacobs, Jorstads, Keeslings, Kleins, Lefflers, Louisells, Menas, McMullens, Peixottos, Pendletons, the**

**Dick Ryans, Reeves, Sheridans, Brooks Martins, and Gorman Smiths.**

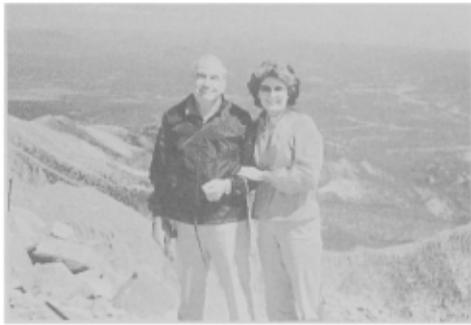


1951: The McMullens enjoy parties

**VERY SAD NEWS:** On 1 Sep **Bob Anderson** died of prostate cancer after a prolonged illness. Despite extended periods within the hosp, Bob was optimistic and positive until the end. Burial took place at WP on 7 Sep w/ wife **Joan**, daughter and two sons present. '51 was represented by **Pud Keesling, Chuck Satuloff, Gorman Smith, and Tom Odderstol.** **Barbara Odderstol** also accompanied Tom and provided support and assistance during a very difficult period. Also during the first wk of Sep **Jim Barron** died suddenly of a heart attack. Interment took place in the Natl Cemetery in Santa Fe, NM; wife **Gussie** was sustained throughout this tragic period by the strong, firm support of their children and immediate family ties. Attendance during the services included the **Jerry Carlsons, John Hemlers, Pat Corrigan, Paul Neidringhaus**—Jim's WP roommate who traveled from Chicago, **Bill Baird, Frank Borman '50, Frank Bashore, and Mary Jo Rice and Gus Villaret** from El Paso. On 30 Sep **Doris Buell**, who provided administrative support for '51 from 74-82, died of natural causes in Alexandria, VA. No one was ever more proud of '51, of their assoc with '51 or its members than was **Doris!!**

Other sad news includes info that **Karl Peltz** is fighting cancer in Fayetteville, NC; **Ernie & Libby Peixotto**, who visited Karl in Oct, report that he is fighting courageously and retains his great sense of humor. Meanwhile in TX, **Charlie Bryant** is recovering from the effects of a major stroke which he had in Jul. Initial notification of Charlie's illness was provided by **Goble Bryant '49** with later input in greater detail from **Sally** through **Sel Graham** and individual contacts. Sally reports that Charlie's condition has improved significantly, but he is scheduled to remain in the Dallas Rehab Inst until Nov. It has been a tough two yrs for **Charlie & Sally**—he had an op for cancer of the bladder in Jul 87 and had returned to work shortly before his stroke. In Oct **Bill Quinn, Sel Graham and Tom McMullen** all reported Charlie's phone conversations were very cheerful. Sally,

cheered by Charlie's improvement and excellent med care, looks forward to a good recovery. And as Goble says, "Charlie is a very tough guy."



1951: Proud Texans see another world—Grahams at Pikes Peak, Jun

**REGIONAL SPOTLITE—SOUTH WEST:** (Sel Graham—TX, OK). Sel reports contacts w/ **Tom Hastings, John Daigh, Bill Thomas, Doug Michel, John Lewis, Peyton Cook,** and the Austin crew (**Bruce Robertson, Bucky Harris**). An "Oil and Gas Law" specialist, Sel is now w/ **Hughes & Luce** (of Ross Perot's *On the Wings of Eagles*). Son **Seldon III** returned to full practice of anesthesiology in Feb after being diagnosed w/ a malignant brain tumor on 3 Jun 87. After surgery and radiation, Sel III placed himself on a macrobiotic diet w/ supplements. Later he was specially tested to determine if he had lost any skills for which he was board certified. He not only passed but is now a member of the Southwestern Med Sch faculty where he can share his expert's knowledge of effects of diet and cancer w/ other doctors. Sel & **Pat**, very thankful for his recovery, pray "he will continue this (his work) for at least 50 yrs." Sel notes that **Bruce Robertson**, fellow Austin resident, is the new chm, Admissions Comm of the local WP soc. Incidentally, on a recent Robertson trip to Marble Falls, TX, he & **Suzanne** visited Michel's Drug Store, a widely known Central TX drug store dispensing old-fashioned soda in a real glass. It is **Doug Michel's** store, founded by his grandfather, operated by his father, by **Doug & his wife**, and now by **Doug's son** who is a pharmacist. Most popular fountain drinks are old-fashioned Cokes, floats, sodas, and milkshakes. **Bruce & Suzanne** had a FUN visit w/ **Doug & Joy**. Both were really impressed w/ the Michels' pride in their store, its operation, and their son—its mgr. **Bill & Jean Spence** are located in San Ant since his ret from US Civil Svc (IRS). Incidentally, during the summer he had a nice visit w/ **Adam Gorski** in San Ant on a business trip. Other San Ant area news is that **Mike Davis** married **Mary Elizabeth (Liza) Fagerburg Munsen** in late summer 88.

**Joe & Sally Clark** moved from the

Philadelphia area in 87 to Houston where he is now the regional sales mgr for Honeywell's SW region, a happy circumstance for the Clarkes since two of their 3 sons live in the area and their daughter lives with them. Also this is **Joe's** second tour in the area, which they thoroughly enjoy. **Rudy Prince** remains a part of the Houston way of life and continues very active in geo-physical orgs. He also continues as pres and chm of the Board of Digicon Inc. **John & Marianne Osborne** have drifted from the Midwest to the Southwest, settling in the San Ant area and loving the change. John says he is



1951: Life in San Ant or the Osbornes move south

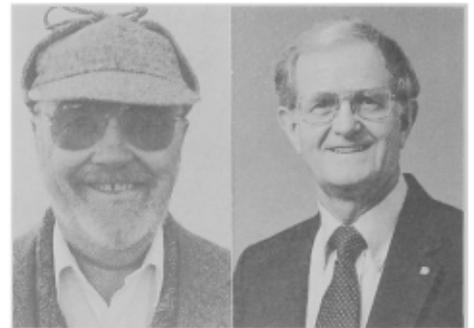
young, has emphysema and no regrets, and plans a long life. **Neil & Ruth McCray** are located on a 12 acre site which occupies his time and keeps him in shape.



1951: A collage of Texans—top, Lukert and McCray. Bottom, Prince and Villaret

Parents of 4, their 3 sons seem to have Neil's interest in mil life—eldest '81, cpt, 10th SP Forces; 2d son (TX A&M '85), 1LT, 101st Abn; youngest, student, TX A&M. The **Markhams** are established firmly in Lubbock, TX. Both **Ed & Dottie** had to be overjoyed w/ the birth of **Edward Murphy Markham V**—it happened while they were on board the *Miss Queen*, their 11th grandchild; not a record, but w/ 5 children a pretty good avg. **Ed & Dottie** manage to travel often, and according to the grapevine will make the mini-reunion in NC in Apr. As VP-warehouse & trans, **Furrs, Inc** in Lubbock, **Ed** also manages to accrue quite a few mi in his business travels. The **Lukerts** continue to enjoy their lives in the

Arlington, TX area—**Ed** is still w/ **Gearheart Indus** while running this own ADP business (computer typesetting and writing database programs); **Carol**, a teacher, is assoc dir of a reading game ctr. Of 5 children, eldest **Ed III '77** awaits promotion to maj; while **John '82** now at Ft Campbell; **Paul '83** resigned in Jun and now in Phoenix. The **Lukerts** are into vacations, too—to Jamaica in Jan w/ lots of sun, sailing, tennis and swimming, and to the NW in Aug w/ the **Toepels '52**, who did some great planning to keep the gp out of their hometown heat waves and power shortages. Nearby in Dallas are **Tom & Darlene James** who still works for the city of Dallas. In addition to responsibility for trans-for-hire in Dallas and Dallas/Ft Worth Airport, he has taken on mgt of parking services—to incl installation and collection from meters, enforcement and adjudication of contested citations. That sounds as though **Tom** can fix



1951: Homegrown Texans—Johnson and James

tickets too!! The **Jameses** have 3 children and two grandchildren w/ a 3d (a 2d boy) expected in Oct. They live within 5 blocks of **John & Margaret Daigh**—also see them fairly often; all generally carpool to Founders Day where they join the **Lukerts**. Also nearby are **John & Anita Moffat**, parents of 6, w/ only **Elizabeth**, the youngest, still a student—their happiest days are before them!! For the past two yrs **John** has been City Works engr & Pub Works dir for Dalworthington Gardens, a city enclosed by Arlington. **John** says he enjoys developing the city's modern water distribution system and also being involved in other civic functions such as roads, parks and related improvements. In Greenville, TX are **Bill & Mitzi Thomas** with **Bill** running for state rep and deeply involved in community activities. But one of the great **Thomas 88** thrills was the birth, after 4 daughters and 5 granddaughters, of a grandson in Madison, WI; the trip to WI made a nice break in their campaigning—after the primary and before the general election in Nov. To the west in the El Paso area are **Russ & Gloria Johnson** who travel often. When **Russ** is not teaching at UTEP, they spend as much time as possible w/ their boat at Elephant Butte, NM; the A/BC game in

Ireland is also on the schedule; as well as a trip to the next NY marathon. Since Russ teaches both Hemingway and Conan Doyle, it's rumored the enclosed picture was intended to portray a composite picture of Hemingway/Sherlock Holmes!! Also nearby are **Gus & Jo Ann Villaret**, who as with many of us have children not as near as we desire. Gus Jr, CPT, USA is at Ft Hood, TX; Greg, CPT, USAF is in CA; and other children in separate ends of OH. Gus continues consulting w/ Brunswick Corp, United Technologies, and Inverton Inc. Within shouting distance are **Jerry & Jean Carlson** leading a relaxed lifestyle. As in the



1951: The Bretzkes—movin' West

past, Jerry remains active in real estate and property mgt. He is exec off, El Paso Apt & Trade Assoc—which is affiliated w/ the TX Apt Assoc. Their 2d daughter Susan, CPT, USA keeps up the Carlson mil tradition. The **Bretzkes** left OK for Mesa, AZ at the beginning of Sep 88—**Lou & Mildred** intend to remain in AZ near two of their 4 children pending their determination of a final loc—probably AZ.



1951: Guests of Valley Forge—Tony Hope, Carol Meyer, Meyer, Caspar Weinberger and Weyand

**SHORT BITS:** **Sandy Weyand** had a busy wkend in May w/ Casper Weinberger recipient of VFMA's annual Bob Hope Five-Star Civ Award for distinguished service to America. Tony Hope made the presentation. Same day **Shy Meyer** addressed the cadets at chapel services. In Jun **Geo & Anne Meighen** attended son **Allen's** grad from parachute sch at Ft Benning; Allen is w/ the USMC

Force Recon Res Unit. Incidentally, Al also grad from law sch during May. The



1951: George and paratrooper son!

wedding of Edith Evans & Rob Hyatt, offspring of **Hank & Mary** and **Bob & Tinky** took place in Baltimore on 24 Sep in a lovely ceremony at Queen of Peace Cathedral, the same site as the **Evans** marriage 34 yrs earlier. On 6 Oct the *Wash Post* ran a 4 col, very complimentary article on **Anne Lackman** and her first 3 mos as mayor of Middlebury, VA. (Ladies note: the write-up did mention **Bill** briefly as husband of Anne). Bill was proud! On 24 Sep **Gorman Smith** attained the ripe old age of 60 and can now take advantage of a most deserving benefit—mil ret!! As **Mary** said, "Congratulations-Gorman."

**REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT** for next **ASSEMBLY:** FAR WEST & PAC (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA, WY—Reg Rep: **Dan Sharp**; Dep: **Pete Thomas**). (AZ, CO, NV, NM, UT—Reg Rep: **Don McGann**; Dep: **Hank Evans**). (HI & Far East—Reg Rep: **Bill Quinn**; Dep—**Jim Hackleman**).

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There is no more fitting way to start my tour as scribe than to thank **Ralph Garver** for his superb contribution to the Class and to WP these past 15 yrs. I am certain I speak for the Class in expressing our gratitude and admiration for his dedication and enthusiasm in putting together so many welcome columns. Thanks and well done, Ralph.

As **Ralph** reported in the last column, the exec comm appointed **Chuck Youree** to find a willing, qualified replacement—one with a sense of humor and a modicum of spare time, but mostly willing. As luck would have it, Chuck still had a G-2 roster and a keen eye for an old roommate. So, there you are. I am a bit anxious at the prospect of meeting publication deadlines after several yrs of retirement and itinerant consulting. But having once submitted an item to Ralph, I am possibly marginally qualified to succeed him. In any event, I felt I owed some effort to the Class, so am most

agreeable to taking on this task. I should add that **John Kenney** prepared much of this column and is to be commended for assuring an unbroken transition from Ralph to me.

As you might expect, this column is a little shorter than usual. Perhaps in the changeover some of you have held back a letter waiting to learn where to send it, or it is somewhere in the postal system waiting to be found. Either way, you now have an address and a new scribe eager to hear about you and what you are doing. As ever, the essential basis for this column remains your notes and letters—please keep them coming.

**Drake Wilson** writes from Ft Lauderdale that he and **Jim Tow** had a wonderful time on a sail through the Bahamas last Aug. The picture shows them return-



1952: Wilson and Tow

ing to the mother boat after a spear fishing expedition (the fish are concealed under the dodger). Accompanying them on the trip around the Abacos and Grand Bahama were **Drake's** wife **Ann** and **Jim's** elder daughter **Alicia**, who returned just in time to report for active duty as an Army LT.

**Thor Sundt** has been selected as the recipient of the U of TN College of Medicine 1988 Outstanding Alumnus Award. He is chm, Dept of Neurologic Surgery, Mayo Clinic, and prof of neurological surgery, Mayo Med School. Thor will be honored 21 Oct during the alumni awards luncheon in Memphis. The announcement notes that Dr Sundt serves on the examination comm of the American Board of Neurologic Surgery and the editorial board of the *Journal of Neurosurgery*. It goes on to state that Thor has done extensive research in cerebrovascular disease and intracranial circulation and has published more than 200 articles on various surgical procedures for the brain. Thor & **Lois** have two sons, Thor and John, and a daughter Laura.

**Dick Wiles** reports that he & **Ginny** visited **Tom & Dottie Cole** at the Presidio of San Fran where Tom is DCG, Sixth Army. They went together to visit **George & Mary Grayeb** in Sacramento, where George is a member of the country real estate board. There, they ran into



1952: Wiles and Cole



1952: Grayeb, Wiles, and Williamson

**Don Williamson**, who lives in Carmichael, CA. Don reports that **Chuck Edwards** also lives in Carmichael and is teaching chemistry at a local community college. Note: Tom, our one remaining active duty classmate, will ret at Ft Lewis on New Year's Eve, ending a very lengthy and most successful career. We wish him & Dottie a long, happy retirement.

A mixed bag (Gps I and II) of our classmates got together to celebrate the Wash weather by gathering for a buffet dinner dance at the beautiful, air conditioned ANCC in Arlington on the last day of Jul. **Jack & Jane Claybrook** were our hosts, and they arranged a superb buffet, including an essential supply of bar chits. **John & Loretta Sullivan** arranged the affair. Attending were our



1952: Donna Larkin, Van Trees, Moore, Larkin, and Jackie Moore

Class pres, **Dick Larkin**, with **Donna, Frank Benedict, John & Nadean Bovard, Bob Burke, Ralph & Carrol Cline, Bob & Alice Craig, Art & Kim Deverill, John &**

**Catherine Keeley, John & Marie Kenney, Birt & Rita Kidwell, Tom & Patty Leggett** (down from Carlisle and got in a couple of sets of tennis before the party),



1952: Deverill and Cline

**Hank & Marcia Lowder, Paul & Ann Malone, Mac & Barbara McKnight, and Bill & Jackie Moore.** Also, **Otis & Emilia Moran, John & Kay Paluh, Gray & Betty Parks, Jack & Jean Pilk** and their guest **April Johnson** (wife of **Ross Johnson '49**),



1952: Paluh, Kay Paluh and Bovard

**Frank & Pat Pimentel, Larry & Barbara Putnam, Bill & Chase Raiford, Don & Betty Swygert, Harry Van Trees, Dick & Ginny Wiles, and Chuck & Inez Youree.** Photos by Dick Wiles.



1952: Moran, Leggett and Burke

**Bill Raiford** arrived at the party immediately after playing an original composition, *The Cathedral of Seoul*, at the Wash Natl Cathedral. The piece is a tone poem he wrote based on a musical theme he encountered in Seoul in 53. His piano solo was the key musical event of a ceremony commemorating all those who

served in Korea during the period 50-53. This ceremony marked the end of a wk of recognition and remembrance for those who served in our Armed Forces during the Korean War. Other participants in the Cathedral ceremony included Dr James Ford, former WP chaplain and now chaplain of the House of Representatives, and William D Clark '45, Principal Dep Asst Secy of the Army for Manpower and Res Affairs. **John Sullivan and John & Marie Kenney** also attended the ceremony.

A local institution, the '52 Lunch Bunch, meets periodically to socialize and talk over a wide range of current issues. Present for the 29 Sep function were **Hubbard, host, and Cline, Kenney, Kidwell, Lowder, Paluh, Perritt, Rehm, Sullivan, Wiles, and Witherell.**

On the personal side, **Cynthia & I** have lived in Springfield for quite a number of yrs, having had a variety of asgmts around Wash DC until I ret in 80. Our two children live and work in DC, so we are likely to remain here. Nancy is an historic preservationist with the DC govt, and Andrew is an exec with Hecht's Dept Stores. In Apr, Andrew married **Linda McManes**, daughter of **Kenmore R McManes (USNA '57)**. We have enjoyed the many Class activities here in Wash and are able to attend most of them; however, we spend summers in our cottage in NH—sort of like going from garrison to the field.

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This is a time-warp of gigantic proportions. The TV is offering "summer" Olympics while I'm writing against an Oct deadline for an article to be published in Dec. The warp part is compounded by THE REUNION that sneaks in between the deadline and publication.

It is apparent from the mailbag that the preoccupation with THE REUNION is nearly total. **Curt Brewer** forestalled a final chapter of the **Ramsay** clan saga with a great letter from his "whiz or coffee" stop in Highland Falls, phone 446-4323. Curt divides his time between managing their properties in HF, teaching college math, restoring antique furniture and dabbling in antiques and collectibles. **Butch** gets involved in the antique business, too. They have some antique and classic cars to keep them busy if the other interests slack up. When **Curt & Butch** left Ft Hood en route to HF following ret, their convoy was a 1926 "T" model Ford and a 1931 "A" model. The trip took 21 days, with the "T" hitting a top speed of 30 mph downhill. Some admiring police along the way stopped them just for the fun of

resting a foot on a running board again.

The **Brewers** have a record I'd like to see if anyone else in the Class can top. This fall is the first time in 15 yrs they don't have a youngster in college. Their two children have compiled a total of 19 yrs of college. Nineteen! Daughter Kandie is a pharmacist in NYC and a free lance artist (her second degree). Son Josh is a dentist practicing in Stamford, CT. **Curt & Butch** are justifiably proud of their children's scholastic and professional achievements. Curt commented that "old roomie" **Jim Bleecker** stops by now and then, but that **Howie Matson** can't seem to find his way out of the PA hills.

**Sam Thomas** attended the ret ceremony in Heidelberg on 24 Jun for **Glenn Otis** and **Chuck Fiala** along with **Scotty Crerar** and some others. By no coincidence, the featured speaker from the Pentagon was **Art Brown**. In his remarks, Art included this particularly moving passage:

"Some of us present here today first soldiered with Glenn and Chuck on Trophy Point at WP, when late in the afternoon on the first of July 1949, after a hectic day, the Class of '53 marched in 6 new cadet cos to take the oath of office as cadets, USMA. Many of us didn't know them, but it wasn't long before they made their mark on all of us. Through the yrs (about 39 have gone by now), they have continued to hold the respect, admiration and friendship of all who were with them that day."

Art also paid tribute to **Barbara Otis** and **Edie Fiala** for their selfless contributions. The picture of **Glenn, Art & Gerry**, and **Chuck** that accompanied **Sam's** letter reminds us of another wife who has made a selfless contribution. We hear that Art & Gerry will be ret in Jan. What a loss for the Army!



1953: Otis, Browns and Fiala

In case you missed it up front, this is the last article being written during the Olympic telecasts, before THE REUNION, but will be published after the bash. While I am viewing scenes reminiscent of intramural drowning (aka water polo) I'm trying to imagine all the festivities. Dashing men and beautiful drags, right?

Just so you can set your clocks, the REUNION write-up will be featured in the Feb 89 ASSEMBLY.

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As briefly reported earlier, **Lew Mologne** died of lymph node cancer on 22 Aug at WRAMC, where he had ret as CG on 1 Aug. Many classmates, spouses and colleagues paid their last respects to Lew at the WR Memorial Chapel, the funeral services at the Ft Myer Chapel (During which **Dick Renfro** of St Johnsbury, VT delivered the main eulogy), and the gravesite at Arlington Natl Cemetery. A contribution to the Lewis A Mologne Endowment Fund at WR was made on behalf of the Class. **Harry Emrick** from Wheat Ridge, CO represented '54 at a memorial service for Lew at Fitzsimmons Army Med Center, Denver on 25 Aug, the day Lew was buried. **BG Thomas E Bowen** delivered the eulogy. **George McDonald '46** also attended and wrote about their friendship when Lew was stationed there. Lew was the first gen off in '54 to die. The Class shares **Rose's** and their family's grief and joins our prayers with theirs for the peaceful rest of Lew's soul.

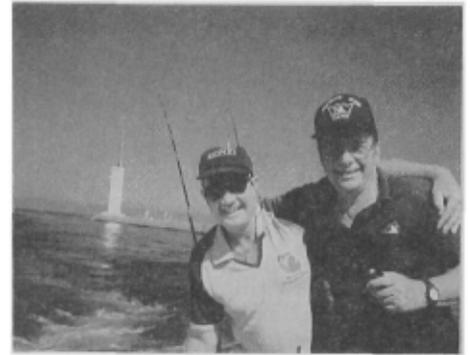
On 17 Sep, pres **Jack Miller** was notified by AOG that **George Chancellor** died on 4 Sep in El Paso and was buried at Ft Bliss. The Class's deepest sympathy abides with **Georgeanne** and their family.

**Ed Keiser** was informed through the Army that **John Poteat** died of a heart ailment on 19 Oct in Huntsville, AL. Funeral services were held on 21 Oct at the First Baptist Church with burial in Huntsville. The Class shares the deep sorrow of **Madeline** and the family.

On AD, **Harry Emrick** was a prof and dept head at the AF Academy. Harry is running for CO State Rep in the 24th Dist, so vote often and early for our classmate Harry. Since ret as an AF col in 75, Harry has held teaching and admin positions with CO School of Mines and is a real estate assoc in Jefferson Co. From 1978-82 he was GOP Precinct Committeeman, then elected Jefferson Co. Surveyor and reelected. He served on the Wheat Ridge Mass Transit Comm and is active in tech and prof organizations and assocs. A CO resident since 1963, he and **Barbara** are proud of their 3 daughters, all graduates of Wheat Ridge High.

**Al Hamblin** and **Bill Carroll** meet annually to fish for salmon and compliments in MI. They are married to cousins and see each other frequently. Al & **Doris** live in Englewood, FL, while **Bill & Carolyn** have homes in Rockford, IL, and Marco Is, FL. They invite us all to

join them, so get hooked on fishing and let them know if you're a fisher or a bait cutter.



1954: Bill Carroll and Al Hamblin between catches at Pentwater, MI

**Walt Evans** reports from Potomac, MD that **Paul Reistrup** of McLean, VA is pres of the Monongahela RR in PA.

Some new names heard from: **Bill Bathurst**, Cashiers, NC; **Joe Ganahl**, Great Falls, VA; **Bill Grace**, Vienna, VA; and **Ron Salvador**, Belmont, OH.

Pope John Paul was asked by a visitor how many people worked in the Vatican. He replied, "About half of them."

Hope to hear from more of you at Christmas. Joyeux!

'55

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As I was preparing this issue's article, I received the saddening notice of the death of our classmate, **Charles A Schuh**, on 11 Oct from cancer. Chuck had been ill only a short time and had received extensive surgical and post-operative treatment, but the rapidly moving nature of the disease allowed him only scant mos. Chuck & **Elaine** made their home in Asheville, NC, where he had been taking courses at the U of NC in Asheville since his ret in 84. Before ret he had served a distinguished extended tour of duty as our def attache in Rangoon, Burma. Chuck is survived by **Elaine** and 4 sons. We shall miss this quiet, thoughtful man who gained all our admiration and respect as a solid friend and exemplary soldier. I will remember Chuck for his most rewarding smile, that spoke volumes about the trust and spirit of comradeship that one man can extend to another. Chuck's ashes will be spread across his beloved Carolina hills, which he cherished so much. Well done, good friend, be thou at peace.

A piece of Pentagon news just announced is that **George Monahan** has been named to replace **Abe Abramson** as the dir of the Office of the Strategic Def Initiative, a massive challenge and certainly a position which calls for all the support and encouragement we can give

George & Mary. Certainly hope this didn't involve another cross-town move as the last job shift did. No one ever need ask, "Where's George?" about this great '55er—he's at the heart of the action.

The DC contingent had its fall luncheon on 16 Sep, and among those gathering were **Dick Baker**, **Dick Wargowsky**, **Ed Nidever**, **Carl Cathey**, **Bob Newton**, **Bill Roth**, **Ed Anderson**, **Ted Gay**, **Dick Masson**, and from the other side of the world, **Joe Dado**, who was in town with his lovely wife **Purita**, for some business and some visiting from their home in Mindanao, the Philippines. Also aboard were **Tom & Harriet Phillips** from CA, where they make their home in Granada Hills, near L.A. Our gp in DC is pressing on with plans for the post-Navy game Christmas brunch, with hopes that by the time you read this we will have seen many of you there.

The mail brought great things this past two mos—a super letter from **Jack & Sandra Karnes** down in Wellborn, TX, announcing with deserved parental pride that their son, **John Jr.**, was graduated with multiple honors from the SMU School of Law. **John Jr.** & his wife **Rhonda** will make home in Denver, where he has entered practice with a local firm. **Jack** continues his chemistry teaching at **Blinn College**—**Bryan Campus** and his great love of restoring classic cars (one of which was a graduation present to son **John**). **Sandra** is an accomplished horse breeder and enjoys the labors of keeping their over 100 yr old TX farmhouse. Thanks so much for your letter; good to hear from you.



1955: Jack, John and Sandra Karnes

**Rod & Pat Vitty** sent a great note to share their thrill of having gone on one of the last "great adventures"—an African hunting safari. After traveling from their NJ home near **Rod's** Philly-based business location, the Vittys got right into the spirit of the hunt, as the two photos seem to relate. **Rod** advises his two victories of a Southern Kudu and a Cape Buffalo—which is apparently one of the largest ever recorded—capped the trip. They both enjoyed this unique vacation, and contrary to what they believed earlier, are ready to go again.

**Charlie & Rita Flynn** dropped a short



1955: Rod & Pat Vitty and kudu



1955: Rod Vitty and the BIG one!

note from **Prescott, AZ**, where they continue to settle into high desert living. They are pleased to have their lovely daughter, **Mary Ann**, back near them. After completing her degree at **GWU** in DC, she will go on to grad school at the **U of AZ** in Tucson. **Charlie** continues to enjoy teaching at **Embry-Riddle School of Aviation**—a Valhalla for old fighter jocks. **Charlie** sent along a snapshot taken of the two of us (tentmates) on the **Plebe Hike**. No one was ever that young!

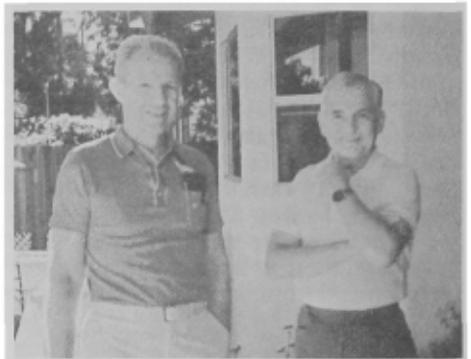
The big strike in the mailbox was **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams'** extensive report of the 6 Aug mini-reunion that **Jack & Marlowe Viney** hosted in their Huntington Beach, CA home. **Bill's** report of those attending—**Ray & Celia Dax**: **Ray** is involved in space safety engr work with **TRW**. He & **Celia**, along with **Bill & Ronnie** and **Al & Dot Spaulding**, were among those hosting **John & Jerra Hotchkiss** in a welcome to CA dinner following the **Viney's** party. **John** is dir of mil progs for **Allied Signal Aerospace**, and he & **Jerra** have just moved into their new home in **Manhattan Beach, CA**.

**Del & Shirley Jacobs** also enjoyed the **Viney's** gathering. **Del** is still hard at work as **VP** at **Northrup**, but has been able to take some well-earned breaks to satisfy his love of fishing near **Baja, CA** for blue marlin. The **Jacobs** also plan an Alaskan fishing venture to go after the **BIG** trout. **Dave & Toni Maurer** used the occasion of the **Viney** get-together to pass out the flyers announcing their own plans to host the **Army-Navy** game party this yr in their **Claremont** home. **Dave** is design mgr for **Holmes and Narver Engr** firm, where his recent successes include



1955: Jacobs, Hotchkiss and Viney

the design for an anechoic chamber at **Edwards AFB**. **Dave** says he knows the design was successful because a mass of people stood on the roof of the chamber recently to watch the landing of the shuttle **Discovery**. Chalk up another kudo for good-old "Free-body **Fraser!**" By the way, **Dave**, after the game party, don't forget the letter and the snapshots to your scribe.



1955: Dave Maurer and Jim Miller

**Jim & Nancy Miller** joined the gp; **Jim** has set up his own consulting bus centering around **C3** issues, principally for **DCA** and the **Navy**. **Nancy** continues her work as a sr principal engr with **Naval Intel**, which frequently requires her to ride the "red-eye special" to **Norfolk, VA**. Home for the **Millers** is in beautiful **La Jolla**, down the coast a piece. **Bob Soper** was also a welcome guest with the gp. **Bob & Bertie** still make **Houston** home, but his work is now with **Douglas Acft** on the **T-45** tng acft prog, but he commutes back and forth frequently. That's a tough routine—hang in there, **Sope!**

Also among the celebrants were **Al & Dot Spaulding**; this year **Al** left **Hughes** to join **McDonnell-Douglas** nearer to his **Westminster, CA** home, thus obviating the "L.A. Commute," which so many endure in the area. His work is in the astro div, working primarily **C3I**. Principal among those really enjoying this great gathering were the gracious hosts, **Jack & Marlowe Viney**, who decorated their elegant venue with black, gold, and gray and ensured everyone had a 9.0 time. **Jack** is a major mgr with **Hughes Ground Sys Gp**, involved in a dev of



1955: McWilliams, Maurers, Millers, Spauldings, Daxes, Jacobs, Vineys, Hotchkisses and Soper in rear

counter-arty radar, working largely with the Koreans. Marlowe is fully engaged with her demanding nursing career in a crisis care center. In a subsequent note to me they shared how much they enjoyed their tour of the Soviet Union with the AOG, especially the Leningrad portion. Glad you did, guys, but I gotta tell you, my receptions in Leningrad were never that friendly!



1955: Jack & Marlowe Viney across from Kremlin

Finally, my great thanks and appreciation to **Bill & Ronnie McWilliams**, who so carefully preserved the details of the gathering. Bill has moved positions within Hughes to the Space and Comm Gp, where he's finding things much more pleasing. As frequent break from the L.A. commute routine, he & Ronnie head north along the coast to Morro Bay, a well-kept secret in the rush of CA living. I've been there Bill, it is super.

Classmates and ladies, you should know that in 90 the powers that be may be directing 6 issues of *ASSEMBLY* each yr. That means your old scribe needs your

help to keep the news moving. So flick on your word processors, clean up your old Parker pens, make extra copies of that myriad snapshots you're all taking, and send them to the old spook, care of you know where. Meantime, take care.

'56

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Since the *ASSEMBLY* is now being published on two-mo centers, this report

will be shorter than most have been in the past; however, I hope you will still find it to be worthwhile reading.

It is with great regret that I must inform you of **Larry Wange's** recent passing. His wife **Dot** advised me that Larry died 2 Sep after a 14-mo bout with cancer. Larry & Dot raised 3 children: Russell, David, and Liesel. I believe Russell graduated with the Class of '80. After Larry ret from the service, he was with General Motors for 10 yrs, then with Braniff Airways, and then was a corporate engr with Southland Corp. This latter position took him all over the world setting up equipment installations and service contractors for 7-Eleven stores. Dot Wange's address is 3409 Buringtree, Garland, TX 75042.

**Jim Strozier** chided me for putting a photo of him and another man's wife in the '56 column with no mention of **Doris**. He assures me that his OAO is still Doris. I sincerely apologize for this obvious oversight, Jim. Jim is undergraduate dir, research prof in the Dept of Mech and Industrial Engring at the Univ of UT. Jim saw **Johnny & Mary Johnson** in Portland, OR last Jun. Johnny teaches Material Science Engring at the U of Portland. Mary is the business mgr for the Portland Panthers, a professional team-tennis team. Doris saw **Mark Sisinyak** briefly when he was in Salt Lake City. Mark was in that area on Corps of Engr business at the time. **Gene Fox**, Jim's old roomie, came through town in 87 and they did some skiing together. Jim thinks that not enough of us realize what good skiing there is in UT and how much room there is in their home or we would be flocking to visit. Just to set the record straight and to give all of you the



1956: Founders Day 1988, FL West Coast

proper coordinates, Jim & Doris can be found at 4637 Ledgemont Dr, Salt Lake City, UT 84124. Jim & Doris are justifiably proud of their son Jim, and daughter, Kathy. Jim is an urban planner and resides in Albuquerque. Kathy is a lawyer with Dow, Lohnes, and Albertson in Wash, DC. Jim & Doris planned to visit son Jim in Albuquerque in the fall and hoped to see **John & Bobbi Liwski** as well as **Zuke & Lucy Day** when in the area.

**Maury Cralle** forwarded a very interesting article in the Sep issue of *Soldiers* magazine regarding the US team handball sport. **Pete & Ginger Lash's** son, Pete Jr '81, has been twice named as team handball's male athlete of the yr, and in 87 he was leading scorer at the Pan American Games when both our men's and women's natl teams grabbed their first intl gold medals. These teams haven't received much TV coverage until now; however, this may change soon if our men and women continue their winning ways.



1956: Nondi Anderson and Bob Beyer are the dance stars after FL West Coast Founders Day

The Founders Day festivities sponsored by the FL West Coast chapter held in Tampa featured our own **LTC John Foss** as the featured speaker. Due to the efforts of Bob Beyer to notify all classmates in the area about this, there was an excellent '56 turnout. Those who were there to welcome John were **Jim Straub, Bill Westcott, Charlie Glenn, Gene Eastburn, Al Hoffman, Chuck Torrey, and Bob Beyer**. Most of the wives were also present. Jim Straub, who was thoughtful enough to give me the lowdown on this event, also noted that 5 of the 8 classmates also attended the Stewart AFB Prep School together. After the formal dinner, there was a small class-only party that featured the dancing of Bob Beyer and **Nondi Anderson**. Jim Straub also mentioned that he had talked with **Roger Root** 9 Aug, and Roger and his transplanted heart were doing just fine. Jim & **Jo Straub** reside in Boca Raton, FL and both are looking forward to our 35th Class reunion.

Speaking of Class reunions, Walt Sager and I are both grads of Tamalpais

High in Mill Valley, CA, Class of '48. **Betty & I**, along with **Walt & Elaine**, got together for the 40th Yr Class reunion on 8 Oct. Walt is very much enjoying his ret and doing what he can to help Elaine make the most of her painting talents. Elaine has for several yrs been a well-known artist in the Phoenix area and plans to exhibit her art elsewhere now that Walt & Elaine both have more time to do so. Walt & Elaine also got together with **Renny & Barbara Hart** who reside in Tiburon, CA, near Mill Valley. Unfortunately, Betty & I were unable to join them for this get-together because of conflicting business while we were in the San Fran Bay area.

**Betty & I** are looking forward to a very enjoyable holiday season and all the cards and letters that normally flow our direction from many of you at that time. Until then, stay well, enjoy all you do, and write often.

'57

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Regretfully, it is my sad duty to report the deaths of two of our classmates in the last 3 mos. **Ed Cutler** suffered a massive heart attack on 14 Aug and died on 28 Aug at the Hackensack Med Cen in NJ. His body was cremated and the ashes were spread over WP. At the time of his death, he was the dean at Mercy College, a Catholic U in Nyack, NY. **Les Bennett** called me with the info. **Robin Roller** died of a heart attack on 2 Oct, and a funeral service was conducted in Bethesda, MD on 4 Oct. His body was cremated and the ashes were scattered by the family. He was living in Gaithersburg, MD. **Bob Comeau** was kind enough to get the info after noting an announcement of the death in the *Washington Post*.

Fortunately, as we grow older we realize that the sadness of one event is often tempered by the joy of another, and so I also have some good news to report. **Dick & Maureen Fadel** announced the marriage of their son Dick Jr to Elizabeth McDonald of Memphis, TN. The wedding was on 24 Sep, and both **Bob Comeau** and **Fletcher Elder** sent me a copy of the newspaper announcement. Parents just don't seem to want to send me news. Dick Jr is currently employed as a district mgr with Lane Bryant in Memphis. By a strange coincidence, the same newspaper had a wedding announcement for **Karen McDonald**, daughter of **Tom & Karen McDonald**. She was married to Kurt Hallex on 20 Aug and they will live in McLean, VA. He is employed by Sorvan Bank and she is employed by Van Ness, Feldman, Sutcliff, and Curtiss. Sounds like a law firm to me, but it's hard to tell when you have to get the

news from newspaper clippings. My thanks to Bob and Fletcher for being so observant. Actually, Bob Comeau, who is now entering the second yr of his post-ret sabbatical, is getting very good at collecting news and sending it to me. The following items were also provided by him. Tracy Lee McDonald, another of Tom & Karen's lovely daughters, has become engaged to James Scott Stevenson of Springfield, VA, and a May wedding is planned. She's a grad of James Madison and is currently employed by Gerald D Hines Interests. He's a grad of Elon Col and is employed by Brubach Co in Alexandria, VA. That's two down and one to go for TB. Congrats. There was a picture of **Buck Rogers** in the *Wash Post*, giving Sec/State Shultz a tour of the US air base in Osan, South Korea. Buck is a LTG and is the CG of Seventh AF (I think). **Dave Thomas** was selected to be the Superintendent of Schools in Loudoun County, VA, and took office in Jul. He's only the fourth supe since 1917 (they either live long or start young), and moved to the job from Montgomery County where he was the assoc supe for supportive services, including school construction, for two yrs. Before that, Dave was the school supe in Santa Barbara, CA for 8 yrs, and San Mateo, CA for 6 yrs before that. I guess they're going to keep tng him until he learns how to do it right, or isn't that the way it works? The present enrollment in Loudoun schools is 13,640, and it's expected to grow to 19,000 plus by 1992. Sounds like an exciting time to be the supe—an opportunity to excel. Good luck. By the way, Bob learned about Dave's presence in the area from his old roommate, **John Follansbee**. **Mort Roth** was at the last two Class luncheons, having just moved back into his house in Springfield, VA. Mort ret from the Army last yr and decided to take a one-yr sabbatical before going back to work. Mort & **Bobby** spent part of the yr traveling back and forth across the continental US and Canada, and to HI and Europe, and the rest of the time in their Hannover, NH home. This sabbatical business is really catching on. I tried to call **Bud Langworthy** at AMC a couple of days ago, only to learn that he ret in Jun and is now traveling around the country visiting all his kids. Am I the only one who still has to work? A few personal notes from Bob Comeau. He & **Jeanne** went to a wedding at WP in Aug and saw **Diane & Gerry Galloway, Carolyn Gaspard, Dana & Nancy Mead** and **Ray Bell**. I gather they're all well, but they didn't send any news. Bob has launched a new career as a patriarch, with grandchild no 5 (3rd grandson) born 1 Sep. The whole family is back in the DC area except for grandma Jeanne who is on 3 1/2 mos TDY as a student in the Army Mgt Staff Col. As Bob says, "somebody's got to help Carl run the Army."

At this point I have to extend an apology to **Shelly Hatch**. Somehow the gremlins in my Mac wrote Sherry in the last column. Sorry about that. On the other hand, a special thanks goes to a very thoughtful **Tony Bullotta**, who brought back another *Jerusalem Post* with my daughter's name in it and sent it to me. If you ever want a tour of the newspaper, just give her a call. Better still, give her a ride back next Mar. With a little luck, my son Jacob will be getting married then to **Sharri Jo Revzin**, to whom he became engaged this summer. Speaking of marriage, **Ray & Jimmie Dixon** sent a wedding picture of their daughter **Tammy & her husband Scott Davies**. They were married on 25 Jun in Laguna



1957: Ray & Jimmie Dixon with Tammy & Scott Davies

Hills, CA and promptly left for Tahiti for their honeymoon. Ray is now claiming poverty, but I have my doubts. Thank you for the picture Ray, and I trust you are enjoying the football season so far. **Fletcher Elder** sent out a "Dear Classmate" letter with some info about accurate record keeping to establish the basis of your home for tax purposes. The bottom line was, it can save you money. He also mentioned that **Champ & Pat Buck** and **Bill & Pat Seely** were both at the VA Assoc of Realtors meeting in Richmond over the Columbus Day holiday, along with him & **Carlyn**. Seems that Pat and Pat are both realtors and are active in VAR state comms. Fletch also noted that he & **Carlyn** are now grandparents. On 13 Oct, **Elizabeth & John** were blessed with a 6 lb 12 oz girl, whom they named **Catherine Jean**. I saw **Bill Seely** at the last luncheon and he gave me a flyer for a play he's doing. Would you believe *Shakespeare*? Believe it. **Bill** is playing *Feste the Fool* in a production of *Twelfth Night* at the Phoenix Theatre in Potomac, MD. However, by the time you read this, the engagement will be over, and you'll just have to catch him in his next engagement. Got a Founders Day picture of **Windy Gale** from the WP Soc of Omaha, and you should find it in the column. The sender, **Gordon Pahre '52**, noted that **Windy** has a horse farm on the north edge of Omaha and works as a historian for SAC at Offutt AFB. Re-



1957: Windy Gale

ceived a similar picture from Ft Rucker of **Virginia & Dick Kenyon**. **Rod McCon-**



1957: Virginia & Dick Kenyon

**nell**, who has been taking care of all our Class luncheons, sent a note and followed up with a picture, about **Jim Pockock's** promotion to BG in the Army Res. **Jim & Gloria** were in DC during Sep to attend the GO seminar for new AR gens. **Arch & Miriam Barrett** and **Ruth & Rod** took the Pockocks to dinner. **Rod** says that **Jim** is one of the few classmates who looks like he can still wear his cadet

uniform, but judge for yourself. There's a picture of **Jim, Gloria** and their family at **Jim's** promotion. Also in the picture are **Mary & Bill Sowers**. **Jose Olvera** was in town on a business trip for Evergreen Air Center, which is part of Evergreen Avn, and called to find out if the Class was doing anything that wk. Unfortunately, it was the wk after the luncheon. Better luck next time. **Jose & Dianne** are still manufacturing flight suits for kids and are now selling them through the BX. **Dianne** is also working on a master's in special ed at the U of AZ. **Jose** was expecting to see **Dick Stephenson** in a few wks to rent him some space in the AZ desert for storing helicopters, a lot of helicopters. Now for the letter from **Don Tribe** that I saved from my last column. **Don** sent me a check for the Class fund and a letter back in Feb 87, and I apparently failed to include the info in the column. My apologies, and here's the info. **Don** ret in Jul 85 (with his 3rd LOM) following an asgmt as dir of Plant Ops and Readiness, Hq Armament Munitions and Chemical Cmd. For the last 3 yrs he & **Kim**, with son **Jimmy (9)**, have been living in KS where he is production mgr for **Hercules**, the operating contractor for the **Sunflower Army Ammo Plant**. Because of steady improvements in production tech, process and quality control, cost containment, safety and environmental compliance, he's just been promoted. On 1 Aug **Don** became the dir of Propellant and Explosive Ops at the much bigger **Radford Army Ammo Plant** in SW VA. The plant has 2400 employees involved in the manufacturing of about 10 major weapons/munitions programs, including arty propellants, nitroglycerin, stick propellant for the 120mm tank



1957: The Pockock family

gun and various rocket motor programs. Sounds like he's back in the Army doing what he used to do, only getting paid better. Son Douglas is an EE for MM and is working on AF systems, and son Robert is a computer scientist for an insurance applications software firm in Tampa. Their new home is in Blacksburg, VA, and the welcome mat is out for any classmate passing through. Thanks for the second chance, Don. Write again.

The AOG sent me a PA release about **Dick Pastore**, which says that he has been promoted to regional mgr of business dev in Gilbane Building Co's Mid-Atlantic Regional Off. He will oversee sales ops throughout MD, DE, VA, NC, and DC. Among the major projects currently being managed by his off are the \$58M restoration of Union Station in DC (on which Dick gave the Class a tour) and the \$22.5M center for Innovative Tech in Fairfax, VA. I wonder if he can get me a job there when it's finished. As



1957: Dick Pastore

a last note, I should mention that the Class offs of last yr were reelected for this yr, the lucky devils, and that means that **Don Whalen** is still our local leader. If you have any problems, contact him. That's it for this time, folks. I haven't kept any reserve for the next column, so be sure to write!

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**50th Column.** Today is 9 Oct. 30th Reunion plus 7 days. Write a column, you must be kidding. Give me a break. Columns just before and after reunions are tough. This thing is due 14 Oct, but am off to West Palm Beach and Dallas tomorrow, so today is the day.

First the bad news. **Bruce Trott** (I1) died 23 Sep, one wk before the 30th. Bruce was living in Rising Sun, MD but most of us did not know his whereabouts till too late. He became ill in late 87 and was diagnosed with bone cancer in Apr 88. He married **Joan Hanna** on 3 Aug while undergoing radiation and chemotherapy in his losing battle with cancer. Joan lives at 23 Haines Ave, Rising Sun.

A sad way to welcome Joan to '58 as our contingent with the ghostly assemblage gains a file. Of Bruce we can say, "well done, be thou at peace."

At our memorial service last Fri in the WP Cemetery we added Bruce's name to the printed listing of 45 classmates sorely missed by us all. We also remembered the family members of classmates who are buried at the WP Cemetery: Kevin P Bons, son of **Paul M Bons** (C1); Kent T Sanders Bruzina, son of **Dennis R Bruzina** (A2); Kathryn A Jones, daughter of **Lincoln Jones III** (I1); the infant daughter of **Gary L Kosmider** (A2); M Dudley Matthews, son of **Edward W Matthews** (E2); **Constance E Morrill**, wife of **Merwin L Morrill** (G1); Ann S Shea, daughter of **Joseph A Shea** (L1); Kristin D Weis, daughter, and **Mary Ann Weis**, wife of **James H Weis** (E2). These loved ones buried at WP are representatives of a far too-long list of children and wives our classmates have lost in the past 30 yrs. **George Bean** sadly told us in his brief remarks of his losses during 88, culminated by his having to bury his 44 yr old son-in-law, another cancer victim. George shared with us his hope for all these classmates and loved ones based on his certainty of knowing a loving God, known to us in the Cadet Prayer as "the Great Friend and Master of men."

The actual headcount at reunion is not known by your scribe. **Garry Roosma** (H2) our reunion chm and his asst **Mary Dingler** were still working on their accounts this past wk. We numbered some 210-215 classmates and widows plus another 200 plus guests for a total of 425 or so there sometime between Thur, 29 Sep and Sun, 2 Oct. The crowd seemed much larger than at our 25th in Sep 83, due mostly to having virtually all of us staying in the Westchester Marriott.

**Class Business.** Our pres, **Jack Bradshaw** (M2), has moved the Class hqs to Wash DC in accordance with Section III C of our By-laws (see either your 10-yr or 30-yr books for copies of the Class Constitution and By-laws). We will have a Class meeting at the A-N CC on Fri, 10 Mar 89 in conjunction with our monthly luncheon. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect our exec comm iaw Section II of the By-laws. You are all invited to the meeting at ANC and to the other monthly luncheons on the 2d Fri of each mo except Dec.

More Class business. The chief bus these days is raising funds for the Class memorial gift to our Alma Mater. This was the focus of the meeting Fri morning during the 30th Reunion. The minutes follow for your info:

1. The meeting was called to order by **George Sibert** (H2), scribe and acting chm of the Class Exec Comm, at 9:15 a.m., Fri, 30 Sep at the Westchester Marriott Hotel.

2. **Garry Roosma** (H2), chm of the 30th

Reunion, made a number of admin announcements. Garry received a tumultuous ovation from the members present for his efforts on behalf of the Class.

3. **Mini-Reunions.** **Garry Roosma** reported that he would tabulate the mini-reunion questionnaires and provide info to the Class via the ASSEMBLY column.

4. **Class Checking Account/Money Market Account.** **Sibert** read from the written report provided by **Jim Ramsden** (I2). The Class has over \$42,000 in its two accounts (not to be confused with the Memorial Funds held for us in the AOG WP Fund). This money is what remains of our original \$5,000 in '58 after two major expenses and numerous routine expenses.

The major expenses were establishing the **George W P Walker** memorial trophy (awarded for debating) and the Class Cup given to **Karl Oelke's** (B2) son Karl, our Class godson. The normal expenses include gifts to sons/daughters upon USMA graduation, flowers or directed donations on behalf of the Class for deceased classmates, wives, and children. **John George** (A1) and **Ramsden** are on the appropriate signature card.

**Garry Roosma** borrowed and has repaid \$10,000 used to solve his cash flow problems associated with the 30th Reunion.

5. **Class Memorial Fund.** **Dale Hruby** (M2), chm of the Memorial Comm, summarized the written report of the comm which was provided to the members present and answered questions.

**George Sibert** provided more current data on the Memorial Fund:

—Over \$55,000 was in the fund prior to the reunion (donations from 47% of the Class totaled about \$38,000, while interest/investment income accounted for over \$17,000).

—The B2 CCQ, **Dick Schonberger**, solicited contributions from his co on behalf of their deceased co-mates: **Dan Brookhart**, **Joe Davis**, **Bob Giuliano**, and **Floyd Spencer**. Dick turned in \$1,154 in checks from 15 B2 files. **Sibert** commended **Schonberger's** efforts as CCQ and the B2 response on behalf of their deceased co-mates.

—The B2 checks plus another \$688 in checks received by **Sibert** so far at the reunion bring the total to approximately \$58,000.

**Mark Sigurski** (C1) spoke as a "voice in the wilderness" to urge the Memorial Comm and the Class to make our memorial one which will be useful. Mark was opposed categorically to our providing another monument such as a bench, drinking fountain, plaque or wall. In his view, WP is well endowed with such memorials and '58 should follow the example of '49 with its "Forty-Niner Lodge" in providing a useful gift to USMA. Mark endorsed such useful gifts as supporting a minor sport (volleyball,

wrestling) or creating a facility such as the lodge.

**George Sibert** then entertained the following motion:

That the Memorial Comm report be accepted;

That the Memorial Comm continue its fund raising efforts;

That the Memorial Comm work to ensure the Class Memorial will be initiated ("groundbreaking-type ceremony") not later than our 35th Reunion; and,

That the Class Memorial will be completed not later than our 40th Reunion.

The motion was made and seconded. **Bob Higgins** (L2) offered the following amendment:

That the Memorial Comm will ensure approval of a suitable Class Memorial not later than 30 Sep 90, with appropriate communication to Class members.

The acting chm ruled the amendment friendly (there was no dissent) and asked for discussion of the motion as amended.

The consensus of the members clearly supported the proposition of "getting on with it," supporting having "it" determined NLT 30 Sep 89, having "it" underway NLT the 35th Reunion, and having "it" completed by the 40th Reunion.

**Tony Nadal** (F1) next took the floor to challenge the members present to raise an additional \$10,000 before the end of the meeting by having 20 classmates pledge \$500 each. Tony was the first \$500 pledger followed by the following: **Tony Smith** (I1), **Dick Bauchspies** (F1 paid 9/30/88), **Bill Stambaugh** (F1), **Pete Trainor** (G1), **Tim McLean** (F1), **Wally Ward** (M1), **Joe Schwar** (I2), **Jae Stanton** (L2), **Tom Claffey** (K2), **John Herren** (G2), **Pat Mellin** (L2), **John Sewall** (F2), **Al Salisbury** (L1), **Sam Myers** (E1 paid 9/30/88), **Bob Hattler** (G1), **Orlie Hill** (D1), **Mark Sigurski** (C1), **Al Chase** (C1 paid 9/30/88), **Phil Pryor** (H2). At this point the \$10,000 challenge was met but the volunteers continued: **Ed Matthews** (E2 pledged and paid \$1,000 9/30/88), **Tom Carpenter** (M2), **John Schroeder** (M2), **Jim Wade** (A1 paid 9/30/88), **Paul Johnson** (L2), and **Hugh Morgan** (G2) bringing the meeting total to \$13,500.

**George Sibert** commended **Tony Nadal** for his initiative and laughingly pointed out that his challenge was not germane to the discussion of the motion as amended. NOTE: following the meeting, additional pledges were received by the Class scribe during the reunion: **Ken Phillips** (A2 pledged \$1,000), **Jim Morgan** (I2), **Branch Worsham** (H1), **Jim Castle** (F2 \$1,000 paid 10/1/88) and **Ben Crosby** (F1), bringing the "Nadal Challenge" total to \$17,000 and the Class Memorial Fund total to approximately \$75,000.

Someone then commented that the Class should not depend on its "high rollers," that participation was impor-

tant, and moved/suggested that the individual donation should be raised from \$100 to \$200 each.

Acting chm ruled this out of order (neither germane to the motion being discussed nor permissible to accept a motion prior to completing action on the motion on the floor). **Sibert** went on to comment that he agreed with the intent/sentiment for increasing participation but urged not raising the goal of \$100 per classmate because such an action might deter some from participating.

**Bob Shellenberger** (L2) then testified to the "allotment" method of giving. He explained that he & **Margaret** have given a little each yr in response to the AOG annual fund raising appeal. Shell commended this method of giving as easy and painless.

**George Sibert** thanked **Shellenberger** and reminded the members present that they had read **Bob Shellenberger's** name among the \$1,000 givers to the WP Fund in **Jack Bradshaw's** letter last Jan. **Bob's** giving "a little bit each yr" for the past 30 yrs put him over the \$1,000 milestone in lifetime giving as tracked by the AOG. The Class of Jun '43 leads in this \$1,000 donor category with 74%, followed in second place by '48 with 26.9% while our Class had only 13 of 528 living classmates for 2.5% prior to the "Nadal Challenge."

In response to a question on how to give, **Sibert** explained that all giving to WP should be by checks payable to the West Point Fund or the AOG. If checks are intended for our Class Memorial Fund, then some notation for the '58 Memorial Fund must be made. Recently, **John Bradley** (A2) made a donation to the Army Athletic Assoc for \$1,000, but he did not send it through the AOG and did not get "credit" for his lifetime giving. This has now been corrected between the AOG and AAA. You can send checks to your scribe, to **Dale Hruby**, or directly to AOG at WP, but ensure the check reflects how you want the funds to be used. The AOG needs unrestricted giving to support its ops, so keep them in mind also. The sad statistic for '58 is that 152 of us have never sent our Alma Mater a single nickel in the past 30 yrs. End of sermon.

Noting the time, **Sibert** asked if there were any further discussion. There being none, he asked for a vote with no dissent and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

30th Reunion Stories. There are many and I invite your sending me your favorites. The following was related to your scribe at the brunch on Sun morning by **Tony Smith** (I1). Seems that on Fri during the dinner dance **Suzy Spurlock** (I1) remarked to **Tony Smith** and **Tony Nadal** (F1) that "I don't know who the MC is, but he certainly cannot measure up to **George Sibert**," the MC at the 25th.

**Tony Smith** then went on to tell me that it was impossible to live up to my own reputation. On that basis your scribe might be qualified to run for pres. And so it goes.

30th Reunion Book. Yes, copies are available to order by mail. Send \$45 check to scribe at the address above and you will get one as long as supplies last. There are a few errors in the yellow pages of the book such as the following: showing **Bob Durkin's** co as C1 on the list of generals; making **Scott Graves**, son of **Gary Graves** (C1) a yearling rather than a first classman on the listing of sons and daughters as cadets/grads; and indicating that **Tom Taylor** ex-'58 and Class of '60 was a USMAPS file. If you find other errors of commission or omission in the yellow pages, please let me know.

Memorial suggestion made before the Class memorial service. **Dodie Hruby** (M2) proposed converting and refurbishing the white frame quarters across the street from the Old Cadet Chapel to be a facility for use by the families and chaplains involved in funerals at the WP Cemetery. Currently there is no place where families can gather prior to a funeral, nor a place near the cemetery to meet friends after a funeral. Scribe can attest to the enthusiastic support for this idea from the current Cadet Chaplain, **Dick Camp** (Wheaton College '58 and associate member of our Class from his earlier service at WP when we had many instructors, tacs serving with him) and our Cadet Chaplain, **George Bean**. If you have ideas, send them to **Dale Hruby** (M2), chm of our Memorial Comm or to a comm member.

And the checks resulting from the "Nadal Challenge" keep rolling in—thank you! For the other 50% of the Class not having contributed to date, get out your checkbooks and a pen and do the job today when you read this column. You can send your contributions to the AOG in their envelope you recently received in connection with the annual appeal. And for the 152 who have never before sent USMA a contribution, try following **Bob Shellenberger's** example and give a little this yr, and next yr, and the next und so weider.

Saving the best for last, mini-reunions. Put down the wkend of 28–30 Apr 89 for our 31st Reunion at Palm Springs, CA. **Dick Groves** (K1) is the organizer—details to follow via direct mailing. Set aside the weekend now! And, mark down the weekend of 7–9 Sep 90 for our 32d Reunion at Bar Harbor, ME organized by **Mark Sigurski** (C1), **Jerry Mitchell** (C1), **John Nun** (A2), and **Herb Puscheck** (A1). Both wkends are "off-season" at the two resorts so we'll get a good price break.

That's it for now. Merry Christmas. Hope to see you at the 10 Mar 89 Class meeting at Army-Navy CC and at the

mini-reunions en route to the 35th. 1989 will be the second yr with 5 issues of *ASSEMBLY*. Looks as though 90 will be the first yr with 6, that is every other mo. Don't worry about deadlines, just write or call, but stay in touch and plan ahead for Apr 89 and Sep 90.

Future columns may share some of the results of my questionnaire and Dave Turner's (L2).

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Fred & Marlene Malek hosted our DC area fall party at their beautiful home overlooking the Potomac on 17 Sep, and a good time was had by all. Harry & Illa Walters were down from NY; Monk & Betsy Hilliard were down from Carlisle with Bill & Butch Rowe; Bill & Sue Breen were down from York; and Bill Cohen, who lives in L.A., but was attending a course at the ICAF, won the prize for longest journey.

It was, as always, an evening of catching up on one another's doings over the past yr; and, as always, too short a time to do much of that. But there was the pervasive warmth of being among old friends. There were Lou & Alison Beard, Dick & Donna Bennett, Frank & Elaine Besson, Ray Beurket, Tom & Anne Boyle, Al & Joan Breuel, Joe & Polly Coreth, George & Pat Day, Mike & Judy Duggan, Paul & Fran Elias, John & Myrna Forrester, Charlie & Mary Jane Getz, Phil Gibbs, Carl & Cris Groth, John & Elaine Guthrie, Powell & Joanne Hutton, George & Beth Kleb, Jack & Zee Knebel, Dick & Jean LeClere, Jay & Kathleen Madden, Mark & Judy Magnussen, Fred & Sue Manzo, John & Margie Mc Nerney, Dud & Dotie Moorhous, Bill & Sharon Murray, Jack & Barbara O'Brien, Andy & Ellie O'Meara, Rex & Maryse Rhein, Ed & Pat Robinson, Gil & Ina Roesler, Skip Schow, Joe & Beverly Todaro, Bill Turpin, Jim & Phyllis Walsh, Jay & Camille Warren, Bob & Elaine Weekley, Dick & Margaret Welch, and Bob & Shirley Wheeler.

Congratulations to Dick & Yvonne Harnly, who were married in HI on 24 Sep. Yvonne walks for exercise and is a great dancer, according to Dick, who runs in 20 to 30 road races a yr (5-15km), so they are having lots of fun staying healthy together. Home is back in Ft Wayne, IN, where Dick is a staff engr at Magnavox and has been working on the Adv FA Tac Data System since 82.

Dick has two children. Tamara (25) is married and lives in Long Branch, NJ, where she is a systems engr for Vista Computer Ctr. Laura (22) has a BSEE and works for Data Finders Gp in Ft Lee, NJ. Yvonne also brings two children to



1959: DC party—Walsh and Welch

the marriage. Anne Marie (19) is an honors program soph at Loyola of Chicago; and Robert (16) is a HS jr and a budding computer hacker.



1959: DC party—Rowe and Kleb

Congratulations also to Richard & Suzanne Hotchkiss, who were married last May and are now living in the SF Bay area. Richard says it's good to be back after 35 yrs and would welcome visits from classmates. He has 3 grown children. Lory (28) has two of her own and is living in ND. Rick (27) has one and is a USAF pilot soon to be stationed in Plattsburgh, NY. And Mark (25) is married and works as a Chinese linguist on Okinawa.

Richard reports that since ret from the Army he has made a commitment to people who are transforming their lives, and that it has been a very gratifying period in his own life. He recently ret from teaching in FL, and is now tng to be a dir with Werner Erhard & Assoc in Sausalito. Good to hear from you, Richard.

Carl & Cris Groth live in Alexandria, and Carl does policy studies for OSD and the Army as a research fellow at Log Mgt Inst. He says he has had the pleasure for the past few yrs of working with Bill Murry's wife, Sharon, who has been a consultant in info systems since her ret from the USAF. Together they have written info resource mgt plans for OSD and the OJCS.

The Groths have two children. Carl III (27) is a financial analyst with Liberty Mutual in NYC; and his wife Patti is setting up the US stores for an Australian clothing co called Country Road. Amy



1959: DC party—the Magnussens

(25) is an admin asst with a def R&D firm in Wash.



1959: DC party—Roeslers flanking Robinsons

Bob & Jennie Howe are in Chester, VA, which is about 15 min so of Richmond and right near Bellwood, a def log agency ctr, where Bob has labored for the past 16 yrs. Their job is to help modernize the 6 DLA depots in the US by developing new mechanization equipment and linking it up with computers. The Howes have two boys. Glenn Bowman (20) is a jr at VA Tech studying engrng; and Robert Benjamin (ROBEN) (17) is a sr in HS and plans to attend VA Tech in computer sci. They may favor VA Tech because both parents received master's degrees there. Bob says he has enjoyed participating in his children's activities over the yrs, and, in fact, has become a serious tennis enthusiast by virtue of having helped his youngest in preparing for school team tryouts 5 yrs ago.

Monk Hilliard has been elected to his local school board and attributes the feat



1959: Sondra & Bob Ryan in Omaha

to "being so fond of academics and standing so high in our Class at WP." He says he is having a ball setting school policy and taking a hand in determining academic curricula. In his daytime life, Monk is a radiological program mgr in the PA Emergency Mgt Agency and is responsible for planning and tng for response to radiological emergencies within the state.

**Monk & Betsy** live in Newville, just 30 min from the Carlisle exit on the PA Tpk, and invite anyone passing through to stop by and spend some time with them on their farm. They have 3 girls. Julie (26) graduated from Elizabethtown College, is married to Layne Barrick, and teaches first grade. Cathy (19) is in her second yr at Western MD College, majors in physical therapy, and runs track and cross country. Carol (16) is a HS jr, participates in field hockey, basketball, and track, and plans to study sports psychology in college.



1959: Marsha & Gerry Stadler with Ed & Trish Burba, Olympic Stadium, Seoul

Here are some short takes. **Tom McInerney** has 3 stars and is CINC of the Alaskan Air Cmd. His previous asgmt was as Dep CINC, USAF Europe. **Ed Burba** and **Gerry Stadler**, our brass in Korea, enjoyed being able to attend some of the Olympic games in Seoul. **Bob Ryan** cmds the MO River Div of the Army Corps of Engrs in Omaha, a post that requires knowing Mother Nature by her first name. And **Charlie Johnson** is ret in Nov and leaving his post as CAO at WP. There goes culture.

I'm sorry to report that our classmate **Jim Chappell's** widow, **Carolyn**, died in Jul in Birmingham, AL. Her next of kin is her mother, **Corris L Hugensmith**, whose address is 2409 Chestnut Rd, Birmingham, AL 35216.

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Well, we are now organized on several levels. The Class reps' duty roster (1st segment) has gone into op with **Swift Martin**, **Randy A Perkins**, **Red S Seaward** and **Wilsie Adams** selected (some might

say dumped on) for the next issue, Feb 89. We're using the 30th reunion co reps in the DC area as focal points for co and Class news. This isn't meant to stop the rest of the Class from free form submissions when the urge strikes you or your spouse.

**Ed Laurance** wrote in from the West Coast to get the ball rolling for this issue, as he had bumped into quite a few classmates lately so he thought he'd pass on some news for which we are welcome. He wrote on an airplane on classy TWA "stationery" while returning from the UK where he attended the annual meeting of the Intl Institute of Strategic Studies. While there he had a nice chat with **Ed Deagle**, who is dir, intl business planning, for Hughes in L.A. Deagle was in the UK for the Farnborough Air Show (you remember Farnborough, the show where there were no crashes) and then down to the IISS meeting. Previously, Deagle had been with Hughes Satellite Div and passed on some great stories about how to get satellites up, without US launchers!! He also reports that **Bill Bailey** is at Hughes, a marketing mgr for one of their divs. Laurance thinks **George Giacoppe** is with Hughes as well. Laurance gets to L.A. quite a bit as a consultant, so he's hoping to plan a small Class get-together there. Also, at the IISS meeting was **Bob Rudesill**, who is still on active duty and on the staff of the NATO Staff College in Rome (tough duty!). Bob ret soon and "may just head back to east Tennessee!"

**Ed Laurance** took some of his day at Farnborough Air Show to tour co exhibits, and met **Ed Osborne** who is VP and dir of engrng for AMI Industries, and was manning his co's booth. Among other things, AMI makes aircraft ejection seats. Osborne spent 13 yrs on the faculty at USAFA (Is that homesteading or what?), and then went with AMI also based in CO Springs. He plans to attend the 30th.

The Laurances' home in Pacific Grove had a great visit in Aug from his roommate, **Herman Marmon** & his wife **Phyllis** and gorgeous daughter **Dara** (hope that's spelled right). Herman and Ed relived the tumultuous times in A-2, and had one hell of a good time. Herms's co, named **Hermes Air Freight** (orders for T-shirts are up), is doing well.

On a later trip to Palo Alto, **Laurance** bumped into **Nancy Hatcher**, **Mike's** wife. The youngest Hatcher is now in college at CA Poly-San Luis Obispo, and is quite the soccer player. Nancy is a buyer for Nordstroms and enjoys her job very much, while Mike is doing very well at FMC. **Ed Laurance** sees Mike occasionally when he brings his class up to FMC for a plant tour. Word is that **Dan Wilson** is still with FMC.

Old goal tender **Laurance** makes a trip East every spring to see his old lacrosse

coach **Jim (Ace) Adams**, who is still coaching at VA (successfully too!). He is doing great—still the same in many ways, Ed was his asst at Penn for 3 yrs while in grad school, and has kept in touch ever since. Ed saw Virginia lax at Navy with **Bob Miser** & his wife **Dianne**; he reports it was great seeing them. The Misers have moved from Towson, near Baltimore, to the Annapolis area, maybe the town is **Crowes Point**.

**Laurance** continued that he was still at the Naval Postgraduate School after 16 yrs as hard as he finds that to believe. Their 4 children are in or through college with the two boys having been fairly good lacrosse players. Ed's wife **Martha** is an editor at McGraw-Hill in Monterey, and they are enjoying this new phase of life. Their youngest daughter is a sr at Boston College; the oldest is a grad of Providence College and now working in San Fran. David, their oldest, teaches school in MA, and John, the baby, is a soph at Whittier College. Ed too looks forward to the 30th, and would be happy to see any and all of the '60 troops who wander into the Monterey area.

**Jim Smith** wrote and sent along a feature *Fortune* magazine article on **Bill Willoughby's** co which may have been earlier mentioned in the column. *Fortune* gave a nice write-up: "William Willoughby, who heads another inner-city Cleveland startup, organizes his work force like a troop of commandos. His 4 yr old Cleveland Track Material Co will have about \$7 million in revenues this yr, thanks to an irrationality of the American railroad system. Because rails were originally made for many different cos and were laid down over many yrs, they aren't uniform. Instead, a rail may have one of about 30 different cross sections. When, as often happens, worn-out track is renewed with a mixed bag of used rail, unlike rails have to be connected with 'compromise joints,' which Willoughby makes, along with normal rail joints. His is a labor-intensive business whose product specifications continually vary, and he has made it grow rapidly by managing his workers to do it right, fast and cheap. Says West Pointer Willoughby, 'I liken what is going on in business today to changes in land warfare. In World War I, you had relatively static lines in two dimensions. Since then the battlefield has become highly mobile, three dimensional, and oriented toward guerrilla warfare. We in the small cos can react to what is becoming a very fast moving marketplace, where the big companies haven't been able to respond.'

"He organizes his 103 guerrillas in a way that, he says, 'strikes at the heart of the union philosophy, which is a high degree of specialization.' The non-union workers, mostly hot-metal veter-

ans, have to be flexible enough to switch from their primary jobs to a secondary one if need be. To produce a part that a customer needed the next day, for instance, Willoughby set his painter and shot blaster to do welding, while two forgers, who didn't know how to weld, took over the painting and the shotblasting.

"You might think that Willoughby gets his \$7 to \$9 an hr enlisted men to do this by order barking discipline. Not so. He succeeds by talking with them continually, at their machines or in meetings of the elected advisory comm. He speaks about how the business is doing, where it is going, what the successes or failures have been, how theirs is a little business that can succeed only if every worker pulls his weight in both his primary and secondary jobs, how he trusts them, knows they are responsible, and welcomes their suggestions. 'If I learned anything from the Army,' he says, 'it was that any gp of privates in the back rank can defeat any lieutenant.'"

The Reunion Comm has advised via **Hank Maloney** that our days of staying in all the "Mom and Pop Shop" motels in the WP area during our reunions are "history." For our grand and glorious 30th, they've reserved rooms, at quite a discount, for the entire Class at the magnificent 450 room Rye Town Hilton. Situated on 40 beautifully landscaped acres, it is centrally located between WP and NYC and only 5 mins from the Westchester County Airport. They have reserved the main banquet facility for our dinner dance on Fri evening, as well as for a post football get-together on Sat night. We'll be transported to and from WP on Sat for the parade, lunch at Cullum Hall and the Holy Cross football game by chartered bus. For the sports-minded, they are tentatively planning a golf and tennis outing on Fri, and for the "died in wool super jocks," possibly a 10K run or a boxing match with our Chapter Pres, **John Hesford**. (What, no obstacle course or PT test?) They promise for the ladies that there is plenty of sightseeing (from the quaint restored village of Rye to Sleepy Hollow and much, much more) and shopping (Galleria Mall, White Plains with such stores as Nieman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's and Bloomingdale's) all within 5 mins. Lastly, they have planned an "early arrival" cocktail party on Thur evening, and possibly a Broadway Show in the Big Apple on Wed evening if there is sufficient interest. Start planning ahead by putting it on your calendar, 12-16 Sep 90. Stay tuned for more details as they become available. If you have questions or comments please call or write to **Hank Maloney**, our 30th Reunion hotel/program coordinator at 5709 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, VA 22015, (703) 250-4544.

**John Gulla** sent a note to add to the column from the southern reaches of the world in Melbourne, FL just a stone's throw from Cape Canaveral (Cape Kennedy) on the space coast. **Jackie & John** relocated there in 86 as a sort of wet run to their full ret. They are now transplanted northerners who are wondering why they did not make the move earlier to an area that is a well kept secret. Since arriving in Dec 86, their daughter **Kim** got married on 27 Dec 87, and she & her husband **Brian** now live in the Fort Lauderdale area. **Brian & Kim** are settling into married life in the usual young people's manner—enjoying life before the children surround them. Son **John** is in his last yr at Southeastern MA Univ studying electrical engring, in particular, large system integrated circuits (LSIC to the uninitiated). He will graduate in 89 and will be examining many areas with AT&T, Harris, in the South as well as many in the Northeast sector closely resident to his girl friend's locale. The **Gullas** find it nice to be able to get up in the morning and not have to fight traffic and know full well that the sun is shining. **John** is still with AT&T in Melbourne on the Harris Natl Account Team and finds that the pace is right, the weather is great, and the beach is only 500 yards away.

**Hank Fisher** (E-2) is also in Melbourne, but with his involvement at the Cape they have not seen him often. Heard that Fishers have horses and **Hank's** wife is involved in raising a particular breed of dogs.

**John** will make his first of hopefully many annual visits back North to hunt deer in the PA area with his brother and local friends. **Jackie** is busy enjoying home and pool on her days off, relaxing after her busy yr with her daughter's wedding. **Jackie** is currently working part-time for a podiatrist in the off mgt area, "loves her work and you might say it keeps her on her toes." The **Gullas** look forward to hearing from local resident classmates either in the area or those traveling through Melbourne.

The scribe recently bought a boat, and who should turn up at closing but **Bob Morrison's** son, **Steve**. **Bob** is VP marketing at Colt, and lives in a glorious part of CT, part ME, part Cape Cod almost. **Bob & wife** can be justly proud of their son, a real nice kid who knows the marine industry.

On a less pleasant but hopeful note, I learned last wk that **Jim Humphreys** had some serious surgery and is, I believe, recuperating at home. I am sure some mail would cheer him up. You can write to him at 236 West End Blvd, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 or call him at (919) 722-2300.

Just before posting this I learned that **Mike Mooney** passed away from a massive stroke. Those who have known Mike

since he left the Army know what a hard time he has had and was facing for the future with diabetes and other problems.

All for this issue folks—eventually going to 6 a yr I am told, which will further enliven things!

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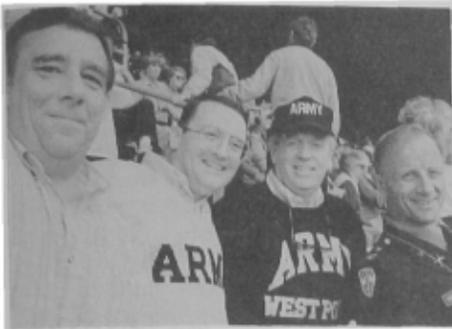
At this time of the yr we begin to review the past and look forward to the future. **Ed Bruner** helps a great deal with his picture of '61's sons and daughter of the Class of '88. **Pete Heimdahl** hosted



1961: The heirs of '61: Stephanie Sykes, Rob Kewley, David Bruner, Greg Graves, DJ Druzyn and Pete Stoneham—May

the garden party after graduation, assisted by **Pat Hoy**, **Al Vanderbush** and **Todd Counts**.

**Jim (Moose) Harmon** also helps review the past with his first news in "more yrs than . . . files to search. . . ." He & **Carolyn** are at Ft Lewis where he is the I Corps Engr and is primarily oriented on the Pacific. They arrived at Lewis from GE in Sep 87 and are pretty much looking forward to hitting yr 30 there. "We feel lucky to be close to home for the first time." While in Eur for REFORGER, **Jim** saw **Larry Butterworth** (C/S 21 SUPCOM, Kaiserslautern); **George & Karen Joulwan** (CG, 3AD); **Dan & Pam Barney** (just re-upped for 3 yrs as DCSENGR, USAREUR, Heidelberg). **Moose** was at the Army-Wash game along with **Charlie Welsh**, **Jim Strachan**, **Norm Olson**, and **Al Vanderbush**. Also at Lewis are **JB & Sally Taylor**; **JB** is ADC 9 Div (Motorized). The **Harmons** visited **Gary & Ruth Lord** in Portland during the summer. **Gary** ret as dist engr, Portland in Mar and is now with an engring firm there. **Pete Offringa** is the asst chief of engr and **Ted Vander Els** is at the Central Div, Corps of Engr, Chicago. **Jim Mathison** was at Lewis recently on a Warfighter exercise. He's ret at Leavenworth, working with a battle simulations firm. They have all passed through Lewis and enjoyed the great hospitality of the **Harmons** and the northwest. Important update on the fu-



1961: Army 17—Wash 31: The winners—Olson, Strachan, Zaldo and Vanderbush

ture—Harmon's son, Steve is in his yearling yr at USAFA. Strachan's son Jim '92 made the traveling cross country team, helping Army defeat Syracuse, Cornell and E Rutherford on 16 Sep.

Further out in the Pacific, Mike & Chan Eiland and growing sons Daniel and Jonathan, advise that they will be in Thailand until 90 and invite all to visit "the land of smiles."



1961: Dateline Bangkok! Mike & Chan Eiland host Paul Vallely

From Huntsville, AL, Rod & Rose Bartholomew write that they ret from the AF in 85. They are really thriving, "... living in the midst of the Redstone Arsenal people ... enjoying new friendships with Army people." Rod and Frank Gillespie were roommates in G-1 and Frank was an usher at Rose & Rod's wedding in 61.

Rumors and other spurious reports: Phil Ringdahl is in Brussels; Joe Boys is in the DC area; Bob Rosenkranz "returned to the Army" after his OSD stint; he's in DCSOPS/Ops & Readiness. Joe Stringham is dep cmdr, 1st SOC, Ft Bragg. *Army Times* had a great picture of Joulwan during REFORGER. AT also reported Stan Clough's ret and the *Washington Post* pictured Bob Hardiman turning over cmd at Ft Belvoir to BG Evelyn Foote. And on the streets of NYC, Howard Graves, ably supported by Jim Corcoran back from Indonesia, was to be seen leading a legion of AWC cohorts during their annual fray in the Big Apple.

Joe Czuberki regretfully forwarded the sad words that after a valiant fight

with lung cancer, Bruce Abraham died peacefully at the Univ of CA Med Center on 30 Aug. Bruce's mother and daughter Tia were at his side. Tia explained that Bruce became suddenly ill in Feb, a few yrs after leaving a highly successful NY banking career for more relaxing pursuits in private enterprise. Tia lives in San Fran, as does Joe who is managing the Food Bank of S.F. "... the pay's not great, but it is terrifically rewarding...."

Happy, healthy, and prosperous 89.

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HELLO '62

Ed Hamilton wrote from 232 Riggs Dr, Clemson, SC 29631, where he & Jane live since his ret as dir of Arms Control Studies at AWC 31 Jul. Ed is asst dir of Strom Thurmond Inst on the Clemson campus. A fledgling among other study tanks including Brookings, Hoover and Brookings Inst's, Thurmond is but 6 yrs old and moving into a new hq bldg in 89. The highlight of Ed's yr was son Bob's graduation from the academy where he was given a gift from the Class for graduating sons and daughters. Dave Phillips had just presented the gift before the photo was taken.



1962: Aillinger, Prince, Gorden, Ed and Bob Hamilton, Butzer, Rushatz and Phillips at Jun graduation

Ed was moved by the opportunity to see the guys asgnd at the Point and welcomes all passing through Clemson. The photo also provides testimony to Phillips continued presence. The Class reunion book has been received in most parts of the country at this writing and the reviews are super.

Don Chafetz has just returned from a 5-mo stay in Tenerife, Spain where he supervised installation of a process computer for his co, 3X Corp. Daughter Gwen just graduated from NE Univ/ Boston and son Ross started Hampshire Coll in MA. Don & Beatty will be in Chicago in Sep where he is chasing his MBA at Univ of Chicago. I'm sure Don will graduate in fine Belushi style.

Beatty & Don pass on a "Well Done" on the 25th reunion book! Don remarked he hasn't seen much about C-2 classmates in these notes. I guess I'd comment until Don's letter ... I didn't know that any of them could write. Look him up if you find yourselves in Chi-town!

Joe & Janice Gross write from new duty station at the Academy that they are enjoying the mild weather in the highlands. Joe and Fred Gorden celebrated the 30th anniv of our plebe hike by leading the Class of '92 on theirs. As I recall it, both of them had to be dragged on ours. Guess it takes some folks longer than others to catch on. Wish he'd sent a picture of Janice instead. You can reach them at 72-A Schofield Pl, West Point, NY 10996.



1962: Plebe hike 88—Gorden and Gross still at it, 30 yrs later

Rusty Wilkerson writes from 105 Kimbrough Ct, Clarksville, TN 37043 on conditions in middle TN. Pat & Yvonne Hueman reported in at Ft Campbell where Pat is Rusty's boss. Dick Chegar is div cmdr of the 100th Div and regularly inspects Res on their active duty stints. Wonder if Chegar looks like Downing or me? Rusty sees Ed Starbird who lives in Franklin, TN occasionally and reports Ed is still running road races locally. Ed is Nashville dist engr.

Tom Brewer also lives in Franklin, TN and calls on Army people selling boiler treatment chemicals. Wonder what Tom has been doing for the last 28 yrs? Rusty & wife Gini visited with Frank & Beatty Scharpf at their home in So Bend, IN after a Christmas party. Frank is with AM Gen which makes the HUMMER vehicle. Rusty tried to get an E-2 reunion going this past spring, but it didn't happen. Rusty offers to provide mailing lists for E-2 files, or others so desiring.

I met briefly with Wayne Downing during the first Aug wk in his new duty station at Ft Monroe. He looks better than he did as a cadet and is enjoying the stars. Another Monroe file, Ted Stroup wrote that he is continuing his travels with 3 wks in China where he met Al Wilhelm, just completing 3-yr tour as Army attache in Beijing. Ted also saw our old Com, Gen Stilwell, while wandering in China.



1962: Wilhelm and Stroup in Nanjing at the ft of Sun Yut Sit's tomb.

**Pete King** called from San Diego where he is VP for Interamics, a cold fired ceramics op. Available by mail at PO Box 2191, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067, Pete was seeking the whereabouts of **Al Girardi**, reported living somewhere in Italy. Pete can be reached at 619-457-0422. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Girardi, Pete offers free room and board for at least a long wkend.

As the deadline of 14 Oct approaches, I'm heading for the tomato wars in VT with AF friends. It's been rather testy trying to speak with classmates and people living in Wash DC lately . . . the Cardinals actually beat the Redskins. Stopping to think about it, the folks in Los Angeles have been somewhat contentious as well. There are drawbacks to having a winning pro team. This will be out somewhat before the holidays. Be well and have a great New Year.

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It's nice to be back as the scribe. Hopefully you will support me with lots of cards and letters as you did in the old days. Help!

For example, without the 25th Reunion to talk about I'd have just one note to pass on—**John Parker** writes from CO that he ret 4 yrs ago and began working for—Attention Skiers—the Steamboat Ski Corp, PO Box 772108, zip 80477, tel 303-879-7416. Congrats to **Pat Stevens**—only '63 grad on this yr's BG list—Super! OK, let's get to the reunion—final count was around 147 classmates with wives and families. Our comm and their wives worked hard to provide a first class wkend of parties, tours, photo sessions, bus rides, dinner-dances, etc. A standing ovation is due to **Will & Barbara Wilson, Gordy & Dorothy Arbogast, Sam & Babs Thompson, Mike & Nan Allen, Ed & Marty Tezak and Bob Handcox.**

**Lynn Cook** conducted a Class meeting on Fri a.m.—topics of discussion included a status of the '63 Education Fund—we need more money to provide grants to children of deceased classmates—please



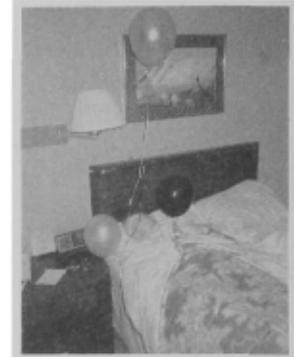
1963: Bill & Carol Coomer chat with Lionel Ingram during the boat ride at the reunion

reconsider and send at least \$63 to the Class of '63 Education Fund, c/o **Marty Ischinger**, PO Box 46509, Washington, DC 20050. **Frank Lennon** is a publisher and is willing to create a '63 magazine (not a 25th yrbook) based on interesting careers/accomplishments of classmates. If you are interested in contributing to the magazine or buying one (send \$25)—contact Frank at *Illustrated* magazine, 139 N Country Rd, Suite 18, Palm Beach, FL 33480. We also received an AOG briefing on class gifts to WP. It was decided that **Lynn Cook** will form a comm to look at this option for a possible presentation to WP at our 35th or 40th reunion. Again, if you have ideas along these lines contact Lynn at 1709 La Costa Meadows Dr, PO Box 1149, San Marcos, CA 92069.

Late Fri afternoon after a great day of tours, sightseeing, and a boat ride up the Hudson, the Class gathered for a memorial ceremony. A special thanks to **Paul Stanley** for leading us as we remembered and honored our deceased classmates. Special thanks also to the wives who placed fresh flowers at each marker

before the ceremony—very thoughtful.

The cocktail party, dinner-dance and Sat night buffet provided the necessary environment for saying hello, backslapping, renewing friendships and telling old stories. Now I understand the term "fog of war"—late nights, little sleep, smoke-filled rooms, lots of chatter, spirits, etc. There was **Dick Guthrie** in baggy jeans, and **DA** trying to re-create the mashed potato, and **KO Schwartz** doing his thing all over the dance floor—what can I say?



1963: Ken O'Sullivan the morning after the game and dinner-dance

Lots of bankers (successful of course) attended—**Homer Holland, John Dorland, Rob Vanneman, Dick Gallagher**—but where was **Roger Bivens**? By the way, Rob is now '63 rep for the San Fran area; he also promised to keep an eye on **Larry Janof**, a respected lawyer but still Janof! It was great to see **Mike & Betty Rose Bowers** up from Atlanta—Mike continues to set the example as the atty gen for the state of GA. **Vic & Gloria Bunze** now reside in Brookfield Ctr, CT where Vic is VP sales for Visionetics. **Art Conlon** came about a wk early, played



1963: M-1 at the reunion



1963: K-1 at the reunion



1964: Hugh Boyd, Mike Johnson, Doug Crissman, Ellen Dexter, Greg Anderson and Mike Tatu



1964: Speedy, Schoonover, Bramlette, Boyd, Hardy and Lamback

AD. Mike Davison is C/S, Jim Harding is ADC, and Bob Magruder is Div Arty CO.



1964: McCaffrey, Harding, Davison and Ojten

Tom Kullman, who was at the same conference as Gene and I, is now on the joint staff in Wash providing legal advice to ADM Crowe.



1964: Back: Johnson, Evans, Bramlette and Boyd. Front: Crissman and Cecchine

lots of golf and visited in the local area with his better half, **Bonnie**. **Al & Bonnie Genetti** seemed to dance the night away—each night! Al is exec to Dr Sculley, ASA R&D. I talked to **Charlie Nahlik** after the reunion and he will try to put together a videotape of our activities—more on that later. Sat we had lunch in the Cadet Mess and I must commend **Rick Goldsmith**—he performed 4cl duties without missing a beat and gave a passable response to “How’s the Cow.” Dipper **Dan Willson** was late to the Thur cocktail party—seems he had to travel back to NYC to retrieve his suitcase somebody took by mistake. Dan has recently moved from Myrtle Beach, SC to Williamsburg, VA. **Mike Natvig** is in the lumber business in Denver and is doing great. By the way, I forgot to mention that the Class elected an exec comm to conduct Class business out of Wash, DC—**Mike Summers** is chm with a supporting cast of **Ed Banks**, **Frank Hall**, **John Dunn**, and **Mike Vopatek**. **BEAT NAVY!**

**Brown**, **Huba Wass de Czege**, **Roger Yankoupe** and **Mike Davison**. Good going guys, your success is our success.

The pickings at mail call have been mighty slim lately and may, if the trend continues, result in the resurrection of the trials and tribulations of New Cadet **Jacunski**. Be forewarned.



1964: LT Hugh Boyd and COL Hugh Boyd

**Hugh Boyd** writes that he now heads up the Buffalo Dist of the Corps of Engrs, and he & **Sandy** are enjoying it very much. Buffalo is something I just can’t relate to (with apologies to **Doolittle**). Hugh, as you will recall, was one of the proud fathers of the Class of ‘88 and included some additional photos of the ‘64/’88 gp. Hugh & Sandy are obviously a very social couple and also included photos of two different Class gatherings, one of which celebrated Sandy’s graduation from Shippensburg Univ . . . held while they were still at Carlisle.

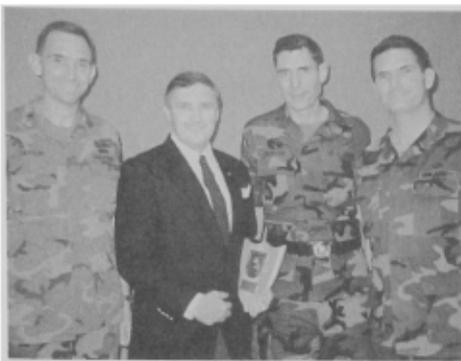
**Gene Sullivan**, whom I recently drove with to Washington from a conference in Charlottesville, wrote after one of his “judicial visitation” trips to Europe, and included a photo of the honchos of the 3d

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I regret to have to start out on a sad note and report the death of **Charlie Miller** on 29 Aug of leukemia. Those of you who wish to correspond with his wife **Dale** can reach her at 1160 Dairy Ashford, Houston, TX 77057. Charlie will be missed. His cheerful approach to life as a part of my beast squad made getting through that experience a lot easier.

We are still hitting the BG list with regularity. Our newest crop includes **Jed**



1964: Davison, Sullivan, Harding and Magruder



1964: Magruder, McCaffrey, Harding

The third and final note of this meager one-fifth of a yr, came from **Seth Hudgins** to report **Kim Flint's** triple bypass was a success and that he is doing well. Remember, this is our reunion chm, so keep him in your prayers.

**Dan Evans** is soliciting help from classmates for our memorial service during the reunion next yr. The service will be Fri, 20 Oct 89. Write Dan at 5001 Powell Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032 (home 703-978-5182; off 703-553-4977).

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Greetings once again from Chicago! We hope that everything is well in your world, as it seems to be with our classmates. **Tom Kelly** is still here in Chicago but his firm has lost the govt contract on which they were working. The business had grown to about \$19 million. His daughter is at the U of Miami, and his son is a HS soph and a great soccer player. The **Koz** (aka **Kosciusko**) wrote from the US Def Attache off in Tel Aviv where he & **Ann** play host to about 2,200 visitors per yr. Needless to say, they are quite busy. They just returned from Dallas where oldest daughter Dawn was married. While **Koz** was in Ger at Graf, he saw **EJ Armstrong '63** on the tank range and found out that his dep was none other than our **Bob Higgins**. **Bob** and **Koz** were also roommates who had not seen each other in 20 yrs. **Bob** is still as feisty as ever and should be getting a brigade

by the time this article is printed. **Koz** scored two direct hits with the M-1 while escorting an Israeli 2 Star. **Joe**, it was great hearing from you and let's keep in touch. Are you still playing any hoops?

I had a nice chat with **Becky Bell** who, as I reported last time, moved back to her home area with **Dr John**. They are in the Cape Kennedy area after spending 18 yrs in CA. She reports that it's a much slower pace. **John** is trying to set up a new dental practice which will take a bit of time. Their two boys (12 & 10) had a tough transition to FL but seem to be coping with their new found friends. **Jack & Annette Lowe** are still just outside Dallas, although **Jack** has just been promoted to gp VP for finance in the Govt Services Gp of EDS. He will leave the family in Dallas until **Mary Melanie** graduates from HS and then they will all probably move to their new place in Herndon, VA. Son **Bruce** is a jr at Texas A&M studying construction engring/architecture. Their youngest, **Stephanie**, is turning into a great athlete in both soccer and volleyball, as well as B ball, and at age 14 is the city champion in shot put.

We received a news release from MO Mil Academy in Mexico, MO that **Hubert Leverett** has been appointed as a science and math instructor. MMA, founded in 1889, is about to celebrate its "century of distinction." **Chuck McCloskey** called from Ft Sheridan here in Chicago. He just came over from Lansing, MI where he was CO of a recruiting station. He is now the equivalent to the VP of marketing for the Recruiting Cmd. He & **Rosemary** have 3 sons; one is a jr at Notre Dame, one is a frosh at Princeton and playing end on the football team. The other is still at home.

We got together with the **McEliecs**, **Christmans**, and **Joe Anderson** at Homcoming at WP in Oct. **Dan** is scheduled to get our first star in Nov. He & **Susan** are shown with our Dartmouth grad/friend **Jack Ferraro** at the WP Train Station. Speaking of that, **Bob Anderson**



1965: Christmans with Jack Ferraro (Dartmouth), WP Train Station

wrote from Anchorage that **Dick Tragemann** is on the 1-star list. According to his bio, **Dick** just came back from XO to CINC-Korea. Prior to that, he cmded a

div arty bde. Our congratulations to him and his family on a job well done! **Bob Anderson** just returned from a two-wk tour as asst attache in Egypt. His move to Anchorage in 87 put him in charge of VA health care programs in AK, a big job because of the 71,000 veterans in the largest state in the Union. Daughter **Cheryl** went to Japan on a Lions intl youth exchange and had a great time. **Bob** and his friend for life, **Barbara**, are shown in the attached picture on a cruise to view the glaciers.



1965: Barbara & Bob Anderson

As **Judy** & I were watching our son **Brian** play baseball at WP, who do we see sitting in the bleachers but our old Chicago buddy, **Bob Scully**, who was visiting his mother and brought her up to see the game. **Bob** is doing well with Amoco Chemical where he has just been promoted to corporate, while his wife just finished her master's. Their oldest child is in college. I received a great letter from my old ranger buddy **Jack Terry**, who looks as good as he did when I saved his butt down in the Okefenokee swamps. He & **Sue** and their three sons (19, 17 & 13), daughter (9) and the newcomer, **Karen** (4), have settled in the Catskills, about an hr north of USMA, on 5 acres out in the sticks. There are no neighbors around and lots of trails for hiking and cross country skiing. **Jack** reports he's a local protection off and is responsible for overseeing a lot of "baddies." **Jack**, thanks for pointing out the otherwise easily-forgettable fact that we have, in fact, reached middle age. **Jack**, I always get a lift after reading your letters. You are really an inspiration to us all. Let's keep in touch.

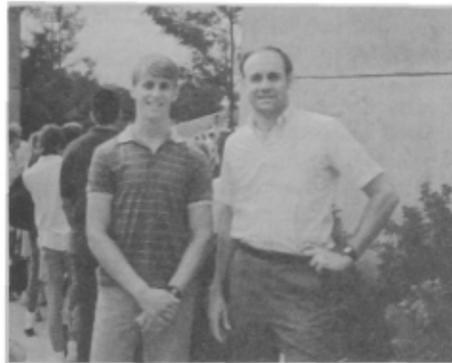
I saw a nice article in the *Journal* that **Culbro Corp** (the maker of cigars and other consumer products) has just created an off of the chief exec consisting of five sr offs. One exec was our **Ross Wollen** who is also SVP, gen counsel and secy. **Ross** also reported that he located and reached **Reg Dryzga** and is trying to get him to NYC for a reunion with **Jim Harmon**.

The two lovely young ladies in uniform, one a firstie and the other a USMAPS, belong to **Dave & Stash Vann**. As I indicated in the last article, **Sandy** is



1965: Sandy Vann '89 and Debbie Vann '92

a firstie and doing extremely well, and younger sister Debbie is now a plebe. Dave is still in Annandale, VA where he is a mgt consultant, and Stash is now TRW's dir of configuration mgt for AWIS. Their last daughter, Kathy, graduates from HS this yr and may end up at USAF, God forbid. **John Vann** is currently chief, program and budget coordination div at DCSLOG. Speaking of the Class of '92, I have also enclosed a picture of **John & Pat Howell**, just before beginning R Day. Good to see that '65 is doing well.



1965: Pat Howell '92 with John Howell '65

The latest intelligence reports indicate that **Skip O'Donnell's** son, Chip, is clearly a chip off the old block as far as being one of the outstanding plebes in '92. Skip thinks we ought to get Cousin Bruce (Bruce Morrow) to do a rock 'n roll show, DJ style, for our 25th.

**Jack Barwis** has just joined American Tobacco as the dir of Human Resources. He & **Jane** live in Monroe, CT with daughters Bari Anne and Molly. **Joe Anderson** reports he may end up in Dayton as dir of Materials Mgt for part of GM. It will give him a chance to take over one of their business units which is what he really wants to do. He also reports that a sequel to the "Anderson Platoon" TV show should be coming out sometime soon. **Tom Barron** and I are working with **Joe** to have a special preview in NY in Feb 89. Call us if you're interested. I also had a nice talk with **Wayne & Susie Scholl**, or as they call themselves, the "bi-coastal couple." **Susie** is still in Sacramento where she is doing a great job selling real estate until

daughter **Jenny** finishes HS and goes off to Berkeley. Son **Brian** is at CA State at Sacramento where he is a jr. As you can see in the attached picture, they make a very attractive family. **Wayne** has a new



1965: Wayne & Susie Scholl with Brian & Jenny

job in Atlanta at Forces Cmd after doing a great job as the district engr in Sacramento. He travels around constantly and is a very hard man to track down. **Wayne** has seen **Loco** who is the new Savannah district engr, replacing **Stan Genega**. He also flew out to St Louis where he saw **Zig Roebuck** who has an ADA Bde. He & **Linda** should be heading to the Pentagon "shortly." **Jim Wood** is at Ft Wainwright in AK where he is taking a bde of the 6th Light Inf Div. **Frank Reller** is here at Ft Sheridan, or so **Wayne** says, as the Fourth Army Engr. Once again, dear Scholl family, if your travels bring you back to Port without a stop at Meadow Hill Farm, your name will be mud in the next series of articles.

I called **Bob Wolff** in DC where he is a dir of facilities engr. **Bob** hosted a party for all the visiting ('65) engr, including **Dan Christman**, who just moved over to DCSOPS from the JCS, **Tad Ono**, **Emory Pylant** (bde CO in Korea, now DCS/Doctrine in the Engr School at Ft Leonard Wood), **Pete Cahill** (CO of the R&D Lab at Ft Belvoir), **Mike Viani** (with the off of asst Chief of Engrs), **Kent Brown** (New Orleans DE) and **Terry Ryan** (a civ with Globetrollers Engring in Rosslyn, VA). **Bob** is the dir of fac engring at the Army Engring & Support Ctr where they handle all base support, etc. He & **Phyllis** (a very successful interior designer) live with their daughter (at the U of MD) and their son, who is a jr. **Bob** also ran into **Emery Chase**, who's at the Def Nuclear Agency and has two sons at USMA. The Chases live in Woodbridge, VA.

**Bob** attended a conference for the sr engr leaders with **LTG Hatch** at Scottsdale, AZ (tough job—someone has to do it) hosted by **Tad Ono**. In attendance were **Pat Kenny**, who is the chief of info mgt at Engineer HQs, and **Chuck Nichols**, who is the CO of the Cold Regions Engring Lab at Dartmouth/Hanover, NH (another tough asgmt!).

Well folks, that's about it from Chica-



1965: Wolff, Kenny, LTG Hatch, Nichols and Ono

go. Keep the letters and pictures coming—especially the pictures. They really add pizzazz to our articles.

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I talked recently with **Ken Schroeder**, who was just about to leave AT&T after 18 yrs. He is a district mgr for Network Services out of KS City, covering a 14 state area and 6000 end user offices. **Ken** is a certified tree farmer, and owns an 80-acre tract of timberland near KS City, where he lives with his wife **Mary** and children. He has always liked wood working and "big machines," and is starting his own firm, **Kenmar Timber Co**. He'll be logging and sawing hardwood from the forests in nearby rural MO.

**Ken** had just run into **Bill Thomas**, who is dir of personal lines for the Haver Insurance Co in Worcester, MA. About a yr ago, **Ken** helped **Bert Fisher** with pruning on his pecan ranch in Muskogee, OK. **Bert** is an oil field engr out of Tulsa.

**Rance Farrell** reports that **Wes Clark** and **Dave Kelley** are on the BG's list. Also, he ran into **Dave Arthur**, **Dan Crawford**, **Chuck Williams**, **Mike Collmeyer**, and **Bill O'Connor** at Carlisle, PA.

**Ed Hathaway** writes that he ret in Sep 87 and went to work for Aerojet Electro Systems as a systems engr on the Sense and Destroy Armor (SADARM) program. Though he says he loved CA, his "strong willed" wife from Fredericksburg, VA and a job offer in DC got him back to VA, where he is now with **Booz, Allen, and Hamilton, Inc** in Rosslyn, VA. His new firm specializes in non-nuclear survivability analysis and conducts other studies and analyses for DOD. Any classmates in the area of Springfield, VA can give **Ed** a call at (703) 528-8080 (work) or 569-0017 (home).

**Ed** also wrote that he had a visit from **Mike Strickland**, who is still a prominent lawyer in Winder, GA. **Mike** reports that **Ken Fish** has remarried and is living in

a condo with a "short drive to the golf course in a golf cart."



1966: Tom Carhart

Ed Hamilton of the Class of '39 writes that **Tom Carhart** was invited to speak at the annual joint luncheon of the USMA Cl of '39 and the USNA Cl of '39 last Nov. The luncheon was held at Pierre and Madeleines Restaurant in Vienna, VA, and Tom was invited as a "surprise raconteur." He was invited "specifically to explain the proper technique in sequestering a goat." ("Is there any greater authority?") Ed relates that Tom did a masterful job, so to the delight of the WP grads, if not to those of USNA. "In doing so," said Ed, "he showed that in spite of propaganda about the Marines looking for a few good men, they are really looking for a few good women." (Wish I could have been there!)

I also had a long phone conversation with **Bob Seigle**, who is asst chief of TAPA's avn board. Bob is looking forward to cmding the 18th Avn Bde at Ft Bragg in Jun of 89, and was able to fill me in on the whereabouts of a number of our classmates. (As I was scribbling as fast as I could, I apologize in advance for any errors! You're invited to write me directly to correct them. It's also OK to write if there are no errors (hint).)

**John Blades** is the new pres of the Army Research Institute. At his "change of cmd ceremony," everyone sat and watched John sign his "oath of acceptance." (Sounds exciting.) **Ron Bartek** is working with the State Dept, and **Bob (Seigle)** said he would be seeing him and about 40 other classmates at the Class of '66 quarterly luncheon on 21 Oct at Hunan's Restaurant on Capitol Hill. **Rick Gorski** chairs the luncheon.

**Dick Eklund** is a cpt for Delta Airlines, flying a DC-10, out of MA. **Welch Agnew** has been attending the U of TX at San Ant, where he's receiving a master's of public health. He & **Carol Ann** are looking forward to their final asgmt in the Army, in Japan. Welch has the distinction of being the Army's only Airborne-Ranger-Pilot and a veterinarian! **Mike Brennan**, an Army trained pilot and ophthalmologist, ret last yr from Ft Bragg, and is now residing in Burlington, NC. He's got a private practice and flies all

over NC organizing the state's ophthalmologists into a corporation to provide "ethical" eye care throughout the state. He & **Helen** and little Patrick visited with Bob recently on a trip to VA. Bob also saw **Jim Gleason**, who's an Army lawyer, and **Bob Kesmodel** who is involved in the sale of "mega" environmental filters for factories, in the Baltimore area. **Fred McFarren** is the XVIII Abn Corps G1, and is having his cmd of an Arty bde delayed until Dec 89, so that he can go to the 82nd Abn Div to become C/S. **George Crocker** is already at the 82nd Abn, where he cmds the 3rd Bde.

**Kelly Horst** got out about a yr ago and is consulting in "old town" Alexandria, VA. He runs a long-term program for major US corps coming to the DC area to do business with the govt. **Steve Eisenberg** is a civ atty serving as gen counsel to the Pentagon's Federal Credit Union. **Rick Thoden** is somewhere in the "spook" account at General Electric, running their "deep cover" program. **Bob Hicks** is at OSD, getting ready for cmd of a divarty (not sure where). **Chet Keith** is in TAPA, where he runs an "operational flow" type program. **Phil Nelson** is ret and living in Burke, VA with his wife **Cleone**. **Peyton Ligon** is at ICAF at Ft McNair. **Emmitt Gibson** left his bn cmd in Ger last summer and is now at the Naval War College at Newport, RI. **John Kehres** is working at AMC and is a referee for girl's basketball in his spare time. **Bob Seigle** got to see him referee a game in which his daughter played. Bob also saw **Hilton Dunn's** son, who was just signed by the MN Twins, in action. It seems he's got a real smooth swing and hit a couple over the fence without much effort. **Bill Helkie** is also in the DC area, working as an economist for the World Bank. **Thom Almoujuela**, who has been "hiding" in southern CA for most of his career (between San Jose and NASA/AMES research facility), finally got "discovered." He's in DC as an O6, undergoing attache tng for Uruguay. Thom is still a confirmed bachelor after all these yrs! **Bill Hughes** is at the AWC at Carlisle, PA. Thanks for the info, Bob!

**Norm Fretwell** reported (in Jul) that with \$11,500 donated to our Class fund so far this yr, we are nearly halfway to the "challenge" goal of \$25,000 that will be matched by one of our classmates. Send your contribution to the AOG payable to the Class of '66 WP Gift Fund (before 31 Dec).

A number of our classmates are listed with the AOG as "lost," i.e., they have no address or a "bad" address. With each column, I'll publish a few names, and hope that if you see your name listed, you'll contact me with your current address (and some news of what you've been doing): **Bruce Auer**, **Fred Barnes**, **William Basham**, **David Britain**, **Michael Brown**, **Anthony Buetti**, **John Burger**,

**Ronald Caldwell**, **William Canning**, **Shannon Cook**.

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25 Aug: **Phil Kinney** leads off this episode of show and tell with news of a new job and a new address. He has made the very logical transition from making china to making things electronic. Well, I certainly don't see anything inconsistent in that—we all know that it's just a fine line between making plates and making circuits. Phil & Joy now live in El Paso, where he makes a buck or two as the sr applications engr, molded circuit devices in the electronic components div of Allen-Bradley, which is a subsidiary of the Rockwell Intl megacorp. (I think if someone really looked long and hard enough, they would find that all the cos in the world actually belong to one guy, a half Saudi/half Japanese hedonist who lives on a tuna boat off Pago Pago and communicates with his financial empire through a process of Zen and satellite telepathy.) Anyway, Phil is now into things electronic, which worries me. Phil is basically a good guy, but I have always considered electricity, and the study thereof, as a form of black magic and the occult. Having the Galloping Greek as a Juice P in the last section did not help alter this attitude. In fact, I suspect it was a major contributor to the evolution from a nascent feeling of uneasiness about the subject to a full blown sense of dread at the very idea of all those electrons running around out there looking for someone to zap. After all, in some places they put people in chairs full of electricity and you know what the net result of that enterprise is. Having **Bobby Rettig** as a roommate and Juice tutor probably didn't help either, since he and I took turns throughout the yr being last in the Class in Juice. The closest we ever came to figuring out something useful in that course was the time we hooked a microphone up to an oscilloscope and took bets from the section on who could generate the best wave pattern by . . . into the mike. Unfortunately, just as we all had the bets in, the Greek arrived on the scene, saw what we were doing, had an instant core meltdown right on the spot, wrote us up for being grossly facetious in class, and gave us a writ. Ever since that day I have been especially wary of people who deal in electronics. But that's OK; Phil's still a pretty good guy. Before the Kinneys left NC, Joy completed her BA at Meredith College in Raleigh, graduating in May summa cum laude. Their oldest daughter, Jill, is now ajr at Appalachian State U in Boone, NC, while their other 3 girls, Sally, April,

and Amy are in the 12th, 6th, and 3rd grades. What fun!

Phil also sent a photo as a possible entrant in the Phil Kinney Look Alike Contest, but after long and careful study I could tell that it was really **Jim Fowler**. Jim is exec VP and dir of admin and marketing for ITT Consumer Financial Corp in Minneapolis. He & **Linda** have two kids, **Kimberly** and **Scott**. Jim was profiled in the May issue of *EBONY* magazine, in their "Focus on People" section.

8 Sep: Keeping it all in the family dept. You will remember, I'm sure, that I told you in these pages last yr about the team from Tom "A-Man" White's 11th ACR winning the Boeselager Cup competition in Ger. This is a very intense and important competition between Allied and German cav units in a wide range of mil skills crucial to armored cav. Twenty-four teams, including those from 12 Allied nations, competed in this yr's competition this past May, and everyone expected the team from Tom White's 11th ACR to repeat their 87 performance. (Prior to 87, no American team had ever come close to winning, but that yr Tom's team did so well they established a whole new standard of excellence for the Cup.) But 88 was a slightly different story. By the time the dust had settled at the end of the wk, an American team was once again on the victor's stand, and the unit cmdr was also named White. But this time the winning team was from 1/1 Cav of the 1st AD, and it was our own **Bob White** with the grin on his face. Tom's team had come in second—which is where Bob's team had finished the previous yr. Turnabout is fair play. And again, the scores of both teams completely blew away the competition. There is an excellent article on this yr's competition in the Sep 88 issue of *SOLDIERS* mag.

9 Sep: Letter from **Sandi Lando-Madsen**, **Jeff's** wife, in today's mailbag. Like the **Kinneys**, the **Madsens** have also decided to change jobs and homes. After yrs of life in Manitowoc, WI ("a great, clean place to raise kids") where **Jeff** worked as VP, manufacturing, for **Hamilton Industries**, the kids have finally flown from the nest and the old folk **Madsens** decided it was time to head back to the bright lights and sinful times of the big city. In Aug **Jeff** & **Sandi** moved to **Waterbury, CT**, where **Jeff** now works as ops mgr for **Waterbury Buckle Co**, a subsidiary of **IL Tool Works**, who are probably a wholly owned minor cog of some greater megabusiness (see previous theory). I don't think **Jeff** is in the bus of making customized belt buckles, you know, like those ones with skulls on them with glow-in-the-dark eyes that say "Do it on a Harley," or some other prophetic bit of prose. The **Madsens** new address is 12 Spindle Hill Rd, 2H (it's a condo) **Wolcott, CT 06716**. **Sandi** found

herself a job at **Centerbank** within 3 days after their arrival—the job market is OK. Their son **Jeffrey** is a sr at **U of WI Madison**, and their daughter **Tina** is working back in **Manitowoc, WI**. I guess not everyone was ready for the city lights. Before heading east, they vacationed at **Keystone, CO**, and spent a day or so with **Bruce Baccei** and his 16 yr old son **Brett**. Since



1967: **Jeff Madsen**, **Bruce Baccei** and **Sandi Lando-Madsen**, Jul



1967: **Brett** & **Bruce Baccei**

arriving in **CT**, they've seen **Ernie & Irene Heimberg**, who now have two kids at the **U of MA**.

14 Sep: Another phone call from **Ed Dewey** today. **Ed** loves to call every now and then to remind me that he works in **THE PENTAGON**. This impresses **Ed**. He thinks that working in the land of sweating armpits and standup lunch counters is going to make him go places, quickly. I also suspect he is hoping that being so close to **Ty McCoy** will have a beneficial effect on his career (never mind that **Ty** may be out selling encyclopedias in a few short mos). Well, someday the truth will penetrate that soggy mass of nerve endings that serves him for a brain, and **Ed** will come crashing back down to reality. Too bad; I'll miss his phone calls. Talking to **Ed** has always given me a marvelous feeling of superiority, something I've never been able to have talking to my wife. Anyway, **Ed** claimed the real reason he called was to tell me about the **Class luncheon** that was scheduled at the **Pentagon** for the 5th of Oct, and to invite me to attend. My initial reaction was not favorable—I've had lots of firsthand experience with things **Ed** has had a hand in planning,

and I've had more than my fair share of **Pentagon** reconstituted fake food, but then he told me that **John Caldwell** was in charge, and since he's on the **Joint Staff** we can use the **Executive Dining Room**, so I told **Ed** I'd consider it. **Ed** also told me that **Jim Tankovitch**, **Bob Shumate** and **Mike Yap** have all ret and are now working as **Beltway Banditos** for some outfit called **SAIC**, which I think does things in the nuke/chem warfare arena. Oh, joy unbounded, does this ever fill me with confidence.

As soon as I finished talking to **Ed** and return to my off, who do I find hovering above my desk but **John Garay**, looking very dapper in his corporate suit. **John** is a regional sales mgr for the **Sumitomo Machinery Corp of America**, up in the **Chicago** area, and was down here in **Tidewater** I guess trying to sell **Sumitomo** machines, whatever the hell they are. They are also neighbors of **George & Pam Dials**, and you may recall that their son **John** and the **Dials** daughter **Heather** are, as they say, an item. We had a very nice visit—I got all kinds of useful dirt about **Dials**. **George** continues his practice of buying fish and then having his photo made with them, complete with rod and reel, which he then sends to gullible people all over the world in his unremitting quest to establish a reputation as a fisherman. Someday **George** may actually catch a fish, but I would have to see it in person to believe it. Even **Dave Hale** is a more accomplished angler than **George Dials**. By the way, I should mention that **Jim Saine** was also involved in the conversation with **John Garay**; in fact, I think **John** may have been staying with the **Saines** while here. I forgot to mention in the last notes that the **Saines** arrived here this past summer, and **Jim** also teaches here at the **Armed Forces Staff College**. Well, sort of. You see, there are two academic depts here in the college. One of them teaches important stuff, the other doesn't do much of anything. I'm in the first one. **Jim** is in the other one.

23 Sep: Today my duties call for me to be the escort off for the college's guest speaker of the day, who is the special asst to the **Under Secy of State for Security Assistance, Science and Technology**. I figure anybody who works in **Wash** and has a title this long has got to be at least as important as **Ty McCoy**, so I really go all out—shine my shoes, put on my best suit of lights with all the brass shined and ribbons on straight—and head to the airport to pick him up in a nice shiny staff car. Big guy with a huge mustache gets off the plane, walks up to me and just as I'm about to waste one of my very best obsequious escort off acts he says, "I know you." So I take a closer look, and sure enough, under all that facial hair a faintly familiar face emerges. Turns out to be **Stan Sienkiewicz**, late **M-2** file and

C-Squad football player who resigned at the end of yearling yr, and went on to greater glory as a mover and shaker in DC. Along the way he picked up degrees from Princeton, Johns Hopkins, and Pitt. Right now he's primarily involved with the area of arms transfers to other nations. Before joining the current admin, he served as the professional staff member responsible for natl security and arms control issues for the Senate Foreign Relations Comm Republican staff. He also served 6 yrs in the off of SEC-DEF, where he handled strategic and theater nuclear force planning, including SALT and MBFR. In addition to his current duties, Stan teaches courses on arms control and natl security at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced Intl Studies, and was an Intl Affairs Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations and Research Fellow at the Harvard U Program for Science and Intl Affairs. Besides all that, he's had a wide range of writings published on the subject of natl security. Nevertheless, he can still remember his plebe poop, and still talks like a C-Squad football player. We had a nice visit, once he got through entertaining the students.



1967: Stan Sienkiewicz, Special Asst to the Under Secy of State

30 Sep: Phone call from **Monty Meigs** this morning, mostly to remind me of the upcoming Class luncheon at the Pentagon. Bad news is **Ty McCoy** won't be there. Too busy. Worse news is they aren't going to send me an airplane ticket to attend. I knew in my heart of hearts that **Dewey** had to be involved with the planning for this op. Monty passed on a couple of rumors—**Tom Curtis** is now assigned to the DC area, and **Dick Phelan** also works in the Pentagon. **George Lupton** is now working at the Armed Forces Inst of Pathology. With any luck, maybe he'll come up with a cure for Ed Dewey.

13 Oct: This wk's *Army Times* has a big article on what the Army is doing in the anti-armor ball game. A key player in that game is **Tom White**, who is heading up the anti-armor study until he pins on his star. He gets lots of coverage/interview space in the *AT* story.

19 Oct: Just received the Oct *ASSEMBLY*. Friends, we have been paid a great tribute. If you didn't see it, find the

article "Silver Taps" on p 52 and read it. After you read it, write to Cadet Pierce and thank him. **Ray Rowe**, I'm discouraged to see that you work your people so hard that one of your lackies, *the scribe from '73*, doesn't even have time to write his Class notes. Or perhaps you should speak to young MAJ Baker about his duty ethic.

OK boys and girls (and others) that's it for this time. Important things to remember—it will be the Christmas season when you read this. Put me high on your gift list. You should all try to emulate last yr's superb performance by **Jim Balkcom** and **Tom Dyer** (an outboard motor would be nice. Nothing too big; 50 or 60 horse would do nicely). Also, if you want to read nice things about yourself and your children, you should write to me. I know that you can do it. Take care, all. **Suzi's** birthday is 3 days away and I don't have the foggiest idea what to get her. (She did tell me that she doesn't want any more fly rods or reels.) Wish me luck. **BEAT NAVY!**

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Yes, I know that this is the second article after reunion. The folks who are expecting to relive some great reunion memories are in for a shock. Would you believe that the deadline for these notes was one day into our reunion? The *ASSEMBLY* folks told me that they wouldn't mark too much off if I turned the article in the day after **Dave Ohle's** birthday and our reunion; however, by that time I know—if I'm even your scribe by then—the kind *ASSEMBLY* staff would have loads of trouble reading the scratchings of my crayon since **Barbara** would not allow me to have any sharp or pointed instruments. Only 4 more yrs from now and **Dan Kaufman** can really start in earnest to firm up things for our 25th. Actually, if you have a new scribe by now, I hope that he too is a goat. The job of scribe, which entails getting an article together at the last min and to the AOG on time, is perfectly suited for a young goat. As a young goat (if I was ever young), I could pull at least one all-nighter a wk with no sweat—as long as I could satiate my brownboy for a few hrs on the wkend. Now, as an old goat, what I used to do in one night, takes all wk.

Speaking of birthdays, **Art Ackerman**, infantryman **Jim Anderson**, dentist **Mole Burrell**, MIS Dir **Myles Crowe**, JAG **Dick Flanigan**, neurosurgeon **Mike Potter**, **George Rebovich**, and reg mgr **Harold Yager** will join **Dave Ohle** in the celebration of their birthdays during the reunion.

Judging from the sparsity of news this period, orthopedic surgeons like **Walt**



1968: Tofflers, Limbaughs, Dallens, Rapisardas and Shaws; Founders Day 1988, West Point

**Curl**, **Steve Frushour**, **Mike Romash**, and **John Warncke** must be working overtime treating everyone's broken writing hands. Or are you still preparing for the reunion? Dejavu—I think I started this job with the same amount of mail. Maybe the latest *ASSEMBLY* will be delivered prior to reunion and I can salvage some notes that ended up on the cutting room floor.



1968: Vitters, Halsteads and Rhodeses; Founders Day 1988, Ft Benning

**Mark & Diane Hansen** were the latest to check in and announce that they'd be attending the reunion and visiting a new member of the Corps—daughter **Meredith**. However, I'm sure that many of you have prepared to attend the reunion the way we did—by taking kids off to college and stuffing others in wall lockers 'til our return. R-Day at UVA was quite a shock. A full full-sized 10-yr-old Buick station wagon was unloaded and our daughter's dorm room was furnished—complete with refrigerator, stereo, phone and answering machine, rock group posters, and teddy bears—in less than 10 mins. While the man in the red sash was no where to be seen, lots of upper classpersons were around to make it all happen. I understand **Lee** had WP organized like that once, but his ideas—no matter how good—went out of style in the 1860s. After a mo, we discovered on a subsequent visit that our daughter is rebelling by growing her hair—in front. Now all I see is wire from a cassette player disappear into some very full golden tresses and implant itself into where ears used

to be, and only one eye follows me around and rolls when I do something really embarrassing—like walk, talk, sit, stand, or breathe.



1968: Orahoods, Ludovicos (adopted Italian Avn Ino), Kunzman and Fowlers; Founders Day 1988, Ft Rucker

Jack Munson and Dick Steiner exclusively contributed to stories of career transitions beginning over 24 yrs ago in NY, and carrying to last Jun at Ft Myer. Jack, who is now attempting to keep General Dynamics out of trouble and up to technological speed in the Wash area, provided the picture of classmates who cared enough to go the whole route and attend their ret parade. As fate would have it, Dick Steiner happened to be at Ft Myer that day and saw Ed Thal. From 200' away, they reminisced about a bus trip from Port Authority terminal to WP 24 yrs earlier when Dick and Ed wondered what attending WP held in store for them. . . . Dick relayed this story to me when he called for Dick Flynn's address at Ft Huachuca, where he is trying to teach MI offs English as an only language.



1968: Alexander, Wyman, Wooton, Munson and Thal at their ret ceremony at Ft Myer

Barbara & I tried to trace some classmate sojourns by taking the train from Alexandria to NYC as part of our journey to the reunion. Barbara had never been on a US train, and we thought the view along the mid-Atlantic coast from the train would be spectacular—the autumn leaves changing, the frost on the contaminated blood vials along the shore. Dutch Hostler now tells his kids, much to Megan's chagrin, that if you hold a

syringe to your ear, you can hear the sea.

Remember how I was going to tell you about the party that Jay & Pat Johnson were hosting in the DC area last fall? That was predicated on the supposition that I'd be invited. Dave Ohle said it was a great party, and as soon as they get a 6 person hot tub, they'll invite me. But seriously Rabble . . . stay tuned to find out if Jay & Pat will move to Dayton so Jay can square away the AF and Pat can help Carl & Sherry Woessner administer CPR to the city, or if Johnsons will move on to even bigger opportunities. As soon as I hear the real story of how Jude Rolfes, Pete Paulsen, Bob Casey, Les Wright, John Nerdahl, and another Ft Hood AOTite managed to find the CG of Jude's dad's new Chevy on a train track in Nuevo Laredo, how John tried to make the two-door car into a 3 or 4-door, who should have been steering once the car was pushed off the tracks, and how hard these folks are on their kids when the kids ding a fender, I'll tell you.



1968: Wongs and Blacks; Founders Day 1988, Ft Bragg

We witnessed a preview of what we have to come home to from the reunion this evening. Rob, our 15 yr old, thought that our two day-old hot tub would be more exciting and efficient with a few cups of liquid detergent added. Not only are we all squeaky clean now—a state not all residents of the Wash area can make—but it took about an hr to explain to the weather watcher next door that No VA didn't experience an early snow-storm. Hopefully our home and the spa will survive our reunion—with Dave & Barbara up at WP and Marianne and Rob in Springfield.

You can see by my use of Founders Day pictures that I'm really reaching for this one Rabble. Founders Days are great fun because they give us a chance to get together at an event designed to get some OC out of the red, and to get our pictures taken with classmates. IN THE FUTURE, PLEASE put a classmate in charge of sending your scribe NAMES of those in the pictures. And if you've snuck a non-classmate into the picture, TELL me. I spent 24 yrs wearing a uniform—I can take a joke. Joe Fowler has done a superb job informing us of

whom from around the world he has adopted as a classmate at Founders Day get-togethers. As many of you know, I've invented classmates just to see who's really reading; however, after two laps through our *Howitzer*, a trip through the 10 yrbook, and pestering my computer data base, I can only conclude that I've seen these folks before, and I promise to slap my forehead when I discover the real names. However, I can only guess that one couple standing next to Buck-shot in the Ft Hood picture taught John Dallen how to tie a tie, and I can only hope that the other guy in the picture is a classmate because he's standing next to a beautiful lady.



1968: Founders Day 1988, Heidelberg

Pete Wallace called early to inform us that he & Betsy wouldn't be making it to the reunion even though the entire family desperately needs a large dose of East Coast. Pete is looking to corner the hydrogen peroxide market in So CA where his daughters are the only non-Oriental brunettes.



1968: Nash and friends; Founders Day 1988, Ft Hood

I could tell from the shape of the Wash contingent that most of us followed the Bruce Erion workout schedule. As I remember, Bruce's workout starts 6 to 9 mos prior to a major physical event—like the indoor OC or trying to fit into fall clothing comfortably at the reunion. Once each wk, the decision will be made to do nothing because you don't want to peak too early. Then, a wk before the event, you finally decide that it's too late to do anything, so your options are narrowed to either buying a new wardrobe or "sucking it up" for

as long as you can, and then letting the buttons fall where they may.

Well Rabble, as you can easily see, I've fired the Corps, and we're in dire need of up-to-date news. The new *ASSEMBLY* didn't come so we don't know what we can repeat, and Dan Kaufman told me that the 20 yr classmate sketch book has more news in it than we can handle in a yr. So report in now, because by that time, the news will be old, the *ASSEMBLY* will be published every other mo, and classmates and friends who read the *ASSEMBLY* will be screaming to know where you are, what you're doing, and that you're doing it safely—BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL WE'VE GOT.—DAVE

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This col is being written on 13 Oct, covering news received since 13 Aug. My next deadline is 15 Dec, and correspondence received prior to that date will be included in the Feb issue.

We continue to make progress on the obituary project. Jim Love is writing for Jimmy Ford; Mike Speltz for Chip Oliver; and Bruce Helmich for Bill Leppig. However, with the 20th Reunion less than a yr away (12–15 Oct 89 at WP), we still need volunteers to cover these remaining deceased classmates: Glen Ivey, Karstens, Kirby, McGee, Nabben, Rose, Sowa, Tinker, Woodrum, and Yonan. Please contact me if there is a friend on this list whom you wish to honor.

The DC summer party on 20 Aug was one of our best ever. Ken Wanless did a terrific job, with assistance from Dave Hofstetter, Jim O'Toole and others. Also in attendance were Albrecht, Alexander, Anstrom, Bresnick, KC Brown, Bryant, Carpenter, Champagne, Clark, Dibella, DuVall, Egan, Greg Foster, Hastings, Hirabayashi, Holden, Hunkele, Ken Johnson, Leslie (from CA), McCaslin (NYC), McDermott, McGovern, Milnes, Moen, Molter, Nesbitt, Richmond, Robella, Schaaf (CA), Bill Schroeder, Seitz, Slenker, Bill Smith, Tom Smith (MA), Spann, Bill Taylor (E4), and Weaver. We will probably not have a DC gathering next summer, since the reunion would follow in two mos, and we want to maximize attendance at it. However, with the help of John Egan, Jim Foss, Ron Hudak, Geoff Prosch, and Bob Seitz, we are planning a small ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial in DC on Sun, 4 Jun. Details to follow.

Susan & Bill Johnsmeyer sent the first civ mail this time. They are in Parkersburg, WV with Walker, a div of Butler Manufacturing. Dick Jarman is also with Butler, in Kansas City, and he and I caught up over the phone in Sep. Bill

said that Bill Barnett, who is with McKinsey & Co in Atlanta, had an article in the Aug *Harvard Business Review*.



1969: Billy '92, Ralph and Adam Artigliere at Trophy Point

Gayle & Ralph Artigliere were in touch from Lakeland, FL, with a photo of their sons Billy '92 and Adam taken at Trophy Point. Also in FL are Lew & Patsy Killian. Lew is a US bankruptcy judge, while Patsy recently acquired Homefinders, Inc in Tallahassee.

Rick Whitaker sent a postcard from Beijing, where he is working on reform of the electronics industry. Also in exotic lands are Gesine & Arnie Haake in Bahrain, where Arnie is working for an investment bank after 3 yrs in England.

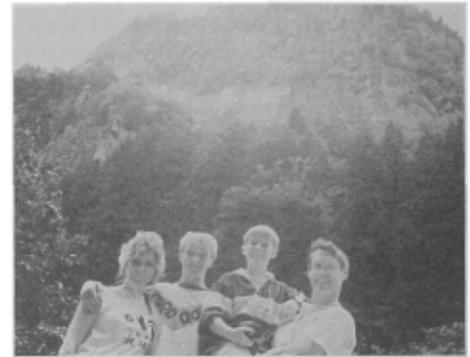
On the mil side of the Class, Joe Cornelison stopped by our home while on TDY from Panama for the annual JAG conference. Also at the conference were Aileo (OTJAG), Alvarey (JAG sch), Nardotti (SJA Ft Benning), Schempf (SJA Recruiting Cmd), and Schwender (SJA Presidio).

In DC, Ann & Frank Finch welcomed Margaret Irene on 25 Jul. Maggie weighed in at a petite 9 lbs, 15 oz!



1969: Arnie Haake escorting the US Navy escorting a tanker somewhere in the Persian Gulf

Just returned to DC is Paul Grant, who is with DCA. Going the other direction was Mike Landrum, who took cmd of 3/29 FA at Ft Carson on 22 Sep. Pete Skells sent a photo taken just before his family's departure from Turkey for a recruiting cmd in Seattle.



1969: The Pete Skells family at Sumela Monastery in Turkey

Still in Europe are Ingrid & Bruce McBane in Koblenz, where Bruce is



1969: Coan and Scull families in HI

LnO to the III German Corps. Bruce said **Tom Venard** left Ger for WP, **Chris Cole** is in Heidelberg, and **Bob St Onge** cmds 1/48 Inf in Gelnhausen. Bruce also wanted to help write on behalf of **Chip Oliver**, so I put him in touch with **Mike Speltz**. Also in Ger is **Doug Aykroyd**, who is at HQ 1st Arm Div. **Skip Bacevich** is div G-3 and **Jim Gavitt** cmds 1/6 Inf.

The last letter was from **KC Scull** in HI. He cmds 1/14 Inf, while **George Coan** recently turned over his cmd. KC said he saw **John Rountree** when John was vacationing in HI.

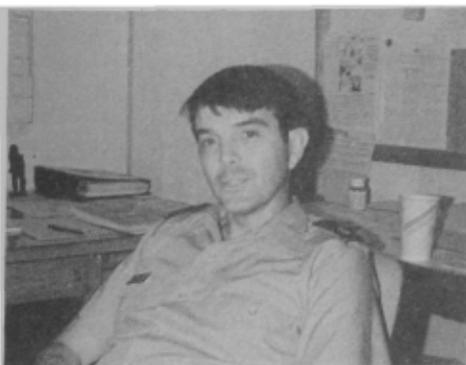
**Bob Haines** dropped by my off in Sep to introduce a distant **Kimmit** cousin with whom he works. Bob is a sr counsel with Mobil in Denver. **David Krall** is in CO Springs and called when he came through DC in Sep. **Dutch Harmeling** was in touch by phone from CA, where he has an exec search firm.

While in Kitzingen, Ger for some summer duty, **Rick Kolb** saw **Bill Foster**, who is stationed there, and **Lou Eyermann**, who was on vacation visiting places where he had served when still in the service. Rick also reported that **Peggy & Jim Isenhower's** son Jim is doing well in the Class of '92, and **Holly & I** confirmed that fact during a brief visit to the Academy in Sep.

**Holly** and the children join me in wishing you and yours a happy, holy and safe holiday season. God bless to all in '69.

'70	Don Frazer
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As promised, there's some leftover news from last time. Hopefully, these leftovers will be more palatable than the remains of the hamburger helper and zucchini that you had to eat for supper again last night. At any rate, while cruising the halls of Ft Leavenworth last spring, I learned that **Bill Bishop** was gainfully employed there. Naturally, I descended into the bowels of the college. There was the instructor, hard at



1970: Professor Bishop, Ft Leavenworth

work, preparing a class for the Dept of Joint and Combined Arms. After having

been an attache in Rome, Bill returned to the US and Ft Leavenworth in Jun 87. He & **Cynthia** promptly acquired a home in town. Now they spend time and money getting it the way they want it. Cynthia had been working for the Scheduled Airlines Transportation Off (SATO for all you acronym lovers), but there was noise of closing it for contract help. Anthony (16) is a HS sr who sweats for the cross country team in the fall and the spring track team as a 1/2 miler. Christina (12) glows on the basketball and soccer teams. Michael (6) is acquiring a taste for baseball with his introduction to T-ball last season. Bill is working on some business courses from Webster U out of St Louis, which has extension courses in nearby Platte City. Bill claims that to get decent wares, trips to Crown Center Mall and Country Club Plaza in KC are required. Ahh, the joys of country living.

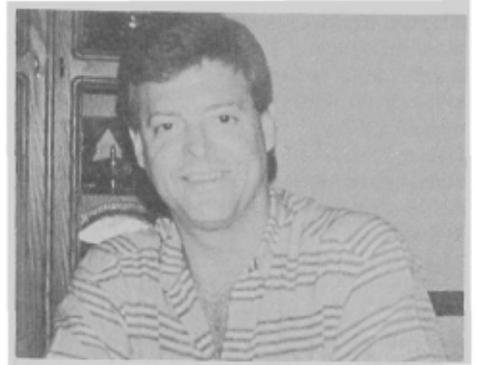


1970: The Kents; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

This summer, when the 38th ID of the IN ARNG went to Camp Grayling, MI for the annual tng, I was among them. Our evaluators were provided from the 9th ID at Ft Lewis. There was a reception for all the evaluators at the GEN's quarters next to the lake. One notable who attended was **Chip Leonard**. As the cmdr of the 15th EN Bn, he was tasked to be the sr evaluator of the div's 113 EN Bn. Briefly, between the hectic moments of annual tng, we were able to relax and visit, exchange war stories, and spread some news on others. Chip reports that out Ft Lewis way, **Pete Cramblet** is cmding the 109th Fwd Spt Bn which supports the 1st Bde of the 9th ID.

**Les Sumner** checked in just long enough to let us know that he has accepted a new position as dir of event marketing at the full service sales promotion and marketing communications agency of Siebel/Mohr. Which means he's doing the same stuff, but getting a lot more money doing it. And, he's the boss, so he probably even gets a name plate on the door.

I got a call from **Rusty Morris**, who is in the Chem Dept at USMA. Always eloquent, Rusty reports that the job is "the same," the family is "the same," everything is "the same." So if you want to find out about Rusty, read last Jul's



1970: Les Sumner, spring 88, Indianapolis



1970: Betsey & Pete Jones, spring 88, Indianapolis

column again. He was looking forward to his next crisis in life, the 7 Nov board to consider his aspirations to PMS at RPI. He did report that **Bill Lane** has joined the faculty in the new combined juice/computer dept at USMA.



1970: Ken Jaccard, spring 88, Indianapolis

About a yr ago, **Don & Pam Goff** returned from their 3-yr tour in the Netherlands to the DC area. Don finished the War College last summer, and is now in the DA DCSPER, where he is working on the Unit Manning System, or the COHORT program. Pam has taken some interior design courses and is now applying the knowledge to their home. Don is applying the wallpaper. Donald Jr (16) is earning as much per mo as a part-time helper in an air conditioning co in Springfield as we did as 2LTs over nothing. The young man is searching for wheels. Donald believed he got the sound and handling of a Ferrari after a test drive of a 72 VW Beetle. I guess anything's better than a Rollmaster with

coaster brakes. Jared (13) plays soccer and swims on the community swim team. As a Boy Scout, he is just a smidgin away from achieving Star rank. He has done some volunteer work for the Red Cross at DeWitt Army Hosp, and is starring in a flick being produced by American U. John (9) does well in school, and is becoming an accomplished swimmer. He's also active in Cub Scouts and has begun taking piano lessons. Don and the boys occasionally get out to do some wind surfing together. Don is also in tng for the Marine Corps Marathon, provided, he says, that his knees hold out. As he works in the 5-sided zoological park, he has had the opportunity to work with and see some of the other animals there, such as **Bill Knowlton, Bob Wagner, Bob Millard, Al Fenty, John Beasley** who returned to CONUS from AK, **John Hennessey, Mark Quimby, John Greenwalt, John Pavlick**, et al.



1970: Joe, Julia and Katy Reeder, summer 88, DC

Rapid fire, found interleaved with the overly ambitious financial dept computer printouts: **Skip Pease** has been known to vacate the arctic climes of ME for summer ln work at USMA. **Don Swanda**, currently in Worcester, MA, has been observed lurking outside Thayer Hall on occasion. **Bob Conte** is working in the Corps G-2 shop out at Ft Lewis. **Jim Hunn** is toiling at the Army Dev Employment Agency (ADEA), also at Ft Lewis, which tries to put civ products to mil use.

That just about cleans up the distribu-



1970: Jaccard, Joneses, Plummers and Spears; Founders Day 1988, Ft Harrison

tion for this time. But if we could just hear from **Mike Boies, Larry Horacek, or Bill Vann**, then we would REALLY have some news.

Rumor has it that **ASSEMBLY** might go bi-monthly in 90. So if you want to see your name in bold print next Feb, in an internationally distributed magazine not available on news stands, then send a letter (with a picture), make a call, or fire off a Valentine, and I will ensure that you make the big time. Until then—may all your news be good.

'71

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Greetings and Happy Holidays during this Christmas and New Year season. Hard to believe 88 is wrapping up. Hope it has been a successful yr for all and that each has been blessed abundantly. Time moves steadily on as we see bn cmdrs and corps staffers being assigned in many different branches.



1972: Adams and Drumeister; Founders Day 1988, Ft Benning



1972: Founders Day 1988, Ft Lewis

News is very light this time. The normal summer slow period along with an increase in number of issues makes for a shorter column. I did receive some Founders Day pix that could not be used

last issue (too many), so a few of these are included this time around.



1972: Schmidts and Clarks; Founders Day 1988, Ft Riley



1972: Zimmermans; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

I did pick up a few bits of news from **Bill Guarino** and his quarterly newsletter. **Bob & Valeri Phillips** were "lost" at the time of Gar's letter, having last been seen in Korea. Apparently they ended up at Ft Ord as their returned mail showed an HHC, 2nd BDE, 7th Inf address. I'm sure by now that the Phillipses have caught up with the postal system. **Tom Giboney** departed the 82nd Abn for Ft Leavenworth last May. He returned as part of the new Battle Cmd Tng Program (BCTP). Tom will be visiting all the corps and divs every 18 mos. **Skip Ash** completed his White House fellowship last Aug. He fully expected to go to Ger for his bn cmd slot, given his fluency in German and his alternate specialty as a Western Europe FAO. Logic prevailed, however, and in Feb of 89 he reports to—Korea! In between, Skip has attended the pre-cmd course at Leavenworth. He says he is looking forward to a return to the site of his first asgmt (as an armored cav plt ldr) except for the cold weather. After 12–18 mos in bn cmd, Skip will spend the remainder of his 3-yr Korean tour in Seoul.

**Joe & Pat Edwards** are alive and well in Falls Church, VA where Joe is an ops staff off for the Mil Police Ops Agency. He helps research, coordinate, write, publish, and explain Army law enforcement policy. Daughters Regina and Alicia are 10 and 13 respectively. Pat received a Commander's Award for Public



1972: Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

Service for the work she did in Ger. Congrats, Pat! The Edwardses are enjoying the DC area, which is near Joe's old stomping grounds.

The **Guarinos** are keeping up with the modern Army via one of Trisha's friends who enlisted last spring. She is now an Abn MP at Ft Bragg!



1972: Founders Day 1988, Heidelberg

Like most others, the **Etheridge** clan looks forward to the Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. The eldest son, Cliff (13), broke his arm playing football and was on the disabled list the entire season. Rob (10) avoided injury and played well for his team, however. John (6) is glad basketball season is here, especially since he couldn't play football with his brothers and is just old enough for basketball. **Beth** soothes her spirits by reminding herself that she won't always have their dirty socks and uniforms to wash!



1972: Founders Day 1988, Ft Hood

That's it for now. Drop a line from your holiday parties.

'73

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"But at my back I always hear  
Time's winged chariot hurrying  
near"

- Andrew Marvell

Andy, scribe for the class of 1639 Trinity College, wrote these lines shortly after the Cambridge alumni association made the decision to up its quarterly magazine to five issues per yr. He had this girlfriend he would have loved like a watermelon if had had the time, but he didn't and the frustration of her playing hard to get only exacerbated the anxiety of his mid-life crisis. This is all preface to saying I'm still here bonking along like Bill the Cat trying anxiously to make it through my own mid-life crisis. Of course, I have no extra girlfriends. Things are tough enough with **Kath** having found her real self and finding out that we would have no problems rearing 4 children had she gone to Vassar and married a guy with the initials **KENNE-DY**. No problem, but the night bartender job does make PT a bit rough.

The introduction could not be more appropriate—it was written in Aug, sent off the day it was due as usual. Some of you who are not too senile yet will have noticed that we (I) didn't have an article in Oct. Sorry the postal service added too much time to my own procrastination. I'm sorry Class, I'm sorry COL Child, but it's taken me 38 yrs to arrive at these advanced stages of procrastination and I'll probably die with the disease, no promises just an "I'll try, Sir!"

So forgive me if I rush this article and pack it with just the facts Ma'am. Forgive me (I know I just said that, but forgive me) if I fail to mention your letter or if I repeat what I said last time. Jackie (aka **Kathleen**) vacationed in Cape Cod (aka Milford, NJ) this summer, and I had no one to sort the mail. We have been finding your letters for the last mo mixed in among the overdue bills and eviction notices.

As I said, just the facts Ma'am. Called **Cindy Moline** 38 times to confirm that **Bill** wasn't in one of the 40 or so F16's from Hahn AFB that went down in the last wk and a half. She assures me that at his age **Bill** flies too slow to have accidents. The last I heard they were still waiting for AF approval for the family to accompany **Bill** to ROK. If the approval doesn't come through, the AF can TAB (Think Again, Buddy).

**Peter Spring**, suffering from extreme mid-life tension, wrote to me for the first time in the past 15 yrs, even though he took a sacred blood oath to be the spokesman, PR guy and Successful Harvard Business School grad herald for the D-1

Ducks. Peter's belated good intentions are dampened only by the fact that I don't have the copy room to update you on the last 15 yrs of Duck history. But I'll do my best given my impending breakdown hurrying near. First, trying to read a drunkenly slurred letter, I gather I must have misspelled or distorted Peter's profession (or his principle). He works for, or at least gets paid by, **RAY-THEON**. I don't think they owe anyone money for deaths caused in India.

The "Ducks" have had a reunion each yr since 83 and **Larry Watt** has been the main organizer. Larry is doing well with AT&T of NJ, which probably explains why my worthless stocks haven't upped their dividend in about 6 yrs. **Bob & Madelyn** (Peter's sister) **Gearheart** were in Italy for 4 yrs where "Mad" sang opera and Bob goofed off (Peter didn't say what Bob did, so I just filled in the blanks.). They then moved to Ft Lewis and then to Newport where Bob rented an obscenely expensive beach house for a "Duck" reunion in Apr 88. In attendance were **Bill & Kath Haugh**, **Larry & Jeannette Watt** and daughter **Jennifer**, **Bob** and "Mad" **Gearheart** and daughter **Meagen**, and Peter and "wife" **Spring** and children **Christopher** and **Abigail**. Now listen Pete, how am I supposed to sound warm and friendly in my column when guys like you, whom I vaguely remember when I see your picture, write after 15 yrs and refer to your OAO as "wife"?!?! Continuing . . . everyone had a wonderful time and **Bob & "Mad"** are now in Atlanta at the request of their neighbors in Newport.



1973: At the mansion: Watt, Haugh, Gearheart and Spring

(The "Duck" drama continues.) Two yrs ago **Ron & Susan Graef** made the reunion when **Bob** was an ROTC instructor at Rutgers, and now we don't know where the Graefs are (great stuff, Peter!). **Dave Griffith** works for a co in Orefield, PA that makes heavy industrial building supplies. Dave travels a great deal in the Far East for his co. He & **Sue** have two children, **David** and **Katelyn**. Working our way through this ancient history course, **Doug Hand** attended the reunion 4 yrs ago. **Doug** is a free-lance writer and is doing very well with sev-

eral articles published in nationally known magazines. Bill and Kath Haugh are in DC where Bill is with the State Dept assigned as "CQ of the World." Past asgmts have been in Tunisia and Iraq. Before going to DC, Bill was with the Harvard JFK school of intl studies for a yr and had a chance to see my Mets beat Bill Buckner and the other BOSOX cripples. **Charlie & Kathy Maxfield** are in VA where Charlie is a lawyer. **Rick & Karen Maringer** join the Ducks each yr from OH where Rick is a college professor and part-time stockbroker. They have two beautiful kids, Michael and Christin. (No apology necessary Peter; the Ducks can't write 'cause they're all too busy making money). Not true ... **Mike Vidlak** is slugging it out in DC with MILPERCEN, which those of us who are still worried about making 20 know is now called TAPA or TAPADANCA. Peter, we'll have to talk about narrative sequencing real soon. I don't have time to read your letter and then reorganize it, FD = FC. Peter mentions Larry Watt and all of his family members 3 times in the letter and I still don't know Peter's wife's name. (Time lapse one hr later—looking for Mrs Spring's first name in my computer file of old articles, I "locked-up" my computer and nearly lost this article. You're lucky, Peter!!) **Bob Brown** works for a co that makes diesel trucks and lives in Bellevue, WA with his wife **Mrs Brown**. **Tim & Fabienne Riggers** and daughter Lauren live in Issaquah, WA where Tim is, what else, a stockbroker. So there you have it from "Duckland." Thanks Peter, we'll do lunch sometime, bring what's-her-name.



1973: D-1 Ducks at Holy Cross 87 game

**Joe Pallone** writes and wondered if his earlier letter may have resulted in my announcing in my last article my rules of engagement. It's not true Joe and please don't send those pictures to the tac dept of me. **Kath** and the bottle of wine on our first date down on Flirty. Joe tells me that **Don Get** is in Qingdao (I don't spell 'em, just copy the translation) working his way up the China coast. **John & Jeanne Daly** are in DC.

**Bob Holcomb** writes that he & **Kathy** are enjoying their home in FL. Bob is assigned to US Special Op Cmd (unread-

able) AFB in the J5 section. Prior to the asgmt, Bob attended the Armed Forces Staff College where he majored in vacation. The Holcombs will be at our 15th "ohne kinder," party time. (Bob, I'll check on the other write-up you asked me about.)

Received a letter from **Scott Marcy**, an old Buckner, Ranger pal. I think I screwed-up and Scott doesn't make it any easier. The letter is dated 12 Jan, post marked 8 Mar and I missed it in my last article; maybe that's 'cause the name's not typed and the signature looks like "Srau mauy." Scott also came from the AFSC and is now in the J7 OJCS. Before AFSC Scott was at Ft Polk as a Bde S3 and XO of the 3/6 Inf. Scott tells me that **Jimmy Hawkins** is flying B52's. Scott & **Suzanne** send their best to all. Sorry about the delay in getting their news out.

Thanks to **Gail Quinnan**, one of my best helpers, I have a copy of the A4 Aardvark Apr newsletter with current addresses for most of the Alphagators. **Ed**, Gail's husband, is an XO with an atk hel bn at Ord, and Gail is working as an RN.



1973: Midsouth WP Soc

Short Round from A-4 (sorry guys, but I'm only including info that's a yr older or fresher): **John Bemis**, lawyer in Santa Fe; **Dan Braun** should be in DC by now; **Mel & Rhonda Brinkly** with Seth (6) and Caleb (1) are in Pleasant Garden, NC where Mel works for Procter & Gamble; **Ed & Lynn Dyke**, Christopher (11), Casey (2) are in OH; Ed's with Refrigerator Sales Corp. **Matt, Shoney**, Michael (7), Jessica (5), Christopher (2) **Eaton** are in NH; Matt's an insurance consultant. **Edward & Jacquelyn Clarke** are in RI where Ed works for Gee (no GTE); **John & Sharon Hughes** live in KS with children JC, Ashley and Zachary; **Kevin & Sue Kelly** are moving somewhere after CGSC; **John, Tania**, Conan (12), Cory (9) and Justin (11) **Scanlan** were in AL where John works for Mobile Corp; **Lanny, Sally, Sarah and Amanda Smith** are here with me in FRG where Lanny's the S3 of 1/10 FA 3d Inf Div; **Jay Willis**, the author of the A4 newsletter, is at Los Alamos (where else, right) as an armor research associate. **Carolyn** and children Catherine (8), Frances (6) and Jack (2)

are learning to live with a husband and father who has 3 ears as a result of research work done on neutral particle beams (or Jay thought they were neutral when he started his project).

**Rich Carter** wrote me a great letter on his law firm's stationery on which his name appears among the associates (very impressive, Richard). Rich is another bandit that has finally been shamed into writing. Rich was med ret from the Army; don't worry, he's fine, it's the Army's loss. He, **Shari** and daughter **Leslie** (3 1/2) proudly announce the arrival of daughter #2, **Melanie**, born 25 Jan. Rich has also taken over the duties of pres of the Mid-South WP soc in Memphis. Some of the members include **Paul Hamm**, pres of Lockridge and associates (a consulting engr firm); **Dave Ford**, a mgr with Kimberly Clark Corp; **Rob Williamson**, a safety off for NAS Memphis; and **John Snyder** a regional property mgr with Towermarc (?).



1973: Dan Braun, Jay Willis and Ed Quinnan at Quinnan home

**Chuck & Margee Franklin** moved from Leavenworth where Chuck finished the SAMs program and are stationed with 2AD at Hood. Grandmother **Weart** is the happiest about the move because grandchildren Amy, Casey and Maudy will be close enough to visit often. Chuck & Margee can accompany the children on the visits if they wish.



1973: Shakas and Kincarts; Founders Day 1988, Omaha

That's the old news you didn't get in Oct. The following is the new news I pray you get before H-LL gets cold. **Steve Bothe** "computer letters" from



1973: James McGill and family

Leavenworth that he, **Tim Hoffman**, **Mike Thompson** and **Larry Hames** are at the big course. He & **Jeane** and son **Philip** don't know where they will be after CGSC. (Come on Steve!! See ya next spring at Graf.) Stopped my pacemaker with a letter from the **Foxes**—**Bill**, not **Wendy**!!!! Things must be really mellow at Clemson and the indust engring dept where **Bill** is working toward his PhD and return for life to WP in 90. **Bill's** brother-in-law, **Bernie Galing** (D-2), finished his PhD at UVA (Wa-Hoo) in systems engr. **Bernie**, **Valerie**, **Samantha** (10), and **Chris** (7) are at Norfolk for the AFSC. **Mike & Martha Stewart** and their 3 daughters **Kim**, **Kelly** and **Katie** are in Madison, OH where **Mike** is a successful businessman. **Al & Jane Costantine** and **Chris**, **Hillary**, **Brooke** and **Johanna** are at RPI where **Al** is, what else, working on a PhD in nuclear "whatever" and writing a paper on nuclear golf balls that create their own holes-in-one. (Bill's joke not mine—we English guys always document our sources.)



1973: The Foxes and Stewarts

**Tom & Evelyn Stanford** (**Jennifer-2**, **Rusty-11**) are in Izmir, Turkey after last yr at CGSC. **Tom** informs me that **Chuck & Donna Hendrick** and son **Jeff** are at Carson where **Chuck** is with the 124 Sig Bn. **Dave & Suki Hicks** are at Riley where **Dave** is with the G3. **Tom** offers his place as a rest stop for any classmates visiting Turkey. Having visited Crete for the past two yrs, all I can add is DO NOT wear your favorite "I love Greece" t-shirt to Turkey.

That's it until next time. The editor is threatening to make this thing a 6 times

a yr ordeal. I would ask that some of you take some English as a second language, handwriting classes or write your letters to me before you start the second six-pack. Gp letters written at drunken co reunions are definitely the worst. But if you cannot, or will not, improve your handwriting, write anyway and at least I'll have something to help fill in those long two or 3 hrs a day that I now have to spend with my family.

GOD BLESS.

#### REPORT FROM THE REUNION COMM:

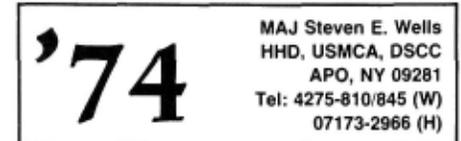
The 15th Reunion of the Class was attended by 153 classmates, plus family members. The wkend kicked off Thur evening at the Holleder Center, the multipurpose sports facility, where a delicious chicken supper was served and ice skating was tried by the brave and the foolish. Far from being worn down, many decided to close down "Benny Havens Tavern" in Highland Falls with great success.

The next day began in Mahan Hall Auditorium with briefings by the Supe, the Com, and **Walt Olson**. The following lunch and boatripe went very well as the warming sun continued to shine on the wkend. Afterward a solemn moment was spent in the Cadet Chapel where tribute was paid to our fallen comrades. **Ric Fiore's** eulogy touched us all. We topped the day, and probably the wkend, with the Class party at Camp Buckner. **Barth Hall**, decked out in Harvest decor, never looked better. With steaks cooked on the grill and a truckload of beer, the pilings rocked to the music of our cadet times, provided by **Lee Ross** and his band. No one is sure what time it ended, only the racoons know.

Prior to the "Old Grad" march on Sat, a bus meeting was conducted and chaired by **Doug McIntyre** in the 1912 Room of the Library. A standing comm was elected and discussions were centered around the idea of a Class gift to the Academy. The Standing Comm, aka the Reunion Comm, was asked to look into the process of deciding upon a Class gift and a method of raising funds. The comm agreed to provide more info to the Class by the spring of 89. After the meeting, everyone stumbled down the stairs to get in step with the music. Many comments were made during the review, but the general consensus was that the "Corps has" not . . . , too badly. The Class photo served as a rallying point before the "stroll" up to Michie, with a stop at Delafield Pond for some brats, kraut and beer before the game. From kick-off to the Alma Mater, the Army team provided us with an exciting game, beating Lafayette 24-17. What better way to top off the wkend? With exhaustion not too far away, most classmates went to the Alumni Dinner/Dance at the Mess Hall, while the Reunion Comm

went back to their quarters to begin planning for our 20th. Which is, by the way, 16 October 93, against Rutgers. Start making plans now to attend. With our Class being the most sr at Homecoming, we will have priority at Hotel Thayer. Work is already under way to increase the accommodation capacity at the Thayer, so let's see if we can fill it up in 93.

The Reunion Comm would like to thank everyone who participated in our wkend for their cooperation—it made our jobs much easier. We enjoyed putting it together, and look forward to doing the 20th, but thank goodness it's five yrs away!



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Holiday greetings to ya'll! I trust all are happy and healthy as 88 draws to a close. I want to once again publish basic facts on our 15-yr Reunion next fall. It'll be 13-15 Oct 89 and include such activities as a Fri nite get-together; Sat parade, game, banquet; and Sun brunch and whatever else happens when the Rabble gets together. **Gary Coleman** is acting as the POC and working the In with AOG; he's in the Dept of English, or home address: 3043A Stony Lonesome, West Point, NY 10996, tel 914-446-5264 (H), 914-938-3410/2502 (W), Avn 688.

Among those at WP to help **Gary** is **Buddy Blackman**, who sent a letter just after my last deadline. **Buddy** finished CGSC at Leavenworth last Jun and then reported to WP as a Chem PAP (Perm P). He & **Sandy** are also proud parents as of 19 Feb, welcoming son **Kyle**. Congrats! **Buddy** says door at WP always open.



1974: Buddy, Sandy and Kyle Blackman in Rocky Mtn Natl Park

**Buddy** passes on some info on others at Leavenworth, leaving when he did: **Dale Barnett** was off to Benning to be an S-3; **Dan French** to the 10th Mtn Div at Drum to be an S-3; **Steve LaRocca** to Georgetown U to get his PhD in French with the follow-on as a PAP in the Dept of Foreign Languages at WP; **Ed Jones**

went to Polk; **Rich Benton** to Australia; **Pat & Marty Thomas** had twins while at Leavenworth—they moved to either Rucker or Stewart. **Tom Gandy** is off to Panama; **Mike Bradley** is staying at Leavenworth another yr for the SAMS program; **Don Galvanin** and **John Adams** graduated too, whereabouts . . . send me a note!

**Buddy** also passes on info on others: **Tom Daula** is a PAP in Soc Sci; **Paul Lemley** is a chem P with one yr left; **Gary Bishop** is out of svc and living in Columbia, SC; **Charlie Protasio** married in Apr and working an engr asgmt in the Denver area; **Mark Kindl** is at the Naval Post Grad Sch getting his PhD in artificial intel; **Bob Foss** is out and working at Redstone Arsenal; **Dale Blinten** is out and working for TX Instruments. **Vinnie Mauro** is working for Grumman on Long Is; he & **Michelle** now have 1/3 of a baseball tm with the birth of their 3rd son on 30 Jun. Thanks for all the info Buddy, and congrats to the new dad!

Received a short news caption on Father **Jerry Deponai**. He has been the assoc pastor at St Joseph's in Middletown, NY, nearby WP. Now he's appointed to be dean of students at St John Neumann Residence in Riverdale, NY, where he'll be involved with those students preparing to study for the priesthood.

The **Tom Webers** are on the move again, this time from TX to MI. Now Tom is Pepsi plant mgr in Detroit; **Chris** and 3 sons accompany—**David** (10), **Michael** (7), and **Mark** (4). New address: 1450 Lomes Verdes, Rochester Hills, MI 48064.

**Vic Roeske** sends news from Korea. Now he's S-3 in 6/37 FA, an 8-in MLRS Bn in the 2d ID. Notes that **Bob Beecher** is S-3 in 8/8 FA (155mm); **Al Turner**, **Rod Cooley** and **Ed Filiberti** are all in the G-3 shop. Vic had also heard from **Mick & Terri Raney** in Panama who now have a son, Michael. Vic will have to tell us what they'll do for an encore now that the Olympics are over.

**Jim Fishback** writes from the Azores where he spends part of his time while flying with the abn cmd post out of Mildenhall, England. He, **Bea**, **Jamie** and **Joni** live on a pretty farm in rural England with sheep, peace and quiet. Trying their hand at home schooling also. Prior to leaving stateside they had been in contact with **Charlie & Greer Llewellyn** in DC, visited **Steve & Christina Hashem** in Philly and saw **Gene & Debbie Dickey** in DC.

**Myron Lynch** arrived in Ger last Jul from Newport, RI. He & **Naomi** now live at the "rock," Baumholder, while Myron works for AFCENT as chief of the nuclear section. He sent another shot of the D-1 Ducks at **John Martin's** wedding, "Hurt Locker Poop" **Hashem** and the crew. Myron also sent a photo from the

Newport post paper of him running with a USMA shirt on, but being identified as a Marine getting his daily workout. You're a good man Myron, but way too smart for that.



1974: John Martin's wedding—front: Llewellyn and Knapp; back: Hashem, Lynch, Martin, Albrecht and Froneberger

**Ben Withers** has been in Ger over a yr as cmdr of 763rd Med Det in Pirmasens, also the bde surgeon of the 59th Ord Bde. Some older news he passes on: **Jeff Ginther** had begun his orthopedics residency at Fitzsimmons AMC in Jul 87; **Ed Lisecki** had just finished his then, and is now stationed at Carson. Also **Paul O'Sullivan** was cmdr of an avn det in Honduras while the family stayed at Carson.

More recently, **Ben** competed in the USAREUR track and field championships. He ran in the 5,000 and 10,000 (masters) placing 4th and 6th. **Ted Davis** also competed, winning the Gold in the shot and discus. Good job, Ted! The Witherses and **Ted & Deni Davis** also got together during the meet. And stork news for the Witherses—**Ben & Alison** had 3d child, Leah Alison, on 1 Sep. Congrats!

Just a few Ger tidbits. **Steve Houseworth** left Heidelberg a while back, heading for Letterman AMC in CA. **Bob Visnovsky** is chief of battlefield deception at V Corps, his counterpart at VII Corps being **Al Carver**. **Milt Spaulding** is with USAREUR JAG in Heidelberg. **Eric Fardelman** was out on REFORGER as the ops off of 2d SUPCOM, due to rotate next summer.

I'll close with an anonymous submission of Class statistics gained from perusing the *Register*. '74 has no fewer than 3 PhDs, 3 dentists, 27 physicians, 27 lawyers, and roughly 49.5% of the Class have advanced degrees, including 4 out of the bottom 10 goats! Who said they were goof-offs?!

If 5 ASSEMBLY issues per yr has upset your orderly reception of the magazine, just wait it out because the editor thinks we'll be bimonthly in 90. All right! Appreciate any and all news you send this lonely outpost and could really use more family pics. Think Reunion and have a Merry Christmas.

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Greetings to all members of "Courage and Drive '75." It has been a beautiful autumn at WP and the trees are in all their splendor as I write this column. The fact that Army is having a winning football season makes life at WP look great. We are all hoping to **BEAT NAVY AGAIN!!!** The Pardues are doing their part to see that it happens. Kathy has a friend, Barbara Drew. Every time we take Barbara to a ball game, Army wins. She's going to A/N with us on 3 Dec.

I received a packet of info from **Wes Hayes** regarding our 15 Yr Reunion to be held in 90. **Mike Scoba** will be chm of the Reunion Comm. Mike, many thanks for volunteering for this massive undertaking. Any of you who would like to assist Mike in this endeavor can reach him at #2 Hill and Hollow Rd, Hyde Park, NY 12538.

The Reunion Comm will also be serving as the Class Hq Comm. The Class Hq Comm is working on formulating a Class Gift Fund Drive and should be getting out info in the near future. Please earmark contributions to the AOG for the Class of '75 Gift Fund.

It is with deep regret that I inform you of the death of our classmate, **Dennis J O'Rorke** on 22 Aug. Next of kin is Dennis' mother, Mrs Mary O'Rorke of Altoona, PA. The Class sends its heartfelt sympathies to Mrs O'Rorke.

I received a great letter and photos from **Terry & Cindy Byce**. They wrote from Heidelberg where Terry is with HQ USAREUR working at ODCSRM in manpower and budget. With the end of the fiscal yr approaching, Cindy claims Terry was putting in some long hrs. Terry & Cindy are ecstatic over the birth of Courtney Elizabeth, born on 18 May at Heidelberg Hosp. Cindy says that



1975: Cindy Byce, Courtney and Susan St Onge

**John Lough** was due to arrive at Terry's off in late Sep. She also sends news that **Tom St Onge** is working for NASA in Cleveland, and his wife **Susan** is in law

school at Case Western Res. Susan is Courtney's godmother and went to Long Isl for her christening in Jul. Susan and Cindy were classmates at Finch.



1975: Matthew Rigsby, Cindy Byce with Courtney, Rigsby, Deb Rigsby and Loren Rigsby

Cindy also tells us that Mike Rigsby just finished up at Ft Belvoir and is attending the Naval Staff College in Newport. He & Deb are the proud parents of Matthew (4) and Loren (3). The Byces saw Doug & Barbara MacMillan at Founders Day. They are stationed in Mainz. Many thanks to the Byces for a great letter. Write again real soon.

Received a post card from Edith & Bob McConnell. They're at NAS Fallon, NV where he is the Class of '75's Navy Rep. Bob just returned from a 3 1/2-yr tour of Guam where he flew with VQ-1. His tour included trips to Africa, Australia, Pakistan, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, and other places. I guess the Navy's definition of "tour" really means "tour." LT McConnell can be reached at 770C Manzanita Dr, NAS Fallon, NV 89406, phone 702-423-5582 (H), 702-426-2452 (O), or 830-2452 (AV). OK... so where do you sit on the first Sat in Dec???

Kathy & I received lots of phone calls this time... fortunately, they were on someone else's phone bill. John & Betsy Talbot are alive and well in Ft Riley. John just returned from the scenic tour of FRG... REFORGER 88. Knowing John, he had a ball. I can't say Bets was as thrilled. John is now in the G-3 shop at Riley. Andy (5) is in kindergarten. Patrick (2 1/2) is into everything. Betsy got real brave and drove the boys to grandma's for a mo. Granny is in ME, not exactly around the corner from KS!

Tom Grubbs called in late Sep to say that Annie had given birth to baby boy only hrs before. Annie and baby were fine. We aren't sure about Tom. This makes 2/11s of a football team for the Grubbs. Get busy, you two. You have 9 more to go! Tom and family are now in Wash, DC from where Tom promises to send a letter. Hopefully soon. And a family photo would be great, as well. Tom's brother Rob was in town for his 10 yr reunion and came by the off to say hi.

We had a nice visit. Hope he enjoyed his reunion.

'75's answer to Clint Eastwood has really made it big this time. On 25 Oct on CBS TV, Dempsey Darrow appeared in a movie called *Poncho Barnes* starring Valeri Bertinelli. (But for this magazine, we prefer to say that Ms Bertinelli appeared with DEMPSEY DARROW.) I taped this movie to show my kids who dad's roommate was and so that I could say I knew him when... Demps & Darla are still in Garland, TX where Dempsey still plays with computers to earn a living. Dempsey & Darla went to Ger to visit relatives but said the DM was so bad that it wasn't worth going shopping... And I had to take Kathy to Ger when the mark was hitting a 20-yr high!

Al & Carole Fehlings are still at Benning with cutie Kristina. They are planning to come to NY soon to see relatives.

If you read all of this ASSEMBLY, you will note that Sam Walker is mentioned in the '46 notes because his parents wrote to their scribe. Now if we could get Sam to write to his scribe, he might even get into this column. Incidentally, in order to fill this column, I'll accept letters and cards from moms, dads, ex-wives... So, Mrs Walker, if you'd like to see your son's name in bold face print in this magazine, drop me a line. I'd be glad to hear from you.

During my daughter's 3rd birthday party, I heard a rumor that John Dashiell had managed to escape being named in the ASSEMBLY for 13 1/2 yrs. Hey... you move into my court, your name goes in. John, Ursula, Thomas (5) and Helen (3) arrived this past summer. John is teaching in the D/English.

You can tell just how many of the '75ers are gone by going to Army football games. The crowds are thinning. The Spasyks, Sellers, and the Redingtons are the only ones who seem to be sitting in close proximity. I'm planning to take my clipboard to the Army/Navy game to see if I can get some good news for a column in the next issue.

I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all of our classmates who sent messages of sympathy and concern during the recent loss of my mother. Kathy & I greatly appreciate your expressions of support. There were many other grads in our Army family who reached out to help when it was needed most, and I thank them as well, notably, COL Seth Hudgins '65, COL Tex Turner '59, 2LT Michael Francesconi '87, and MAJ Stan Gray '72. In times of stress, we continue to prove that we are, indeed, a family.

Just for your info, if you've written to me and don't feel that your news is getting in in a timely manner, blame my deadline schedule. As you are reading your latest issue of ASSEMBLY, very often my deadline for the next issue is

imminent or has already passed. I put your letters in as I get them. So continue to write and keep watching for your name. Please remember your scribe when you send out Christmas letters and photos. Photos for ASSEMBLY must have a grad or spouse in the picture, but we want to see the kids as well.

You should be reading this issue as another holiday season is upon us. Kathy & I wish you all the very best of holidays and a happy new year. And as I requested in this column last yr, take a few moments at this time of yr to look into the faces of those who are our offspring and pray for peace in their lifetimes.

All the best...

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Hello again. This will turn out to be a short column. We've had a dearth of correspondence lately. Please note the length of this column and help me fill it out for the next issue with a card updating your Class on your recent activities.

I spoke with Scott Gillogly a few wks ago by phone. He's doing a fellowship while assigned as a staff orthopedic surgeon at Fitzsimmons Med Center in Denver. The fellowship is in sports medicine and will probably take up the majority of his spare time.

A letter from Mark Coomer finds him south of the border. The picture is of Ed Evans, Frank Pedrozo and Mark. Ed's on



1976: '76 in Honduras

loan from WP for 6 mos TDY as a PAO in Honduras. Just before coming to Honduras, Ed was married—he still owes one honeymoon. Mark's the LnO to the Honduran Gen Staff for one yr after finishing a tour in Argentina as an exchange off at their C&GSC. Mark's "girls" (Carolyn (2), Libby (8) and Kathy) are sitting this one out back in Evansville, IN. Also in the same area but not in the picture is Sonny Busa who's the FSO serving as vice counsel at the Embassy in Tegucigalpa. Sonny's 8-yr old daughter is also a musical genius and recently entertained the creme de la creme of the

local intl community (including Mark) with a recital of Sonata Opus 36 in Sonny's home. Despite all this, Mark says that Sonny retains (1) a great sense of humor, (2) tells lousy jokes, and (3) trounces all on the tennis court!

And that, my friends, is it! PLEASE help me fill out the column for next time. Send cards, letters, even boodle boxes (I'll take pictures) for the column. Till then, all the best! —Ian

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This is the fifth article for 88. Now that we have increased the number of publications per yr, the deadlines creep up on me rather quickly, but I have not received many letters and the task is not that difficult. For this writing I have info from only two classmates.

As you can see by the picture, **Phil Pierson's** lucky day was 16 Apr when he married **Amy Merron** of Concord, NH. The wedding took place at the Queen of Peace Chapel, El Paso, TX. Best men in attendance were **Bill Keating** and **Sandy Sanders '78**. I am told that since Phil was the last of the "original A-3 boys" to get married, the bachelor party and wedding were memorable events. Last Dec, Phil completed 4 yrs with the 3d ACR at Ft Bliss. Currently he is the S-3 for the



1977: Phil & Amy Pierson

Support Sq 3d ACR. As for future asgmts, your guess is as good as his. News on other classmates finds **Mike Kwan** also at Bliss. While at his last 3d ARC rotation at the Natl Tng Center, Phil had the opportunity to see **Pete Palmer**, **Andy Pehonsky**, **Ed Smith** and **Don Carter**. **Darell Nepil** is currently at Ft Sheridan, IL. **Blair Turner** is still with the attache dept at Bonn, FRG. **Bill & Donna Keating** are in Atlanta, GA and are expecting their first child in Oct. **Fred Seeger** is at Ft Campbell flying helicopters, and **Mike Chritton** is in SC, while **Tony Lieto** is at Ft Leavenworth, KS. I appreciate the update on the "A-3 Avengers" and other classmates.

**Joe Durso** wrote me a lengthy letter full of news. While attending the Army

Avn Assoc of America (AAAA) Natl Convention in St Louis last Apr, Joe noticed a fellow who looked very familiar. It turned out to be **Ripp Smith** who had left WP after yearling yr and had gone to CA. Ripp is starting his second yr of med school at St Louis U. Herein is a picture taken at the AAAA banquet with Joe, Ripp, and Ripp's father, **MG Smith (Ret)**, who used to be the cmdr, US Army Avn Center and School at Ft Rucker.



1977: Joe Durso, Ripp Smith and MG Smith

Joe also attended this yr's Founders Day dinner in St Louis. As you can see by the attached picture, **Vance & Robin Riggs (left)** joined Joe and his friend **Carolyn Spath (right)**.

**Joe** and **Vance** are both asst project mgrs in the Aircraft Survivability Equipment Project mgrs off at the Avn Systems Cmd. Vance handles the Army Expendable Decoy program along with all the continuous-wave jammer programs for Army aircraft. Joe is the asst project mgr for the Army's radar jammers used on the attack helicopter fleet (AH-64 Apache & AH-1 Cobra), and the Special Electronic Mission Aircraft (SEMA) fleet. The job is



1977: Founders Day 1988, St Louis

very exciting and offers interaction with industry and lead civ DOD employees in engring, logistics, contracts, production, testing and budget areas. Joe has been in St Louis for two yrs and loves it. It's a great city, very affordable, exciting, fun and above all Joe is in the phone book and would love to hear from anyone passing by.



1977: Founders Day 1988, Ft Hood

Also in St Louis is **Greg Adams**, who is in charge of the Safety Directorate at AVSCOM. **Bob Leonard**, his wife and



1977: Founders Day 1988, Ft Sill

children live in St Charles (suburb of St Louis). He works for McDonnell Douglas.

Airports are a good place to meet classmates. While at the St Louis airport, Joe ran into Steve Collier who was en route back to Ft Knox from a TDY trip to Ft Leavenworth. Mark Mengel appeared at Chicago's O'Hare airport a while back . . . he is practicing medicine in a small town in OK. Jim Nymark is living in Atlanta, is in business for himself (recruiting for the Def Space industry), and doing very well. Kevin Scherrer and his family are at Ft Hood, where he is flying Apache attack helicopters. Finally, Joe spoke recently to Ed Patterson who is teaching EE and computers at USMA. Thanks for the letter Joe . . . the news was welcomed.



1977: Founders Day 1988, Ft Leavenworth

At the time of this writing the Army team was 4-1 . . . hopefully when this gets published we will have defeated AF, Navy (among others) and be en route to a bowl game. Susan & I wish you and your families a very joyous holiday season and a great 89. —Keesy

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The 10th Reunion was a trip! Three full days of fun and games. Even the FUJI Blimp was there!! Almost 450 classmates showed up and I'll try to cover as much of the news as possible. It was great to see how we've changed. Most of us either have gray hair or lost most of it. The same cannot be said of waistlines. But our enthusiasm is legendary, especially our table rowing expertise. I hope this great outpouring and resurgence of interest in Class affairs will continue. You couldn't look out at all those faces of successful Army and civ types and not feel "Proud and Great!" Here is the quick and dirty, with apologies to those not mentioned due to sensory overload and possibly too much grog and too many late nights!

Bobby Knight is working for AIRCO in NJ. Bobby Knotts is a History P at USMA. Kirk Krist lives in MN and is

working for the local govt. Peter Martini is the aide for the Supe at USMA. Ray Lamoreaux is working for Harbridge House in Boston. Bob Lindquist is a stockbroker in Columbus. Bruce & Donna Miller are at USMA. Pete Torok is a doctor down at Ft Benning. Al Black and Sammy Reynolds are doing residencies at Walter Reed. Keith Sellen is a Law P. Steve Short works for LTV in Dallas. Mike Skaggs is doing avionics test & evaluation at Ft Monmouth. John Boker Smith is a construction contractor on Long Is. Orlando Rodriguez is engaged and living in ATL. Nate Pulliam is an aide-de-camp in ATL. Tim Sweeney is the div fire support off at Ft Carson. Mike Phillips spent the whole wknd burping his baby; he's PAO for the 82d Abn Div. Jim Steiner is practicing law in NH. Ward Silvola is still at AVSCOM. Mike McIntyre is in sales for MSA in Columbus. Mike Silva is with CRYOVAC in Greenville, SC.

Jim McNeill is with TI-Semiconductor in Dallas. Carl Savino has finished up his MS in ops research. Milan Shephard is still with Corning Glass in upstate NY. Dave Cripps is out at Edwards as a test pilot. Jose & Donna Olivero are heading for a town in Costa Rica. Tad Davis just started his MBA degree at Harvard. Rich McPhee is finishing an ROTC asgmt at Potsdam State.

Eric Franks is a resident in orthopedics at Johns Hopkins. Tom Gutherie is a systems analyst in the Pentagon solving problems nobody else can solve. Duke Wingrove is a Soc P. Paul Williamson, my old football kicking buddy, finally surfaced—he's a test and evaluation engr at Aberdeen. Buck Weafer is an asgmts off at MILPERCEN. Dick Thompson is with the Chicago District Engrs. Dave Williams is a broker in NYC. Stu Thompson is with Michelin in SC. Joe Teixeira is out and lives in LA. Tom Barton is with the FBI. Reggie Bassa is with the Provost Marshal at USMA. Gus Hellzen is on his way to recruiting cmd in Minneapolis. Kirby Hicks is with Motorola in Kokomo, IN. Kevin Jackson is the public affairs off with the Corrections Dept in NM.

Mike Bumbulsky, my Abn School roommate, is now a Math P. George Dunaway owns a car dealership in Tyler, TX. Reggie Grant is working MLRS for Vought in Dallas. Bill McCordle is working with MLRS at Ft Sill. Karl Heller is with Toshiba in Houston in the semiconductor business. Chuck Jacoby is a History P at USMA. Paul Hunter is an English P; he just finished his master's at Duke. Mark Berry finished his MBA and is up on Wall St. Jay Daniels is a civ working at White Sands. Jeff Foley is in the Signal School at Gordon. Bobby Harrison just finished cmd of a Ranger co at Benning. Dale Hamby is finishing his MBA at Harvard on his way to USMA.



1978: Bruce & Diane Yost and Geri & Charlie Breeding

Dave Bhame can tell you everything about mortgage backed securities you'd ever want to know.

Jim & Tracy Pappafotis are up in Boston—Jim with Raytheon, Tracy with Eastern. Steve Marts is leaving Charleston for CT to start in Ops with Caldor. Mike Schaefer is with Keebler in Cincinnati. Bernie Nally had grown a red beard while on leave en route to Ft Sill. Kevin Beam is working on a PhD in comp sci. Dan Fitch is a lawyer in VA. Herman Bulls is down in DC working in financial stuff at the Pentagon, basically as an advisor. Gary Kelley is with WR Grace in Boston. Dog Drew is a sales mgr with UNISYS in S.F. Mike Lally is doing ops research work out in St Louis. Jim Hodge is doing the same in DC, I believe.

Bones Hammond is teaching tennis up at USMA and has a bunch of kids. Ron Hall is a stockbroker in Boston. Ed O'Neill still does real estate mgt in MI. Leamon Hall just started with Merrill Lynch in Atlanta. Andy Burke is a programs mgr with Garrett on Long Is. Dan Gagaris is still out in Dayton doing construction at Wright Patterson AFB. Now for the rest of the folks stationed at USMA, by dept—English: Rob Hill, who did a great job at the memorial service, Leroy Hurt, Tony Harriman, John Marlin and Jim Misenheimer. Soc Dept: Jeff Long, Dan Busby, Dan Arczynski, Steve Daffron, Andy Grimalda, Craig College and Kevin Sheehan. Math P's: Mark Wroth, Mike Berendt, Marty Vozzo, Bob Rush, Joe Myers, John Gallo, Joe Spenneberg, Tom Pijor, Rick Conway. History P's: Pete Henry, Dean Nowowiejski, Jeff Romer, Kit Bonn, Dave Fitzpatrick, Paul Jacobsmeyer, Russ Quirici. Physics P's: Guy Ontai, Leo Hergenroeder, Chris O'Connor, Pat O'Reilly, Mike Krieger, Ben Butler. G&CS P's: Jay Hatch, Jim Hays, Jim Moye, Gene Palka, Bob Greenawalt, Howie Lazarus, Bob Shaw. Engring P's: Chuck Allen, John Gross, Steve Van Drew. Mechanics P's: Ted Thomas, Al Estes, Chris Maitin, Dan Hand. Chemistry P's: George Matis and Dave Pickerell. Electrical Engring P's: Doug Bowman and Dave Smith. Foreign

Language P's: **Hank Gillen, Mark English and Rudy Garcia.** BS&L P's: **Dawson Hancock, Chuck Powell and Pat Landry.** DPE P's: **Sandy Parlier, Tom McWhorter, Mike Guthrie, Gary Winton and Keith McCaffrey.** Tacs: **Marion Seaton, Gary Wilson, Mike Colpo, Orly Johns, Bill Harner, and Bob Lamb.** Earl Rasmussen and **Joe Raczkowski** are in the Dean's Off. **Jim Luckett** is in Admissions, **Jim Peterson** in Protocol, and **Dave Odegard** is in ODIA. As you can see, the Class has its share of instructors in all depts.

One last, final hurrah for **Chris Littel** and **Jim Bannantine!** Having 450 friends in town for a weekend of fun is no small venture, but it was done without a single hitch. I know how frustrating it can be when dealing with such a large class, spread literally around the world. Our collective hats off to you!

It comes time once again to plead for your support. It was an overwhelming experience to see so many faces show up. Even with our great turnout, we had less than half of the Class. It was great to see the renewed vigor and excitement of seeing old friends. Our agendas have changed over the last 10 yrs. We don't all seek the same goals. In spite of this, we all have a common experience of at least 9 yrs that is so unique that it will bind us forever, in spite of whatever directions we take. Let's use this Homecoming experience to rekindle the strength of a truly great gp of people. In other words, keep those cards and letters and phone calls coming! I don't bite, so don't be afraid to call. I promise, I won't try to get you a job! Hope everyone has a great holiday season!

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Greetings from WP. I trust that these notes find everyone healthy and happy. On with the news.

**Steve Hutek** joins the list of classmates to overcome those fears of being a first time writer. It seems it was the realization that the 10 yr reunion is fast approaching that compelled Steve to write. Steve has completed AOC and JOMC at Ft Knox and was initially assigned with 3/35 Ar in Bamberg from Feb 80 through Feb 84. In Feb 82 Steve & **Denise Haack** were married in her hometown of Kohler, WI. At that time Denise was an AG off assigned to 3 Bde, 1st AD HQS. Her brother, Terry Haach, is a '78 grad. After PSCing, they were both assigned to Ft Knox where Steve graduated from AOAC and then served as an instructor. Denise in the meantime served as the post SIDPERS off. In Jun 85 Katie was born, and Denise resigned from active duty. In Nov 85 Steve resigned and



1979: The Hutek family

accepted a mgt position with Procter and Gamble Paper Products in Cheboygan, MI. In the mgt gp at that plant are Larry Murphy '78, Chuck Palm '78, and Keith Strohschiem '80. Larry, Keith, Steve, and Denise joined the Michigan Natl Guard at Camp Grayling in Apr 86. Steve said he has seen a lot of improvement in the Natl Guard from what he remembers from Reforgers. Then in Jun 87, Matt was born. After another very long and cold winter, they decided to move south. Last May they sold their house and moved to Tampa, FL in Jul. Steve intends to stay put now since his side of the family is there. He says that being a stockbroker in FL is interesting, challenging, as well as rewarding. Presently he is looking for someone to get together with for an Army-Navy party and hopes that the team will give plenty to cheer about. If anyone plans to go towards Tampa they can contact Steve at home (813) 886-3074 or work (800) 237-8542. Steve also said he is looking forward to the reunion next fall. Thanks for writing Steve.

**Van Cockerham, II** wrote from Augusta, GA. He is currently selling chemicals to paper mills in SC. Van & Cindy have



1979: The Cockerham family

3 daughters: **Becky** (8), **Betsy** (6), and **Laura** (3). It seems that the entire family is enjoying GA very much. Van has kept in touch with **Jeff & Heide Lott**. Jeff is a sales mgr with Abbott Labs (newly promoted) in Charleston, SC. He and Van both worked for Procter and Gamble in Albant, GA with **Barry Jacobson**. **Steve & Melody Cramer** are in Lincoln, NE where Steve has been very successful selling insurance. **Nelson Shive** is an

E.E. whiz in Lawrenceville, GA. Van has been trying to locate **Zero, Brian Scilzo, TLH, Bob Carney, and Steve Renfrow**. Thanks Van for the photo and the news.

**Sheila Johnson** wrote from Monterey, CA and the Naval Post Grad School where **Dan** is just starting his second yr of aeronautical engring. Several classmates that **Dan & Sheila** have seen include **Dave Hanson** and family, and **Doug Slater** and family. The picture that was sent was taken at **Jim Pierson's** wedding on 18 Jun. In the picture are



1979: Wedding of Jim & Sharon Pierson

across the front: **Jack Cleland** and fiancée **Mary Lowell**, **Sharon & Jim Pierson**, **Sheila & Dan Johnson**. Back row: **Kim & Dale Bleckman**, and **Tom & Anna Gibbons**. Also in attendance were **Tom Spelissy** and **Steve Smith**. **Dan & Sheila** have kept in touch with **Paul & Kim Harwig** as well as **Don Huskey**. Don is still in Munich and is due to return stateside in Dec while en route to WA. **George Hartnell** sent a note to the Johnsons. It seems that he is headed to Ger to try his luck at becoming a brewmaster. All in all, **Sheila & Dan** are enjoying themselves in CA, for it is a lot like civ life. Thanks for the letter and I'll do my best about the picture.

**Tim Gibson** wrote from the U of KS. For on 10 Jul he & his wife were blessed with the birth of their second daughter **Joanna Louise**. She is a fine and healthy little girl. Their other daughter, **Katherine**, will be 2 in Oct. Tim has submitted his thesis and at present plans to graduate from KU in May 89. While registering for classes Tim saw **Doug Baker** but did not get a chance to find out what he is studying at KU. Thanks Tim, and I hope to see you at the reunion.

At the Bucknell football game, which was great fun to watch as Army rolled up the score 58-10, Mrs Watz came up to me to fill me in on the happenings for her son **John Watz**. After a 4-yr tour in AK John is now at U of IA working with the ROTC jr class. Mrs Watz has heard from several classmates. **Dave Shaffer** is presently with the 222nd Cbt Avn at Ft Wainwright; **Ross Vanderhye** is at Ft Sill; **Ralph Meoni** is at CO Springs, CO and working for Ford Areospace; **Kelly Ca-**

rew has recently resigned his commission and is working in Burlington, VT. I've always said, I'll take class info any way I can get it.

The 10-yr reunion is now less than a yr away, 13-15 Oct 89. This last wkend, **Jim McGorry**, **Dan Knowles** and myself all had the opportunity to view the proceedings that were conducted by the class of '78. The wkend usually begins with an informal get-together on Thur night for those stationed here. Friday includes reunion registration in the morning, the Class meeting in the afternoon, and a semiformal that evening. Saturday starts with the parade on the Plain, the pre-football game tailgate and the homecoming football game. The day concludes with a dinner in the messhall; remember mess hall rallies, rockets, skin, and rowing tables? The wkend concludes with a memorial service and a visit to your favorite chapel. The plans for our wkend have not been locked in as of yet. The comm here is still forming and organizing. You should be on the lookout for a letter from the reunion comm in Feb or Mar. This letter will be mailed from AOG so be sure to read your mail. God Bless and Merry Christmas.

'80

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The New Year approaches. Please include among your 89 resolutions—along with your vows to lose weight and pay off credit card bills—a reminder to write regularly to update USMA classmates on your career and family life. However, if you do not need to lose a few pounds,

and have no debts, I do not want to hear from you.

**Rich & Lisa Martinez** have a son, Mark Lawrence, born to them on 15 Jul. According to Lisa, both Mark and sister Lara (5) look like Rich, who recently graduated from Seton Hall law school. Rich won awards in law school and will specialize in real estate and estate planning.

**Bob & Doreen Smith** are in DC, where Bob is completing a residency in ophthalmology. **Chip & Maryellen Bridge** are in Ger, where Chip is engaged in a "marathon cmd" in the 2/6 Cav.

The 4/9 FA Pershing Bn in Heilbronn, Ger, now has five '80 grads in it. **Randy Von Rosenberg** is the D Btry Ops off. **Mark Barowski** cmds A Btry. **Pat Amstein** is D Btry XO. **Jerry Zayas** took over HHSB cmd from **Bill Rigby**, who is tentatively headed back to FA branch in DC. The bn has been going through the tough baseline inspections resulting from the recent INF treaty. **Rigby** observes that the Soviet inspectors really enjoy mess hall cheeseburgers. In my view, that confirms the desperate need for perestroika: anyone who likes mess hall food needs a good dose of free-enterprise cooking to straighten out their taste buds.

**Charlie Ruppert** was in his glory during the recent REFORGER 88. He led his 50-vehicle serial through Ger with a TX license plate on his truck reading "Charge!", and with a motivational tape of music from Sousa, Wagner, et al, blaring through a loudspeaker. Charlie's HQ Cav unit was the first in and last out for REFORGER, spending two mos deployed from start to finish. Besides the exercise itself, Charlie coped with the challenges of shipping out half his vehi-

cles through Beaumont to Antwerp. During post-REFORGER bull sessions, Charlie saw **Jeff Easley**, who cmds the 84th Engr Co in support of the 2nd ACR. **Jeff & Joan** now have two children.



1980: Ruppert leads the charge in REFORGER 88

**Charlie** threatens to drive the Batmobile—now with 178,000 mi on it—back to USMA for our 10th reunion in 90. If he does so, I suggest that one of our Class activities be a sledgehammer party up in A lot, to send that wretched excuse for a car to a well-deserved junkyard grave.

**Jim & Beth Arsenault** are now in WI after a long tour in Ger. They have 3 boys—Matt 5, Timmy 4, and Benjamin 1—and as a result are staying very busy. Jim works for the recruiting cmd in the region.

Have a Merry Christmas, and send me a card with your latest news.

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1980: Heilbronn, Ger: Gomez '79, Von Rosenberg, Zayas, Rigby and families

Hello '82. More and more of our classmates are writing letters with civ business cards attached. Got a few more names of new civs in this issue.

But the biggest news comes first. Your historian has left bachelorhood in the dust. **Lou Anne Summers**, a young lady from TN, stole my heart about a yr ago and we were wed on 3 Sep in Clarksville, TN. **Roger Smith** was my best man and **Bryan Eckstein**, **Graham Galloway**, **Danny Durham**, **George Kunkel**, **Mark Swanson**, and **Kevin Mangum** were in the ceremony as groomsmen and/or saber bearers. **Tom Kastner** showed up to keep all us flyboys in line. Lou Anne & I honeymooned in Cozumel, Mexico just in time to be chased away by Hurricane Gilbert. Now we're back in Clarksville as I attempt to spend all 20 yrs of my career at Ft Campbell.



1982: Lou Anne & Jay Jennings



1982: Select Few at Jennings wedding

Fred Shambach writes to fill us in on his adventures. His first asgmt after ranger sch was with 3/60 Inf at Ft Lewis. He gained back the 40 lbs lost while at Benning as he put his IMPOC skills to work as a mortar plt ldr. He lived with Dave McBride and just down the hall was Steve Campano. Fred married Charlene Crow in Mar 84 after returning from a visit to Panama. The visit was to see Tom & Robyn Crabtree. Robyn is Fred's cousin and he matched them up during our Ring Wkend back in 81. Fred assumed duties as the S4 of the Multinational Force (MFO) Inf Bn that patrols the Sinai for 6-mo tours at a time. Upon return from the MFO rotation, he branch transferred to EN. New duties awaited as he served his new branch in div staff positions. While at Lewis, Fred saw Steve Garris, Bo Ruck, Scott Francis, Steve Fahy, Greg Holtkamp, Jo (Fritz) Norris, Dan Shanahan, Tony Ridnell, Tom Loomis, and Bill Roller. After EOAC at Belvoir, he was slated to go to Ger to replace Rich Hook. However, nothing is constant but change, and Fred is now working with the USN in Bahrain constructing a rec ctr.

Hans Brechbuhl can't get enough of Ger. His first asgmt he spent as an MI off with the 501 MI, 1 AD and 1/1 Cav. After a quick trip back to the US to attend MIOAC, Hans went back to Ger to the same MI bn to take cmd of A Co. He's recently received early designation as a Soviet FAO and may be headed for DLI and adv schooling.

Well, that ends the letters from active duty people. The rest of the article is taken from letters from the Select Few

civs. Don't know what conclusions to draw from that. . .

Mark Horstman, though out of the Army, still has regular contact with quite a few '82ers. He works for Cameron-Brooks, a professional recruiter service. Recently he's worked with Dino Harris, Steve Hasley, Doug Harvey, and Lance Heard (who we'll "heard" from a few lines down). Mark met his wife Mara during his tour in the FA in HI. They married and had their first child, Kate, during the asgmt. After FAOAC and a branch transfer to MSC, Mark decided to leave the Army in May 87 and worked for Procter & Gamble. He now works for the co that originally placed him, and resides in Fredericksburg, TX.



1982: The Horstman family

Paul Guerra writes from NJ. After serving a 3-yr stint at Ft Bragg as an SF "A" det cmdr with 7 SF Gp, Paul left the Army and became a manufacturing engr in NJ. He's also working on his MBA at Rutgers. Dave Yerks is nearby and works for a def consultant near Ft Monmouth. Tom Lynch is in grad sch at the Woodrow Wilson Sch of Foreign Affairs at Princeton. And Paul reports that Rob Heather is in the health club industry in Atlanta.



1982: The Heard family

Lance Heard is a proud father. He & wife Johnita and newborn daughter Angelica are now living in Crown Point, IN. Lance works for Lever Bros making Dove Beauty Bars. Doug Harvey is working nearby with Shield and Lifebuoy. Lance & Johnita were married at WP in May 87. Chaplain Camp, Brian Boutte and Cordell Hervey were at the

ceremony. Cordell and Brian had worked with Lance in the Admissions Office. Brian has since joined Mobil Chemical in CA. Lance then headed for the ADA adv crs at Ft Bliss where he saw John & Virginia Hoffman and their daughter Laurel. After ADAOAC, Lance joined 11 ADA, worked with the Patriot system, and served with KC Jones, Art Almora, and Webster Powell. All now have btry cmds. Pat & Jill Warren are nearby as Pat cmds a trp in the 3d ACR. And Lance reports that Bill & Cheryl Cook and daughter Jennifer and son Michael stopped to see them on vacation.

Chris Johnson dropped a postcard from San Fran. He's taken leave of absence from Mobil to go to Berkeley for an MBA. Chris says he's watched two protests lately, one with Ceasar Chavez and one at the train tracks at the Concord USN Weapons Station. (Watch for Chris in cuffs on CNN.)

A few people have asked about writing memorial articles for the "Be Thou at Peace" section in the ASSEMBLY. We've lost a few classmates in the yrs since graduation. If you'd like to write a tribute, please write or call me and I'll coordinate the efforts to avoid duplication of work. Enjoy the holidays.



1982: Nadeau and Watsons; Founders Day 1988, Ft Irwin

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Happy Holidays, '84!! By the time you read this we should be basking in the memories of another thrilling Army victory over Navy and preparing for the holidays. Congratulations to all, as I assume that the Army has come to its senses and conferred upon you the high honor and distinction of the rank of CPT with all of the benefits that entails! You'll

note my new address at the top for incoming correspondence. I hope everyone drops me a line. Well, I think that is all of the admin details . . . on to business!

I got a note from **Sue Thompson** that just missed the Sep issue (remember, I have to turn them in about two mos early). Sue wrote from SOAC where she was recuperating from 3 yrs in Ger. Two of the 3 were spent at a remote signal site so she was glad to see civilization again! Most of the Best of the Corps signal offs are finishing up stateside tours, but a few were at school with Sue. In the photo are **Margaret (Johnson) Osborn, Dave Nichting, Sue, Monrad Monsen, Cathy Walsh, Julie (Delphin) O'Brien, and Martha Drennan**. Not pictured are **Larry Thoms**



1984: The best of the Corps at Signal OAC

and **Ellen Haring**. Margaret is at Ft Stewart by now. Dave has gone to Ger after 4 yrs at Ft Gordon. Sue, Cathy, Ellen, and Martha are all at Keesler AFB in MS for ISSOC after which they'll pick up a 25E secondary. Ellen & husband **Brandon** are expecting a baby while she is there. How about a family photo?! Julie is expecting her second and is also scheduled to go to Keesler. Monrad and Larry are heading to Wright-Patterson AFB in OH for a computer course for secondary 25B. Good luck to all! Thanks for the letter, Sue, and write again soon!

**Tim Keppler** writes from CAS-3 where he was rubbing elbows with all the guys who used to haze us as plebes including none other than Stan March '81! Tim attended ADA OAC first along with **Mike Reilly** who, according to all reports, came through with another memorable St Patrick's Day Bash! Tim highly recommends Ft Lewis for those of us filling out "dream sheets" as both "a nice area and an active military post." Finally, Tim passes on his best wishes to all vets of G2. Thanks for the info, Tim!

I mentioned a former first cpt in the last section, but what of OUR First Captain? Well, **Dave Breuhan** sent news of where he and **Bill Rapp** have been hiding all these yrs and the great things they've been up to. Dave and Bill have been serving with 1/1 Cav in Ger. The highlight of their tour was the yearly Boeselager competition. This competi-

tion takes place among some 24 teams from 14 NATO nations and is hosted by FRG. It is comprised of 8 events over 4 days. Teams consist of one off, one NCO, and 6 soldiers. As you could probably guess, the competition is VERY tough. Well this yr, Dave and Bill served as the tng offs after serving as patrol leaders in 86 and 87 respectively. Their experience paid off, as John Kem '85 led this yr's team to victory after finishing second to 11th ACR last yr. Congrats guys! Both Dave and Bill have since moved on.



1984: Bill Rapp and Dave Breuhan—masters of the "Boeselager"

Dave is currently at the Canadian Land Warfare Staff Coll before reporting to 3rd ACR at Ft Bliss in Apr 89. Bill is at IOAC and will be heading up to Ft Bragg following completion.

Dave sent news on several other classmates as well. He ran into **Ed Kastner's** wife, **Susie**, before leaving Ger and she & Ed are doing fine. Ed is currently flying Apaches in Illisheim, Ger. **Scott Rathbun** is at Ft Lewis. **Gil Cabacungan** and **Ed Morris** are at Ft Knox. Gil is heading back to Ger while Ed, as you may remember from a couple of issues ago, is heading to Ft Bliss. Thanks for all the "poop" Dave, and again, congrats!

As some of you may know, the Rangers run a competition every yr to determine who the best Rangers are. This yr, '84 had a great rep in **Herb Fechter**. He and teammate **Mike McHargue '83** finished first in the road march event and 6th overall as the reps from the 7th ID. This grueling 72-hr event is known as the David E Grange, Best Ranger Competition. Herb is currently recuperating with wife **Deanna** at Ft Belvoir. Congratulations, Herb!

I got a letter from a fellow FLEP student! **Tom Ayres** writes from the home of the Army-Navy game (Philadelphia for those of you who have become confused in recent yrs) and UPENN. Tom came over from Italy where he served with several classmates. **Joe & Lisa Deantona** are in Vicenza with Joe serving in the USAAG. **Paul Gaasbeck** just took cmd of an FA detachment there which, as Tom aptly points out, is a great honor considering the high visibility mission of the unit. Congrats, Paul! Fi-



1984: Shaun Powers (coach) and Mike McHargue '83 with Fechtlers at the Best Ranger Competition

nally, **Mark Rosen** and **Aetis Zunde** are in Vicenza serving with 3/325 ABCT. Thanks for the "poop" Tom, and good luck on exams!!

I received a note from **Steve Detwiler's** bride, **Gina**. They took the plunge this past 5 Jun at WP. I always like to talk



1984: Gina & Steve Detwiler

about "small world" stories, and there is one here. Gina is a grad of Vassar (Phi Beta Kappa!) so one would make the assumption that they met at school. BAD Assumption! They met in Rhein Mein, Ger! I'm not sure of the particulars but this is further evidence of how small the world really is! Anyway, the wedding was witnessed by several '84 grads (to make sure Steve was sent off in style)! They were **Phil Calbos** and **Lee Fetterman** who are at IOAC with Steve, **Paul Heun** who is at Ft Dix, and **Clay Barker** who is at Ft Drum. Congratulations, Steve & Gina! We wish you all the best!

The class took several "casualties" over the past yr as a number of guys opted to trade in their BDU's for the pin stripe suit. **Gary Morton** wrote from Ft Carson where he was working with the Force Mod office fielding the M1 while waiting to join the civ ranks. He has a great family as evidenced by the photo! They are his wife **Lisa** and daughters **Shannon** and **Lori**. I'm sure they are all anxiously awaiting their new life, and we wish them luck! Gary had seen several classmates who were passing through. **John "OB" O'Brien** stopped by on his way to the med school at USMS. Congrats, "OB!" They had also seen one



1984: The Mortons

of my favorite families who have written quite often. **Steve & Patty Shuster**, along with daughters Tanya and Jannelle, paid a visit to the Mortons after completing a yr as a gen's aide at Ft Leavenworth. Steve is knocking out CAS-3 and then will be at Ft Knox for the Armor adv course by the time this is published. Gary, thanks for all the info. We wish you and your family all the best out in the "real world!!"

Every time **Jan Matz** writes, I want to elect her historian because she writes the most fantastic letters! They have more info than a whole yr of my columns! The biggest news for **Don & Jan** was the addition of their second child, Alexis Leigh! You'll remember that the Matzes already had a little boy, DJ, so little Alexis gives them a matched set! Congrats, guys! This happened at the ADAOAC at Bliss where the Matzes had arrived from HI. While there they saw **Dave Reed** and **Armondo "Mondo" Sanchez-Castellanos**. Mondo should be in ROK by the time this is published. Well, I told you the baby was the biggest thing. The other big thing that happened is that Don decided to hang up his BDU's. So, 3 wks after the new addition arrived, they were on the road to Cleveland where Don is working with BP Agency as VP! Nothing like starting at the top!! Congrats Don, although we hate to see you go! After all this, **Bruce Bruno** stopped by. He also took advantage of "early-out" and was headed to grad school in CA. According to Jan, Bruce is "still the same old hard-rocking BB . . . still single and raising —!" Well, Don & Jan's travels had not ended yet! They went out to NJ to christen Alexis and got to visit with **Ken & Pat Thrasher** who were just returning from Ger. The Thrashers have a fine family with their daughters **Tiffany** and **Kimberly**. Ken and his family were heading to Ft Drum where Ken is joining the 10th Mtn Div. Other news that Jan sent along . . . **Jim & Jane Kelly** along with their son, Sean Patrick, should be "home" from Ger when this is published, and they are heading to Ft Rucker. **Steve Hammond** was among our doctors who graduated this spring and is headed to HI to practice internal medicine. **Kevin & Marietta**



1984: The Matzes and Thrashers

**Koziatek** had a baby boy, Christian, in Aug 87. Kevin also took advantage of "early-out" and is working with **Kimberly-Clark** in Paris, TX. Jan, as always, I appreciate the info! We wish all the folks who joined the civ corps the greatest, and we look forward to hearing from you guys so you can tell us how the other half lives!

I got news from my good friend **Luis Parada**. I was quite relieved given that he is in El Salvador and I had not heard from him in a while. Luis & his wife **Brenda (Amster '85)** are enjoying their son Luisito. Luis is currently enjoying some "pentagon" work serving with his country's Ministry of Def. The Paradases have been fortunate that Brenda has been able to be assigned in El Salvador with US Milgroup. Luis was recently attending a school in Wash DC and ran into **Jackie Foglia** who is attending Johns Hopkins for her master's. He also saw **Cesar Candenado** at SOUTHCOM Founders Day. You'll remember that Cesar is Panamanian, but he is doing fine despite the current unrest in his country. As Luis so aptly points out, differences among governments "can't change the ties of friendship forged during 4 yrs together [at WP]." Luis claims to be envious of us because we have made CPT which he will not see for another yr or so. I'm not sure it matters all that much though since he's already had bn cmd time (NO JOKE!). Luis, it was great hearing from you! Thanks for all the "poop" and stay safe!

Another B3 alumna, who has been one of my best correspondents, wrote from Ft Huachuca just before I was going to mail this, so I'm going to try to squeeze it in. **Sue (Lenio) Sine** wrote after finishing MIOAC. She & husband **Eric '83** are enduring some time apart while they both attend their adv cse and Eric goes to AGOS in FL. They will be reunited in Panama in Nov. While at the adv cse, Sue saw several classmates including **John Cleaves**, **Monica Belisle**, **Crystal Orr**, **Jim Neumiller**, **Chris & Lydia (Stuban) Antoniou**, **Art Earl**, and **John Szytko**. She also heard rumor that **Bob Carney** was in the area but never ran across him. Prior to the adv cse, Sue stopped out to see **Amy (McDonald) Mulligan** and says

her son, Sean, makes his mom and dad proud! Sue also heard some news about **Caroline Selee**. You'll remember a few issues back that we showed a photo of Caroline with **Rich Choppa '83**. Well, apparently, they've tied the knot! You can say you saw the happy couple here first! Also, Caroline took advantage of "early out" and is currently with Rich at IOAC. Thanks for the info, Sue, and be careful in Panama!

Well, I guess that is all for now. We had a lot of news this time which I appreciate. Let me begin plugging for the reunion next yr! We hope to have a big crowd so try to stay flexible for next fall. Hopefully info will be coming out soon! Have a safe and happy new year!!

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Hey sports fans! The Dodgers just won, which is good because I hate the Dodgers and it will be great to see Oakland sweep the series. More good news . . . I'm engaged. Before anyone faints, it's true. Her name is Ronda and we'll be getting married 3 Jun. I sincerely hope everyone is doing well and getting ready to beat the hell out of Navy . . . AGAIN!

**Rick & Joyce (Vortherms) Phillips** send greetings from Ft Hood where Rick is with MSC after branch transferring from Avn. He says **Mike Horton**, the Desert Fox, is now attending Flight School having just left the Ft Irwin resort.



1985: Rich, Joyce and Jeremy Phillips

**Dwayne Milburn** is still doing well as dir of cadet music at Woops and would like all of the old Glee Club members to consider coming to the reunion. He, in the mean time, is preparing to enjoy the 3rd best summer of his life at Buckner.

A note to our "Ranger Bat" LT's out there. I have been hearing great things about many of our classmates who have taken over at the Bat's to include **Pete Johnson**, **Joe Adams**, **Ronnie Anderson**, **Jim Tully**, and **Johnny Devlin**. They are all loving their new asgmts.

**Mike & Darcy Staver** are doing great

in AK. Mike, using his govt issued fishing pants, has continued to reign as the North American Mil Angler champion as you can see. (We only hope that he doesn't go out and challenge Nello for the Boa Constrictor Knot Tying Championship in Honduras any time soon.)



1985: Mike's prize

The long awaited news is here. **Nello Tortora** is now an American citizen again, having become what we thought was a Honduran emigrant. But as luck would have it, Nello has found a young lady who has turned his head from the lifestyle he is so famous for and Nello reports he'll be tying the knot maybe. Nello, I'll be in Belvoir by late Jun 89, hope you're there.

**Dave & Sofia Rizzo** were married in Italy and are doing great.



1985: Sofia & David Rizzo in Italy

Finally, **Vanessa (Roesler)** was married to **CW2 William Engquist** in Jun of this yr in Augusta, GA. Vanessa is an ops off in an ord co, and her husband is a tech warrant for another ord unit. They are planning on coming back to the States for their second asgmt.

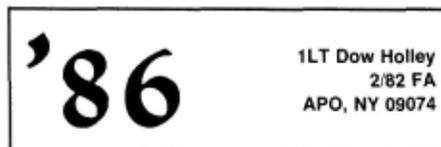
I would like to say hello to **Laurie Blich** who is a recent fan of our Class. Her family has two WP grads from '55 and '60, and she has written me a letter recently commenting on the articles. I'll never tell why I missed the one article though, Laurie!

As for Ft Ord, everyone is doing just great and are slowly getting orders to move on to the Advanced Course. Other than that, we are all preparing for the annual New Year's bash at **Dee & Helene (Parker) Bryant's** place. Only this yr



1985: Vanessa & William Engquist

it looks like there might be an interesting twist. More later! Well that is all I have. This time I think I received as many letters from non-classmates as I did from classmates, so let's pick up a pen and support your scribe (or I'll write MILPERCEN and tell them you all want 5-yr tours at Ft Irwin!).



Hope everyone is well. Want to thank **Rick Lange** and **John Lynch** for covering for me on the last **ASSEMBLY** issue. I've had nothing but field time over the past 4 mos and they were kind enough to make sure something was published. Also want to add, if you have written me and your bit of gossip doesn't appear—don't worry, it's somewhere in my apt, soon to be misplaced again when I make my third and hope final move to Frankfurt.

Our Class VP, **Rich Galbaldon**, finished 19 mos in a line plt and is now an ITV plt ldr until he takes a bn mortar plt in early 89. Rich says he has witnessed only one case of "southern hospitality" which might have to do with a GA peach he met in VA, but adds, he is in no rush to tie the knot. When Rich was on leave in NY, he dropped by WP and visited the AOG to find out about our 5 yr reunion. If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to do, let Rich or myself know so we can forward any suggestions.

My faithful supplier of gossip, **ME "Conway" Picciuto** sent all types of info on D-3. **Butch & Shelly Alexander** had a 6 lb girl on 6 Jun named **Ashley Elizabeth**. His neighbor **Kirk Gill & wife Maryrose** should have had a baby in late Oct, but I have received no confirmation of that news. **Eric Schacht** is in HI where he has seen many classmates: **Randy & Natalie Birchfield, Rick Higley** (all D-3), **Toni Guzzi, Al McKirby, Ben Chambers, John Wendell, Chad Creveling, Jim Rogers, John Groeshner, Gordon Scott, and Bill Zornik**. Suppose a lot of that crowd headed to Thailand for one mo and then to Tm Spirit in Korea. **Cyndi Isler** visited ME (old roomies) in Apr

while receiving med treatment at Ft Sam Houston for her knee injury. Unfortunately, since that visit, **Cyndi** has left the Army and is back living in WA state. **Traci Kurkowski** is doing well since the tragic death of **Chris**. She has moved to Temple, TX and is attending school. **ME & husband Jack '84** expect to spend one yr more at Hood and head for Ger. As of yet, ME says they have no plans for any kids cause they are having too much fun—wonderful!!



1986: Lisa & Burt Biebuyck

**Burt (I-1) & Lisa Biebuyck** wrote announcing the birth of their son **Nathan Lee**. Nathan was 8 lbs, 7 ozs and will probably play "fat boys" unlike his 150 lb father. Lisa sent two pictures, one of **Nathan Lee**, and the other of their wedding which is one of the loveliest couples I've seen in the 2 1/2 yrs. Lisa, too bad you want the wedding picture back.



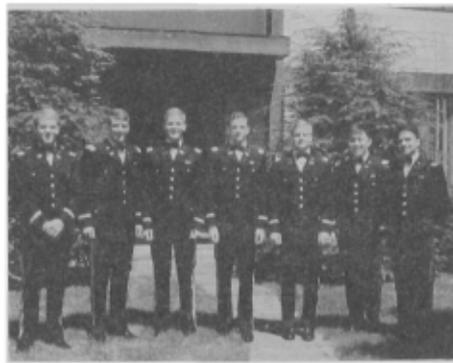
1986: Burt Biebuyck and son Nathan Lee

**Mark Gibbons** sent a photograph of **Lance & Sandra Lombardo** who were married 23 Apr. Lance is an XO in the 82 Abn. Mark says Lance loves married life; someone to cook, clean . . . love. Additionally, **Steve Sabia** was married 16 Apr in Tacoma, WA to **Debbie Di Palma**. Saber bearers were **Hark Thornton, John Mulbury, and Louis Gibson**. **Erin O'Brien** also attended the wedding. **Steve & Debbie** honeymooned in Sydney and Brisbane, Australia.

WP has named a special award for the memory of **Charlie Moses** and **Wayne Locklin** called "The Most Improved Football Player of the Year." Both **Wayne** and **Charlie's** parents are extremely proud and happy about the spe-



1986: Lance & Sandra Lombardo



1988: Beitzel, Beckman, Hawn, Harshfield, Stone, Chu and Maresco. First time in Blues



1988: Leah Conser & Brenden Scherr, 26 May



1986: Debbie & Steve's wedding in Tacoma, WA

and **Tom Brennen** have been selected to attend Ranger School. Good luck to all of you future Rangers.



1988: Gwen Zemaitis & Steve Baker tie the knot at WP



1988: Daniel deLeon married HS sweetheart Joanne on 11 Jun in CA

cial honor, and so are we as the Class of '86. Additionally, anyone who desires to support a scholarship memorial fund for Wayne, please write to 1LT Wayne M Locklin Jr Scholarship Memorial Fund, Sayerville War Mem'l High School, Parlin, NJ 08859

That's a wrap for this go around.



1988: Lyle Caddell & Catherine Dix, 18 Jun, Ft Myer, VA—"the best wedding ever"

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It is a scary thought, but many of our classmates are now out in the Army. Congratulations to those of you who are now branch qualified.

News has come in from all across the country. Those of you who wished to stay in touch with **Greg Cox** (G-2) should now address your letters to Tyler Lee Randolph. Why? Because, that is his new name; he officially changed it in Aug. **Rich Paul** won the student-voted leadership award in MPOB 9-88. Rumor has it that **Chris Easter** will be among a distinguished list of classmates to attend "Winter" Ranger school this yr. The Armor branch is sending its own contingent to Benning as well. **Brenden Scherr**, **Joe Gaudette**, **Matt Sebenoler**, **Steve Frank**, **Eric Keltz**, **Dan Wallace**,

IOBC has been a unique experience—30 or so of our classmates who were scheduled to attend 11-88 were bumped from the class. Seventeen of those 30 found themselves in Ranger School one wk later, 5 went to IMPOC and 5 went to BIFV. The remainder will be snowbirding until the early Nov class. If you want to know who did what, and how well they are doing, just drop me a line and I'll find out for you.

The list of married classmates is ever increasing as news of those who have chosen to spend eternal bliss with one another slowly comes in. **Karen Fish** and **Tom Hallett** are married and expecting. **Monte Masters** is now married and has a child. **Dan deLeon** married HS sweetheart **Joanne Birchem** in Jun and they are now living in GA for the duration of the IOBC/Ranger school cycle. Finally, **Leah Conser** and **Brenden Scherr** were married the 26th of Jun.

Some of you branch rep volunteers have been slacking off; I won't mention any names, **Brad Pippin**, **Barry Sievers**, but let's hear from you.

The invitation still stands—anyone who would like the Class to know something important, or not important, can just drop me a line at the address at the beginning of the column. By the way, I hope to be in Ranger School this winter so **Cathy** has agreed to write the next article.



# Battle Deaths of United States Military Academy Graduates

**O**f the total 44,917 graduates of the United States Military Academy, 1802-1987 inclusive, one of every thirty-seven has died in battle. The number in each war was as follows: War of 1812-14-6; Indian and Border Conflicts-52; Mexican War-48; Spanish American War-16; Philippine Insurrection-22; Civil War-106 (Union-60, Confederate-46); World War I-32; World War II-488; Korean War-158; Vietnam Conflict-291.

This writer's interest in battle deaths of USMA graduates arose in connection with a proposal that the Association of Graduates make a memorial tribute to THE UNKNOWN at Arlington National Cemetery. It seems to happen all too often that those killed in action are among the very best in the prime of life. We USMA graduates honor *all* persons who have fallen in defense of our country. We share a strong sense of sorrow and pride in the sacrifices of our fellow graduates, especially our own classmates, killed in battle.

Table I shows by class and in descending order of battle death rate, the numbers killed in battle for every class with a rate above ten percent. It also shows in which war the deaths occurred. Table II contains similar information for the ten Twentieth Century classes sustaining the highest rates.

Battle deaths include those graduates: (1) killed in action (2) mortally wounded in combat (3) missing in action in air combat missions and not thereafter accounted for (4) killed by allied attacks while prisoner of war (5) killed in captivity by the enemy (6) missing in action and declared dead by the Department of Defense.

**Table I**  
USMA Classes with Battle Death Rates above 10%

Class	Graduated	Battle Deaths	Rate
1. 1844	25	7 (2CW+5MW)	28.0%
2. 1841	52	14 (8CW+6MW)	26.9
3. 1854	46	12 (CW)	26.1
4. June 1861	34	8 (7CW+1IN)	23.5
5. 1858	27	6 (CW)	22.2
6. 1859	22	4 (CW)	18.2
7. 1845	41	6 (3MW+3CW)	14.6
8. 1860	41	6 (CW)	14.6
9. 1856	49	7 (6CW+1IN)	14.3
10. 1837	50	7 (2IN+1MW+4CW)	14.0
11. 1834	36	5 (2CW+3MW)	13.9
12. 1846	59	8 (3CW+2MW+3IN)	13.6
13. 1853	52	7 (6CW+1IN)	13.5
14. May 1861	45	6 (CW)	13.3
15. 1942	374	46 (WII)	12.3
16. June 1943	514	62 (57WII+4KW+1VN)	12.1
17. 1812	18	2 (IN)	11.1
18. Jan 1943	409	45 (43WII+2KW)	11.0
19. 1817	19	2 (MW)	10.5
20. 1898	59	6 (3SA+2PI+1WI)	10.2

(Abbreviations. CW - Civil War. MW - Mexican War. IN - Indian and Border Conflicts. SA - Spanish American War. PI - Philippine Insurrection. WI - World War I. WII - World War II. KW - Korean War. VN - Vietnam Conflict.)

**Table II**  
Twentieth Century Classes with Highest Battle Death Rates

Class	Graduated	Battle Deaths	Rate
1. 1942	374	46 (WII)	12.3%
2. June 1943	514	62 (57WII+4KW+1VN)	12.1
3. Jan 1943	409	45 (43WII+2KW)	11.0
4. 1941	424	40 (37WII+3KW)	9.4
5. 1937	298	25 (WII)	8.4
6. 1939	456	38 (37WII+1KW)	8.3
7. Aug 1917	151	12 (10WI+1WII+1KW)	7.9
8. 1930	241	17 (16WII+1KW)	7.1
9. 1940	449	30 (WII)	6.7
10. 1938	301	18 (WII)	6.0

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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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RAY F. DRUMMOND	1949	22 November 1986	163
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JOHN A. GLORIOD	1935	22 May 1987	148
WILLIAM R. GROHS	1936	29 May 1986	149
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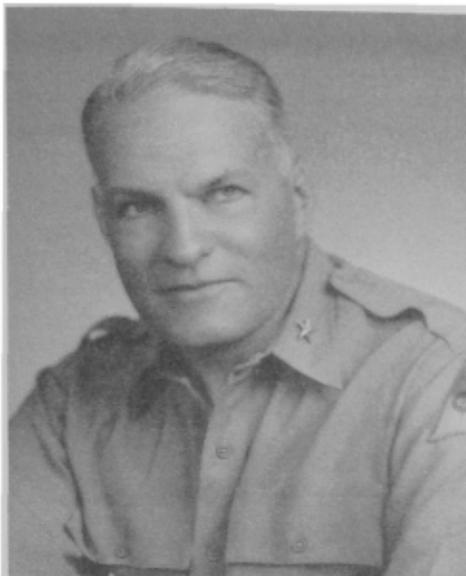
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**Willard Ames Holbrook, Jr.**

NO. 6185 CLASS OF NOVEMBER 1918

Died 1 July 1986 in Washington, DC, aged 88 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



**Willard Ames Holbrook, Jr.**

WHAT GREAT FORTUNE we have been given—we who knew Hunk Holbrook. His long life gave us repeated opportunity to assess and reassess his unique contributions, his personal support, his so important belief in the Almighty and his oft demonstrated love of West Point.

His life spanned the growth of the US Army from his arrival at Fort Grant, Arizona on 31 May 1898. Two years later, his brother David Stanley Holbrook was born in the Army hospital on Angel Island in San Francisco Bay. As Army brats in a very small army, they soaked up our military history and the names of West Point graduates, hearing stories of the Civil War, the Indian Wars, the Spanish-American War and the Punitive Expedition into Mexico being told and retold by veterans of those many campaigns.

With the loss of their mother when they were young boys, their cavalry officer father found it necessary to place them with cousins in Arkansaw, Wisconsin, a town their grandfather had founded in the mid-1800's. It was a time for young Hunk that perhaps formed the strong love and regard which he held for family and made him forever attentive to keeping ties alive.

The Holbrook brothers entered the Academy in consecutive years as the Great War began. As World War I accelerated the need for junior officers, Hunk's class graduated in 28 months on 1 November 1918. The Armistice followed on 11 November and Lieutenant Holbrook began the first of several be-

tween the wars assignments to prepare him for combat 26 years later.

Those years took him to Europe on tour of the battlefields and to the Army of Occupation in Germany. Hunk valued highly this experience wherein historic routes of advance were studied and visited by lieutenants who would return twenty years later in command of large combat forces.

His assignment in Coblenz also brought into his life a fascinating young lady, Helen Hoyle Herr, daughter of a future Chief of Cavalry, John K. Herr, USMA 1902. Though nearly eight years would pass before fate would bring them together again, they were married in Bethlehem Chapel of the Washington National Cathedral 7 June 1930.

At Fort Myer, Hunk, still a lieutenant, commanded F Troop, 3rd Cavalry, a unit in which he had served some ten years earlier. (The Benny Havens line "Promotion's very slow" was certainly accurate of those days; Hunk had 17 years as a lieutenant.)

What came in 1934 was to him without question the most significant period of his 28 years of service—that as Master of the Sword at West Point, responsible for the physical fitness of the cadets. He is credited with establishing physical standards from which grew the acceptance of the "whole man" concept of a broad spectrum of leadership attributes required of graduates today. His close associations there with the cadets of classes of 1935 through 1941 were maintained throughout his life.

Duty followed with Cavalry troops at Fort Sheridan, with Counter Intelligence in the War Department and, as WWII broke, with the 11th Armored Division.

The training and experience with the Cavalry served Colonel Holbrook well when, upon arrival in the California desert, he was put in charge of a combined arms force in free play against opposing forces. Though no previous training events under his command had preceded, his quick assessments and clear orders enabled his forces to annihilate the "enemy." This single action gave him immediate status in the hotly competitive maneuvering for troop command.

He thus led combat commands, 11th Armored Division, on to Europe, the Battle of the Bulge, and to Linz, Austria, where in a bold individual action he convinced the mayor to forsake the Nazis and surrender the city without a shot. (By remarkable coincidence, the American flag first raised over Linz that day would later cover the coffin of General George S. Patton whose son would seven years later become General Holbrook's son-in-law). Hunk completed his overseas duty as commanding general, 12th Armored Division.

Clearly, the close associations which both Hunk and Helen had with the Class of Nov '18 and West Point were at the essence of their lives. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at Fort McNair, Washington, DC, among so many who had meant so much to them.

Certainly most all soldiers who survive—indeed who endure and thrive on—the life of service to country experience extraordinary events of history, physically and emotionally challenged, and contribute to the richness of those around them. Hunk Holbrook had many gifts to offer: as a competitive athlete—wrestling, football, tennis, and polo; as a musician—piano (who can forget the fun of his playing at class gatherings?), harmonica (for the kids), accordion, and of course the bugle (he even teamed up with BG Chet Young '31 to author a 1938 football song, *Charge on Army*); as an avid reader of history and of the Bible; as a loving husband and father and dedicated classmate.

His beloved Helen, bedridden for six months, passed on in April 1986. Less than three months later, in plans known only to God, Hunk was stricken with an embolism after returning home from a successful hip operation he had sought in order to regain his Cavalryman's mobility.

He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. George S. Patton (Joanne) and Mrs. Richard W. Roberson (Marian); his son, Colonel Willard A Holbrook, III (USMA '55); his sister-in-law, Fanny deRussy Herr; seven grandchildren and a great-grandson.

He was so special to us all.

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**Fiorre John Stagliano**

NO. 7889 CLASS OF 1926

Died 29 July 1987 in San Antonio, Texas, aged 85 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

FIORRE JOHN STAGLIANO was born in Rome, New York, on 21 June 1902. He was the son of Italian immigrant parents, Anthony and Concepta Stagliano, who farmed and owned a peach orchard.

John, who was always known as "Stag" to his friends, went to high school at Rome Free Academy, where he graduated in 1921. As a youth, he worked as an office boy for the Stokely Canning Company. His employer, a Mr. Olney, was very impressed with the scholarly young man and asked him where he wanted to attend college. "West Point, sir," was the prompt reply. Mr. Olney assured him that he would do all he could to help him receive an appointment, and if that should fail, he would assure him an education at Cornell University. Fortunately, the West Point ap-



**Florre John Stagliano**

pointment became a reality, and "Stag" graduated on 12 June 1926 with a bachelor of science degree in military science.

From 1928-29 he did graduate work in general, mechanical and ordnance engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and he later received an MBA degree, with distinction, from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1940. He also attended the Army Ordnance School in 1929-30, the Army School of Finance in 1932 and again in 1947, Command and General Staff College in 1947, and Command Management School in 1955.

On 22 February 1930, he married Frances Carrie Anna Langelier of Newport, Rhode Island.

Colonel Stagliano served in the Fiscal Director's Office, War Department, Washington, DC 1943-45, and in the European Theatre 1945-47 as deputy and acting fiscal director, European Theatre of Operations.

From 1948 until 1953 he served as staff finance officer and deputy comptroller, and finally, comptroller, First Army, headquartered at Governors Island, New York. His final years in the military, from 1953 to 1956, were served as commandant, the Finance School, US Army, a service school addressing its program of instruction to pertinent vocational and professional classes within the realm of military finance, comptrollership and financial management. He retired, with the rank of colonel, on 30 June 1956.

On the occasion of his retirement, in the certificate of achievement presented to him by Major General H.W. Crandall, Chief of Finance, General Crandall stated, "In the discharge of your many duties since your graduation from the United States Military Academy thirty years ago you have demonstrated keen insight in your analysis of the most varied assortment of underlying factors and

have been singularly outstanding in your solutions of problems having a profound influence on the entire Army establishment. In the dealing with complex questions your display of unusual resourcefulness, diplomacy and tact, aided by your willingness to assume responsibility has resulted in performance of the highest quality. In the responsible positions to which you have been assigned, including staff finance and accounting officer and comptroller of major commands and commandant of the Finance School, US Army, you have contributed immeasurably to the successful accomplishment of the mission of our Corps."

During his military career, Colonel Stagliano received the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, European-African-Middle-Eastern Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Ribbon with five O/S bars, and the National Defense Service Medal.

After retirement, Colonel and Mrs. Stagliano resided in Newport, Rhode Island until 1962 when they moved to a warmer climate in San Antonio, Texas. Here they renewed old Army friendships and made many new friends among the military and civilian residents of that city. They joined the Fort Sam Houston Officers Club and the "K" Supper Club (a dinner-dance social club).

A talented, self-taught artist, "Stag" spent much time producing beautiful landscapes and seascapes, calling upon memory to supply the details of pastoral New England scenes, and the crashing surf of the Atlantic Ocean he knew and loved so well. He gave many one-man shows, and many San Antonio homes have been enriched with his lovely works of art.

Always a scholar, he continually read and studied details of the French Revolution, a subject that had fascinated him all of his life. An intellectual conversationalist and accomplished ballroom dancer, "Stag" was forever the epitome of the "courtly gentleman" . . . and a popular addition to any social event. He and his wife, "Fran," were feted by San Antonio friends on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary on 22 February 1980.

Beginning in 1976, he underwent major surgery, and the illness pursuant to this began to slow him down, but he never complained. Finally, when both the physical and mental processes deteriorated, he was forced to spend his final years in a nursing home, visited daily by his loving wife. His death on 29 July 1987 at the US Army Retirement Center, brought to a close a life that was dedicated to service to his country, and love and devotion to his wife, family, and a host of friends. He was interred with full

military honors at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

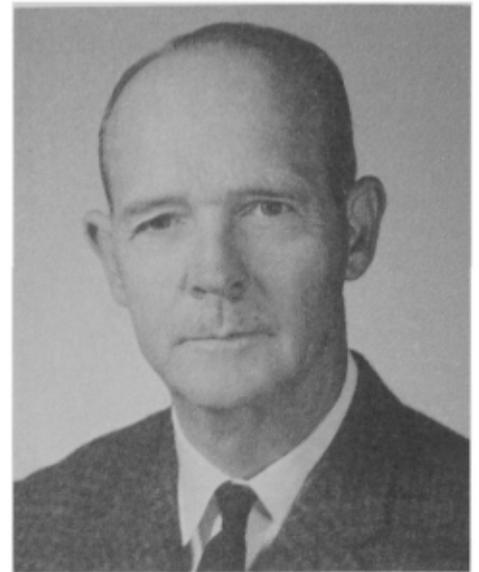
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**Paul Churchill Hutton, Jr.**

NO. 7989 CLASS OF 1926

Died 2 February 1983 in Charlottesville, Virginia, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Paul Churchill Hutton, Jr.**

PAUL CHURCHILL HUTTON, JR., was born 17 November 1903 in Goldsboro, North Carolina. His mother was the first woman licensed as an M.D. in that state. His father, an extraordinary scientist and surgeon, was a colonel in the Army Medical Corps. Church's youth at Army posts in the New Mexico Territory, Alaska, Minnesota, Hawaii, and the Philippines, stimulated the ideals of service which led him to West Point.

At the Academy, he was on both the boxing and tennis teams and was regimental sergeant major as a first classman. He was first in drawing, and close to that in Cullum Hall activities. His roommate, Ray Maude, joked that Church had initially ranked with the Engineers but, "wishing to broaden his horizons, journeyed to a place of distinction among the near immortals."

After graduation, he joined the 38th Infantry at Fort Douglas, and later the 27th Infantry at Schofield Barracks. His interest in foreign affairs, however, was too great. In 1930 he resigned from the Army, was commissioned a foreign service officer, and began a distinguished 32-year career in both diplomatic and consular capacities abroad, with intermittent tours of duty at the Department of State.

In 1939, he was assigned to Mexico to stem the tide of communists trying to enter the US in the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War. Under trying politi-

cal pressures, he supervised the visa work of all US consulates there, a performance much praised after WWII.

During the War, he was State Department representative to the Joint Intelligence Staff of the JCS. His exceptional foresight and ability led, among many other contributions, to U.S. recovery of the leading German scientists with expertise in advanced electronics, rocketry, and nuclear engineering; men who later formed the heart of the U.S. space program.

He radiated leadership, integrity, and comradeship, generating enormous respect and affection for America abroad. The younger FSO's whom he trained revered him as a father figure. George Kennan, a leading Foreign Service colleague, called him a magnificent public servant. His posts were cited as models of morale and productive excellence.

He was First Secretary of Embassy in London from 1950 to 1953, directing key aspects of the Marshall Plan. Among the larger consulates general, of which he was from time to time in charge, were those in Istanbul, Guayaquil, and Winnipeg, from which he voluntarily retired in 1962 with a rank now equivalent to Minister Counselor.

A superb athlete and outdoorsman, Church was on the Infantry rifle team and later golf champion of the Foreign Service as well as of four different countries. He faced the risks of life and sports with equal grace. During the 1940's, when set upon in the ruins of Ephesus, he calmed local bandits with a .38. During the 1980's, shooting 2 strokes under his age, he subdued a field of 90 to win the Farmington Seniors Open Golf Championship in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In retirement there, he was active in civic affairs, developing 4 patents awarded for his mechanical inventions, designing and building a home, and in his undying affection for West Point and his classmates.

In 1934, he had married Frances Peabody Stearns, the beautiful and spirited daughter of "Tups" Stearns, whom many will recall as Master of the Sword. They were a devoted and happy family and he a loving father, teaching his three sons by example what manliness, leadership, and integrity meant.

Church lived for his family and his country, finding sources of great strength and pride in both. To a worldwide circle of friends he reflected stainless practical idealism, dedication, objectivity, and courage in the face of adversity. He was at the same time filled with warmth and humor, making light of his many achievements and his deep spiritual feelings while compassionately providing for those less fortunate. To those whom he left behind on 2 February 1983, he was simply a man for all seasons, beloved beyond any words.

He is survived by his wife Frances;

sons, Colonel Paul C. Hutton, III and Colonel C. Powell Hutton of the U.S. Army, and Mr. C. Peabody Hutton, an attorney with Coudert Bros., Hong Kong; and by 8 grandchildren.

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### Bryant LeMaire Boatner

NO. 8276 CLASS OF 1928

Died 16 December 1986 in Alexandria, Virginia, aged 79 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



Bryant LeMaire Boatner

BRYANT LEMAIRE BOATNER was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on 9 April 1907, and died, after a long illness, in Alexandria, Virginia on 16 December 1986. He was predeceased by his loving wife Bertha Gorman, and by three brothers, Colonel Mark M. Boatner, Major General Haydon L. Boatner, Frank Boatner, and a sister, Charlotte Boatner Miller. He is survived by a sister, Betty Boatner Olivier, and his two daughters, Emily Boatner Carter and Edith Boatner Streett.

Bryant graduated from the US Military Academy with the Class of 1928. His biography contained in the 1928 yearbook of the United States Corps of Cadets, the *Howitzer*, was written by an unknown classmate. The words drew a verbal picture of an individual who was an example to all. "[I]t is with trepidation," he wrote, "that I try to define the combination . . . of culture and consideration that we call by the name of 'Southern Gentleman,' for Boatner has all the qualities. He has not been known to lose his temper at a fellow cadet, nor at any chain of circumstances. . . . Bryant has a steady calm that is inborn; a facility of seeing the good attendant to the most evil of apparent circumstances. . . . His clear sense of Honor has won him a deserved place on the Honor Commit-

tee. . . . He is a true soldier and gentleman; and while we are all gentlemen by Act of Congress, we feel that Bryant is one by Act of God."

Bryant's accomplishments in service were many: pilot, technician, commander, administrator, Inspector General. His last assignment was Deputy Chief of Staff for Materiel, Research and Development on the Air Force General Staff. That is almost as far as one can go in the US Air Force. For all of this service he was awarded the French Legion Honor, the United States Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Service Medal, and the rank of lieutenant general.

After a massive coronary, Bryant retired in 1955, at age 48. He later joined the Eaton Corporation. Due to additional health problems, this time a cerebral hemorrhage, Bryant retired from Eaton in 1965 and took residence in Virginia.

Bryant's abilities were admired; his personal attributes, however, were such that he was liked by all with whom he was associated. He will be remembered by family, friends, and classmates; a Gentleman by Act of God.

Two Classmates

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### Roy Ernest Lindquist

NO. 8891 CLASS OF 1930

Died 19 November 1986 in St. Petersburg, Florida, aged 79 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Roy Ernest Lindquist

ROY LINDQUIST WAS born in West Newton, Massachusetts on 18 February 1907, the first of three sons to Ernest and Anna Lindquist. During his secondary school years he attended Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine, preparatory to his application for entrance to the US Military Academy, and simultaneously joined the Maine National Guard, fur-

thering his aspirations for a military profession. It was during these years that he met his beloved Alice, the former Alice Murch, who one day would become that supportive half of the Roy and Alice team which spanned the full breadth of a long, rewarding and successful career.

Roy was appointed to West Point in 1926. Throughout his cadet days, "Link," as he was best known to his classmates, distinguished himself as notably on the athletic field as in the ranks of leadership. His accomplishments in baseball and his captaincy of the hockey team attest to that ability. His competitive interests did in fact continue for many years thereafter, with numerous unit team coaching assignments. Roy was graduated with the Class of 1930, commissioned in the Infantry, and first assigned to Fort Williams, Portland, Maine. He and Alice were married in December of that year, marking the beginning of an enviable marriage in which they each contributed so much to the enrichment of the other.

After a succession of Infantry assignments during the ensuing years, Roy joined the fledgling 501st Parachute Battalion at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1940, one of the first of the Airborne "pioneers." In 1942, he activated the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, and as its commander, led the "Red Devils" in the European Theater, with combat jumps in Normandy and Holland and further participation in the Battle of the Bulge. His many awards include the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Purple Heart, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the French Croix de Guerre, the Netherlands Bronze Lion, as well as numerous other foreign unit citations; a testimony not only to the gallantry of the men of his command, but to his own professionalism and exemplary leadership qualities which he so illustriously manifested throughout his service. Roy and his command were singularly honored in their selection as honor guard to General Dwight Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces in Frankfurt, Germany, June 1945.

Postwar assignments thereafter included that of chief of the Airborne Department of the Infantry School, the Joint US Military Aid Group, Greece during the Greek Guerilla War, and attendance at the National War College in 1950-51. His promotion to general officer led to command of the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in Japan in 1953, and subsequently to command of the 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, when he was tasked with the reorganization and training of the division in preparation for permanent relocation to Germany under the new "Gyroscope" concept, theretofore an unprecedented major unit rotation maneuver.

Roy's last active duty assignment was that of chief of the Military Mission and Assistance Advisory Group in Iran in 1958. He retired of his own application on 30 June 1960 in Washington, DC, with award of the Distinguished Service Medal.

Possessed of an energy and capacity for living as befits the young at heart, Roy continued as vigorously in retirement as on active duty. As a business consultant with a Washington firm, then as a representative from the Office of Secretary of Defense evaluating Foreign Aid Assistance Programs, the opportunity for extensive travel allowed Alice and him to combine pleasure with the business at hand. And although the "fields of friendly strife" were behind him, Roy could still be found on the golf course whenever possible, continuing a lifelong propensity for a game that was a good match for anyone.

Roy will always be remembered and respected by his many friends and colleagues as a man of high moral standards. He was every bit a soldier's soldier, more at home with the troops on line than in any other duty capacity. He inspired a fierce sense of pride, esprit, and of belonging within all who were fortunate to have served with him. This heritage of DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY, when deeply instilled, manifests itself throughout every facet of one's life, both professional and personal. This was perhaps Roy's greatest legacy and is most beautifully illustrated in the memorial dedication in his honor at the US Military Academy Library by the 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment Association, with an accompanying donation to the Academy Education Fund in his name—their tribute to their fallen leader.

Roy succumbed to complications associated with Alzheimer's disease on 19 November 1986 in St. Petersburg, Florida, where Alice continues to reside. He is also survived by their two sons, Roy, Jr. (USMA Class of 1956) and Robert (USMA Class of 1958); six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The frailties of illness in his later years are diminished by the loving memory of his dynamic personality, his love of family, and his service to Country to which he was so devoted. Let it be said "Well Done."

R.E.L.

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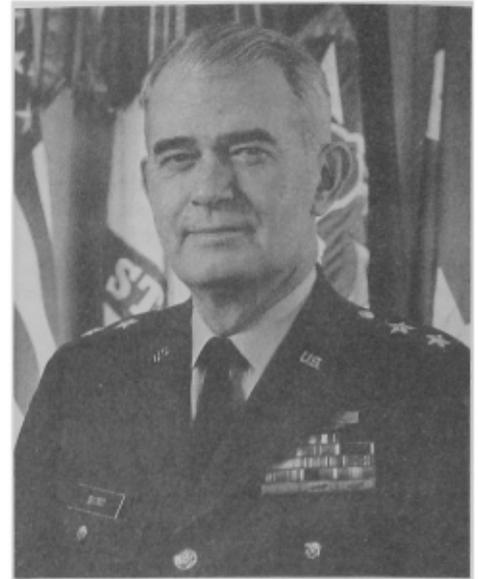
**Van Hugo Bond**

NO. 9295 CLASS OF 1931

Died 27 October 1987 in Clarksville, Tennessee, aged 79 years.

Interment: Greenwood Cemetery, Clarksville, Tennessee

RETIRED MAJOR GENERAL Van Hugo Bond, 79, died of heart failure, Tuesday,



**Van Hugo Bond**

27 October 1987, in Memorial Hospital, Clarksville, Tennessee. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery with full military honors.

Van was born 30 April 1908, in Gardner, Tennessee, a son of John B. and Hattie Lucille Kesselus Bond.

After attending Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville, he attended Vanderbilt University for one year before being appointed to the United States Military Academy. Following his West Point graduation in 1931, he served at various Army posts in the United States and the Philippines. In 1940, he was assigned to the newly activated 9th Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and remained with the division for six years, participating in eight major World War II campaigns in both staff and command positions. As assistant G-3 of the 9th Division, he participated in the planning and initial landings in North Africa on 8 November 1942.

During the fight against Rommel's Afrika Corps in Tunisia in 1943, he was assigned as the commander of the 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry Regiment, and later led that battalion in landings on Sicily and the Battle of Troina. His next assignment was as commander of the 39th Infantry Regiment with which he fought in five European campaigns from Normandy to the Elbe River.

After the war he served as chief of the Third Army's reserve components. He attended the Army War College and then served in the office of the assistant chief of staff at the Department of the Army. Later he served in the Pacific, at one time with the First United States Fleet as the senior Army officer on the fleet staff. Upon his promotion to brigadier general in 1956, he was assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, as assistant division commander of the 1st Infantry Division. He later worked at the Department of the Army in Washing-

ton where he was promoted to major general.

He served two years as chief of the Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group in Korea. On 15 January 1963, he assumed command of the XXI United States Army Corps at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania and retired 1 September 1966.

His decorations include a Distinguished Service Medal, four Silver Stars, two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the French Croix de Guerre and the French Legion of Honor.

Van was a member of the Clarksville Civitan Club, the Association of the United States Army, Association of Graduates of the Military Academy, Association of Graduates of the Army War College, Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington, Virginia, and the Clarksville Country Club.

Van was remembered by friends as a modest man who had made many contributions in his military career and to his community. Friends spoke of Van's modesty with statements like the following:

To be around him, you would never have known he was a two-star general. He never pulled rank on anybody.

He made friends easily and quickly everywhere he went.

He had done so many nice things for so many people, it is difficult to think of one specific thing that he has done. He had a marvelous career and a world of friends.

The general had known many prestigious people throughout the world.

I will remember him as such a genuine, warm, intelligent and modest person.

While Bond had accomplished much during his career, his modesty about those accomplishments was one of the attributes that attracted people to him.

He had a collection of awards and other things that showed the recognition he had received during his career, and he took great pride in those. But his modesty was genuine.

I know he had a strong interest in his community as well as military affairs. He was a fine individual, a friend, and he will be missed by many in the community.

He was a past president of the Clarksville United Givers Fund and the Montgomery County Cancer Society and was a former board member of the Clarksville USO, Clarksville Country Club, Civitan Club and Clarksville-Montgomery County Health Board.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Carter Bond, Clarksville; a son, John Charles Bond, Billings, Montana; a brother, John B. Bond, Clarksville; a sister, Ruth Johnson, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and two grandchildren.

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### Gerald George Epley

NO. 9440 CLASS OF 1932

Died 24 November 1985 in Pinehurst, North Carolina, aged 75 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York



Gerald George Epley

GERALD G. EPLEY was born in August of 1910 near Carmi, Illinois, to Mr. and Mrs. P.A. Epley. Shortly thereafter, the Epley family moved to the small town of Humboldt, Nebraska, where Jerry was to spend his youth. While growing up there, he developed early on a sense of responsibility and a friendly way of dealing with people that was to stay with him the rest of his life. After graduating valedictorian from Humboldt High School in 1928, Jerry entered West Point that July.

Always strong academically, Jerry remained in the upper third of his cadet class. One weekend a company mate, good friend, and future brother-in-law, Bob Quackenbush '31, arranged a blind date for Jerry with Jeannette Youmans of Jersey City. Thus began a romance that was to last for more than 55 years and produce four children and eleven grandchildren.

After graduating from West Point in 1932 into the Depression-era Army, Jerry married Jeannette the next year and took his new bride to Fort Crook, Nebraska (now Offut Air Force Base). From Fort Crook, Jerry and family went to Fort Benning where Jerry was to help in development of the new Army Tank Corps.

After a short stay at Fort Benning, Jerry was assigned to the Sorbonne in Paris to study French in 1939. With the start of World War II, Jerry sent Jeannette back to the states while he stayed to continue his studies. While in Paris, Jerry served as liaison of the Red Cross, insuring proper treatment of French

POW's at the hands of the Germans. Jerry was also one of the few US military personnel to witness the German victory parade down the Champs Elysees.

Upon Jerry's return to the U.S., he was assigned to West Point where he was a language instructor in French and German until the summer of '43. Upon leaving West Point, Jerry was assigned to the British Liaison Office of G-3 at the Pentagon for the next two years.

Jerry finally received a combat assignment in July of '45 when he took command of a regiment in the 32nd "Red Arrow" Division for the expected invasion of Japan, but the command was short-lived, as World War II drew to a close the following month. Jerry remained in Japan with the Army of Occupation stationed in Kyoto with I Corps as the Chief of Staff and G-1, finally returning to the U.S. with a much larger family in 1948.

The next several years were quiet, but as war broke out in Korea, Jerry once again left his family to fight on a foreign shore. Jerry departed for Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division as the G-2, but in less than thirty days, he was promoted to colonel and appointed as chief of staff of the division, a post he held throughout the hard fighting of 1950 and '51.

Upon his return from Korea, Jerry attended the Army War College, followed by another tour at the Pentagon. Jerry's next assignment would take him to Berlin where he commanded the 6th Infantry Regiment, which he enjoyed very much. Jerry's final tour was the Combat Development Command with CONARC at Fort Monroe, where Jerry retired from the Army in 1962 after thirty years of service.

Jerry adapted well to civilian life, working another ten years as a traffic engineer for the City of Los Angeles before retiring for good. After his second retirement, Jerry and Jeannette settled back east in Southern Pines, North Carolina, where he could play his favorite sport, golf. It was there that Jerry succumbed to lung cancer after a three-year fight.

Jerry and Jeannette raised a true West Point family that they could be very proud of, for all three of their sons were graduates of Jerry's alma mater: Gerald Jr. '60; John '70; and William '73; while their only daughter, Susan, married William F. Carroll '57.

Jerry and Jeannette lived a rich and full life, filled with love and devotion for one another, that was marred by tragedy only once, the untimely death of their daughter Susan in 1977.

We will miss you, dad, but you will live on in your family's hearts forever. Your devotion to duty, your country, and your family has won the respect and admiration of all who knew you. We can all say with conviction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



Hunter Harris, age four, who "is the spitting image of his late grandfather," according to Butch.

Hunter's only other child, daughter Margaret, died of cerebral palsy at the age of nine in 1948. His wife Maggie passed away in 1986.

Hunter retired from the Air Force on 31 January 1967 and by that time had added two Distinguished Service Medals, two more Air Medals, and several additional awards from the governments of South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and South Vietnam to his already long list of decorations. Upon retirement he did not vegetate, and immediately became a senior consultant with Northrop Corporation, TWA and Mutual of Omaha with the commensurate perks. He continued to live in Honolulu and traveled extensively until his death.

The last time I saw Hunter was about two years ago when he was staying in a suite at the VIP visitor's quarters at Fort Sam Houston. It was the same building in which he was born when it was the station hospital.

Both of them had changed over the intervening years.

*Ken Zitzman, classmate*

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### George Warren White

NO. 9708 CLASS OF 1933

Died 30 January 1984 at Lee's Summit, Missouri, aged 73 years.

Cremation: Ashes spread over the Rose Garden, Unity School of Christianity, Unity Village, Missouri



George Warren White

GEORGE WARREN WHITE was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, 28 September 1910. Following graduation from Fairmont High School, Fairmont, Nebraska, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy, which he entered on 1 July 1929.

As a cadet George is remembered for his quiet strength and good humor—"even keeled," wrote his roommate, "and always on hand when a little help is needed."

Graduating on 13 June 1933, he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry, Regular Army, and on the same day he was married to Margie Luth of Exeter, Nebraska. Together they reported to Fort Crook, Nebraska (an old Infantry post) on 13 September—and were assigned to Quarters 13! They always felt that 13 was their lucky number. . . .

Their first son, Philip, was born in Omaha in May 1935. Two years later George was ordered to the Regular Course at the Infantry School at Fort Benning where their second son, David, was born in 1936. There followed another two years in the Infantry at Fort Meade, Maryland.

In 1938 George was detailed to the Ordnance Corps and assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground as proof officer in the Automotive Testing Division. In 1940 he was ordered to Massachusetts Institute of Technology for work leading to a master's degree; the war interrupted his education, however; he returned to Aberdeen and was transferred to the Ordnance Corps in 1941.

In August 1941 George was transferred to the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington, where he was given responsibility for the U.S. Army's light tank program throughout WW II. Further automotive assignments included being production officer, Industrial Division (OCO Washington) and chief, Manufacturing (OCO Detroit).

In 1945 he was assigned to the Ordnance Section, USARPAC (Hawaii), then to Guam as ordnance officer, Marianas-Bonins Command. From Guam the Whites returned in 1947 to the Detroit Arsenal, where George became chief of Production of the Ordnance Tank-Automotive Command. In 1952 he was assigned to Germany as deputy ordnance officer, USAREUR (Heidelberg), returning to Washington (1954) first as executive to the Chief of Ordnance, later as chief of Manpower, OCO.

George was promoted to brigadier general in 1956. In 1957 he was designated commanding general, Ordnance Training Command, at Aberdeen; there were two subordinate commands—the Ordnance School (Aberdeen) and the Ordnance Guided Missile School (Redstone Arsenal, Alabama).

In 1959 he returned to Europe (Heidelberg) as ordnance officer, USAREUR, the position from which he retired on 1 June 1961 at Fort Hamilton, New York.

George and Margie initially decided to enjoy their retirement years in the countryside near Aberdeen, which they knew so well. They settled near Churchville, Maryland, where George worked

for Continental Motors until November 1964. From his home he had two outside interests: his woodworking shop, and his flowers. Within his home he lived for companionship with his "Margie." But in 1982 they moved to John Knox Village in Lee's Summit, Missouri, to be near their elder son, Philip, and his family. There George passed away on 30 January 1984.

To this point we have described his very full and varied career, the sequence of increasing responsibilities which George White held with such distinction. Of comparable importance to those who knew and loved him, is the kind of man he was—classmate, friend, soldier, husband, father.

Colonel Francis Abrino, Ord (Ret) writes of his service with George in Detroit ('47-'50):

—"During my first years I was chief of Manufacturing. This was at the buildup of the Korean War and we had a heavy schedule. . . . George did a masterful job of sorting out the problems and keeping production on schedule and within costs. . . .

—"His thorough grasp of the entire arsenal operation was evident in smoothly and effectively coordinating R&D, quality control, and the varied administrative tasks. . . .

—" . . . in eight months we awarded 20,000 contracts for \$9 billion and established many big Ordnance industrial plants. . . . Behind it all was George White. . . .

—"All who served with him cherished the opportunity to have done so."

George's sons speak of their father:

—"It wasn't easy," writes Philip, "being the father of two rambunctious boys who . . . tried to chop down the general's kukui nut tree (in Hawaii) . . . set a fire in the old fort (at Fort Wayne) . . . were cited for curfew violation (in Munich). Such moments must have tested all that fatherhood means.

—"But I remember also his teaching me to drive on the back lots at Fort Wayne—what patience he had! And I remember his sharing with us some of the special meanings of his own boyhood."

—"Dad was there to cheer me on when I caught my first fish," says David. "He had infinite patience, was a wonderful teacher, and had incredible luck. . . . Dad was also a good friend and, above all, a constant source of strength and stability for his family."

George White is remembered also for his fine singing voice. Those who served with him remember how he loved to sing at parties. He genuinely enjoyed being with people, away from the rigors of work.

The retirement years were happy ones for George and Margie. His hobbies included growing prize-winning roses

and daffodils, furniture refinishing, chair caning and fly fishing. Son David '61 is owner and president of Executive Research Corporation, a human resource consulting firm in Brunswick, Georgia. Son Philip is Dean of Education at the Unity School of Christianity, near Lee's Summit, where Margie lives. There are six grandchildren.

Of George Warren White it can indeed be said, "Well done!"

#### THE FAMILY

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### Jonathan Owen Seaman

NO. 9968 CLASS OF 1934

Died 18 February 1986 in Beaufort, South Carolina, aged 74 years.

Interment: National Cemetery, Beaufort, South Carolina



Jonathan Owen Seaman

JONATHAN SEAMAN WAS born in Manila, P.I. on 14 December 1911, just eleven days after his father and mother arrived in the Philippines. As the son of First Lieutenant A. Owen Seaman, Jack grew up around the world: Tientsin, China; Fort Douglas, Utah; Fort Bliss, Texas; Washington, DC; San Francisco and Brooklyn, New York, where Jack attended the Polytechnic Preparatory School along with two future classmates—Charles H. White, Jr. and Richard E. Weber. He graduated in 1929 and went to Millard's West Point Preparatory School and entered the US Military Academy on 1 July 1930.

Jack thoroughly enjoyed life as a cadet. As a first classman, he was a cadet captain twice, first during the summer in "H" Company and again with his beloved "L" Company in the fall. Outside of academics, Jack fought sabre on the fencing team, was an academic coach and associate editor of the *Howitzer*.

Upon graduation he was commissioned a second lieutenant of Field Ar-

tillery and assigned to the 16th Field Artillery (horse drawn) at Fort Myer, Virginia. After Fort Myer, Jack went to the Field Artillery School, then to France for several months as a language student. His studies were interrupted by the outbreak of World War II, and Jack was reassigned to the 4th Field Artillery Battalion (PACK) at Fort Bragg in December 1939. The battalion (less mules) went to the New Hebrides in the South Pacific in April 1942, where Jack commanded the battalion for nine months before being ordered back to the states. He reported to the G-1 section, Headquarters, Army Ground Forces at Washington Barracks (later Fort McNair).

After only a year at the Army Ground Forces, Jack was ordered to Europe, and joined the plans office of the G-3 section where he was promoted to colonel in the spring of 1945. He returned to Washington in the summer of 1945, assigned to the G-1 section of the Army Ground Forces (in June 1946, Jack was among many who were reduced in rank).

With his return to Washington, Jack became reacquainted with Mary Grunert, the sister of a long-time friend George R. Grunert (USMA '32), who was the widow of Hueston R. Wynkoop (USMA '37) killed aboard a Japanese POW ship. Jack and Mary were married in December 1946. In the summer of 1947, they went to Norfolk to attend the AFSC. Upon graduation, they went to Fort Leavenworth where Jack served on the staff and faculty of the C&GSC and later the staff and faculty of the Army War College. During this assignment, their first daughter, Mary Owen (Wendy), was born.

In 1951, Jack was ordered to Europe where he served in Headquarters, Seventh Army; Headquarters EUCOM; and then commanded the 30th Field Artillery group for eighteen months. In December 1953 their second daughter, Margaret Reynolds (Penny), was born in Stuttgart.

The new year brought another change of assignment. Jack was assigned to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army working in international relations. In 1958, they went to Bangkok, Thailand, where Jack was the chief of staff and deputy chief of the Joint US Military Advisory Group. Of all his assignments, Jack believed this one was one of his most interesting and, at the same time, most demanding.

He was promoted to brigadier general in the summer of 1959, and ordered to Hawaii where he was the division artillery commander for the 25th Infantry Division.

Ordered to Fort Bliss, Texas in 1961, Jack served as head of the Office of Special Weapons Development for eight months before being promoted to major general. The promotion brought another

assignment; this time to VI Corps with headquarters at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, later moved to Battle Creek, Michigan. Then with the year still young, Jack assumed command of the 1st Infantry Division (the Big Red One) at Fort Riley, Kansas in January 1964.

The clouds of war in Vietnam were gathering in late spring of 1965, and in June of that year, one brigade of the Big Red One deployed to Southeast Asia; the remainder of the division followed in September. After more than two years as division commander, Jack was named commanding general, Second Field Force, Vietnam. Under his command were the 1st, 9th, and 25th Divisions, three separate brigades, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, two artillery groups and an Australian Task Force. During his command two of the most highly successful operations of the conflict took place—Operations Cedar Falls and Junction City.

In April 1967, Jack returned to the states and assumed command of First Army at Fort Meade, Maryland. These were trying times with a great deal of campus unrest, riots in the Washington/Baltimore area and a partial mobilization of the Reserve components, not to mention the unprecedented postal strike in New York City during which First Army was charged with delivering the mail. In addition, Jack was given the most unpleasant task of conducting the inquiry in the My Lai chain of command cases.

Jack retired on 1 March 1971 and moved to Beaufort, South Carolina, where he and Mary built a beautiful house on the deep water of Lucy Creek on Lady's Island. Jack and Mary thoroughly enjoyed their retirement and their many friends in the Beaufort area.

During his career, Jack was awarded a number of decorations including four Distinguished Service Medals, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with "V" device and eleven clusters, the French Croix de Guerre, the Philippine Legion of Honor, the Korean Order of UL CHI, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry (2D award).

In the words of a fellow officer, "We are left with great memories that time cannot erase—Jack's innate sincerity, sense of humor and the ability to inspire trust. His dedication to people was his guiding principle and he truly lived Duty, Honor, Country. He left behind a loving family and a host of friends whose lives were truly enriched by having known him."

Jack's obituary was entered in the Congressional Record of 27 February 1986. In the words of Senator Hallings, "General Seaman's career was long and distinguished. A career his wife and daughters should be fiercely proud of."

Jack died on 18 February 1986 and was buried in the National Cemetery in Beaufort, South Carolina. He is survived by his widow, Mary; two daughters, Wendy Wilson and Penny, wife of Lieutenant Colonel Carl E. Linke; and two loving grandchildren, Jonathan Daniel Linke and Carolyn Owen Linke.

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### Floyd Felice Forte

NO. 10101 CLASS OF 1934

Killed in action about 7 May 1942 near Bacolod (Lake Lanao), Mindanao, Philippine Islands, aged 32 years.

Interment: unknown



Floyd Felice Forte

LONG CARRIED AS "missing in action on 7 May 1942 on Mindanao," Lieutenant Colonel Forte was officially declared dead on 31 July 1944. However, voluminous and frequent correspondence with many, many American military who served with him up to the very end clearly shows that he died a valorous hero's death while standing in a jungle trail firing at the oncoming Japanese until he was overrun. All this bravery and initiative was in a futile attempt to rally the Filipino soldiers to halt the overwhelming attack. Most accounts verify that this took place on 7 May 1942, although some say on 2 May 1942. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart and promoted to lieutenant colonel officially. Such a field promotion had already been made, but apparently the records were lost. He probably was the unknown American officer buried on the side of the dirt road near Lake Lanao.

Colonel Forte was born in Viesta, Foggi, Italy, on 26 January 1910, the son of Joseph Forte. He came to America with his family at the age of three in 1913, living in Ravenna, Ohio, until

1920. The family then moved to Chicago where he lived until 1924, when they returned to Ravenna. Here he attended public schools in Ravenna High School, participating in many activities.

As a boy, he was active in the Boy Scouts and had a great interest in camping, hiking and all athletic activities, particularly in football and track events. While attending Ravenna High School, he was in the junior and senior class plays and played tackle on the school's first "Trolley League" football championship team. After graduating from high school in 1929, he attended Kent State College in Kent, Ohio, for a year.

His older brothers were World War I veterans and active in veterans affairs. This stimulated his interest in an Army career. On 1 July 1930, he entered the Military Academy on an appointment by Congressman Francis Seiberling (18th Ohio District), gained by result of a competitive examination. He frequently expressed his enthusiasm and pride in the Academy to his family as well as his great interest in athletics. In the latter field, he was on the plebe fencing team and football squad, and was an outstanding member of the Academy boxing team his last three years, reaching the semifinals of the National Intercollegiate Boxing Championships his last year when he represented West Point in the 155 pound class. He was a cadet corporal and a sergeant. Somewhere during his last year, he acquired the nickname of "Sammy," which stayed with him the rest of his life. Commissioned a 2nd lieutenant of Infantry when graduating in June 1934 with his class, he was truly dedicated to the ideals of the Academy.

Initially assigned to the 29th Infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, in September 1934, he excelled as a platoon leader, was designated an honor leader, and was one of those selected for a test of a 13-week training program for recruits. Sammy proved himself to be a superb leader, who set high standards for himself, gained the highest respect and love from his men, and was at all times dedicated, loyal and dependable.

In 1937-38, he was a student at the Infantry School. He made the most of his time professionally and also enjoyed the freedom for athletics—tennis, handball and, especially riding in which he won several cups in jumping.

Completion of the Infantry School Regular Course in June 1938 was followed by assignment to the 20th Infantry, Fort Frances E. Warren, Wyoming, until December 1939. Then a short stay with HQ and MP Co, 6th Infantry Division at Camp Jackson, South Carolina, preceded overseas orders for transfer to the Philippines in early 1940. Sam visited us for a few days at Fort Benning during the Christmas-New Year's holiday (1939/1940) and saw many old

friends and classmates. He had just received his overseas orders about which he was greatly enthused.

While en route to the Philippines in 1940, he visited his widowed father, brothers and sisters at his home in Ravenna, Ohio. This was his only family and the last time he saw them. He also visited a classmate, John Merrill, in San Francisco while en route. He never married but was survived by three sisters, Leonardo Ceglio of Ravenna, Ohio; Lillian Marlin of Stowe, Ohio; and Vincenza Davidio of Warren, Ohio; and by three brothers, Michael of Ravenna; Anthony of Cuyahoga Falls; and Peter of Warren.

Arrival in the Philippines found him with the 45th Infantry (P.S.) at Fort McKinley, Luzon, where he later commanded its Machine Gun Company as a captain (promoted 9 September 1940) and enjoyed prewar "foreign service." Increasing tensions, however, led to duty with the Philippine Army on 21 August 1941 at Iloilo, Panay, along with several other American officers. Here he participated in the acceptance of Philippine units into the US Army on 1 September 1941 and assisted in their training. Shortly thereafter, he, still a captain, was given command of the just mobilized 61st Infantry Regiment of the 81st Philippine Division. Sammy took his regiment from Panay to Negros, where he turned over command to a senior lieutenant colonel in November or December 1941. He was then assigned as logistics officer on the Corps and Defense Area staff, first at Cebu and then in January 1942 to Corps HQ at Del Monte, Mindanao. He was promoted to major in December 1941.

In April 1942, his request for transfer to a more active job got him assigned as chief of staff of the 81st Philippine Division (his former division) and the Lanao Defense Sector. He apparently was promoted to lieutenant colonel as several officers in recent correspondence refer to him as Lieutenant Colonel Forte and specifically mention his silver leaves.

On 13 April 1942, not long before the final surrender, Sammy wrote a long, very meaningful letter to his classmate, one-time roommate, and Fort Benning contemporary, Johnny Merrill and his wife Helen. (Lieutenant Colonel John A. Merrill was himself killed in June 1944 while commanding an infantry battalion at Cherbourg, France). That letter, on file with the Cadet Library at West Point, is quoted below.

"C.P.Y. Mindanao  
April 13, 1942

Dear Jawn and Helen,

It looks like there is a chance this mail may get through. I'd like to drop you chums a line to say 'hello' and—just in case—'It was grand knowing you.'

I've had a very interesting time in the Philippines—land of manana. Service at Fort McKinley was a lot of fun. Weather grand, lots of golf and lots of nice people. Last February (1941) we started to increase the tempo a little. Our scouts were increased in number and there was golf on weekends only. I had a machine gun company—later changed to heavy weapons co. Enjoyed it a lot. Then we went on PA duty in August. The war's been on since. I was sent to Iloilo on the island of Panay where they gave me a regiment which I took to the island of Negros. Then a colonel arrived from U.S. and I lost the reg't. A week later they put me on the 'Corps' Cmdr's staff and sent me to Cebu and from there to here. So I joined the army to see the world and really got to see the Philippines.

It broke my heart our losing Bataan. Many of my pals have gone. But I'm sure they gave the japs hell while they could. My lieut who took over my company got the Congressional Medal of Honor. I was tickled pink to learn that and also that my old company really did well.

During an inspection trip got into a fight with the japs for about 16 hours. I honestly believe the enemy is of inferior quality—but 'they got there fustest with the mostest' and I might add bestest equipment. I'm sure the 'first team' will really mop up when you get put in.

Jawn, old man, remember how we used to sit around drinking and bitching about the dead wood in the army. I believe you'll have a chance to do something about it. For God's sake get rid of it. We can't stand for incompetence or inefficiency in our Army. We can't let sympathy for social friends or their wives prevent our kicking the unfits out of the Army. I believe you're going places in our Army and expect you not just to make it but make it absolutely efficient.

Honestly it's been wonderful knowing you and Helen. It's been a wonderful life. If there's no more remember Sammy has no regrets. I only hope one thing above all and that is that I'll live up to our song "Alma Mater." I was thinking about that once when I was in a particularly tight spot; it's really remarkable how appropriate it is.

Thank you for the grand times we've had together. Remember the swell parties and give my regards to all my friends.

Lots of love and keep 'em flying.  
Sammy"

Almost four weeks of much heavy fighting later, Sam met his heroic death. He was killed in action near Ganassi a few miles south of Lake Lanao while organizing resistance and personally fir-

ing on the attackers. He was never a POW! He was never a guerrilla!

Much correspondence over a lengthy period with several officers and men who knew and served with Sam on Mindanao has brought out many laudatory comments. Just a few are repeated here:

"When everything broke up it appears that Sammy wouldn't quit and tried to take on the whole Jap attacking force which turned out to be a reinforced regiment with air cover. He was a very personable, energetic and brave officer." (From an officer of the 61st Philippine Infantry who later was a guerilla.)

"At the very end General Fort (division and sector commander—no relation) made Sam his chief of staff and put eagles on him.—

"While we were in the hills after the surrender we heard that Sam just went berserk when things folded and refused to pull back—he and his driver took a position and just kept firing until they were overrun. I saw them moving up just before—" (From the last American soldier to see Forte alive very shortly before his death.)

"—Forte, with some Philippine soldiers, advanced against the opposing Japanese—he took heavy toll of the Japanese before he gave up his life." (From the corps commander, commanding Mindanao.)

A Silver Star citation for Lieutenant Colonel Floyd F. Forte, signed by Harry S. Truman, was sent posthumously to his family. The award was originally given by Major General W. F. Sharp, Corps Commander at Del Monte, Mindanao. Date of the action is not clear but is probably the incident referred to in the above letter. General Sharp's citation reads:

"He asked and obtained permission to go to the active front where he met and collected 100 stragglers and led them against the enemy. Later that day after the right flank of the Digos force had broken, he established a position near Holey Plantation, thereby protecting the right flank of the Digos force. For this display of courage, determination and leadership, Captain Forte (he was later promoted) is awarded the Silver Star."

Finally, a word about Sammy's wish that he "would live up to the words of our song, "Alma Mater." You really did it, Sam! Be at Peace!

N.P.W (1934 Roommate)

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**John Alexis Gloriod**

NO.10266 CLASS OF 1935

Died 22 May 1987 in Bethesda, Maryland, aged 76 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

"HONEST JOHN GLORIOD" was the first nickname I can recall my dad having. He acquired it while commanding the 2nd



**John Alexis Gloriod**

Missile Command at Fort Hood which included Honest John rockets. This was, however, merely the cover as the nickname in reality reflected the strong bond and respect which his subordinates and contemporaries felt for him. This fact was reinforced time and time again as I grew up and was eventually commissioned myself. Everywhere I went, senior people would see my name tag and stop and tell me how great my dad was. He had been a selfless person who took a sincere interest in counseling and helping others.

He was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on 14 June 1910. As the oldest son of seven children raised during the Depression, he was conditioned to heavy responsibilities. He worked three years for the Missouri State Highway Department when he was nominated to the Academy. Most people thought he was crazy to give up a good job to go to West Point, but he had a vision of the future and joined the Class of 1935 at age 21. Needless to say he was the old man of his class.

Graduating on 12 June 1935, he headed to the Philippines for his early Army experience. He had many fond memories of his time there. World War II accelerated promotions a bit, and he became the G-3 of the 79th Infantry Division after seven and a half years of commissioned service, and finished the war as the chief of staff. He made RA captain and US colonel with 10 years of service. Those of us in the service today envy such promotion sequences, but not the war conditions that spawned them.

He subsequently commanded two battalions and a missile group. He paid his dues in War Plans in the Pentagon and served tours in both Holland and Pakistan. His last years of service were with the Artillery Board at Fort Sill as its president. Throughout all this, he dedicated himself to the service of his country and the people with whom he worked.

In 1964 Sperry Rand Corporation made him an offer he couldn't refuse, and so he retired with 29 years service and joined civilian industry. When asked about the difference, he stated, "Civilians are so unorganized."

In 1975 his first wife, Viola Hancock Gloriod, passed away. We kids had all moved away by then and he was somewhat lonely. A couple of years later he married once more to Mary Kay Browning. He followed this up with retirement and spent his last decade in Salt Lake City, traveling and enjoying the fruits of his long years of labor.

He was a great soldier, father, husband and human being who is dearly missed by many. His remaining family includes two daughters, Barbara Ann Gloriod and Mary Susan Kroes, and one son, Lieutenant Colonel John Arthur Gloriod.

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### William Russell Grohs

NO. 10603 CLASS OF 1936

Died 29 May 1986 in Aurora, Colorado, aged 74 years.

Interment: Oakland Cemetery, St. Paul, Minnesota



William Russell Grohs

WILLIAM RUSSELL GROHS was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, 24 July 1911. Known to family and friends as "Rus," he grew up with two sisters, Dorothy and Madge, and two brothers, Donald and Leslie, all proud of their German and Swedish heritage. He graduated from Mechanic Arts High School in St. Paul in 1929, and then studied for two years at the University of Minnesota. From age 14 Rus worked outside school hours and through summer vacations in such jobs as newsboy, meat packer, harvest hand, and railway hydro-electric operator.

In 1926 he enlisted as a private in Company C, 206th Infantry, Minnesota National Guard, advancing to corporal

and sergeant. In University ROTC he became a first sergeant. In 1932 President Herbert Hoover appointed him as a cadet at USMA, and on 1 July 1932 he joined the Class of 1936 at West Point.

An above average student, Rus finished number 144 in his class, whose graduates numbered 276 out of 375 originally entering. At the Academy Rus became known to fellow cadets as "Bill," especially on the field of sports. According to his E Company roommates, Whitey Grove and Charlie Tyler, he never sought chevrons; yet he became a yearling corporal, a sergeant his second class year, and a cadet captain his final year, when he was selected to command Company C of the Corps. His command won a streamer for its guidon as "best-drilled company," but Rus always credited this achievement to his second-in-command, Cadet Lieutenant Jim Lampert.

Grove and Tyler have also pointed out that Rus had never won a letter in any sport before entering USMA; yet, by his first class year he became regular quarterback on the Army football team, and captain of both the hockey and baseball teams. Lieutenant General Gar Davidson, Army's great football coach of the 1930's, has said this about Grohs:

"Bill Grohs was one of the finest natural leaders I ever knew. His performance as quarterback against Navy in November 1935, remains the high spot of all my West Point memories. In those days the game of football—often a one or two touchdown contest—was truly an amateur sport among college boys on the field. They were completely on their own, with no high-tech communications gadgetry feeding them professional guidance from the sidelines. Against Navy in 1935, Grohs called a perfect game! We had our first touchdown before the admirals found their seats; our second before they'd spread their blankets; our third as they were swallowing drinks; and our fourth as the eighteenth minute ticked off the clock. It was a masterful job. When Grohs finally came off the field, he did so with all the emotional flare of an exercise enthusiast after a satisfying routine workout. . . . My respect and admiration for Bill Grohs has continued for over half a century."

Former second baseman on Army's baseball team, Bill Davis ('36), has described Rus on the baseball diamond: "He was a terrific shortstop and I recall how proud he was to hit two doubles off the famous pitcher, Carl Hubbell, in an exhibition game we played against the New York Giants."

His hockey teammate, Gordie Holterman ('36), has recalled Rus in action on the ice: "He charged hard, always wanted to win, and he was a great team captain."

Upon graduation 12 June 1936, Rus

chose the Cavalry, with a detail in the Army Air Corps. He transferred to the Air Corps 1 October 1937, after successfully completing pilot training at Randolph and Kelly Fields in Texas.

Rus married Lucile Virginia ("Lou") Tyler (younger sister of his cadet roommate, Charlie Tyler) 26 December 1936 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Classmate Clint True ('36) has recalled the happy days (1937-1940) that he and Rus and their young brides enjoyed together at Maxwell Field, Alabama: "Rus was one of my dearest, lifelong friends, and one of the finest gentlemen I ever knew, although his jokes were sometimes not that great."

Rus and Lou became parents of one daughter, Janet Susan Grohs (Hettinger), born at Maxwell Field, 2 February 1940, and three sons: Stephen Russell, born at Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, 31 March 1942; Thomas Russell, born at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC, 3 July 1947; and Joseph Russell, born at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 26 September 1949. To their line also were born eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. All of the children have survived Rus, except one son, Thomas, who died at La Mesa, California, 30 May 1980. The marriage ended in separation in 1962, and divorce proceedings were finalized in 1963.

Some of the happiest times Rus and Lou had together were at West Point during the football seasons of 1938-1940, when the Air Corps annually placed Rus on detached service at USMA as an assistant football coach. This arrangement ended in the fall of 1941, in view of the international situation, and Head Coach Earl ("Red") Blaik wrote Captain Grohs, expressing his regret, and thanking him for valuable past services on the Army coaching staff.

With the onset of World War II, Rus rose rapidly in Air Corps (AUS) temporary rank: to major by the end of 1941; to lieutenant colonel in March 1942; and to colonel by November 1942. During the war he served three years overseas: first in the Middle East Air Force in Ryak, Syria; then in Egypt, Libya, and across northern Africa, from 15 July 1942 through October 1943, as commander of the 323 Air Service Group, Ninth Air Force. Between battles he once had dinner with General Charles de Gaulle, and the future ruler of France complimented Rus on the clarity of his cadet French.

From late 1943 until the Allied landings in Normandy, France, in June 1944, Rus served as deputy commander of the 1st Tactical Air Depot, Ninth Air Force, in England.

As commander of the advance service elements of Ninth Air Force, Rus landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy on D-day plus one (7 June 1944) to establish Ninth



where they operated again and told me he would never recover, and showed me X-rays, saying he must have had a previous fall long ago for his brain to get in that condition—it could not have happened over a few months time.

Our home in Orange, Texas was sold and I brought my husband home to Bunkie, Louisiana. So my John was put in a local nursing home here and I lived with my mother until her death.

John (or "Smilin Jack" as he was affectionately called by many who knew his wit and sense of humor) left this world and the country he dearly loved and served, on 17 March 1982. He bravely bore twenty long years of utter helplessness, inability to speak or see or walk or to help himself in any way, but he always had that smile for me, his wife, when he heard my voice; and for his two sons, John Seymour Brearley, Jr. and Charles Brice Brearley and their families, when they could visit him. Both of our sons reside in San Antonio, Texas, with their wives and each with three children.

John may have lost his locomotive abilities, but never his fine mind. He was so proud of his two sons. He never gave up trying to do for himself, but of course, to no avail. His frustrations must have been very great and cruel. He was the most courageous man I ever knew. During our life in Orange, Texas he was an ardent worker in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, being superintendent of the large Sunday School and serving on the vestry.

He was buried in a flag-draped casket from our small old Episcopal Church, Calvary, in Bunkie where I, his wife, was christened as a baby, and where he, his sons and I attended services many times together with my parents when we visited them over the years. He made many friends in this little town. He always seemed to attract people and their love and admiration. I am so glad my little hometown took him to its heart.

He loved West Point and his country and his classmates until he died quietly on 19 March 1982. On his headstone is: "Thy trials are over, Thy victory won."

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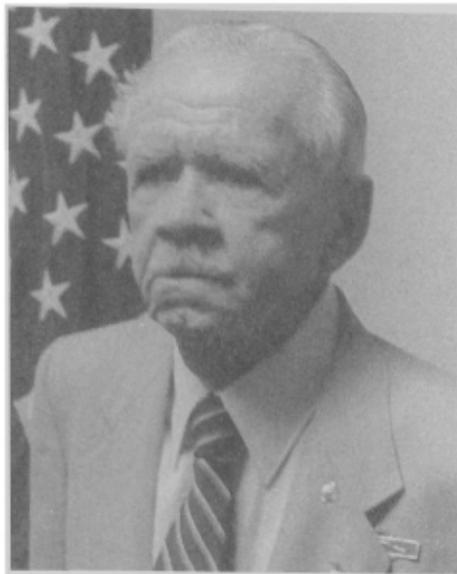
**Clarence Riley Bess**

NO. 11662 CLASS OF 1939

Died 25 August 1987 in Miami, Florida, aged 72 years.

Interment: West Point Cemetery, West Point, New York

CLARENCE RILEY BESS was born on 29 September 1914 in Hunter, Missouri, the oldest son of Hulda Auguston Bess and Clarence P. Bess. He was graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1932. Riley attended Kansas City Kansas Jr. College and was graduated in 1934. He



**Clarence Riley Bess**

then served as a private in the Kansas National Guard, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 137th Infantry for one year. Riley decided that the Army was the career for him and next served as a private in Company K, 17th Infantry and attended the Army Prep School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota for one year.

In 1935 Riley received a congressional appointment to the Military Academy from Kansas, joining the plebe class entering on 1 July 1935. Upon graduation on 12 June 1939, Riley elected to serve in the Infantry and was assigned to Company F, 31st Infantry as a first lieutenant in Manila, the Philippine Islands.

During this period, Riley met and married the former Dorothy Saunders of Salem, Massachusetts, in Manila on 23 November 1940. When war with Japan became a certainty, Riley sent Dorothy home to live with his sister Charlene in Kansas City, Kansas until the end of the war.

As a first lieutenant in command of a service company, Riley survived the January 1942 invasion of the Bataan Peninsula by the Japanese. Three companies of the 31st Infantry Regiment and three companies of the 57th Infantry were left behind to hold the Japanese while other troops were withdrawn. This small contingent along with loyal Filipinos held out for 98 days against overwhelming opposition. Survivors of the siege were then forced into the infamous 70 mile Bataan Death March. Those injured or too weak to walk were shot or bayoneted by their guards, and at least 10,000 were brutally killed. Riley spent the remaining three years of World War II as a prisoner of war at the infamous Camp O'Donnell in the Philippines where another 1,500 Americans died, and later he was transferred on a "hell ship" to Japan. He was liberated from Zentsugi POW camp on the Japanese island of Shikoku in August of 1945.

Riley was cited for bravery in action by the Army and promoted to the rank of captain while he was a prisoner of war.

Upon returning home, Riley was assigned as a battalion commander at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1946. He attended the Airborne School, Basic Parachute which he really enjoyed, and the Advanced Infantry Course while serving at Fort Benning. During this happy time, Dorothy and Riley were blessed with the birth of daughter Kathryn, and later a son, James Riley.

Riley studied Spanish at the Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, California and attended the CIC School at Camp Holabird, Maryland during 1948-49. In April of 1949, Riley was assigned as an infantry battalion instructor in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

In 1950, Riley was promoted to major and assigned to the Headquarters of the Third Army at Fort McPherson, Georgia, as a general staff officer. In 1951, Riley's life took a difficult change in course. Twice turned down for a transfer to Korea, he resigned his commission, followed by a divorce from his wife and a long separation from his two children.

During this transition time, Riley's work as an engineer took him back to his hometown of Kansas City, Kansas three times. Riley worked as an apparatus engineer for the Automatic Electric Company, and was a surveyor and computer for Texaco in oil exploration in Houston, Texas; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Glasgow, Montana.

As service-connected illness increased, Riley settled in Miami in the late 60's and worked as an asphalt plant inspector in Palm Beach County. Upon retiring because of illness, Riley now had more time for his love of fishing. Riley entered the Veterans Administration Hospital in Miami, Florida in April of 1987 for an operation for throat cancer and underwent long radiation treatments for lymphatic cancer at the hospital.

It wasn't until 4 July 1987 that Riley received the medals due him for his bravery in action during the Japanese invasion and the Bataan Death March that followed. The long delay in the presentation of medals was caused by a fire that destroyed Riley's service records at the military archives in St. Louis. In front of reporters gathered at the V.A. Hospital from local newspapers and TV cameras from Channels 7 and 10, Riley was decorated by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Smith, commander of the Army's recruiting battalion in Miami, with the Silver Star for acts of bravery during the siege of the Bataan Peninsula by the Japanese, and a Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for being an unwilling participant in the infamous Bataan Death March. The other medals presented during the ceremony were the same that

other veterans of WW II received who fought in the Pacific Theatre. Riley was very proud of receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Riley took love of country and dedication to the Army and their ideals very seriously, but never himself. His charisma was special and best expressed in this tribute, "to meet Riley and talk with him was to wish you had been his friend your entire life."

Riley left us on 25 August 1987. Ultimately, the value this country attaches to military service is reflected in the "three R's"—respect, recognition and remembrance; Riley has that from his country and those that loved him. Riley is survived by his two children, Mrs. Kathryn Thomsen, and James Riley, and three grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mrs. Ben Hall; a brother, Dr. S. Herbert Bess; two nieces and one nephew; and loving friends.

"I have fought a good fight,  
I have finished my course, I  
have kept the faith.  
Henceforth there is laid up  
for me a crown of righteousness,  
which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, shall give me at that  
day: and not to me only, but  
unto all them also that love  
his appearing."

THE HOLY BIBLE (King James  
Version)

The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle  
to Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 7 and 8  
*Joan Wetmore*

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**James Robert Wendt, Jr.**

NO. 11901 CLASS OF 1940

Died 12 July 1978 in Houston, Texas, aged 62  
years.

Interment: Cremation, ashes buried in Saint Michael's  
Cemetery, Marengo County, Alabama

JAMES ROBERT WENDT, JR. was born 24 February 1916 in Natchez, Mississippi, the eldest child of James Robert Wendt and Virginia Reese (Jones) Wendt. Twin sisters were born later in St. Joseph, Louisiana. Subsequent moves to Ruston, Benton and Baton Rouge followed. When Jim was twelve years old he entered the Gulf Coast Military Academy. Upon his graduation there he went to Louisiana State University where he was graduated with a degree in civil engineering at age 20, with an ROTC commission pending. An appointment to West Point, however, persuaded him to select the regular military service since the clouds of war were already hanging heavily over Europe.

At West Point, Jim was a true L Company file, as he continued to be throughout his commissioned service. His agreeable personality and lighthearted-



**James Robert Wendt, Jr.**

ness, together with his open-mind and common sense judgement endeared him to all who knew and worked with him. His academic background and skills combined with his dedication and adaptability to military service ensured the highest professional competence.

Yearling summer Jim met Bessie Minge Cameron of Faunsdate, Alabama. They were married in St. Michael's Church 18 July 1942.

Upon graduation from West Point, Jim was first assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington, with the 10th Field Artillery Battalion of the 3d Infantry Division Artillery. In the spring of 1942 the entire 3d Infantry Division was moved to Fort Ord, California; shortly afterwards, Jim was ordered to Washington, DC, where he, with other selected members of the division staff, participated in the organization and training of the Amphibious Corps, Atlantic Fleet in preparation for the North African invasion. He rejoined the 10th FA Bn as executive officer for the amphibious landing on 8 November 1942 at Fedala, French Morocco, and the subsequent assault upon Casablanca. As Jim put it, his first battle was in the Casablanca Zoo.

After participating with the 10th Field in amphibious training in Tunisia and the assault landing in Sicily, he assumed command of the 41st FA Bn, also with the 3d Division Artillery; his first Legion of Merit citation notes that he aggressively put his guns in "forward exposed positions" during this campaign. Operations in Italy northward from Salerno and subsequent assault landings at Anzio and in Southern France followed. It was as battalion CO and DivArty S3, and later XO, that he continued the trek with the 3d Infantry Division across Europe to end the war at Hitler's Eagles Nest in Berchtesgaden: his duty with the Occupation Forces ended in September 1945, some three years and ten campaigns after his departure from the States.

Peacetime brought assignment as an instructor of tactics, the Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. His students remember him as a brilliant teacher. Then it was back to school—this time to graduate school at the University of Southern California for a master of science in aerodynamics and guided missiles. His master's project was to build a wind tunnel that would test beyond the speed of sound. His professor said it had not been done, but one Saturday morning it tested over Mach 1. He took his newly acquired knowledge back to Fort Sill as an instructor in combined arms. It was here that Jim was assigned to a board of officers to develop doctrine and training literature for the employment of the 280-mm gun, the Army's first atomic cannon.

Next it was time for the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, the 1951-52 class. Then off to Europe again but this time in much more pleasant circumstances; Jim was assigned to the O&T Division, SHAPE Headquarters, near Saint Germain, just outside Paris. Locally there were museums to be explored, music to be enjoyed, as well as the delicious foods and wines of France. Here, too, Jim was able to visit many of the places he had been during the war to find them beautiful and recovering from the scars of the recent conflict.

Next was the Army War College, the 1956 Class, and then on to the Pentagon as chief of the Surface-to-Surface Missile Division, ODCSOPS. Sputnik was launched and it became urgent to catch up and surpass the Russian capability. Jim went as an observer to the atomic shot Smokey at Yucca Flats, Utah, in August 1957. He helped write the first study of the family of missiles needed by the Army and was very gratified to see the theoretical Missile D evolve into the Pershing Missile. In 1959 he was given command of the 56th Artillery Group at Fort Bragg, North Carolina for one year.

Benghazi, Libya, as chief of MAAG was the next move. It was one year after oil had been discovered there, with King Idris in power—a time to watch a backward country in a desperate attempt to catch up with the modern world.

In the summer of 1963 Jim returned to the United States as deputy commander of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. There he continued his efforts to foresee the needs of the Army of the future. In 1967 he left for his new assignment as PMS at Rice University, Houston, Texas. There he enjoyed the academic atmosphere and the teaching of military history, but student protests and the notification of the next-of-kin of the many Vietnam War casualties marred the pleasure. Retirement in 1970 saw the addition of another Legion of Merit. Rice honored him by

granting him the privileges of Professor Emeritus. He was placed on the disability retired list but recalled to active duty in October 1975 at the Army Reserve Training Center, 75th Maneuver Area Command (MAC), Houston, until the end of that year when he again retired.

Never one to be idle, Jim helped get the recycling project in West University Place started as well as the Senior Services running smoothly. It is unfortunate that he cannot see the new Senior Services building as well as the ongoing collection of paper, aluminum and glass from each house for recycling.

In March 1976 cancer of the larynx was diagnosed and the battle Jim could not win was begun. Surgery, chemotherapy and radiation followed, faced with fortitude and without complaint. It seemed a good idea to celebrate life, so family and friends visited. He was looking forward to the arrival of Army friends from Indiana when he had to go into the hospital. Following surgery he went into a coma; nine months later he died. Those months were without pain, and he received the best of care at the Veterans Hospital, having the same doctors who had cared for him initially at Methodist Hospital.

Jim was a sensitive, thoughtful man, with a great enjoyment of life whatever the circumstances. He loved his family, good books, beautiful music, action-filled football games, and quiet picnics in lovely places. He worked hard and did an outstanding job in every assignment. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star Medal with V for Valor and one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, European Campaign Medal with 10 battle stars and bronze arrowhead, Distinguished Unit Emblem, General Staff Identification Badge, Italian Cross of Military Valor, and French Fourragere.

In his memory four stained glass panels were designed and made by his son, James Robert Wendt, III, for Trinity Episcopal Church, The Woodlands, Texas, where he is an architect-planner. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Bessie Minge; his son, James; two grandchildren, Shannon and Hunter; as well as two sisters, Winston Wendt Purvis of New Orleans and Julia Wendt McCall of Baton Rouge.

*BMW and WJC*

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**Alan Phillip Thayer**

NO. 11993 CLASS OF 1940

Died 26 May 1987 in Concord, Massachusetts, aged 70 years.

Interment: Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

ALAN PHILLIP THAYER died on his 70th birthday. He was born on 26 May 1917,



**Alan Phillip Thayer**

the son of Walter Tisdale and Annie (Levere) Thayer. After graduating from East Providence High School, he was awarded a scholarship to Brown University. After a year there, however, he won two competitive examinations and received two appointments to the United States Military Academy. Alan entered West Point as a member of the Class of 1940.

During his years at the Point, Alan was profoundly influenced by his course in English literature, a fascination which never waned. All of his children were named after literary figures. After retirement, Alan took Matthew Osgood, one of his grandsons, on a literary pilgrimage to "mother England," the ancestral home of the Thayer family. Alan also developed a lifelong interest in golf, classical music, and foreign languages.

Alan's 28-year military career began with a posting to the 2nd Infantry Division based at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. With the outbreak of war, he served in the South Pacific Theater under Admiral William F. Halsey. Initially based in New Zealand, Alan was soon sent north to New Caledonia. After the war, Alan was the first US Army officer to be sent to Harvard Business School, from which he received an MBA in 1947. Later, after retirement, he served as the school's regional field agent and fund raiser for New England and Canada.

Subsequent postings with the Quartermaster Corps included duty in Washington, DC with the Quartermaster General; Perigueux Depot, France; and with the Army of Occupation in Giessen, Germany. Then followed what Alan termed his most rewarding tour, a four-year ROTC assignment as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the University of Pittsburgh, commencing in 1953.

Alan left Pitt in 1957 for assignment as military advisor to the Nationalist Chinese Army in Taiwan. After two years in

the Far East, Alan returned stateside for assignment at the Schenectady General Depot in New York; with the National Guard in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and the Natick Research Labs in Massachusetts. His last overseas assignment was with the First Korean Army. Alan retired from Fort Devens, Massachusetts in 1968.

Alan married Roma Gertrude Rodgerston on 24 October 1940 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He is survived by five children: Virginia Anne Osgood (San Diego, California); Carlyle Alan (Camberra, Australia); Pamela Elizabeth Lowden (Tucson, Arizona); Geoffrey Edmund (Shrewsbury, Massachusetts); and Phillip Ian (Massachusetts).

During the course of his military career, Alan was presented with awards and commendations for service from the governments of the Republic of China and the Republic of Korea. Upon retirement he was awarded the Legion of Merit and a cluster to his Army Commendation Ribbon.

After leaving active service, Alan embarked on a second full-time career as a university professor, an inclination first developed at Pitt. He taught for seventeen years on the faculty of the Boston College School of Management, as well as its Evening School. He also taught for 20 years at night for the University College of Northeastern University. Alan was thoroughly stimulated by the teaching environment. During active service, he taught off-duty for two years for Florida State University (San Juan, Puerto Rico branch), and one year for the University of Maryland's Far East Division in Korea.

Alan's unbounded energies were channeled into a wide variety of civic organizations, genealogical associations, and religious activities. He was a member of the American Legion, the V.F.W., the D.A.V., the Military Order of World Wars, and the American Division Veterans' Association, for which he served as the official French translator. He was director of the Association of the U.S. Army, and president of the New England Chapter, American Logistics Association. He also served as director of the South Middlesex Association for Retarded Citizens.

During retirement, Alan developed a passionate interest in genealogy. His research discovered that his branch of the Thayer family traced its lineage directly to Jabez Grant, a Son of the American Revolution, and further established that he was a very distant relation of Colonel Sylvanus Thayer, the founder of West Point. Most dramatically, Alan also discovered during his last weeks, that he was directly descended from a passenger on the *Mayflower*.

Alan's activism in this sphere involved numerous memberships: a charter member of the Fort Devens Historical Soci-

ety; Braintree Historical Society; New England Historic Genealogy Society; the Connecticut Society of Genealogy; the Irish-American Ancestral Research Association; the American-Portuguese Genealogical Society; and Rhode Island Historical Society.

Further, Alan was also active in Sudbury, Massachusetts where he retired. He served as a member of the Sudbury Republican Town Committee, on the Sudbury Board of Registrars, and as a member of the parish council of Our Lady of Fatima. Alan's sporting interests revolved around golf, a skill he nurtured since his cadet days, and the Boston Bruins. He was president of the Fort Devens Military Retirees Golf Association.

Alan too was an active mason. He served as past master of St. Paul Lodge in Ayer, Massachusetts, and was affiliated with the Union Lodge of Dorchester-Milton, and the Caleb Butler Lodge also in Ayer. He belonged to the Consistory of the Valley of Lowell, the National Sojourners and the Aleppo Temple AAONMS.

"If we want to come close to our dead, we must come close to God. Those who die in grace go no further from us than God, and God is very near"—Teilhard de Chardin.

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**Richards Abner Aldridge**

NO. 12585 CLASS OF 1941

Died 23 June 1979 at Dauphin Island, Alabama, aged 61 years.

Interment: Pinecrest Cemetery, Mobile, Alabama



**Richards Abner Aldridge**

"DIAMOND DICK:" A wonderful man, more devoted, sincere, and dedicated than most, but a complex personality. His minister calls him "a man of deep thought and solitude." An astute, close

friend describes him as "one of the last true Southern gentlemen."

His widow says he was "a very private person;" deeply loyal to West Point, the Service, our Nation, his Church, and his friends; proud to be an Air Force officer; a loving, caring husband and father, whose principal character traits were loyalty, honesty and kindness.

We remember him from cadet days as lighthearted, friendly, always joking and pantomiming, an excellent cartoonist and caricaturist, a self-styled roué, goat, and "Red Boy" devoté, indifferent to the system. But was that truly Dick? How much was facade? The Tacs concluded much of it was, and made him so high a sergeant for first class summer that he joined "Club 23" at Tobyhanna to reestablish his practiced image. We admired his stand when a popular I Company classmate was found guilty of lying. And although he sweated each writ, he graduated ahead of 78 of our classmates.

Undoubtedly all these varying views were part of him.

Richards Abner Aldridge was born in Mobile, Alabama, 23 January 1918, to prominent parents: Henri Showell Aldridge and Caroline Richards McMillan Aldridge. He attended Mobile's Murphy High School and Marion Military Institute, was appointed to West Point from Alabama, married an Alabama girl, returned to Mobile on retiring from the Air Force, and is buried there. Always an Alabamian!

After graduation, he promptly achieved the boyhood goal that had motivated his persistence to get through West Point: to become a regular, commissioned, military pilot. Flight school posed no problems—he had soloed at age 14.

Unfortunately, however, his combat flying career ended abruptly. On 5 April 1943, then Captain Aldridge, operations officer, 428th Bomber Squadron, Twelfth Air Force, piloting a B-25 attacking Sicily, was shot down over the Mediterranean on his return run. Regaining consciousness under water, wounded, and still strapped in his seat, he freed himself, found two of his crew dead; yet, with another survivor, began swimming, while holding afloat a third man whose two legs were broken. Before reaching shore, they were captured by an Italian PT boat. For these actions, Dick was awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart.

Initially held in solitary by the Italians, he was moved to Germany by boxcar on Italy's surrender. For almost two years, he was in Stalag Luft 3, until freed 29 April 1945 by American tankers. Here again, his humor and art skills came forth, forging ID's and otherwise assisting organized escape attempts; always referring in later years to humorous POW experiences, rather than the bad.

Shortly after returning home, Dick met Beanie Cotten of Grove Hill, Alabama, and they married 30 December 1945. This cute, attractive lady thoroughly complemented Dick's personality, accelerating his recovery. Family devotion was thereafter a paramount aspect of his life, as 1954 saw Caroline Blair arrive at Belvoir, and 1958 brought Elisabeth Wilkes to Hawaii: two fine girls, of whom he was forever proud.

Postwar service was varied and interesting: staff specialization in personnel matters at SAC Headquarters and Ramey, IG duty at Snelling, direction of Air Reserve operations in DC, overseas in Puerto Rico and Hawaii, two tours at Maxwell—from where he retired from the Air Force in June 1961.

With customary family concern, Dick had purchased a prime residential lot in Mobile years before, and, during his final tour at Maxwell, he applied his skill and lifelong interest in architecture to design the beautiful home he subsequently built there. He also joined a large investment firm and was soon a very successful stockbroker. Personal interests continued to include his family, drawing, and caricaturing, plus sculpturing and design of patios and gardens for friends' homes. He built a vacation home on nearby Dauphin Island, where he enjoyed sailing and fishing. He was a Kiwanian, a deacon in the church to which four generations of his family had belonged, a director of the local Red Cross, and active in the Mobile Mystic Society his grandfather had helped found. A good time for Dick! He was the happy, carefree classmate of cadet days.

But this too came to an end. One Saturday afternoon, while he and Beanie were quietly enjoying the beauties of Dauphin Island, an unheralded heart attack ended his life. Although Dick never mentioned specific POW-related problems, that experience undoubtedly undermined his general health.

Although we grieve this premature loss of so true a friend, we take solace that death was sudden and painless. Neither he nor we would wish him a slow, deteriorating end.

What all this tells us is that Dick Aldridge outstandingly represented the principles of the Long Gray Line:

—A man of integrity who based his decisions on principle rather than expediency, choosing to stand alone, supported only by his conscience, before the criticisms of less honorable accommodators;

—A man of many talents who avoided blowing his own horn;

—A dedicated patriot who gave up his freedom for years of Hell, that other Americans might remain free;

—A guardian of America's values, rewarded only by his conviction that he had stood his ground and did what he knew was right;

—A man you liked and liked to be with, a man you knew you could trust whatever the situation.

Dick, we miss you.

*E.L.P., a classmate*

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**Joseph Scranton Tate, Jr.**

NO. 12594 CLASS OF 1941

Died 9 September 1945 in Osnabruck, Germany, aged 25 years.



**Joseph Scranton Tate, Jr.**

JOE CAME BOUNCING into this world in Marfa, Texas while his father, J.S. Tate, Sr., April '17 was busy chasing Pancho Villa around the countryside. He grew up on Army posts Fort Sam Houston, Fort Sill, Fort Myer, West Point, back to Fort Sam, to Kingston, New York.

If ever a man was born and bred to be a soldier, Joe was that man. He loved everything about it—the outdoors, the horses, camping, scouting (he was an Eagle Scout), hunting, all athletics. I can still remember Joe and another Army brat, Bud Sullivan, preparing for their summer maneuvers, in command of their XXX Ethiopian Army in the countryside around Fort Sam Houston in the early 1930's.

It probably would not have mattered where his father was stationed, Joe would have found West Point, but being transferred there in the late 1920's clinched the decision! West Point was his cup of tea and he loved every minute the family was stationed there. I feel sure that he knew more people on the post, from B.P.'s and the Hell Cats on up, than any other kid on the post. Here too, he was able to indulge his penchant for collecting Army memorabilia. His room resembled a miniature museum of insignia, bits of uniforms, broken hockey sticks, old polo balls, and medals from all wars and many nations, etc., etc.

Joe's high school years were spent at Kent School in Connecticut. While there he was an above average student and a most competitive athlete, playing tackle on an undefeated football team and league baseball. Following his graduation in 1936, Joe went to Stanton Preparatory School in Cornwall, New York for a year to prepare for the entrance exams to West Point. He passed them and was able to get an appointment from Texas.

Joe's roommate and close friend Phil Seneff had this to say about Joe's cadet days, "... Joey was bred to the place. The fact that his father, J. S. Tate, Sr., April '17, was a Tac of great renown a couple of years before Joe came in as a plebe was well known, and it without doubt made his plebe year a little rougher—NOT to bother Joey, because he was completely irrepressible. He had all of the bounce of the lacrosse ball he used to practice with off the wall of his room (possibly he should have been studying?). Joey was unflappable—as unfazed by academics as he was by upperclassmen or any of the other things that bothered lots of cadets. He was a great and constant friend and really enjoyed his four years—particularly football ('B' squad, not big enough), lacrosse and hockey—first string goalie in the last two years. He graduated fashionably up from the 'Goat' and was headed for an illustrious career which, to the detriment of the armed forces, did not last long enough."

Another classmate, friend, and fellow member of the 93rd Bomb Group, K.O. Dessert writes of Joe's days in combat: "The 93rd landed at Alconbury, England on 19 August 1942. First Lt. Joe Tate was a combat crew commander and the squadron operations officer of the 328th Squadron. . . . On 8 October 1942, the 93rd sent out 24 B-24's to bomb Lille, France auto works. Joe Tate's 'Ball O'Fire, Jr.' crash landed at another station (with two engines shut out, the gas line ripped open and the oxygen lines shot out, having accounted for two enemy fighters on the way back to England). During the following nine months, Joe flew a total of 25 missions from North Africa and from Alconbury. His 26th mission was the first Ploesti low altitude raid, 1 August 1943. Joe Tate was now a major and he led the 328th Squadron in the raid. The 93rd launched 39 planes; only 12 returned 11 to 12 hours later. Joe Tate's plane landed with corn stalks stuck in his bomb bay doors . . . the plane unbelievably untouched." (In a letter written to me at West Point, his only reference to the raid was: "I have recently been cured of buzzing anything forever"). The group returned to England 2 October 1943. Joe, now a lieutenant colonel and still the squadron commander, flew on a bombing raid on Osnabruck, Germany on 22 December 1943. The

plane disappeared and no trace has ever been found. He had flown more than his 25 mission requirement but evidently elected to stay on rather than return to the U.S.

In closing, Dessert says, "He was certainly loved and respected by all his squadron members, his peers and his superiors. He was a superior leader—willing and able to do anything."

Among his decorations were the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, two Purple Hearts and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Joe Tate's life was short but he lived it with vigor, with humor, with compassion and with honor—an accomplishment towards which we all should aspire.

Official word has been received that the new hockey rink will be named in honor of Joe Tate and his brother, F.H.S. (Honie) Tate '42, a wonderful honor bestowed upon two fine men.

*Daniel L. Tate*

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**Thomas Quinton Donaldson, IV**

NO. 13085 CLASS OF JANUARY 1943

Died 5 June 1987 in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, aged 66 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Thomas Quinton Donaldson, IV**

T.Q. DONALDSON was not only the fourth of his name but the fourth generation to graduate from West Point. Major General David S. Stanley (USMA 1852) won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War. In the next generation David J. Rumbough was Class of 1880, and the original TQ Class of 1887. Then came TQ Jr. of the Class of June 1918. Then came TQ 4th, regimental commander in our Class, polo team for four years, Ring Committee, Engineer football team, inveterate punster, academic coach and generally model soldier. Cavalryman to









**Herbert Eugene Kemp**

Springfield, Ohio and then spent one semester at Culver Summer Naval School, Indiana. He enjoyed his Culver experience and applied to his Congressman for an appointment to Annapolis. However, he found that he exceeded the age limit (then 16 to 20 years). He then accepted an appointment to West Point from Ohio's 3d Congressional District and entered on 1 July 1939.

Cadet life was no problem for Herb. His natural good nature and resilience offset the regimen and his wry humor easily set aside minor problems. Not a true "hive," mostly because it wouldn't have been fun, he was comfortably at ease with academics. But early in plebe year his "Glory to God!" was so mellifluous that he was drafted into the Cadet Choir. This led to four years of vocal enjoyment in the choir and the Cadet Glee Club as well, with the honor of being selected to become director of the Glee Club during his first class year.

Likely more than his entry to West Point, the greatest day in Herb's life came on 14 November 1942, when he met a "blind date," Rose Anne Griffith, at Grant Hall. He and the pretty red-headed Irish girl with the peaches-and-cream complexion were to spend the rest of their life (yes, singular) together.

Graduation leave was a magnificent three days "delay en route" to the Anti-aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, North Carolina. From there, Herb reported to the 842nd AAA (AW) Battalion at Camp Stewart, Georgia. By this time, Herb and Anne could wait no longer and made plans to be married on New Year's Eve, 31 December 1943, at the Cathedral of St. John in Savannah, Georgia. But Murphy's Law took over—just before the wedding, Herb was ordered to report back for duty immediately after the ceremony; his cadet roommate and best man-to-be was alerted for overseas and sent his mother to stand in for him;

and the groom kissed the maid of honor instead of the bride! Then came the rush through merrymakers in Savannah streets to get Herb back to Camp Stewart where he reported to the field in "pinks and greens." If this is what it takes to start a marriage like Herb and Anne's we should all be so lucky!

Herb's battalion moved several times in the States until finally reaching Schofield Barracks, Oahu in December 1944. Herb, Jr. was born on St. Valentine's Day 1945, and Anne and their new son joined Herb on Oahu in early 1946. Detailed in the Field Artillery, Herb returned stateside in 1947 to join the 2d FA Battalion at Fort Sill and was later appointed assistant trial judge advocate of the Artillery Center. Meanwhile, in Baltimore (Anne's home), Mary Kathleen joined the family on 4 April 1949.

Following completion of the Field Artillery Advanced Course in June of 1950, Herb attended the Army Security Agency School and was shipped to Europe for three years to serve as radio intelligence officer, executive officer, and commander of ASA units in Nuremberg and Giessen.

Herb and Anne had only one intervening year stateside, with the 602d AAA Battalion at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland before Herb was ordered to the Korean Military Assistance Group and assigned to the Korean Military Academy. There he had a significant role in establishing the academy's initial academic curriculum.

In 1957 he returned to the States to join the G3 Section, Army Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, followed by the Guided Missile Staff Officer Course at Fort Bliss, Texas in 1959, and the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas in 1961. Herb returned to the Army Air Defense Command for a final assignment before retiring from the service in 1963.

During his military service, Herb received the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and special recognition from the government of the Republic of Korea for his exemplary work at their military academy. But he was especially proud of his continued participation in church and school activities at the Boy Scout Leader organization.

Then began the second career. Initially Herb was employed by the General Electric Corporation in Syracuse, New York as a system design engineer. Then, in August 1964 he accepted an offer from Boeing for employment in Huntsville, Alabama as a system analyst, for which he received numerous awards for his work on the Apollo/Saturn V program. After the lunar landing mission was accomplished, Boeing began phasing out its Huntsville operation in 1970, but Herb and Anne, having established roots

for the first time in 21 years, chose not to be displaced. Herb subsequently became an administrator in the Huntsville school system.

While with the Huntsville school system, Herb attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (urban studies), and in 1975 earned his master of science degree at Alabama A&M University. It was during these years at Huntsville that Herb, Jr. and his wife Darlene presented Herb and Anne with two grandchildren, Herbert E. III born in 1972 and Brian Michael, 1978.

Herb's innate patience, kindness and understanding were exemplified in his avocation—canine obedience training. He and Anne joined the Huntsville Obedience Training Club in 1964, and Herb trained three German Shepherds to their CD degrees, receiving many trophies and ribbons for their performances at obedience trials throughout the Southeast. At various times Herb served the club as instructor, training director, trial chairman, judge at graduations and trials, and as president. In addition, Herb served as secretary of the West Point Society of Huntsville and for a period as member of the City Planning Group.

Herb leaves us Anne, his wife of 36 years; their son, Herb, Jr., presently I.R.A. officer at the Redstone Arsenal Federal Credit Union; their daughter, Kathleen, who served in the Army for 11 years and is now with a hotel chain in Fayetteville, North Carolina; a sister, Virginia K. Kessler of Dayton, Ohio; and two grandchildren. He was buried with full military honors in Huntsville National Cemetery.

Anne, ever his "O.A.O." and affectionately his "Wild Irish Rose," remembers him:

"Each day and night I feel your presence

You may not be near to touch  
But you are in my mind and heart.  
You meet my needs so silently—  
I am not alone because of you but  
I am with you in silent  
beautiful memories."

We miss you, Herb. See you later.

*His Roommate*

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**Robert William Newman**

NO. 13474 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 2 June 1985 in Las Vegas, Nevada,  
aged 64 years.

Interment: Paradise Memorial Gardens, Las Vegas, Nevada

ROBERT W. NEWMAN was born in Nashville, Tennessee on 21 April 1921. He was the son of Major General James B. Newman (USMA 1918), and Janie Britton Newman. His father's many assignments certainly provided him a variety of cities while growing up, and he grad-



Robert William Newman

uated from Iolani High School in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1938. Then, following in the footsteps of his father and older brother he chose to attend West Point. In preparation for this endeavor he first attended the University of Kansas at Lawrence from 1939-40. Due to the war effort his class graduated a year early from West Point, but he still managed to participate in a number of activities including lacrosse and the ski club; he was a rifle expert and an academic coach. Following graduation in 1943, he was commissioned into the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

During World War II he served in Europe as company commander with the 6th Armored Division. His tour of duty involved battles at Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe. He achieved the rank of captain during his service. He was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, World War II Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with bronze service stars, Army of Occupation Medal with Germany clasp, American Campaign Medal, and the American Defense Ribbon.

Following the war he was assigned to the Manhattan Engineer District, the wartime predecessor of the Atomic Energy Commission. With this assignment came the opportunity to work first in Albuquerque, New Mexico, at Sandia Base, and then in Los Alamos, New Mexico. The "Atomic City" was in the infant stages when Captain Newman resigned his commission from the Army in November of 1948, and became a permanent staff member of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory.

"The history of Robert Newman's professional career over the next 35 years is, in a sense, the history of the United States nuclear weapons testing program. Through 1983 he participated in every

test series at the Nevada Test Site, and in all but two of the atmospheric series in the Pacific."

—Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office

Starting in the test division that was involved in planning and conducting atomic tests and later renamed J Division, he was involved in studying blast and shock and became the alternate group leader in the Field Test and Engineering Construction Group in 1952, followed by group leader in 1957.

In 1962 he joined the Test Division Office as a test group director for weapons testing with numerous responsibilities including serving on the ground check evaluation subcommittee and the site selection committee. He was also involved in budget planning and review, and initiation and/or review of plans for each nuclear event. He was the senior Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory representative in charge of safe and timely conduct of testing, which he also supervised.

In August of 1971 he moved to Las Vegas, Nevada for a one-year assignment in an advisory capacity regarding adequacy and implications of containment designs for all planned weapons tests. He authored the "Containment Review Procedures" that are still in use.

In 1973 he was appointed as deputy assistant manager for operations in Las Vegas. In this capacity he assisted in planning and policies: operational, safety, security and special projects for the nation's nuclear weapons program.

Between 1973 and 1983 he became assistant manager for operations, then assistant manager for defense, and upon his retirement on 22 April 1983 he was the assistant to the manager for science and technology. During those years he was also a member of NEST—Nuclear Emergency Search Team.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria, currently of Las Vegas, whom he married in 1954. She was a technical illustrator in Los Alamos at that time. Also surviving him are their two children, Janie and Danel; five grandchildren; and his brother, retired Colonel James B. Newman (USMA 1942), currently residing in Arlington, Virginia.

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**John Daniel Hughes**

NO. 13812 CLASS OF JUNE 1943

Died 23 May 1986 in Tampa, Florida, aged 66 years.

Interment: Bay Pines National Cemetery, St. Petersburg, Florida

DOC HUGHES WAS born in New Orleans, Louisiana on 19 December 1919, the oldest of three children. His father, Otto Lloyd Hughes, and his mother, Lurah Boyett Hughes, were both students at the



John Daniel Hughes

Baptist Bible Institute at the time of his birth. His only sister, Naomi, three years younger than Doc, was also born there. The family moved to Winnfield, Louisiana when he was five years old. Doc was a good student, graduating from Winnfield High School in 1936. He attended Louisiana College, Louisiana Normal and Louisiana Polytechnic Institute and was only two hours short of his baccalaureate when appointed to West Point by Representative A. Leonard Allen of the Eighth District of Louisiana.

At West Point his slow Louisiana drawl made it unnecessary to ask from whence he came, yet upperclassmen seemed to delight in asking. Doc was warm, friendly, cheerful, big and strong. He was quick to smile and fun to be with. He became a sergeant his first class year, and during his three years as a cadet participated in football, boxing, lacrosse, choir and the Hundredth Night Show. He selected Air Corps and commuted from West Point to Stewart Field much of his final year.

Shortly after graduation he married Shirley Reba Black, his college sweetheart. Shirley and Doc had two sons, David and Michael, both born while they were stationed at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. They were very proud parents. Doc took fighter pilot training in Florida and was an instructor pilot in Louisiana. From 1945-46 he was assigned to the 7th Fighter Wing in Oahu, TH flying P-47's and P-51's.

From 1947-49 he earned a bachelor of science in aero engineering at the USAFIT at Wright Patterson Air Force Base where he stayed on to be a missile project officer. From there he went to Albuquerque, New Mexico to serve in the nuclear weapons program. He attended the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama from 1957-58 and remained there as an instructor for four years. Doc

was selected to serve as technical advisor of a Hollywood produced aeronautics movie which placed first in the International Venice (Italy) Film Festival.

His final tour was in the Pentagon from 1962-64 in DCS Plans and Operations. He retired as a lieutenant colonel on physical disability, due to a back injury. In 1964 he took a position with Pan American World Airways at Patrick Air Force Base and enjoyed the good life.

Shirley died in December 1968, and about a year later Doc moved back to Louisiana to study computer science at Southwestern University. In 1971 he moved back to Florida. It was in 1979 that he first had surgery for cancer. He married Dorothy Hayden in 1980. She predeceased him in 1984.

Doc had more surgery for cancer in August 1985. His sister Naomi came from Louisiana to live with and care for him for the last eight months of his life. He fought bravely throughout his ordeal and did not complain. He is survived by his sister and brother, two sons and three granddaughters.

Well done. Be thou at peace.  
NDH & RCM

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**Glen Roger Hempleman**

NO. 14064 CLASS OF 1944

Died 28 February 1987 in Mesa, Arizona,  
aged 66 years.

Cremated; ashes scattered



**Glen Roger Hempleman**

GLEN ROGER HEMPLEMAN, the son of Glen B. and Gladys Hempleman, was born in Twin Falls, Idaho on 28 June 1920. He graduated from North Central High School in Spokane, Washington and attended Washington State University at Pullman for three years. His father's life-long dream was fulfilled when Roger was appointed to the Military Academy by

Representative Charles H. Leavey from the Fifth district of Washington.

"Rog," as he was known to his classmates, was well prepared for cadet life. (Academics posed no problem. He graduated 150th in his class of 474). He was an outstanding golfer, and earned his numerals as the number two player on the golf team his fourth class year.

Militarily he had his sights set on a career in aviation. He had undergone flight training at Hancock School of Aviation prior to entrance. However, as noted in the *Howitzer*, he was concerned about his visual acuity. Needless to say, one of the highlights in his cadet life occurred when he passed the Air Corps physical exam.

Quiet, efficient and possessing a strong sense of personal discipline, he never ran afoul of the Tactical Department. During his first class year as a cadet lieutenant, he served as 1st battalion adjutant in the 1st Regiment, USCC.

After graduation on "D-Day," he returned to Spokane and on 14 June 1944 married his O.A.O. of long standing, Patricia Morrill. Together they proceeded to Lockbourne Army Air Field at Columbus, Ohio for his first duty assignment—B-17 pilot training which was followed by B-17 combat crew training at El Paso, Texas. This training was interrupted by orders assigning him and many other classmates to the newly established Junior Officers Staff Course at Orlando, Florida. Subsequently he progressed through B-29 training, and November 1945 found him assigned as a pilot in the Atomic Bomb Flight Test Unit at Kirtland Field, New Mexico. He was promoted to first lieutenant on 1 March 1945.

In 1947 he was transferred to Walker Air Force Base, New Mexico, where he became a charter member of the 509th Bombardment Group, and served for seven and one-half years at Roswell in operations of strategic bombing as an aircraft commander, operations officer, and acting squadron commander. He participated in the first bomber deployments to Guam and England. Promotions to captain in December 1949, major in February 1951, and lieutenant colonel in March 1952 attested to his professional competence.

Next came an assignment as inspector general at 5th Air Division Headquarters in Sidi Slimane, Morocco from 1954-56. He and his family returned from overseas to Schilling Air Force Base, Salina, Kansas to the 40th Bombardment Wing, where he commanded the 45th Squadron with distinction, and flew B-47 bombers for two years.

In 1958 he became base vice commander at Bunker Hill Air Force Base, Indiana. Two years later he attended the 24th course at the United Kingdom Joint Services Staff College, and studied joint staff procedures with military and civilian personnel from all over the British

Commonwealth. Memorable to him and Pat were the social events and the opportunity to observe customs and partake of foods from literally the "four corners of the earth." After graduation Rog served as base commander at 3rd Air Division Headquarters at Ruislip, England until 1963 when he returned to serve on the faculty at the Air University Air Command and Staff School.

In 1966 Rog joyfully returned to his first love, the cockpit. Drawing on 22 years of experience he was certified as a C-141 Starlifter Aircraft Commander after passing rigid academic and flying requirements. Concurrently, he assumed command of the 3rd Military Airlift Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina. He flew many missions to the Far East and in and out of Vietnam during that conflict.

On 31 May 1970, Colonel Hempleman hung up his military spurs after a distinguished career and returned with Pat to Spokane, where they built their dream house in a beautiful wooded area where they had picnicked as youngsters. Rog spent a year getting his teaching credentials at Whitworth College. He taught math and science for four years before entering full-time retirement and concentrating on his still outstanding golf game, his wife and three daughters (Suzanne, Christine and Lori), his Irish setter Kelly, and his grandson Matthew.

Rog had many friends and admirers who have written to Pat about his competence, integrity, and dedication to duty. His former operations officer from the 45th Bomb Squadron (now a retired general officer) wrote, "... My admiration for Roger goes beyond word description for he truly embodied all the qualities desired in an Academy graduate. Roger was beyond talk. He taught and lived the code. In my thirty years service Roger taught me more on leadership than all others combined."

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**Raymond Emerson Orth, Jr.**

NO. 15829 CLASS OF 1946

Died 28 June 1987 in Spokane, Washington,  
aged 63 years.

Interment: Wilbur Community Cemetery, Wilbur, Washington

OUR ALMA MATER has a unique way of impressing itself on our values, our personalities, our very beings. In each of us there lurks a substantial part of plebe year, with its demands, its moments of frustration, and its flashes of humor.

Ray Orth always saw the humorous side of life, even in those early cadet days. In the years since then, through an abbreviated career as an infantry officer, and a second career in scientific computer programming, his sense of humor never left him. He was a delight to know.



Raymond Emerson Orth, Jr.

Ray once confided to his former roommate, "Whenever I dream, it's never about Korea. It's always about West Point. I'm standing at attention in the area, waiting to march to class, but no one else is there. Or I'm in the company formation; everyone else is wearing full dress uniform, but I'm in full field. . . ."

Ray's was an upbeat personality. But he was also reflective, thoughtful and considerate. Partly he was born with these traits. But his character was also a product of his earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Olympia, Washington, from where he was appointed to West Point. At the Academy he qualified for the cadet choir ("gloo—reer—toooo—Gooood"), and he enjoyed the choir trips.

After graduation he attended the Infantry School, and served a 30-month tour in Japan. During that time he graduated from the 11th Airborne Division's jump school. But he spent most of that tour with the 24th Infantry Division.

On his return from Japan he was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, then at Fort Lewis, Washington. Not long afterwards the division was ordered to Korea, where it took its place in the Pusan perimeter defense. Ray was a front-line platoon leader.

One morning Ray was ordered to take a particular hill. With no artillery support, he led his men, panting and running up the hill into enemy fire. All of a sudden he felt as if he had been hit across the back with a baseball bat. His platoon sergeant rolled him into a hole, and at Ray's direction continued the attack. The assault was successful. But Ray, shot through the torso, was paralyzed from the waist down. He spent the next two years in an Army hospital. Gradually Ray recovered most of the use of his legs. He was promoted to captain. But this was the end of his military career. He received a medical discharge in 1952.

After he retired, Ray attended the University of California, Berkeley and earned an AB degree in math, something that would have pleased and perhaps surprised his Academy math instructors. And in 1969 he earned a master of science degree in math from the University of Southern California.

Ray was one of the class' last bachelors. But in September 1963 he met the love of his life, Joan Rosman, a medical technologist also from the State of Washington. They were married in May 1964. Ray and Joan lived in Rancho Palos Verdes (Los Angeles) with their three children, David, Paul and Allison, born in 1968, 1969 and 1970 respectively. When the three children were in their early years, Ray used to joke, "I can't catch them on my feet, but I can crawl faster than they can."

Based on his interest in math, Ray developed a high level of expertise in computer science, first with North American Aviation, and then with TRW and the Aerospace Corporation. As a member of the Aerospace technical staff from 1961 to 1986, Ray contributed to the country's defense in a way he and the rest of us could never have imagined that 4th day of June 1946, when we all threw our hats in the air. He contributed directly and with great expertise to the unfolding missile and space era.

In his famous speech at West Point, General Douglas MacArthur said, "The thrust into outer space of the satellite, spheres and missiles marks a beginning of another epoch in the long story of mankind . . . there has never been a greater, a more abrupt or staggering evolution. . . ." Ray was one of the professionals who helped shape the country's entry into this epoch. He continued to live by Duty, Honor, Country.

Ray, Joan and their children moved to Spokane, Washington, an area they all loved, after he retired. Not many months later however he began to feel ill. In spite of treatment, he died of cancer on 28 June 1987. He is survived by his wife and children; his mother, Mrs. Raymond E. Orth, Sr.; and his brother, Dr. Rodney Orth and Rod's family, of San Diego. To all who knew him he leaves the memory of a rare, sparkling spirit who brightened the lives of all of us.

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**Tom Judson Perkins**

NO. 16366 CLASS OF 1947

Died 24 February 1973 in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany, aged 47 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

"THE GENERAL WAS a man who treated me like a person and really gave me a chance. I liked to work for him and I felt



Tom Judson Perkins

good doing it." So said this young enlisted soldier to the family of Brigadier General Tom J. Perkins upon the general's sudden and unexpected death on 24 February 1973, in Schwäbisch Gmünd, Germany.

If death at such an early point in Tom's life was to be God's will, then to have it occur while he was in command of troops is both just and suitable. Surely, if Tom could have made the choice, it was what he would have wanted. Tom's career was marked always by concern for his subordinates, by strict fidelity to duty, by courage of his convictions, by skill on the field, and by display of those paradoxical and unique qualities which typify a leader of men. His keenness of intellect, his warm personality, his sparkling good humor, and his dedication to a full, worthy, and purposeful life made him the complete man, the complete soldier, and ultimately the complete general. Motivated by a great but selfless desire to achieve high responsibility in the Army, he was tempered by an uncompromising adherence to honesty and sincerity and an abhorrence for pomposity and sham. His professional and personal views embodied the best blend of the traditional and the progressive. The Army recognized him by making him a general—and Tom was grateful. His new rank gave him the opportunity to be of more influence in shaping the Army of the future. But for him, personally, the honor did not mean that much—his conception of a good officer did not depend on rank or title.

While Tom received his share of accolades, awards, and decorations, he was more likely to display his pride when sharing with friends the activities and accomplishments of his tender and loyal wife, Gibby, and their devoted daughters and sons, Carolyn and Amanda, Scott and Doug. Tom's devotion to both the Army and his family was mirrored by

his deep and strong Christian faith. It was this faith that served him in his early years when, with unswerving belief and without bitterness, he faced inordinate personal adversities in health and the premature passing of his mother and father. It was this same faith that was memorialized by the Episcopal Congregation of the Old Post Chapel at Fort Sill when in recognition of his support and participation, the church members erected a bronze plaque in his memory. For it was in this historic chapel that Tom knew the honor and joy of serving as senior warden of the Episcopal Congregation.

Born Tom Judson Perkins, on 24 May 1925, in Columbus, Ohio, Tom was the son of Army parents, Colonel and Mrs. Clell Perkins. In his pre-West Point years, he lived on various Army posts where he developed a love for the Army that inevitably led him to the Military Academy in July 1944. His beloved sister Carolyn and her late husband, Colonel G.L. Roberson Class of '33, inspired him to continue the family's military tradition and to seek Senator Taft's appointment. Cadet life served to illuminate and nurture those personality and character traits for which Tom was to become known in later years. These were accurately capsuled by the *Howitzer*, which prophesied, "... his whole manner indicates a vigorous personality which will carry him far in the pursuit of his Army career."

Upon graduation and commissioning in June 1947, Tom continued his professional schooling at Fort Riley, Fort Bliss, and Fort Sill. The Bliss and Sill assignments provided him with the opportunity to pursue and win his high school sweetheart, Miss Florence (Gibby) Gibson, and marriage vows were exchanged on 19 June 1948 in San Antonio, Texas. Shortly thereafter he departed for Japan and assignment with the 24th Infantry Division, where he served in troop assignments until the Korean War.

The day that the Korean War broke out, the 24th Division was alerted to move to Korea, but Tom was hospitalized for an emergency appendectomy that placed his life in jeopardy. Nonetheless, he joined his unit in Korea within five weeks and served with such distinction in those early days of the war that he received a battlefield promotion to captain in August 1950.

Returning to the US to attend the Artillery Advanced Course in June 1951, Tom was alarmed to learn that he had contracted tuberculosis in Korea. For two years at Fitzsimmons Hospital, Tom impatiently awaited his recovery and a medical determination as to his future, civilian or soldier. His stubborn persuasiveness convinced the medical authorities, and he returned to duty and completed the advanced schooling.

After three years with troops in Germany, he became the assistant professor of Military Science and Training at Florence State College, Florence, Alabama. This was followed by the C&GSC, Fort Leavenworth.

Tom reached one of his goals in 1961 when he was selected for assignment to the faculty at the Military Academy and given the opportunity to place the military tradition in historical perspective for future Army officers. On leaving West Point, he welcomed the challenge and responsibility of senior advisor to a Vietnamese division in South Vietnam, 1964-65. He achieved another of his goals when he returned from South Vietnam to take command of a Field Artillery battalion at Fort Sill. His success in this command assignment was matched by Gibby, who received the coveted Molly Pitcher Award for exemplary contributions in post and community affairs. Tom was ever so proud of this recognition of Gibby by the Fort Sill community. His tour again cut short in order that he could fill a responsible position in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Tom settled into the life of a Pentagon staff officer with zeal. However, the Army was in a hurry, and after one year, he was dispatched to Carlisle and the Army War College. Upon his graduation, the selection process singled Tom out, and he reached yet another of his goals—a colonel's command. And so, in 1969, his family wished him "good shooting" and saw him off for Korea and command of the 2d Infantry Division Artillery. After leaving his distinctive imprint on the command, Tom proceeded to Fort Leavenworth in 1970 and added his talents and energies to the combat development efforts.

Yet another tour was abbreviated when he was selected to be Chief of Staff, The Artillery Center and School, Fort Sill, and in the summer of 1971, he transferred to that coveted assignment in "redleg" land. It was during this assignment that the Department of the Army announced that Tom was to be a brigadier general.

On 11 December 1972, Gibby pinned the stars on Tom, and he departed for Europe, where he assumed command of the 56th Field Artillery Brigade. In only three short months, Tom's mark on the brigade was clearly discernible. His death came shortly after his return to his command from the U.S., where he had observed a missile firing by one of his units, had visited his family, and had made final arrangements for his family to join him.

His decorations included the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Meritorious Service Medal.

Services were held for Tom on 2 March 1973, at Saint David's Episcopal

Church, San Antonio, Texas, and, surrounded by a host of friends, he was laid to rest in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In a final farewell salute to Tom on this day, a general officer who knew Tom well wrote:

"He challenged us all with his example to be better men and women. Christian to the very depth of his soul, he cared far more for others than for himself alone. He inspired us with his steadfastness and unwavering devotion to duty, honor and country. With warmth and humor, yet with unquestioned and unquestioning seriousness of purpose, he performed his chosen profession of arms with fortitude, courage and complete dedication. Cherished husband; proud father; superb officer—we are all forever grateful for that essence of spirit that we are privileged and blessed to have absorbed from having known him.

On 24 May 1925, a soldier was born.

On 24 February 1973, a general officer quietly hung up his new uniform and departed active duty.

—A CLOSE FRIEND—

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**Ray Francis Drummond**

NO. 16938 CLASS OF 1949

Died 22 November 1986 in New Braunfels, Texas, aged 59 years.

Interment: Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas



**Ray Francis Drummond**

RAY F. DRUMMOND was born in Wray, Colorado on 1 January 1927, to Max E. and Lela Drommond. He finally lost his battle with cancer and is survived by his wife Betty; by his children Paula Rae Bredewater of New Braunfels, David Munro Drummond (named for 2nd LT Munro Magruder, a classmate killed in 1950 in the Korean War) of Amarillo, Texas, Deborah Jean Daniel of West

Point, Georgia, Mark Edward Drummond of San Antonio, Texas; by eight grandchildren; by his mother; and by his stepmother, Tally Drummond.

Ray took West Point very much in stride. He was so friendly, frisky and fun-loving, that those who knew him well during cadet days called him "The Pup." His versatility and intelligence carried him through the Corps without the wear and tear that sometimes made cadet life difficult for others. While "the system" seemed to beat some of us down, it never dampened the free spirit of The Pup. He was good at whatever he did, whether weathering plebe storms, staying ahead of the Tacs or handling academics with ease. His natural athletic ability made him one of Company B-1's "intermurder" mainstays. His unassuming, good-natured but firm leadership won him the admiration of underclassmen and classmates alike. For many of us he was a role model because he always did whatever he set out to do so well, and so effortlessly.

Ray graduated well into the upper third of the Class of 1949. Graduation day was even more special for him as it was also his wedding day. He and Betty J. Brown were married on 7 June 1949 in the Cadet Chapel, and were destined to share more than 37 years together.

In the summer of his first class year, Ray had suffered a collapsed lung. Ultimately this kept him from becoming a commissioned officer. As he had done before and would continue to do throughout his life, he showed his resiliency by joining the Central Intelligence Agency. The services' loss was the agency's gain. His 25-year CIA career took him, along with Betty and the family, to Germany and the Philippines, among other places. Ray served with particular distinction in the field during the Vietnam War.

Having entered the agency in September 1949 as an information analyst/editorial specialist, Ray shortly thereafter was selected to attend special intelligence training programs which subsequently led into operational support and management positions. Between 1952 and 1973, he was involved in administration and support assignments which included progressively more important responsibilities for planning and program management of activities totalling millions of dollars. He was required to justify many programs to oversight and budget review authorities both within the agency and external to it. His numerous staff responsibilities included personnel planning and administration, logistics planning and support, fiscal management and administration, and medical, security, and communications support. Several of his assignments entailed the planning and implementation of large logistical and air support to

activities jointly sponsored by other U.S. government agencies, requiring detailed and extensive inter-agency coordination. Ray spent over eleven years of this period abroad in Europe and Asia. Also under sponsorship of the agency, he attended a management development program at Harvard Business School in 1960, and also the Industrial College of the Armed Forces and George Washington University (1967-68), receiving a master's degree in business administration. Ray spent his last few months in the Central Intelligence Agency as a special assistant to the deputy director for administration by which time he had been promoted to the grade of GS-17. He retired on 31 December 1974. He was subsequently awarded the Intelligence Medal of Merit on 19 May 1975, by the then Director of Central Intelligence, Mr. William Colby.

After retiring, Ray spent the remaining years of his life enjoying his family, his abundant friendships, and the golf course.

Ray was a devoted husband and father and highly respected and dedicated civil servant. He showed compassion and concern for all. He gave himself willingly, cheerfully and with a unique courage and foresight. In the agency and in the Corps he was known as a man of men; a man of trust, a man of humor, a man of integrity, a man to be counted on day or night, a man who would stand by you and advise you to the best of his abilities, and a man of exceptional ability. He loved his country dearly. He treasured West Point and being a West Pointer. He loved his family best of all. His greatness is known to all who were fortunate to have been close to him. He will be remembered with deep affection.

*A classmate.  
A friend.*

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**Clarence Dunbar Gilkey**

NO. 18549 CLASS OF 1952

Died 19 November 1986 in Springfield, Virginia, aged 56 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

CLARENCE D. (JACK) GILKEY was born in Spokane, Washington on 2 January 1930, the son of Edward and Dorothy Gilkey. He attended both grammar school and high school in Spokane.

Jack Gilkey was appointed to the Military Academy from Spokane, graduated on 3 June 1952 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

Jack began his long and outstanding engineering career as a platoon leader, Company B, 231st Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington. His next two years were spent in Korea with the 73rd



**Clarence Dunbar Gilkey**

Engineer Battalion, providing engineer support to combat units and constructing and maintaining roads, bridges, and support facilities.

In 1954 Jack became assistant to the district engineer for the Corps' Seattle Engineer District. He spent six months at Chief Joseph Dam during its construction, and another six months on runway extension and hospital construction projects at Fairchild Air Force Base, in addition to various field inspection and office engineering duties.

After assignment as assistant to the engineer supply officer at Sharp General Depot, Jack went on to Fort Belvoir for the Engineer Officers Advanced Course where, like so many others, he put in his time as a "snowbird" with the Department of Nonresident Instruction as a publications officer. After earning a master's in civil engineering from the University of Illinois, Jack again went overseas.

This time he went to Germany, as Stuttgart area engineer and contracting officer's representative with the USA Construction Agency, Germany. In this capacity, Jack directed construction management, contract administration, and quality control for a wide variety of projects including missile facilities, hospitals, airports, buildings, and utilities. He managed the placement of approximately \$10 to \$15 million in contract funds per year.

After Germany, Jack shifted gears for awhile. From being a practicing engineer in the field, he became an educator, serving as assistant professor of military science at Carnegie Institute of Technology (now Carnegie-Mellon University), and then at West Virginia State College. In 1964, he went back to school himself, earning recognition as honor graduate and recipient of the coveted George C. Marshall Award at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College (class of

1965), and then going on to learn Arabic at the Defense Language Institute at the Presidio of Monterey.

Jack spent 1966 and 1967 in Saudi Arabia as the senior engineer advisor, U.S. Military Training Mission, and was then sent to the Pentagon, where he became a logistics planning officer and later the assistant executive officer to the DCSLOG at Headquarters, Department of the Army.

Jack's next assignment proved that he was not only a superb engineer and staff officer, but also a highly successful commander in combat. Serving in Vietnam first as the 79th Engineer Group executive officer, and then, in March of 1970, as battalion commander, 554th Engineer Battalion, he constructed 35 miles of all-weather, paved highway; repaired airfields; operated quarries and aggregate plants; and provided construction support to combat units.

Returning to the States in November of 1970, Jack was assigned as the military executive in the Installation Management Director's Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Installations and Housing). There he developed and coordinated DOD-wide policy and plans for the operation, maintenance, and repair of real property facilities and utilities. He reviewed real property maintenance budgets of individual services and developed OSD guidelines for the services for budget execution based on OSD policies and priorities. He also served as the executive secretary of the Defense Real Property Maintenance Council.

Resuming his professional military education, Jack was named the distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Class of 1973.

He then went on to become the district engineer of the Portland, Oregon District, Corps of Engineers. At Portland, Jack managed a water resources planning, design, engineering, and construction program of over \$100 million each year, with construction costs of nearly \$2 billion, and annual operation and maintenance programs of \$25 million. Construction that took place on his watch included the Lost Creek Dam and Powerhouse on the Rogue River, design and initial construction of the Second Powerhouse at Bonneville Dam for the Bonneville Power Administration, the Coos River 40-foot deep draft channel at Coos Bay, and the Fishway, Tillamook, and Ore Jetty flood control, drainage, and recreation projects. During this period, Jack earned the prestigious Chief of Engineers EEO Award for 1975.

From 1976 to 1979, Jack was delighted—personally and professionally—to return to West Point as the director of Facilities Engineering. Directing a large staff of both professionals and tradesmen and women, Jack was responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of all

real property facilities and utilities at the Academy.

He undertook master planning, development of new construction requirements, and installation of environmental programs. Of special note was his program for construction of major new athletic facilities for the Corps of Cadets, which he planned and successfully justified to both the Department of the Army and the Congress. Jack was also at the forefront of energy conservation, and reduced facilities consumption by 14% in three years. Always an innovator, he installed a sophisticated automation system that controlled work management, cost accounting, and real property records. Through his conscious and tireless efforts to improve the quality of life at the Academy, Jack was able to reduce the backlog of facility maintenance by approximately \$4 million.

Jack's next challenge was as the project manager and commander, Near East Project, Corps of Engineers. As the senior operating official for the Israeli Airbase Program, Jack mobilized and directed a Corps project office of over 200 employees. He coordinated design efforts with the Israeli government, and negotiated and closed contracts of nearly a billion dollars. His planning and coordination were so successful that permanent construction was initiated barely six months after the contract award. By then the project had grown considerably. As the Corps of Engineers structure in the region expanded, Jack became second-in-command of a \$1.05 billion design and construction program for two military airbases in the Negev Desert of Israel. Controlling a staff and contractors with over 8,000 employees, Jack developed plans and schedules to complete construction six months early, reducing program costs by \$20 million.

From 1981 until his retirement, Jack served as chief of Resource Management for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In a time of close interest in military spending, he achieved remarkable efficiencies in manpower, information resource management, and Corps-wide standard accounting systems.

Jack Gilkey's outstanding performance throughout his career was a source of high recognition. He had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with four oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star with one oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with bronze star, Republic of Vietnam Public Works medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Citation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Unit), Republic of Vietnam Civic Action Medal (Unit), OSD ID Badge, and General Staff ID Badge.

After retirement, Jack continued to be

a successful engineer, rising in two years from senior project manager to president for construction management in Dynastems Corporation. His experience in the Middle East was of great benefit to this firm, which provided construction management services to contractors doing business in that part of the world.

Jack married Maxine E. Abbott in 1953. Their three sons are John, a graduate of the University of Oregon; Steven, a graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and David, a graduate of Eastern Washington University.

Jack was a very active member of the Society of American Military Engineers, in which he served as president in posts at Portland, Oregon, and West Point, New York. He was ultimately established as a fellow of that society. He was also a member of the Association of the United States Army and the American Public Works Association. He was selected by the governor of Oregon to serve on the Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Committee from 1973 to 1976.

A former employee describes Jack as being a "great commander and a super person to work for. Without a doubt one of the best, if not *the* best I ever worked for." And a colleague says of him, "one of the finest officers and men I have ever known. I have worked with many engineer officers at West Point in the past eleven years. No one, *no one*, did a better job than Jack. He was the best. He was a man of great integrity and marvelous common sense." He will be missed.

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**William Joe Skinner**

NO. 22748 CLASS OF 1960

Died 26 January 1986 in Canaan Valley, West Virginia, aged 47 years.

Interment: Elkins, West Virginia

ON 2 JANUARY 1939, William Joe Skinner was born in Elkins, West Virginia. On 26 January 1986, Joe died of a heart attack while skiing in the mountains near Elkins.

Joe was the youngest child of N.J. and Flossie Skinner and grew up in a warm but competitive atmosphere. He graduated second in his class at Elkins High School and received his appointment to West Point from Congressman Harley O. Staggers. He reported to West Point in July 1956 with the rest of the Class of 1960.

The ability to manage time and to focus his concentration carried Joe through plebe year, and his considerable intelligence had him wearing stars for the next three years. Although those who knew Joe well were aware it was not as easy for him as he made it look, he possessed a relaxed grace, so that while he was one of the youngest in the class,



William Joe Skinner

he was also one of the more mature. He was also a warm, friendly and unselfish individual to whom at least one classmate owes his place in the graduation line. With his easygoing nature he was always in demand for classmates with an extra young lady visiting for the weekend, and on one of these dates he met his future wife, Judith Walker. With his high class standing and mathematical bent, Joe chose the Corps of Engineers upon graduation.

During graduation leave, Joe and Judy were married at her home in Winchester, Massachusetts, and with the rest of the Engineer contingent reported to Fort Belvoir, Virginia for the Basic Engineer Officers Course, followed by Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia and his first duty station with the 4th Engineer Battalion at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Joe enjoyed his assignment at Fort Lewis. During this period he had the chance to demonstrate his leadership ability; the Berlin Wall crisis gave him a free trip to Berlin; and his daughter, Cynthia Louise, was born at Fort Lewis in 1961. He did not enjoy his next tour with MACV because of the family separation; his son, William Joe Jr., was born in Winchester, Massachusetts in 1963 while Joe was in Vietnam. When he returned home he spent two years at Princeton obtaining a master's degree, and then was assigned to West Point as a mathematics instructor from 1966 to 1968. This was the best period in Joe's military life because he was doing something that he was not only good at and enjoyed but also was imparting his knowledge to the next generation of military officers. While at West Point, his son Stephen Ross was born in 1968. In 1968 he returned to Vietnam for another tour, but when he returned in 1969 and was assigned to Fort Meade, he decided

to resign his commission and enter private industry.

He joined Electronic Data Systems Corporation as a systems engineer in 1970. After his initial training in Dallas, Texas he was assigned to the EDS office in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. It was there that Judy died in 1973 in an unfortunate medical mishap during routine surgery. Joe continued on in Camp Hill, working and raising the three children, until good fortune brought Carol Hamilton into his life. After a commuting courtship (Carol was living in the Washington, DC area at the time), Joe and Carol were married 19 October 1974 in Alexandria, Virginia.

Joe was on the move with EDS—both geographically and professionally. From Camp Hill the family moved to Columbia, South Carolina, back to Camp Hill and finally to Vienna, Virginia. Joe joined the Government Services Division of EDS in 1977, and advanced through the positions of project manager and regional manager, with his final assignment in the division being vice president of information systems. He assumed responsibility for the EDS Federal Systems Division in 1982. He led the division in winning and managing the U.S. Army's Project VIABLE, the largest procurement in the history of the computer industry.

Joe was named a corporate vice president of EDS in 1983. He managed the Government Marketing Division until October 1985 when he became responsible for the Computer Resource Acquisition, the division which acquires all the hardware, software, communications equipment and supplies for EDS. While the new position was one of greater responsibility, it required Joe to work in Detroit. He decided it would be better for the family to remain in their home in Vienna rather than relocate to Detroit, and this forced Joe to commute to Detroit during the week for the months before his death.

In recognition of Joe's accomplishments and contributions to EDS, the Washington Information Processing Center was dedicated to Joe. This facility, the first stage of a major new complex, was officially opened by Joe's daughter, Cindy, and Virginia Governor Gerald Baliles.

Joe's life exemplified the values for which West Point stands, and the precepts of Duty, Honor, Country were woven into all his actions. These attributes were at least partially responsible for Joe being able to achieve so much more than most of us, and to become an outstanding professional leader in both his military and corporate careers. Anyone who was close to Joe for any length of time is aware that he was a remarkable individual, but he never imposed his accomplishments upon others and accepted his achievements modestly. Joe

will be remembered by all of us for his good humor, his caring for others and his ability during the time we were with him to make the world a more pleasant place to be.

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**Gordon Converse Holterman, Sr.**

NO. 24464 CLASS OF 1963

Died 13 August 1985 in Petersburg, Virginia, aged 46 years.

Interment: Quantico Marine Base Cemetery, Quantico, Virginia



Gordon Converse Holterman, Sr.

GORDON CONVERSE HOLTERMAN was born on 29 December 1938 at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the son of Colonel Gordon H. Holterman (U.S.A. Retired) and the late Marion Hyde Holterman. He is survived by two sons, Eric C. Holterman of Petersburg, Virginia, and Gordon C. Holterman, Jr. of Boston, Massachusetts; his father; and a brother, Eric F. Holterman of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Typical of most Army "brats," Gordon spent his early years in towns and Army posts throughout the United States and Europe. Each of his high school years, in fact, he spent in a different location: Heidelberg, Germany; London, England; Carlisle, Pennsylvania; and Washington, DC. The variety of his experiences and the frequency of his relocations undoubtedly contributed to Gordon's confident manner and his ability to deal with new situations and acquaintances. Gordon was always a good student.

Following his graduation from high school, Gordon attended Dartmouth College in 1956 and 1957, then enlisted in the US Army in 1958. It was from this station with the 1st Missile Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery in Hanau, Germany, that Gordon received his presiden-

tial appointment to the United States Military Academy, entering on 7 July 1959.

Gordon's cadet years were typified by two characteristics—academic excellence and the counseling of classmates less gifted intellectually than he. The role of teacher, begun as a cadet, would serve him well in his future years; it was a role he would practice throughout his life.

Gordon was commissioned as an Artillery officer in the days when Field and Air Defense Artillery were considered one branch. His initial assignment, following a variety of schooling, was with the 1st Battalion, 20th Artillery at Fort Lewis, Washington. In 1965, Gordon began his first of two Vietnam tours with the Military Assistance Command, to be followed in 1969 with an assignment in the 108th Artillery Group. During these tours Gordon was decorated with the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal. In addition, he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge. Between his Vietnam tours, Gordon attended the Artillery and Missile School at Fort Sill and Fort Bliss, and commanded a battery of the 3rd Battalion, 19th Artillery, for which he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

Gordon earned his Master of Arts degree in mathematics at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama in 1970 and 1971. All who witnessed Gordon's abilities in the discipline of mathematics considered him in a class reserved for only a select few. He put his academic knowledge to work at the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Virginia, as an instructor in the Operations Research Systems Analysis Executive Course from 1971-1974.

From 1974 until 1977 Gordon was in Germany, first as executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 377th Field Artillery, and later as the adjutant of the 210th Field Artillery Group. In 1977 Gordon returned to the United States, completing his active duty service at the Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Virginia and accepting a commission in the US Army Reserve.

From 1978 until his untimely death in 1985, Gordon did what he enjoyed the most: teaching and practicing mathematics. He returned again to Fort Lee and the U.S. Army Logistics Management Center as a research analyst, where his many significant contributions earned him an international reputation. At a memorial service for Gordon held at Fort Lee, Major Brantley Clifton had these words:

"The things we do in the military are normally restricted to the military in their impact. That is not the case for Gordon. We who worked with him were always amazed to answer the phone and

have internationally known experts and authors from the civilian sector ask to speak to Gordon. They knew Gordon for his excellence in his field and they respected him as an equal. Not many people outside of our small group knew the extent to which Gordon was respected in his field."

So well respected was he, that the Gordon C. Holterman Award for outstanding operational research systems analysis instruction was established, to be awarded annually by a vote of the faculty. Gordon will be long and sorely missed by those who knew him and who considered him a friend. In the words of the poet, W. H. Auden:

De gute, schlaf in Ruhe

*His Roommate*

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**Robert George McDonald**

NO. 27819 CLASS OF 1968

Died 18 February 1987 in Washington, DC, aged 40 years.

Interment: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia



**Robert George McDonald**

ON 18 FEBRUARY 1987, Bob McDonald passed from this world into the next at the age of 40. Bob was born on 23 August 1946 in Jacksonville, Florida to Colonel (Retired) William and Mary McDonald. Bob moved frequently during his school years, and entered West Point after graduation from high school in Springfield, Virginia.

After graduation from West Point, Bob embarked on a career as a Signal Corps officer that found him serving in Vietnam, Europe, and CONUS, with extensive joint service work. Bob was one of the Army's finest large scale strategic communications experts. He was one of the first in the class to command a battalion, and at the time of his death, Bob was the signal representative to the

Chief of Engineers. His wife Martha was presented Bob's Legion of Merit by General Heiberg for his outstanding work.

The success of Bob was no surprise to those who knew him. In fact, twenty years to the day before his death, Bob gave us a glimpse of the kind of person he was. The story of Bob McDonald was the theme of a sermon by Chaplain Ford many years after the event of 1967. Chaplain Ford was preaching about the power of just one person to make a difference. His sermon went like this:

"I remember attending a track meet at the Field House in 1967—it was the annual Army-Navy event and we were all there to cheer our team. We chaplains had always provided a timer for meets as we were good friends of Coach Crowell, whom we considered absolutely the finest coach anywhere, any place. The mile event was early and critical. Army was represented by its captain Jim Warner. Warner had been the greatest Army miler of all time and this was his first class year! Navy had a midshipman named Lawlor and he was great too. Today was to be the match of their careers and the event that would set the tone for the rest of the day.

"But Jimmy Warner was hurt. Some of us knew that, but it was kept quiet so Navy would not be forewarned. As I recall, Jimmy started the race and ran only 30 yards and went to the side. Lawlor surged ahead and now it seemed over. A cadet by the name of Bob McDonald was in second place, and he was used to that. He had run in second place behind Jim Warner. We all knew what a fine runner McDonald was, but everyone knew that he was second to Warner and now Army might get a second with Lawlor winning.

"We yelled and shouted—amazingly, McDonald stayed right behind Lawlor. Round and round they went on that indoor track—we couldn't believe it. McDonald was actually pushing the Navy—what a great effort by McDonald. With the team cheering and every person shouting they came to the final lap and McDonald passed the Navy superstar. I have attended hundreds of athletic events and I have never shouted louder. Our McDonald was ahead and was moving strong. He won, and he won in record time, to this very day not broken—a time of 4:04.5.

"I mentioned earlier how one person can influence others. Let me tell you that a greater miracle was about to happen. Because of the heroics of Bob McDonald, seventeen cadets did their personal record in that one track meet! It was the single most incredible event I ever witnessed. One man, called to do something special. The usual good performance wasn't enough. Bob stepped in and did the extraordinary.

"Each of us has a part to play in life. Sometimes, like Bob McDonald, we're asked to lead, to set the example, so others will catch the spirit and move forward in a great cause."

Bob McDonald, indeed then and throughout his life, lived by the principle espoused by his coach, Carlton Crowell. "Always try to leave your best behind you and keep before you the vision of that

which shall be better than your best." Bob is survived by his wife, father, two daughters, two stepdaughters, a stepson, five brothers and sisters and a fieldhouse full of friends.

**Battle Deaths**

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The battle deaths shown in these tables do not include training accidents or any war-related deaths other than those named above. The 1949 edition of the *Register of Graduates* contains an interesting summary of West Point classes in World War II. This summary includes numbers of those wounded in action and non-battle deaths during the war years.

The smaller classes of the 19th Century had higher battle death rates, and the World War II classes had the greater numbers lost in battle. Referring to Table I, the sum of the battle deaths of the first 14 classes listed is 103; the sum of the next two (1942 and June 1943) is 108. The class of June 1943 has suffered the highest number of battle deaths of any USMA class, losing members in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. That class also lost 11 members during WWII years to non-battle deaths. The class of 1942 incurred the highest battle death rate of any class since the class of June 1861, and lost another 24 members during WWII years to non-battle deaths.

The Association of Graduates has researched, collected, published, and continues to maintain a wealth of information on USMA graduates. This article is based on data obtained from the AOG.



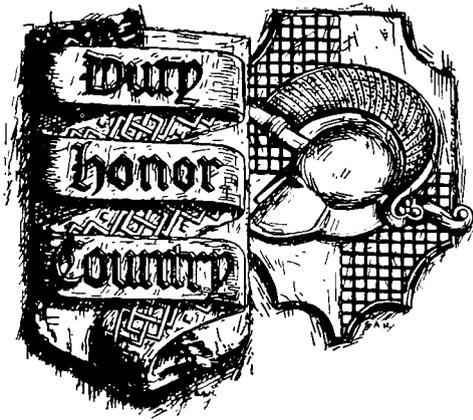
Repulse of the Mexican Cavalry at Palo Alto.

The reader interested in looking into this store of information should see page 7 of the 1987 *Register*. It contains a summary index of previous editions

showing, among other things, which issues contain the names of graduates killed in our country's wars.

Charles Mizell, '42

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## Last Roll Call

Reports of deaths of graduates and former cadets received since the publication of October 1988 ASSEMBLY

<i>Name</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
Guy W. Chipman	1910	5 November	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Emmett J. Bean	1919	20 September	1988 .... Indianapolis, Indiana
John R. Vance	1919	11 October	1988 .... Corte Madera, California
Frederick R. Pitts	1920	19 October	1988 .... Winter Park, Florida
Edward A. Chazal	1924	8 October	1988 .... Jacksonville, Florida
James A. Davidson, Jr.	1924	22 December	1984 .... Long Beach, California
John P. Doyle	1926	30 August	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Arthur E. Watson, Jr.	1926	22 October	1988 .... Portland, Oregon
Milton M. Towner	1927	26 October	1988 .... Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
Lionel C. McGarr	1928	3 November	1988 .... Walnut Creek, California
Thomas F. Van Natta, III	1928	13 September	1988 .... Santa Barbara, California
John W. Hammond	1929	1 October	1988 .... Sun City, Arizona
Robert M. Kraft	1929	2 September	1988 .... Indianapolis, Indiana
Sidney G. Brown, Jr.	1931	27 September	1988 .... Holmes Beach, Florida
Edmond M. Rowan	1932	17 October	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Harrison B. Harden, Jr.	1935	10 October	1988 .... Lawton, Oklahoma
Ivan C. Rumsey	1935	30 August	1988 .... Woodbine, Maryland
Frank R. Harrison	1937	8 September	1988 .... San Jose, California
John B. Nance	1937	24 September	1988 .... San Francisco, California
Littleton J. Pardue	1938	5 October	1988 .... Hopkinsville, Kentucky
Jesse F. Thomas	1938	9 September	1988 .... Silver Spring, Maryland
Robert C. Pfeil	1940	25 October	1988 .... Davis, California
James M. Shelley	1940	9 October	1988 .... Bethesda, Maryland
Henry D. Irwin	1941	3 September	1988 .... Southbury, Connecticut
Donald L. McMillan	1941	7 September	1988 .... Tucson, Arizona
Walter R. Mullane	1941	12 October	1988 .... Palo Alto, California
William M. Zimmerman	1942	3 October	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Edward A. Kreml	June 1943	5 November	1988 .... Hazelhurst, Wisconsin
Crawford Young	June 1943	25 September	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
Edwin M. Aldrich	1944	14 September	1988 .... Woodbury, Tennessee
Edmund R. Preston, Jr.	1945	18 October	1988 .... San Antonio, Texas
C. Caruthers Sullivan, Jr.	1945	8 October	1988 .... Hattiesburg, Mississippi
Robert D. Anderson	1951	1 September	1988 .... Westfield, New Jersey
James T. Barron	1951	5 September	1988 .... Albuquerque, New Mexico
George R. Beiser	1952	26 September	1988 .... Stewart, Florida
George W. Chancellor	1954	4 September	1988 .... Ft. Bliss, Texas
John A. Poteat, Jr.	1954	19 October	1988 .... Huntsville, Alabama
Charles A. Schuh	1955	11 October	1988 .... Asheville, North Carolina
Lawrence A. Wange	1956	2 September	1988 .... Dallas, Texas
Edward J. Cutler	1957	27 August	1988 .... Hackensack, New Jersey
Robin J. Roller	1957	2 October	1988 .... Gaithersburg, Maryland
Dan H. Campbell	1960	16 October	1988 .... Atlanta, Georgia
Michael J. Mooney	1960	13 October	1988 .... New York, New York
Michael C. Naum	1973	20 May	1987 .... Zaragosa, Spain
Dennis J. O'Rorke	1975	22 August	1988 .... Dallas, Texas
Matthew J. Zielinski	1987	21 October	1988 .... Ellington, Connecticut



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